

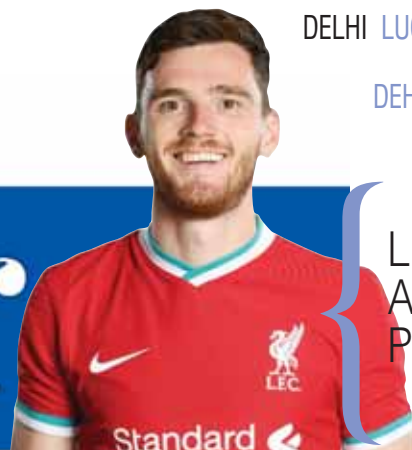
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8-9 crore Indians Covid +ve: Survey

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Nearly 8-9 crore Indian, or one in 15 individuals aged over 10 years, may have been exposed to coronavirus by the end of August, according to the findings of the second sero-survey conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

In percentage terms, the total people exposed to coronavirus will be estimated at around 7 per cent, which is 10 times higher than the numbers thrown by the findings of the first serosurvey released on September 11. It shows that between the two surveys, the infection has spread wildly.

"One in 15 individuals aged over 10 years were estimated to be exposed to Covid-19 by August 2020," ICMR chief Balram Bhargava said. "Earlier we had thought that it does not affect those below 18, but have now found there's no difference. The prevalence is not different by age group or gender."

The survey was conducted between August 17 and September 22. As per its findings, the prevalence of Covid-19 among individuals over 10 years was 6.6 per cent, and in adults (over 18 years of age) was 7.1 per cent.

Since India's population is around 140 crore, the total number of people exposed to coronavirus could be around 8-9 crore when we take out the below 10 age group.

Incidentally, the findings of the first national serosurvey which became public on September 11 indicated that 0.73 per cent of adults in India were exposed to SARS-CoV-2, amounting to a total of 6.4 million Covid-19 infections by early May.

Dr Bhargava also said that the second serosurvey report showed that urban slum and

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL

CASES: 62,21,322

DEATHS: 97,490

RECOVERED:

51,80,657

ACTIVE: 9,42,292

VP Naidu tests Covid positive, in good health

New Delhi: Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday tested positive for Covid-19 but is in good health, the Vice President Secretariat said. Naidu, 71, who is asymptomatic, has been advised home quarantine.

In the evening, Naidu had addressed a virtual event on post-Covid healthcare where he urged the private sector to pitch in to improve healthcare system in rural India. "The Vice President of India who underwent a routine Covid-19 test today morning has been tested positive. He is, however, asymptomatic and in good health," the Secretariat tweeted.

urban non-slum areas had higher SARS CoV 2 infection prevalence than that of rural areas. "Risk in urban slums twice than that in non-slum areas and 4 times the risk in the rural setting," the report stated.

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Amnesty cries witch-hunt as it shuts op in India, MHA says it flouted FCRA norms

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Amnesty International on Tuesday said it was halting all its activities in India due to the freezing of its accounts and "incessant witch-hunt" over "unfounded" and "motivated" allegations, claims which were strongly denied by the Ministry of Home (MHA).

In a statement, Amnesty India said the organisation has been compelled to let go of staff in India and pause all its ongoing campaign and research

work. "The complete freezing of Amnesty International India's bank accounts by the Government of India which it came to know on 10 September 2020, brings all the work being done by the organization to a grinding halt," it said.

Reacting to the development, the MHA said the allegations of Amnesty International is unfortunate and exaggerated and said that the NGO violated the laws in accepting foreign donations.

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Offered just 27, LJP to take call on fighting Bihar polls as an ally

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Lok Janshakti party (LJP) is expected to take a final call on contesting the Bihar polls as part of the NDA in the next 24 hours. The BJP top leadership is reported to have conveyed to LJP chief Chirag Paswan to accept 27 seats latest by Wednesday.

The nomination process for candidates for the first phase of the State elections will begin in two days.

Chirag met BJP president JP Nadda on Monday and demanded a decision on seat sharing soon. He is reportedly pressing for 42 seats, a demand the BJP leadership has completely ruled out.

If the BJP and LJP do not reach an agreement, the LJP is likely to contest 143 out of 243 seats in the Assembly polls and target the JD(U) by putting its candidates against the Nitish Kumar-led outfit.

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Those who lost source of black money against farm laws, says Modi

Protests insult to farmers, says PM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting out at the Opposition for going against every single decision of the Government, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asserted that those who lost "another source of black money" were protesting against the farm Bills.

"Those opposing farm laws are insulting farmers," the Prime Minister said lashing out at the Opposition a day after Punjab Youth Congress workers set a tractor on fire near India Gate in the heart of Delhi during protests against the controversial farm laws.

