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## 8 Opp MPs suspended for Session

Naidu rejects no-confidence motion against Harivansh; suspended MPs sit on dharna on Parliament premises

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu on Monday suspended eight Opposition members from the House for the rest of the Monsoon Session over the unprecedented chaos in the Upper House during the passing of the controversial farm Bills on Sunday. Naidu also rejected a no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition parties against Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narain Singh.

The suspended members refused to leave the House and sat on a protest dharna in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue on the Parliament premises.

The suspended members were joined by almost all the Opposition leaders, including former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, Samajwadi Party leaders Ram Gopal Yadav, Jaya Bachchan, and leaders from the Shiv Sena.

Meanwhile, 18 Opposition parties have written to the President of India, requesting him not to give his approval to the farm sector Bills passed by both Houses.

The protest will continue overnight and the suspended members will again attempt to



TMC MPs Derek O'Brien and Dola Sen, Jammu & Kashmir National Conference MP Farooq Abdullah and others stage a protest over the suspension of 8 Rajya Sabha members, in New Delhi on Monday PTI

enter the Upper House. If they are stopped, the protest will continue on the Parliament lawns. A similar protest overnight had happened on the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill when members remained in the Lok Sabha till wee hours.

The suspended members — TMC's Derek O'Brien and Dola Banerjee, AAP's Sanjay Singh, Congress's Rajeev Satav, Sayid Nasir Hussain, Ripun Bora; CPI(M)'s KK Ragesh and Elamaram Kareem — were told by the Chairman that they had displayed "unruly behaviour especially with the Chair and gross disorderly conduct".

"I am pained at what happened yesterday. It defies logic. It is a bad day for the Rajya

Sabha," Naidu said.

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs V Muraliedharan moved the

motion for the suspension of the eight MPs.

Naidu also rejected the no-confidence motion moved by 12 Opposition parties against his Deputy Harivansh, saying a notice period of 14 days is required. The suspended members were asked to leave the House, but when they refused to do so, the session was adjourned until 10 am and then for a hour again.

After the House reconvened at 10.30 am, Deputy Chairman Harivansh said he will ask the Leader of the Opposition to speak before any Bills are discussed, but said that those who have been named by the Chairman cannot participate.

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## PM: Farm reform Bills need of 21st century

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the wake of continuing protest over the passage of the farm Bills passed by Parliament on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asserted that the Bills were the need of 21st century India and reassured farmers that the Government "Mandis", the Government purchase of their produce, and the Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism will continue.

Opposition parties and some RSS-affiliated organisations have maintained that the Bills were tilted towards corporates vis-à-vis the small and marginal farmers, constituting over 85 per cent of the farmers in the country.

The PM, however, said that changes will help small farmers organise and get better price for their produce.

Attacking those opposing the Bills, the Prime Minister said a "clique" of people exploited farmers for long as they

remained in shackles of rules regulating the sale of their produce and stated that this needed to change, which his Government has done.

"After these historical changes in the agricultural sector, some people are losing their control of it. So now these people are trying to mislead farmers on MSP. They are the same people who sat for years on the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee on MSP," Modi said striking at the Congress without naming it.

Describing the legislations as "very historic", the Prime Minister said if somebody says that Government-regulated agriculture markets will be finished after these reforms, then he is "blatantly lying".

Noting that his Government had brought the farm Ordinances, which these legislations will replace, in June, he said farmers are already getting a better price by 15 to 20 per cent for their produce in several States.

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## MSP for rabi crops hiked

Tomar announces Cabinet decision for 2021-22 in LS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to placate agitating farmers from Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra and other States, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Monday hiked minimum support prices for rabi crops, including wheat, chana, gram, lentil, mustard, safflower among others, for the season 2021-22.

The MSP for wheat has been hiked from ₹1,925 to ₹1,975 per quintal, an increase of ₹50 while MSP for chana (gram) has been hiked by 8.3 per cent from ₹4,875 to ₹5,100 a quintal, an increase of ₹225.

As per the CCEA decision, MSP for masoor (lentil) dal has been hiked from ₹4,800 to ₹5,100 per quintal, an increase of ₹300. MSP of rapeseed and mustard has been hiked by 7 per cent, from ₹4,425 to ₹4,650 per quintal, an increase of ₹225. MSP for barley has been increased by 5.7 per cent, from ₹1,525 to ₹1,600, a hike of ₹75. The MSP of safflower has been



increased to ₹112, from ₹5,215 to ₹5,327 per quintal.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar announced the Cabinet decision to hike MSP of rabi crops for the season 2021-22 in the Lok Sabha. Hundreds of farmer unions across Punjab and Haryana have called for multiple protests in the coming days, including a total shutdown on September 25, against the two agriculture Bills.

Meanwhile, buoyed over good monsoon and higher acreage during the ongoing kharif crops, the Ministry of Agriculture has revised foodgrains production target for 2020-21 to a record 301 million tonnes, an increase of 1.5 per cent from 298.3 million tonnes fixed earlier in April 2020. Earlier at the national conference for rabi campaign 2020, the Ministry has fixed the target of 119.60, 108.00, 5.00, 9.57, 29.00 and 47.80 million tonnes of rice, wheat, jowar, bajra, maize and coarse cereals, respectively.

## In a first, Navy deploys women on warships



Sub Lt Riti Singh and Sub Lt Kumudini Tyagi, the first women airborne tacticians who will operate from deck of warships, pose for pictures after they passed out of Indian Navy's Observer Course, at Southern Naval Command, Kochi on Monday PTI

IAF training woman pilot to fly Rafale

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a historic move to provide equal opportunity to women officers, for the first time the Indian Navy has allowed deployment of women officers on warships. Till now, women were not given duties on sea-bound ships due to a variety of reasons, including lack of privacy and separate washrooms.

In another development, the IAF has started training a woman pilot for flying the newly-inducted five Rafale jets.

The force has already inducted ten women officers as fighter pilots to fly various planes like the Mig-21s.

As regards the Navy, Sub Lieutenant Kumudini Tyagi and Sub Lieutenant Riti Singh will be the first women officers deployed on Navy warships as part of the ship's crew.

These two officers are training to operate a host of sensors onboard multi-role helicopters, including sonar consoles and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) payloads. Earlier, entry of women was restricted to the fixed wing aircraft that took off and landed ashore.

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## NCB likely to quiz actresses soon

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid the likelihood of Bollywood actresses Sara Ali Khan, Rakul Preet Singh and fashion designer Simone Khambatta being summoned by it for questioning later this week, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Monday questioned Suashant's talent manager Jaya Saha in connection with the ongoing drug case related to actor

Sushant Singh Rajput's death.

Meanwhile, a national TV channel reported that the NCB is likely to summon Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone after a few drug chats that came under NCB's scrutiny had mentions of individuals with initials "D" and "K".

Sushant's ex-manager Shruti Modi will also be questioned by the NCB officials on Tuesday.

*Detailed report on P2*

## CAPSULE

### 12 KILLED IN BHIWANDI BUILDING COLLAPSE

**Mumbai:** At least 12 people, including seven children, were killed and 10 others injured when a three-storey building collapsed while they were sleeping at their homes at Narpoli in the powerloom town of Bhiwandi on Monday.

### 4-SEATER AIRCRAFT CRASHES, PILOT DEAD

**Azamgarh:** A four-seater aircraft crashed in Azamgarh on Monday, leaving a 21-year-old trainee pilot dead, officials said, as they suspected that bad weather led to the incident.

### CURBS NEEDED: SC ON ANTI-CAA BLOCKADE

**New Delhi:** There cannot be a "universal policy" on right to protest and possible curbs as also balancing it with acts like blocking of roads are needed because the situation may "vary" from case-to-case, the Supreme Court said on Monday.

### 1,000-ACRE FOR FILM CITY NEAR NOIDA IDENTIFIED

**Noida:** The Yamuna Expressway authority has sent a proposal to the Uttar Pradesh Government for setting up a film city in Gautam Buddh Nagar, officials said on Monday. Land has been identified for the proposed film city, which would be spread over an area of 1,000 acres.

### NIA: MORE PEOPLE IN WB WORKING FOR QAEDA

**Kolkata:** The NIA, which has arrested six al-Qaeda terrorists from Murshidabad district of West Bengal, has found that more people in the State are working for the terror outfit, an official of the investigating agency said.

## India asks China to make first move for pullback

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The military-level talks between India and China resumed on Monday after six weeks to defuse the tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with both sides reaffirming the need for early disengagement and de-escalation.

India made it clear that pullback has to be from all the friction points in Ladakh, while the Chinese wanted the Indian Army to first vacate the heights on the south bank of the Pangong Tso (lake). The last round of parleys was held on August 2.

The Indian delegation was directed to insist that China has to make the first move of disengagement and New Delhi will then respond positively reducing its troop strength, sources said.

Given the complex and sensitive nature of the issue against the backdrop of the volatile situation at the border for the last four months, the two delegations decided to continue the dialogue. They also agreed to follow the five-point roadmap laid down by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi. They had held a bilateral meeting on the LAC on September 10 on the sidelines of the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) in Moscow.

With these guidelines etched at the political level, the dialogue at the Moldo meeting point on the Chinese side in Chushul on Monday went a notch higher with diplomats also part of the Indian delegation. Joint Secretary in the External Affairs Minister Navin

Srivastava, who heads the Working Mechanism for Co-ordination and Co-operation (WMCC) for India-China border issue, along with an Inspector General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) participated in the parleys.

The Indian team was led by Lt General Harinder Singh and two Major Generals. Lt General PG Menon also attended the crucial meeting. He is likely to replace Harinder Singh after his tenure as Leh-based 14 Corps ends in another couple of weeks.

The Indian strategy for the latest round of military-diplomatic level talks was cleared by the China Study Group (CSG) last week. It was made clear China has to refrain from its aggressive actions to unilaterally change the LAC.

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### Covid-19 IN INDIA

#### TOTAL

CASES: 55,57,573

DEATHS: 88,943

RECOVERED: 44,92,145

ACTIVE: 9,75,688



STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	12,08,642	32,671	8,84,341
Andhra Pradesh	6,31,749	5,410	5,51,821
Tamil Nadu	5,47,337	8,871	4,91,971
Karnataka	5,26,876	8,145	4,23,377
Uttar Pradesh	3,58,893	5,135	2,89,594
Delhi	2,49,259	5,014	2,13,304
West Bengal	2,28,302	4,421	1,98,983
Odisha	1,84,122	763	1,49,379
Telangana	1,72,608	1,042	1,41,930
Bihar	1,69,856	870	1,55,824
Assam	1,59,320	578	1,29,130
Kerala	1,38,633	554	98,720
Gujarat	1,24,767	3,337	1,05,191
Rajasthan	1,16,881	1,352	97,284
Haryana	1,13,075	1,177	90,884
Madhya Pradesh	1,08,167	2,007	83,618

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## SUSHANT DEATH-RELATED DRUG PROBE

# NCB LIKELY TO QUIZ ACTRESSES SARA, RAKUL, DESIGNER SIMONE

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

Amid the likelihood of Bollywood actresses Sara Ali Khan, Rakul Preet Singh and fashion designer Simone Khambatta being summoned by it for questioning later this week, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Monday questioned Suashant's talent manager Jaya Saha in connection with the ongoing drug case related to actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death.

On a day the informed sources in the investigating confirmed that they would record the statements of Sara, Rahul and Simone under section 67 of the The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic

Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, the NCB officials questioned grilled Saha for more than four hours on Monday. He has been called for questioning once again on Tuesday.

Sushant's ex-manager Shruti Modi will also be questioned by the NCB officials on Tuesday.

It may be recalled that Jaya Saha's name had figured in the WhatsApp chats recovered by the ED from actress Rhea Chakraborty's mobile phone that reveal that the actress might have been involved in drug dealings. The recovered WhatsApp chats among Rhea, her brother Showik Chakraborty, Sushant's house manager Samuel Miranda,

house staff Dipesh Sawant and Saha had thrown sufficient hints about their alleged involvement in the procurement and use of drugs for Sushant.

Though a section of the electronic media was mentioning that actress Shraddha Kapoor would also be called for questioning along with Sara and others, there was no confirmation to that effect from the NCB.

Sources said that the NCB would question Sara, Rakul and Simone on the basis of Rhea's statement recorded by the NCB. The three were among others who used to have drug parties at Sushant's farm house at Lonavla near

Pune. Rhea had reportedly told the investigators

It may be recalled that NCB's deputy director (operations) KPS Malhotra had on September 14 confirmed that the names Sara , Rakul and Simone had figured in the Sushant Singh Raput death-related drug case.

"There has been an issue that whether the name of Sara, Simone and Rakul surfaced during the investigation...the answer to that is yes," Malhotra had said, while talking to media persons.

As many as 16 persons have so far been arrested in the Sushant Singh Raput death-related drug case registered by the NCB. Actress Rhea

Chakraborty and her brother Showik are two of the arrested accused in the case.

A descendent of the Tagore and Pataudi families, Sara (25) is the daughter of actor Saif Ali Khan and his first wife Amrita Singh and grand-daughter of late Indian cricket captain MAK Pataudi and actor and former Censor Board chairperson Sharmila Tagore. Sushant and Sara had worked together in the 2018 film Kedarnath, a Hindi romantic drama.

Rakul Preet (29) has acted in several Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Kannada films, while Simone (29) is a fashion designer and social media influencer.

Unconfirmed reports had earlier said that during the

course of her prolonged questioning by the NCB ahead of her arrest on September 8, actress Rhea Chakraborty had reportedly told the investigators that actress Sara Ali Khan and Rakul Preet, designer Simone Khambatta, Sushant's friend and former manager Rohini Iyer and filmmaker Mukesh Chhabra consumed narcotics substances.

However, Rhea – after her arrest – Rhea has retracted her statement.

Meanwhile, the questioning of the Jaya Saha by the NCB should be seen in the context of the WhatsApp chats recovered by the ED.

In one of the chats between Rhea and Gaurav Arya who is

allegedly a drug dealer, Rhea writes: "In case we speak about hard drugs, I haven't been doing too much. Tried MDMA once". In another message sent to Gaurav Arya, she asks: "You have MD?"

One message sent to her by one Jaya Saha on November 25 last year says, "Use 4 drops in coffee, tea or water and let him sip it. Give it 30-40 minutes for it to kick in". Then, there emerges a message in a chat between Rhea & Jaya Saha: "I have asked him to coordinate with Shruti (Modi) & reach it up". In yet another message, Rhea writes to Jaya Saha "Thank you so much" Reply from Jaya: "No problem bro, hope it helps".

In the first chat message, Miranda writes to Rhea "Hi Rhea, the stuff is almost over". In the next message, Jaya Saha tells Rhea: "Use 4 drops in tea, let him sip it .... Give it 30-40 mins to kick in". In the seventh and last accessed chat message, Miranda writes to Rhea: "Should we take it from Showik's friend? But he has just hash & bud",

The WA chat messages hint at the fact that Rhea was allegedly procuring drugs for use. The one message sent to Rhea by Jaya Saha on November 25 last year had indirectly hinted that she was allegedly mixing the drug in coffee, tea or water and giving it to Sushant.

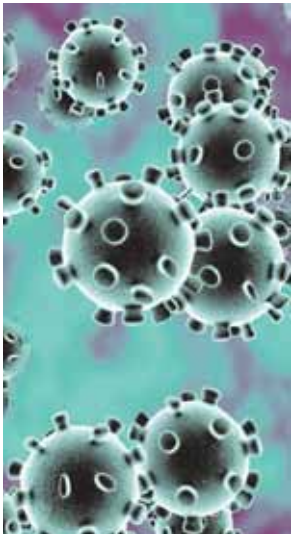
## MAHA LOGS RECORD 32,007 RECOVERIES, AS COVID DEATHS, INFECTIONS DROP

**PNS ■ MUMBAI**

Maharashtra notched a new record of 32,007 Covid-19 recoveries on Monday, even as the number of daily tally of deaths dropped from 455 to 344 and infections came down from 20,598 to 15,738 during the last 24 hours.

The state health authorities heaved a sigh of relief, as Maharashtra witnessed a record of sorts for the fourth consecutive day, as 15,738 people -- more the record recoveries of 22,078, 23,501 26,408 recorded on Friday, Saturday and Sunday respectively -- were discharged from various hospitals on Monday after full recovery.

With the latest 32,007 recoveries, the total number of patients discharged from var-



ious hospitals after full recovery since the second week of March this year crossed 9 lakh-mark to touch a final tally of 9,16,348. The recovery rate rose to 73.84 per cent. The mortality rate in the state stood at 2.7 per cent. The number of "active cases" in the state came down to 2,74,623 from Sunday's figure of 2,91,238.

With 344 deaths reported on Monday, the total deaths mounted from 32,671 to 33,015.

Similarly, with 15,738 fresh infections, the total infections in the state increased from 12,08,642 to 12,24,380.

Of the total 344 deaths, Nagpur accounted for 72 deaths, while there 42 deaths in Pune, 36 in Mumbai, 20 in

Sangli, 18 in Jalgaon, 17 in Thane, 15 each in Dhule and Solapur and 12 deaths each in Nashik and Ahmednagar.

In the lower range, there were 8 fatalities each in Satara, Kolhapur, Osmanabad and Beed, 7 in Aurangabad, 6 each in Ratnagiri and Latur, 5 each in Amravati and Chandrapur, 4 each in Wardha, and Gondia, 3 in Nanded, 2 each in Palghar and Washim and one death each in Raigad, Nandurbar, Jalna, Hingoli, Parbhani, Yavatmal. In addition, three persons from outside the state died in Maharashtra.

With 36 deaths, Mumbai's Covid-19 toll rose from 8,469 to 8,505 while the infected cases shot up by 1,837 to trigger a jump in the total infections from 184,439 to 186,276.

Pune district with 2,63,715 infected cases continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra. The number of deaths in Pune increased from 5264 to 5306.

Thane district remained on the third spot --after Pune and Mumbai -- with 1,72,260 total cases, while the pandemic toll rose from 4529 to 4546.

Out of 59,12,258 samples sent to laboratories, 12,24,380 have tested positive (20.58 per cent) for COVID-19 until Sunday.

Currently, 18,58,924 people are in home quarantine while 35,517 people are in institutional quarantine.

## PM: Farm reform Bills need...

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Modi made the comments at a virtual ceremony to lay foundation stones of nine highway projects in Bihar and to inaugurate optical fibre internet services through which all 45,945 villages in the State will be connected.

The Prime Minister said he wanted to make it clear that the Bills are not against agriculture 'mandis' (agricultural markets) and they will continue like they always have.

No Government has done as much to boost MSP and Government procurement of farmers' produce than his dispensation, the Prime Minister said.

During the coronavirus pandemic, a record purchase of wheat was made from farmers during the rabi season, he said, adding that farmers were paid Rs 1.13 lakh crore at

MSP for wheat, paddy, pulses and oilseeds.

"If I talk about pulses and oilseeds, then Government procurement of pulses and oilseeds has been increased almost 24 times more than before," he said.

Noting that a majority of farmers have small landholdings, he said the changes will help them organise and get a better price of their produce.

On the occasion, Modi laid the foundation stone of nine highway projects and launched optical fiber network in Bihar through video conferencing on Monday. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar also attended the ceremony.

These nine highway projects involve a road length of about 350 kilometres at a cost of Rs 14,258 crores. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the

optical fibre internet services under which all the 45,945 villages of Bihar will be connected through optical fibre internet service.

The roads will enhance better connectivity, convenience and economic growth in and around the State and movement of people and goods will also improve substantially, especially with the neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand.

The optical fibre internet services will make the internet available to remote villages in Bihar. Digital services like e-education, e-agriculture, telemedicine, tele-law and other social security schemes will be easily available to all citizens of Bihar through the implementation of this project, according to a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office.



Thackeray) the legal issues in connection with vacating the Supreme Courts stay on implementing Maratha quota."I apprised Pawar saheb on the same today and understood his views, Chavan told reporters here after meeting the NCP chief, whose party is an ally of the Uddhav Thackeray-led state government.

The Supreme Court earlier this month stayed the implementation of 2018 Maharashtra law granting reservation to Marathas in education and jobs, but made it clear that the status of those who have availed of the benefits will not be disturbed. A three-judge bench headed by Justice L N Rao had referred to a larger constitution bench, to be set up by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, the batch of pleas challenging the validity of the law granting reservation to Marathas in education and jobs.

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

## 8 Opp MPs...

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The suspended members refused to leave the House while the Opposition protested loudly against the action, causing five adjournments of the Rajya Sabha. The Opposition said the members should have been given a chance to explain and demanded a vote on their suspension, but the Rajya Sabha said the decision was based on a Government motion.

Naidu said the members threw papers, wrenched mics away, "physically threatened" Deputy Chairman Harivansh Singh and even abused him. "I am naming Mr Derek O'Brien. Please go out of the House," Naidu said, as he named the suspended members.

But the eight suspended MPs didn't budge, even after the House adjourned, and one of them even called for a blanket and pillows for an overnight stay. Later, the protest started on the lawns of the Parliament complex, with MPs holding up

placards that read - "We will fight for farmers" and "Parliament assassinated".

Two of the Government's three farm Bills, which have led to massive protests by Opposition parties and farmers, were passed on Sunday amid an uproar in the Rajya Sabha.

Congress termed "undemocratic" and "one-sided" the suspension of eight Opposition Rajya Sabha MPs, including three of its own, with Rahul Gandhi saying the "muting of democratic India continues by initially silencing and later suspending the parliamentarians."

"Muting Of Democratic India continues: by initially silencing and later, suspending MPs in Parliament and turning a blind eye to farmers' concerns on the black agriculture laws. This 'omniscent' Government's endless arrogance has brought economic disaster for the entire country," tweeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee posted: "Absolutely unbelievable! BJP MURDERED democracy by

ruthlessly silencing all the Opposition leaders in Rajya Sabha. Citizens of the nation, raise your voice before we're completely under Narendra Modi's dictatorship! #BJPKilledDemocracy".

The Congress party's leader in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and its chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala later addressed a Press conference where they accused Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh of acting at the behest of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Chowdhury alleged that the newly elected Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha was working under Government obligation. "At the behest of PMO, he tried to muzzle and throttle the voices of the Opposition parties," he said.

"Congress condemns this kind of expulsion of members of the Rajya Sabha in such a brazen and undemocratic manner? We will be protesting to restore the status quo ante of our honourable members of the Rajya Sabha," Chowdhury told reporters.

of flying. Once inducted on the warships, they will be responsible for hunting enemy submarine and provide crucial information to the pilot to fire missiles or torpedoes to neutralise the threat.

When asked about pressure, the two officers said the training has equipped "them to take pressure and tension bang on".

Meanwhile, the IAF has selected a woman pilot for training to fly the multi-role Rafale jets. Operational conversion of this officer has begun and she may join the Golden Arrows squadron of the Rafales at the Ambala airbase.

In 2016, Flight Lieutenant Bhawanna Kanth, Flight Lieutenant Avani Chaturvedi, and Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh became India's first women fighter pilots. At the moment, the IAF has 1,875 women in service including 10

## India asks China to make first move for pullback

**From Page 1**

The last round of Corps Commander talks between Harinder Singh and Major General Liu Lin was held on August 2. The two sides then agreed to mutually disengage but China later went back on its word and instead pumped in more troops at the friction point including the contentious Pangong Tso.

The last five rounds of military commander talks since June 5 discussed the modalities of withdrawal from the face-of sites and thinning out troops from the depth areas. Both the sides deployed additional troops and heavy weapons since the face offs commenced in mid-May and efforts were on to reduce the troops as a confidence building measure, sources said.

fighter pilots. Eighteen women officers are navigators deployed in the fighter-fleet as well, operating as Weapons Systems Operators on fighter jets.

