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## India, China vow to ease tension

Two sides also resolve to disengage and withdraw their armed forces from friction points at the earliest through mutually agreed processes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and China on Thursday reiterated their commitment to ease the present tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh through sustained dialogue at all levels. The two sides also resolved to disengage and withdraw their armed forces from the friction points at the earliest through mutually agreed processes.

These understanding emerged in the much-awaited bilateral meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Moscow against the backdrop of the worsening situation at the LAC.

The two sides on Thursday held yet another round of Brigadier-level talks to end the impasse but no result so far. These talks focused on the situation emerging after India on August 29-30 foiled the Chinese bid to alter the status quo on the LAC in the southern banks of the Pangong Tso (lake) in Eastern Ladakh. In a proactive action, the Indian forces also occupied the crucial hilltops in the south and north banks of the lake thereby giving them an advantage.

The political-level parleys in Moscow took place on the sidelines of the Foreign Ministers' conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). This was



In this photo released by the Russian Foreign Ministry Press Service, India's Foreign Minister S Jaishankar, left, Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, and China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi, pose for a photo on the sidelines of a meeting of Foreign Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Commonwealth of Independent States and Collective Security Treaty Organization Member States in Moscow on Thursday

the first face-to-face meeting between the two leaders. They had talked on the phone on June 17 after the bloody brawl in the Galwan valley two days earlier leaving 20 Indian Army personnel, including the commanding officer dead.

The high-level engagement came against the backdrop of

the LAC becoming volatile after the Chinese fired a few rounds in the air on September 7. It was the first time in 45 years that firearms were used at the 4,000 km long LAC.

Incidentally, these provocative actions, including the Chinese repeatedly trying to dislodge the Indian soldiers

from the hilltops in the last few days and ramping up their troop strength, took place days after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held two and half hour long meeting with China Defence Minister Wei Fenghe.

The bilateral interaction at the request of the Chinese Defence Minister, however, did

not yield the desired result as the situation worsened at the border afterward. The two Ministers had reaffirmed their faith in defusing the tension through dialogue and bring peace and tranquility at the LAC.

Termining the current situation as "more serious than 1962 (when the two countries fought a war)," Jaishankar recently said diplomacy alone will solve the issue. He then gave the past examples of 2013 and 2017 when there were prolonged stand-offs in the Depsang valley and Doklam respectively. Sustained talks at the military and diplomatic levels helped in ending the face-offs then.

The External Affairs Minister also pitched for political-level talks to address the current four-month long logjam at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. His comments to have "very, very deep conversations" to end the stalemate came as five rounds of military and an equal number of diplomatic talks in the last few weeks failed to end the hostilities. Another round of the Corps Commander-level talks was expected in the next two or three days, sources said.

External Affairs Minister Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said here India and China are in touch via diplomatic, military channels to resolve the situation.

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Rafale aircraft being accorded water salute during its induction ceremony in Ambala on Thursday

## Rafale induction vital in present situation: Rajnath

**It's a stern warning to those threatening India's sovereignty, says Defence Min**

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/AMBALA

Amid continuing tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in an obvious reference to China, said on Thursday the induction of five French-made multirole Rafale jets into the Indian Air Force is a "big and stern" mes-

sage to those eyeing India's sovereignty. He also said the Rafale jets are a "game changer" for national security.

He made these observations after presiding over the formal induction of the French-manufactured Rafale jets into the IAF's "Golden Arrows" squadron.

These jets had arrived at the Ambala airbase on July 27 from France. The French Minister for armed forces Florence Parly too was present at the induction ceremony. Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria too participated in the function.

Speaking on the occasion Rajnath said, "The induction of Rafale jets is a big and stern message for the entire world, especially to those eyeing our sovereignty. This kind of induction is very important for the kind of atmosphere that has been created on our borders."

He said Rafale is considered one of the best combat aircraft globally and the deal to procure the jets was a "game changer" for India's national security. The Defence Minister said the Government is determined to do "everything possible" to protect India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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## Raghuvansh gives RJD jolt, quits in hand-written note

Was upset with Rama Singh's plan to join RJD

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Senior RJD leader S Raghuvansh Prasad Singh on Thursday gave a jolt to his long-time associate Lalu Prasad by resigning from the party. The ruling Janata Dal(U) welcomed the development in "anticipation" of his entry into the party.

Raghuvansh had been upset with the party, after musclemen Rama Singh's plan to join the RJD.

BJP president JP Nadra is heading to Patna on Friday for a two-day visit to finetune the NDA's poll strategy and campaign.

Bihar will go to polls in October-November and may see some more political churning and alignments in the next few weeks. Emotive issue of caste and religion are expected to be in full play despite the statements and public-posturing to the contrary by all the



political parties.

The controversy and "outrage" over death of the young Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput, an inhabitant of Bihar, is seen as a way to attract Thakur votes in the State by the BJP, the JD(U) and the RJD.

The resignation of Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, a Rajput, who may move across to the JD(U) camp is a setback for the RJD ahead of the Assembly elections.

Resigning from the party, Raghuvansh, in a hand-written letter, addressed to RJP chief Lalu Prasad, said he had backed the RJD chief for 32 years after the death of the backward class leader Karpoori Thakur, but will not do so anymore.

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## Ram temple trust defrauded of ₹6 lakh

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA ■ LUCKNOW

Some fraudsters have withdrawn over ₹6 lakh from the account of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust through fake cheques, thus driving a big hole in the Government's claim of fool-proof cyber security.

The Trust authorities lodged an FIR at the Kotwali police station in Ayodhya on Wednesday where they claimed that ₹6 lakh was withdrawn through fake cheques twice. First ₹2.5 lakh was withdrawn and then ₹3.5 lakh from the bank account of the trust.

Police said on Thursday that the case has been handed over to the cyber cell, which has started the investigation.

Trust General Secretary Champat Rai said that the disclosure was made when the fraudster deposited the third fake cheques for withdrawing ₹9.86 lakh in a Bank of Baroda (BOB) branch in Lucknow.

"When the bank called us for verification of the withdrawal of such a big amount, the fraud was noticed and immediately the police was informed," he said, adding it then was then found about 2 fake cheques earlier.

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## India sees 8L cases in first ten days of Sept

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India's Covid-19 caseload crossed 4.5 million marks on Thursday as the country raced towards topping the count of one lakh new cases every 24 hours. India is also speedily narrowing the gap with the USA, which heads the list of the worst-affected nations.

India has added around 8

## Serum Institute halts India trials of AstraZeneca's Covid vaccine

New Delhi: Serum Institute of India on Thursday said it is putting on hold clinical trials of an experimental Covid-19 vaccine for which it has been enlisted to manufacture a billion doses.

"We are reviewing the situation and pausing India trials," SII, the world's biggest vaccine manufacturer by volume, said in a brief statement.

The move came a day after the company stated that it would push ahead with the trials in India despite British drugmaker AstraZeneca hitting a pause button following an unexplained illness in a study participant.

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lakh new cases in the first ten days of this month. Last month, during the same period — between August 1 and August 10 — the country had added just around 5 lakh cases. This goes to show India's ten-day total has gone up by around 40 per cent during the one month period.

India registered a record 96,760 coronavirus cases in 24 hours taking the total number of infections to over 45.52 lakh, Government data showed on Thursday. The country also recorded the highest deaths in a day with 1,213 fatalities. The last recorded highest spike was on Tuesday when India registered 90,802 cases. The highest deaths were recorded a day later with 1,133 fatalities. There

have been 72,939 recoveries in the last 24 hours — total recoveries stand at 35,33,851. There are over 9.41 lakh active cases in India, which is the second most affected nation due to the deadly virus in the world.

On a global scale, India is contributing more than one-third of the total cases every day for the last two weeks. India is also adding around 55,000 cases per day more than the USA, which is nearly 20 lakh cases ahead of India. With this acceleration and daily narrowing of the gap, India should be able to leave the USA behind by the end of October.

The worst-affected Indian States like Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh besides the



national Capital Delhi are recording huge number of new cases every day, but Tamil Nadu has seen a trend reversal for the first time since the last one week.

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**Covid-19 IN INDIA**

**TOTAL CASES: 45,59,725**

**DEATHS: 76,304**

**RECOVERED: 35,37,214**

**ACTIVE: 9,45,565**

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	9,90,795	28,282	7,00,715
Andhra Pradesh	5,37,687	4,702	4,35,647
Tamil Nadu	4,86,052	8,157	4,29,416
Karnataka	4,30,947	6,937	3,22,454
Uttar Pradesh	2,92,029	4,206	2,21,506
Delhi	2,05,482	4,666	1,75,400
West Bengal	1,93,175	3,771	1,66,027
Bihar	1,53,735	785	1,37,271
Telangana	1,50,176	927	1,17,143
Odisha	1,39,121	644	1,08,001
Assam	1,35,805	414	1,03,505
Gujarat	1,09,627	3,165	90,330
Kerala	99,267	397	72,574
Rajasthan	97,376	1,192	80,482
Haryana	85,944	907	66,705
Madhya Pradesh	81,379	1,661	61,285

## Pvt schools can't hike fees without Govt's nod during Covid: Sisodia

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia on Thursday said private schools are not allowed to increase fees without the permission from the Government during the Covid pandemic.

Announcing the withdrawal of the earlier permission granted to the Sanskriti School, Sisodia said, "The Kejriwal Government will not bow down to any pressure. We are taking this decision based on some serious complaints received from the parents of the Sanskriti school, Chanakyapuri," he said.

## Kangana issue over for us, says Sena day after BMC razes office

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A day after the party-run BMC came in for criticism from the Bombay High Court and other quarters for the hastily-undertaken demolition of "illegal" structures at actress Kangana Ranaut's Bandra bungalow, the ruling Shiv Sena on Thursday went on the backfoot, by saying that as far as it was concerned, the Kangana episode was over and indicated that it would not pursue the matter further.

On a day when the BMC put up a strong case before the Bombay High Court by charging that Kangana was "trying to obfuscate and cover up" her illegal construction works "by



making baseless and wild allegations of mala fide", Shiv Sena chief spokesperson Sanjay Raut sought to play down the issue by saying "as far as we are concerned Kangana episode is over".

Talking to mediapersons after meeting with Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Raut said, "We have forgotten



the issue. As far as we are concerned, the Kangana episode is over. We are now occupied with our Government and social work."

Queried as to what he discussed with the Chief Minister during the meeting, Raut said: "We discussed issues relating to intra-party work."

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## SC for waiver of interest on loans during moratorium

### Govt sets up panel headed by ex-CAG to look into issues

IAN/PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Centre to consider a plea for not charging interest on interest on deferred EMIs during the moratorium period and also not downgrade the credit/asset classification of the borrowers.

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and MR Shah asked the Centre, the Reserve Bank of India and the banks to put their heads together within two weeks to

decide on crucial issues — sector-specific loan restructuring, charging of interest on interest, etc — and then come up with a concrete decision.

Meanwhile, the government on Thursday said it has constituted an expert committee under former CAG Rajiv Mehrihi to look into the much-debated issue of waiver of interest on loans during the moratorium period.

The announcement came hours after the Government informed the Supreme Court that an expert panel has been set up to look into the issue of interest being charged by banks on instalments deferred during the moratorium.

Solicitor General Tushar



Mehta, appearing for the Centre, submitted that an expert committee at the highest level has been set up to take decisions on the issue of moratorium extension, interest on interest during moratorium and other connected issues.

Senior advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the Indian Bank Association, submitted

that the RBI and other banks be given time to respond on the prayers made on Thursday. He submitted that the banks have been following a broad system of banking and without considering their stand, no interim order be passed.

The top court said it is inclined to grant two weeks to the Centre to file an appropriate affidavit and it will consider different prayers made by petitioners on the next date.

The SC observed that its interim orders, where it had said that accounts not declared NPAs on August 31, shouldn't be declared NPAs till further orders, shall continue till the next date of hearing.

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## CAPSULE

### 2008 BLASTS VERDICT: JUDGE FEARS FOR LIFE

Jaipur: Judge Ajay Kumar Sharma, who pronounced the death sentence for four convicts in the Jaipur serial blasts case, recently wrote a letter to DGP Bhupendra Singh, asking him to extend his security cover fearing threats to his family and him. In the letter, retired judge Sharma quoted intelligence reports and said that the terrorist groups can extract revenge from his family and him. "Also officials said that my security is being removed. I request you to continue the security cover given to me in the context," he said.

### LS MEMBERS WILL SIT IN RS CHAMBER

New Delhi: Among many first time measures being adopted during the functioning of Parliament, Lok Sabha members will also sit in the Rajya Sabha chamber when the Monsoon Session starts from September 14. The unique change, unlike previous sessions, is being adopted to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.

### CABINET TO OKAY NEW DISINVESTMENT POLICY

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet may soon take up and approve the new strategic disinvestment policy, which would include the banking and insurance sector, as the Finance Ministry has finalised the Cabinet note on the policy, sources said. This would be a major move towards privatising more PSUs and meeting the Government's disinvestment targets.

# India's largest Piggery Mission for Meghalaya farmers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Country's largest Piggery Mission worth Rs 209 crore was rolled out here on Thursday for Meghalaya with an aim to bolster farmers' income as well as make the northeastern State self-sufficient in the production of pork which has a huge domestic market.

The integrated project has been launched as a partnership among the Northeastern State, central government and National Cooperative

Development Corporation (NCDC), a statutory Corporation under the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, which is providing a loan at low interest.

"The Meghalaya State Piggery Mission, supported by the NCDC will enable our State to achieve self-sufficiency in pork production, reduce our out-of-state import burden by nearly Rs 150 Crores annually and improve the incomes of over 25,000 households, totalling to an annual increment of Rs 70 Crores,"

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma said here during the launch of the Rs 209 crore integrated piggery project.

The first tranche of the loan was released here by the NCDC in the presence of Union Minister of State (MoS) for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Kailash Choudhury, Meghalaya's Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong and Corporation's MD Sundeeep Nayak among others. Sangma said that to encourage farmers, interest-free loan will be pro-

vided while shed for the pigs will be constructed under the MGNREGA convergence scheme.

"With interventions across the value chain, the Mission will provide a holistic overhaul of the sector. It will also open up more opportunities for export and food processing in the state," Sangma added.

Talking about the pork project, Nayak said it aims at quantum jump in hygienic pork production to cater to the demands of not only the North Eastern Region but also export

to South East Asia.

"This project will benefit 35,000 pig farmers in the state and 5000 unemployed youth will get livelihood. This would provide regular source of income to members of 300 PACCS," he added.

Because of certain inherent traits like better-feed conversion efficiency, early maturity and short generation interval, pig farming is seen as a lucrative business as compared to other livestock species.

More so because, pork has major market in Northeastern

States, it can contribute to faster economic return to the farmers, particularly amid the ongoing Covid-19 which has negatively impacted their earning.

To bolster the State's economy, the Sangma Government has already launched the Lakadong Mission, the Jackfruit mission, the Mushroom Mission, the Milk Mission and the Aquaculture Mission, which Sangma felt would among others catapult Meghalaya the State into the top ten Indian States in terms of Per Capita Income by 2030.

## K'TAKA CO-OP SOCIETY SCAM ED attaches bank balance, properties

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday attached assets worth about Rs 32 crore in a cooperative society fraud case in Karnataka.

The agency attached 31 immovable assets and balances in 32 bank accounts amounting to Rs 31.35 crore of Anand Balakrishna Appugol, Chairman of Krantiveer Sangolli Rayanna Co-operative Society and his associates under Prevention of Money Laundering Act in a cooperative society fraud case.

The attached immovable properties are in the form of agricultural land, commercial

complexes, a residential house held in the name of Anand Appugol, Prema Appugol, Shivmurthy Chivgol, Sanjay Patil and Mahantesh Angadi, all residents of Belgaum and related entities, the agency said in a statement.

The ED investigation under PMLA against Appugol and 15 others for embezzling more than Rs 232.69 crore collected from more than 1,300 members through fixed deposits by promising them high rate of interest ranging from 12 to 16 percent per annum, revealed that the accused persons did not return the money to the public in time and channeled the funds into immovable properties.

## India sees...

On Thursday, the number of fatalities and new cases showed a fall for the sixth day in succession in Tamil Nadu. On Thursday, the State diagnosed 5,528 persons with Covid-19 while 64 deaths were recorded in the last 24 hours.

According to Government releases, there has been a fall in the number of Covid-19 cases diagnosed in Tamil Nadu since September 4. While there were 5,976 new cases on September 4, the subsequent days saw the

numbers coming down to 5,870 (Sept 5), 5,783 (Sept 6), 5,776 (Sept 7), 5,684 (Sept 8) and 5,584 (Sept 9).

However, Delhi saw another bad day. The overall tally rose to 2,05,482 after 4,308 more patients tested positive for the novel coronavirus infection in the past 24 hours in Delhi. Maharashtra too saw a steady rise in the number of cases, registering, 23,446 new cases and 448 deaths in the state during the last 24 hours. The total cases in the state rose to 9,90,795, including 28,282 deaths and 7,00,715 patients discharged.

## SC for waiver...

"In view of the aforesaid request made by Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General, and counsel for banks, we grant two weeks time to file appropriate affidavit to reply the issues which have been raised before us. All decisions taken by the government of India, Reserve Bank of India or the different banks should be placed before the court for consideration," said the bench.

Counsel for the petitioners also expressed their concern with regard to individual loans, apart from other sectors, contending that individuals are more adversely affected during this period of pandemic.

"It is submitted that individuals are more adversely affected during this period of pandemic. Counsel for the petitioners have also submitted that banks are debiting interest as well as interest on interest from the accounts of the creditors. It is further submitted that credit rating is also being downgraded which may have adverse effect, with regard to various account holders," the bench noted. SC will now take up the matter on September 28. "On the next date of hearing, the instructions with regard to charging of compound interest during moratorium period shall be obtained, so that appropriate order be issued on the next date of hearing," it said.

## Kangana issue...

The Shiv Sena appeared both chastened and mellowed in its approach in the wake of the reprimand its party-led BMC received from the Bombay High Court which had on Wednesday said that the manner in which the BMC "proceeded to commence the demolition prima facie smacks of mala fide" and displeasure expressed by NCP chief Sharad Pawar and Congress president Sonia Gandhi over the hasty manner in which the BMC carried out the demolition.

However, Raut sought to dismiss reports about Pawar and Sonia being unhappy with Wednesday's demolition, by saying that: "Be it Pawar saheb or Sonia ji, nobody has made a statement expressing displeasure."

Meanwhile, at the second day of the hearing in the Kangana demolition case held before the Bombay High Court, the BMC filed an affidavit charging that the actress had not secured due permissions for the alleged unauthorised alterations on the premises and the work was done in complete violation of applicable rules.

The BMC team, comprising Senior Counsel Aspi Chinoy, Senior Counsel Anil Sakhare and advocate Joel Carlos, told the High Court that Kangana had not disputed carrying out the unlawful modifications in

her writ petition and she had no basis to dispute the illegal works carried out.

A HC division bench of Bombay High Court comprising Justice SJ Kathawalla and Justice RI Chagla had on Wednesday taken a serious view of the BMC action and immediately ordered a stay on the demolition drive at Bungalow No. 5 in Chetak Row Houses in Bandra west.

After hearing the two parties, the High Court ordered that both sides will maintain a status quo in the matter and will hear the case on September 22 after the BMC urged that Ranaut must not be permitted to carry out any work on her property till the next hearing.

Among other things, the BMC affidavit, while rejecting Kangana's charges, charged that she was "trying to obfuscate and cover up" her illegal construction works "by making baseless and wild allegations of mala fide, etc".

The BMC also charged that the actress "has made false and incorrect statements and has not approached the Hon'ble court with clean hands".

"The present petition is misconceived and devoid of any merits and liable to be dismissed with costs," the BMC told the court.

Kangana has come under fire from various quarters for controversial statements comparing Mumbai to "Pak-Occupied Kashmir" and saying

"it seems Mumbai is addicted to blood" and dubbing Bollywood as an 'Islam-dominated' film industry. There have also been 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 and other cities. On its part, the BJP too has distanced from Kangana's "anti-Mumbai" comments.

Undeterred by the demolition of several parts of her Bandra bungalow, Kangana launched a fresh attack against Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, his son and Minister Aaditya and the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi comprising Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress on the issue of mob lynching of two sadhus and their driver in Palghar district and the investigations into the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

Kangana, who visited her BMC ravaged Pali Hill office-bungalow a day after on Thursday, said "...one must never succumb to bullies, after losing elections Shiv Sena shamelessly made 'milavat sarkar' and turned into Sonia Sena," while tagging BJP stalwart and Maharashtra's Leader of Opposition and ex-Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

"When injustice becomes law, rebellion becomes duty," Amruta, the banker-activist wife of Fadnavis, said while extending her support to

Kangana.

On his part, Sanjay Raut refused to react to Kangana's comments. "The BMC is in a better position to comment. There is a legal department there, you can contact them...you can speak to the Mayor and municipal commissioner," he said.

Asked to comment on Kangana's reference to Uddhav as "tu" and "tuhje", Raut said: "The 11 crore people of Maharashtra have heard that."

In a related development, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment and RPI president Ramdas Athavale visited Kangana's Pali Hill bungalow and held an hour-long meeting with the actress. Athavale extended his party's support to the actress.