"Several reforms, related to farmers, labourers and health, were brought during the recently concluded Parliament session. These reforms will



strengthen labourers, youth, women, farmers of the nation. But the nation can see how some people are opposing it just for the sake of it," Modi said while inaugurating six development projects in Uttarakhand though video-conferencing which included water and sewer cleaning projects and a museum.

Modi said the Opposition has been opposing every decision of his Government, including that is surgical-strikes and construction of Sardar Patel's statue in Gujarat.

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ICMR's 2nd serosurvey says cases rose 10 times since 1st result on September 11

STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	13,66,129	36,181	10,69,159
Andhra Pradesh	6,87,351	5,780	6,22,136
Tamil Nadu	5,92,911	8,777	4,76,378
Karnataka	5,82,458	9,453	5,36,209
Uttar Pradesh	3,94,856	5,715	3,36,981
Delhi	2,73,098	5,272	2,40,703
West Bengal	2,53,768	4,899	2,22,805
Odisha	2,15,676	881	1,77,585
Telangana	1,89,283	1,116	1,58,690
Kerala	1,87,277	720	1,24,684
Bihar	1,81,471	894	1,67,890
Assam	1,77,221	680	1,43,999
Gujarat	1,36,004	3,442	1,15,959
Rajasthan	1,33,119	1,471	1,11,272
Haryana	1,26,974	1,356	1,10,814
Madhya Pradesh	1,26,043	2,281	1,02,445



A health worker collects a nasal swab sample to test for Covid-19 in Hyderabad on Tuesday

AP

Hathras' Nirbhaya succumbs to brutality

Protest at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital, Cong questions PM's silence

PNS/ STAFF REPORTER ■ LUCKNOW/NEW DELHI

A 19-year-old girl, who was gangraped in a village in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras district two weeks ago, died of her grievous injuries at a Delhi hospital on Tuesday morning.

As news of her death spread, protests broke out at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital as well as in Vijay Chowk and in Hathras. Leading the protests outside Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital, Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad appealed to all members of the Dalit community to take to the streets and demand the death penalty for the four men alleged to be involved in the crime who were arrested and will now face charges under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code.

"The Government should not test our patience. We will not rest until the culprits are hanged," said Azad, adding

that the victim was killed in the hospital to silence her forever and shield the culprits.

The Uttar Pradesh Government announced a compensation of ₹10 lakh for the victim's family.

Hitting out at the Yogi Adityanath Government in Uttar Pradesh, the Congress questioned the "silence" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and women BJP leaders on the issue and alleged that the state has become the "crime capital" of the country.

The party also staged protests demanding justice for the victim at Vijay Chowk. The party said its leaders PL Punia, Udit Raj, Amrita Dhawan and other party leaders were detained at Mandir Marg Police station for the protest.

On September 14, the young woman had gone to the fields with her mother and went missing soon after. She was found later with severe injuries and her tongue cut as

India retorts as China provokes

As Beijing refuses to recognise Ladakh UT, New Delhi says it never accepted unilaterally defined 1959 perception of LAC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indo-China stand-off has escalated as the Indian Government has rebuffed China's provocative assertion that Beijing didn't recognise Ladakh Union Territory and was opposed to India building military infrastructure in the border areas.

The MEA on Wednesday asserted that the country never accepted the so-called unilaterally-defined 1959 LAC and its position has been consistent and well known to the Chinese. India also asked China to refrain from advancing an "untenable unilateral" interpretation of the de-facto border.

India's reaction was in response to China's advice to India position to abide by its 1959 perception of the LAC.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry insisted it abides by that LAC as proposed by then Premier Zhou Enlai to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in a letter on November 7, 1959.

Making this claim, China in a statement to a newspaper also blamed the Indian Army for the ongoing tension for the last five months in eastern Ladakh. It also termed the bloody brawl on June 15 in the Galwan valley leading to the death of 20 Indian Army personnel as an "unfortunate event".

Brushing aside the Chinese claim of the perception,



An Army convoy moves towards Ladakh amid border tension with China, at Manali-Leh highway

PTI

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said here, "India has never accepted the so-called unilaterally defined 1959 Line of Actual Control (LAC). This position has been consistent and well known, including to the Chinese side."

Srivastava referred to various bilateral agreements including the 1993 agreement on maintenance of peace and tranquility along the LAC, 1996 pact on confidence building measures (CBMs) and the 2005 agreement on political parameters and guiding principles for settlement of the boundary issue, to emphasise that both sides showed com-

mitment to reach a common understanding of the alignment of the LAC.

"Therefore, the insistence now of the Chinese side that there is only one LAC is con-

trary to the solemn commitments made by China in these agreements," he said, adding the Indian side has always respected and abided by the LAC.

27 soldiers killed due to poor bullets in 5 yrs, says Army

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Twenty-seven soldiers were killed and 146 wounded due to poor bullets and shells between 2014 and 2019.