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# Data analysis success key to better Government: Sisodia

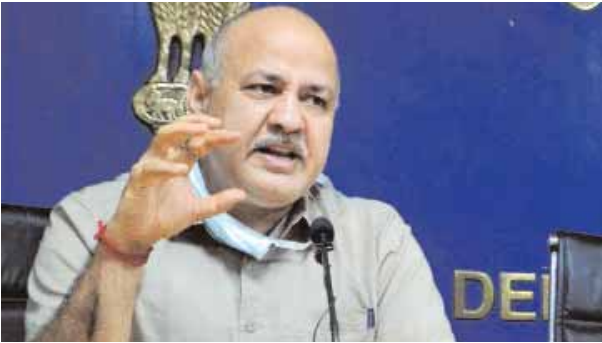
STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to analyse the Covid-19 related data available with the Government and develop planning accordingly to effectively tackle Coronavirus cases in the National Capital Delhi, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia inaugurated the 'Advanced Data Analysis Capacity Development Programme' on Monday.

Sisodia has said that better

planning can be done in the public interest only by a better understanding of data. Keeping Delhi's all-round development in mind, he emphasized on developing a good understanding of data analysis for planning.

"We have plenty of data but the important thing is to understand it. Its method of analysis, maintenance, and processing should be such that it helps us to meet future needs."



The deputy CM said, "If we can identify how many one year-old children we currently have in Delhi then only we will be able to estimate the total number of classrooms required to accommodate those children in the first grade after six years. If we estimate how many children are there in the first class today and how many seats of class XII will be required after 12 years, then we will be able to plan the infrastructure needs

accordingly. Planning department officials need a deeper understanding of this."

Sisodia also said that the planning department should be well equipped with every kind of data which our departments, ministers and officers may need in future. "Our planning department has such a competent team that can provide clean data as per our requirement within two hours," he said.

Sisodia said, "Often we

hear about policy failure. The reason for this is that while making policies, the officials do not know about its total number of beneficiaries." He added, "Advanced data analysis helps in giving clarity on these things. A deeper understanding of the data will lead to better planning."

"Implementation of 'Goods and Services Tax' brought in big changes in jobs across different sectors where certain industries

completely disappeared from Delhi and in some other sectors, job prospects increased significantly. Such type of data is also extremely helpful," he said.

This capacity development program will run for one week for 25 planning and statistics officers associated with the planning department of the Delhi Government in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration.

## 1,356 properties to be de-sealed in North Corporation areas

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

At least 1,356 properties will be de-sealed in north Corporation areas that were sealed by the Supreme Court appointed Monitoring Committee.

The directions have been given to officials to expedite the process of de-sealing, north mayor Jai Prakash said on Monday.

"The concerned officials have been directed to expedite the process of de-sealing. There are 1356 properties which would be de-seal after the proper inspection conducted by the officials. Before de-sealing any residential property, the officials of the corporation will follow the entire process and relief will be provided to the people as soon as possible," he said.

The mayor further said that the properties which were sealed wrongly by the Monitoring Committee and no commercial activities were being conducted there; the North Corporation will provide relief to such properties.

"In case any property owner has not violated the



rules, no encroachment on government land, such buildings will be relieved. The officers of the corporation have been directed to implement the direction of the Supreme Court at the earliest," he said.

Leader of House in North Corporation Yogesh Verma said that the corporation officials have directed to speed up the process of de-sealing after thorough investigation.

## Retired Navy man shot dead in Dwarka

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 55-year-old retired navy man was shot dead allegedly during a scuffle in west Delhi's Dwarka area. Police said that the incident took place on Sunday night.

The victim has been identified as Balraj Deshwal. According to Santosh Kumar Meena, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Dwarka district, the incident took place at Dwarka's Sector-23 area on Sunday night when the accused, identified as Pradeep Khokar, parked his car outside a building and came to the ground floor parking area where victim was sitting with his friend.

"Khokar started an altercation with Deshwal deliberately, which led to a scuffle and later fired a at the victim. The victim received injury on his mouth and he was declared brought dead at the hospital," said the DCP. Police said that the accused owed around Rs 5 lakh to the victim. Deshwal, a retired navy officer, was involved in construction but when the fourth floor was built in the month of July, this building was slightly bent. I had complained to the plot owner, but to no avail."

## Four-storey under construction building tilts in Gurugram

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

An under construction four-storey residential building at Sector-57 in Gurugram has started to tilt to one side. A complaint has already been filed by the neighbours in July 2020 to the officials of the Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP).

"But no action has been taken by the officials yet," the neighbour told this correspondent. The quality of the material used in the construction of the building can be gauged from the fact that the roof of the ground floor was also bent. To prevent this, an iron jack is being used as a support, the worried residents said.

Local resident Sumit Saxena, who had filed the complaint, said that "the construction work at plot number 2476 sector-57 was started in December last year and there were no problems occurred till the three floors construction but when the fourth floor was built in the month of July, this building was slightly bent. I had complained to the plot owner, but to no avail."

He also alleged that the matter was also reported to the police but the police refused to file any complaint and suggested the residents to first file a complaint to the HSVP.

"Several officers came to the spot after the complaint and the intervention of the HSVP officials the building owner called two cranes and erected them here. After the officers left, the building owner started sending these cranes back. On this, we informed the police control room and after their intervention the cranes are standing again here," Sumit, a neighbour said.

"Due to non-action of authority officials, the building owner is getting its construction done. While the ground floor of the building is also bent, this is prevented by supporting Jake. Due to this negligence, the lives of about several families living nearby are at risk," said Vijay Negi, another neighbour.

"The matter is already in my notice and I am collecting more information about the matter from the concerned official. The issue will be sorted out soon," said Vivek Kalia, Estate Officer-2, of the HSVP.

## 314 fresh Covid cases push G'gram tally to 18,142

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

The Covid-19 tally in Gurugram rose to 18,142 as 314 more people have tested positive for the disease, a health official said on Monday.

Of the total cases, 2,811 are active, while 295 people were cured of the disease and discharged from hospitals on Monday, taking the number of recoveries to 15,170 in the district.

With one more fatalities the death toll has reached 161.

On August 21, the district recorded over 100 fresh cases for the first time in 21 days. Since then, in the last 23 days between August 30 and September 21, over 6,316 people have tested positive.

The official said that the majority of coronavirus cases are being reported from the containment zones.

"Covid testing has been increased in the district to prevent the spread of corona infection. Also an intensive testing campaign is being conducted in Gurugram to control the corona infection," said Virender Yadav, CMO Gurugram.

In Gurugram district, RT



PCR and rapid antigen tests for corona infection testing are being done in the ratio of 60: 40, which means that there are more number of tests by RT PCR method. The Civil Surgeon also stated that the positivity rate in Gurugram is 7.5 percent and the death rate due to the case fatality rate i.e. Corona is 0.88 percent.

Divisional Commissioner Ashok Sangwan also informed that the number of beds in gov-

ernment and private hospitals for Corona patients has also been increased significantly.

"The district administration has increased the beds from 25% of the total beds in hospitals to 35% for covid-19 patients. About 2000 beds have been made for Corona patients in the district. Apart from these, 260 beds in ICU and 122 beds with a ventilator facility are also available for Corona patients," Sangwan said.

## Cong protests against 'anti-farmer Bills'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Hundreds of Congress workers held a demonstration at Parliament House on Monday against the "anti-farmer" Bills passed by Rajya Sabha despite the strident objection by opposition parties.

The party workers led by Congress Delhi unit president Anil Kumar marched towards the Parliament from Ambedkar International Bhawan, shouting anti-BJP slogans. Delhi Police detained the protestors at Mandir Marg Police Station.

Kumar said that the Modi Government is foisting anti-farmer bills on the cultivators that will further destroy the farmers who are already reeling under tremendous financial stress due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The centre has crushed the voice of the farmers with the passage of the bills in a dictatorial manner in Parliament without even considering the opinions of the main opposition party and others," he said. He said that the Modi

Government has snatched away the farmers' freedom to sell their products at competitive prices, with a 'Minimum Support Price' (MSP) assured and to give the private players a free run.

Kumar said that the Delhi Congress will continue to forcefully raise the voice of the farmers till the anti-farmer bills are withdrawn. "Ever since the Modi Government came to power at the Centre, its one-point agenda has been to help its rich friends fatten their pockets at the cost of the poor. The Congress will not be mute spectators to such anti-people moves by the BJP Government," he said.

The Congress president wondered why the Aam Aadmi Party Government was keeping a loud silence on the anti-farmer bills. "Only "six farmers have benefited from AAP's much-touted plan to increase MSP. The farmers of Delhi say that they are being forced to sell their wheat at prices lower than even the MSP of the Central and this is in stark con-



trast to the announcements made by the Arvind Government last year when it had announced the "Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Yojna". Under this scheme,

around 20,000 farmers in Delhi were to benefit from MSP which was higher than that set by the Centre, but the Delhi farmers never really benefited from this scheme," he added.

## Railways to induct 'Public Private Partnership' to boost infrastructure

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Railways has planned to induct 'Public Private Partnership' (PPP) to boost infrastructure and there is no proposal to privatise the railways, Railways Minister Piyush Goyal said in Lok Sabha.

Goyal in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha said that railways would need capital investment of ? 50 lakh crores up to the year 2030 for network expansion and capacity augmentation, rolling stock induction and other modernization works to enable better delivery of passenger and freight services and to improve its modal share in transport.

In order to bridge the gap in capital funding and bring in modern technology and efficiencies, it is planned to use the PPP model in few initiatives including induction of modern rakes to run passenger trains on select routes with an objective to provide improved service delivery to passengers, he said.

However, the work of train operations and safety certification will continue to be with railways in all such cases, he added.

"The existing passenger train services shall not be affected by the operation of passenger train services in PPP mode. The train services to be operated in PPP mode shall be additional trains, aimed at increasing the availability of train services to the public. The operator selected through a transparent bidding process shall be entitled to collect fare from the passenger based on market conditions commen-

surate with the level of services provided by him," he said.

The minister also informed that measures to improve safety and security in Railways are being taken including trains are escorted by Railway Protection Force daily on vulnerable and identified routes, security help line number 182 is operational for security related assistance to passengers in distress. Besides, the railways are in regular touch with passengers to enhance security and to address their security concern through various social media platforms viz. twitter, facebook etc.



## Protests, gatherings banned till Sept 30 due to Covid-19, says Delhi Police

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police on Monday said that people cannot be allowed to hold demonstrations in the city till September 30 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The decision came after the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) issued an order of suspending public gatherings in National Capital.

Amid protests against farm bills in the city, the Delhi Police in a series of tweets informed people about the September 3 order of the DDMA which prohibits such activities.

"The general public is hereby informed that in view of DDMA order dated 03/09/2020, "Status Quo" is required to be maintained with respect to prohibited/permitted activities in NCT of Delhi till 30/09/2020 (sic)," the Delhi Police tweeted.

"As such, all political, cultural and social gatherings in NCT of Delhi shall remain suspended till 30.09.2020 (sic)," it added. Delhi Congress leaders and workers marched towards Parliament on Monday to protest against the new farm bills. The protesters were marching towards the Parliament building but were stopped and detained by the police on R P Road, the party said.

## Bidhuri seeks permission for staging Ramlila

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri Monday met with Union Minister of State for Home Affairs G Kishan Reddy for seeking permission for staging Ramlila as per all safety norms in Delhi.

Bidhuri said that the emotions and faith of the people have been associated with the Ramlila staging that has been going on for years.

On this occasion, General Secretary of Delhi Dharmik Sangh Ashok Goel Devraha was present. G Kishan Reddy has responded positively and assured that decisions regarding this will be taken at the earliest, the party said in a statement.

## Advisory issued regarding vehicular movement at Ashram Chowk

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To ensure smooth traffic flow following the ongoing construction of an underpass and emergency repair work at the Sarai Kale Khan flyover, the Delhi Traffic Police on Monday issued an advisory regarding vehicular movement at Ashram Chowk.

According to the statement issued on Monday, vehicles on the Ring Road going towards Sarita Vihar, Badarpur, Faridabad and approaching Ashram Chowk from Moolchand, can take a right turn onto Capt Gaur Marg from under the Lajpat Nagar flyover.

"They can then take the left loop across the Modi Mill flyover and descend onto Mathura Road near Sukhdev Vihar for their onward journey. The cars and two-wheelers approaching Ashram Chowk from Sarai Kale Khan and Noida and going towards Sarita Vihar, Badarpur and Faridabad can take a left turn on CV Raman Marg. They can then take a right turn either at Mata Mandir Marg or Johar Marg to come back on Mathura Road for their onward journey," as per statement

Goods vehicles on Ring Road approaching Ashram Chowk from Sarai Kale Khan/Noida instead of turning left onto Mathura Road, can go

straight over the Ashram flyover and turn left onto Capt Gaur Marg by taking the at grade road along Lajpat Nagar flyover.

They can then take the left loop across the Modi Mill flyover and descend onto Mathura Road near Sukhdev Vihar for their onward journey, the Delhi Traffic Police stated.

About 2.8 lakh passenger cars pass through Ashram Chowk in a day.

Goods vehicles on the Mathura Road approaching Ashram Chowk from Faridabad, Badarpur instead of going straight, can take the Modi Mill flyover near CRRI and take a U-turn from below the flyover at Kalkaji Mandir T-

point.

They can then turn left onto Capt Gaur Marg, take a right turn onto the at grade road along the Lajpat Nagar flyover and go straight over the Ashram flyover, it said.

The PWD is carrying out emergency repairs at the Sarai Kale Khan flyover. This is expected to continue for another 2 weeks. As the work is being carried out in parts, only one carriageway of the flyover is available for traffic going towards Rajghat. This has resulted in congestion, the statement said.

To smoothen traffic flow, all traffic approaching the Sarai Kale Khan flyover from Ashram

or Barapullah flyover, can keep left and go straight ahead along the at grade road of the flyover, the Delhi Traffic Police of Southern Range suggested.

All traffic bound for NH-24, East Delhi, Ghaziabad and descending from Barapullah flyover and approaching Sarai Kale Khan, can opt to go straight ahead and take Delhi-Noida Direct Flyway. They can take a left turn onto Mayur Vihar Pusta road and rejoin on NH24 or Vikas Marg, it said.

It also said that the traffic on Ring Road coming from Ashram and bound for North, North-West Delhi, Sonipat and Karnal can take DND flyway.

They can take a left turn onto Mayur Vihar Pusta road and come back onto Ring Road via Nizamuddin Bridge/Nizamuddin Khatta, Yamuna Bridge on Vikas Marg or Sarita Vihar Bridge.

Goods vehicles coming from Ashram on Ring Road and approaching Sarai Kale Khan to compulsorily take DND flyover. They can come back again onto Ring Road via Nizamuddin Bridge/Nizamuddin Khatta, Yamuna Bridge on Vikas Marg or Sarita Vihar Bridge, the statement said.

To facilitate commuters, diversion and directional boards have been put up at select locations on the routes, the state-

ment added.

The PWD is constructing an underpass at Ashram Chowk -- the intersection of Mathura Road and Ring Road -- which is one of the busiest crossings in south Delhi. The work is likely to be completed by April-May 2021.

One completed, the underpass will help in mitigating traffic congestion at Ashram Chowk by allowing traffic between Jangpura and Sarita Vihar along Mathura Road pass without stopping.

To ease congestion and reduce stoppage time at Ashram Chowk, the Delhi Traffic Police of the southern range suggests diversions and alternate routes.



# Opp behaviour in Rajya Sabha ‘very shameful’: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Asserting that it had a clear majority in the Rajya Sabha during the passage of the farm Bills, the Government on Monday described the behaviour of Opposition members in the Rajya Sabha as “very shameful and irresponsible” as also their refusal to leave the house despite the Chairman’s order to suspend them on Monday. The Government also pointed out that there is enough visual evidence that the Deputy Chairman would have been nearly physically assaulted had the Marshals not protected him.

Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the conduct of leaders of opposition parties was “illegal” and violative of all parliamentary norms and rules and accused the Congress of double standards on the issues including contract farming.

“The Government had a clear majority yesterday, 110 present members were supporting the Agriculture Bills and only 72 were opposing. We had a decisive majority...their agenda was to stop the House (Rajya Sabha) from passing the Bills,” Prasad maintained.

On the Opposition’s claim that the bills were passed without voting on Sunday, Prasad

said the deputy chairman had asked the members of Parliament (MPs), who went to the well of the house, to return to their seats 13 times. He said discussion went on peacefully from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm and after that the deputy-speaker said “you want it to go to select committee, I have to put it to motion and please, go back on your seats”. “How can voting take place when you won’t go to your seats,” he asked.

Pointing to the possibility of the chairman being physically attacked, the Union minister said, “Yesterday was a shameful day in parliament history. Mic was broken, a leader of a party tore a rule book” and the chair came “very close to being physically hurt”. “But for Marshalls, some physical hurt was possible”, he sought to say adding there is enough visual evidence if Marshalls would have not protected the Deputy Chairperson , he would have been nearly physically assaulted.

He said following their suspension the opposition members had no right to stay back in the house which they did on Sunday. He said once suspension is ordered there is no discussion allowed and members have to exit the house.

# LS clears changes in FCRA, Aadhaar must for NGOs now

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha on Monday passed the amendments to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 that seek to make Aadhaar mandatory for NGOs to receive foreign funds. The amendments aim to streamline the provisions of the FCRA by strengthening the compliance mechanism and enhancing transparency and accountability in the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution worth thousands of crores of rupees every year, said MoS Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.

The amendments will limit the use of foreign funds received under FCRA for administrative purposes from the current limit of 50% to 20%. Also, Aadhaar card will be mandatory for all office bearers of NGOs and other organisations which are seeking funds from foreign sources.

“The annual inflow of foreign contribution has almost doubled between the years 2010 and 2019, but many recipients of foreign contribution have not utilised the same for the purpose for which they were registered or granted prior permission under the said Act. Many of them were also found wanting in ensuring basic statutory compliances such as submission of annual returns and maintenance of proper accounts,” the proposed

## Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Bill passed

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Parliament on Monday passed the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) Bill providing reliefs to companies facing insolvency due to the lockdown. Rajya Sabha had already passed the Bill. Finance Minister told Lok Sabha while replying to the debate on IBC (Second Amendment Bill) that the Government passed Ordinance to protect the companies facing insolvency cases due to the Lockdown. “Many countries changed rules due to the Lockdown to protect the companies who were facing insolvency cases and recovery cases .

These amendments were mainly to stop the recoveries and extension of time limit due to Lockdown,” she said, explaining why Government brought Ordinance and needed to accommodate the amendments.

amendment States.

“This has led to a situation where the Central Government had to cancel certificates of registration of more than 19,000 recipient organisations, including non-governmental organisations,

## Bill to shield docs, healthcare workers from attack OK’d

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Parliament on Monday passed the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill 2020 to include Covid-19 pandemic in the list of epidemic diseases and also include the stringent punishments to those attack doctors and healthcare workers. Rajya Sabha had passed the Bill earlier. During the pandemic, the Government had issued an Ordinance to protect doctors and healthcare workers after a series of reports of attacks against them. Health Minister Harsh Vardhan thanked the Lok Sabha MPs for passing the Bill unanimously and said society must observe zero-tolerance to any form of violence against healthcare service personnel and damage to property. As per its provisions, the commission or abetment of such acts of violence will be punishable with an imprisonment for a term of three months to five years, and with a fine of ₹50,000 to ₹2,00,000.

during the period between 2011 and 2019,” it added.

# Dementia education, brain boosting games may reduce Alzheimer’s risk

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

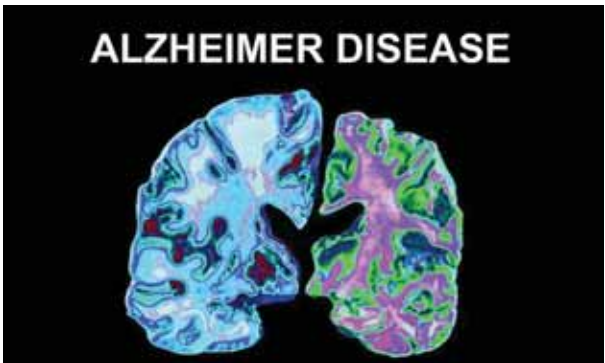
An eight-week programme combining dementia education with lifestyle changes to diet, physical activity and cognitive engagement through brain boosting games can significantly improve cognitive performance and reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s disease among seniors with pre-dementia conditions, researchers have found.

Alzheimer’s disease is a neurological disorder which causes problems with memory, thinking skills, and behaviour and is the most common form of dementia.

The study used the BrainHQ app from Posit Science for its brain exercise component. Published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society, the randomised trial assigned 119 participants over the age of 65 to either an active control group or an intervention group.

The research team found that the intervention group had a significantly larger reduction in Alzheimer’s risk — using the Australian National University Alzheimer’s Disease Risk Index — than the control group over the duration of the study. The size of the risk reduction was clinically significant, similar to the difference in Alzheimer’s risk between a person who has diabetes and one who doesn’t.

Memory loss is one of the



earliest symptoms, along with a gradual decline of other intellectual and cognitive functions leading to change of behavior, RK Dhamija (Director Professor and HOD), Department of Neurology at Delhi-based Lady Hardinge Medical College said. He added that as there is no cure, it is important that one should take up reading, play brain challenging games like crosswords and Sudoku, connecting with people to keep the mind active. “Lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, high blood pressure should be strictly controlled.

“Since it is a neuro-degenerative disease, it is therefore important to recognise the symptoms early. Timely and regular follow-up with a neurologist along with good supportive care can minimise the suffering of these patients,” Dr Dhamija said.

Initial symptoms are memory impairment, word-

finding difficulties during conversation, patients may forget their recent conversation, where they had kept their wallets, they may even forget whether they had food or not or forget bank/ATM passwords or their way to home. Around 5 crore people are suffering with dementia and it is estimated that every year one crore people with dementia are added , said Dr Dhamija. In India, 40 lakh people are afflicted with the neurodegenerative disease.

“The Government isn’t currently prioritising their needs, since the medical system is already burdened with the responsibility of providing basic care for infectious illnesses, cardiac ailments, oncology problems etc. But the Government needs to look into this gap in geriatric care on an urgent basis,” said Joy Desai, Director of the Neurology Department at Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai.

## OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER IN CHIEF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NAVA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR (CENTRAL TENDER CELL) E-Procurement Tender Notice

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1.	67617 (First Call) 10.09.20	Construction of Belodi To Bhedsar Road (L.2.45 Km), i/c Culverts at Durg, Distt.Durg (Dn. Durg)	375.69
2.	67618 (First Call) 10.09.20	Widening & Strengthening of Borsi To Ruabandha Road, Km. 2/2 To 4/6 = 2.40 Km. i/c Culverts at Distt Durg. (Dn. Durg)	676.27
3.	67632 (First Call) 10.09.20	Widening & Strengthening of Urla-Kuruddih-Batang - Bhatgaon-Ameri Road, Length 10.50 km., i/c. Bridge & Culverts, Distt. Durg.	1701.77
4.	67634 (First Call) 10.09.20	Construction of Girls Hostel Building in K.I.T. Premises at Gadumariya, Raigarh i/c W.S.S.F. and Electrification work.	260.00
5.	67626 (Second Call) 10.09.20	Construction of Ghonsara to Gadara Road Length 3.20 km i/c Bridge & Culverts.	442.05
6.	67670 (First Call) 10.09.20	Widening & Strengthening of Basantpur Amarpur Pendra Road in Length 8.00 km. i/c Bridge & Culverts.	1772.53
7.	67672 (First Call) 10.09.20	Widening & Strengthening of Basantpur Nawagaon Bhadi Road in Km.20/6 to 25/10 Total Length 5.60 Km i/c Bridge & Culverts.	1053.10
8.	67675 (First Call) 10.09.20	Construction Of Bridge at Km 8/4 (4 X 10 M Span) of Bhilai Tarra Road (Karsa Nalah) & Km. 3/10 (3X6M Span) Somni Nalah i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg (Dn.Durg).	518.92
9.	67676 (First Call) 10.09.20	Construction of Surpa- Karela Road (L. 5.00 Km) i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg Durg).	1538.45
10.	67677 (First Call) 10.09.20	Widening & Stregthening (Four Lane) of Utai-Patal Tarighat Road Km 37/6 To 43/4 (Utai To Selud) (L. 6.00 Km) i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg (Dn.Durg).	4595.25
11.	67673 (First Call) 10.09.20	Improvement & Renewal Work of Pendra to Chirmiri Road in Km 1 to 13/6 Total Length 12.60 Km i/c HP Culverts.	958.15
12.	67630 (First Call) 10.09.20	Upgradation of Aundhi-Nardhi Road, Length 1.125 k.m., i/c. Bridge & Culverts, Distt. Durg	272.30
13.	67799 (First Call) 10.09.20	Widening & Stregthening of Teligundara-Kesra Road (L. 7.50 Km) i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg( Dn.Durg)	2011.82
14.	67768 (First Call) 11.09.20	Construction of Funda-Godpendri Road (L. 4.00 Km) i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg (Dn.Durg).	1267.50
15.	67769 (First Call) 11.09.20	Widening & Strengthening of Bhansuli To Khamhariya Road (L. 9.60 Km) i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg (Dn.Durg).	3053.44
16.	67796 (First Call) 11.09.20	Construction of 5 X 10 M Span Medium Bridge at Km 3/8 (Matliya Nalah) of Patan - Matliya Road i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg (Dn.Durg).	457.19
17.	67722 (First Call) 11.09.20	Upgradation of Sirsa To Ganiyari Road (L. 5.20 km) i/c Culverts at Distt. Durg (Dn.Durg).	1600.66
18.	67723 (First Call) 11.09.20	Widening & Stregthening of Kumhali-Bhaisbod- Ranchirai Road (L. 3.30 Km) i/c Culverts At Distt. Durg (Dn.Durg).	1041.56
19.	67742 (First Call) 12 .09.20	Improvement & BT Work of Pendra to Marwahi Main Road (L. 40.20 km) i/c HP Culverts.	3316.98
20.	67743 (First Call) 12.09.20	Widening & Stregthening of Basantpur to Basti Bagra Aamgaon Road in Km. 9 to 35 Total L 27.00 km. i/c Bridge & Culverts.	3935.94
21.	67666 (Second Call) 12.09.20	Construction of Chorma to Pakariya Road Length 3.50 km i/c Bridge & Culverts.	561.45
22.	67667 (Second Call) 12.09.20	Construction of Masulpani - Kochwahi Road From km 01 to 4/6 Length 3.55 km Block -Narharpur, District Kanker (C.G.)	490.14
23.	67801 (Second Call) 15.09.20	Construction of Nawagaon Bangursia Junwani Approach Road Length 6.00 Km Under Nabard Scheme.	379.28
24.	67800 (Second Call) 15.09.20	Widening & Strengthening of Bhakhara College Approach Road, (Length km 1.55 k.m.) i/c. Culverts at Distt. Dhamtari.	237.57
25.	67836 (First Call) 17.09.20	Construction of Kasdol-Chichpott Road (With Soil Stabilization Method) Length 4.80 Km i/c Bridges, Culverts, Drain Etc. at Distt. Balodabazar. (Dn. Balodabazar).	934.92

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# Pakistan trying to target Indians working in Afghanistan, Parl told

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday informed the Parliament that Pakistan is trying to target Indians working in Afghanistan.

The Government in a written reply in Lok Sabha said that several Indians working in development projects in Afghanistan have been attacked or kidnapped in the last 12 years.

Pakistan under the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1267 has also tried to designate four Indians working in Afghanistan as terrorists, the Government

reportedly said adding that the request was not approved. “Pakistan has been targeting Indian professionals working in Afghanistan through a variety of ways. Several Indians working in Afghanistan on various development projects have been attacked and kidnapped over the past 12 years, Minister of State for External Affairs V

Muraleedharan said. “With the assistance of [the] Government of Afghanistan, India has been able to secure [the] release of many Indians from captivity. In addition, [the] Indian

embassy and its consulates have also been attacked,” he said.

The Government also informed Monday that it has adopted a multi-pronged approach to s t r e n g t h e n protection along the Line of Control (LoC) with Pakistan. In a written reply in Rajya Sabha, the Government informed that improved technological surveillance, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination are also being carried out, reported a news agency.

# CCMB scientists analyse 2,000 SARS-CoV-2 genomes from India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Scientists at the CSIR-Centre For Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hyderabad have analysed more than 2,000 SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19 genomes from India available in the public domain to understand the various strains in circulation.

The clade or genetic group circulating in India has 70 per cent similarity with the major strain around the world, hence , one vaccine or drug is sufficient to fight it, they said.

Earlier in June, the team had revealed the presence of a distinct virus population among Indians. This was named the clade I/A3i, and is recognised by the presence of 4 specific variations in their genetic makeup (genomes).

At that time, 41 per cent of all Indian SARS-CoV-2

genomes belonged to this clade.

However, the current analysis showed that the proportion of the A3i clade dropped to 18 per cent, it said. The findings of the study done with scientists from CSIR-Institute of Integrative Biology as collaborators, are now peer-reviewed and published in the journal Open Forum Infectious Diseases published by the Oxford University Press.

The decrease in the proportion of A3i clade is accompanied by an increase of the A2a clade, also referred to as the G clade or the 20A/B/C clades in other nomenclatures.

Viruses of the A2a or the G clade carry the D614G mutation in their spike protein which is shown to be associated with an increased infectivity.

At present, approximately 70 per cent of all Indian as well

as global SARS-CoV-2 genomes fall into this clade. “As expected for a strain which is more infectious, A2a clade quickly became the dominant clade in India just like everywhere else. There is no evidence to state that this mutation is clinically a more difficult one,” Dr Rakesh K Mishra, Director, CCMB and a co-author of the study said.

“The similarity in viral genome globally should be considered a positive news, because a vaccine or a drug targeting this mutation will work with the same effectiveness all over the world,” he added.

It is, however, important to note that no clade at present has been conclusively shown to be associated with a more severe form of COVID-9, or an increased risk of death, said the scientists.

# MoHUA gets metro rail proposals from 6 States

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The ministry of housing and Turban affairs (MoHUA) has received proposals of 392 km metro rail from six States with an estimated cost of ₹1,27,825 crore so far. The proposals have been received from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, remaining three corridors of Delhi metro phase 4 and Jammu and Kashmir.

As per the ministry data, the remaining three corridors of Delhi Metro Phase IV –Inderlok -Indraprastha, Rithala-Bawana-Narela, and Lajpat Nagar-Saket G Block corridors would be 44 kms long

and it would cost Rs 12,635 crore. The deadline of the project is December 2024.

Bangalore Metro Rail Project (Phase 2A and 2B) will be 58 kms long and it would cost ₹14,844 crore. The project is expected to be completed within 45 months from the date of sanction.

Chennai Metro Rail Project Phase –II is 119 kms long and it would cost ₹63,246 crore. The deadline of this project is June,2026.

Maharashtra’s metro rail projects include Nagpur, Thane, Pune and Nashik. The total length of these four cities’ metro will be 119 kms and it would cost ₹22,961 crore.

# Only 4% patients got Covid-19 ICU beds via proper channel: Survey

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the number of coronavirus cases in India mounts and demand for medical facilities increases, a survey by LocalCircles said that only four per cent patients were able to get a Covid-19 ICU bed through the routine process, while 78 per cent had to use connections and clout. Another four per cent said they did not get an ICU bed at all.

After receiving many complaints from citizens from across the country about their family friends or associates not being able to find an ICU bed at a government or private hospital, LocalCircles conducted a survey to get citizen’s pulse on the issue and received over 17,000 responses from



citizens located in over 211 districts of the country.

On experiences of people in their social network with regard to getting a COVID-19 ICU bed, 55 per cent citizens said that they did not have any person in their network who needed it.

Thirty eight per cent respondents said they had to use clout to secure an ICU bed while seven per cent said they had to follow up extensively to secure the ICU bed.

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# CBI files case against Delhi-based firm for causing loss to banks

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against Delhi-based private firm Kwaliti Ltd and its directors for causing an alleged loss of over ₹1,400 crore to a consortium of banks led by Bank of India.

Following registration of the case on September 10, the agency on Monday conducted searches at the premises of the accused firm and its directors.

The CBI registered the case on a complaint from Bank of India against Kwaliti Ltd and others including its Directors, and other unknown persons for causing an alleged loss of ₹1,400.62 crore to Bank of India and other consortium banks, the agency said.

“It was alleged in the complaint that the said accused had cheated the Bank of India-led consortium comprising BOI (lead bank), Canara Bank, Bank of Baroda, Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank, IDBI, Central Bank of India, Dhanlaxmi Bank and Syndicate Bank to the tune of ₹1,400.62 core by way of diversion of bank funds, sham transactions with related parties, fabricated documents/receipts, falsified books of accounts, created false assets and liabilities among others,” it said.

The searches were conducted at eight locations including Delhi, Saharanpur, Bulandshahr (Uttar Pradesh), Ajmer (Rajasthan) and Palwal (Haryana) at the premises of the private company and other accused persons in the case. Further investigation is continuing, it further said.

Those named as accused in the case include Kwaliti Ltd, Sanjay Dhingra, Siddhant Gupta, Arun Srivastava and other unknown persons.

According to the FIR, diversion/misappropriation of public money by the accused firm and individuals was done during the period 2010-2017.

# SC stays ex-UP Min’s interim bail

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Monday stayed former Uttar Pradesh minister Gayatri Prasad Prajapati’s interim bail, granted for two months on medical grounds by the Allahabad High Court, in a gang rape case.

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on September 3 had granted the interim bail to Prajapati who was a minister in the erstwhile Samajwadi Party Government.



**AGRICULTURE BILLS**

# Didi calls Opp to unite against ‘Hitler Raj’

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has reacted to the alleged “forced passing” of the farmers’ Bills by comparing the BJP Government with “Hitler Raj” and said that her party Trinamool Congress will start an indefinite agitation demanding a rollback of the “draconian law.”

Saying that “yesterday will be remembered as a Black Sunday” in the history of parliamentary democracy in India Banerjee on Monday said, “the forced passage of the Bills in Rajya Sabha only reminds one of the Hitler Raj ... it is dictatorship at its peak,” adding her party would however not take

things lying down and begin a prolonged movement against the “draconian law.”

Even as two TMC MPs Derek O’ Brien and Dola Sen were suspended from attending this session of the Rajya Sabha Banerjee said “no amount of coercion will deter us. We will not bow our head before this dictatorial Government,” adding “the way the Bills were passed in the Upper House by sheer physical force has made our heads hang in shame. We feel disturbed and ashamed.

“I condemn the yesterday’s incident in the Rajya Sabha ... the way the Bills were forcibly passed without following the norms. Now it is clear that this Government is not only attack-

ing the opponents but also the farmers and daily wagers ... The farmers’ independence is being hijacked they are being made powerless... The day is not far when we will face a food crisis, India is now staring at a famine.”

Apprehending that the proposed labour reforms could bring untold hardship for the country’s work force Banerjee said the Government’s proposals for labour reforms would come as a bolt on the work force.

Calling for a broad-based opposition unity, Banerjee said, “a time has come when all the parties should unite against this dictatorial government which systematically destroying all the democratic institutions of the country ... if need be the

Trinamool Congress will remain at the rear of the movement but the parties should come forward to join hands against this Government.”

Attacking the Centre for destroying democracy Banerjee said “the situation is such that all the voices of decent are ruthlessly suppressed. If you raise your voice they will implicate youu in false cases.

## RJD to kick off agitation from Sept 25

**Patna:** After the contentious agriculture Bills were passed in Parliament, the Opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) in Bihar has decided to start its agitation from September 25.

Jagadanand Singh, the State president of RJD in Bihar, said that members of RJD will protest against the Bills in each of the 38 district headquarters in Bihar. The Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) was dissolved

in 2006 by the NDA Government in Bihar and its consequences were such that the state government was unable to stock any foodgrains, he said.

“How could they claim that after removing APMC it would help farmers? We have not seen any of the farmers being benefitted by it. It has adversely affected farmers,” Singh said, adding that a large numbers of farmers migrated from different parts of Bihar.

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# 12 killed, 10 others hurt as Thane building collapses

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

At least 12 persons, including seven children and teenagers, were killed and 10 others injured when a three-storey building collapsed when they were sleeping at their homes at Narpoli in the powerloom town of Bhiwandi in the adjoining Thane district in the early hours of Monday.

As many as persons, including six children, were rescued from under the debris by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and local fire brigade teams during the rescue and relief operations carried out by them for the better part of the day.

Of those killed in the mishap were a two-year-old girl and a 75-year-old man.

A portion of the 43-year-old Jilani building, situated in the Patel Compound at Narpoli near Dhamankar Naka at Bhiwandi, crashed at 3.45 am. . The building had in all 40 flats. There were 150 residents in the building when it collapsed.

The rescue teams deployed a Dog Squad, high-tech sensors cameras, gas cutters to locate and rescue the victims trapped under the debris.

The injured were rushed to the hospitals at Bhiwandi and nearby Thane.



National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Fire Brigade carry an injured person from the site after a three-storey building collapsed at Bhiwandi in Thane district on Monday

Those injured have been admitted to the local hospitals at Bhiwandi and some shifted to the Thane hospitals the officials said.

Thane’s Guardian Minister Eknath Shinde today visited the crash site and inspected the rescue and relief operations. He also visited the hospital and enquired about the health of the injured.

Shinde announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin of those killed in the mishap. The minister also ordered an inquiry as to why no repairs had been carried out in the building despite the fact that the Bhiwandi Nizampur Municipal Corporation

(BNMC) had served to that effect in February this year.

Meanwhile, BNMC’s Municipal Commissioner Dr. Pankaj Ashiya has suspended the then Assistant Municipal Commissioner Sudham Jadhav and Engineer and Verification officer Dudhnath Yadav, pending the inquiry.

The BNMC chief said that the collapsed building figured on the list of dilapidated and dangerous structures and a vacate notice had been issued to the residents in February this year. President R. N. Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi mourned the death of the people in the Thane building crash.

## Aligarh: 86 new corona cases including 17 from district jail

**PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH**

The corona is now active in district jail as well. 86 new cases have been found including 17 from the district jail. After several days, the number of infected people today is less than 100. 165 people recovered and returned home. The number of corona infected patients has now reached 7430 in the district.

86 people have been found infected in JN Medical College, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Joint Hospital, Private Lab, and Antigen Test. 17 people

were found from the district jail alone. District Magistrate Chandra Bhushan Singh said that based on symptoms, the infected patients are being admitted either to the covid-19 hospital or home isolation. Samples have been taken for family members and they are kept in home-quarantine. People in contact are also being sampled.

Meanwhile, a corona patient has run away from the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay joint hospital today. Police have been informed by the hospital administration.

## 10 Kerala districts under security scanner post al-Qaeda arrests

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

Ten out of 14 districts in Kerala have come under the scanner of various intelligence agencies of the Centre, according to sources in National Investigation Agency (NIA).

The caution by the Centre has come as a follow up to Saturday morning’s arrest in Ernakulam district of three persons with allege link to Al Qaeda. The three were taken to Delhi where they are being questioned about their activities in Kerala.

“Ten districts in the State have sleeper cells of various terrorist organisations and they are under observation. We are also in the process of finding out their associates in the State Police,” said an official who did not want his name to be quoted. The presence of thousands of migrant workers across the State have become a serious issue in Kerala.

## Jamaat-e Islami questions legality of arrests by NIA

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

Welfare Party of India, the political outfit launched by the Jamaat e Islami, came out on Monday questioning the legality of the arrests of three migrant workers from Ernakulam district by the NIA on Saturday.

“We cannot believe the version of the NIA that the three were arrested because of their links with Al Qaeda. These arrests smack of a conspiracy,” said Hameed Vaniyambalam, WPI, president, in a statement released to the media.

According to Hameed, the news being spread by the investigation agency is with the objective to create Islamophobia and also to help the Sangh Parivar elements.

“Their intention is to create ethnic hatred for the migrant laborers among the local population. These innocent workers are being portrayed as terrorists,” said Hameed.

**The Chief Executive Officer, Melaghar Municipal Council Melaghar Sepahijala Tripura invites e-tender against press NIT No 01/SBM/MMC/DEV/2020-21, Dated- 14-09-2020**

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## AMU anti-CAA protester Sharjeel under lens

**PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH**

Former AMU student Sharjeel Usmani, who was among the main accused in connection with the ruckus in AMU regarding the CAA-NRC, is once again on the radar of the district police and agencies. After objection to the post made on social media recently, its investigation is being conducted from the SP city level. At the same time, legal opinion has been sought from

SPO on whether this comes under the crime or not? The decision will be taken only after getting a legal opinion for filing the case. Meanwhile, other agencies including ATS are monitoring his activities.

Shamil Usmani, an alumnus of AMU, who was the main accused of inciting the ruckus on 15th December night in AMU campus, was arrested from Azamgarh. He was sent to jail in two main cases of AMU ruckus.

After this, Sharjeel was released from prison on bail. After his release from prison, he tweeted one post from his Twitter account last week in which he has asked people to come out on the streets and protesting and finished his tweet with poetry. This post was objected by the former student of AMU and former district spokesperson of BJP, Nishit Sharma, and tagged the tweeter account of the UP Police for action.

## No shortage of corona preventive drugs in Aligarh, says dist admin

**PNS ■ ALIGARH**

Corona preventive medicine Civermectin has no shortage in the district. The drug inspector denied the rumors of a shortage of medicine in the market, saying that some black marketers are trying to make profits by spreading such rumors.

Drug dealers have been alerted regarding these. Along with this, an inspection was also done about the availability of zinc along with Cefzinc, Doxycycline, Azithromycin, Vitamin C, and Multi-Vitamins, and no shortage was reported.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is for the information of general public that onership of 01 catering trolly at Delhi Sarai Rohila Railway station was held by Late Shri Hardayal Gupta who had expired on 08 aug 2020. The contract is being considered to transfer in the name of Mr.Anil Khandwal S/o Late Sri Hardayal Gupta R/o H.No. 52/16A, Gali No.16, Nai Basti Anand Parbat New Delhi -110005. If any person has any objection to this, it may be reported in writing to the office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/ Catering, state entry road New Delhi-110055 with in 21 day from the publication of this notice

**Ratan Lal Gupta (Advocate)**

**J-125, Adhyapak Nager Nangloi Delhi-41**

**SUSPECTED PERSON**

General public is hereby informed that one male person (depicted in the photo) **Namely: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: about 35-40 years, Height: about 5'7" Feet, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, Hairs: Black, Small Beard & Mustaches, Wearing: Unknown, is wanted in a Case vide FIR No. 43/20 u/s 379 IPC, Dated 24.07.2020, lodged at P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi.**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about that person, but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information/clue about these persons, may inform SHO, Tilak Marg, New Delhi the following telephone numbers.

**S.H.O**

**P.S. Tilak Marg, New Delhi**

**Ph.: 011-23342100**

**DP/117/NDD/2020.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that the partnership between Rohit S/o Satbir Singh Yadav and Rohit Bansal & Kush Kumar Kwatra, carrying on business of rading medicines, etc. under the name and style of "M/s Moksh Meditech" at CW-252, Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar, Delhi-110042 is dissolved as from 20th September, 2020. Hereforth, Mr. Kush Kumar Kwatra shall not liable/responsible for any act/conduct done by any of the partners.

**SAHIL MUNJAL (Advocate)**

**Ch. No. 127, Delhi High Court, New Delhi**

## Karnataka’s Congress MLA Sangamesh tests Covid +ve

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka’s Congress legislator BK Sangamesh from Bhadravathi has been admitted in a private city hospital after testing coronavirus positive , a party official said on Monday.

“As 55-year-old Sangamesh tested positive on Sunday, he was brought to Bengaluru from Shivamogga and admitted in the private hospital here for treatment,” party spokesman Rajeev Gowda told IANS.

Bhadaravathi is about 280km northwest of Bengaluru in the southern state.

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**(A)** The above tenders can be uploaded by **dated 05.10.2020** upto 5.00 pm. shall be opened/ downloaded on **dated 06.10.2020** at 11.00 am.

Sr. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1.	18/E-Tender/GM(R)/SM (WC-3)/2020-21	M/o Building (Repairing and renovation of Block C-1, C-2 and C-12, Sector-40, Staff Quarter), Noida	58.80
2.	27/GM(R)/SM (WC-2) /2020-21	M/o Road (Repair of Footpath, Central Verge M.S. Grills, Kerb Stone Painting work etc. on DSC Road from Sector-37 Underpass to New Ashok Nagar), Noida	54.54

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## SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED GIRL

General public is here by informed that one girl **Name: Antim @ Yogendri, D/o Pappu R/o Ho. No. 211, Gali No. 3, C Block Saboli Extn., Delhi Age: 16 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Firozi Colour Suit,Chitdar Salwar and Cream & Blue Colour Chappal**

Feet has been kidnapped since 23.04.2017 from her house. In this regard a FIR No.116/17 dated 24.04.2017 has been lodged at P.S. Harsh Vihar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

**E-Mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)**

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**Fax: 011-24368639**

**Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**

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**P.S. Harsh Vihar, Delhi**

**Ph. 011-22800215, 22800216**

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**GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

**Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE (QC&PD) Division, HMT, Srinagar**

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**Addendum-01**

**Subject: Supply of Alumina Ferric Grade-IV conforming to IS 299: 2012 with upto date Amendments.**

**Ref: This office e-NIT No: PHE/M&P/11 of 2020-21/ e-Tender Dated: 19-09-2020 issued under endorsement vide No: PHE/M&P of 2018-67 dated: 19-09-2020.**

It is for the inform of all the bidders who had participated in the previous e-NIT No: **PHE/M&P/07 of 2020-21/e-Tender Dated: 28-08-2020**, their EMD shall remain valid for their participation in this e-NIT, as the e-NIT No: **PHE/M&P/07 of 2020-21/e-Tender Dated: 28-08-2020** stands cancelled.

Rest all the terms and conditions, dates etc shall remain unchanged. Sd/- Executive Engineer, QC&PD Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar

**No. DIPK-6056/20 Dated: 21.09.2020**

## 1,036 new Covid cases, 23 die in J&K

**PNS ■ JAMMU**

Twenty three Covid-19 patients died in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on Monday while the total number of recoveries reported a slight jump in comparison to total number of fresh positive cases.

According to the media bulletin, 1,158 patients recovered and discharged from different hospitals while 1036 new cases were detected taking the tally of active positive cases of Coronavirus to 21887 while the death toll reached 1024.

Out of these 1036 fresh cases, Jammu division reported 536 and Kashmir division

reported 473 cases. On the other hand, out of 23 deaths, 14 deaths were reported from Jammu region and nine patients died across Kashmir valley on Monday.