During the course of her conversation with Athavale, Kangana indicated that she would file a case against the BMC to seek compensation for the extensive damage caused to her bungalow during the demolition carried out on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Akhil Bhartiya Akhada Parishad (ABAP) president Mahant Narendra Giri said: "The fearless voice of the actor against nepotism and domination of a particular community in Bollywood besides the nexus existing between the film industry and the drug mafia has caused ripples. The mafia and the State Government are both in fear and simply hitting out at her."

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## Serum Institute...

The pause by Serum Institute came after the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) issued it a show-cause notice asking why trials should not be suspended in India until patient safety is established.

"We (Serum Institute of India), were going by DCGI's direction and were not instructed to pause the trials. If DCGI has any safety concerns, we will adhere to their instructions and abide by the standard protocols," it had

tweeted after the notice.

On Thursday, it said it was following DCGI's instructions and cannot comment further.

"We are reviewing the situation and pausing India trials till AstraZeneca restarts them. We are following DCGI's instructions and will not be able to comment further on the same. You can connect with DCGI for more updates on this front," it said.

AstraZeneca paused its clinical trials worldwide to investigate if the illness seen in the participant happened by chance or as a result of the treatment.

In the show-cause notice, DCGI V G Somani had asked SII as to why the permission granted for conducting phase 2 and 3 clinical trials of the vaccine candidate in the country be not suspended till patient safety is established.

Serum Institute had in June signed a deal to produce AstraZeneca's experimental vaccine for low and middle-income countries. Human trials of the vaccine candidate were being conducted in India in parallel to AstraZeneca's effort. Few details of the human trials in India have been released so far.

## Ram temple...

DSP, Ayodhya, Rajesh Kumar Rai, said on Thursday that Rs 2.50 lakh was withdrawn through a fake cheque on September 2 and the second time Rs 3.50 lakh on September

3. Earlier, in Meerut, several people were arrested when they were collecting donations on the name of Ram temple construction. Besides, a fake website that was seeking donations for the Ram temple has also come to light a few days ago and the matter is being investigated.

## Raghuvansh...

Raghuvansh is presently undergoing post Covid-19 treatment at AIIMS-Delhi, from where he wrote this resignation letter.

"We will definitely suffer from his absence. He is the founder of our party," said a senior RJD leader.

Raghuvansh had been upset with the party, after musician Rama Singh made an announcement about him joining the RJD. After Rama's announcement, Raghuvansh had resigned from the post of party's national vice-president while he was undergoing treatment for Covid-19 at AIIMS-Patna, following which Rama's entry was put on hold.

Rama Singh, a criminal-turned-politician is a former Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) MP from Vaishali parliamentary constituency. In 2019 Lok Sabha poll, Rama Singh was denied ticket by the LJP and lost to party candidate Veena Devi while he contested as independent candidate.

Rama Singh is known to have some influence in Raghupur Assembly constituency of Vaishali, represented by Tejashwi Yadav, RJD leader and son of Lalu Prasad.

"He was also not happy with RJD's State president Jagdanand Singh, another Rajput to be given more responsibilities in the party. The duo does not share very cordial relations," said sources in the RJD, commenting on Raghuvansh Prasad Singh's resignation.

Tejashwi Yadav is understood to have tried to dissuade RJD Raghuvansh Prasad Singh but the latter had made up his mind as his demands were not met.

"After the death of 'jan nayak' (people's leader) Karpoori Thakur, I stood behind you for last 32 years but now...Please

forgive me," said Raghuvansh in his letter from the AIIMS, Delhi, to Lalu Prasad admitted at the Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi.

JD(U) leaders who have welcomed the resignation said if Raghuvansh Prasad Singh expressed his wish to come to their party, he would be most welcome.

JD(U) charged the RJD with not treating a senior leader of "such a big stature" well.

As the State sees changing political alignments, BJP president is to land in Patna on Friday for a two-day visit when he would attend campaign committee and core committee meetings and fine-tune campaign strategy with leaders of the BJP, JD(U) and the LJP.

On September 12, Nadda would have strategy sessions with the senior leaders of the BJP and thereafter he would launch party's 'atmanirbhar abhiyan' from Patna office of the party. He would also flag off 'Atmanirbhar Rath' from the BJP office.

## India, China...

He also said this was the consensus when the Defence Ministers of India and China met. India is committed to resolving the border situation via peaceful negotiations, he added.

More than one lakh troops from both sides are now amassed at the tense LAC in Ladakh with China and India also deploying their tanks and heavy guns close to the forward areas. Also, the Chinese have deployed 150 aircraft and helicopters close to the LAC in the last few weeks. Not willing to take any chances, the IAF has also placed its frontline fighter jets in the forward bases all along the 4,000 km long LAC.

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S.No.	Job No. / Work Name	Amount
1.	95/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park with Two year maintenance Block-A, B and C Sector-65, Noida	Cost Rs. 64.00 Lacs
2.	92/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park (Repaering of boundary wall and other civil works) Tikona Park near village Ghari Chukhandi Sector-121	Cost Rs. 26.06 Lacs
3.	94/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park (Repaering of site store footpath & boundary wall) Park N-G-74 sector-6	Cost Rs. 39.98 Lacs
4.	93/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park (Repaering of footpath, boundary wall & gate Grill) Parks in front of C-237 sector-10, C-1 sector-4 & A-64, B-57 & D-160, sector-7	Cost Rs. 42.95 Lacs
5.	99/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o RSP (Vertical Garden) with One year maintenance, Sector-15, 16, 18 Metro Station Pillars and MP-Ind under the Elevated Road Pillar no.-4, 37, 38, 39, 40, 56 and 57, Noida	Cost Rs. 36.66 Lacs
6.	102/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park, Sector-64, A-26 & B-1 with Two year maintenance	Cost Rs. 48.80 Lacs
7.	103/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park with Two year maintenance Block-A & B Sector-70, Noida	Cost Rs. 36.81 Lacs
8.	105/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o RSP with Two year maintenance Sector-56, 57, 58 and Rajat Vihar, Setor-62, Noida	Cost Rs. 68.28 Lacs
9.	159/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Green Belt with two year maintenance A, B, C, D Block Sector-105	Cost Rs. 34.42 Lacs
10.	158/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, D/o Park with two year maintenance Sector-100A, B, C Block	Cost Rs. 44.04 Lacs
11.	161/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, D/o RSP Sector-94 (Underpass) with two year maintenance.	Cost Rs. 48.71 Lacs
12.	160/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, D/o RSP with two year maintenance Between Sector-76 & 77, Noida	Cost Rs. 45.06 Lacs
13.	110/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o RSP Sector-100, 99, 49, 47, 128, 130 Etc. (Uprooting and Repairing of Tree Guard).	Cost Rs. 27.71 Lacs

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3. **35/GM/SM(WC-8)/ET/2020-21**, Name of Work:- M/o Village (C/O Damaged and Balance Boundary wall and other Misc. Work of Pond in Village Shadhr) Noida. Cost- ₹ 55.39 Lacs

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TACKLING CORONAVIRUS

# Pvt schools can't hike fees without permission: Sisodia

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia Thursday said that private schools are not allowed to increase their fees without the permission from the Government.

Sanskriti school, Chanakyapuri," he said. Sisodia said, "We have already received multiple complaints from parents regarding Sanskriti School doubling its fees. "The school increased its fees by almost 75 percent which is unacceptable. Therefore, after consultation with chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, we are revoking the order issued for Sanskriti School regarding increasing the fee," he said. According to Sisodia, there were lapses found in the functioning of the Sanskriti School. He said, "Under the system called GAAP, it is necessary to



follow a special system of accounting and audit but the Sanskriti School did not follow it. Also, there was no need to increase the fees as the school already had a surplus amount which they gained during 2017-18, due to which their proposal to increase the fee was rejected by the Delhi Government." "During the same year, we directed this school to pay the teachers under the Seventh Pay Commission from the surplus amount and not to put this burden on the students. But the school did not comply with this order," he said.

The deputy chief minister further said, "A school gets permission for establishment only if it has a three-month salary deposit for the staff. Therefore, now the demand to increase the fees is unreasonable because that amount has already been deposited as a fixed deposit since the inception of the school," he added. "The Anil Dev Singh Committee constituted by the Delhi Government had recommended that fees arbitrarily increased by private schools from 2010 to 2012 should be refunded. Now, the school wants to recover this amount

from the students by showing it under the school expenses. Whereas, the amount over-charged previously cannot be allowed to be shown as an expense." Sisodia said, "The school has not followed the Supreme Court order regarding depositing the development fund in a separate account. "Parents have shared with me that they are under immense pressure to speak in favor of the school. The Kejriwal government will not bow down to any pressure," he said. Reacting to this, Delhi BJP

President Adesh Gupta said that there are many prominent private schools, which have cut the names of children from online class due to non-payment of fees and removed their parents from the WhatsApp group. "The Directorate of Education on August 30 had directed all private schools in Delhi not to refuse admission to online classes to students whose parents were unable to pay fees during lockdown. However, despite the instructions, private schools demanded tuition fees as well as other fees," he said.

## Focus on skill education, says Dy CM

He visits ITIs at Harinagar, Tilaknagar

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Thursday visited ITIs at Harinagar and Tilaknagar and enquired about the educational activities, functioning, and requirements of both the institutions.

term as the Education Minister, his prime agenda will be to focus on the Skill Education." He said, "Delhi has laid a strong foundation for School Education. Now, concrete steps are being taken to lift the capital as well as the nation from the economic downturn by encouraging skill development and entrepreneurship." In 2019, the Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) Bill was passed. Making it as his dream project, Sisodia has stepped up the process of visiting various technical institutions. MLA from Kalkaji constituency, Atishi also accompanied the

Deputy CM during his visit to ITIs at Harinagar and Tilaknagar today. Sisodia has planned to visit all the ITI, polytechnic, and skill development centers in Delhi over the next few weeks to understand their needs and what is required to bring them to global standards of excellence. During his visits, Sisodia met teachers, staff members, existing students as well as alumni of these institutions to understand their concerns and take suggestions. Sisodia said, "The Delhi Government has taken significant steps in the skill devel-

opment and soon we will see its results. Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University will set an example not only for our country but for the whole world. It is our endeavor that every child should get vocational education as per their interest and ability so that they can achieve great success in their careers." According to Sisodia, "Every student will be fully equipped with an adequate understanding of the modern technology and practical training as per the requirement of the industry." Hi Sisodia said, "Due to the economic crisis caused by the

Corona pandemic, Delhi is fully committed to providing the adequate skills and entrepreneurship needed for the economic upliftment of the country. Under this, along with the skills training, apprenticeship opportunities will also be given. The main goal will be to provide better placement and attractive salaries to all trainees while winning the trust of the industrial institutions. Financial assistance and scholarships will be available for the students." DSEU will coordinate with different foreign institutions for various courses and knowledge sharing.



## Now Delhi Metro to resume op on Magenta, Grey lines

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 After resuming services on most of its Line under Stage-I of the graded resumption from 7th to 10th September, the Delhi Metro will now resume services on Magenta and Grey Line. Anuj Dayal, Executive Director of DMRC said that the timings for running the services on Lines re-opened till 11th September 2020 under both stage-I as well stage-II will be for 6 hours each in the morning (from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM) and evening (4:00 PM to 10:00 PM) with broadly the same frequency which used to be before lockdown. "These service timings will remain valid only for 11th September only and normal

timing of services throughout the day from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM will become applicable from 12th September 2020 onwards on all lines when the last Line of Delhi Metro network i.e. Airport Express Line from New Delhi to Dwarka Sec-21 (22.7 KM/6 stations) is made operational under Stage-III, the last stage under graded resumption plan of Metro services," he said. "On Sundays (Starting from 20th September onwards) the services will commence at 8:00 AM from all such sections which had this practice in vogue before the lockdown also. However, on this Sunday, i.e., 13th September, the services on these lines will commence at 6 AM as per the existing schedule," he said.

Magenta Line runs from Janakpuri West to Botanical Garden (37.5 KM/25 stations) and Grey Line from Dwarka to Najafgarh (4.3 KM/3 stations) from Friday under Stage-II. All lines of the Delhi Metro network comprising 349 KM and 253 Metro stations will be fully operational once again from 12th September which were closed since 22nd March 2020 owing to the national lockdown imposed by the Government due to the ongoing pandemic. Owing to new norms of social distancing in place now which has significantly reduced the number of persons to be carried in a train, DMRC has also decided to run the peak hour frequency of trains from 8 AM to 8 PM.

## Five held in liquor contractor murder case in Gurugram

**STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM**  
 The city police has arrested five criminals in connection with the murder case of a liquor contractor which took place on September 2. The accused allegedly gunned down the contractor over an old rivalry at Jatuli Mandi village in Pataudi on September 2, the police said. The arrested accused has been identified as Rohit, Govinda, Shakti alias Bhola, Sachin and Krishna alias Gagan. All of them are residents of Jatuli Mandi village in Pataudi. The police earlier had arrested one of the accused identified as Tara Chand alias Sadhu. A team of crime branch Farrukhnagar led by Inspector

Indravir nabbed all the criminals from the same village after a tip-off. During the interrogation, the accused revealed that Abhishek of Jatuli village along with his fellow gang member planned the murder Indrajeet on August 30. "According to the plan, on the incident day, Abhishek along with his companions shot dead Indrajeet while another youth identified as Vikram suffered bullet injuries. Vikram is still undergoing treatment at a private hospital," said Preet Pal Sangwan, ACP (crime) of the Gurugram police. In connection with the incident a case was filed by the deceased's brother Jaibhagwan. In his police complaint he alleged that Abhishek,

Harender, Rohit, Sagar, Akhil, Krishan alias Gagan all of Jatuli Mandi village were behind the incident. The complainant had told the police that Abhishek and his aides have criminal backgrounds. In the previous year Abhishek and his gang members had threatened the victim and his family members. "During questioning it came to light that an old rivalry between the deceased Indrajeet and the arrested culprit Abhishek stated to be behind the incident. We will soon arrest the absconding criminals who were involved in the crime, Sangwan said. An FIR had been registered against the culprits under relevant section of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) including the Arms Act at the Pataudi police station.

## Neighbour stabs man for trying to end fight

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 A 25-year-old man was allegedly stabbed by his neighbour in South Delhi's Sangam Vihar area. Police said that the incident occurred on Wednesday night. Police said that the injured identified as Gaurav Kumar is being treated at Batra Hospital and is stated to be out of danger. According to a senior police official, the incident took place at around 8 PM on Wednesday. "During initial investigation Kumar told police that a minor quarrel took place between his younger brother Mukul and his neighbour and accused Akash (19) on Wednesday. "He intervened and paci-

fied both of them to not quarrel with each other as they were of the same age group and were neighbours. However, Akash threatened him and around 8 PM, when Kumar was standing in front of his house and talking over phone, Akash came there with two of his friends and stabbed him on lower back side," said the senior police official. "A case under section 307 (Attempt to murder) and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) has been registered and alleged accused Akash has been arrested while a juvenile has been apprehended in connection with incident," said Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district.

## Delhi Police helps in rescuing injured animals

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 With Covid-19 outbreak, the Delhi Police, other than maintaining law and order in the city are also extending a helping hand in rescuing distressed and injured animals across the city. Recently, the Delhi Police being the first responder to the calls on their control room, had rescued an injured monkey in front of the President's estate - Rashtrapati Bhavan and a police officer after noticing a dehydrated green pigeon collapsed on the side of the road immediately rescued the bird

and brought it to the care of Wildlife SOS for medical treatment. According to wildlife SOS officials, the Police Control Room (PCR) of Delhi Police contacts the Wildlife SOS hotline to redirect calls that require the deployment of the Rapid Response Unit to intervene in rescuing wild animals, birds or snakes. "When members of the public or residents in Delhi spot an animal that is injured or in distress, they often call the Police who became the first point of contact," said the official.

"Police work during the Covid pandemic has certainly been taxing, but very rewarding as well. In our line of work, it is a matter of instinct to help and protect first. These are tough times for everyone, including animals. We also happen to be the first responders in some cases especially when urban wildlife is involved. Delhi police are sensitive to the cause. We are aware of the herculean task Wildlife SOS Rapid Response teams undertake daily in order to safeguard animals, and we try to do our bit for our wildlife," said Dr Eish Singhal, the

Deputy Commissioner of Police, New Delhi district. Kartick Satyanarayan, CEO & Co-founder of Wildlife SOS, said that they understand the tremendous pressure the Delhi Police work under and greatly appreciate their compassion towards animals and the cooperation they extend to Wildlife SOS. "It was inspiring to see Delhi Police Head Constable Dattatray Gawali bring an injured yellow legged green pigeon to Wildlife SOS for treatment. The concern and worry on the police officers face was visible. We are grate-

ful and applaud their spirit of empathy," said the CEO. "Recently wildlife SOS received a report of a Cobra snake found in a car in Delhi. The family who discovered the snake in their car called the Police Control Room in panic. The PCR in turn contacted Wildlife SOS for assistance, while ensuring that a police team remained on the spot to keep the situation under control until the Wildlife SOS team arrived at the location. Police presence ensures rescues are successful," said Geeta Seshamani, Secretary & Co-founder of Wildlife SOS.

## New welfare centre at Police Colony unveiled

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 The Police Families Welfare Society (PFWS) of Delhi Police on Wednesday inaugurated a new welfare center at Police Colony in Delhi's Jyoti Nagar area. The function was attended by the President of PFWS, Pratima Shrivastava formally inaugurated the welfare center followed by a traditional lamp lighting ceremony. On the occasion, President, PFWS released the second edition of the quarterly PFWS Newsletter and a prize distribution ceremony of Khana Khazana and Summer Camp was also held. The Chief Guest of the event, Pratima Shrivastava, in her address emphasized on providing Skill development training, coaching for competitive exams, recreational activities, medical and summer

camps, cookery classes, etc. through the welfare centre to the ladies and children of police families and helping them to become self-independent. "Various products prepared by PFWS including best quality condiments, candles, handicrafts will also be available for sale at the welfare centre at reasonable prices," she said. The inauguration was followed by a traditional lamp lighting ceremony. On the occasion, President, PFWS released the second edition of the quarterly PFWS Newsletter and a prize distribution ceremony of Khana Khazana and Summer Camp was also held. The Chief Guest of the event, Pratima Shrivastava, in her address emphasized on providing Skill development training, coaching for competitive exams, recreational activities, medical and summer

## LUCKY DRAW GIFTS RACKET

### 2 members of gang involved in duping nearly 800 people held

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 With the arrest of two men, the Delhi Police has busted a gang involved in duping nearly 800 people on the pretext of parcelling them lucky draw gifts for which they were asked to pay a minimal amount. The accused have been identified as Sunny Goel (28), a resident of Uttam Nagar and his associate Sajjan Kumar (34), a resident of Rohini. According to Sanjay Bhatia, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district, the matter came to notice after police said they received a complaint from Ramesh Pandey who alleged that on August 6, he received a phone call from an unknown mobile number and the caller informed him that his mobile number is selected in a lucky draw and he has won a Samsung A51 mobile phone. "The market cost of mobile

is approximately Rs 25,000 but he was told to pay only 3,995 for it and share his address and PIN code of area, so that they can send him the phone through speed post and which he can receive from his nearest post office. He further alleged that after 10 days, he received a parcel from the post office for which he paid Rs. 3995 as said. When he opened the same, he received a pouch of Patanjali Giloy Kwath instead of a phone," said the DCP. "Based on his complaint, a case was registered under section 420 (Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) and 120 B (Punishment of criminal conspiracy) of Indian Penal Code at Patel Nagar police station and an investigation was initiated, said the DCP. "During investigation, police sought Call Detail Records of the alleged mobile

number through which the complainant received calls and found that the alleged number was active in the area of sector-7, Rohini. Through surveillance and technical analysis, the two accused were identified and the mobile phone used to cheated the complainant was also recovered," said the DCP. "During interrogation, the accused confessed to their crime. They told police that the duo operated a company in the name of "PRIME DEAL" and obtained mobile phone series of different states through search engines and called up people randomly and after obtaining their address and sending them lucky draw gift hampers, through speed post, they send them patanjali Giloy Kwath, belt or purse instead of the promised gift hampers for which the victim's had to pay a certain amount," said the DCP.

## AAP slams Centre over serving demolition notice to slum dwellers

**STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI**  
 The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led Centre over "serving demolition notices" to the slum dwellers of Delhi. Party national spokesperson Raghav Chadha said that the Central government has started pasting notices outside many slums that their houses will be demolished. "Termining the notices being served is against the basic principle of the constitution, he said that the government is making a full proof plan of action for the slum dwellers; this policy will ensure that no slum dwellers' house will be demolished. Explaining it further, he said that one such notice which was put at various houses of the slum dwellers of the Tughlakabad area noted that they have to evacuate their house by September 11 and after this, their houses will be demolished. "At the same time in some other areas notices were issued which noted that by September 14 the slum dwellers will need to evacuate their houses. We will approach the Supreme Court and also fight this battle on the streets," he said.