Gearing up for a long haul at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, the Army has expressed concern over the alleged poor quality of ammunition leading to casualties among soldiers.

The Army has noted that more than ₹960 crores was wasted on faulty ammunition and this money could have catered for buying more than 100 howitzers. These guns are very effective in mountain warfare and much needed on the borders facing China.

Pointing these critical deficiencies, the Army also said at least 27 soldiers were killed and 146 wounded due to poor bullets and shells in the period 2014-2019 and urged the Government to take immediate steps. They included fixing accountability and production of top-class ammunition.

Most of the ammunition in question was produced by the Ordnance Factory Board while it while it disposed off ₹960 crore worth of ammunition in the same period before their shelf life was complete, officials said here on Tuesday.



The faulty ammunition included 23-mm air defence shells, artillery shells, 125-mm tank rounds and different calibres of bullets used in infantry assault rifles.

"Lack of accountability and poor quality of production has resulted in frequent accidents over the years with injuries and death of soldiers," they said. On an average one accident has taken place per week, internal data of the Army from 2014 to 2019 shows. There were 403 incidents between 2014 to 2019 due to which the Army suffered 27 deaths and 146 injuries.

A significant quantity of products was disposed off without completing shelf life due to poor quality.

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Prior registration must for outside farmers to sell in Haryana mandis

PTI ■ CHANDIGARH

Prior registration on a Haryana Government portal is a must for farmers from outside the State bringing their produce for procurement in government-run "mandis", a senior State Government official said on Tuesday.

In the wake of reports that some farmers from neighbouring Uttar Pradesh were not allowed to sell their paddy crop at government-run "mandis" in Karnal district a few days ago, the official said there is no bar, but they will have to register themselves on a portal and then wait for a message before they are called.

Notably, the farmers have to register on "Meri Fasal Mera Byora" portal uploading their details and then every registered farmer receives an SMS when they have to bring their produce. The official, however, said that registration is manda-



tory for farmers looking to sell non-basmati varieties of rice. "This time, we have decided that from October 5 onwards the outside farmers can also register and then we will also give them a schedule and call them," Additional Chief Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies, PK Das told PTI over the phone.

Asked to comment on the Karnal incident, Das said "those who are coming with basmati, we are not stopping them because the Government does not have to purchase that".

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Sushant didn't die of poisoning, says AIIMS report

But flags lapses in Cooper Hospital autopsy report for leaving out details

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The five-member board of doctors of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) led by Dr Sudhir Gupta entrusted to re-evaluate film star Sushant Singh Rajput's post-mortem and viscera reports has submitted its finding to the CBI and ruled out death by poisoning but raised certain doubts on the autopsy report conducted by the Cooper Hospital, Mumbai.

The report is big blow to those who were claiming that Sushant was first poisoned and then hanged. The CBI investigation has so far not found any evidence to substantiate the

murder theory. The AIIMS report has ruled out poison allegation, leaving it for the CBI to arrive at its own conclusion on the basis evidences, if any.

The AIIMS team submitted the report at CBI HQ. The CBI is probing the death case of Sushant and the agency is seeking to ascertain whether it was a murder or suicide.

"The AIIMS has submitted the report. The CBI is studying the report. The report is definitely a help in investigation but not mandatory in all sense. Certain doubts raised by the medical board towards Cooper Hospital and the previous investigation agency which we will try to answer and find out the facts. The job of the agency is to find facts which can stand court of law with evidence. But AIIMS medical report can't be ruled out completely," a top source said.

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CAPSULE

SI HELD FOR SHOOTING FATHER-IN-LAW, LOVER

New Delhi: The Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested its sub-inspector Sandeep Dahiya who allegedly shot at and injured his female friend here and later killed his father-in-law in Rohtak, officials said. "Dahiya was arrested from Sector-3, Rohini around 11 am by the joint teams of special staff, cyber cell and Lahori Gate police station," a senior police officer said.



DELHI'S AIR QUALITY MAY TURN 'POOR' BY FRIDAY
New Delhi: The national Capital's air quality was recorded in the 'moderate' category on Tuesday, while a government forecasting agency said it is likely to turn 'poor' by Friday. Delhi recorded a 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) of 177, which falls in the 'moderate' category. It was 159 on Monday.

Prior registration...

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“But if you look at it, when we are telling farmers in Karnal and elsewhere that we will call them by sending SMS and only then they have to come to mandis with the produce, how can we allow farmers from outside to come and sell at procurement price (without registration on portal).