Out of a total number fo 65026 positive cases, 42115 patients have recovered so far while 21887 are active positive. Out of these 12643 cases are active in Jammu and 9244 in Kashmir region.

On the other hand, the team of doctors headed by Principal Government Medical College,Jammu Dr NC Digma Monday claimed the premier Health Institution is catering well to all sick patients amid the Covid-19 Pandemic.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON**

General public is here by informed that one person **Name: Gagan Deep Bhatiya, S/o Jitender Pal Singh Bhatiya, R/o H. No. 200, Gujranwala, Part-II, Model Town, Delhi. Age: 36 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Blue Patka, Blue Jeans and White Blue Shirt**, has been missing since 14.03.2018.

In this regard a FIR No. 95/18 U/s 365 IPC, dated 14.03.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Model Town, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY**

General public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Seema with her daughter Sangeeta, age 6 year W/o Amar Singh R/o House-1213, Baba Haridas Colony, Tikri Kalan, Delhi Age: 30 yrs, Height: 5'1", complexion shallow, face round. Wearing yellow saree and blouse has been missing/ kidnapped since 20.11.2014 from the area of PS Mundka, Delhi .**

In this regard a case **FIR No. 569/14 dated: 21.11.2014 U/s 363 IPC** has been registered at **PS Mundka, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady & her daughter, but no clue has come to light so far.

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# Mockery of House

The Govt’s steamrolling of farm Bills in Rajya Sabha erodes parliamentary procedure. Worse, it sets a precedent



It would not like to show that it has been taken aback on the farm Bills but it certainly is trying to undo the damage. Clearly the Government has become over-confident about subverting parliamentary fairplay and justifying its authoritative weight. That it has been forced to consider a hike in the minimum support price (MSP) of Rabi crops and repeatedly assure that *kisaan haats* would continue are an admission of its somewhat dodgy understanding of Indian farmers and their concerns. The latter are not only a volatile political constituency; they are aware stakeholders and not a silent majority. So while the Government is in a rush to push big bang farm reforms, steamrolling three Bills that began as ordinances and would have lapsed otherwise, it has ignored their questions and dishonoured the democratic convention of dialogue, consultation and careful consideration. Worse, it has even made Parliament a tool in its exercise of ticking off the boxes in its manifesto, trampling any opposing view as redundant, even if well-argued. Controversial Bills in this country have always been open for discussion in the House, often moved to relevant parliamentary committees for in-depth appraisal and closing deficiencies. By skipping the rulebook, the Government has stretched its political adventurism a bit much. While it insists that the new laws will remove trade barriers so that the smallest farmers can sell their produce outside monopolised markets and get a higher price, the reality is that such farmers are still unprotected against the corporatisation implicit in these Bills. Architecture-wise, the Bills look reformist, dismantling the heavily cartelised Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) *mandis* and middlemen, but growers need gestational and transitional time to come out of a regulatory framework and take charge of their individual fortunes. For one, the smaller and marginal farmers are not literate or educated enough and entering into one-on-one contracts with corporations would give the latter negotiating rights and greater control over price fixing. In that sense, they could still end up being exploited as before. The middleman would simply get replaced by a food major or a retail giant, which, as a “sponsor,” can control inputs in the “farm to fork” chain. Besides, farmers, knowing their limitations, have never been into direct dealing but operated through commission agents, some of whom are a trusted link in their eco-system. The farmers fear that in an open, competitive market, they would not get the MSP that the Government promises to continue and given the diversity and multiplicity of markets, the guaranteed official procurement would be hit over time. They would, therefore, still be in a crisis. The bigger market players would also affect their cropping patterns. Besides, the proposed laws are still vague on definition of mechanisms that would replace the regulated economy. Considering that farmers form 60 per cent of the country’s population, any sweeping change concerning them merits some thought and actionable plans than a blanket and summary imposition.

Politically, this was the Government’s worst move in the House. As the Opposition protested, demanding that there be a discussion and possibly a referral to a committee, the live telecast was muted so that the nation did not hear the counter-arguments. Frustrated and agitated, the Opposition stormed the Well of the House. Procedure says that no Bill can be passed amid such din. But the Deputy Chairman, Harivansh Narayan Singh, precisely used this noise, knowing full well that the Government did not have the numbers in the Upper House to afford a division of votes, to his advantage. He called a voice vote, a highly subjective assessment method based on decibel power of members, and saw through the Bills. A voice vote is allowed only in Bills that have majority support. For a Bill that is split down the middle in terms of support, a division of votes is the only way out to decide the outcome. Especially when even the BJP’s House collaborators from the Opposition — regional parties like the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), the YSR Congress and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) — opposed the farm Bills. How did Singh assess through all that commotion that ruling party MPs were louder? Will serious business in the House be henceforth transacted on the basis of a shouting match or subjected to the discretion of the Chair than the rulebook? Also, if any Opposition member challenges a voice vote, the rulebook provides for a division of votes. Opposition MPs claim they asked for a division but were ignored. Clearly, the Government’s brief to the Deputy Chairman was clear, the Bills had to be passed at any cost. The Government may claim a pyrrhic victory but what of the farmers’ protests that are spreading like wildfire? The Opposition parties may be inconsequential to it but they represent the voice of the people, too. More importantly, after small farmers, what would happen to the small workers, as another Bill that allows firms with up to 300 workers to fire them without Government nod, is pending? Can the Government then shed the capitalist tag? Time and again Prime Minister Narendra Modi wishes there was a responsible and aggressive Opposition to push him harder but conversation is a two-way traffic that depends on his Government’s willingness to listen in the first place. By taking away the mikes, podiums and cameras, parliamentary proceedings look like a silent era film. Only a drone-like narration can be heard. Accepted for its stupor-inducing repetition and rant than as a matter of faith.

# Going rural

Forcing post-graduate medical students to spend three months in rural areas will be beneficial for the doctors too



In an answer to Parliament in 2019, Ashwini Choubey, Minister of State for Health, had stated that assuming an availability of 80 per cent, there was only one doctor per 1,445 people in India. Of course, if one added up alternative systems of medication, the number would be closer to the World Health Organisation’s mandated one doctor per thousand population but over the past few months, we have seen many alternative medical practices wither away in the face of the pandemic. What these statistics do not reveal is just how skewed India’s medical system is towards large metropolitan areas. It is only when you see thousands of patients from across India crowding the entrances at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi that you realise just how bad things must be for families to transport critically ill patients hundreds of kilometers for proper care. The fact is that cities like Delhi and Mumbai, while suffering immensely from the pandemic, have enough beds and facilities. There was a joke, not one of any laughing matter though, that there were more intensive care beds and ventilators in Delhi’s Saket area alone than in some other Indian states.

Part of the reason for the deficiency of healthcare in upcountry India is that young specialist doctors want to work, for rather obvious reasons, in big city hospitals. And it is unfair, given the poor facilities in even smaller towns, let alone rural areas, to expect young doctors to work there for extended periods of time. However, if young medical specialists did spend time in rural areas, they would possibly understand the gravity of the medical scenario a lot better than they currently do and suggest innovations in existing infrastructure. Operating in cities, they are often insulated from the realities of India just as much as “expert commentators” on news television channels. The Government’s mandate that post-graduate medical students spend three months in rural areas is understandable and while some of them might be disappointed, this is a practice that should ideally be spread across disciplines. If we talk about “two Indias,” then the only way to redress that is to ensure that young people from urban India see the problems of rural India and understand why they behave — with their votes and their money — the way that they do. Being a warrior on social media isn’t quite the same thing.

# Mumbai belongs to India

The Constitution gives its citizens the right ‘to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India’ and no political power should try to redefine it



A SURYA PRAKASH

The crass attempt by Shiv Sena to intimidate the national award-winning actor, Kangana Ranaut, and to demolish her property without adequate notice, must be condemned by all those who cherish democracy and rule of law in the country. It is also time to tell the Shiv Sena that it does not own Mumbai and no Indian will grant it the power to issue entry visas for the city. Mumbai belongs to India.

The demolition of the actor’s property in Pali Hill area on September 9 for alleged violations was preceded by repeated threats by party leaders and some goons, who warned her not to return to her home in Mumbai from Himachal Pradesh. Among those who adopted such a threatening tone was the State’s Home Minister. In addition, party leaders have hurled filthy abuses at her. Somebody should tell these worthies to read Article 19(1)(d) and (e) of the Constitution of India which says all citizens shall have the right “to move freely throughout the territory of India” and “to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India”. The Shiv Sena must also be told that “we the people” are not going to give up these rights ever and give in to *goonda raj*.

The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Jai Ram Thakur, has rightly taken up the cudgels on behalf of Ranaut and said that the attitude of the Maharashtra Government is “condemnable” and smacks of vendetta politics. This disrespect to “Himachal’s daughter” is intolerable, he said while ensuring “Y Plus” security for her. This should alert the Maharashtra Chief Minister to what lies ahead because nobody will tolerate this kind of behaviour by Shiv Sainiks towards citizens hailing from other States.

The Bombay High Court has rightly rapped the municipal corporation on the knuckles and said the demolition “smacks of malafide” and is “deplorable”. The court noted that what the corporation terms as “unauthorised” construction did not come up overnight. However, the corporation had suddenly woken up from its slumber, issued a notice to Ranaut when she was out of the city and proceeded with the demolition 24 hours later. Further, the court wondered whether the municipal corporation would act with “similar swiftness” in respect of



other numerous unauthorised constructions. In its order of September 9, the court has recorded in detail the attempts made by the municipal corporation to stall the hearing and to prevent it from taking cognisance of the petition until it had completed the demolition. This is indicative of the arrogance of the executive and disrespect for the judiciary.

The Shiv Sena has to be told that it does not own Mumbai. Sainiks have lived in this delusion for too long. In fact, seven decades ago, there was a strong argument in favour of making Bombay a Union Territory in view of its cosmopolitan outlook and strategic location.

A memorandum submitted on behalf of the Gujarat Research Society in 1948 to the Linguistic Provinces Commission argued for Bombay’s independence. It said “Bombay has been an all Indian city with an international outlook and a distinctive non-provincial culture in which people from all provinces of India and even foreigners play their part...It would, therefore, be unfair to transfer an international port like Bombay to the province of Maharashtra ... created on the narrow ground of a provincial language.”

The Commission saw merit in this argument and said: “Nationalism and sub-nationalism are two emotional experiences which grow at the expense of each other.” It said Bombay “should receive special treatment and be disposed of in the best interests of India as a whole” and in its own interest.

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## SOUND BITE

Without swift and immediate action, at an unprecedented pace and scale, we will miss the window of opportunity to ‘reset’ for...a more sustainable and inclusive future.

**Prince of Wales**  
—Charles Philip Arthur George



I appeal to those Senate Republicans – please follow your conscience, let the people speak, cool the flames that have been engulfing our country.

**Democratic leader**  
—Joe Biden



Suspension of the eight MPs who fought to protect farmers’ interests is unfortunate and reflective of this autocratic Government’s mindset.

**West Bengal CM**  
—Mamata Banerjee



It pained me a lot because what happened yesterday in the House is unfortunate, unacceptable and condemnable.

**Rajya Sabha Chairman**  
—M Venkaiah Naidu



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Public indifference

Sir — It is due to the complete disregard for COVID-19 protocols that Mumbai has become the worst-hit State in the country. It was recently observed that walkers on Marine Drive had been openly flouting the guidelines under which both wearing a face mask and following social distance is mandatory. They not only risked their lives but also put others in danger. Despite BMC’s attempt to keep law and order, the officials have been facing resistance from the people who are unwilling to pay fines for non-compliance. CSMT, Crawford Market and Bora Bazaar are other areas where such irresponsible attitude is on public display. It’s high time that people realise their responsibility in helping the State Government stop the spread of the virus.

**Bhagwan Thadani**  
Mumbai

### Time to adapt

Sir — The mega sporting extravaganza, Indian Premier League, that started last week, was eager-

### The politics of religious hate-mongering

The Supreme Court made some pertinent and instructive observations while hearing a plea alleging that *Sudarshan News’ Bindas Bol* show makes communal remarks about the entry of members of the Muslim community into the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). The court made it amply clear that the media cannot target or malign a religious community in the name of journalistic freedom. It is a sad reality that sections of the media sometimes use national security for justifying violations of constitutionally guaranteed rights.

The programme tried to link civil service aspirants from the Muslim community to “illegal funding” and “overseas terror organisations” and showed green T-shirts, skull caps and flames with the intent of portraying Indian Muslims as the fifth column.

The very phrases like “love jihad” and “enticement of wives and daughters” were coined to show the community in a bad light. It is a bare-faced calumny to say that the Muslim youth join the civil services as part of



a “deep-seated conspiracy.”

The TV programme is not an aberration but a part of a wider project of spreading religious hatred for political gains. A secular democracy like ours cannot tolerate masses being pigeonholed as “us-and-them” on the basis of religion.

**G David Milton**  
Maruthancode

### Aid for farmers

Sir — Appropriate policy response and sustainable alternatives are needed to further the argument around the current agricultural methods practised in India. According to the latest data released by National Crime Records Bureau on accidental deaths and suicides, 10,281 farmers committed suicide in 2019,

down from 10,357 in 2018, whereas the figure for daily wagers rose to 32,559 from 30,132. The total number of suicides in the country went up to 1,39,123 in 2019 from 1,34,516 in 2018. These worrying statistics call for an urgent response from the Government to assist the food producers of this nation.

**Noor Ahmad**  
Hyderabad

### Suicidal behaviour

Sir — The spike in self-harm, suicidal ideation and behaviour amid COVID-19 pandemic is a major concern. Anxiety, job loss, stress, loneliness and financial insecurity top the list of concerns during this time. Help-seeking was highest among individuals aged 25 to 40 years, followed by those between 18 and 25 years and between 40 and 60 years, as reported. Given the gravity of the issue, the Government needs to increase socio-economic safety nets and devise ways to support those in need.

**Khushbu Ved**  
Ujjain

### MLALADF released

Sir — The Himachal Pradesh Government has announced the release of the MLAs Local Area Development Fund (MLALADF), stating that the first instalment would be available in October. Other States, too, should release funds for development.

**Yash Pal Ralhan**  
Jalandhar

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New weapons in doctors' tool box

The healthcare sector is improving efficiencies due to the surge in usage of robotics and AI in medical processes and other operations



AMIT KUMAR

Mobile robots are becoming increasingly popular across different business sectors as they are used to assist work processes and even accomplish tasks that are impossible or dangerous for humans. Due to their advanced technological systems, mobile robots can be used for surveillance, planetary exploration, patrolling, emergency and rescue operations, reconnaissance, petrochemical applications, industrial automation, construction, entertainment, as museum guides, for personal services and intervention in extreme environment, transportation, medical care as well as many other industrial and non-industrial applications.

Hence, mobile robotics is one of the fastest-expanding fields of scientific research. And now, more than ever, the Coronavirus crisis has highlighted the way we can optimise the use of mobile robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to successfully fight any pandemic. Given the highly infectious nature of the Coronavirus and the consequential need for social distancing, companies, both large and small, have realised that robots can provide contact-free alternatives to healthcare workers. Hospitals are devising ways to use robots to minimise the presence of healthcare staff in the Covid-care facilities. Hence, a large number of hospitals across the globe are currently using robots for rendering services such as automated testing, supporting public safety and public works, decontaminating hospitals and public spaces, ensuring delivery services, maintaining patient database and diagnosing diseases.

Multi-purpose robots are also used for temperature checking, as dispensers, for patient registration entry, delivering medication, food and so on. The aim is to quickly deploy telehealth technology during the current outbreak to allow for curbside screening of patients as enabling remote screening will reduce the contact time between patients and frontline healthcare workers, who are critical in the fight against the pandemic.

Applications of robotics are playing a major role in laboratory diagnostics services, too. However, apart from automation of laboratory and testing services, robots can also automate manual operations that are labour-intensive, time-consuming and repetitive in order to reduce the burden on frontline healthcare workers. They can play an important role in high-tech applications, too, such as performing complex surgeries like the latest Elon Musk's Neuralink chip implantation surgery, other neuro surgeries, cutting bones and so on.

AI is transforming our lifestyles by mimicking human intelligence for solving various issues. With technological advancement, AI is getting increasingly sophisticated at doing what humans do, but more efficiently, rapidly and at a lower cost. AI in healthcare provides an upper hand undoubtedly over traditional analysing and clinical decision-making techniques.

A few of the roles played by AI during the pandemic relate to early warnings and alerts, prediction and detection of outbreak of diseases, real-time disease monitoring worldwide, analysis and visualisation of spreading trends, prediction of infection rate and infection trend, rapid decision-making to identify effective treatments, study and analysis of the pathogens and drug discovery. During this time, AI diagnostic tools are used to distinguish COVID-19 from other types of pneumonia within seconds by analysing the patients' chest CT scan images.

Newer models hold great potential to relieve the pressure of frontline radiologists, improve early diagnosis, isolation and treatment, and thus contribute to the control of the epidemic. Medical robotics can be considered as the application of robotics technology to healthcare to diagnose and treat diseases, or to correct, restore or modify a body function or a body part. With the help of medical robotics, surgeons can carry out operations more precisely and in a less invasive way. Surgical robotics segment dominated the medical robotics market in terms of revenue in 2019 and rehabilitation robots are gaining popularity due to the rising ageing population subject to increasing physical disabilities. It is predicted that hospital and pharmacy robots will contribute around 12 per cent to the global medical robotics market by 2025.

Due to the major use of automation processes, the robotics industry is reaching major heights by contributing to every sector of the economy and working as a lever to reduce human efforts. The healthcare sector has improved efficiencies because of it.

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THESE BILLS REFLECT MODI JI'S UNWAVERING RESOLVE TOWARDS THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR FARMERS AND STRENGTHENING OF THE FARM SECTOR. —UNION HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH



DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN SHAMED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT PASSED DEATH WARRANTS AGAINST FARMERS IN THE FORM OF THE FARM BILLS. —CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI

# Don't bank on banks

There's no pressing need for a firm hit by the crisis to rush to banks for relief. To enjoy the fruits when the going is good and come to the bank or Govt for help when in crisis is unacceptable



UTTAM GUPTA

On March 27 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, announced a comprehensive action plan to resuscitate the economy devastated by the Coronavirus. Apart from measures to increase availability of credit and reduction in the cost of capital, the plan sought to ease the stress of loan repayments on businesses and individuals. Among others, this included a three-month moratorium on payment of instalments in respect of all term loans outstanding on March 31. On May 22, Das announced extension of the moratorium for three months till August 31. To ease the burden of payment on those who availed of working capital facilities, the Governor allowed them to convert accumulated interest for the deferment period into a funded interest term loan (FITL) which can be paid by March 31, 2021.

The RBI eased asset classification norms for all accounts coming under moratorium, too. These accounts will be treated as non-performing assets (NPA) from 270 days overdue instead of 90 days overdue as per extant rule. It has also extended the 210-day resolution period for all large stressed accounts under its June 7, 2019 circular (on its expiry, if banks are not ready with a resolution plan, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code [IBC] comes into play) by a further 180 days. To address the situation after the moratorium ends, on August 6, the RBI announced a scheme for one-time restructuring of the debt for large companies, besides extending till March 31, an existing restructuring scheme for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) with relaxed norms. It also set up an expert committee under KV Kamath to recommend the required financial parameters, along with the sector-specific benchmarks for this special window.

Meanwhile, one Gajendra Sharma had filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Supreme Court (SC) demanding waiver on interest charged by a private bank, citing relief given by the RBI on payment of Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) during March and August 31, due to the pandemic. During the last three months or so, the SC has heard the matter thrice. It has made the following observations: On June 4 it said, "On one hand, you are granting moratorium (on loans) but continuing with interest. It is more detrimental." On June 17 it observed, "There is no merit in burdening customers, who have opted for the RBI-approved loan moratorium, with additional interest. Once you fix a moratorium it should serve the purpose desired. We see no merit in charging interest on interest."

On September 10, 2020, it said, "We are keen to waive interest on interest" for borrowers who availed the moratorium and asked the Government and the RBI to come up with a "concrete plan" with regard to the vexed issue. It posted the matter for hearing on September 28, when it is likely to give its final order.

From the above, it is abundantly clear that the SC does not want banks to charge interest on interest for the moratorium period. Whether or not this will get reflected in its order, one can only wait and watch. Meanwhile, it may be worthwhile to look at the desirability or otherwise of such a move in particular, its impact on the viability and financial stability of the banking system.

At the outset, by granting moratorium to all and sundry, the RBI gave a signal that almost everyone

“IMAGINE A SITUATION WHERE A BANK DEFERS PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST PORTION SAY BY SIX MONTHS (BECAUSE IT IS UNDER STRESS FOR THAT LONG). THEN, IT WILL NECESSARILY HAVE TO PAY 'INTEREST ON THE UNPAID INTEREST AMOUNT.' THE DEPOSITOR WON'T FOREGO THIS JUST BECAUSE THE BANK WAS UNDER STRESS. THIS LOGIC HOLDS WITH EQUAL FORCE WHEN IT COMES TO THE BORROWER DISCHARGING HIS/HER LIABILITIES TO THE BANK. IF, THE FORMER DELAYS PAYMENT OF INTEREST (COURTESY, MORATORIUM MANDATED BY RBI) THEN, IT MUST PAY 'INTEREST ON UNPAID INTEREST AMOUNT' TO THE LATTER”



would be devastated by the pandemic.

The SC has gone a step further by aligning itself with a plea that the banks should also not be charging "interest on unpaid interest amount during the moratorium period." Such a sweeping and broad-based generalisation is totally divorced from the reality. No doubt, the Coronavirus has caused unprecedented damage but this can't be pushed to a point of arguing that almost everyone has been incapacitated and hence unable to service the loans. After all, even during the lockdown, a number of activities, especially health related, all essential goods and services besides firms in several other sectors permitting work from home (WFH) continued their business. Look at the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). During April-June 2020 it was about 23 per cent less than during April-June 2019 but it was not reduced to zero.

Businesses which contributed to this GDP (about ₹2,550,000 crore during April-June 2020) can't be termed as not being in a position to service their loan. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. A large number of borrowers have not availed of the moratorium. For instance, in case of the State Bank of India (SBI), over 80 per cent of its retail borrowers did not avail of the moratorium for two out of the first three months (March-May) initially allowed by the RBI. Further, 90 per cent of such borrowers did not avail of the moratorium for one month. In other words, they continued to pay their EMI.

Yet, in retrospect, the SC allows waiver of "interest on unpaid interest amount" for all and sundry, this will be unfair to and discriminate against such borrowers who decided not to avail of the moratorium and continued to service their loans. A business by nature has ups and downs. Every enterprise has a phase of buoyancy when it gets to reap extraordi-

nary profit (for instance, in the automobile sector during 2017-18/2018-19). Why can't the surplus or savings from those years be used as a buffer against the current setback? Alternatively, in future, say during 2022-23, when the pandemic impact will subside and the sectors start generating good profits, the surplus to be retained therefrom will provide adequate cushion to pay for current liabilities (including interest on interest).

The point in short is that there is no compelling need for a firm impacted by the crisis to rush to banks for relief. To enjoy the fruits when the going is good and come to the bank or Government for bail-out when in crisis is totally unacceptable. A bank does not run a charity. Its business model involves taking money from depositors in lieu of promising a fixed return (call it interest rate) which is added to the invested amount and returned to the depositor on maturity. The bank lends the funds thus collected to borrowers, viz. industries, businesses or individuals and so on and uses the interest earning to service its depositors (besides paying for its own "intermediation" expenses).