Reacting to the charges, Leader of Opposition in Delhi Legislative Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said that the allegations made by Chadha are baseless. Bidhuri said that for 15 years, the Congress government through Rajiv Ratna Awasth Yojana and for the last 6 years the AAP government through Mukhya Mantri Awasth Yojana (MMAY), have fooled slum dwellers in the name of giving houses. "If the AAP government really had the intention of working in the interest of the slum dwellers, then they had enough time for six years to rehabilitate the slum dwellers but it did not allow the Pradhan Mantri Awasth Yojana to be implemented and then announced the MMAY on the same lines and cheated the slum dwellers," he said. "Even after taking Rs. 11.25 crore from the Railways for rehabilitation of slums, the Delhi government did not work and now their ministers are doing drama of tearing notice and accusing the BJP. The people of Delhi also know that the slum dwellers are being given houses under the Modi government's "Jahan Jhuggi Wahan Makan" scheme," he added.

## GMC owes over ₹120 cr to UP Govt

**PNS ■ GHAZIABAD**  
 Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation owes ₹120 crore 42 lakh to various Government departments and their projects in Uttar Pradesh, due to which the financial condition of the Municipal Corporation has been reduced. The corporation administration has not yet taken effective steps to recover this outstanding money. Speaking to reporters, Rajendra Tyagi, leader of the BJP councillor in the Municipal Corporation, told that if the corporation administration had taken the matter seriously, this recovery would have been made till now. MR.Tyagi said that he had written a letter to the Chief Minister of the UPstate They have sent full details, but have also demanded to make its recovery so that the financial troubles of the Municipal Corporation can be overcome. The councillor said that the Municipal Corporation collects revenue from the Central and State Government offices in the form of property tax and service charge. In which, at present, these departments owe Rs 120 crore 42 lakh. He said that the Municipal Corporation's electricity department owes Rs 60 crore 72 lakh 57 thousand as service charge and 15 crore 52 thousand as rent and other service on the property. The total outstanding is over 80 crore 60 lakhs power corporation which has not been adjusted yet. While the Municipal Corporation money is deducted from the Finance Commission. Apart from this, the Municipal Corporation owes a total of 60 million 82 thousand on Northern Railway. Similarly, the Municipal Corporation owes Rs 30 crore 91 lakh to the metro stations and Gangajal Project dues of Rs 4 crore 23 lakh.



# India, Japan sign deal to corner China

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to further cement the defence and strategic ties and in view of an expansionist China, India and Japan on Thursday signed an agreement here concerning Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between the Armed Forces of India and The Self-Defense Forces of Japan. The agreement was signed by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and Ambassador of Japan Suzuki Satoshi.

Giving details of the pact, defence ministry officials said here on Thursday this agreement establishes the enabling framework for closer cooperation between the Armed Forces of India and Japan in reciprocal provision of supplies and services while engaged in bilateral training activities, United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, Humanitarian International Relief and other mutually agreed activities.

The agreement will also enhance the interoperability between the Armed Forces of India and Japan thereby further

increasing the bilateral defence engagements under the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two countries, they said.

This agreement now allows the armed forces of the two countries to use each other's facilities like replenishment in terms of diesel, food, fresh water and other such logistical items. India has similar agreements with the US, Australia, France, Oman and Singapore.

For his part, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a telephonic conversation with his outgoing Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe and conveyed his gratitude for playing a key role in greatly strengthening ties between India and Japan. In the talks, Modi apprised Abe his intention to work closely with the new government of Japan and wished him the very best for the future, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

It said the two leaders expressed confidence that the strong momentum attained in partnership between the two countries in the last few years will continue unabated in the

future.

Last month, Abe decided to resign citing health issues. "Prime Minister Modi expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Abe for his personal commitment and leadership in greatly strengthening the relationship between the two countries," the MEA said.

The two leaders also welcomed the signing of a reciprocal logistics support agreement between the Indian Armed Forces and the Self-Defense Forces of Japan.

"They concurred that the agreement will further enhance the depth of defence cooperation between the two countries and contribute to peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region," the MEA said.

"Made a phone call to my dear friend @AbeShinzo to wish him good health and happiness. I deeply cherish our long association. His leadership and commitment have been vital in taking India-Japan partnership to new heights. I am sure this momentum will continue in the coming years," Modi tweeted.

# Do RT-PCR on symptomatic Covid -ve cases, States told

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Alarmed at the huge spike in Covid-19 cases each passing day, a worried Centre on Thursday asked the States to mandatorily re-test all symptomatic coronavirus negative cases of rapid antigen tests through RT-PCR test, considered a gold standard for detecting the infection.

The advisory comes as India saw a record single-day spike of nearly 1 lakh infections

on Thursday.

"Health Ministry urges States/UTs to Mandatorily retest all Symptomatic Negative Cases of Rapid Antigen Tests through RT-PCR," the Union Health Ministry tweeted.

"Union Health Ministry has noted that in some large States, symptomatic negative cases tested by Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) are not being followed up by RT-PCR testing.

"The guidelines of ICMR

as well as the Ministry clearly state that the two specific categories of persons — all symptomatic (fever or cough or breathlessness) negative cases of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) and asymptomatic negative cases of RAT that develop symptoms within 2 to 3 days of being tested negative — must necessarily be retested through RT-PCR tests," said a senior official from the Ministry.

In this regard, the Ministry and ICMR have jointly written

to all the States/UTs and urged them to ensure that the all symptomatic negative cases of RAT are mandatorily retested using the RT-PCR test.

"This is necessary to ensure that such symptomatic negative cases do not remain untested and do not spread the disease among their contacts. This will also ensure early detection and isolation/hospitalization of such false negatives," said an official from the Ministry.

It has also been reiterated

in the joint letter that while the RAT is being used to increase access and availability of testing in the field, RT-PCR remains the gold standard of Covid tests.

Meanwhile, India saw a record single-day spike of 95,735 infections and 1,172 fatalities taking India's Covid-19 caseload past 44 lakh and death toll to 75,062, while recoveries surged to 34,71,783 on Thursday, according to the Ministry.

## Ahead of NEET, Govt revises guidelines

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ahead of the conduct of NEET 2020 scheduled on September 13, the Union Health Ministry on Thursday revised guidelines for the precautions and planning to be done while conducting exams amid the pandemic.

Only asymptomatic staff and students would be allowed inside the exam hall while those examination centres in the containment zone would not be given permission to function.

Noting that examination centres are frequented by a large number of students, as well as their parents, and staff till the entire duration of the exam and therefore, the Ministry called for following specific preventive measures like physical distancing of 6 feet, use of face covers and masks, frequent hand-washing with soap, use of alcohol-based hand sanitisers and following respiratory etiquette strictly.

Universities, educational institu-

tions and examination conducting authorities may plan out the examination schedule in a staggered manner so as to avoid overcrowding at any examination centre on any day, the guidelines outlined.

Exam functionaries and examinees would need to submit a self-declaration about their health status at the time of entrance to the examination centre. Such self-declaration form may be circulated at the time of issue of admit cards.

Students should also be given prior information on what they should carry, which includes exam related documents, admit card, ID card etc., face mask, water bottle, hand sanitiser etc.

"If a student is found to be symptomatic, the permission or denial thereof, in such cases shall be granted as per the policy already enunciated on the issue by the examination conducting authorities," the Ministry said adding all staff and students would be allowed entry only when they are using face cover and masks.

## ITBP Noida referral hospital treats 1,150 Covid patients

New Delhi: The ITBP Referral Hospital at Greater Noida "successfully" treated more than 1,150 Covid-19 patients of Central Armed Police Forces personnel and their families. Till September 8, the hospital has treated and cured Covid-19 hit CAPF and Central Police Organisations fraternity, including 91 personnel from BSE, 196 from CRPF, 200 from CISF, 289 from ITBP, 159 from SSB, 83 from NSG, 64 from SPG, 15 from NIA, 10 from NDRF, one from BPR&D, 19 from IB, three from CBI, seven from NTRO and five from the MHA.

No doctor or hospital staff suffered any Covid-19 infection despite being exposed to the disease for long periods of time during their duty. Inspector General (Medical) and Medical Superintendent Dr DC Dimri said, "Due to active motivation and support of SS Deswal, DG ITBP, the ITBP Referral Hospital has seen significant

equipping, staffing and moral boosting of all ranks. DG has taken keen interest in each and every detail of hospital functioning and ensured that nothing falls short for patients."

The hospital had recorded a very high recovery rate which is almost 100 percent (except one patient who died of heart attack). This is way higher than the national recovery rate of 78 percent, despite the fact that 25-30 percent of admitted patients were having other co-morbidities, along with the Covid-19 infection like cancer, TB, heart disease and the like, officials said.

About 8-10 percent of the patients were critically ill at the time of admission with major breathing difficulty. The 200-bed hospital is equipped with specialised facilities like hip replacement, knee replacement, dialysis, non-invasive Cardiology, Laparoscopic surgical procedures and cancer screening. PNS

## Nishank, Swamy spar on social media over JEE attendance

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and BJP leader Subramanian Swamy on Thursday sparred on social media on the issue of the number of students who actually appeared for the Joint Engineering Entrance (JEE) tests held last week amid the controversy over the conduct of the exams by the National Testing Agency (NTA) during the Covid-19 pandemic. The duo engaged in a Twitter face-off after Swamy shared that due to the pandemic less than half of the applicants finally took the exams. Nishank responded saying the number of JEE applicants this year was 8.58 lakh and not 18 lakh as claimed

by Swamy.

While Swamy claimed that only 51 percent of the total applicants took the exams, the NTA, responsible for the conduct of entrance tests like JEE and NEET, claimed that 75 percent took the exams. NTA sources said the figure is almost the same when compared to the applicants and examinees every year in the recent past.

"I would like to place some facts on the record regarding JEE (Main) exams. The number of applicants for #JEE Mains stands at 8.58 lakh, not 18 lakh as you tweeted," mentioned Pokhriyal on the microblogging site countering Swamy, who has, of late, been targeting his own party on several issues.

The Education Minister also added that out of 8.58 lakh JEE Mains applicants, 6.35 lakh appeared for the exam. "Central & respective State Governments assured all possible assistance to the students, for which I complement all State Governments as well. This entire effort displayed the spirit of cooperative federalism," Pokhriyal shared further in response to Swamy, who is also a Rajya Sabha member. Swamy responded that the numbers are wrong and that the number of registered candidates was 9,53,473, according to a Ministry of Education response submitted at the Supreme Court.

"I had the accurate count on

exams this last week - out (of) 18 lakhs who downloaded passes only 8 lakhs turned up to take up the exam. What a disgrace for the nation which extols vidya and gyan," Swamy had tweeted initially.

Following Pokhriyal's tweet late Wednesday night, Swamy retorted on Thursday by posting what he said was a copy of the official figures the ministry gave to the Supreme Court.

"I will soon tweet what the Ministry of Education stated to the Supreme Court as candidates registered state wide and abroad at 9,53,473 at 660 centres. The Minister's tweet for me to see his 'facts' was 8.58 lakhs. Now who's is official?" Swamy said.

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Vishal Mehan (Advocate)  
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SI.No.1 NIT No.GMW/SCUSFD/21-22/01 Name of the Work Proposal for outsourcing of Carrying out Through USFD testing of running rails & welds (excluding flange testing) including the full head width portion of S&EJ, lead portion of points & crossings of all types of rails using 0° (4 MHz) and 70° (2 MHz) central forward & backward, 70° (2 MHz) gauge face corner forward & backward and 70° (2 MHz) field forward & backward probes by NBC (Need Based Concept) method under traffic conditions as per provisions of IRs "Manual & Specifications for Ultrasonic Testing of Rails and Welds" & related instructions, duly marking defects, submission of daily reports and storing back-up data, as specified & directed. The rates are inclusive of contractor's men, materials & machines complete unless otherwise specified and as directed with contractor's USFD machine.

Estimated cost/EMD/ Tender Document cost/Closing date and time Advertised tender value: ₹6,63,64,645.95/- EMD: ₹4,81,800/- Date and time of closing of tender on 06.10.2020 at 15.00 hrs.

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00402	New Delhi	14:30	Guwahati	03:00	Tue, Thu	Upto 31.12.2020
00463	Howrah	17:30	Amritsar	09:10	Sat	Upto 31.12.2020
00464	Amritsar	17:30	Howrah	08:30	Fri	Upto 31.12.2020
00465	Guwahati	00:30	Amritsar	19:45	Wed	Upto 31.12.2020
00466	Amritsar	07:50	Guwahati	03:00	Fri	Upto 31.12.2020
00467	Howrah	17:30	Amritsar	06:30	Thu	Upto 31.12.2020
00468	Amritsar	20:40	Howrah	08:30	Mon	Upto 31.12.2020
00469	Howrah	17:30	New Delhi	00:25	Mon	Upto 31.12.2020
00470	New Delhi	01:55	Howrah	08:30	Thu	Upto 31.12.2020
00621	KSR Bengaluru	17:00	Hazrat Nizamuddin	16:00	Wed, Fri	Upto 25.12.2020
00622	Hazrat Nizamuddin	02:20	KSR Bengaluru	02:30	Mon, Sat	Upto 28.12.2020
00761	Renigunta	07:00	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:20	Daily	Upto 31.12.2020
00762	Hazrat Nizamuddin	10:15	Renigunta	20:50	Daily	Upto 31.12.2020
00763	Hyderabad Deccan	19:00	Amritsar	09:15	Fri	Upto 31.12.2020
00764	Amritsar	05:00	Hyderabad Deccan	19:10	Mon	Upto 31.12.2020
00901	Bandra Terminus	18:20	Jammu Tawi	08:00	Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat	Upto 16.09.2020
00902	Jammu Tawi	18:30	Bandra Terminus	07:40	Mon, Wed, Thu, Sat	Upto 16.09.2020

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<b>The Panipat Co-op. Sugar Mills Ltd., Panipat</b>					
<b>Purchase item for Sugar Mill</b>					
1.	PP Liner		04.60	--	
2.	Supply and Installation of Piezo Meter		01.25	0.08	
3.	Bagasse		60.00	0.50	
4.	Fire Wood		15.50	--	
5.	Process Chemical		18.50	--	
<b>Purchase/Sale for Distillery Unit</b>					
6.	SDS		100.00	--	
7.	ENA		100.00	--	
8.	Wooden Chips		300.00	02.00	
9.	Pet Bottles		170.00	02.00	
10.	Cartoon Box		35.00	0.50	
11.	Flow meter for Bore well		02.50	0.05	
12.	Sale of CO <sub>2</sub>		45.00	--	
<b>Job Works for Sugar Mills</b>					
13.	Tube Cleaning for season 2020-21		06.00	--	
14.	Sugar Handling		55.00	01.00	
15.	Shifting of Press Mud		06.00	--	
16.	Insulation (Lagging)		03.00	0.05	
17.	Chemical Dosing in Boilers		02.50	--	
18.	Mill House Bed Coolie		10.00	0.10	
19.	Cleaning of Boiler Furnace Chamber & Platform		10.00	0.10	
20.	Bagasse Shifting & Feeding		09.00	--	
21.	Pit Cleaning of Cane Carrier		01.80	--	
22.	Removal of Binding Material		02.50	0.05	
23.	Lifting of Scattered cane		02.00	0.05	
24.	Transportation of Cane		90.00	01.00	
25.	Transportation of Bagasse		25.00	0.20	
26.	R/C of Various Type L&T Make Electrical Items		06.00	--	
27.	R/C for Motor Rewinding		04.00	--	
28.	R/C for Oxygen, Argon & DA Cylinder		02.25	--	
29.	Unloading & shifting of Lime, Sulphur, Fire wood etc.		05.00	--	
30.	AMC of Instrument		02.00	--	
31.	AMC and Data Transfer of Online Monitoring system of ETP		02.50	--	
32.	Web Based Cane Management system		05.25	--	
33.	Man Power for Various Technical Post		22.50	0.80	
34.	Man Power for Operation of Various station		130.00	0.80	
35.	Operation of Wet Scrubber		01.50	--	
<b>Job Works for Distillery Unit</b>					
36.	Dismantling, Fabrication and Erection work of Fermentation Vats		06.00	0.10	
37.	Filling Packing of Country Liquor		15.00	0.10	
38.	AMC & Operation of CO <sub>2</sub> Recovery Plant		18.00	--	
39.	Annual Rate Contract for Data Connectivity of Existing IP Cameras to CPCB/HSPCB Portal		01.75	--	
40.	Provide the Consultancy regarding the operation, Maintenance & Running of Both Plant to achieve the norms of CPCB		02.50	--	
41.	Cleanliness and filling the pits around Bio- compost Yard, ETP, Rest House, Lagoon & Both side road of Cane Office to Distillery Unit		05.00	--	
42.	Environmental Consultancy Service including preparation of EIA Report for new Distillery Unit Plant Capacity 45 KLPD		10.00	--	

The detailed tender have already been uploaded on the website <https://etenders.bry.nic.in>. The tender should be filled on the above website on or before 21-09-2020 up to 09:00 A.M. The "TECHNICAL BID" will be opened on 21-09-2020 at 09:30 A.M. If a tenderer qualifies in "TECHNICAL BID" then only "FINANCIAL BID" will be opened on 22-09-2020 at 09:30 A.M. The Negotiation, if necessary will be held in the presence of lowest tenderer or his representative who may be present at that time on 24-09-2020 at 11:00 A.M.

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Judge who delivered death sentence to convicts fears for life

Jaipur: Judge Ajay Kumar Sharma, who pronounced the death sentence for four convicts in the Jaipur serial blasts case, recently wrote a letter to DGP Bhupendra Singh, asking him to extend his security cover fearing threats to his family and him.

Pakistan violates ceasefire at multiple locations in Poonch

Jammu: The Pakistani Army resorted to 'unprovoked' ceasefire violations at multiple locations along the line of control in Poonch sector on Thursday. Hitting back, the Indian troops too gave them a befitting reply.

TMC inciting anti-Hindu sentiments in WB: Nadda

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA In an apparent indication that the BJP was heavily depending on polarisation politics while marching into 2021 Bengal Assembly elections party president JP Nadda on Thursday came down heavily on the Mamata Banerjee Government for its politics of minority appeasement.

Adhir bats for alliance with LF

Kolkata: Soon after assuming the presidency of Bengal Pradesh Congress Behrampore MP and Congress Leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Chowdhury on Thursday raised the pitch for an electoral alliance with the Left Front.

Process of land selling in Andla for Defence corridor accelerated

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH/KHAIR The process of selling the land in Andla for the Defence Industrial Corridor is accelerated. Land deals of about 10 crores done in a year. Now land allotment to investors will be starting from 15th September.

3,349 more test +ve in Kerala

Kochi: Kerala is in for major trouble as the number of Covid-19 patients and deaths due to the pandemic are all set to see a hike in the coming weeks, according to KK Shylaja, Minister of health.

TN: Slight fall in no. of new cases

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI There is encouraging news from Tamil Nadu as the number of fatalities and Covid-19 new cases showed a fall for the sixth day in succession.

Villages should become pillars of Atmanirbhar Bharat: PM

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday exhorted people of Bihar to put their best to become the pillars of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' which will enrich the villages further and strengthen them.

1,592 more afflicted in J&K

Jammu: The Union Territory of J&K is set to record 50,000 coronavirus cases on Friday after it recorded more than 1,000 cases for the eight day in succession taking the tally to 49,134, while 13 more covid-19 patients succumbed to the virus on Thursday.

CM Yogi's push for new technologies for lock manufacturing sector raises hopes

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH/KHAIR After CM Yogi's call of research for new technology in the field of locks, a ray of happiness lightens the face of businessmen. They believe that if the government will launch schemes to develop the industry here only then will new technology be developed.

Verdict on Rhea, Showik's bail plea reserved, to be announced today

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI A Mumbai sessions court on Thursday reserved its order till Friday on the bail applications of Bollywood actress Rhea Chakrabarty and her brother Showik in a drug case relating to actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death.

189 new corona case in Aligarh

Aligarh: The deadliest corona is spreading rapidly. A record breaking 189 news cases reported in the district superseded the previous record of 188 in a single. While 163 recovered. The total number of covid-19 cases in the district is 5858 out of which 4100 recovered so far and 1629 are active.

Article 370 abrogation removed obstacles in development of J&K, Ladakh: Naqvi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/JAMMU Union Minister of Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Thursday said that abolition of Article 370 has demolished the "speed breaker" of redundant laws which had obstructed the development process in Jammu-Kashmir and Leh-Ladakh.

2021 polls: DMK begins party strengthening process

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI MK Stalin, president, DMK, began the process of fortifying the party for the upcoming Assembly election scheduled for March-April 2021. The tenure of the present assembly comes to an end in May 2021.

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 (i) Saddam Hussain @ Raja, S/o Md. Sakil, R/o E-803, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, (ii) Guddu, S/o Phool Mohammad, R/o E-803, Jahangir Puri, Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 25/20, U/S 302/109/308/34 IPC, dated 26.05.2020, P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said (i) Saddam Hussain @ Raja, (ii) Guddu cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said (i) Saddam Hussain @ Raja, (ii) Guddu have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Ms. Usha Rani w/o Ashok Kumar r/o Q-38, second floor, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 had severed all relations with her son Shri. Sanjeev Kumar through paper publication in 2009. Now relations between my client and her son are cordial. So my client is now withdrawing her previous notice of debarring her son from movable and immovable properties.