“If a farmer from outside the state goes to some miller directly for a private transaction, we have no objection. But for the paddy variety which the government purchases at MSP, what we are saying that we will do procurement, but farmers will have to come through the system,” he said. Giving an example, he said if any mandi has a capacity to handle 4,000 tonnes and if 14,000 tonnes of crop arrives there because farmers are allowed to come without any registration “then there will be complaints that we are not handling it well and it is taking days to clear the mandis”. “We have a better system in place whereby each and every farmer is registered, he is mapped,” the official said. “When we have put a system for Haryana’s farmers, we cannot give latitude to others,” he said.

Replying to a question, Das said that after the passage of the three agriculture-related bills, the existing mandi system and MSP mechanism will continue as before. “We will be procuring in government mandis as earlier. So, those who are going to sell to government mandis will come there. We procure paddy through the Arhiyas (commission agents) and we pay them their commission, so there is no loss to Arhiyas as far as the procurement quantity goes,” he said.

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2. Governing Body Members-11
3. Teaching Staff Representative-02
4. Non-Teaching Staff Representative-01
is scheduled as under:
1. Display of list of life members on college notice board : 30th Sept. 2020
2. Date of filing nomination form: 5th & 6th Oct. 2020
3. Scrutiny the nomination form: 7th to 11th Oct. 2020
4. Withdrawal of nomination: 12th to 16th Oct. 2020
5. Date of Election: 08th Nov. 2020
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PM inaugurates ₹521 cr Namami Gange projects

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated mega development projects worth ₹521 crore in Uttarakhand under the Namami Gange Mission through video conference on Tuesday. He inaugurated a total of eight sewage treatment plants (STPs) including four in Haridwar, two in Rishikesh and one each in Muni-ki-Reti and Badrinath. He also inaugurated the Ganga Avalokan Museum, the first of its kind on the River Ganga at Haridwar and the new logo for the Jal Jeevan Mission. With the inauguration of the STPs, about 15.2 crore

litres of contaminated water will not end up in the Ganga daily.

Modi highlighted the importance of keeping the Ganga clean as it plays a significant role in sustaining the lives of about 50 per cent of the country's population from its origin in Uttarakhand till West Bengal. He termed the Namami Gange Mission as the largest integrated river conservation mission which not only aims at the cleanliness of the Ganga but also focuses on comprehensive upkeep of the river.

The PM said this new thinking and approach had made the Ganga return back to



life. Had the old methods been adopted, the situation would have been equally bad today. Old methods lacked public participation and foresight, he added. Modi highlighted the fact that under Namami Gange, projects worth more than Rs 30,000 crore are either in progress or have been completed. He pointed out that due

to these projects the sewage treatment capacity of Uttarakhand has increased four times in the last six years.

The PM listed the efforts taken to close more than 130 drains in Uttarakhand from flowing into the Ganga. He referred specially to the Chandreshwarnagar drain which was an eyesore for visitors and rafters at Muni Ki Reti in Rishikesh. He applauded the closing of the drain and the construction of a four storied STP at Muni Ki Reti. Modi further said that as it was experienced by the pilgrims at Prayagraj Kumbh, the visitors to Haridwar Kumbh would also experience the clean and

pure status of the Ganga in Uttarakhand.

He said fragmentation of work- on an important subject like water- into various ministries and departments, led to lack of clear guidelines and coordination.

As a result, problems related to irrigation and drinking water continued to persist. He lamented that even after so many years of independence, piped drinking water has not reached more than 15 crore households in the country. Today, about one lakh households are being provided piped water supply connections every day under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

27 soldiers killed due to poor bullets in 5 years, says Army

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About Rs 658.58 crore worth of ammunition within shelf life was disposed off between April 2014 and April 2019. Moreover, after the accidental mine explosion at Central Ammunition Depot, Pulgaon, Maharashtra in May 2016, Rs 303.23 crore worth of mines were disposed off. They said the Rs 960 crore loss roughly mean 100-155 mm medium artillery guns could have been bought for this amount.

The medium artillery guns include howitzers which can easily be transported to inaccessible areas like Ladakh, Arunachal Pradesh and other such tough terrains. These guns can be ferried in helicopters right up to hill tops. India signed a contract in 2018 for US manufactured M-777 howitzers. The deal is worth over Rs 5,000 crore for 144 howitzers. While 25 of these guns will be procured off the shelf the remaining lot is to be manufactured by an Indian private company.

The forces have favoured increased role of private companies in production of ammunition. However, these companies want hand holding as they do not have the financial cushion if they do not get orders, sources said.

Faced with this situation, the Defence Ministry proposes corporatisation of the 41 OFB factories located all over the country. However, the trade

unions are against this move even though the Government recently appointed a KPMG-led consortium to advise the Government on ways to improve the functioning of the OFB.

The proposed corporatisation of the OFB will give it autonomy on a par with Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSU) and a high-level Government panel is working out a roadmap to raise the OFB's turnover to Rs 30,000 crore by 2024-25 annually against existing Rs 12,000 crore after the move, sources said.