The bank is legally bound to honour its contractual obligation to the depositor i.e. it must return to him/her the principal amount plus accrued interest on the maturity/due date. Imagine a situation wherein a bank defers payment of the interest portion say by six months (because it is under stress for that long). Then it will necessarily have to pay "interest on the unpaid interest amount."

The depositor won't forego this just because the bank was under stress. This logic holds with equal force when it comes to the borrower discharging his/her liabilities to the bank. If the former delays payment of interest (courtesy, moratorium mandated by RBI) then it must pay "interest on unpaid interest amount" to the

# Get a healthy mix of online, classroom learning

Just 25 per cent students have access to smartphones, laptops and the net. HEIs must develop mechanisms with in-built functionalities to overcome this



MONIKA S GARG

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 offers accreditation to institutions for running open distance learning and online programmes. This is a unique opportunity for Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) to enhance the courses being offered, improve access, increase enrolment and provide opportunities for lifelong learning. Even before the lockdown, online learning platforms like NPTEL and MOOCs were being utilised in Uttar Pradesh (UP) for technical education. However, these were considered largely experimental and the reliance on e-learning in higher education was minimal. The pandemic, however, decreed teach-from-home and learn-from-home. The PM e-Vidya scheme was launched and HEIs in UP embraced online education. Around 15,000 teachers adopted online pedagogy and over nine lakh students

benefitted from it during the first two phases of the lockdown.

However, like any technological revolution, online education brings with it both opportunities for unparalleled growth and threats in the form of newly vulnerable populations. To get maximum dividends, we need to construct a structured environment for online education with the twin targets of inclusion and personalisation.

Content preparation, delivery and assessment will need to be optimised differentially to match the needs of varied target groups. High calibre e-content is the foundation of any such programme. A wealth of course content is available in English on various open source platforms. This may be integrated into the curriculum to maximise delivery at the earliest. Meanwhile, efforts have to be made to prepare content in regional languages. The course material needs to be engaging and interactive, with liberal use of audio, video, visuals and other features tailored to the course.

For instance, a course in zoology would be more visual while a course in language will require an interface equipped with grammar and spellcheck. Online learning is self-paced and self-motivated. Students can learn at their own speed, going back and re-

reading, skipping or accelerating through concepts as they choose. However, it relies heavily on the learner's inclinations. Laid-back students may fall behind the rest of the class. Thus, a time bound-schedule with frequent evaluation is necessary. Special attention must be paid to students not doing well, as to why their grades are slipping.

This scenario again points to the need of a robust system of content delivery and assessment. Discussion forums and Breakout rooms (Google Classroom, Moodle, Zoom and so on) allow small-sized groups to be formed, with the instructor being able to visit each of these and share his notes. With whiteboard integration, science teachers find mini gadgets like tabs with pens convenient for performing mathematical derivations and solving numerical problems. Cross-institutional collaborative learning is also possible on platforms such as MS teams, WebEx, Skype and Google Hangouts which allow learners to discuss problems in real time. Simulation software and virtual labs help in imparting practical knowledge to the students. This needs to be supplemented by tutorials and remedial classes, which should be personalised and customised further.

Classroom interactions are also

essential for learning from peer groups and acquiring networking skills and civic sense. The challenge is to arrive at an optimal blend of online and classroom teaching. Topics that require introspection and debate should be taken up in traditional settings. For example, philosophy requires the ability to analyse a given set of hypotheses and synthesise new postulates. It may be difficult to acquire this proficiency virtually. Assessment of the students is both during and at the end of a course has always been a challenge for distance learning programmes. Using e-platforms, a combination of online and offline evaluations may be used. Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled verification, face movement recognition, screen locking and remote invigilator are some techniques that can minimise chances of use of unfair means during online tests.

Simultaneously, stringent quality control measures need to be put in place to evaluate teachers. Of course, the end-term performance of the students is an absolute parameter for making such assessments. But concurrent evaluations are essential to check time lags and protect the students' interests. The Learning Management System (LMS) is a good solution that can be indigenised and adapted by institutes. It can review per-

formance and learn about the impact of teaching with dashboards and reports. Institutions can modify the existing features of LMS to identify a user's learning abilities, articulate accordingly and extract meta-data to make suitable recommendations for helping them.

External reviews of content delivery by subject experts and industry doyens will be vital to upgrading the standards of education. Peer review is a necessary part of any academic endeavour and will become easier through e-platforms. The NEP paves the way for multi-disciplinary institutes through course flexibility and transfer of credits. Online education will be a cornerstone in this. A Computer Science major student wanting to create a start-up can do courses not being offered in his/her college, like an Economics or Commerce minor, from a university specialising in it, through an e-platform. This way, students can get a well-rounded education encompassing all their diverse interests.

Basic compulsory courses like ethics, health and hygiene, digital awareness and communication skills can also be offered by universities online. Some HEIs can strive to become centres of excellence for providing specialised courses, like AI,

Internet of Things and Machine Learning, creative and liberal arts or yoga and meditation, online. Students can attend these even during their vacations, thus freeing up time for regular courses. The increased flexibility in timings may be used to maximise the pay-off from physical college hours.

However, the biggest challenge in UP is equity and inclusion. The NITI Aayog, in its *Strategy for New India @75* report, highlighted the quality and reliability of the internet as a major bottleneck. Only about 25 per cent of students have access to smartphones, laptops and the internet. Universities will have to develop mechanisms with in-built functionalities to overcome these deficiencies.

They can develop tabs preloaded with e-content and devise a system for issuing such tabs for a fixed time, like books issued from library. Students can use them at home, even without internet connectivity. The local industry can be motivated to use their Corporate Social Responsibility funds (CSR) to provide hardware and software to colleges. The National Broadband Mission, aiming to provide internet access in all villages by 2022, will be a great help. The Government can establish e-Learning Parks in schools in remote areas with computers and internet connectivity.

Students enrolled in higher education programmes can use these to access digital platforms after school hours.

The benefits of online learning extend to beyond just students. Online education opens up avenues for lifelong learning. Once people get habituated to learning and absorbing content through e-platforms, they can continue to read and learn beyond the years of formal training. The NEP has called for a complete revamping of the higher education sector. Colleges will have to re-imagine their mission and work together towards reforming education. Coordination and collaboration will be key to future growth. To jump start the process, the UP Department of Higher Education has developed a portal for uploading of e-content by HEIs. This is available to students across the country free of cost. Called the UP Higher Education Digital Library, this bilingual portal was started on Teacher's Day. UP has declared September and October as *Vidyadaan Maah* and urged teachers to contribute to this library, in keeping with our culture of charity. More than 3,000 pieces have been uploaded by HEI faculty voluntarily on the library till date.

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SOUTH CHINA SEA WATCH

Timeline of recent developments

**Beijing:** A look at recent developments in the South China Sea, where China is pitted against smaller neighbours in multiple territorial disputes over islands, coral reefs and lagoons. The waters are a major shipping route for global commerce and are rich in fish and possible oil and gas reserves.

CHINA SEND WAR-PLANES OVER TAIWAN

China flooded the Taiwan Strait at the northern end of the South China Sea with war-planes over two days last week in an apparent attempt to intimidate the self-governing island democracy it claims as its own territory.

The drills were timed to coincide with the visit to Taiwan by a high-ranking US envoy for talks and to attend a memorial service for former Taiwanese President Lee Teng-hui, who led the island's transition to full democracy in the face of Chinese threats.

China's defence ministry said the planes, including 32 fighters of various types, four bombers and one anti-subma-



rine warfare aircraft, crossed into Taiwan's air defense identification zone on Friday and Saturday.

Taiwan responded by activating its ground-based air defence systems and scrambling fighters, who ordered the Chinese planes to leave, saying they would "bear all the consequences" if they did not.

The Taiwan Strait is a busy transit route to and from the South China Sea which is roughly divided between China to the west and Taiwan to the east.

CHINA COAST GUARD LEAVES INDONESIA WATERS

An Indonesian patrol ship confronted a Chinese coast guard vessel that spent almost three days in waters where Indonesia claims economic rights and are near the southernmost part of China's disputed South China Sea claims.

"We asked them to move out as it was Indonesia's EEZ. But they insisted that it is China's nine-dash-line territory. Our officers at the vessel argued with them until they moved out," said Aan Kurnia, chief of the Indonesian Maritime Security Agency.

"The Chinese coast guard vessel finally left the North Natuna Sea on Monday at 11:20 am," he said.

China's "nine-dash line" delineates its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea. A 2016 international arbitration ruling involving the Philippines invalidated most of China's sweeping claims in the sea, but China has ignored the ruling.

US OFFICIAL: CHINA INSINCERE TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA

A US official accused China last week of bullying and insincerity in its dealings with Southeast Asian nations.

US Assistant Secretary of State David Stilwell said Tuesday that Chinese insincerity is best illustrated in its aggressive behaviour in the South China Sea, where it has turned disputed reefs into weaponised artificial island outposts despite a commitment not to militarise the region.

In later testimony before the Senate, Stilwell said it was now clear to the US and others that China "seeks to disrupt and reshape the international environment around the narrow self-centered interests and authoritarian values of a single beneficiary, the Chinese Communist Party."

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi lashed back at the US in last week's ASEAN meetings, saying Washington was the "biggest driver of militarisation" and the "most dangerous factor damaging peace" in the region.

Woman suspected of sending package containing poison to Trump arrested

**Washington:** Authorities have arrested a person suspected of sending the deadly poison ricin in an envelope addressed to the White House but intercepted before it could be delivered there, a law enforcement source said on Sunday.

In response to a Reuters query seeking confirmation of media reports that a woman accused of mailing the ricin-tainted letter had been taken into custody at the US-Canadian border, the FBI field office in Washington issued a statement saying: "An arrest was made of an individual allegedly responsible for sending a suspicious letter."

The statement added: "The investigation is ongoing."

The law enforcement source, familiar with the case but speaking on condition of anonymity, told Reuters the "suspicious letter" referred to in the FBI statement was the same as the envelope found to have contained ricin.

The source also said the person arrested was a woman of Canadian citizenship.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said on Saturday that it had received a request for assistance from the FBI in the investigation and that the suspicious letter in question appeared to have been sent from Canada.

The RCMP further stated that an FBI analysis of a substance inside the envelope detected "the presence of ricin," a highly toxic agent derived from castor beans.

While naturally occurring, the toxin requires a deliberate act to convert it into a biological weapon, with exposure to an amount as small as a pinhead capable of causing death within 36 to 72 hours. No known antidote exists.

Initially asked about the incident on Saturday, the FBI said it had joined the US Secret Service and the US Postal Inspection Service in the investigation of "a suspicious letter received at a U.S. government mail facility."

Trump warns no TikTok deal if China's ByteDance keeps any 'control'

**Washington:** President Donald Trump on Monday threw into doubt a deal to restructure ownership of the popular video app TikTok, vowing to block any deal that allows its Chinese parent firm to retain any control.

The comments raised fresh concerns over a weekend deal that appeared to avert a US-ordered ban of TikTok, which the Trump administration has called a national security risk.

The deal would make Silicon Valley giant Oracle the data partner for TikTok with retail giant Walmart also taking a stake in a new entity to be called TikTok Global.

But details of the plan remained unclear, amid differing accounts on the American and Chinese shares of the new firm, and who would be in control of the data and algorithms.

Trump on Monday told Fox News that TikTok's Chinese parent firm ByteDance "will have nothing to do with it and if they do, then we just won't make the deal."

He added Oracle and Walmart "are going to have total control over it. They're going to own the controlling interest... If we find they don't have total control, then we're not going to approve the deal."

ByteDance, under pressure in China not to give in to US demands, said it would hold an 80 per cent stake in TikTok Global after a public share offering. The Chinese firm said the current plan "does not involve the transfer of any algorithms and technologies" and that reports to the contrary were "rumors."

A separate statement from Oracle offered a different view of the transaction.

"Upon creation of TikTok Global, Oracle/Walmart will make their investment and the TikTok Global shares will be distributed to their owners, Americans will be the majority and ByteDance will have no ownership in TikTok Global," Oracle vice president Ken Glueck said.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE						
SR. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, HANSI	RESTORATION OF ROAD CUT ON BARWALA DAULATPUR UKLANA ROAD IN KM 16.20 TO 17.05 &17.428 TO 17.600 IN HISAR DISTT (ROAD ID 5130) + 1 OTHER WORK	17.09.2020 12.10.2020	34.40 LACS	pwd-eeepd-hansi@hry.nic.in	01663-259688
2	PWD B&R, BHIWANI	SPECIAL REPAIR BY WD.G. & ST.G. OF HBB ROAD TO DHANANA VIA LOHARIATTUPUR ROAD FROM KM. 0.00 TO 8.51 IN BHIWANI DISTRICT (ROAD ID NO.2019, 2011 & 2015) UNDER NABARD SCHEME (RIDF-XXVI) REPT. + 1 OTHER WORK	18.09.2020 08.10.2020	914.43 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01664-242436 pwd-eeepd-bhiwani@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R SONIPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF E.V.M WARE HOUSE (4000 UNIT) AT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE AND JUDICIAL COMPLEX IN SONIPAT DISTT. (RE-INVITE).	17.09.2020 07.10.2020	332.22 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0130-2200575 pwd-eeepd-sonapat@hry.nic.in
4	PWD B&R, SONEPAT	IMPROVEMENT BY PROVIDING STRENGTHENING & RE-CONSTRUCTION OF SILANA TO CHOLKA ROAD (ROAD ID-6248 & 9665 HSAMB ROADS) IN SONEPAT DISTT. UNDER NABARD SCHEME RIDF-XXVI + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 07.10.2020	629.59 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0130-2244690 pwd-eeepd1-sonapat@hry.nic.in
5	PWD B&R YAMUNA NAGAR	UP-GRADATION OF KHARWAN TO CHHOLI UPTO BLOCK BOUNDARY VIA CHHACHHRAULI (T-05) IN YAMUNA NAGAR DISTRICT (PMGSY-III) + 5 OTHER WORKS	18.09.2020 09.10.2020	1210.34 LACS	www.pmsgytendershry.nic.in	pwd-eeepd-yamunanagar@hry.nic.in01732-237834
6	PWD B&R, NUH	UP-GRADATION OF BHADAS GHAGAS ROAD (GHAGAS) TO RANIYALA PATAKPUR UPTO USB ROAD VIA NOTKI NAGINA SANTHAWARI MANDIKHERA BASSAR KHANDJA KHANPUR GHATTI UNDER PMGSY-III BATCH-I (T-01). + 10 OTHER WORKS	22.09.2020 12.10.2020	3755.53 LACS	http://pmsgytendershry.nic.in	01267-271237
7	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT OFFICER,CHARKHI DADRI	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK & DISTT-CHARKHI DADRI	CLOSING DATE 12.10.2020	NIL	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9992221460
8	PANCHAYATI RAJ,BLOCK LEVEL E- TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK GURUGRAM,	SUPPLY OF INTERLOCK PAVER BLOCK VARIOUS SIZE + 11 OTHER WORKS	28.09.2020 11.10.2020	937.58 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9991234050 nk.grewann@gmail.com
9	PANCHAYATI RAJ,BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT OFFICER, PIPLI	RE-TENDER CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY SANITARY COMPLEX	18.09.2020 25.09.2020	5.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	89300-02020 bdpo.pipli@yahoo.com
10	PANCHAYATI RAJ, SONIPAT	1 CONSTRUCTION OF SLWM PROJECT VILLAGE BIDHAN & 9 NO.'S OTHER WORKS DISTT.-SONIPAT (RE-TENDER)	18.09.2020 28.09.2020	384.06 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	Executive Engineer
11	PANCHAYATI RAJ, SONIPAT	1 CONSTRUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE CENTER AT VILLAGE MOHANA & 4NO.'S OTHER WORKS DISTT.-SONIPAT (RE-INVITING)	18.09.2020 28.09.2020	98.20 LAKHS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	Executive Engineer
12	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT OFFICER, JIHOJU KALAN	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK JIHOJU KALAN & DISTT-CHARKHI DADRI	CLOSING DATE 12.10.2020		https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9992221460
13	PANCHAYATI RAJ, B.D&P.O, KANINA DISTT MAHENDERGARH	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK KANINA IN DISTT. MAHENDERGARH	25.09.2020 09.10.2020	489.00 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416693956 Sdo.kanina@gmail.com
14	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK LEVEL E- TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK BAWAL DISTT. REWARI.	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK DHARUHERA IN DISTT. REWARI.	25.09.2020 13.10.2020	731.45 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416451687 bdpodarhuhera@gmail.com
15	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK LEVEL E- TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK BAWAL DISTT. REWARI.	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK NAHAR IN DISTT. REWARI.	24.09.2020 12.10.2020	488.34 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9466222262 bdponahar@gmail.com
16	PANCHAYATI RAJ,BLOCK LEVEL E- TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK F/NAGAR DISTT. GURUGRAM	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK F/NAGAR IN DISTT. GURUGRAM. (GROUP A TO GROUP M)	28.09.2020 11.10.2020	728.14 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7206390240 yadavpawan072@gmail.com
17	PANCHAYATI RAJ,BLOCK LEVEL E- TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK DAHINA DISTT. REWARI.	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK DAHINA IN DISTT. REWARI. (GROUP A TO GROUP M)	24.09.2020 09.10.2020	461.80 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416092951 bdpodahina@gmail.com
18	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK LEVEL E- TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK KHOL DISTT. REWARI.	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK KHOL IN DISTT. REWARI. (GROUP A TO GROUP L)	24.09.2020 09.10.2020	418.68 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416704536 bdpkhol@gmail.com
19	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK LEVEL E- TENDERING COMMITTEE, BLOCK KHOL DISTT. REWARI.	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK REWARI IN DISTT. REWARI. (GROUP A TO GROUP M)	28.09.2020 11.10.2020	564.96 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416347466 bdporewari@gmail.com
20	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA GOHANA	CONSTRUCTION OF I-L BARODA SUB MINOR FROM RD 0 TO 14650 (PIPE CHANNEL) OFF-TAKING AT RD 10300/L BARODA MINOR.	19.09.2020 28.09.2020	262 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	Executive Engineer.
21	IRRIGATION & WR DEPARTMENT HARYANA FARIDABAD.	SUPPLY, TESTING, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF 01 NO. NEW ELECTRICAL PANEL AT HARCHANDPUR PUMP HOUSE IN W.S. MECH. SUB DIVISION FARIDABAD. + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 28.09.2020	8.45 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	xen-wsmfdd.ir@gov.in
22	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION , CHARKHI DADRI	UPGRADATION AND COMMISSIONING OF EXISTING 5 MLD CAPACITY SEWAGE TREATMENT BASED ON MOVING BED BIOFILM REACTOR TECHNOLOGY (ATTACHED GROWTH PROCESS) TO COMBINED ACTIVATED SLUDGE PROCESS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MBBR BIO FILM PROCESS AT CHIRIYA ROAD, CHARKHI DADRI TOWN, DISTT. CHARKHI DADRI.	17.09.2020 28.09.2020	5 LACS	etenders.hry.nic.in TENDER NO 2020_HRY-142507_2	Executive Engineer
23	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AMBALA	FOR CONTRACT FOR OUT SOURCING OF SERVICE/ ACTIVE FOR DRIVING OF CAR/ JEeps IN OFFICE OF ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF, HARYANA PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, SEC-4, PANCHKULA. (FROM 01-10-2020 TO 31-03-2021 FOR 6 MONTHS) EMD AMT. RS.64160/-	18.09.2020 28.09.2020	32.08 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2631402 eemambala@phedharyana.gov.in
24	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA BAWAL	(TENDERNO. 2020_HRY_140452_1) BAWAL -MODIFICATION OF EXISTING STP WITH TERTIARY TREATMENT EFFLUENT DISPOSAL FROM STP BAWAL TO BAWAL LINK DRAIN "UP GRADATION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP) OF 3.00 MLD CAPACITY BASED ON MOVING BED BIO RECTOR (MBBR) TECHNOLOGY LOCATED AT NANGLI PARSAPUR, ROAD BAWAL TOWN.	20.09.2020 09.10.2020	3 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01282-260062 eeabawal@phedharyana.gov.in
25	PANCHAYATI RAJ, BLOCK LEVEL E-TENDERING COMMITTEE BLOCK ADAMPUR DISTT HISAR	SUPPLY OF VARIOUS BUILDING MATERIALS IN ALL VILLAGES OF BLOCK ADAMPUR DISTT HISAR. (GROUP-1 TO GROUP-12)	18.09.2020 05.10.2020	11.69 CRORE	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	9991953789 bdpo.adampur@hry.nic.in
26	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA CHARKHI DADRI.	AUCTION ON LEASE OF ESCAPE RESERVOIR AT RD 86000 LOHARU FEEDER, VILLAGE RAWALDHI, DISTRICT CHARKHI DADRI	CLOSING DATE 30.09.2020	10 LACS PER ANNUM	etenders.hry.nic.in	01250-297003 xen-lwscdr.ir@gov.in
27	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION REWARI	KALUWAS-PROVIDING FHTC IN GRAM PANCHAYAT UNDER JIM IN DISTRICT REWARI, PROVIDING AND FIXING FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTION IN EACH HOUSEHOLD INCLUDING ALL EQUIPMENTS AND LAYING OF PIPE 100MM DI PIPELINE = 200 MTR AND MATERIAL IN VILLAGE AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO. + 5 OTHER WORKS	18.09.2020 28.09.2020	5.46 CRORE	http://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No. 2020_HRY_144442. + 5 OTHER	01274-260317 ee1rewari@phedharyana.gov.in
28	IRRIGATION & W R DEPTT. HARYANA (GWS DIVISION GURUGRAM)	SPECIAL REPAIRING OF GATES AND GEARING OF NCR AT KM. 61.640 AND 70.700	CLOSING DATE 12.10.2020	6.62 LAKH	hid.gov.in	xen-gwsgrg.irr@hry.gov.in
29	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGG. DIVN., SIWANI	"UP GRADATION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP) OF 4.00 MLD CAPACITY BASED ON MOVING BED BIO REACTOR (MBBR) TECHNOLOGY LOCATED AT TOSHAM ROAD- SIWANI TOWN." + 2 OTHER WORKS	18.09.2020 08.10.2020	EMD 7.62 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender ID 2020_HRY_144786_1 + 2 OTHER	01255-277066 eesiwani@phedharyana.gov.in
30	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING GOHANA	NIZAMPUR FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME NIZAMPUR - " PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL HOSEHOLD TAP CONNECTION WITH BALANCE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO." + 9 OTHER WORKS	18.09.2020 29.09.2020	471.43 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in Tender No. 2020_HRY_144823_1 + 9 OTHER	01263-258417 /ee1gohana@gmail.com / ee1gohana@phedharyana.gov.in
31	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, HARYANA BAWAL	(TENDER NO. 2020_HRY_143467_1) DETAIL ESTIMATE FOR ESTATE WATER SUPPLY (PHA) ARRANGEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SDO COMPLEX AT BAWAL TOWN, DISTRICT REWARI. CONSTRUCTION OF BOOSTING STATION, BOUNDARY WALL, PUMP CHAMBER, LAYING OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND RISING MAIN AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERE TO. + 1 OTHER WORK	21.09.2020 29.09.2020	39.92 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	01282-260062 eeabawal@gmail.com
32	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DIVISION TOHANA	DNIT FOR LAYING 4" & 6" I/D D.I. WATER SUPPLY PIPE LINES AND PROVIDING & FIXING 15MM I/D C.I. PIPE FUNCTIONAL HOUSE HOLD TAP CONNECTION (FHTC) INCLUDING G.I SPECIALS, DISMANTLING OF STREETS, EXCAVATION OF EARTH AND MAKING GOOD STREET AFTER MAKING OF FHTC AT VILLAGE MUNSHIWALI TEHSIL RATIA & DISTRICT FATEHABAD (UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION) AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGNET THERETO.APP AMOUNT RS. 9.49 LACS + 2 OTHER WORKS	18.09.2020 25.09.2020	23.84 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01692-230023 /eetohana@gmail.com
33	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA PANCHKULA	WORK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 30 NOS. RECHARGE BORE (SR. NO. 1-30) IN SIWANI BLOCK (RE-CALL) + 2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 28.09.2020	157.72 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01746-222384 xenktl@gmail.com
34	RAO ABHEY SINGH GOVT. ITI SAHARANWAS	CLEANING OF PREMISES AND HORTICULTURE WORK	18.09.2020 28.09.2020	45000.00 per month	www.rasgltisahanwas.org TENDER NO 2020_HRY_144713_1	01274221566 / saharanwas.giti@gmail.com
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Greece says talks with Turkey on East Med could restart soon

**Athens:** Greece and Turkey are close to reviving talks on a tense dispute over rights to exploit potential offshore natural gas deposits in the eastern Mediterranean, a Greek official said on Monday.