SALE NOTICE

Table with 4 columns: Case Details, Asset Details, Reserve Price, EMD Amount (10% of Reserve Price). Contains multiple rows of property sale information.

Auction date: 25-Sept-2020 from 11:00 AM onwards EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favor of ICICI Bank Limited, payable at Delhi. Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrai, Gurugram - 122022.

UJVN LIMITED Tender Notice. Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-SHP), Munyari, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders is given below: Tender No. 01/EE/Civil-SHP/Munyari/2020-21.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: approx 35-40 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'5", Built: Medium, Face: Oval, was wearing Dark Blue pant and Bare feet, was found at Patri Hamilton Road, near Pul Duffrin in front of Police booth, Kashmir Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 8-A, dated 07.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a boy (depicted in the photo), namely: Mahesh Yadav S/o Sh. Naresh Kumar Yadav R/o Village-Udai Ramsar, Distt. Bikaner, Rajasthan has been missing since 16.02.2017 from the jurisdiction of P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 223/17 u/s 365 IPC dated 31.03.2017 has been registered at Police Station Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi. His physical description is as under: Age: 26 Years, Height: 5'10", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Unknown.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 06.09.2020 at 09:30 AM on footpath near gate no. of Animal pet hospital, Tis Hazari, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 8-P.P. T.H.C. dated 06.09.2020 has been lodged at Police Station, Subzi Mandi, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under: Name: Unknown, Age: 60-65 Years, Height: 5'8", ID Mark: Having beard and Moustache, Wearing: Naked body and bare footed.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found unconscious on 27.03.2020 at footpath in front of Akshra Theater in front of Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi. Admitted in Dr. RML Hospital, Delhi. During the treatment the doctors declared him dead. In this regard DD No. 36A, dated 27.03.2020 has been lodged at Police Station, North Avenue, New Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under: Name: Unknown, Age: About 60 Years, Height: About 5'4", Face: Round, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Eye: Small, Hair: Long White, Wearing: Black Shirt, grey jeans pants and black shoes in feet.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely: Gudiya, W/o: Raj Kumar, R/o: H.No. 20-A, Chanchal Park, Delhi, Age: 26 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow Suit-Black Salwar and Black Hawai Chappal in Feet with Daughter Radhima, Age-5 Years has been missing/kidnapped since 28.06.2020 from the area of P.S. Ranholha, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 62-A, Dated 03.07.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Ranholha, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady and her daughter but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped lady and her daughter please inform the undersigned.

## Optics or business?

Jaishankar meets Wang Yi, insists on peaceful solution. China may not want a war but will continue its pinpricks



Bonhomie visuals are always good but how much of them means anything at all? Will Russia, in the end, be able to make China see reason, the risks of alienating India over its border imperialism and the threats to a bipolar world order as it pushes more nations towards the US? At least it has nudged the two for another round of talks after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's meeting with his Chinese counterpart hardly translated to any action on the ground. Instead it further aggravated the situation in Ladakh where India and China are at daggers drawn. Has External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, given the depth of his understanding of and experience with China as a career bureaucrat, convinced Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi about the cost of Siachenisation at the icy heights? Of course, he is very hopeful of diplomacy winning at the end of the day on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting. He is betting big on linking the perceptual differences of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and sorting them out as central to bilateral relations, primarily the economic one. He is hoping to drive home the point that China had emerged as one of India's biggest trade partners and had deeply penetrated Indian markets only because there had been peace and quiet on the LAC for over 30 years. Disturbing it would mean hurting Chinese expansionism in business, a fact that has already been demonstrated with the Government banning the highest revenue-yielding Chinese apps. But as multiple rounds of talks at both the political and military level, including that of Singh's, have failed so far, and the Chinese are adamant about not going back to their earlier positions in April, one wonders what will they extract for a breakthrough and what will India have to yield without both sides looking bad to their domestic audience. Besides, China won't easily give up its newly-acquired spurs in the Pangong Tso region simply because it doesn't want India to have a strategic edge in monitoring its designs in the Karakoram, by way of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and Aksai Chin. And it knows that Indian troop capabilities and ramped up border infrastructure are a big deterrence for its covert incursions into and usurpation of our land. Besides, there is a history of trust deficit, where the Chinese have changed the rules of disengagement almost overnight. For example, the Chinese commander at Chushul had spoken to his Indian counterpart about following established protocol and ceasing movements at night. Yet, that very night, People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops stealthily moved towards our posts. And with PLA directly taking orders from Chinese President Xi Jinping, nothing could have higher official sanction. So, there is a possibility that China would settle for pin-pricks, just under the escalatory threshold, and activate new flashpoints along our shared Himalayan border to stretch us out militarily. That it doesn't want war stems from the understanding that it had sought a meeting with Singh in Moscow. But then given its current goodwill deficit and India's acknowledged compliance with the "rule of law" globally, it perhaps wants to show that it is faultless about diplomatic behaviour, attempting negotiations but blaming India for failure. Or it could continue to hold positions but cease provocations for the time being.

Significantly, Jaishankar met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov before his meetings with the Chinese side. And though officially Russia has described the Ladakh stand-off as a matter of bilateral concern, it is trying to bring some sort of an alignment within the framework of the SCO. The Russia-India-China (RIC) trilateral axis can hold off the US and the West and maintain some sort of multi-polarity but Ladakh has jeopardised such prospects. Particularly for Russia, its failure would rob it of its counterweight potential in world politics. While India has used the RIC to emphasise the need for respecting each other's sovereignty, China is pressuring Russia to scale down its defence supplies to India in view of the border escalation. Caught in the middle, Russia is delicately trying to assuage both without upsetting the autonomous bilateral relationship each nation has harboured with it. Besides, it also needs India to counterbalance itself against Chinese heft and its mega ambitions. Already, it is in China's economic trap with Beijing investing heavily in Russian infrastructure and gas lines, the latter already funded for a 30-year supply. China is also working with Russia on a mutually beneficial East-West transport corridor to Europe and opening up the Arctic Circle route. So its hands are somewhat tied. Of course, it acknowledges India's \$5.4 billion S-400 deal but beyond defence and given India's pro-US tilt, there has not been much growth in our non-defence trade. While we are aiming to scale up trade to \$30 billion by 2025, bilateral trade between Russia and China is already at \$110 billion. India has recently stepped up investment in the Russian far-east to strengthen its economic footprint. The maritime corridor between Chennai and Vladivostok should significantly boost bilateral trade and keep Russia invested in taking up our advocacy in current geo-strategic contexts. The challenge for India will be to not upset the US, which keeps on extending a mediatory hand. If Russia, with its intent compromised beyond a point, isn't able to convince China to simmer down, then we would still need the US to fight our wanton neighbour.

# Smoke without fire

We must call out all instances where the rule of law is being compromised to suit an agenda. Given the state of TV news, there's a lot of damage to be undone



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In 1958, Peter Yarrow wrote a song called "Puff the Magic Dragon" before he formed the popular band, *Peter, Paul and Mary*. The song gained widespread notoriety even years after its release because it was rumoured to be about celebrating drugs, particularly marijuana. Singapore and Hong Kong even went so far as to ban the song, fearing that it would promote drug abuse. In reality, the song (which is a classic), was included by the band in its album, *Moving*, as it thought it would be a good idea to include a children's song. That assumption came easy as the song was written in 1958, when Yarrow didn't even know what "pot" was. The lyrics are about the loss of childhood innocence and are actually inspired by an Ogden Nash poem that has nothing to do with marijuana.

On a completely unrelated note, in this past week, Rhea Chakraborty has been arrested by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) apparently on the allegation that she procured marijuana for Sushant Singh Rajput and might have even consumed it herself. The arrest came after Ms Chakraborty was being grilled for close to eight hours for three days straight and without any contraband actually being recovered. The inspiration behind the arrests appears to be the WhatsApp messages that allegedly referred to the procurement and consumption of marijuana. Before the arrest, certain "news" channels had already declared her guilty with hashtags like #ArrestRhea, were displaying WhatsApp conversations and extrapolating conspiracy theories on national television from morning till late night as "political analysts" gave their non-expert commentary. After seeing the steep fall in standards of TV journalism over the past few years, it may be naïve for us to expect such channels to follow rigorous (or even lax) journalistic standards but it was amusing and a bit surprising to see viewers tuning in and even supporting such on-air antics. I say surprising because if Rhea Chakraborty can be arrested in the manner she has been, parents should be seriously worried about their college-going children and even themselves and should ponder on when the State and its informal agents may turn their



glance on them. The charges against Rhea Chakraborty seem to (on the face of it) lack any weight and will be rightly examined by a court of law but the trial in all respects has already been played out on our television screens. The only real consequence, I suspect, will be that officials will now be able to scare individuals by just talking about this entire episode and extracting a larger bribe. You, dear reader, might say you have nothing to fear and will, therefore, welcome scrutiny of my WhatsApp messages or that of your children. Maybe you have nothing to worry about when it comes to marijuana but are you sure that the State and these news channels cannot find something else to pin you on? Again on a completely separate note, let us talk about pornography. There is technically a ban on pornography in India. However, as per statistics, India is a world leader in the consumption of pornographic material with close to 89 per cent consuming it on their phones. If you enjoyed watching another person's intimate texts displayed all over national television, I wonder if you would feel the same about your internet search history. What is especially interesting about the instances highlighted above is that rarely are the rulers governed by the same rules as the ruled.

Just look at the example of the Laxman Savadi and CC Patil, BJP Ministers who were caught watching porn inside

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the State Assembly.

In the case of drugs too, it is hardly ever the powerful who are punished. Most drug arrests are on charges of consumption of marijuana by watchmen, students and hardly ever well-connected politicians or media moguls. In a study by the think tank Vidhi, data from Mumbai revealed that though cannabis constituted just ₹6.2 crore of the ₹60.6 crore worth of drugs seized in Maharashtra in 2016, it accounted for 87 per cent of arrests and convictions. This means that more serious drug consumption, like that of heroin, opium and so on, easily slips through the cracks while minor marijuana charges are picked up to show better statistics. The nexus of politicians with dangerous drugs like heroin is well documented and this is with respect to not merely consumption but of widespread sale. However, all our attention has been on this 28-year-old woman for allegedly smoking pot, while a Bill to regulate the use of cannabis is pending in Parliament.

Even assuming the best of intent, that the Government is serious about drug consumption, it would do well to note that one of the primary reasons young people are pushed to drug consumption is unemployment. Statistics on employment generation are abysmal with the *Mint* reporting that India is witnessing its weakest hiring sentiment in 15 years. The media would do a great

service reporting on this root cause rather than spending most of its time on what can only be called voyeuristic entertainment.

At its core, all of these episodes show that we as Indians have slowly but surely descended to a state where political agenda trumps rule of law. This cuts both ways. For example, though Kangana Ranaut's statements on Mumbai being Pakistan-occupied Kashmir are ridiculous and would lead to sedition and NSA charges in a State like Uttar Pradesh (going by how Kafeel Khan was treated), she is seen as a "nationalist." However, the demolition of a part of her office by the Bombay Municipal Corporation "smacks of mala fide" as noted by the High Court of Bombay and is another instance of how the rule of law has been treated as an inconvenience. The only way forward, in my humble opinion, is to course-correct and to call out all instances where the rule of law is being compromised to suit an agenda. Sadly though with the state of TV news as it is today, there is a lot of damage to be undone and this goal may be a long time coming. So till then, please make sure that you are not listening to "Puff the Magic Dragon" in your car stereo or in public. Who knows what may follow?

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## The animals are gone

A species checklist shows that fish, birds, amphibians and mammals have declined by 84 per cent since 1970



The *Living Planet Report 2020* has set off warning bells about the state of the global environment, one that may impact our lives more severely than the pandemic. It seems that the price of our burgeoning population, unplanned and unthinking expansion, selfish consumerism, senseless overconsumption of natural resources and greed is being paid by different species that we are supposed to share the planet with. However, as compared to forest or marine species, it is the freshwater species that are at the highest risk because a gargantuan 85 per cent of the Earth's wetlands are already lost. So fish, birds, amphibians and mammals have declined by a whopping 84 per cent globally since 1970, threatening one in three freshwater species with extinction. The Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) and the Zoological Society of London track the abundance of 20,811 populations representing 4,392 species based on a number of data sets available globally. But this edition has got to be their red alert finding. The report on India is pretty damning as the size of our wetlands has shrunk to 0.03 per cent of our total geographic area. Despite all the talk about protecting our water resources and raising awareness, nothing seems to have worked as the number of polluted river stretches went up to 351 in 2018 from 302 in 2016. As a result, there has been a decline in the population of endangered species such as the Gangetic dolphin.

Worryingly, there is a 94 per cent fall in the species survivability index in Latin America and the Caribbean, which, like us, are facing fragmentation by hydropower projects and abstraction of water. There has been a 45 per cent species decline in Asia and Australia. It is high time we begin taking our responsibility towards the environment seriously, if not for the sake of the creatures we are supposed to share it with but for our own selfish selves. Because we may force the hapless species that inhabit this Earth into a corner because of our careless actions but in the end we will have to pay with our lives too. Water, essential for life, will become scarcer if we continue to destroy our riverine systems, wetlands and oceans. As it is we have become a water-stressed world. As more species become extinct, we will face scarcity of food from animal sources and zoonotic diseases like the present Coronavirus and pandemics will become more frequent, killing millions of us each year while destroying the world economy. So it is up to us to decide if we want to continue on this path of self-destruction.

**SOUND BITE**

<p>This induction (of Rafale jets) is important considering the kind of atmosphere at our borders or the kind of atmosphere created at our borders.</p> <p><b>Defence Minister</b> —Rajnath Singh</p>	<p>With the final induction ceremony, the world's best combat proven 4.5 generation fighter plane (Rafale) gets the world's best fighter pilots.</p> <p><b>Former India captain</b> —MS Dhoni</p>	<p>I've completed my 87th year and stepped into my 88th but I feel 40! Like me, I hope you all feel positive about life.</p> <p><b>Bollywood singer</b> —Asha Bhonsle</p>	<p>If we had known earlier, (that the virus was airborne) we would have shut the state meaningfully earlier. We would have gone to a mandatory masking policy.</p> <p><b>New Jersey Governor</b> —Phil Murphy</p>
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Well-prepared plan

Sir —The resolution framework for Coronavirus-related stress accounts of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been well-prepared to cover as many as 26 industries. The prescribed ratios are realistic and suitable for these difficult times. The umbrella is so wide that it will cover majority of borrowers in stressed sectors. The sanction and implementation of restructuring will take time and till then the moratorium has to be extended.

Further, the success of the resolution plan depends on timely implementation and banks have to frame their own restructuring policy within the ambit of the RBI's guidelines to take care of working capital requirements and current losses. The banks should make use of this opportunity to obtain personal guarantees of promoters even if they were not taken previously.

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Mumbai

### Drugs Act loopholes

Sir — Many youngsters are trapped in the vicious cycle of drug abuse, addiction, crime

### 'Broomonomics' won't fix the economy

It was commendable that Prime Minister Narendra Modi found the time to interact via video-conferencing with street vendors who got loans under the PM Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANI) scheme to tide over the financial hardships due to the pandemic and the associated lockdowns. The one-time loan amount was pegged at ₹10,000, by all means a big amount for people living in penury. It is no small service at a time when the ruling elite wish to project India as a land of affluence. Modi's pledge to ease the problems of the poor must be translated into action. Time alone will reveal what his promise to provide a new digital platform for street vendors holds out for them on the ground. Given his fondness for digital technology, Modi's advocacy of digital transactions by street vendors is perfectly understandable. But a lot more is needed to improve their economic condition and quality of life. The "turnover" in their "business" is too meagre to make the transition from cash payment to digital payment worthwhile.

Street vendors have few material resources at their disposal and subsist on very small incomes. They have to climb up many rungs to be put on a par with restaurant owners which Modi did. What Modi meant by "street vendors have access to easy capital" needs elaboration. Normally capital is not a term associated with people who eke out a living by manual labour. Modi was right in saying that the poor bear the brunt of any crisis. But his



claim that his Government is focussed on easing their problems is belied by the absence of any concrete measure towards this end. Modi's suggestion to a broom-making couple to recycle the "pipe" is unlikely to make a big difference in their means of livelihood; still it could be done for what it's worth.

On being told that the "pipe" too gets spoilt, the Prime Minister put the onus of keeping it unspoilt and returning it to the customers. The Indian economy is not amenable to a simple-minded approach. "Broomonomics" falls far short of what is needed to be done to boost the economy and battle the scourge of poverty.

G David Milton  
Maruthancode

commonly used in high-end parties. The police-peddler nexus, watered by politicians, makes for a flourishing drug trade.

Slack laws aided by ineffective border vigil encourage the unscrupulous to strike it big. Sadly, the youth fall prey to the diabolical ways of the drug syndicate. It is unfortunate that the social media and films depict and breed drug consumption activities. Drug rings push youngsters into crimes when the latter run out of money.

Paucity in vigil over poppy production areas and its derivative heroin is an age-old issue. Of course, quick police cover-ups when celebrities are caught red-handed with drugs make sure the mafia thrives well. A common grouse against the police is that they don't act on complaints. India has not lagged behind in the fight against drugs. However, plugging every loophole in the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act should be the Government's aim. Beginning with the definition of addiction.

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**FIRST COLUMN**

## A necessary evolution

The vicious legacy of the Civil War, which ended slavery but not 'White Privilege', is finally being dragged out into the open



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To lose one parent... may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness," wrote Oscar Wilde in his play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, in 1895.

In somewhat the same spirit, British journalist Robert Fisk wrote last week: "At some point in the next two months, we are going to have to decide whether we absolve the American people if they re-elect Donald Trump." Losing one election to Trump is unlucky; losing two in a row may be saying something about the national character.

Fisk has been the Middle East correspondent of various British newspapers since 1976, so he was not on familiar ground when he wrote that about the US in *The Independent* recently. On the other hand, he was expressing a mostly unspoken but widespread attitude among all Europeans except the extreme Right. Let me quote some more: "Like all snobs, we've taken the view that Trump did not really represent American values — any more than the Arab dictators reflect the views of their people. We've hoped and prayed and fooled ourselves into believing this was only a temporary autocracy, a deviation, an old and reliable friend suffering from a serious but ultimately curable mental disease. Yet... I wonder how we are going to react to Americans if the Trump years become the Trump era; or if his dreadful, ambitious family transform themselves into the Trump Caliphate... if the America we felt we could always ultimately rely on — once they've straightened out their little Trump misadventure — turns into the nation we can never trust?"

I grew up in Canada, and Canadians, like Mexicans, while fond enough of individual Americans, are by nature mistrustful of the American State. "It's like sleeping with an elephant," as Pierre Elliott Trudeau put it. If it just rolls over or wakes up cranky, you can get badly hurt.

Europeans have a different perspective. Fisk grew up in the UK, which, like France, remembers (most of the time) that it would have lost both World War-I and II without American help. Even if the US was years late to both world wars, it showed up both times in time to save the day. And US troops stayed in Western Europe to protect it from Soviet power throughout the Cold War. Most Eastern Europeans see the US as the instrument of their liberation from the Soviet Union, even though it did not in the end involve a hot war.

So there is still a deep well of respect and trust for the US in Europe. Fisk is probably right that a second Trump election victory would finally poison that well, which would be a pity. Another four years would also see him complete the destruction of the existing international order (without giving a single thought to a replacement). Trump is, as Michael Moore noted in 2016, "A wretched, ignorant, dangerous part-time clown and full-time sociopath."

But would two terms of Trump mean the end of American democracy? Not necessarily. Not even likely. What Trump has triggered — and somebody was bound to trigger it around now, because every political niche, like every evolutionary niche, is always filled — is a final reckoning on the "race problem", about 150 years after the American Civil War.

At the time of the Civil War (1861-65), Black Americans accounted for around 12 per cent of the total population and four-fifths of them were slaves. Whites accounted for almost all the rest; only a quarter-million were Native Americans. African-Americans still account for the same 12 per cent share of the population today, and many of them are still victims of the same White fear, exclusion and official violence that their ancestors experienced (mainly because they were slaves) 150 years ago. But since US immigration law changed in 1965, allowing people from the entire world to immigrate, the non-Hispanic White share of the population has dropped to only 60 per cent.

That share will drop to 50 per cent by 2044, according to forecasts based on current birth rates and immigration trends. This has triggered a huge panic among the working-class White Americans, who often compete for the same jobs and used to depend on their whiteness as a competitive advantage. Trump is personally a racist, if his remarks and behaviour are any guide, but he is a cynical populist and would be exploiting White fears right now even if he really loved non-White Americans.

That is why the vicious legacy of the Civil War, which ended slavery but not "White Privilege", is finally being dragged out into the open. Having been so exposed, it will probably finally be extinguished — but not necessarily in time to thwart Trump's re-election. This is not the end of the US, nor the advent of a new Hitler either. It is a necessary evolution of American history, for which some people living elsewhere may also pay a substantial price.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is *Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work*.)

WOULD ANYONE, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE LOVED SOMEONE, ALLOW THE OTHER PERSON TO CONSUME DRUGS CLAIMING TO KNOW HIS MENTAL STATE?

—ACTOR

ANKITA LOKHANDE

**POINTCOUNTERPOINT**



THIS PRINCESS OF PATRIARCHY, WHO NEVER DEALT WITH HER OWN RELATIONSHIP ISSUES WITH SUSHANT, CLEARLY WANTS HER TWO SECONDS OF FAME.