After corporatisation, the OFB will be allowed to forge partnerships with the private sector after the Defence Ministry nod and will continue to receive orders from the country's security forces. The OFB will also be granted a special preference of 15 per cent above L1 price for "Make" and "Buy and Make" category products. The Centre will support OFB in case of losses, by way of loan for 30 per cent of the total shortfall and by way of equity investment for balance 70 per cent of the amount, they said.

The working capital for the next five years will be provided by the Department of Defence Production (DDP) as a one-time corpus fund and capital investment for ongoing and sanctioned projects will also be provided.

Office of the Superintending Engineer
Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D, Bulandshahr

No. /96M(II)/E-TENDER/BSR CIRCLE/2019 Dated.....

E-Procurement Inviting Tenders Notice

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, S.E. Bulandshahr Circle, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate bid online through <http://etender.up.nic.in> from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP P.W.D. from Date 15.10.2020 10.00 A.M. to 21.10.2020 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 21.10.2020 at 12:30 Noon If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time and validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Work Completion	Tender document fee including GST	Contractors Category
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Strengthening & Construction of Internal C.C. Road, Drain/Culvert Repair/Upgradation, Brick Soling in Industrial Area of Khurja in District Bulandshahr	118.12	7.91	06 Month	Tender Cost-Rs. 300+2000+G.S.T. Rs. 414.00 = 2714.00	A, B, (Road Work)

1. The Bid Security and Tender Document Fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only.
2. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 year and details of maximum cost work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chankarya Software before submission of tender. Details of e-tender uploaded on <https://etender.up.nic.in> shall also be uploaded on upwd Chankarya software, before last date & time of submission of bid.
3. Tender or have to upload required documents as per Government order No. 879/1/23-7-2020 P.W. Anubhag-7 Lucknow Dt. 25-08-2020 for Pradhan Application in Chankarya Software for Tendering Process.
4. Terms & Other Conditions related to bid are available on <https://etender.up.nic.in>

Executive Engineer
Construction Division-2. PWD
Bulandshahr

Superintending Engineer,
Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D.
Bulandshahr

UP- 155436 Date 26.9.2020 विज्ञापन वेबसाइट www.upgov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

Those who lost source of black money against...

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“They are insulting the farmers by setting fire to the machines and equipment that is worshipped by them,” he said.

The Prime Minister accused the Opposition of misleading farmers on the new farm laws including the Minimum Support Price (MSP) & its continuation.

“There will not only be MSP in the country but also the freedom for farmers to sell their produce anywhere. But some people are unable to tolerate this freedom. Their one medium to earn black income

is finished,” he said.

The Government has asserted that the new laws will free farmers from the middlemen and allow them to sell their products anywhere they want at a remunerative price.

The Congress-led Opposition has alleged that the three farm laws passed by Parliament, last week, will hand over farming to the corporates through the contract farming.

The Modi-Government has said it is implementing what Congress has promised to the farmers in its 2019 manifesto.

Amnesty cries ‘witch-hunt’...

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In a detailed statement, the MHA said that the Amnesty International received permission to accept money under FCRA only once in 2000 and later accepted money in dubious way by floating four companies and illegally shown as FDI. “Human Rights cannot be an excuse for defying the law of the land,” said MHA in statement on the Amnesty's statement accusing Government of India for forcing them to shut their operations.

8-9 crore Indians Covid +ve: Survey

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“Since a large portion of the population is yet susceptible, prevention fatigue is to be avoided and 5T strategy (Test, Track, Trace, Treat & Technology) is to be adhered to,” Dr Bhargava said. The ICMR chief said blood samples are collected from the general population and tested for Immunoglobulin G (or IgG) antibodies for the serological surveys. He said if a person is IgG positive, it means he was exposed to SARS-CoV-2 “some time in the past”.

For the second serosurvey, blood samples were collected from 29,082 individuals, Bhargava said. The data collected included socio-demographic details, history of respiratory symptoms, written informed consent, ethics clearance, along with a blood sample.

The first survey was conducted from May 11 to June 4 and covered 28,000 individuals. Its findings revealed that seropositivity was highest in the age group of 18-45 years (43.3 per cent), followed by those between 46-60 years (39.5 per cent) and it was the lowest among those aged above 60 (17.2 per cent). A total of 64,68,388 adult infections were estimated in India by May, the survey report said. “The findings of our survey indicate that the overall seroprevalence in India was low, with less than one per cent of the adult population exposed to SARS-CoV-2 by mid-May 2020. This low prevalence observed in most districts indicates that India is in the early phase of the epidemic and the majority of the Indian population is still susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection,” the survey report highlighted.