"We are close to restarting the exploratory talks. ... There will be an announcement when this is finalised but the atmosphere is good," Greek government spokesman Stelios Petsas told reporters.

Petsas also confirmed local media reports that US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is expected to visit Greece for a meeting with Greek Prime Minister

Kyriakos Mitsotakis to discuss the crisis, but added that the schedule is still being worked out.

The two neighbouring NATO members have been at odds for decades over maritime boundaries for commercial exploitation in an area between Turkey's southern coast, several Greek islands and the war-divided island of Cyprus.

Under international pressure, Turkey pulled back a research vessel in the area while both countries have also eased their naval presence and halted military exercises.

Greek-Turkish talks on the issue were last held in 2016. In recent years, the dispute that has been fueled by soured relations between the EU and Turkey and well as the discoveries of large natural gas fields in other parts of the eastern Mediterranean.

Turkey argues that Greek islands near its coastline should be excluded from the calculation of commercial maritime boundaries that far exceed the limits of territorial waters.

Athens calls the Turkish position a violation of international law but says it is willing to settle the dispute at an international court.

Opp in Pakistan launches alliance to oust PM Imran

**Islamabad:** Demanding Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's immediate resignation, the country's major Opposition parties have launched an alliance to hold a countrywide protest movement to oust his government.

A 26-point joint resolution was adopted on Sunday by the All Parties Conference (APC), which was hosted by the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and attended by Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (JUI-F) and several other parties.

At a joint press conference after the end of the multi-party meeting, JUI-F chief Mualana Fazl ur Rehman read out the resolution and said that the

Opposition parties have agreed to launch an alliance named Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) to organise countrywide protests against the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government from October.

The resolution alleged that the Khan government has been granted "fake stability by the same establishment" that interfered with the elections to bring the incumbent rulers to power.

In an obvious reference to the powerful Pakistan Army, the resolution expressed "extreme concern" over the increasing interference of the establishment in the internal affairs of the country and regarded it as a "danger to the nation's stability and institutions".

**Sydney:** Marine biologists were planning the rescue of around 270 whales stranded on a sandbar off the remote west coast of the Australian island of Tasmania on Monday.

**Washington:** Barbara Lagoa, the Cuban-American federal appellate judge under consideration by President Donald Trump for the U.S. Supreme Court, is a conservative jurist whose resume includes a role in a heated international custody battle and the distinction of being the first Hispanic woman to serve on Florida's top court.

**Jerusalem:** An Israeli court on Monday approved the extradition of a former teacher wanted in Australia on charges of child sex abuse, paving the way for her to stand trial after a six-year legal battle.

WESTERN RAILWAY VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS				
Sr. No.	Tender Notice No. & Date	Work and Location	Approx Cost of work ₹	EMD ₹
1	BCT/20-21/192 dtd. 21-09-2020	Udhna - Jalgaon section: ZONE 14-A General repairs in the jurisdiction of SE(W) Nandurbar between Km 154.622 to Km 212.482 between Nandurbar (incl) to Sindkhkheda (incl).	1,00,00,000.00	2,00,000.00
2	BCT/20-21/193 dtd. 21-09-2020	Udhna - Jalgaon section: ZONE 15-A General repairs in the jurisdiction of SE(W) Amalner between Km 212.482 to Km 301.470 between Sindkhkheda(excl) to Jalgaon(excl).	60,00,000.00	1,20,000.00
3	BCT/20-21/194 dtd. 21-09-2020	Ukai Songhad - Jalgaon Section:- Maintenance to P.way for UP/DN line under SSE (P.way) Dharangaon for One Year (Total 40.867Kms)	2,29,59,228.41	2,64,800.00
4	BCT/20-21/195 dtd. 21-09-2020	Udhna - Jalgaon section: Reconditioning of CMS crossing in situ by RW-20 Translamic Robotic Welding in connection of reconditioning of built up crossing tongue rails. CMS crossing under ADEN-Vyara section	48,57,834.00	97,200.00

Date & Time of submission of above mentioned tenders will be **20.10.2020 at 15:00 hrs.** and Date & Time of opening of above mentioned tenders will be **20.10.2020 at 15:30 hrs.**

Regarding detailed nature of containing cost of tender document (Non Refundable), EMD, Eligibility criteria, similar nature of work, detailed tender condition please visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Manual offer will not be considered.

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<b>Name of Work &amp; Tender No.:</b> Consultancy service for providing device at the interface of superstructures or superstructures and substructure to mitigate the increased longitudinal force on the bridges resulting due to higher tractive efforts exerted by New Generation Locomotives. <b>Date and time for submission &amp; opening of e-advertisement:</b> Date of receiving of Advertisement 12.10.2020 at 15.00 hrs. Date of opening of Advertisement 12.10.2020 at 15:30 hrs. Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen: Website @ <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>	
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30-Elect-25-T-2020-21-E3 Electrical work in connection with i) construction of fob (pedertrain cum two wheeler) over railway tracks for connection Rama road and Prem Nagar colony near Patel nagar railway station. ii) Extension of platform no. 1 & 2 at both end of Bhodwal Majri Railway station on DJK section. iii) Provision of 6.0 Mtr wide FOB kat Bhodwal Majri Railway Station on DJK section.	
Name of work and its location	
Approx. Cost of the works in	Rs. 25.70 lacs
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi
Earnest Money	Rs. 51,400/-
Date & time of submission of tender	19.10.2020, 12.00 hrs.
Opening of tender	19.10.2020, 12.00 hrs.
Website & notice board	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Sr. Divl. Engineer/General, New Delhi
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# Sensex falls 800 points as Covid cases surge globally

**IANS ■ MUMBAI**

The Indian stock market plunged on Monday, tracking a global selloff due to a fresh spurt of coronavirus cases across Europe.

The BSE Sensex plunged over 800 points and the Nifty50 closed below the 11,300 mark as the resurgence in Covid cases has also given fuel to anticipation of renewed lockdown restrictions across countries in Europe, including the UK and France.

The BSE Sensex closed at 38,034.14, lower by 811.68 points, or 2.09 per cent, from the previous close of 38,845.82. The Nifty50 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) settled at 11,222.20, lower by 282.75 point, or 2.46 per cent, from its previous close.

The across-the-board sell-off was led by auto, telecom, metal and FMCG stocks.

Manish Hathiramani, tech-

nical analyst with Deen Dayal Investments, said: "The markets have broken the support of 11,300 on a closing basis and this is definitely an alarming situation. We could drop to 10,950-11,000 levels as the fall today has been fierce and on the back of good volumes."

"The resistance on the upside is at 11,550-11,600. Until then the markets look weak," he added. Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Retail Research at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said that the global cues were negative at the start of the day with lofty valuations, fading US stimulus and fresh wave of coronavirus infections in Europe being major risks. "In the US, attention is turning back to negotiations on fresh stimulus and the forthcoming election. Further, European markets fell after a report on bank allegations and signs that London is heading for a second lockdown," he added.

## ₹ rises by 7 paise to 73.38 in line with Asian peers

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

The rupee strengthened by 7 paise to close at 73.38 against the US dollar on Monday, extending its gains for the second day on the back of firm Asian currencies and weak crude oil prices.

Forex dealers said inflows into Indian equities and firming Asian currencies against the dollar lent support to the local currency.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.43 and later rose to a high of 73.26 in the day trade.

# 2-year wait for States not opting for GST compensation formula

**IANS ■ NEW DELHI**

States which failed to submit their options before the GST Council meeting in October will have to wait for at least two years to get compensation on Goods and Services Tax collection shortfall expected during the transition period, Finance Ministry sources said on Monday.

The sources said that such states will have to wait till June 2022 to get compensation dues, subject to the condition that the GST Council extends the cess collection period beyond 2022.

This is so because the Council is expected to adopt one of the two options given by the Centre to meet the GST compensation needs of the states this year.

The states which decide against operationalisation of the new GST compensation formula will get their dues only to the extent of compensation cess collected in FY21

and distributed in proportion among all states and union territories.

The balance shortfall will only be met from the collection of GST compensation cess beyond the five-year transition period that ends in June 2022. This will be subject to GST Council approval to the extension of compensation cess.

The GST Council, in its 41st meeting on August 27, 2020, had decided to give its member-states two borrowing options to meet their compensation shortfall and a response time of 7 working days from the formal receipt of the detailed proposal on the options by email. Almost 15 states had submitted their options by September 15 and more have joined since.

Option-1 on GST compensation brought before the Council last month allows states to borrow, under a special dispensation from the Reserve Bank of India, a sum of about Rs 97,000 crore short-

fall calculated by the Centre that is directly on account of GST implementation.

Option-2 allows states to borrow the entire projected GST compensation shortfall of Rs 2,35,000 crore (total shortfall of Rs 3 lakh crore minus Rs 65,000 crore collected as GST compensation cess) for FY21.

So far, 21 states/UTs have expressed preference for Borrowing Option-1 proposed by the Centre.

With GST Act requiring voting for any resolution regarding an option by at least 20 states, the move is expected to be adopted by the GST Council at its meeting next month.

If this option is indeed adopted, all states would be able to move ahead and borrow under the scheme suggested by the Centre to meet their shortfall arising due to GST switchover. If states still opt out, they will have to wait to get full compensation.

# Privatise select PSU banks, dilute role of DFS: Rajan

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Former RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan on Monday suggested the government to privatise select public sector banks, set up a bad bank to deal with NPAs and dilute the role of Department of Financial Services.

The reforms are necessary to ensure growth of the banking government without the periodic boom-bust cycles, said a paper titled 'Indian Banks: A Time to Reform?', co-authored by Rajan and former Reserve Bank Deputy Governor Viral Acharya.

"Re-privatization of select PSBs can then be undertaken as part of a carefully calibrated strategy, bringing in private investors who have both financial expertise as well as technological expertise; corporate houses must be kept from acquiring significant stakes,

given their natural conflicts of interest," the paper said.

Noting that the government obtains enormous power from directing bank lending, it said sometimes this power is exercised to advance public goals such as financial inclusion or infrastructure finance, sometimes it is used to offer patronage to, or exercise control over, industrialists. "Winding down Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance is essential, both as an affirmative signal of the intent to grant bank boards and management independence and as a commitment not to engage in 'mission creep' when compulsions arise to use banks for serving costly social or political objectives," the paper noted. Acc to the paper, private asset management and national asset management 'bad banks' should be encouraged in parallel to the online platform for distressed loan sales.

## Kolkata Metro GM reviews service under present circumstances

**Kolkata:** Manoj Joshi, General Manager, Metro Railway has reviewed the Metro services under the present circumstances in a high level meeting held on Monday at Metro Rail Bhavan.

He laid special emphasis on sanitization of station premises, coaches, escalator hand rails, smart gates and all other surfaces which the commuters

are likely to touch during their journey.

He also said that the station staff should always be vigilant and refill the sanitizer bottles as and when required.

The RPF personnel were also told to carry out their duties and always remain alert and focused on the commuters to maintain social distancing.

# Banks not risk averse, they are being prudent: SBI chairman

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Asserting that there is muted demand for loans, SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar on Monday said banks are not risk averse but they are being prudent in these trying times to avoid a repeat of the post-2008 scenario when there was "dilution" in credit underwriting

standards.

Data clearly shows that investment in the economy has come down, the head of the country's biggest lender said.

"If the capex (capital expenditure) is not happening and investment in the economy is not happening at the same pace, then obviously this is a demand issue and the risk

aversion would be where there is a demand and banks are not lending," he said at a virtual event organised by AIMA.

Non-food bank credit grew 6.7 per cent year-on-year in July as against a growth of 11.4 per cent in the same month of the last year, as per latest data by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

# Govt sets foodgrain output target at record 301 mn tonnes for 2020-21

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The Government has set foodgrain production target at a record 301 million tonnes for the 2020-21 crop year, up nearly 1.5 per cent from the previous year's output, on the back of good monsoon rains and higher acreage in the kharif season.

The target for the 2020-21 crop year (July-June) was set at the National Conference for Rabi Campaign 2020, which was held on Mon to review the progress of the kharif (summer-sown) season and plan for the rabi crops. Addressing the event, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar congratulated farmers and state govts for

record foodgrain production of 296.65 million tonnes in the 2019-20 crop year. "The conference set a target of 301 million tonnes of food grains production for 2020-21...", an official statement said. Rice production target has been fixed at 119.6 million tonnes in 2020-21 as against 118.43 MT output in the last year.

## GM Northern Railway holds performance review meeting

**New Delhi:** Focus on Safety on tracks, Mobility Enhancement work, 160Kmph speed Enhancement, BDU and Freight Loading Rajiv Chaudhry, General Manager, Northern & North Central held a review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway through video conferencing. Deliberations were held on keeping focus on safety on tracks, enhancement of speed, Business Development Units and Freight loading. He said that, safety is the prime focus over Northern Railway. He reviewed the work done over the zone in improving the maintenance standard of track, welds and removal of scrap lying near the tracks. He instructed the divisions on conducting drives to enhance the safety and counsel the staff whenever necessary & required.

# The pulse of the nation

If there is one lesson that this pandemic has taught us, it is the importance of being "Atma Nirbhar" in food. Imagine the scramble for food when everything including import is shut down. Most countries which had food grains declared an export embargo during the pandemic. India is a rare country which not only fed its citizens and did it for free, but also gave food as humanitarian aid and exported it to countries in need.

During the lockdown, in May, the Government announced free supply of rice/wheat and also provided a kg of pulses each to about 20 crore family. From a situation of acute scarcity in 2015-16 when the country witnessed skyrocketing prices due to two successive years of drought, to providing free pulses to most citizens of the country in a never-seen-before times certainly needs a closer study.

The pulses' crisis during 2015-16 was not a wasted opportunity but it set the coun-

try on an ambitious and desirable path of self-sufficiency. The Government acted on supply, demand and regulatory fronts with equal emphasis. The twin factors critical to immediate increase in pulses production was determining the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and procurement from farmers directly at this rate. Through the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) launched in 2016-17 additional area was brought under pulses cultivation. The Government aimed at increasing productivity and production of pulses in the country by distribution of seed mini-kits, subsidy on production of quality seeds, creation of 150 pulses seed hubs, involving ICAR institutes and State Agriculture Universities for cluster frontline demonstrations.

The Government increased MSP of pulses by 8-16 per cent in 2016-17. Elaborate arrangements were made for procuring of pulses from farmers under the Price Support

Scheme . The Govt Guarantee for procurement operation was increased manifold. Foreseeing a need to have strategic buffer of pulses, 20 lakh MT buffer stock of pulses was created through the Price Stabilisation fund with a corpus of more than Rs 10,000 crore. The State Governments -- particularly those Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka which lead in pulses production -- worked in close coordination for procurement of pulses.

All these measures resulted in a 42 per cent increase in pulses production which is unheard of in any category of food articles and, certainly, such a jump has not been achieved in a span of one year in any country. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation Of India Ltd. (NAFED) played a pivotal role in procurement under PSS and PSF by procuring 8.7 lakh MT in 2016-17. This amount was equivalent to the last 15 years combined.

# SBI raises ₹7,000 cr via Basel III compliant bonds

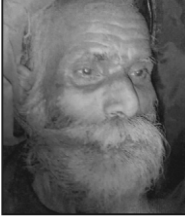
**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The country's largest lender State Bank of India on Monday said it has raised ₹7,000 crore by issuing Basel III compliant bonds. "The Committee of Directors for Capital Raising at its meeting of held today on September 21, 2020 accorded its approval to allot 70,000 Basel III compliant non-convertible, taxable, redeemable...Debt instruments in the nature of debentures aggregating to ₹7,000 crore, to bond subscribers," SBI said in a regulatory filing.

The allotment of bonds to the subscribers took place on the same date i.e. September 21, 2020, it added. The bonds qualify as tier II capital of the bank, and has face value of ₹10 lakh each, bearing coupon rate

of 6.24 per cent per annum payable annually for a tenor of 10 years, it said. There is call option after 5 years and on anniversary thereafter, it added. Call option means the issuer of the bonds can call back the bonds before the maturity date by paying back the principal amount to investors. A month back, SBI had raised ₹8,931 crore by allotting 89,310 Basel III-compliant debt instruments to bond subscribers. Under the globally accepted Basel-III capital regulations, banks need to improve and strengthen their capital plan. SBI norms are being implemented in phases since 2013 by Indian banks to mitigate concerns on potential stresses on asset quality and consequential impact on performance and profitability of banks.

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**



**Unknown**

General public is hereby informed that one unknown person name & address unknown. Age: 45 Yrs (approx), Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, medium Build, Face round, White Beard & Hair, Wearing red T-shirt was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi & died during treatment on 04.09.2020.

In this regard a **FIR No. 365/20, dt. 04.09.2020 U/s 279/304-A IPC has been registered at PS Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi.**

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

**S.H.O.,  
P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi  
Ph.: 011-24106346, 24106345,  
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**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**



**Shakshi**

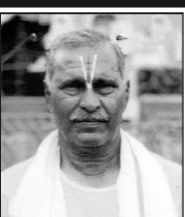
General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Shakshi, D/o Vinay Chaturvedi, R/o B-730 4th floor, Nai Basti, Nangloi Delhi.** Age 17 yrs., height 5', wheatish complexion, normal built, face round, wearing black suit salwar and red & black chappal in feet has been missing/kidnapped since 09.08.2020 from the area of **PS Nangloi Delhi.**

In this regard a **FIR No. 902/20 U/s 363 IPC Dt. 10.08.2020 has been registered at PS Nangloi Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl, but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.

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Fax: 011-23011334  
Ph.: 011-23014046  
011-23015218  
DP/383/OD/2020

**S.H.O.,  
PS Nangloi Delhi  
Ph.: 011-25947225, 25949470**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**



**Rishi Lal Sharma**

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Rishi Lal Sharma S/o Late Manphool, R/o GH-14/210, Paschim Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 04.09.2020 near fire station from the area of Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. In this regard a **FIR No.729/20 u/s 365 IPC dated 05.09.2020 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped man are as under: **Name:** Rishi Lal Sharma, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 70 years, **Height:** 5'10", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** White shirt-pant and leather shoes in his feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped Man, kindly inform SHO/ Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639  
DP/378/OD/2020

**SHO  
P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.  
Ph. No. 011-25268394, 25280980**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**



**Pooja**

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Pooja, D/o Vijender Singh, R/o H.No. 135, Docklan Pana, Village Tikari Kalan, Delhi, Age: 18 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval,** wearing Sky Blue Suit-Salwar and Golden Jutti in feet, has been missing/kidnapped from Madhu Buty Parlor, 40 Foota Road, Rajdhani Park, in the area of P.S. Nangloi since 01.09.2020. In this regard a **FIR No. 952/20 U/S 365 IPC, dated 05.09.2020** has been lodged at **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/387/OD/2020

**SHO  
P.S. Nangloi, Delhi  
Ph: 011-25947225, 25949470**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE**



**Anuradha**

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **Anuradha D/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar R/o H. No. 55/2, Rajpura Gurmandi, Model Town, Delhi Aged-23 Years** has been reported missing since 11.09.2020 at 2:00 PM from her house vide **DD No. 58 A Dated 13.09.2020** has been lodged at Police Station Model Town, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:- **Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** Blue coloured kurta and pajama, slipper in feet and gold chain, earrings.

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

Sd/-  
Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Model Town, Delhi  
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**SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**



**Pooja Kumari**

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Pooja Kumari D/o Vakil Mehto R/o B-50, Jawala Puri Camp No. 4, Paschim Vihar, Delhi.** Age 17 years 11 months 24 days, Height 5'3", Complexion wheatish, Face oval, **ID mark: A mole under the right eye,** wearing Pink colour Suit-salwar and V-shape chappal in feet has been missing/kidnapped since 09.09.2020 from the area of PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl, but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a case FIR No. 737/20 dated 10.09.2020 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

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

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**Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)**  
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DP/1410/OD/2020

**SHO  
PS Paschim Vihar West, Delhi  
Ph. 011-25268394, 25280980**

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**



The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 35 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown had been found unconscious near NDMC Parking, near Bharti Delhi Emporium, BKS Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi on 19.09.2020 at 21:46 hrs. The unidentified person was admitted to the Dr. RML hospital. During the treatment, he was declared dead by the doctors. In this regard, a vide has been registered with **DD No: 47-A dated 19.09.2020 at PS Connaught Place, District New Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under: **Sex:** Male, **Age:** about 35 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Grey colour track pant. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/Connaught Place, District New Delhi

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**Fax : 011-24368639**  
DP/123/NDD/2020

**SHO  
P.S. Connaught Place, District New Delhi.  
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**SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED**



**Ram Lal**

General public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Ram Lal, S/o: Late Sh. Tara Lal, R/o: H.No. G-127, LIC Colony, Paschim Vihar, Delhi Aged: 71 years,** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi since 06.09.2020. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 91-A, Dated 07.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.** His physical description is as under: **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Sky Blue Colour Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Black Colour Shoes in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing man, may inform SHO, Paschim Vihar West, 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

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# Stay young at heart

Cardiac ailments are considered to be one of the deadliest diseases and the leading cause of mortality in India. As per the reports of WHO, cardiac problems are estimated to kill at least one in every five men and one in every eight women. Progressive heart failure which is caused due to the plaque (fatty substance) build up in the arterial linings of the blood vessels are primarily attributed to lifestyle habits and conditions such as smoking, overweight, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes.

Heart attacks were once only associated with old age. Recently, more people in their 20s, 30s and 40s have been suffering from heart ailments. Apart from a person's genetic disposition and family history which are the most common and uncontrollable risk factors, the Indian youth is now being succumbed to heart ailments due to poor lifestyle, stress, erratic sleep patterns. This in turn causes inflammation and raises the risk of cardiac ailments. Sedentary lifestyle clubbed with smoking are further risk factors that trigger the risk symptoms among the younger generation.

Cardiac Hospitals in India perform more than 2 lakh open heart surgeries and are increasing annually by 25 per cent but they are not able to control the numbers of heart attacks. The surgeries done are only palliative. Educating the essentials about Heart disease and its risk factors is important to eradicate the casualties from the root.

What are the symptoms?  
Not every CHD patient has the same symptoms and angina chest pain as its most common feature. Symptoms may vary from nil to severe, some may have an uncomfortable feeling like indigestion and some cases may be experiencing severe pain, heaviness or tightness. The pain is usually felt in the centre of the chest, that spreads to the arms, neck, jaw and even to stomach, and is accompanied by palpitation and unusual breathlessness.