—ACTOR AND VJ

SHIBANI DANDEKAR

# Unite to survive

For world economies to get back up on their feet after this crisis, globally coordinated monetary policies become very crucial. Trade barriers and geo-political rivalries must be done away with



HIMA BINDU KOTA

The finance ministries and monetary authorities of some of the heavyweight nations, members of G20, were still battling the consequences of the 2008 economic downturn and other financial emergencies caused by its after-shocks — like the Euro financial crisis of 2010-2012 — when the Coronavirus pandemic hit the world. They were absorbing the lessons, assessing and understanding the impacts and side-effects, trying to redevelop strategies and policies to create a resilient financial sector but then their coordinates spread. Due to the unprecedented worldwide spread of the virus, all these designs have stopped dead in their tracks. Consequently, the focus of the G-20 countries has shifted from creating strong and buoyant but routine financial policies and mechanisms to firefight and embrace exceptional and extraordinary actions to fight the damage unleashed by this contagion.

Since no country is in this pandemic alone, and almost all of humanity is hit, it is essential for the world to act in coordination and cooperation, with the G-20 playing a major role here. These unusual and unexpected times require exceptional management and a strategy to create policies, interdependent monetary, fiscal and prudent strategies to sail through and be ever-ready for any future uncertainties.

The economic aftermath will far outlive the health consequences, forcing governments to develop a strong anti-COVID long-term strategy, which should be more permanent in nature than just a knee-jerk reaction to the present situation, knowing that most of the world's economies have been pushed back by more than a decade.

Nonetheless, some of the lessons of the last few decades can come in handy while creating new strategies, getting around earlier oversights, reducing the risk of financial uncertainties and enabling a steady transition into the "new normal" after ascertaining the damages caused by COVID-19. Therefore, taking into consideration the experiences of major countries, and the requirements of handling these enormous jobs, monetary policy strategies should be narrowed down. The G20 should step up and help develop these conceptual points and implement them as practical measures.

A monetary policy, conventionally, has been used by governments around the world to control the money supply in the economy, which, in turn is used for adjusting inflation and stabilising prices. During an economic slowdown or recession, there is a substantial decline in consumer spending. The production levels dip due to general fall in demand and low capital expenditure by companies, unemployment increases as firms lay off the existing workforce to save costs and stop any fresh recruitments, and foreign investments dry up. So, there is an overall downturn in the economy in terms of new investments and consumption. Governments have to respond to this situation through policy changes that have the responsibility to reverse the prevalent situation.

So, a monetary policy, which is essentially counter-cyclical and expansionary in nature, helps in increasing the money supply and boosting the demand for products, building confidence and ensuring overall stability. However, for a monetary policy to work effectively, the central bank has to be independent of the elected Government. In addition, to the monetary policy, the fiscal policy — public expenditure and taxation — is another tool for governments to try and come out of an economic crisis.

**Immediate actions to face the shock:** In the

“SINCE THIS PANDEMIC IS UNPRECEDENTED AND THE EXTENT OF IT IS STILL UNCLEAR, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE ROLE OF THE G20 ARE VERY CRUCIAL HERE IN PROVIDING LIQUIDITY TO GLOBAL ECONOMIES. THIS COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH SWAP ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AS A DEDICATED ALTERNATIVE FINANCING ARRANGEMENT FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY, ESPECIALLY FOR EMERGING MARKET ECONOMIES AND LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES



first stage, the interplay between demand and supply and any imbalance between them can lead to major concerns. Supply shocks, caused globally during this pandemic, due to production delays caused by major lockdowns worldwide and interruptions in supply chain and logistics, have a domino effect and initiate demand shocks, in turn leading to disruptions to cash flow and the entire payment cycle. Some companies unable to face this short-term disruption will face financial distress and as a result, rise in unemployment is expected.

To help firms and people tide over this period, the central banks should infuse liquidity into the economy by creating policies to drive commercial banks to provide loans to businesses and households alike. Liquidity is needed for the securities market, too, which is feeling the heat due to the turn of events during the outbreak. Additional support by a slew of supplementary measures, like decline in interest rates and an extensive credit support for SMEs, should be provided by governments.

The monetary policies should be well-supported by fiscal and prudential policies. Bad loans is one such area and governments should make provisions for such requirements in their budgets. To escape any financial meltdown, central banks should also step in to buy bonds and commercial paper. Since this pandemic is unprecedented and the extent of it is still unclear, international cooperation and the role of the G20 are very crucial here in providing liquidity to global economies. This could be achieved through swap arrangements under the auspices of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a dedicated alternative financing arrangement for COVID-19 emergency, especially for Emerging Market Economies (EMEs) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs). An action that is lacking or is wrong could spark a financial crisis that could have rami-

fications that are graver than the repercussions of the global financial crisis.

**Long-term strategy for healing:** The impact of the shocks faced by the global economies is expected to linger, both in the financial and other sectors of economies. There will be dampness in investment, consumption and growth due to still existing uncertainties, disparity in resource allocation due to unemployment and firm closures. Therefore, this second stage should focus on helping individuals, companies and countries resume normalcy in their operations and any hope for growth. This stage will be longer than the first stage.

Here, fiscal policies take the lead from monetary policies and would take charge but with sustained support from monetary policies. Several measures like public expenditure, transfers, tax reliefs will play a major role in this stage. The monetary policy must play a supporting role at this stage by keeping a close watch on liquidity and keeping the interest rates low.

Sole reliance on monetary policies can be untenable, unproductive and very serious, with one of the grave problems being excessive inflation. In addition, political frictions and trade barriers can create disruptions. One of the key roles of the G20 is to help resumption of economic integration among various countries. The G20 can help by overseeing the coordination by central banks of different countries, leading to stable exchange rates and reducing any potential currency wars.

**The new normal:** This third stage will be post the Covid crisis and a revamp of the regular policies followed for decades would require a hard rethink. All the policies of a country — monetary, fiscal and prudential — will have to work in full coordination.

The role of the monetary policy should be two-pronged and should include macro-financial stability and not

just price stability.

The final step is to gradually de-leverage the global economy by reducing the debts and increasing the interest rates in a phased manner. This will be, by far, the most difficult step for any country. It should be an important and coordinated effort to increase the interest rates but at the same time ensuring that the liquidity does not dry up. Prudential policies, at the same time, should focus on capital and leverage ratios. Clear fiscal measures should slowly reduce public debt and reverse any excessive tax incentives. All these measures should be implemented, keeping a definite finger on the pulse of the nation's economic condition.

Therefore, it can be inferred that for the global economies as a single unit, the following strategies can be crucial to help them revive economically from the COVID-19 pandemic.

First, the monetary, fiscal and prudential policies must work in a coordinated manner with the aim to achieve financial stability. Second, at the global level, the indebtedness, which was already at the higher side before the commencement of the pandemic, would have further increased during stage two. So, financial instabilities will be here to stay for a long term and governments have to be very careful in reducing leverages in future, in stage three.

For global economies to get back up on their feet after this pandemic, internationally coordinated monetary policies become very crucial. Trade barriers, geo-political rivalries and hostilities must be done away with. Although economic instability appears similar around the world, it is, in reality, dissimilar, in nature due to different structural aspects of each nation. Therefore, the role of international bodies like the G20 becomes very important here.

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# Bridge the gap between infrastructure and growth

With a major push to road networks, the vision of development of backward areas like LWE-hit Gadchiroli can become a reality



VAIBHAV DANGE

Inaugurating and laying foundation stones for road projects and bridges is a routine activity for politicians. However, when Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid foundation stones for various road projects in Gadchiroli district recently, it had a special significance.

Located in the eastern-most corner of Maharashtra, Gadchiroli has seen little development even after 73 years of Independence. Over 90 per cent of the district is a designated forest area and almost 40 per cent of the population is tribal. Inaccessible terrain and infrastructure deficiencies have hindered Government welfare programmes for the masses. Decades on,

Naxalism has flourished because it touches the emotional chord of socio-political and economic wrongs. It's ironic that in the name of revolution, Naxals are collecting money and blocking development and Government funds meant for tribal and rural development remain unspent or fall into the wrong hands.

The lack of connectivity within the State and with other States has turned Gadchiroli into a hotbed of Naxal activities. Along with it, the adjoining districts of Chandrapur, Gondia, Yavatmal, Bhandara and Nanded have also become prone to Naxalism. These districts are situated in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE)-affected belt, stretching across Telangana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

Gadchiroli is one of the least developed districts where people live amid extreme violence and abject poverty. Dense forests and large perennial rivers criss-crossing the district have posed a major challenge to con-

nectivity. This, in turn, affects literacy, healthcare and mobility of the people. But things have begun to change now.

In the last six years, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has put development of road networks and enhancement of connectivity in Naxal, tribal and backward areas on the fast track. With the vision of connecting every district with National Highways (NHs) and special emphasis on Naxalism-hit areas, the MoRTH has launched a special programme for LWE affected districts.

In Maharashtra, a LWE scheme connectivity programme of 495 km length was announced with an investment of over ₹920 crore. This programme comprises development of road networks and bridges on Pranahita, Indravati and Godavari, the major rivers of Gadchiroli. For the first time, the district is seeing infrastructure projects of high magnitude being taken up and completed within a span of five years. Till recently, the NH-63, with a total length of 56 km passing through

Sironcha, was the only NH in the district. The network has since been enhanced to 647 km after declaration of four new NHs of 591 km length. In all, MoRTH has approved 44 road projects of 541 km with an outlay of ₹1,740 crore for Gadchiroli district. The major infrastructure initiatives in Gadchiroli include a 855-metre major bridge across the Pranahita River on the Nizamabad-Jagdapur Road (NH 63) at a cost of ₹248 crore. Then there is the 630-metre, high-level bridge across the Indravati River near Patagudam on the Nizamabad-Jagdapur Road (NH 63) at a cost of ₹248 crore; a 30-metre bridge near Lankachen on the Bejrupalli-Aheri Road; the improvement of Bejrupalli-Aheri Road (SH 275) between Watra and Moyabinpeta and the improvement of the Garanjipustola Road.

These projects were inaugurated on September 6. The bridges across the Pranahita River at the Maharashtra-Telangana border and at Sironcha and the Indravati River at the Maharashtra-

Chhattisgarh border near Patagudam ensure seamless inter-State connectivity to the neighbouring States. The NH-930 connects Gadchiroli to Chandrapur district and the work of improving 81 km of this road to two lanes with paved shoulder (2L+PS) standards is in progress at a cost of ₹646 crore.

Improvement of the 39.76 km-long stretch of the Nagbhid-Armori section of the NH-353D has been completed at a cost of ₹269 crore. This road now connects Gadchiroli district with the city of Nagpur. The NH-353C, connecting Sakoli, Wadsa, Gadchiroli, Chamorshi, Alapalli and Sironcha, links the remotest part of Gadchiroli district with the old NH-6 and in turn provides connectivity with the rest of the country. The Gadchiroli-Asthi section of this road is being improved to 2L+PS standards at a cost of ₹577 crore. Strengthening other sections of this road has also been taken up. The tribal areas of Alapalli, Hemalkasa, Bhamragarh are now connected through NH-130D. Improvement of

this road section has been taken up. Construction of major bridges across Perimelli, Bandia and Paralkota, too, has been taken up at a cost of ₹194 crore. The Wainganga river, which divides Gadchiroli and Chandrapur districts, is one of the important rivers in Maharashtra. Due to the current narrow, low-level bridge, commuters face many difficulties, especially during the monsoon season. To eliminate the hardships of the people, a new 825-metre bridge will be constructed at a cost of ₹99 crore near Asthi.

Four new major bridges on the Perimilli, Bandiya, Pearikota and Wainganga Rivers and 14 minor bridges will ensure seamless transportation in otherwise inaccessible areas of Gadchiroli. This remarkable progress of infrastructure development is not a small achievement. We must compliment the engineers and contractors who are working hard despite the constant fear of Naxal attacks. In fact, the bridge across River Indravati was completed under very trying and war-like

conditions. A police station had to be set up in order to help construct the bridge. It was an excellent manifestation of commitment, political desire and coordination between various Government agencies and the security forces.

With a major push to infrastructure, the vision of development of backward areas like LWE-hit Gadchiroli can become a reality. With an abundance of natural resources like bamboo in the district, Gadchiroli can become a hub for sticks used by incense manufacturers as the import of *agarbattis* has been banned. More than 100 such units can be set up, which would give employment to the local people. With these initiatives, job creation in Gadchiroli will get a fillip as the Government has a target of providing employment to more than 10,000 youth within the next five years. This would be a fitting tribute to an aspirational district to the concept of *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*.

(The writer is Advisor, NHAI, under MoRTH, New Delhi)

# Biden's campaign firm hit by Russian hackers: Report

Washington: Microsoft Corp recently alerted one of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden's main election campaign advisory firms that it had been targeted by suspected Russian state-backed hackers, according to three people briefed on the matter.



Investigations by former special counsel Robert Mueller and the Senate intelligence committee both concluded that affiliates of the Russian government interfered in the 2016 presidential election, and Mueller has warned that Russia was meddling in the current campaign.

One of the sources said it

was not clear whether Biden's campaign was the target or whether the Russians were attempting to gain access to information about other SKDK clients.

SKDK managing director Anita Dunn was a White House communications director during the Barack Obama presidency and serves the Biden campaign as a senior advisor.

The attempts to infiltrate SKDK were recently flagged to the campaign firm by Microsoft, which identified hackers tied to the Russian Government as the likely culprits, according to the three sources briefed on the matter. **AGENCY**

## Russia dismisses claim as nonsense

Moscow: Reports that Russian state hackers targeted one of U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden's main election campaign advisory firms "look like nonsense", Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Thursday.

Three people briefed on the matter told Reuters earlier that Microsoft Corp had

alerted the firm in question that it had been targeted by suspected Russian state-backed hackers.

The hacking attempts targeted staff at Washington-based SKDKKnickerbocker, a campaign strategy and communications firm working with Biden and other prominent Democrats, over the past two months, the sources said. **AGENCY**

# Vaccine still possible by yr-end despite trial pause: AstraZeneca

London: Drugs giant AstraZeneca on Thursday said a Covid-19 vaccine could still be available by as early as the end of the year, despite a randomised clinical trial being paused.

"We could still have a vaccine by the end of this year, early next year," the UK-based company's chief executive Pascal Soriot said in comments at a media event.

AstraZeneca announced Wednesday it had "voluntarily paused" its trial of a drug developed alongside Oxford University after a UK volunteer developed an unexplained illness.

An independent committee was drafted in to review safety but the company said it was a "routine action" designed to maintain the integrity of the trials.

"We will be guided by this committee as to when the trials could restart, so that we can continue our work at the earliest opportunity," Soriot said in a statement.

AstraZeneca's vaccine candidate is one of nine around the

world currently in late-stage Phase 3 human trials.

In the US, the company began enrolling 30,000 volunteers across dozens of sites on August 31, and smaller groups are being tested in Brazil and elsewhere in South America.

The vaccine, called AZD1222, uses a weakened version of a common cold-causing adenovirus engineered to code for the spike protein that the novel coronavirus uses to invade cells.

After vaccination, this protein is produced inside the human body, which primes the immune system to attack the coronavirus if the person is later infected.

The director of UK scientific research charity the Wellcome Trust, Jeremy Farrar, said there were often pauses in vaccine trials.

He told BBC radio in an interview that it demonstrated the importance of conducting vaccine trials properly, with independent oversight and the involvement of the regulator. **AFP**

# Prez Trump's Peace Prize nomination hard-earned, well-deserved: WH

Washington: The nomination of Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize for brokering the landmark Israel-UAE deal is a "hard-earned and well-deserved honour," the White House said, underlining that the US President has made peace a cornerstone of his foreign policy efforts.

Far-right Norwegian lawmaker Christian Tybring-Gjedde on Wednesday nominated Trump for his work in mediating the deal between Israel and the UAE which is seen as a historic step towards peace in the Middle East.

Israel and the UAE announced on August 13 that they were establishing full diplomatic relations. The first commercial direct flight between Israel and the UAE landed in Abu Dhabi on August 31 after both countries announced normalisation of relations. The deal would be signed on September 15 at the White House.

The UAE is only the third Arab country to establish diplomatic ties with the Jewish state. Israel's neighbours, Egypt and Jordan, being the other two Arab states to recognise Israel. **PTI**

# Top Belarus activist says authorities threatened to kill her

Kyiv: A prominent opposition activist who resisted her forcible expulsion from Belarus by ripping up her passport accused Belarusian authorities Thursday of threatening to kill her amid her efforts to end a month of protests against the country's authoritarian president.

Maria Kolesnikova said in a formal complaint released by her lawyer that agents of Belarus' state security committee put a bag on her head and drove her to the border with Ukraine before she fought her removal from Belarus and was jailed.

"They threatened to kill me," Kolesnikova said. "They stated that if I refuse to leave the territory of Belarus voluntarily, they will get me out of the country anyway - alive or in fragments." She demanded that the nation's Investigative Committee probe the KGB officers on charges of abduction, illegal detention and threats of killing.

Opposition activists came under increasing pressure this week as Belarus marked a month since massive demon-

strations broke out against President Alexander Lukashenko's reelection to a sixth term.

The opposition rejects the results of the country's Aug. 9 election, and the protesters demanding Lukashenko's resignation represent an unprecedented challenge to the Belarusian leader's 26-year rule.

Kolesnikova is a leading member of the Coordination Council created by opposition activists to push for a new election. She was detained Monday and destroyed her passport in a no-man's land between Ukraine and Belarus the next day to prevent her expulsion.

Kolesnikova, who remains jailed in the Belarusian capital of Minsk, is accused of undermining national security as part of a criminal probe against senior members of the opposition Coordination Council.

She faces up to five years in prison, if convicted.

All of the council's senior members except for Nobel Prize-winning writer Svetlana Alexievich have been jailed or forcibly expelled from the country. **AP**

# China accuses US of racial discrimination over visa cancellations

Beijing: China accused Washington of "political persecution and racial discrimination" on Thursday, after the US confirmed it had revoked the visas of more than 1,000 Chinese students under an order by President Donald Trump that accused some of espionage.

Trump declared in May that some Chinese nationals officially in the United States for study have stolen intellectual property and helped modernise China's military, as tensions between the two countries soar on multiple fronts.

China's foreign ministry hit back Thursday, saying the US should "immediately stop using all kinds of pretexts to restrict and suppress Chinese students in the US for no reason."

"This is outright political persecution and racial discrimination. It seriously violates the human rights of these Chinese students," said foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian at a press conference on Monday.

He said that China reserved the right to "further respond".

The US State Department offered its first figures on the effects of Trump's order on Wednesday, saying more than 1,000 visas from students and researchers had been revoked since it began implementing the proclamation on June 1.

"The high-risk graduate students and research scholars made ineligible under this proclamation represent a small subset of the total number of Chinese students and scholars coming to the United States," a State Department spokeswoman said.

"We continue to welcome legitimate students and scholars from China who do not further the Chinese Communist Party's goals of military dominance."

The State Department declined to give details on whose visas have been revoked, citing privacy laws. **AFP**



Firefighters work to extinguish a fire at warehouses at the seaport in Beirut, Lebanon on Thursday. **AP**

# Huge fire breaks out at Beirut port a month after explosion

Beirut: A huge fire broke out Thursday at the Port of Beirut, sending up a thick column of black smoke and raising new panic among traumatised residents after last month's catastrophic blast at the same site killed nearly 200 people.

It was unclear what caused the blaze at the facility, which was decimated by the Aug. 4 explosion when nearly 3,000 tons of ammonium nitrate

blew up and sent out a shock wave that caused widespread damage and was felt as far away as the island of Cyprus.

Dark smoke covered the capital on Thursday as army helicopters sprayed water over the orange flames leaping from the ground. The Lebanese army said the fire started in the port's duty free zone at a warehouse with containers of tires, oil and other flammable materials. **AP**

# Japan Opposition reunites as ruling party picks new leader

Tokyo: Members of a Japanese Opposition party that split after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took power eight years ago are reuniting as speculation grows of an early general election following Abe's decision to step down for health reasons.

They are preparing a united front as the governing Liberal Democratic Party plans a vote on September 14 to choose Abe's replacement as party chief. The LDP's leader is virtually assured of becoming the next prime minister because

of its parliamentary majority.

The merged group chose Yukio Edano, a former chief Cabinet secretary, as its leader on Thursday and adopted the name Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, the name of the party he previously led.

The new party combines Edano's group with the Democratic Party for the People, as well as some formerly independent lawmakers. It has 149 members, compared to about 400 for the LDP, and

would need an alliance with numerous other opposition lawmakers to take power.

"We will do our utmost to become an option for leadership change in the next general election," Edano said at a news conference.

The new party said it aims to improve an economy hit by the coronavirus, end the country's dependence on nuclear power, and promote a diverse and gender-equal society with government support for the weak and needy. **AP**

## Around the Globe

Islamabad: A Pakistan anti-corruption court on Wednesday indicted former president Asif Ali Zardari and ex-prime minister Yusuf Raza Gillani, while declared former premier Nawaz Sharif an absconder in the Toshakhana graft case that allegedly caused a heavy loss to the national exchequer.