King George's Medical University U.P., Chowk, Lucknow
Uttar Pradesh, INDIA - 226003
Re-E - Tender Notice

Notice No.: 195/G.A Dated : 28-09-2020

Online Second Time E-Tender are hereby invited two bid system latest by the Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Medical Gas System, Pipe Line, outlet points of oxygen, Compressor Air, Vacuum and Nitrous Oxide etc. of New Emergency Complex & Trauma Centre, Pediatric Department, Gastro Surgery, Centenary Hospital Phase-I, Covid-19 Hospital (Rheumatology and Orthopedic Surgery) Geriatric & Mental Health, Cardiology and CTVS, Surgery(NSB) Department Urology with Pulmonary Medicine and Gandhi ward, King George Medical University U.P. Lucknow, The details of tender document will be available on e-portal website <http://etender.up.nic.in> Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION NO. 1, RAIPUR (C.G.)
CORRIGENDUM NO. 2

In System Tender No. 67265 N.I.T. No. 05/SAC/2020-21, Raipur, Dated 28.08.2020 whose G-Number is 83365 dated 29.08.2020 following amendments are made:-

S.No.	Amendments
1.	Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 05.10.2020 at 17.30 Hour
2.	Bid open Start Date and time: 06.10.2020, 11:30 Hours

Note:- All other terms and conditions will remain be unchanged.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Management Division No. 1, Raipur
R.O. No:- 83927/3 For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project,
R.O. Date:- 28/09/2020 Raipur. (C.G.)

Notice Inviting e-Tender
No.SSA/MDMS/Plates & Glass/20/2020/2649

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission cum State Nodal Officer-MDM, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from manufacturer of Steel Utensil for supply of Stainless Steel Plates and Stainless Steel Glass for Mid Day Meal.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Janasanyog/CF/2007/20

Sd/-Mission Director SSA, Assam cum State Nodal Officer- MDM Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल
यात्रिक विभाग (मुख्यालय) गोविंदपुरा (बी.एच.ई.एल.)
निविदा आमंत्रण घोषणा-पत्र

क्र.622/यां.वि./2020 भोपाल, दिनांक 26/09/2020

निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु दो लिफाफा पद्धति के अनुसार म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में केन्द्रीकृत व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पंजीकृत टेकदार परसेटिज मोहर बंद निविदाये निर्धारित प्रपत्र पर ऑनलाईन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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- किसी भी निविदा को स्वीकार अथवा अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित होगा।
- Bid Submission End Date: 26. Oct. 2020

उपनगर यंत्री (सिविल)
नगर निगम, भोपाल

नि.क्र.811/2020/021

Government of Odisha
Office of the Executive Engineer
Rural Works Division, Jaypore
Bid Identification No. EERWJYP-Online-04/2020-21

Letter No. 4046 Date: 25.09.2020

e-Procurement Notice

Name of the work	:-	Road Works
Total No of works	:-	02 (Two) No
Approx. Estimated Cost	:-	196.28 & 292.87
Class of Contractor	:-	"B" & "A" Class of Contractor
Period of Completion	:-	3 (Three) Calendar Months

Procurement officer	Bid Identifical	No of works	Availability of tender online for From To	Date & Time of Opening of Tender
1	2	3	4	5
Rural Works Division, Jaypore	EERW JYP Online 04/20 20-21	02 (Two) No	07.10.20 20 at 10.00 AM	20.10.2020 up to 05.00 PM

For Details can be seen from the Government website www.tendersorissa.gov.in Executive Engineer Rural Works Division, Jaypore

OIPR-25160/11/0004/2021

Notices to Central agencies

over ₹6,811 cr pending bills

CHANDAN PRAKASH ■
NEW DELHI

Vice-Chairman of Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Raghav Chadha on Tuesday said around seven Central Government agencies, including the Railways and the Delhi Police, and municipal corporations have not paid dues pending for long and the DJB has issued notices asking them to clear dues amounting to ₹6,811 crore within 30 days.

Chadha said due to Covid, the economic condition of the State Government is not good. Therefore, the Delhi Government is in the view to finish all such pending transactions in a bid to improve the economic condition, he said.

The exact amount of dues owed by different faltering authorities such as Central Government-run (Indian Railways, CPWD, Delhi Police and Delhi Development Authority) and MCDs (North, South and East) with the total amount as on August 24 is

SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT ARREAR AS ON SEPT 2020			
Dept	Current Outstanding (Rs)	LPSC (Rs)	Principle Component (Rs)
Railway	32,832.074.818	28,845.483.877	3,986.590.948
CPWVD	1,899,209,380	1,418,805,156	480,404,225
DDA	1,282,109,108	563,975,279	718,133,829
Delhi Police	6,140,473,339	5,338, 650,202	801,823,139
East MCD	490,534,022	375,706,458	114,827,560
North MCD	24,664,960,228	21,918,617,409	2,746,342,818
South MCD	807,756,245	603,151,467	204,604,780
Total	68,117,117,140 ₹6,811/-crore	59,064,389,848	9,052,727,299

₹6,811 crore. The DJB Chairman said the amount due to railways is ₹3,283 crore, the Delhi Police have to pay ₹614 crore, while the CPWD has ₹190 crore due to clear.