If arteries become completely blocked, it can cause a heart attack that can cause permanent damage to the heart muscle. The discomfort or pain of a heart attack is usually similar to that of angina, but is often more severe and may be associated with sweating, lightheadedness, nausea and breathlessness. This is more common in people with Diabetes. Heart

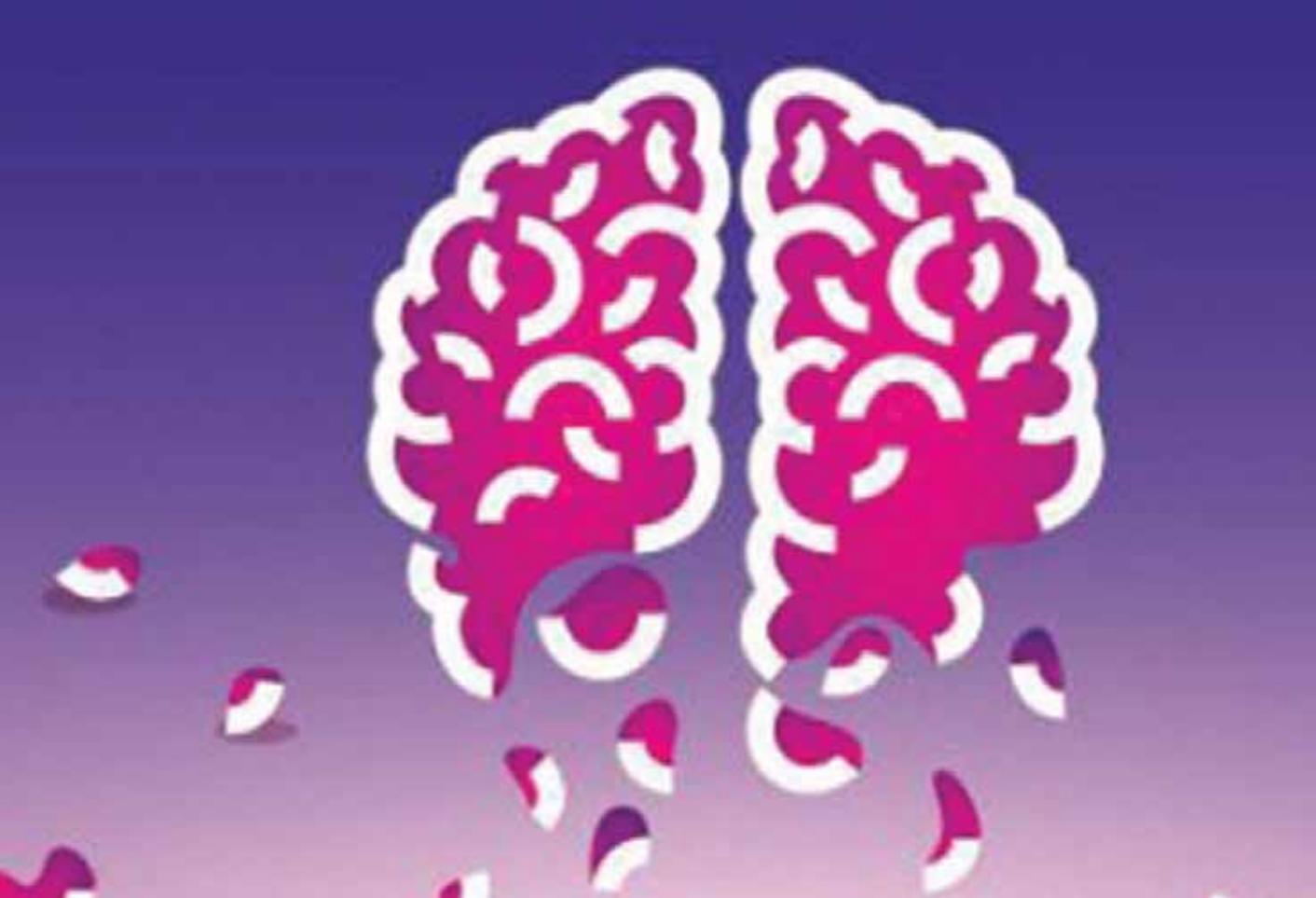
attack if not treated straight away can be fatal.  
Assessment of a suspected CHD patient involves the medical and family history, assessing the lifestyle and taking blood tests. Further tests to confirm a diagnosis of CHD includes non-invasive tests like an electrocardiogram (ECG) to identify the structure, thickness and movement of each heart valve, X-ray to look at the heart, lungs and chest wall to rule out any other conditions that may be causing symptoms, Treadmill test (TMT) during exercise to know the effect of exercise on the heart, Cardiovascular cathography heart flow mapping, CT angiography and the invasive coronary angiography to identify whether the coronary arteries are narrowed and how severe the blockages are.

Although coronary heart disease cannot be cured, treatment can help manage the symptoms, improve the functioning of the heart and reduce the chances of problems such as heart attacks. Effective management includes a combination of lifestyle changes, medicines and non-invasive treatments. Invasive and surgical treatments are required in more severe cases and the outcomes are favourable in most of the cases, where the person is able to resume their normal life. Some simple lifestyle changes include eating a healthy balanced diet, doing regular exercise, no smoking and controlling blood cholesterol and sugar levels. These can reduce the risk of CHD, stroke and dementia.

## SUMMERCOOLERS

**CINNAMON:** If one is to sell something during the current time, all that is needed is to call it immunity booster and it will run out of the shelves at the speed of light. And rightly so, when immunity is your preliminary shield to keep the COVID-19 infection at bay. But one needs not look for such an ingredient in the markets, it is right in the kitchen. Cinnamon, widely used as a flavouring agent, is loaded with powerful antioxidants, such as polyphenols. It has anti-inflammatory properties.

Not only this, cinnamon as a spice is also known for its immunity boosting properties. Just add it in your *kadha* and you are good to go. It is also linked to a reduced risk of heart disease, the world's most common cause of premature death. It keeps cholesterol, triglycerides and blood pressure under check. Apart from the beneficial effects on insulin resistance, cinnamon can lower blood sugar by several other mechanisms. So now you have more than one reason to add it in your daily routine.



# Create memories

It is estimated that at least 50 lakh people live with Alzheimer's in India and the number is expected to increase in the coming years.

DR AZAD IRANI tells you the early symptoms one should look out for

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Alzheimer's disease first described in 1906 by Alois Alzheimer (in Latin 'de', which means a deprivation or loss; 'ment', which means mind; and 'ia', is a state). Alzheimer's disease is presently the commonest cause of dementia having its onset most often after the age of 65 years. Presently, it is estimated that at least 50 lakh people live with Alzheimer's disease in India (that is 0.003 per cent of our entire population). However, as life span increases, it is estimated that this figure may double in the ensuing decades.

The term dementia includes symptoms not only of memory loss but may also include abnormalities of various other cognitive domains such as language functions, social and behavioural aspects, inability to navigate and directional confusion occurring in a person with previously intact such abilities.

Alzheimer's disease is characterised by gradually progressive memory loss as its core feature which also is the earliest feature. The memory loss is mainly for recent events and episodes (called episodic memory in medical terminology). The patients' memory for past events of life remains unaffected in

the early years. Early features of episodic memory loss include repeating the same questions again, misplacing personal items, forgetting to pay bills, keep appointments, difficulty retrieving names and also multi-tasking which was previously easily possible. A change in personality or development of late-life depression or anxiety also warrants an evaluation for onset of dementia.

Current studies believe that the brain abnormality leading to Alzheimer's disease starts at a much earlier age and may be strongly related to poor life-style habits namely bad sleeping habits, like late nights or lesser sleep hours, excessive stress, obesity, Diabetes, high cholesterol levels, physical inactivity, excessive tobacco or alcohol intake. Genetic factors certainly would be incriminated if there are multiple members from the same family developing memory loss or for the younger onset cases.

A common parlance among the young these days is that they suffer from poor memory. Encouraging for them would be to note that this generally is the result of lack of concentration arising out of poor sleeping habits, excessive stress and physical inactivity. However, if these poor lifestyle factors are not addressed in time they may sow the seeds for future dementia. Therapy for Alzheimer's unfortunately is not curative. As is known the dementia

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slowly progresses to a point where in the later stages the patient loses most of the memory, mobility and sense of bladder-bowel control. Therapy mainly remains symptomatic with medications that help replace some chemicals in the brain to partially boost up the memory. Stimulating the mind with brain games, social interaction with family/friends, music therapy or any hobby that interests the patient helps slow down the symptom progress. Massive funds have been spent and even presently being invested all over the world on experimental studies for drugs still in the pipe-line.

So would knowing the early symptoms help us? Yes, changing one's life style habits for the better with strict control of contributory illnesses like Diabetes mellitus, hypertension, obesity, sleep apnea are the best ways thence, to fight this fiercely progressive condition which affects not only the patient but the entire family who has to cope with this illness which may run into years resulting in what is often known as caregiver burnout for family members. An adequate sleep schedule, a good fitness regime, a healthy diet, regular meditation and avoidance of stress in today's fast life would hence be of utmost importance to prevent this unforgiving illness.

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## SAY BYE TO STRAWBERRY LEGS

Strawberry legs can make you feel a little



conscious of your appearance. However, this is not something that one should worry about.

**RUKSHMANI THAKKAR** shares tips that can help you get rid of it

Women have multiple hair removal options, if they choose to. From waxing to epilators to laser hair removal and shaving, are some of the easily available options for hair removal. Keratosis Pilaris is a non-contagious skin condition which can be cause due to shaving. Also known as a strawberry legs, this condition gives you small red bumps that have a seed like appearance.

Strawberry legs can make you feel a little conscious of your appearance if you're wearing shorts, skirts or dresses. However, this is not something that one should worry about. Its one of the most common skin conditions and has over 1 crore cases each year in India alone. It can be easily controlled and treated by selecting the right skin care routine and service. Here are some insights into this problem and how one can deal with it. Characterised by the appearance dark spots, Strawberry legs can be caused due to unclogged pores, excessive keratin building up extra skin which blocks pores and hair follicles. These blocked pores and hair follicles can lead to ingrown hair, causing the skin to get patchy and dry. Frequent usage of razors can also cause a condition called Folliculitis, where hair follicles can become inflamed and infected.

You can prevent strawberry legs with the following:  
■ Opt for dry brushing or exfoliation a day before shaving  
■ Opt for waxing instead of shaving  
■ Moisturise your skin to prevent dryness, patchiness and uneven skin  
■ Use a loofah during shower  
■ Shave once hair growth is enough

**Home treatments for strawberry legs:**  
■ **Dry brushing:** Using this technique can help you in removing excessive skin build up. It also prevents ingrowths.  
■ **Scrubbing/exfoliation:** Scrubbing and exfoliating on a daily basis can help in cleaning out clogged pores. It also makes skin soft and supple. One can use Human and Kind Body Scrub, it is vegan and gentle on the skin.

If you don't wish to buy one, you can also make a scrub at home with semolina, oil and honey. Baking soda and milk can also be used.  
■ **Loofah:** Loofah also helps in exfoliating and removing dry skin. Ideally, a loofah should be used for every alternate shower.  
■ **Doctor prescribed creams and ointment** can also help in curing the appearance of strawberry legs if the condition is aggravated.  
■ **Chemical exfoliation:** Chemical peels are also a great option but should be used under the guidance of a professional aesthetician.

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## DadiKaKehna

Most women love long and silky hair but end up with dull and lifeless ones and hence prefer to keep them short. ROSHANI DEVI shares household tips that one can follow to keep long tresses



One of the most basic things that one must do for long hair is to oil them regularly. One can use coconut, almond or even olive oil. Massage it into the scalp and leave it overnight. Wash with a mild shampoo in the morning. However, if you have an oily skin, oil your hair and leave it for an hour and then wash off. One can wrap a hot towel around the head for 10 minutes to help in the better absorption of the oil.

If one reason why you don't want to sport long hair is because they fall, use aloe vera. It soothes the scalp and conditions hair. It reduces dandruff and unblock hair

follicles that may be blocked by excess oil. You can apply pure aloe vera gel to your scalp and hair a few times a week.

Apply a m mask made of egg; it is an excellent source of protein, which helps your hair grow longer. Just crack open two eggs, strain the yolks and use the egg white on your hair. Let it stay for 20 minutes and wash off. Another reason why hair don't grow long could be split ends. Boil two-three cloves of garlic with an essential oil and massage this on hair roots. Garlic is known to reduce breakage and improve blood circulation, which leads to long hair.



## TIPTOP

In a first-ever recorded medical procedure of its kind, doctors at BLK Hospital removed a ruptured Hydatid cyst from the right lung of Ruhi-Un-Nisa, a 45-year-old woman from Srinagar, without conducting an open chest surgery. The cyst, formed by the larvae of tapeworms, was excised piecemeal by freezing it using a cryoprobe.

The patient showed initial symptoms and discomfort in July this year when she spit blood while coughing. She underwent a CT scan of the chest which revealed 43 X 35mm cyst (equivalent to a size of tennis ball) in superior segment of lower lobe of right lung. The patient followed the CT scan with a bronchoscopy procedure thereafter in Srinagar. However, her condition deteriorated, and she went into respiratory distress. Ruhi-Un-Nisa was unable to lie down and had not slept for close to two months. She had severe difficulty in breathing; she went to hospital in Kashmir where

she was advised to rush to Delhi for emergency treatment.

The patient came with severe breathlessness and constantly felt a salty-bitter taste in her mouth. Doctors suspected the symptoms to be caused by a ruptured Hydatid cyst.

The team led by Dr Sandeep Nayar HOD, Chest & Respiratory Diseases, at BLK Hospital flushed out the spilled fluids/contents from both lungs. He then excised the ruptured membrane with the help of a Cryoprobe (a surgical probe to apply extreme cold to body tissues and freeze them). The membrane was frozen and extracted through the mouth and it gave immediate relief to the patient from her symptoms. Dr Nayar performed this procedure through bronchoscope under local anaesthesia. CT chest and bronchoscopy repeated after four days ensured that the lung was completely cleared of the cyst.

## SLIMLINE

Long hours of digital exposure dehydrate the skin, damages our skin cells and the delicate skin around the eyes. Le Ritual has therefore launched the range to detoxify and repair the skin damage. The current range includes a face serum and eye serum apt for use in both morning and evening skincare regime.

Le Ritual Antioxidant Rich Face Serum builds a defense system for your skin and repairs the skin against digital exposure. It also hydrates, brightens, reduces wrinkles, dark spots and hyperpigmentation. It also

detoxifies, protects the skin collagen against UV, pollutants damage, glowing screens.

Le Ritual Omega Rich Under Eye is proven to work best for under-eye dark circles, fine lines, wrinkles and puffiness. Regular use of serum helps boost collagen around the eyes and increases elasticity, firmness and stimulates micro-circulation around the eyes

The digital detox duo set is available at ₹2090.

The duo is exclusively available at Amazon, Nykaa, Flipkart and Big Basket.

## INBRIEF

In a rare case, 86 year old lady who herself was a doctor, became one of the oldest cadaveric donor in Delhi. A resident of South Delhi, the lady was declared brain dead on September 12 late at night, at a Delhi hospital, after suffering from an acute stroke post which the family expressed her wish of donating her liver and kidney at the time of her death.

Many hospitals were apprehensive of retrieving the organs from an 86 year old, undermining the health of those organs, but Indraprastha Apollo welcomed this liver donation as it would be life saving for a patient in need. A 42 year old man who was a patient of Hepatitis C, consequently, had suffered from liver failure and was in urgent need of a liver transplant. The liver transplant team headed by Dr Neerav Goyal carried out the process of extracting the liver from the lady, harvesting it to ensure it can be used for transplant in a healthy condition and successfully conducting the procedure of liver transplant. While the kidney was accepted by the hospital where she died, the donor's liver was transplanted at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, into the 42 year old man at midnight on September 13, within hours of the donation.

Dr Neerav Goyal, Senior Consultant, Liver Transplant, Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said: "The usual acceptable age for cadaver organ transplant is 65 years of age, people beyond that age are considered as marginal donors. When we got to know that there is a cadaver donor for liver, we decided to evaluate the organ to examine whether it will be suitable for donation. The liver biopsy revealed that the lady had a perfectly healthy liver, like that of a young person, hence we decided to go ahead with the procedure."



## Trend Blazer

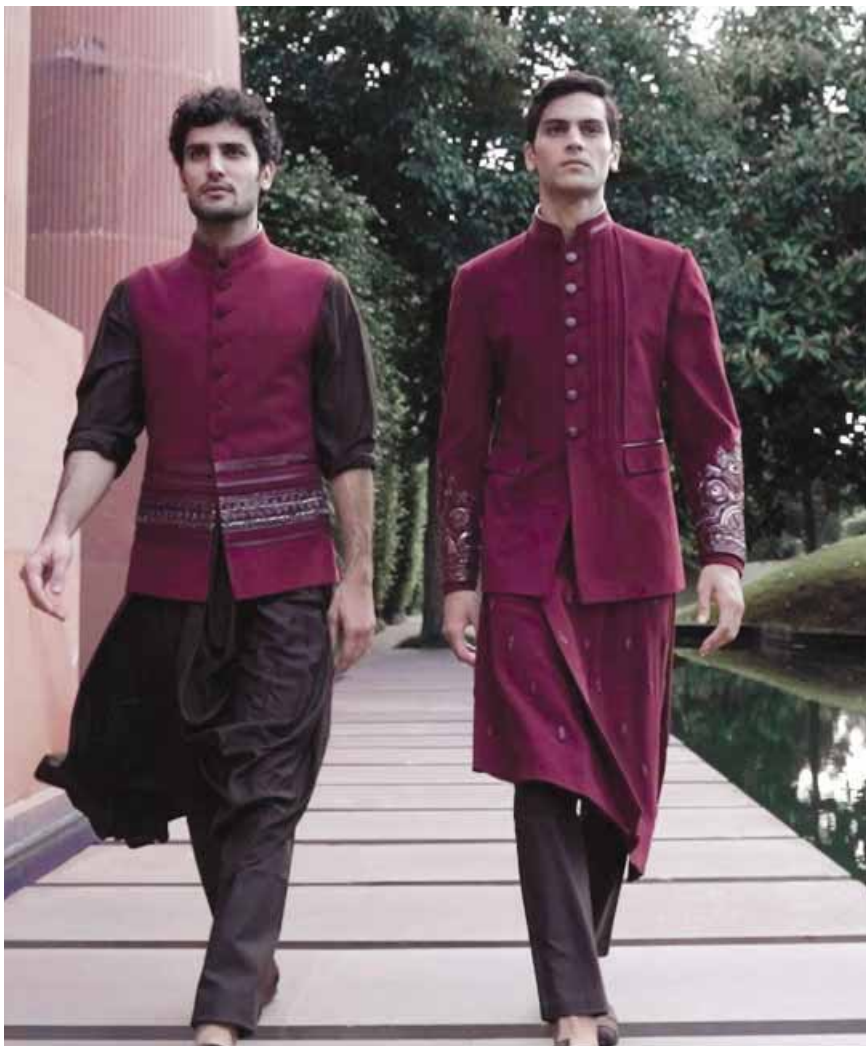
### Kareena turns 40, wishes pour in

Actor **KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN** turned 40 on Monday, and several Bollywood personalities took to social media to wish her.

Sister and actor Karisma Kapoor wrote, "Will continue to protect you always. Happy 40th birthday to my lifeline! Love you the most."

"Happy birthday and congratulations on the to be addition," wrote Kajol, referring to the fact that Kareena is expecting her second child with Saif.

Alia Bhatt wrote, "Happy birthday, dearest Bebo. May every wish you make come true." Katrina Kaif posted, "Happiest birthday to the most wonderful, there's no one like you, may u get back all the kindness & love."



# A hopeful rebound

SHANTANU & NIKHIL's collection, *The Resurgence*, is all about recreating the grandeur which brides dreamt of before the pandemic, simply because luxury is timeless and will continue to be prized by Indians.

By CHAHAK MITTAL

After days of uncertainty and nothingness due to the pandemic-induced lockdown, many are finding their own ways to rise to life again. For designers Shantanu and Nikhil, the spirit of this much-needed revival came with the FDCI India Couture Week 2020. What better than the duo's collection, *The Resurgence*, could explain this?

For them, it is an ode to hope, the spirit to resurface and recommence their duties for the universe. Said Shantanu, "With an almost spiritual connotation to the capabilities of cyclic existence, the collection celebrates a renewed strength and power to adapt and #RiseAgain."

So how does a Shantanu-Nikhil bride look like this time? Taking inspiration from the central emotion of the duo's collection — "hope" — their bride celebrates her way towards a new, optimistic world of happiness, leaving the sorrow and uncertainty behind. Added Shantanu, "With hope, we're moving ahead of the

sorrow that has gripped the world. While we take baby steps towards normalcy, the collection reconstructs romance through fluidic drapes and godly architecture symbolic of the hope within. With this, we also celebrate a new world and our 20 years. We are reinterpreting our classics and bringing back the opulence of our journey with new sustainable practices put into place for our brides. We take pride in our artisans and their craftsmanship. This season we did revisit a lot of metallic embroidery, Goth applique and the classic zardozi, all creat-



ing neo-luxe bridal looks."

For Nikhil, newer times call for newer actions and with the blurring lines between technology and fashion in the new normal, it felt "fitting" to have showcased the duo's Ceremonial Couture '20 Collection, virtually. He added, "It is an exciting and unusual experience and feels great to be a part of an ecosystem that is constantly innovating and connecting with a larger audience every now and then."

Shot at The Roseate Hotels and Resorts, Delhi Aerocity, its architectural design added to the collection's raw portrayal. The anti-trend aesthetics, the structure and the linearity as a signature were kept intact. For the duo, "this digital model of a showcase definitely democratised fashion and integrated with it a cutting-edge customer experience. We have tried to use this platform creatively to showcase a film-like presentation than just a blatant runway showing."

So has it been pivoted around the wedding perspective only? Nikhil said, "In this pandemic, one thing is very clear that design will become a lot more precious, sustainable, valuable and yet, luxurious. We have always been strong advocates of anti-trend couture, where the focus is on neo-shapes, silhouettes, minimalism and of course, the wearer. The brides of today are looking at timeless and classic vintage with hints of contemporary lightness."

To represent the strength we need to leave behind the melancholy and fight on, the collection was given a

metallic touch. The gold and sheen done in hand-woven silks and brocades represented a beacon of hope. The abundance of fluidic drapes created through light fabrics like georgette and chiffon worked in tandem to create a sense of positivity and ease, which is much needed at a time like this.

Talking about whether the festive market is outdoing the wedding market this year, Shantanu said, "India has always been a country of celebrations and there is nothing more celebratory than an Indian wedding. Hence, the demand for heavy and glorious couture will remain unchanged. With several weddings being postponed, the new wedding season has brought with it double excitement and the brides will not compromise on their wedding outfits now. The voluminous ball gowns, our signature drapes, anti-trend styles and cuts are still our brides' go-to apparel for their dream wedding."

He added that their brides are looking for the same grandeur as it was earlier but they are now far more emotional about things they do in their lives. Hence, buying behaviour is now hedonistic in nature and design is paramount.

While the designers tweak their approaches a little to showcase couture, they feel going digital has made every fashionista their front row client. Nikhil said, "We have opted for digital launch in the past as well and it has helped us connect to a larger and newer audience. In the wake of the ongoing pandemic, when the entire world is relying on the digital platforms to keep themselves busy and run their businesses, there is no other medium bigger than this to present fashion to people. Hence, the challenge now at hand would be to translate the grandeur of the physical runway into a virtual one, making it as alive and experiential as the former where everyone will have a front row access."