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron urged fellow European leaders on Thursday to stand up to the Turkish government and what he called "unacceptable" provocations as Turkey seeks to expand its energy resources and influence in the eastern Mediterranean. **AP**

### SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namely: Madhuri Rai, W/o: Sh. Subhash Rai, R/o: Quarter No. 5/2B, Block 12 P&T Quarters Gole Market, New Delhi, Age: 36 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Face: Oval, Hair: Small & Black, Eyes: Black, Wearing: Black & Purple Saree** has been missing since 24.08.2020 from her house. In this regard **DD No. 64A, Dated 24.08.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi**.

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

Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**  
E-Mail ID: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639 **P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi**  
DP/102/NDD/2020 **Ph.: 011-23364100, 8750870522**

### SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN



General public is hereby informed that this woman **namely Sakshi Saxena W/o Rahul Saxena R/o H.No. 70, Kh. 7/12, Gali No. 8, Kamal Vihar, Burari, Delhi Age : 36 years, Height : 5'5", Complexion : Fair, Face : Round, wearing red colour kurta, mehroon colour pajama**, has been missing since 08.03.2020 from her house. In this regard **DD No. 26-A dated 17.03.2020** has been lodged at **P.S. Burari, Delhi**.

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

E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) **SHO : P.S. Burari, Delhi**  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Fax: 24368639 **Ph. : 011-27616844, 27616845**  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 **DP/1010/N/20**

### SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Jyoti, D/o: Mukesh Kumar, R/o: VPO Khera Khurd, Delhi-110082**



**Aged: 21 years**, has been missing from her house from the area of **PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi** since 24.08.2020 at 03.30 PM. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 72A, Dated 25.08.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Narela Industrial Area Delhi**. Her physical description is as under:

**Height: 5'4", Face: Long, Complexion: Fair, Built: Slim, Mentally: Normal, Wearing: White Colour T-Shirt, Black Colour Jeans Pant and Cream Colour Jutti in feet.**

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing girl, may inform **SHO, Narela Industrial Area, Delhi** at E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.nic.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.nic.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> **Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641**

**S.H.O P.S. Narela, Industrial Area, Delhi Ph.: 011-27787592, 27787593**

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### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Amit Singh s/o Gurjeet Singh R/o H.No. B-15, Firozshah kotla, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 131/16 u/s 498/406/34 IPC, at P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Amit Singh**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Amit Singh**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Amit Singh, FIR No. 131/16 u/s 498/406/34 IPC, at P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi** is required to appear before the court on or before **17.10.2020**.

By order  
**Miss Deepti Dvesh**  
Metropolitan Magistrate,  
Mahila Court No. 1, Room No. 55,  
Karkardooma court, Delhi

DP/182/SHD/2020

### RAGHUNATH INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

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### NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Monday, 14th September, 2020, at 03.30 p.m. at its Corporate office at 6926, Jaipuria Mills, Clock Tower, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007 inter-alia to consider and take on record the Un-audited Standalone and Consolidated financial results of the Company for the First quarter ended on 30th June, 2020.

This Information is also available on the Company's website at [www.raghunathintltd.com](http://www.raghunathintltd.com) and on the Stock Exchange website at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

Further, in accordance with the SEBI (Prevention of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and the Company's Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading, the Trading Window for dealing in the Company's securities was closed from Wednesday 01st July, 2020 and will open 48 hours after the said financial results are declared to the Stock Exchanges.

For Raghunath International Limited  
Sd/-  
(G.N. Choudhary)  
Director

Place: Delhi  
Date: 07.09.2020

### SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) **namely Uma Bharti D/o Keshav Singh R/o D-14, Kallu Colony, Budh Vihar PH-II, Delhi Aged-18 Years** 5 Months has been reported missing since 03.09.2020 at 4 PM from her residence vide **DD No.07A Dated 04.09.2020** registered at Police Station Budh Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-



**Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 4'6", Face: Long, Built: Medium, Clothing: Black coloured Kurti, Sky blue coloured salwar and slipper in feet.**

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform **SHO, Budh Vihar, Delhi** at E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 **SHO, Budh Vihar, Delhi**  
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### STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

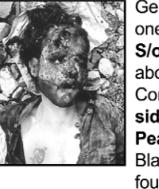
Sl. No.	Particulars	(Rs. in lakhs)			
		For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)	For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020 (Audited)	For the Quarter Ended June 30, 2019 (Unaudited)	For the Year Ended March 31, 2020 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations (Net)	1,617.28	3,346.71	3,858.58	13,723.19
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	87.12	(69.81)	179.06	404.21
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	87.12	(66.88)	179.06	407.34
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	65.34	(68.79)	126.92	323.44
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	65.34	(68.79)	126.92	323.44
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	1,273.95	1,273.95	1,248.95	1,273.95
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	---	2,337.90	---	2,337.90
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (before and after extraordinary items)				
	1. Basic:	0.51	(0.54)	1.02	2.59
	2. Diluted:	0.51	(0.54)	1.02	2.59

Notes:  
1 The above statement of standalone unaudited financial result for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 are prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard (IND-AS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2016.  
2 The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly unaudited Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly unaudited Financial Results as on June 30, 2020 are available on the websites of the Bombay Stock Exchange i.e. [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on website of the Company i.e. [www.ashnoortext.com](http://www.ashnoortext.com)

By Order of the Board of Directors  
For Ashnoor Textile Mills Limited  
Sd/-  
Suneel Gupta  
Managing Director  
DIN - 00052084

Place : Gurugram, Haryana  
Date : 09/09/2020

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male person **namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown**. Age about 30-35 years, Height 5'6", Complexion wheatish **ID mark: Right side Heart Tattoo, on Right hand Peacock Tattoo**, wearing Black pant, Black shirt and Black chappal in feet was found dead at **KM Pole No. 6/14, Up Line Railway Track, Near Jakheera Under Pass, Daya Basti Railway Station, Delhi** on 03.07.2020.

In this regard a **DD No. 17-A dated 03.07.2020 U/s 174 Cr.PC.** has been lodged at **PS Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi**.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

**SHO PS Sarai Rohilla Railway Station, Delhi Ph. 011-28711697, 8750871309**

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### SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Kavita, D/o Vinod Kumar, R/o H.No. B-288, 1st Floor, Village Pillangi, Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi, Age : 15 years, Sex: Female, Height: 5'2", Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, ID Mark: A small mole on right side of nose, Wearing: Yellow colour top and black lagging**. She has been missing from **P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi** since 07.04.2018. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. : 111/2018 U/s 363 IPC Dated 08.04.2018** has been lodged at **P.S. Kotla Mubarakpur, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

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# Single-digit contraction likely in July IIP: ICRA

**IAN S ■ NEW DELHI**  
 Ratings agency ICRA expects a single-digit contraction in the upcoming print for the Index of Industrial Production for July 2020.  
 According to the ratings agency, while the improvement in industry had gathered speed in July 2020, the momentum of the recovery in the services sector stalled that month. Other indicators, GST e-way bills, rail freight, port cargo traffic, domestic airlines' passenger traffic, and the consumption of petrol and ATF, reported only a modest improvement in their YoY performance in July 2020, relative to June 2020.  
 In contrast, the YoY performance of diesel consumption, hydroelectricity generation and refinery output had

worsened in that month, with a continuing surge in infections causing the re-imposition of lockdowns in some states.  
 As per the agency, Government expenditure, a key driver of economic activity in Q1FY21, reported a volatile trend in July 2020.  
 It pointed out that revenue expenditure growth slipped from 40.1 per cent in June 2020 to 18.6 per cent in July 2020, while remaining substantial.  
 However, capital expenditure contracted by 47.1 per cent in July 2020 after having more than doubled in June 2020.  
 "The Indian economy is undoubtedly recovering from the lows seen in Q1 FY2021. However, the pace of the improvement in Q2FY21 is fragmented, with a sharper momentum in industry relative

to services, amid a continuing healthy outlook for agriculture," ICRA's Principal Economist Aditi Nayar.  
 "In our view, the contraction in GDP will narrow considerably to 11-13 per cent in Q2FY21, from 23.9 per cent in Q1 FY2021.  
 While some indicators of the industrial sector displayed a sharp year-on-year (YoY) improvement in July 2020, relative to June 2020, especially automobile output and non-oil merchandise exports, the core sector displayed a muted recovery."  
 Besides, ICRA pointed out that available indicators for August 2020 have provided mixed cues, with a sharp improvement in coal and rail freight, juxtaposed with dips in electricity generation and diesel consumption.

## Crisil projects 9% GDP contraction in FY21; says Govt not providing adequate direct fiscal support

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
 The Indian economy will contract by 9 per cent in 2020-21 as the coronavirus infections are yet to peak and the Government is not providing adequate direct fiscal support, ratings agency Crisil said on Thursday.  
 In May, Crisil had estimated the economy to contract by 5 per cent. The latest projection comes days after official data for the June quarter showed a contraction of 23.9 per cent in the economy.  
 Crisil said the 9 per cent contraction will be the highest since the 1950s.  
 The government had announced a Rs 20 lakh crore relief package but the actual new spending was less than 2 per cent of GDP.  
 "With the pandemic's peak not yet in sight and the government not providing adequate direct fiscal support, the downside risks to our earlier forecast have materialised," the agency said.

# Retail inflation will come down to below 4% only after December: SBI Report

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
 Attributing the recent surge in retail inflation to huge government procurement and supply disruptions on account of the COVID-19 pandemic, an SBI report said that the price rise was likely to come down to below 4 per cent only after December.  
 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rate during August, the data for which is yet to be released, was likely to remain at about 7 per cent, said SBI Ecwrap. The data is scheduled to be released on Monday.  
 According to government data, the retail inflation rose to 6.93 per cent in July, mainly driven by rising prices of food items like vegetables, pulses,

meat and fish. It was 3.15 per cent in the corresponding month last year.  
 "We expect August inflation numbers to be elevated at around 7 per cent or even higher and if the base effect is the primary reason, inflation could only come down to below 4 per cent possibly beyond December," the SBI report said. However, the report further said that it looks difficult to believe that supply disruptions would normalise against the huge upsurge in pandemic in rural areas and this now poses an upside risk to inflation numbers.  
 "We are thus less hopeful of any rate cut in current fiscal/ at best 25 bps as February MPC meeting would consider December inflation only," it said.  
 The Reserve Bank of India, which mainly factors in retail inflation while arriving at its monetary policy, had kept the short-term lending rate unchanged to help tame inflation last month.  
 The report postulate that the jump in food prices is largely because of huge procurement by government and supply disruption that pushed up prices of cereal, potato, tomato and protein items.  
 It further said as inflation targeting comes up for review in 2021, "we believe, one way to make inflation targeting successful in the Indian context as time goes by is to reach the 4 per cent target over a particular business cycle rather than for a particular date..."

# GST COMPENSATION Govt willing to raise unconditional 0.5% borrowing limit

**IAN S ■ NEW DELHI**  
 The Centre is willing to provide further borrowing flexibility to states to help break the deadlock and allow their participation in the new GST compensation formula put on the table. Government sources said that the unconditional borrowing limit for states could be raised by another 0.5 per cent if they agree on the new GST compensation options suggested by the Centre.  
 Under Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, states are allowed to borrow up to three per cent of gross state

domestic product (GSDP) to bridge the fiscal deficit. An additional, two per cent borrowings with both conditional and unconditional elements has been added recently under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package. With Covid-19 inflicted revenue shortfall and rising GST compensation load, the Centre has given new options to compensate states for shortfall in their revenue due to GST switchover. The two options given by the Centre under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package allows flexibility to the states to make additional borrowings to meet their shortfall in GST compensation.

## Reliance said to offer 40% stake in retail unit to Amazon for USD 20 bn

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
 Reliance Industries Ltd is reported to have offered a 40 per cent stake in its retail arm worth about USD 20 billion to Amazon.Com, Inc.  
 Bloomberg News citing a source reported that "Amazon has held discussions about investing in the conglomerate's Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd unit and has expressed interest in negotiating a potential transaction."  
 The report went on to say that Reliance was "willing to sell as much as a 40 per cent stake in the subsidiary to Amazon" and the deal size at USD 20 billion would be the biggest ever in India.  
 Both Reliance and Amazon refused to comment on the report.

# Covid pushes Govt to borrow full Rs 12 lakh cr for FY21 by Dec

**IAN S ■ NEW DELHI**  
 The Government proposes to exhaust its entire borrowing of ₹12 lakh crore for FY21 by December as it looks to step up expenditure to stimulate the economy hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.  
 Government sources said that the aim is to exhaust the entire borrowing space early to give a lift to the economy during the current unlock phase.  
 If need be, additional borrowing would be done for one or two months early next year to mobilise resources for any additional expenditure, sources said. In May, the Government raised the targeted levels of borrowings in the current fiscal by over 50 per cent to meet additional Covid-19 related expenditure. With this, the estimated gross market borrowing in the financial year 2020-21 increased to Rs 12 lakh crore in place of Rs 7.80 lakh crore as per budget estimate.  
 With the change in borrowing plan for FY21, the government had also modified the indicative calendar for issuance of government dated securities for the first half of fiscal 2020-21 in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India.  
 So, instead of H1 borrowing of Rs 4.88 lakh crore as per budget estimates, the RBI will now conduct auctions of dated securities worth Rs 6 lakh crore till September 30.  
 The calendar would include issuance of dated securities with maturity ranging from 4-40 years. It will also have an auction of floating rate bonds.

## Gadkari: Use plastic, rubber wastes for road construction

**New Delhi:** Union Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said policy of the Govt is to ensure reduction in road construction costs and improve its quality. The Minister urged the industry to increase use of plastic and rubber wastes in road construction, which also helps the environment. "Apart from this, the use of waste products like oil sludge from steel plants and flash should also be encouraged," Gadkari said addressing the two-day Virtual Conference and Exhibition for the Bitumen and Road Construction.

## Sensex rallies 646 points backed by RIL's bull run

**IAN S ■ MUMBAI**  
 The Indian stock market witnessed a rally on Thursday with the BSE Sensex gaining over 600 points. The rally was fuelled by a 7 per cent rise in Reliance Industries' shares. RIL stocks touched a record high of ₹2,343.9 and its market capitalisation is currently over ₹14.67 lakh crore. The surge in share prices comes on the back of the announcement of ₹7,500 crore investment by Silver Lake into Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd, an RIL subsidiary.

## Invesco Mutual Fund's Invesco India Focused 20 Equity Fund

**Mumbai:** Invesco Mutual Fund launched Invesco India Focused 20 Equity Fund, an open-ended multi cap equity scheme investing in a maximum 20 stocks across market capitalizations. The offer will end on September 23. The minimum investment amount during the NFO is ₹1,000 and in multiples of Re 1 thereafter. For SIP investments, the minimum application amount is ₹500 and in multiples of Re 1 thereafter. No exit load will be charged, if up to 10 per cent of the units are redeemed/switched out within 1 year from the date of allotment.

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 E-Tender for and on behalf of the President of India, Pr. CE, Northern Railway, Headquarters Office, Baroda House, New Delhi-110001 invites the following tenders through E-Procurement System:  
**Tender No. 211-2656-2019-20-NR** Due on 05.10.2020  
**Description of Item:** Manufacturing & Supply of Ferro Manganese as per Northern Railway Thermit Portion Patent Lucknow's standard specification TPP/FeMn/2020  
**Tender Value** Rs. 44,75,598.4  
**Tender Document Cost** Rs. Nil  
**Earnest Money** Rs. 89,520/-  
**Completion Period** 12 Months  
**Time of Submission of Tender** Up 05.10.2020 at 14.30 IST  
**Date & Time of Opening of Tender** On 05.10.2020 at 14.30 IST  
**Validity of Offer** 180 days  
 Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement tender is available on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.northernrailway.gov.in](http://www.northernrailway.gov.in).  
**E-TENDER NOTICE No. 196-S/71/2019-20/TENDER NOTICE/TS/FeMn**  
 Dated: 10.09.2020 1983/20  
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## India's fuel demand dips most since April

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
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 Petroleum product sales fell to 14.39 million tonnes in August, down 7.5 per cent over the previous month and about 16 per cent from a year earlier, data from the oil ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) showed.  
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NLC India Ltd CMD Rakesh Kumar and Cuddalore District Collector Chandrasekhar Sakthamuri flagged off 10 Ambulance worth Rs 45 lakh presented by NLCIL to the District Administration for containing Covid-19 disease. As per a Press statement, NLCIL, Neyveli, is supporting District Administration through various measures in containing Covid-19. NLCIL has spent Rs 3.61 Crores on Covid-19 measures as part of CSR funding which includes a sum of Rs 1.20 crores towards providing relief materials to 20,000 families in villages in and around Neyveli. Present on the occasion were R Vikraman, Director (HR), NLCIL, Nadella Naga Maheswar Rao, Director (P&P) and other top officers of the Navratna PSU

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**NOTICE**  
 Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Monday, 14th September, 2020 at 04:00 P.M. at its corporate office 6926, Jaipuria Mills, Clock Tower, Subzi Mandi, Delhi-110007. Inter-alia to consider and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2020.  
 This Intimation is also available on the Company's website at [www.rtclimited.in](http://www.rtclimited.in) and on the Stock Exchange website at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).  
 Further, in accordance with the SEBI (Prevention of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and the Company's Code of Conduct for Prevention of Insider Trading, the Trading Window for dealing in the Company's securities was closed from Tuesday 01st September, 2020 and will open 48 hours after the said financial results are declared to the Stock Exchanges.  
 For RTCL Limited, Sd/- (Vishal Saxena) Company Secretary  
 Place: Delhi Date: 07.09.2020

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**  
  
 General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namedly: Monu@Babi, D/O: Madan Lal, R/O: E-72 Begum Vihar, Begumpur, Delhi, Age: 20 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Hair: Black, Face: Round, Wearing: White Colour Shirt, Sky Blue Colour Jeans** has been missing/kidnapped since 02.09.2020 from the area of P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 106A, Dated 02.09.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Begumpur, Delhi**.  
 Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform the undersigned.  
**Web-site: http://cbi.nic.in** **SHO**  
**E-Mail ID: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)**  
**Fax: 011-24368639** **P.S. Begumpur, Delhi**  
**DP/372/RD/2020** **Ph.: 011-27062202**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
  
 General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namedly: Madhuri Rai, W/O: Sh. Subhash Rai, R/O: Quarter No. 5/2B, Block 12 P&T Quarters Gole Market, New Delhi, Age: 36 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Face: Oval, Hair: Small & Black, Eyes: Black, Wearing: Black & Purple Saree** has been missing since 24.08.2020 from her house. In this regard **DD No. 64A, Dated 24.08.2020**, has been lodged at **P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi**.  
 Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing lady please inform the undersigned.  
**Web-site: http://cbi.nic.in** **SHO**  
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**Fax: 011-24368639** **P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi**  
**DP/102/NDD/2020** **Ph.: 011-23364100, 8750870522**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**  
  
 General public is hereby informed that this girl **Namedly Nazma D/o Mohd. Tesam R/o H.No. 329, Pkt. 11, Sec.-A-6, Narela, Delhi Age: 17 years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Build: Thin, Complexion: Sallow, Identification: A cut mark under the right side of the eye, wearing red colour suit, grey colour pajami, black colour dupatta and cream colour hawai chapple in feet**, has been missing since 28.08.2020 at about 05:00 A.M. from her house. In this regard FIR No. 369/20 dated 28.08.2020 u/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Narela, Delhi.  
 Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following.  
**E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)** **SHO : P.S. Narela, Delhi**  
**Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>** **Ph. : 011-27280435,**  
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**Tel.: 24368638/24368641**

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 Selection of Consultant for Preparation of DPR for THEME PARK, UPGRADEMENT OF MUSEUM AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE IN DIFFERENT SEVEN (7) LOCATIONS IN BIHAR हेतु Re-Tender E-RFP Inviting Notice No. 04(Cons.)/2020-21 जिसका PR. No. 004735(Ni Ni)2020-21 में निम्न रूप से तिथियों में संशोधन किया जाता है।  
 (1) Last Date and Time of Download of bid document- Date : 01/10/2020 Time 3:00 PM  
 (2) Last date and time of upload of bid document- Date : 03/10/2020 up to 3:00 PM  
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 डा. 0612-2217636 पर संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

**EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 e-Tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-  
 1. Name of the work with its location : Composite Work (Civil, Electrical & Mechanical) involving construction of Industrial shed with Pre-Engineered Building (PEB), Service building, Electrification and illumination works, Procurement and commissioning of specified Mechanical Machineries & Plant and other associated Civil, Electrical & Mechanical works in connection with Facilities for POH of DEMU/MEMU at NBQ Workshop, Northeast Frontier Railway" E-tender no. 2020/WP/S&T/NBQS/DEMU/WT-01(Open). 2. Approx. Cost of the work : ₹18,75,30,540.43. 3. Earnest money to be deposited : ₹10,87,700/-, 4. Date and time for closing of tender : 08.10.2020 up to 13.00 Hrs. 5. Website particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and downloaded : Tender can be down loaded and Bided from IREPS website : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and detailed can be seen from the notice board at Office of CAO/WP, Chamber Bhawan, J.C. Road, Patna-800001.  
 Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/ Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted. The above e-tender document along with full information is available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**Tender Notice**  
**No. CID/SLR/Tender/2020 (Part IV)** Date: 09.09.2020  
 The Senior Divisional Commercial Manager/Freight, Northern Railway, New Delhi invites E-tender for the contract of leasing of SLR/SLRD space in the following special trains originating from various stations over Delhi Division :-  
**Tender Opening Date : 14.10.2020**