The DDA owes ₹128 crore, East Delhi Municipal Corporation ₹49 crore, North Delhi Municipal Corporation ₹2,466 crore and South Delhi Municipal Corporation ₹81 crore.

“Delhi is reeling with the aftermath of an extraordinary situation of the pandemic. It is highly commendable as to how



which can very well be surmounted if the Board receives its shares of outstanding dues pending from several government agencies,” Chadha said.

The vice-president added the pandemic and all of the other factors cumulatively have now put the DJB in a precarious situation. “If the dues are not cleared within the stipulated time, the board shall be constrained and left with no other option but to initiate coercive actions until the full and final payment is recovered,” he added.

843 vehicles carrying illegal mining

material seized till August in Haryana

PARVESH SHARMA ■
GURUGRAM

A special enforcement team of the Haryana Police has confiscated 843 vehicles involved in illegal mining activities in 12 districts of the State over the last 8 months.

A penalty of Rs 23 crore was imposed against vehicle owners for transporting illegal mining material. Also, more than 50 cases were registered against the vehicle owners.

A total of 1,378 vehicles, including trucks, tractor-trolleys, and earthmovers, have been seized in the same period. Along with this, the police have also seized several drill machines used in illegal mining.

AAP Govt bent on handing over DJB

to private firms, alleges BJP State prez

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Accusing the AAP Government of conspiring to hand over Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to the private companies, Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta said the Kejriwal Government has brought DJB to such condition and now is bent on handing over it to the private companies by citing financial crisis.

However, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday had clearly denied the possibility of privatising the services, saying that the DJB initiated the process of appointing a consultant that would give recommendations on 24x7 water supplies to every household.

Delhi BJP president said the Kejriwal Government has not been able to fulfill its promise of laying pipelines all over Delhi in six years nor are the people of Delhi getting clean water. “The Kejriwal government has only claimed hollow and talked big in six years but has not done anything on the ground. The DJB was in profit of about Rs 176 crore and after the Kejriwal government came to power, it went in loss of about Rs 800 crore,” he said.

Gupta said the Kejriwal Government is claiming crores of rupees due to the municipal Corporations but it never discusses the deteriorating economic condition of the Municipal Corporations.

Bhim Army seeks death for Hathras rapists-killers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following the death of a 19-year-old girl, who was gangraped in Uttar Pradesh’s Hathras, the Bhim Army chief, Chandrashekhar Azad and his supporters held a protest outside the Delhi’s Safdarjung hospital demanding the culprits be sentenced to death.

The Dalit girl, a resident of a village in Hathras district, was attacked by men belonging to

the so-called upper castes on September 14. She was dragged off the fields by her dupatta while cutting grass. Doctors had said that the girl had sustained terrible injuries including multiple fractures in her body and cuts on her tongue.

She was admitted to Aligarh Muslim University’s Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College and Hospital and shifted to Safdarjung Hospital here on Monday where she

scummbled to her injuries on Tuesday morning.

During the protest, Bhim Army chief said appealed to all members of the Dalit community to take to the streets and demand death penalty for the guilty.

“The government should not test our patience. We won’t rest until the culprits are hanged,” he said.

Chandrashekhar had earlier demanded that the Uttar

Pradesh government shift the woman to AIIMS for better treatment.

“The state government is equally responsible for the death of our sister,” he alleged.

The accused had tried to strangle her to death as she resisted their rape attempt and in the process, she had also ended up biting her tongue and suffering a severe cut on it. UP police said that the four accused have been arrested.

SI held for shooting at girlfriend, killing father-in-law

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Sub-Inspector, who killed his father-in-law in Rohtak and shot at his girlfriend in Delhi, was nabbed by Delhi Police from Rohini area on Tuesday.

The SI, Sandeep Dahiya was posted at Lahori Gate police station from December 21, 2017. According to Anto Alphonse, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North district, Dahiya was arrested from Sector -3, Rohini around 11 am on Tuesday.

“He was traced through

electronic surveillance and manual information. Police team has also recovered weapon and the vehicle used in the crime. During interrogation, it was revealed that Dahiya has animosity against his in laws. He had also some altercation with his woman friend,” said the DCP.

According to the Police, Dahiya had on Sunday allegedly shot at his woman friend during a quarrel with her in his car in north Delhi’s Alipur.

Another Delhi Police sub-inspector, Jaiveer, posted at Shahbad Dairy police station,

had spotted the woman lying on the side of the road while he was crossing the Sai Mandir on the G T Karnal road and had taken her to a nearby hospital.