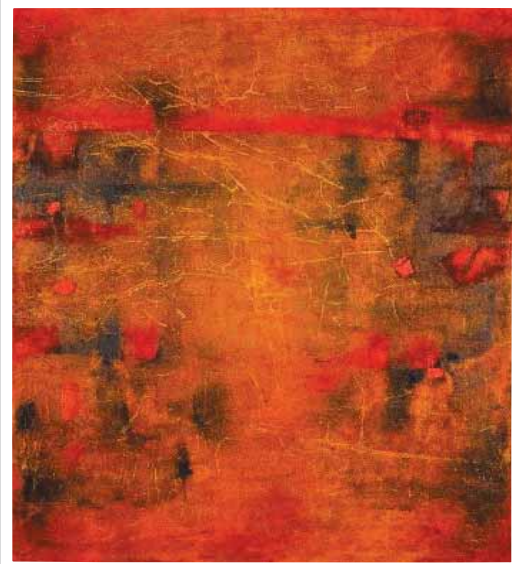
# THE MODERN MASTER

Three works by VASUDEO S GAITONDE, an artist who captured the essence of Indian modernism, go on sale at the Christie's and the Sotheby's. By UMA NAIR

Bringing alive the timeless French song, *La Mer* by Charles Trenet, a painting by artist VS Gaitonde, in a suffusion of green, showcasing the softness and gentility of the sand, is reminiscent of the sea. This is a masterpiece created in 1983 and was bought at the Pundole Gallery. It is also one of the three works by the artist to go up on sale. It will be a part of the Christie's South Asian Modern + Contemporary Art Sale on September 23 in New York.

The other two works belong to the Sotheby's sale that will be held in London on September 29. Part of The Gunnar and Inger Hansen Collection, these two works celebrate Gaitonde as the ultimate abstract master.

The first is a 1954 amorphous-looking work that belongs to George Butcher, a British art critic for *The Guardian* and a stalwart supporter of the burgeoning Indian and South Asian modern art scene. He spent more than two years in India and befriended many artists, gallerists and critics. Using his knowledge and contacts, he curated several shows on South Asian art featuring artists from both home and abroad. Butcher was one of the first writers to assert the unique and remarkable contribution of South Asian artists to a global form of modernism. He has left an



indelible mark on the history of modern Indian and South Asian art.

The second comes from the Inger Hansen collection, a Danish couple who collected Indian art. The work hails from 1969, a smoky crimson and tangerine sunset that heralds the sounds and flats and sharps of a *raga*.

Following a 1964 trip to New York on the Rockefeller Fund Fellowship, where Gaitonde encountered several abstract expressionists' works and conceptual artists for the first time, his style began to evolve. His paintings began to explore the rela-

tionships between form, light and colour in a diligent and sophisticated manner. The work was all about how the "planes of paint spread over the canvas, a reminder of nothing other than self. An almost spiritual sublimation gets created from within paint rather than by reference to any school of thought."

What makes Gaitonde stand apart in the Indian modern art tradition was the way he immersed into its shared language and a universal vocabulary. For many of his contemporaries, the language was just a tool to express something. For



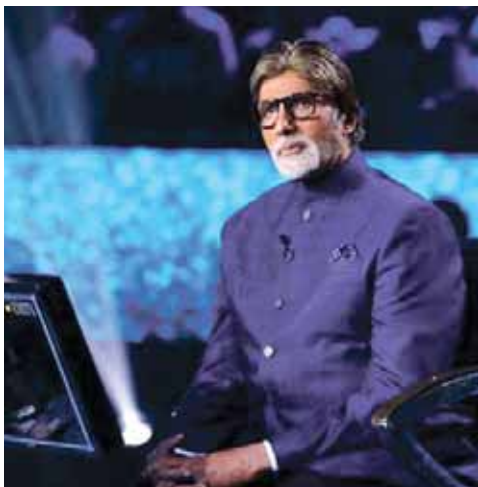
Gaitonde, the language became the subject. He did not attempt to use line and colour to create forms; his forte was the exploration of the relationship between line and colour. If he captured the essence of Indian modernism, it was by disengaging from its effusion, its gaiety and its materialism.

"The central characteristic of Gaitonde's artistic personality, it must be understood, is that he likes to stand alone. This independent-mindedness was accompanied by a firm belief in his identity as a painter," wrote critic Dnyaneshwar

Nadkarni.

An uncompromising artist of integrity, Gaitonde distanced himself from anything he deemed superfluous to the contemplative rigour he believed his art required. After he shifted Delhi in the early 1970s, he was "very much the artist in a garret." The few writers who visited him spoke about the dusty interiors and the immense reticence of the place.

Goan artist Theodore Mesquita, who met him in Delhi in 1991, described him as a "hermit," who is impassive to the mundane world around him.



## KBC returns

*Deviyon aur sajjano*, brace yourself for the 12th season of *Kaun Banega Crorepati* (KBC). This season, the show makes a comeback with a two-fold messaging that conveys not just a better return amid a pandemic but also a motivational nudge for participants and viewers to consider setbacks as a stepping stone. It is produced by StudioNEXT and hosted by actor Amitabh Bachchan.

The first ever digital audition of this season raised hope, dreams and aspirations among people from across the country.

While the core of the show remains the same, it comes with a few changes relevant to the current times. It will not host in-studio audiences keeping in line with the government mandated safety guidelines and protocols in response to COVID-19. The in-studio audience played a huge role as a lifeline – Audience Poll, to help the contestants on the hotseat move ahead in the game. This year, this lifeline will be replaced by another lifeline Video-A-Friend. The other three lifelines remain the same – 50:50, Ask The Expert and Flip The Question. The number of fastest finger first contestants who will compete to be on the hot seat per week, has been reduced from the usual 10 to 8.

With *KBC Play Along* on Sony LIV, viewers can enjoy the gameshow by participating and matching their knowledge with the contestants on the hot seat. (*The show premieres from September 28, Monday to Friday at 9 pm on Sony Entertainment Television.*)



**'I travelled enthusiastically during a pandemic, got quarantined and five COVID**

**tests with a smile but that one 'Short Run' hit me hard. What's technology for if it can't be used? It's time BCCI introduces new rules. I've always believed in being graceful in a win or loss but it's also important to ask for policy changes that improve the game in future.'** —**Preity Zinta**

Director **ANDRIJ PAREKH**, the Indian connect in the Emmys 2020 winner roster, has dedicated his award to all people of colour.



Parekh, who is of Indian-Ukrainian descent, won an Emmy for directing his debut *Hunting* episode of drama series *Succession*, one of the big winners at the annual gala this year.

"I am deeply honoured and humbled by this award. This distinction has been bestowed upon me on my birthday. So, thank you for the gift," Parekh said.

He dedicated the award to "all the kids whose names like mine are difficult to pronounce."

### A mini Friends reunion at Emmys



Actors **JENNIFER ANISTON**, **LISA KUDROW** and **COURTENAY COX** united for a mini reunion to celebrate their hugely popular sitcom, *Friends*, during a video call with host **Jimmy Kimmel** at the virtual Emmy award gala.

While Aniston was on video call with Kimmel, Cox joined in. "Of course I'm here. We live together," she said.

"Yeah, we've been roommates since 1994, Jimmy," Aniston added, referring to the year when the sitcom premiered.

Kudrow also entered the picture, following which Kimmel wondered if they don't live with their own families. "Where else would I live?," Kudrow said.

The first *Friends* episode had aired on September 22, 1994, and the show lasted till 2004.





Mayank Agarwal | 89 runs

Mohd Shami | 3 wickets

I was a bit nervous in the beginning, but it was more excitement than nervousness for me to make my debut. I just wanted to do well and help my team win

It was a weird game, sometimes the luck goes your way, but it's easy to become the villain from the hero. So it's important to enjoy the good days

Rohit is always open to take suggestions on the ground. I crunch situations he is very calm, cool and composed. He takes tough decisions during that time

If the team wants to go with six bowlers then you need an all-rounder and if Stoinis can contribute with both bat and ball it's really good for the team

# Bowlers script RCB win

## Devdutt, AB shine with bat before Chahal, Saini & Dube choke Sunrisers

PTI ■ DUBAI

Young opener Devdutt Padikkal starred on debut before Yuvvendra Chahal produced a crafty spell to set up a 10-run win for Royal Challengers Bangalore in their opening IPL contest against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Monday.

Padikkal (56 off 42, 8 fours) displayed his highly rated talent with a half-century before AB de Villiers (51 of 30) provided the much needed final flourish to take RCB to 163 for five after they were sent in to bat.

Chasing 164 for a win, SRH were all out for 153 in 19.4 overs.

The Sunrisers were on course for a comfortable chase with Jonny Bairstow (61 off 43) looking in ominous touch. Chahal (3/18) removed the Englishman and Vijay Shankar in successive balls in the 16th over to tilt the game decisively in his team's favour.

Bairstow perished in his attempt to hoick Chahal out of the park while Shankar had no clue about the perfectly placed googly.

That double blow led to a



Royal Challengers Bangalore players celebrate after they beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 10 runs on Monday

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batting collapse, exposing Sunrisers' inexperienced middle-order. Mitchell Marsh suffering an ankle injury while bowling meant he came at number 10 and could only last a ball.

Pacer Navdeep Saini (2/25) and Shivam Dube (2/15) also returned tidy figures but Umesh Yadav was expensive for RCB yet again, leaking 48 runs in four overs.

Earlier, the class and calmness Padikkal showed in his first high-profile game was remarkable, so much so that Australian limited overs captain Aaron Finch (29 off 27) was happy to

play second fiddle at the other end.

Sunrisers pulled things back in the middle overs following a 90-run opening stand between Padikkal and Finch. De Villiers came up with crucial boundary hits towards the end to take the team score past 160.

The 20-year-old Padikkal, possessing a near perfect balance in the crease, played all around the ground, playing the pull and aerial cover drive with equal confidence.

Padikkal got going with three boundaries in an over off left-arm pacer T Natarajan. The left-handed opener brought up his half-century with a slog sweep over the fielder at deep square leg.

With the openers looking good, RCB cruised to 86 for no loss in 10 overs. However, both Padikkal and Finch fell off successive balls and that put the brakes on the scoring rate with RCB collecting only 30 runs from the next five overs.

Skipper Virat Kohli departed after scoring 14 off 13, leaving de Villiers to provide the final flourish. The South African star delivered once again, smashing his 200th six for RCB

### Mitch Marsh injured while bowling



PTI ■ DUBAI

Australian all-rounder Mitchell Marsh suffered an ankle injury while bowling during his side Sunrisers Hyderabad's IPL opener against Royal Challengers on Monday.

The 28-year-old Marsh twisted his ankle on the follow through during the fifth over of the RCB innings and he was seen hobbling out of the ground. Vijay Shankar completed the remaining two balls of the over and gave away nine runs.

Marsh, who bowled only four deliveries, has had a history of injuries in the past.

He didn't come back to field during the rest of the RCB innings but came to bat as No 10 batsman during run chase and got out of the first ball.

in the process.

There was also an injury scare for Australian all-rounder Marsh, who limped off the field with an ankle injury after bowling four balls in his debut game for the Sunrisers.

# Royals start as underdogs against Super Kings

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Depleted Rajasthan Royals have an onerous task of stopping the mighty Chennai Super Kings on a Sharjah belter with no Ben Stokes in their line-up but skipper Steve Smith's availability after recovering from a concussion injury has lifted some gloom ahead of their IPL match on Tuesday.

The absence of Stokes would severely impact Royals' campaign at least in the first half of the tournament because of the balance he brings to the side but having Smith in the playing XI would mean that the contest will not be without a fight.

Smith, who missed the ODI series against England, has undergone various concussion test protocols and is ready to tee off.

Apart from premier all-rounder Stokes, also absent from the first match will be Jos Buttler, their impact player at the top-order. The England batsman will be missing the first game as he arrived sepa-

rately with his family and need to undergo mandatory 36-hour quarantine in Dubai.

Jofra Archer's presence will be important along with seasoned T20 stars like South African batsman David Miller, Australian pacer Andrew Tye and England all-rounder Tom Curran.

The Royals' main problem lies in their Indian core, which hasn't exactly been consistent. The likes of Sanju Samson,

Robin Uthappa, Jaydev Unadkat and Varun Aaron have failed to live up to the expectations over the years. Sharjah pitch will be a different challenge for the bowlers both in terms of surface as well as the size of the ground.

CSK have once again showed how to work around with resources and Sam Curran coming good with an all-round show means that Dwayne Bravo would not be missed even if he misses a few more games due to injury.

Rayudu and Faf perfectly maintained the CSK "run-chase template" of attacking in the back 10 by preserving wickets.

The addition of Piyush Chawla, a very successful IPL bowler, is also a big plus.

However it needs to be seen how Deepak Chahar is shaping up after sustaining a niggles in the final over of the MI innings. In case, Chahar can't make it, they have ready replacement in Shardul Thakur.



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### It hurts to not close off game: Agarwal

PTI ■ DUBAI

Crestfallen after losing their IPL opener, Kings XI Punjab batsman Mayank Agarwal said it feels terrible to not close off the game after making a stupendous comeback against Delhi Capitals here.

Chasing 158 to win, KXIP were looking down the barrel at 55 for 5 but Agarwal's blistering 89-run knock took them to 157. They needed one run off the final two balls but Marcus Stoinis' twin strike took the game to the Super Over, which they lost on Sunday night.

"We had a tough day. There are a lot of positives to take out. The way we came back was fantastic, the way we bowled with the new ball was terrific. It really hurts to not close off the game from the situation we were in, feels terrible," Mayank told KXIP TV.

"This is just the first game. We can get things rolling again, let's see how we will go in the coming games. I think to play a game like that first up was fantastic. Everyone was up for it, guys really put in the effort."

"Definitely, we should have finished the game when we needed one run," he added.

### KXIP appeal against 'short run' call

PTI ■ DUBAI

Kings XI Punjab have appealed against on-field umpire Nitin Menon's controversial short run call at crunch time of their IPL game against Delhi Capitals as former players seek more technological intervention for the sake of fair results.

Before the match went into Super Over, the TV footage showed that square leg umpire Menon had erred in calling Chris Jordan for a 'short run' in the third ball of the 19th over, bowled by Kagiso Rabada.

The TV replays showed that Jordan's bat was inside the crease when he completed the first run, starting from the non-striker's end. However to KXIP's horror, Menon gestured that Jordan has not completed the run and only one run was added to Mayank Agarwal and the Punjab team's total.

The decision was not reversed despite technological evidence that it was a wrong call.

In the final over, Punjab needed 13 runs to win and Agarwal managed 12 runs in the first three balls.

If that one 'short run' was credited to their total, Punjab would have won with three balls to spare but they lost two wickets in the final two balls after a dot fourth ball and it spilled to a Super Over, which they lost.



"We have appealed to the match referee. While a human error can happen and we understand that, there is no room for human errors like these in a world class tournament like the IPL. This one run could cost us a play off berth," KXIP CEO Satish Menon told PTI.

"A loss of a game is a loss of a game. It is unfair. Hope the rules are reviewed so that there is no margin for human error."

However the appeal is unlikely to yield any result since rule 2.12 (Umpire's decision) in the IPL rule book on playing conditions says that "an umpire may alter any decision provided that such alteration is made promptly. This apart, an umpire's decision, once made, is final."

### Pirlo off to winning start



**Turin:** Andrea Pirlo got his coaching career off to a winning start as Juventus launched their bid for a 10th consecutive league title with a 3-0 win over Sampdoria on Sunday.

Swedish debutant Dejan Kulusevski opened the scoring after 13 minutes in Turin with Leonardo Bonucci adding a second on 78 minutes and Cristiano Ronaldo a late third.

The match was played in front of 1,000 spectators as Serie A stadiums reopened on Sunday to a limited number of fans after a seven-month coronavirus lockdown.

Pirlo could not have hoped for a better start to his coaching career having taken over

from Maurizio Sarri this summer.

The win against Sampdoria, coached by veteran Claudio Ranieri, came just days after the former Italy and Juventus star received his coaching diploma.

Juventus handed debuts to new signing Weston McKennie and Kulusevski, who joined from Atalanta in January before immediately returning to Parma on loan.

Kulusevski curled in the first goal in a move started by Ronaldo, who hit the bar minutes later. But it was not until the last quarter of an hour that the champions finally killed off the game they dominated. AP

### Real toil in goalless draw

AFF ■ MADRID



It wasn't the best of starts for defending champion Real Madrid, which needed a good performance by goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois to salvage a 0-0 draw at Real Sociedad in La Liga opener.

With a squad mostly unchanged from last season, Madrid looked out of rhythm on Sunday and couldn't get more than a point in a lacklustre match at the Reale Arena in the Basque Country.

Zinedine Zidane's team struggled in attack and saw Sociedad create some of the most dangerous chances, including one by forward Alexander Isak just before halftime that forced Courtois to make a superb save with his legs as he charged out from the goal. "We were well organised," Courtois said.

"We didn't allow them many opportunities other than the save I made and another shot that went wide. The problem is that we couldn't score, but that will come with time."

David Silva made his La Liga return after a decade with Manchester City as he took the place of Alexander Isak for the final 25 minutes.



### Halep finally wins Italian Open

AFF ■ ROME

Top seed Simona Halep won her first Italian Open title on Monday after defending champion Karolina Pliskova retired injured while trailing 6-0, 2-1 in the final.

World No 2 Halep was competing in her third Rome WTA final, having finished runner-up in 2017 and 2018 on the clay at the Foro Italico.

"Finally after two finals I could win this title," the Romanian said.

"I love this tournament and I'm really happy to have this beautiful trophy in my hand."

"In 2013 here I started to go in the top in world tennis. I really enjoyed and I really was happy on court that I could play the semi-finals back then. Since then I have started to play really well."

Pliskova, the second seed, was playing with her left thigh heavily bandaged.

The Czech struggled with her serve from the outset, falling behind to a double break, handing Halep a 3-0 advantage with a double fault.

Halep, 28, saved three break points against her on her next

service game before conquering a first one-sided round in 20 minutes.

Pliskova had treatment on her lower back and upper leg before the second set, but pushed on with a break for 1-1 after half an hour.



But the 28-year-old called time in the third game, heading towards Halep to signify the end of the match after 32 minutes.

In total, Halep converted five of seven break point opportunities for her eighth win in 13 meetings with Pliskova, who converted one of four.

Wimbledon champion Halep's 22nd career title comes just a week before the start of the French Open which she won in 2018.

Halep extended her winning streak this season to 14 consecutive victories.

She won the Dubai title in February, before the coronavirus lockdown, coming back to claim victory in Prague last month having skipped the US Open.

Former world No 1 Pliskova, now ranked four, had been having a successful week on clay after her disappointing second round exit in the US Open where she was the top seed.

In the men's section, Novak Djokovic claimed a record 36th Masters crown, beating Argentine Diego Schwartzman in the final.

The world number one won 7-5, 6-3 to break a tie with Spanish rival Rafael Nadal for most Masters titles.

### Prajnesh advances, Nagal exits from French Open

PTI ■ PARIS

Indian tennis player Prajnesh Gunneswaran overcame a sluggish start to advance to the second round of the French Open men's singles qualifying event but country's top player Sumit Nagal bowed out after a close defeat on Monday.

Seeded 16th, Nagal — who became the first Indian in seven years to win a singles match at a Grand Slam with his opening round victory at the US Open — lost 6-7 (4), 5-7 to Germany's seasoned player Dustin Brown in one hour and 47 minutes.

Nagal had his chances in the second set as he was leading 3-0 but Brown did not let him continue with the momentum.

Prajnesh, India's second-highest ranked singles player, got the better of Turkey's Cem Ilkel 6-3, 6-1 after losing his service early in his opening qualifier of the clay court Grand Slam.

Another Indian featuring in the qualifying draw is Ramkumar Ramanathan, who is up against local wildcard Tristan Lamasine.

### DUGOUT

#### MOTION PICTURE



Ruturaj Gaikwad attends his first CSK training session on Sunday night after getting recovered from Covid-19

CSK/Twitter

### RUTURAJ BACK IN TRAINING

CSK batsman Ruturaj Gaikwad is back in training ahead of Tuesday's IPL game against Rajasthan Royals after clearing the two mandatory Covid-19 tests. "The first thing you wanna see on a Monday morning. Look who's back! Smiling face with heart-shaped eyes #Ruturaj #WhistlePodu #Yellowlove," CSK posted on its Twitter handle on Monday along with a picture of the batsman.

### DHONI PREFERS ALL ROUND PLAYERS

CSK pacer Deepak Chahar has revealed skipper MS Dhoni prefers players who can contribute in all departments, especially in the shortest format of the game. "I think Dhoni prefers those who are good in all departments. He likes those who can contribute in batting, bowling and fielding. A bowler can have a bad day but he can change a match by grabbing a good catch or can win the batch with a six or a four," Chahar told Aakash Chopra in his show *Aakash Vaani*. "If you look at our team, we have many players who are good in every department. T20 is a format that requires you to do everything. There are a lot of teams in the IPL which have a strong batting line-up or a strong bowling attack but they remain dependent on a few cricketers," he said.

### BUMRAH ENJOYS FREEDOM UNDER RO

India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah said the freedom he enjoys playing under Rohit Sharma's captaincy in Mumbai Indians set-up has been a huge confidence booster for him in his career. "For me, he (Rohit) has always given me the freedom, he has always told me to express yourself (myself), be whatever you want, be it any situation, take ownership of your own bowling, so that gives me a lot of confidence and a responsibility that I'm responsible for whatever I'm doing," Bumrah said. "So that's a big thing for a captain because then he gives a bowler so much of confidence. He trusts you so much and he trusts the decisions that you will take and that's a very positive sign."

### ASHWIN PAIN HAS SETTLED DOWN

Senior India off-spinner R Ashwin is hopeful of recovering from his shoulder injury as his pain has subsided considerably and the scan reports have been "encouraging" after a nasty fall during Delhi Capitals' IPL opener against KXIP. Ashwin endured dream and nightmare in a space of six deliveries as he scalped two KXIP batsmen and then suffered a jerk on his left shoulder trying to dive and stop a run. "I was in pain as I left the field last night, but the pain has settled down and the scan reports are pretty encouraging too. Thanks for all your love and support," Ashwin tweeted.

### FLEMING HAILS SAM'S ATTITUDE

CSK head coach Stephen Fleming is impressed with debutant Sam Curran's attitude and said his contribution in the IPL opener went a long way in covering the absence of star all-rounder Dwayne Bravo, who is recovering from an injury. Sam played an instrumental role in CSK's five-wicket victory over Mumbai Indians. After an economical spell with the ball, the 22-year-old scored a quick-fire 18 off just six balls to help his side start the campaign on a positive note. "Losing Dwayne (Bravo) was a big loss and Sam went a long way in filling that," Fleming told the CSK website. "The things that impressed us with Sam is his attitude first and foremost, almost the harder it gets the better he gets, his all-round skill component and the fact that the captain was able to trust him straightaway to go in at a crucial time and hit the way he did."

### HOPEFULLY WILL PULL UP WELL: SMITH

Delhi Capitals captain Shreyas Iyer said it was difficult to comprehend the ebbs and flows of a roller coaster IPL match against KXIP which ended in a Super Over win for his side. "It was difficult to see the game turning in different directions. We are used to this. Even last season we faced these. KG is the winning performer, and the way Stoinis batted was game-changing," Iyer said.