S. No.	Train	Station From	Station To	Comptt. (SLR/SLRD)	CC (Tonnes)	Days of operation	R.P. (Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender Cost including GST @18% (in Rs.)	Tender No.
1	02628	NDLS (New Delhi)	SBC (KSR Bengaluru)	FI	04	Daily	32614	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02628-Sep20
2	02482	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn)	FI	04	Daily	10888	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02482-Sep20
3	02482	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn)	FIH	04	Daily	10888	100000	1180	SLR-FIH-02482-Sep20
4	02482	DEE (Delhi Sarai Rohilla)	JU (Jodhpur Jn)	RI	04	Daily	10888	100000	1180	SLR-RI-02482-Sep20
5	02466	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	MDP (Madhupur)	FI	3.9	Wednesday	19448	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02466-Sep20
6	02276	NDLS (New Delhi)	PRYJ (Prayagraj)	FI	3.9	Daily	13683	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02276-Sep20
7	02562	NDLS (New Delhi)	JYG (Jaynagar)	FI	3.9	Daily	19448	100000	1180	SLR-FI-02562-Sep20
8	05274	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	RXL (Raxaul Jn.)	FI	04	Daily	16091	100000	1180	SLR-FI-05274-Sep20
9	05274	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	RXL (Raxaul Jn.)	FIH	04	Daily	16091	100000	1180	SLR-FIH-05274-Sep20
10	05274	ANVT (Anand Vihar Terminal)	RXL (Raxaul Jn.)	RI	04	Daily	16091	100000	1180	SLR-RI-05274-Sep20

Interested bidders may please visit official website for E-tendering i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for further details and submitting tender.  
**Important Note:**  
 1. Bidders who wish to participate in the e-tendering will have to procure class-3 valid Digital Security Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can procure this certificate from any of the certifying authority of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) **Government of India**. Details of certifying authorities can be obtained from [www.cca.gov.in](http://www.cca.gov.in).  
 2. Bidders who want to participate in this e-tender will be required to register on Indian Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) through a valid Class-3 Digital Security Certificate (DSC), if not registered earlier. All information related to bidder registration and participation in this e-tender is available on the official website of Indian Railways [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).  
 3. Railway Administration reserves the full and absolute rights to short terminate these tenders/contracts at any point of time (or for taking any decision regarding the discontinuation/continuation of these tenders/contracts with modified/additional terms and conditions) depending upon the continuation/discontinuation of these special trains or commencement of corresponding regular train services.  
 4. For Item at S. No. 8, 9 & 10 of this NIT, the originating station has been temporary changed/ revised from ANVT station to DLI station due to internal reasons for time being. However, the same may be restored as and when the regular train services got restored or earlier also. Accordingly, tenders for the said trains/compartments are being invited from ANVT station. Moreover, Railways reserve the rights to modify the terms and conditions regarding these trains (including Reserve Price) in proportionate to change in Distance/Route.  
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**'No more excuses for sexual violence'**

The Commonwealth Secretariat has launched a new campaign to tackle the alarming rise in domestic and sexual violence during the pandemic.

Actor **SHABANA AZMI**, who is supporting the campaign, said, "Violence against women is a pandemic that destroys families, communities and economies. For far too long, society has not done nearly enough. For far too long, people have said it is a private matter of blame the victim or said she must have done something to deserve it. My name is Shabana Azmi, I'm a film and theatre actor from India. And I say no more. No more shame. No more blame. No more excuses. Join me in taking the pledge 'Commonwealth Says No More'."



**'I remember it was the first day of the film Wake Up Sid's release. I went to a theatre to watch it and I was so overwhelmed with the audience's reaction. People were literally singing Ikatar. It made me emotional and tears were rolling down my cheeks. I never thought Ikatar would become such a big hit.'**

—Kavita Seth

Veteran actor **PARESH RAWAL** has been appointed the new chairman of National School of Drama (NSD).



"We are glad to inform Hon'ble President of India has appointed renowned actor and Padma Shri Paresh Rawal as chairman of NSD India. NSD family welcome the legend to shower his guidance for achieving new heights," read the tweet.

Rawal, also a politician affiliated with the BJP, started his acting career in the eighties. Widely respected for his versatility, he has impressed with numerous award-winning arthouse performances as well as roles in the mainstream cinema.

**Ellen to address toxicity charges**

Comedian-host **ELLEN DEGENERES** will soon be back with the next edition of her popular chat show, and will not avoid talking about the recent toxic workplace allegations.

After ousting three producers amid internal allegations of racial insensitivity and sexual misconduct, *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* has scheduled its Season 18 premiere for September 21.

"I can't wait to get back to work and back to our studio. And, yes, we're going to talk about it," DeGeneres said, while referring to the accusations.

Tiffany Haddish will be joining DeGeneres in studio and help kick off the new season.



**The test of time**

A survey reveals how the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of working women, especially mothers, who are struggling between work-at-home routines and everyday chores



The COVID-19 pandemic is taking a heavy toll on the emotional well-being of working women in India as nearly one in two of them (47 per cent) are experiencing more stress or anxiety, said a new survey.

Worryingly, more than two in five working mothers are working outside their business hours to provide childcare, nearly twice as many men (25 per cent), according to the 'Workforce Confidence Index' survey by Microsoft-owned LinkedIn that was based on the responses of 2,254 professionals in the country. For working men, the number stood at 38 per cent, pointing towards a disproportionate impact on women in these testing times.

Around one in three (31 per cent) working mothers are currently providing childcare full-time, when compared to nearly one in five (17 per cent) working fathers.

"One factor is balancing office and domestic work, the bulk of the latter being shouldered by women. Studies reveal increased participation of men during the pandemic, but women still spend most time caring for children," said Neha Bagaria, CEO of online portal JobsForHer.

The data suggested that working mothers are more likely to bear the brunt of distractions from childcare while men seek support from friends and family. Only one in five (20 per cent) working mothers rely on a family member or friend to take care of their children, when compared to 32 per cent men.

The findings showed that more than 46 per cent working mothers report working till late to make up for work, and 42 per cent are unable to focus on work with their children at home.

while close to one in three (31 per cent) expect their number of investments to increase in the next six months, the survey revealed.

Having said that, exercise has been shown to reduce anxiety and stress, but now in another major study, the researchers have revealed that it may not be enough for the levels caused by COVID-19. People who reported increasing their physical activity after the start of COVID-19 stay-at-home orders reported higher levels of stress and anxiety than those whose activity levels stayed the same, the study, published in the journal *PLOS ONE*, reported.

"Certainly, people who don't exercise know that there are associations with mental health outcomes, yet the ones that increased their exercise also reported increased anxiety and stress," said lead author Glen Duncan from the Washington State University.

For the study, the research team analysed data from over 900 pairs of identical and same-sex fraternal twins from the Washington State Twin Registry. Of the survey respondents, 42 per cent reported decreasing levels of physical activity since the COVID crisis began, and 27

per cent said they had increased their activities. Another 31 per cent reported no change.

Participants were asked about changes in their physical activity compared to one month ago. Those who reported a decrease in physical activity within two weeks after the start of stay-at-home orders had a perceived higher level of stress and anxiety, which was expected.

But surprisingly, many of the respondents who increased their physical activity felt the same way. The researchers found that the association between decreased physical activity and stress was confounded by genetic and environmental factors.

The researchers found some association between decreased physical activity and anxiety — within a pair of twins, the sibling with decreased physical activity had higher levels of anxiety than the sibling who reported no change.

In addition, anxiety levels were higher among older people and working women. "It's not necessary that exercise won't help you personally manage stress. It's just that there is something genetically and environmentally linking the two," Duncan said.

—IANS



KUSHAN MITRA



**The sound of the future**

The rush to electrify mobility in India is one of the major concerns due to the high levels of ambient heat here

By now, I have driven quite a few battery-powered vehicles. At the start of the year, while visiting friends in the United States, I even drove the Tesla Model 3, which, for me, is the gold standard of electric drivability. Although, I'm not sure the spartan interiors of the Model 3 or any Tesla for that matter would satiate my desire for what I feel a car should have inside. This allows me to dovetail quite nicely to the forthcoming Mercedes-Benz EQC, the first 'luxury brand' electric vehicle to be launched in India. I attended a special preview drive of the EQC from Delhi to the ICAT Automotive test centre at Manesar.

Well, what felt weird when setting out from the new Global Star dealership of Mercedes-Benz in Delhi's Green Park around 9 am was the incredible quietness of the car. Devoid of any engine noise or vibrations, the well-insulated Mercedes-Benz cabin was almost deathly quiet, so much so that playing a bit of music through the sound system was needed just to add some noise. I chose Simon and Garfunkel's *Sound of Silence* because the song's title felt like it resembled the situation. Usually, my go-to song in a Mercedes-Benz is Janis Joplin's plea *Mercedes-Benz* but the story goes that despite asking the Lord for a Merc because her friends all had Porsches, she also bought a Porsche!

Anyway, back to the EQC. For that, I will have to hark back to the GLC 220d I drove down the highway recently. The EQC, in size, is similar to the GLC. The interiors of the EQC drop only the slightest hints of its electric nature but the interiors, things like the air-con vents and displays, feel a bit more

modern than the GLC. But, and this is quite deliberate, the touch and feel as well as the overall environment of the interiors feel like you are in a modern Mercedes. Tesla is minimalist inside their cars; Mercedes is not. The reason I feel that this is deliberate is that while it might not attract the electric preachers, it will attract the recently converted thanks to the overall familiarity of the cabin.

Certain things are different than the GLC. First, the ride position is quite high and that is because of a giant battery pack between the wheels. It also means that the EQC does take corners extremely well. The massive weight of the batteries slung low to the

ground means that handling feels more sedan-like than SUV-like. It also means that you are worried when you have to face mountains disguised as speed breakers in some parts of the country. However, Mercedes-Benz India technicians assured me that there is reinforcement on the underbody to prevent damage to the battery pack.

You even have 'flappy paddle' gear controls on the steering column that allow you to dictate the intensity of the regenerative braking. On the highway, you can

set the car to maximum coasting and the surprisingly quiet low-friction tires ensure that speed loss is close to nothing. In maximum regenerative mode, you frankly don't need the brake pedal. In fact, you could if you wanted brake with the paddles, not that it is a recommended or even the right thing to do.

In every other respect, such as the rear-seat and the boot space, the EQC is comparable to the GLC. There is no 'frunk' at the front as that space is taken up by the huge power control unit and the need for a coolant for the car.

Why do electric cars need coolant? Well, if you have a Macbook and run some heavy processes on it, it does get very hot! The constant calculations the vehicle's computers have to make about the amount of power needed and when to recharge — all that makes for a lot of heat. This is actually one of my concerns around the rush to electrify mobility in a country with high levels of ambient heat like India.

Before heading back to Delhi, I decided to give the EQC a blast down the ICAT test track. The EQC can move very fast. The fat, high-voltage cables transfer a lot of energy to both the front and the rear motor. This is a four-wheel drive car after all! But for me, going fast on a straight has always been about noise — the thunderous roar of a V8 or even the whine of a small four-pot that has been maxed out. I can live with electric cars inside the city, indeed the lack of noise may be a good thing, other than inside a locality, but vehicles do make for a lot of the ambient noise pollution in urban areas. But on a track, I have always equated speed with noise and vibration. And this felt more than weird. It felt wrong at a level. I know it is the future and I understand that we have to move away, gradually, from fossil fuels. But I have a high level of anguish here, and it is not about the EQC in particular, but all electric cars. Maybe, I am old now, but well, the future is going to be interesting.



**Not just a mid-life crisis car anymore**

The Mahindra Thar gets a complete makeover but is it now good enough to be your daily driver?

The amount of likes and retweets I have received on new Mahindra Thar post have outnumbered the likes on my previous posts. I have also never received so many number of phone calls from friends and acquaintances, all asking about the new Thar. Just purely on the basis of this, it would be easy to surmise that the new Thar is the most awaited launch of the year. Just like the Royal Enfield Bullet, Thar attracts a certain 'type' of buyer — the young alpha or wannabe alpha male, the old gentleman or a woman, who wishes to relive her youth now that the kids are slightly grown up. The latter is something that psychoanalysts would call a mid-life crisis purchase. Elsewhere in the world, you might buy a Porsche or a Mini but here, in our rugged country, you got yourself a Thar.

It is for those people that I am writing this review of sorts because I turn 42 in a couple of weeks and I completely understand where the urge to buy a Thar comes from. The truth be told, the first-generation Thar was a great car for the first kind of buyer but thoroughly impractical for the mid-life crisis just like buying a convertible is for

someone wearing a wig. The earlier car was a wonderful off-roader, one in which I have had lots of fun on the sand dunes outside Bikaner and Jaisalmer as well as the muddy Western Ghats next to the Mahindra factory at Igatpuri. However, you scratched your head at why hundreds of people went to Goa and rented one for the holidays. That suspension could help it climb up a 50-degree incline but would shatter your spine on a speed breaker and give you a workout operating the steering and the gears. And that offset steering, that became a private joke among those of us who evaluate cars for a living.

So I'm happy to say that the all-new Thar not only looks amazing than the previous model but drives way better on the roads as well. I was recently driving a pre-production second-generation Thar with the 130hp proven mHawk diesel engine and 130hp of power mated to a six-speed torque converter automatic and on the hard-planet fixed-roof option.

Driving down the Gurugram-Faridabad highway, the car was comfortable to drive. While I cannot talk about the infotainment system other than to say that the speakers are mounted on the roll-



bar and the power window switches are in the centre. This is because the doors are removable as is the fixed roof, that said, unless you know what you are doing don't try that at home. The air-conditioner works well and keeps the cabin pretty cool, although the black plastic roof does absorb heat. As for the switchgear, kudos to Mahindra for the solid look and feel of the buttons and fitting steering-mounted controls. While not spartan, the interiors did certainly look like

they could be hosed down after a muddy day.

Yes, it is a bit 'floaty' in the corners, but listen it is a short wheel-base car and it is quite clearly not a vehicle you would want to attack corners in. It isn't a racer either, but it is quite comfortable for two adults to use it on a daily basis. I am not allowed to comment on the new Thar's off-road capabilities. I did not use the four-wheel gear system, you can change from two-wheel high-ratio to four-wheel high-ratio on the fly. If you are a passionate

off-roading enthusiast, shifting to four-wheel low will multiply the torque 2.48 times and with a mechanically locking rear differential, you could possibly take this car anywhere. Honestly, I cannot wait until I get an opportunity to take this car to some muddy or a sandy place. I did take it on some trails around the Bhatti Mines area and on rough tracks, and I must say that you have a level of confidence with Thar which is unparalleled.

However, those rear seats are pointless. Yes, they are front facing

but if you are more than five feet tall, they will not be comfortable. If this is indeed a mid-life crisis car and you have kids, this is not the car for a family vacation, although it works just great as your office commute car. Thankfully, the rear seats can be easily removed. While no formal price announcement has been made yet, the top-end petrol and diesel models are expected to be in the 12 to 15 lakh range. It is a great car to buy during a mid-life crisis because it has so much more to offer.

# OUR FIRST FUSION

*Awadh ke Zaike Ka Safar* with SHAHANSHAH MIRZA, the great-great-grandson of the last Nawab of Awadh, WAJID ALI SHAH, explores how the Mughals adapted local ingredients and created an all-new sub-continental platter

India's diversity in terms of climate, soil, race, language, religion, sect, tribe and cuisine is truly unique. No country can match this great socio-cultural multiplicity. We were also one of the world's first global economies.

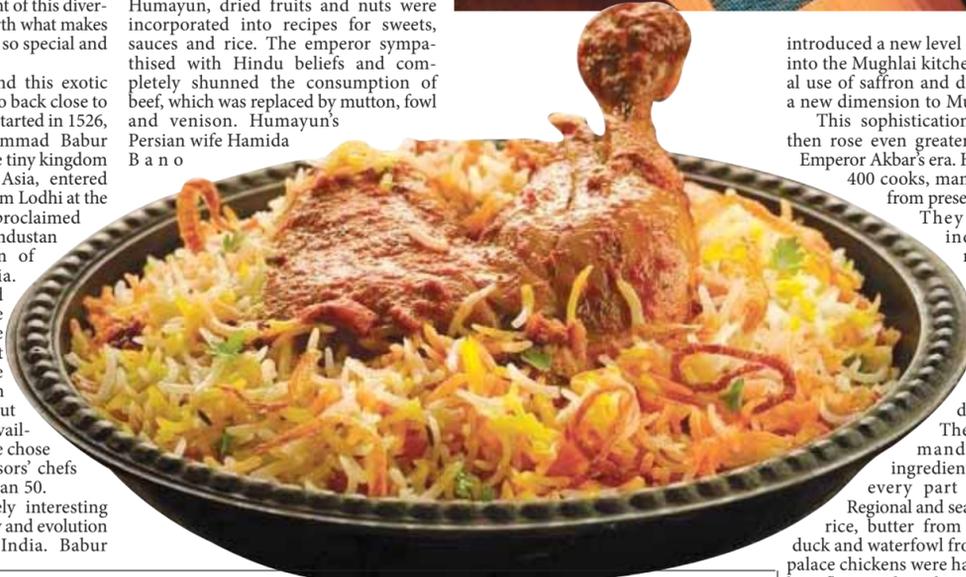
From the time of the Indus valley civilisation, it was the centre of a vast network of land and sea trade routes connecting Afghanistan, Persia, Central Asia, Middle East, Africa, China and South East Asia. Later, Europeans brought a multitude of edible plants originating in the Western hemisphere and cultivated them. Each and every one of these cultural amalgamations added layer upon layer to Indian cuisines and it evolved beautifully over the centuries. In light of this diversity, it is intriguing to unearth what makes Mughlai and Awadhi food so special and outstanding.

In order to understand this exotic food journey, we have to go back close to 500 years in the past. It all started in 1526, when Zahiruddin Mohammad Babur (1483-1530) a prince of the tiny kingdom of Ferghana in Central Asia, entered Punjab and defeated Ibrahim Lodhi at the Battle of Panipat. He self-proclaimed himself the Emperor of Hindustan and laid the foundation of Mughal Empire in India. Babur was also a talented Persian poet, a sensitive memoirist and a devotee and gardening enthusiast. It is believed he did not have much of a palate for Indian food at that point of time but loved fish which was unavailable in his native home. He chose only four of his predecessors' chefs out of an army of more than 50.

This was an extremely interesting turning point in the history and evolution of Mughlai cuisine in India. Babur

unknowingly created a revolution in the culinary world. Central Asian cuisine cooked by local Indian chefs utilising mostly indigenous ingredients, resulted in a beautiful marriage of culinary styles of Central Asia and local Hindustani influence. Although Babur didn't live long enough and died at the young age of 47, he definitely established a culinary trend which laid the foundation, of now world famous Mughlai cuisine. With the passage of time, this cuisine kept evolving and each Mughal ruler contributed their own sensibilities, refining it to become even more delicious, exotic and exciting.

During the reign of Emperor Humayun, dried fruits and nuts were incorporated into recipes for sweets, sauces and rice. The emperor sympathised with Hindu beliefs and completely shunned the consumption of beef, which was replaced by mutton, fowl and venison. Humayun's Persian wife Hamida Bano



introduced a new level of sophistication into the Mughlai kitchen with the liberal use of saffron and dry fruits, adding a new dimension to Mughlai cuisine.

This sophistication of the cuisine then rose even greater heights during Emperor Akbar's era. He employed over 400 cooks, many of whom were from present day Rajasthan.

They fused their indigenous techniques and ingredients with the rich style of Persian flavours. Akbar's feasts would have more than 100 different dishes.

The kitchen commanded the finest ingredients available from every part of his empire. Regional and seasonal varieties of rice, butter from a certain town, duck and waterfowl from Kashmir. The palace chickens were hand-fed with pellets flavoured with saffron and rose water, and massaged daily with musk oil and sandalwood. He even had his own kitchen garden, with plants being watered

using rose water, so vegetables would smell aromatic when cooked. This was sheer opulence on a huge scale.

When Shahjahan shifted his capital from Agra to Shahjahanabad, he was informed that the drinking water in this city was causing his subjects to get sick. On the advice of royal Hakeems, he ordered that all food should be cooked with more turmeric, red chillies, cumin and coriander for their medicinal and antibiotic properties. Mughlai food underwent a major transition during this era. It became less bland and the colour of curries became redder because of the addition of tomatoes, which fascinatingly is not at all native to India and are believed to have been introduced by the Portuguese. Interestingly, food was cooked in rain water, mixed with water brought in from Ganges and Yamuna to ensure the best possible taste.

Aurangzeb, however, did not believe in luxury, pomp and show. He was a vegetarian for most part of his life and his favourite dish was *Qubooli*, a type of *pulao* with Bengal gram, basil and curd.

Among the most distinctive features of Mughlai cuisine are, the unique use of a combination of ground as well as whole spices and the easily distinguishable aroma that gives each dish a unique and exotic taste. Extensive use of milk, cream and but-

ter in various gravies and curries made the dishes very delicious and rich. The use of a range of different spices, saffron, dry fruits, *ghee* and other dairy produces expertly handled by talented chefs, made traditional Mughlai cuisines heavenly.

The emergence of Awadh as an independent kingdom under Saadat Khan in 1722 took the Mughlai food to an unparalleled level. The Awadhi rulers were of Persian origin and great connoisseurs of food. They gave a free hand to their chefs who were called *Rakaabdrs*. In order to maintain exclusivity, they cooked only in small quantities. As a result, because of royal patronage, this cuisine developed in a skillful and refined way. The hallmark of Awadhi cuisine is that in each dish, all the ingredients utilised maintain their unique properties in a subtle way and there is no overlapping of flavours. That in a nutshell is the evolution of Mughlai and Awadhi cuisine which has captured the heart of everyone in and around the world.

(The virtual conference *Awadh ke Zaike Ka Safar* was held recently by *Rishihood University*. The facts stated are the first-hand information obtained from the Royal family. The writer Dr Rajan Makkar is Dean, School of Hospitality, *Rishihood University*.)

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one dead body of male name & address unknown. Age: 50-55 Yrs. approx, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish. ID Mark:- Tattoo on left side of upper chest, Decomposed face and foot, was found Barapulla Nala, behind Dhobi Ghat, Jangpura-A, New Delhi on 06.09.2020.

In this regard a DD No. 28-A, dt. 06.09.2020 has been lodged at PS Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi.

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

**S.H.O., P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi**  
Ph.: 011-24355758, 24359989

DP/226/SE/2020

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Named: Gudiya, W/o: Raj Kumar, R/o: H.No. 20-A, Chanchal Park, Delhi, Age: 26 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow Suit-Black Salwar and Black Hawal Chappal in Feet with Daughter Radhima, Age-5 Years** has been missing/kidnapped since 28.06.2020 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 62-A, Dated 03.07.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.

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

**Web-site : http://cbi.nic.in** **SHO**  
**E-Mail ID: cbi@cbi.gov.in** **P.S. Ranhola, Delhi**  
**Fax: 011-24368639** **Ph.: 011-28363001, 28363002 & 28363003**  
**DP/366/OD/2020**

## GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

**Gist of e-tender**  
**NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2020-21/97/e-tendering Dated 09.09.2020**

E-tenders are invited from Original Equipment Manufacturers or their Authorized dealers/ Representatives for the below mentioned work:

**Name of Work:-** Turnkey package for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing , Commissioning of 625 LPM PSA technology based Oxygen Generating Plants with operation/ Maintenance for Three years post Commissioning at Govt. LD Hospital, Srinagar .

**Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs) :- 115**  
**Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 2000**  
**Earnest Money (Lacs of Rs):- 2.30**  
**Time of completion (in months):- 04 months**  
**Position of funds:- Available**

**1. Downloading of Bids :-** The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from **09.09.2020 (18.00 hrs)** and can be downloaded from **09.09.2020 (18.00 hrs)**.

**2. Pre Bid Meeting :** Pre Bid meeting shall be held in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar on **15.09.2020 (11:30 hrs)** either in person or through virtual meeting.

**3. Uploading :** The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from **22.09.2020 (10.00 hrs) to 29.09.2020 (15:00hrs)** in two (02) covers.

**4. Opening of Bids :-** The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on **30.09.2020 at 14.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar**

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar**  
No. D1PK-5400/20  
Dated:-10.09.2020

## GOVERNMENT OF UNION TERRITORY JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

**Gist of e-tender**  
**NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2020-21/85/e-tendering Dated 08.09.2020**

E-tenders are invited from Original Equipment Manufacturers or their Authorized dealers/ Representatives for the below mentioned work:

**Name of Work:-** Turnkey package for Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of 1000 LPM PSA technology based Oxygen Generating Plants with operation/ Maintenance for Three years post Commissioning at District Hospital, Kulgam .

**Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs) :- 350**  
**Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 4000**  
**Earnest Money (Lacs of Rs):- 7.00**  
**Time of completion (in months):- 04 months**  
**Position of funds:- Available**

**1. Downloading of Bids :-** The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) from **08.09.2020 (18.00 hrs)** and can be downloaded from **08.09.2020 (18.00 hrs)**.

**2. Pre Bid Meeting :** Pre Bid meeting shall be held in the office of Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle, Srinagar on **14.09.2020 (11:30 hrs)** either in person or through virtual meeting.

**3. Uploading:** The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from **20.09.2020 (10.00 hrs) to 26.09.2020 (15:00hrs)** in two (02) covers.

**4. Opening of Bids :-** The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on **28.09.2020 at 14.00 hrs** or any date convenient to the department in the office of Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle, Srinagar.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar**  
No. D1PK-5285/20  
Dated:-09.09.2020

## ADMISSION NOTICE

Applications are invited for **DPSE (2020-22) under Management quota for Affiliated Institutes of SCERT (Govt. of Delhi)**  
**Last Date: 19.09.2020**

For further details, please contact:  
**Satyam International Polytechnic**  
GD Block, Near Pitampura Metro Station, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 Ph: 27317069

## EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY OPEN TENDER

Open Tender Batch No. 4220, dated: 09.09.2020  
E-Tender Notice for supply of materials "participation in through" web portal of IREPS: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) offers are invited for supply of the following materials. The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hr. S.I. No. 1. Tender No.: 0320284-4C Brief Description: Transformer oil cooling blower Quantity: 18 Nos. Published on time: 07/09/2020, 15:32:43 Closing on: 12.10.20 Fund: Fund is available. Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS-[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal  
Principal Chief Material Manager  
E.C.Railway, Hajipur  
PR/0604/HQ/ STORE IT/20-21/28

## CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS E-TENDER NOTICE

Date: 08.09.2020. E-Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works: a)Tender No. EL/CON/415-a, b)Name of the work **Renovation of TTC (Roof ceiling, door windows, floor, partition wall, entrance gate, garden).** c)Tender Value (GST inclusive):- Rs.3,52,730.56 (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty and paise fifty-six only) d)Cost of tender Document :Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) e)Earnest Money: Rs.7,100/- (Rupees Seven Thousand One hundred only) f)Period of completion (In Months): 06 (Six months), g)Date of closing: 08.10.2020 at 11.00hrs. Note:- Complete details can be seen in the Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and [www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in) and [www.dyceem.com](http://www.dyceem.com)  
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## DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DELHI 4 TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001, PROCLAMATION OF SALE

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:-

Case Detail	Asset Details	Reserve Price	EMD Amount (10 % of reserve price)	Place of Auction
IA NO 1002/19 AND OA NO 304/2108 , ICICI Bank Vs SUKHLIA HOSPITALITY PRIVATE LIMITED	Vehicle no - HR830801, Manu yr-2014, Make and Model- JAGUAR XJL	3000000	300000	Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram- 122022
OA No. 653 of 2018 , ICICI Bank Vs 4 GENIUS MINDS	Vehicle no- DL8CAM0579, Manu yr-2015, Make and Model- BENZ E CLASS 200	1150000	115000	Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram- 122022
IA NO93/19 & QA NO 154/2017, ICICI Bank Vs LALIT MOHAN	Vehicle no-HR12U0038, Manu yr-2012, Make and Model-BMW X1 SDRIVE 20D	420000	42000	Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram- 122022
IA NO 2387/19 & OA NO 1349/2018 , ICICI Bank Vs J PARSAD & CO PVT LTD	Vehicle no - DL8CZ3010, Manu yr-2013, Make and Model- MERCEDES- BENZ B CLASS B180	510000	51000	Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram- 122022
IA NO 2409/2019 OA NO 103 OF 2019, ICICI Bank Vs AMIT KUMAR GOYAL	Vehicle no - DL1CX4950, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model- ERTIGA VDI SHVS	400000	40000	Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram- 122022
OA-201/2017, ICICI Bank Vs SAFETY ENERGY SOLUTIONS PVT LTD	Vehicle no - HR26CS3600, Manu yr-2015, Make and Model- JAGUAR XF 2.2	1100000	110000	Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram- 122022
OA NO 1053 of 2019, ICICI Bank Vs SOUTH DELHI MOTORCYCLES	Vehicle no - HR26DB9000, Manu yr-2016, Make and Model- FORD MUSTANG GT	2450000	245000	Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrail, Gurugram- 122022
OA/387/2019 IA NO 2610/19, ICICI Bank Vs JALAN TRANSPORT PVT. LTD.	Vehicle no- UP13AT9166, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model- AL 4923	1250000	125000	Shriram Automall, Vill- Mamurpur, Pio Maniyari Road Narela, New Delhi, Narela, Delhi, 110040.
OA-454/2019, ICICI Bank Vs RAJIV DALAL	Vehicle no- HR73A3400, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model-ASHOK LEYLAND LTD AL 3718 CHASSIS	1110000	111000	Shriram Automall, Vill- Mamurpur, Pio Maniyari Road Narela, New Delhi, Narela, Delhi, 110040.
454/2019, ICICI Bank Vs RAJIV DALAL	Vehicle no - HR73A2700, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model-ASHOK LEYLAND LTD AL 3718 CHASSIS	1060000	106000	Shriram Automall India Ltd, Vill Binola, Dist Gurgaon, Nh 8, Manesar, Haryana
454/2019, ICICI Bank Vs RAJIV DALAL	Vehicle no- HR73A1700, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model-ASHOK LEYLAND LTD AL 3718 CHASSIS	1080000	108000	Shriram Automall India Ltd, Vill Binola, Dist Gurgaon, Nh 8, Manesar, Haryana
454/2019, ICICI Bank Vs RAJIV DALAL	Vehicle no- HR73A8500, Manu yr-2017, Make and Model-ASHOK LEYLAND LTD AL 3718 CHASSIS	1130000	113000	Shriram Automall India Ltd, Vill Binola, Dist Gurgaon, Nh 8, Manesar, Haryana

**EMD: DD/PO to be made in favor of ICICI Bank Ltd, payable at Delhi. Auction Date: 29-Sept-2020 from 11 am onwards**  
**Contact Person - Rajeve 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. All bidders are required to come at site with original DD/PO of EMD amount to participate in the auction. Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD 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.



Serena Williams in action against Tsvetana Pironkova US Open/Twitter

# Down but NEVER out

Serena rallies to win second and third sets in convincing fashion over Pironkova

"It's not how you start, it's how you finish, right?" Williams said. Two more victories would allow her to claim a record-tying 24th Grand Slam singles title.

"In the beginning, I was a little fatigued, for whatever reason," Williams said.

"Obviously, I can't do that if I want to keep winning, so I need to figure that out."

How big an upset would this have been if Pironkova had held on? Not only is she not seeded at Flushing Meadows, she doesn't even appear in the WTA rankings at all — this was her first tournament of any sort in more than three years, because she left the tour to become a mother.

"It's unbelievable," Williams said about Pironkova's impressive return to competition.

"Wow. I couldn't even do that."

When the players stepped out onto the court, the stadium announcer — announcing for whom, exactly, was something of a mystery — referred to Pironkova, a 32-year-old from Bulgaria, as "Alexander's mom" and then to Williams as "Olympia's mom" during the pre-match introductions.

"It just shows me how tough moms are," Williams said afterward.

"You play a match and you go home and you're still changing diapers," said Williams, whose daughter turned 3 on Sept 1 and is a little older than Pironkova's son.

"It's like a double life. It's really surreal."

The American, who turns 39 in less than three weeks, has won six US Open championships; she

was the runner-up the past two years.

Williams last lost before the semifinals in New York in 2007, when Justine Henin eliminated her in the quarterfinals.

On Thursday, Williams will face Victoria Azarenka, who returned to the US Open semifinals for the first time since 2013 by overwhelming Elise Mertens 6-1, 6-0 on Wednesday night. Williams leads her head-to-head series against Azarenka 18-4, including beating her in the 2012 and 2013 finals in New York.

The other women's semifinal on Thursday will be 2018 champion Naomi Osaka vs No 28 seed Jennifer Brady.

## Dominance personified

Medvedev enters semis without dropping set

AP ■ NEW YORK

Not only had 2019 runner-up Daniil Medvedev not dropped a set in this US Open entering his all-Russian quarterfinal against long-time pal Andrey Rublev, but Medvedev hadn't allowed more than four games in any set.

So when Rublev grabbed a sizable lead in the opening-set tiebreaker on Wednesday and three times was a single point from closing it, the moment felt momentous.

Turned out it was. The No 3-seeded Medvedev fought off that trio of chances for No 10 Rublev in the tiebreaker by reeling off five points in a row, and was on his way to a 7-6 (6), 6-3, 7-6 (5) victory to return to the semifinals at



Flushing Meadows.

The only concern for Medvedev in the latter stages was whether his body would hold up — he was dealing with cramps and needed his right shoulder massaged by a trainer in the third set — but he did, indeed, hold on. "It

was tough at the end," Medvedev said.

It's been 60 years since a man won this Grand Slam tournament without ceding a set; Neale Fraser did so in 1960 at the event then known as the US Championships. A year after losing to Rafael Nadal in a five-set final that lasted nearly five hours, Medvedev heads to his second career major semifinal.

He will now face No 2 seed Dominic Thiem for the title showdown place, who bulldozed 21st seed Alex de Minaur 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 in just 2 hours 4 minutes.

The other semifinal on Friday will be No 5 Alexander Zverev vs No 20 Pablo Carreño Busta, who won quarterfinals on Tuesday. None of the remaining men has won a Grand Slam title.



## Vettel signs for Racing Point

AP ■ LONDON

Four-time Formula One champion Sebastian Vettel will drive for Racing Point starting next season.

The team, which will be renamed Aston Martin, announced the move on Thursday, a day after driver Sergio Perez said he was on his way out. The team said Vettel has signed for the 2021 season "and beyond" but did not reveal the length of the contract.

"The signing of Sebastian is a clear statement of the team's ambition to establish itself as one of the most competitive names in the sport," the team said in a statement.

"As a four-time world champion, Sebastian brings a fresh mindset to the team."

One of the most successful drivers in F1, Vettel is leaving Ferrari at the end of this season after he was not offered a new contract. He will be replaced by McLaren driver Carlos Sainz at Ferrari next year.

Vettel has won 53 grand prix races, a tally only surpassed by Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton. He won four consecutive titles with Red Bull from 2010-13 and joined Ferrari in 2015 with the aim to win another.

But he never had a car really capable of challenging Mercedes during his stint with the Scuderia, where he lost his No 1 status as teammate Charles Leclerc came to prominence.

"It's a new adventure for me with a truly legendary car company," Vettel said.

"I have been impressed with the results the team has achieved this year and I believe the future looks even brighter. I still have so much love for Formula 1 and my only motivation is to race at the front of the grid."

AP ■ NEW YORK

They were just two particular points from Serena Williams' latest three-set comeback at the US Open, yet they were pivotal and consisted of the sorts of lengthy exchanges filled with athleticism and brilliance that in any other, non-pandemic year would be marked by thousands of folks rising to their feet for delirious roars and raucous applause.

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AUSTRALIA-ENGLAND IN ODI's				
Venue	P	AW	EW	T/N/R
In Aus	71	45	25	-/1
In Eng	70	31	35	2/2
In India	3	2	1	-/-
In SA	2	2	-	-/-
In UAE	2	1	1	-/-
In WI	1	1	-	-/-
Total	149	82	62	2/3
D/N	70	43	25	-/2
Last 5	5	1	4	-/-

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AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Aaron Finch said Australia is still searching for their "best formula" in one-day international as they prepare to pit their wits against world champions England.

The two teams will lock horns in a three-match ODI series starting in Manchester on Friday, following a T20 series in Southampton, which England won 2-1.

The match at Old Trafford will be the first 50-over contest between the sides since England won last year's World Cup semi-final on their way to lifting the trophy.

Finch, Australia's white-ball captain, said his team had made progress in ODI cricket in recent years but there is still room for improvement.

"Over the last couple of

years we're still searching for our best formula and our best 11 players day in, day out in the one-day format," he said.

"I don't think there's been any secret to that. There's been great opportunity that we probably haven't nailed in this format. We've played some really good cricket in patches and

some indifferent cricket in other patches."

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"It's about getting as much information all the time to give us the best chance of winning consistently. One-day cricket is a hard game, especially away from home."

The hard-hitting opening batsman said his side's victory in the third and final T20 match in Southampton had been important, even though they lost the series.

But he warned England, ranked number one in ODIs, had enviable firepower with bat and ball.

"They keep coming at you," he said. "There's no part in a 20-over game or a 50-over game that you can take your foot off the gas because there will be someone there to take the opportunity away from you."

"I think their form in white-ball cricket has been exceptional in both formats over the last few years," he added. "Obviously their one-day game has probably been the benchmark since probably 2016 so it's going to be a great challenge."

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been selected in the team along with Krishna Prasad Garaga.

The women's team for Uber Cup will be led by Sindhu, who made herself available for the tournament after initially deciding to give it a miss.

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"We'll see how the Aussie boys go, but they've still got some work to do on their one-day cricket, I think," PTI

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Youngsters Aakarsh Kashyap and Malvika Bansod were also included in the 10-member squad.

Sindhu, Saina, Srikanth, Laskhya and women's doubles pair of Ashwini and Sikki will also participate in the two Super 750 events — Denmark Open (Oct 13-18) and Denmark Masters (Oct 20-25) which will be held after the Thomas and Uber Cup Finals.

With September 18 being the cut-off date for sending entries for the prestigious biennial tournament, the

six-member selection committee was earlier supposed to pick the team on September 17.

The Sports Authority of India had proposed a preparatory camp in Hyderabad which was originally scheduled to start on September 27 and conclude on September 27 for the event set for October 3 to 11 in Aarhus, Denmark.

However, the camp was cancelled on Thursday after it became clear that players would not get any relaxation on the seven-day mandatory quarantine period and BAI then decided to announce the team.

With the camp cancelled, the governing body asked the selected players to keep training on their own and submit fitness certificate by September 17.

## Vaccines won't be 'silver bullet' for staging Olympics

Laussane: Amid uncertainty about planning the Tokyo Olympics, IOC president Thomas Bach said that progress with vaccines and rapid testing for Covid-19 would not be the complete answer for staging the rescheduled games.

"They will not be the silver bullet but they can greatly facilitate the organization of the games," Bach said at a news conference after an International Olympic Committee board meeting.

While the Japanese public has been skeptical about the July 23-Aug 8 games going ahead, Olympic Minister Seiko Hashimoto said this week "I feel we have to hold them no matter what."

Bach declined on Wednesday to speculate on the Tokyo Olympics being

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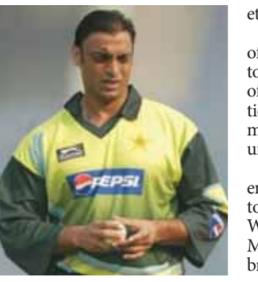
Karachi: Former Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar on Thursday confirmed that he is in discussions with PCB for a post in country's cricket set-up which is believed to be chairman of selector's post replacing Misbah ul Haq.

The PCB has plans to remove head coach Misbah from chief selector's position and Akhtar is being considered for the role.

"I will not deny it. Yes, I have had some discussions with the board and I am interested in playing a major role in Pakistan cricket. But nothing is decided as yet," Akhtar said on Thursday during a YouTube show *Cricket Baaz*.

Akhtar's name has been doing rounds as the board is seriously considering relieving head coach Misbah off his dual responsibility and also because of its new code of ethics policy.

Akhtar however refused to divulge details of his discussions



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## Hanuma trains for Down Under

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when his India teammates are gearing up for the glitzy IPL more than 2500 miles away from Hyderabad, Hanuma Vihari has his eyes trained on something more challenging — the marquee tour of Australia.

Vihari is one of the two centrally contracted India players (the other being Cheteshwar Pujara) not part of the Indian Premier League this year after being overlooked by the eight franchises.

"It would have been great if I had been a part of IPL but I can't think about it," Vihari, who has 552 runs from 9 Tests, said.

With the Covid-19 related restrictions preventing full-fledged training, Vihari is doing his own net sessions with the help of none other than Indian team's fielding coach, R Sridhar, in their hometown.

"Yes, Sridhar sir is helping me in my training and due to lockdown,



you don't have grounds open. I am batting on matting wicket during net session," the reticent Vihari said.

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## SINGLES

2020 EDITION OF AFC CUP CANCELLED

KUALA LUMPUR: The Asian Football Confederation's Executive Committee decides to cancel the 2020 edition of the AFC Cup. The decision will be a blow to Chennai City FC, who were set to make their first-ever appearance in the competition having won the 2018-19 I-League. The AFC Champions League, however, will take place with the East zone & West zone matches scheduled to take place in November & December respectively.

RHODES TO TAKE OVER AS SWEDEN'S COACH

STOCKHOLM: Former South Africa international Jonty Rhodes will be moving to Sweden for the IPL to take charge as head coach of the country's national team. Rhodes said he is excited about the fresh challenge he will face in a country not known for its cricket. "I am really excited to relocate to Sweden with my family and work together with the Swedish Cricket community. This opportunity has come at a perfect time and I am grateful to be able to invest my energies in a completely new environment. I can't wait to get started," said Rhodes.

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