On the way, the woman had revealed that she has been shot by Dahiya, presently posted at Lahori Gate police station. The woman and Dahiya were having an affair since last year.

He was on the run after this incident and allegedly also shot dead his 60-year-old father-in-law outside his house in Haryana’s Rohtak district on Monday morning around 7:30 am.

The SI’s wife told the Rohtak district police that they had been living separately for some time due to strained marital relations and also alleged that her husband had earlier threatened that he would kill her father.

The Rohtak Police on Monday had said the victim identified as Ranbir was cleaning a drain outside his house when he was shot. A CCTV camera installed in the street showed an SUV with a Delhi registration number, leaving the area after the crime was committed.

30 AAP councillors suspended

for 3 months for creating ruckus

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

All thirty Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) councillors in the North Corporation were suspended on Tuesday for three months for allegedly “misbehaving and creating ruckus” during its proceedings on Tuesday.

North Delhi Mayor Jai Prakash said he has “suspended” all present AAP councillors of the BJP-led NDMC House for three months for allegedly “misbehaving and creating ruckus” during its proceedings on Tuesday.

He said the AAP councillors wanted to have a discussion on the issue of due salaries of the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) employees, but it soon “devolved into a commotion”.

The AAP has 30 councillors in the NDMC, which has been controlled by the BJP since 2012.

Following the suspension, AAP senior leader and MCD in-charge Durgesh Pathak on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for “undemocratically” suspending AAP councillors in the North Corporation for the next three month from attending the house proceedings.

4 more held for burning tractor

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the tractor burning incident near India Gate area in national Capital, the Delhi Police has arrested four more persons, including Punjab Youth Congress (PYC) president on Tuesday.

Total 10 people, including PYC president, Brinder Singh Dhillon, in connection with the tractor-burning incident. On monday police had arrested six men in connection with the incident.

According to a senior police official, police has arrested four more persons on Tuesday in a case registered at Tilak Marg police station.

INDIAN NAVY

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‘IAF ready to face any misadventure at LAC’

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With no let up in the five-month-long tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, IAF chief RKS Bhadauria on Tuesday said the present security scenario along the border is at an “uneasy no war no peace” status. He said the IAF has responded to the situation with rapidity and is fully resolved to counter any ‘misadventure’ in the region.

Making this point here during a conference, he said “The present security scenario along our northern frontiers is at an uneasy no war no peace status. Our defence forces are prepared for any eventuality as you are aware.”

The IAF is looking at inducting around 450 aircraft and helicopters in the next two decades, besides upgrading at least 200-300 planes during this period, the Air Chief a said.

He also said the recent induction of the Rafale fighter jets along with previous acquisitions of C-17 Globemaster transport aircraft as well as Chinook and Apache helicopters have provided the IAF with substantial tactical and strategic capability enhancement.

“Air power will be a crucial enabler in our victory in any future conflict. It is therefore imperative that the IAF obtains and maintains technological



edge over our adversaries,” he said at the conference on energising the Indian aerospace industry.

Five French-made multi-role Rafale fighter jets were inducted into the IAF on September 10. The fleet has been carrying out sorties in eastern Ladakh in the last couple of weeks.

The Chief’s observations came in the backdrop of the IAF deploying all its frontline jets including the Su-30, Mirages, MIG-29 and Jaguars at the forward airbases all along the 4,000 km long LAC stretching from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east.

The IAF is also carrying out night time combat air patrols over the eastern Ladakh region in an apparent message to China that it was ready to deal with any eventualities in the mountainous region.

The IAF Chief said the raising of two squadrons of light combat aircraft Tejas and integration of some indigenous weapons on the Su-30 MKI combat jets in a very reduced time frame have been the “most promising” development, reflecting the coun-

try’s capabilities to develop indigenous military hardware. He also strongly backed indigenous development of a fifth generation aircraft.

“We strongly support indigenous development of a fifth-generation aircraft. We need to have a single point agenda to have a fifth-generation aircraft with sixth generation technology,” said Bhadauria, while congratulating all the stakeholders in development of the light combat aircraft Tejas.

He also complimented the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for its airborne early warning and control system Netra, calling it a pathbreaking achievement. Bhadauria also asked the DRDOs and defence public sector undertakings to include the private sector in key projects and treat them as their own.

“Overall, we are looking at 450 aircraft orders. It will include the helicopter fleet,” Bhadauria said.

“There cannot be a better time to energise the aerospace sector and there cannot be a better opportunity...IAF is ready to be an engine of growth for the aerospace industry, you have to be ready to provide the requirement and get on board with confidence and determination,” he said.

AIKSCC plans pan-India protest from Oct 2



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC) on Tuesday announced its plans to hold a massive all India farmers’ protests from October 2, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Their decision came a day after Congress workers set a tractor on fire while protesting near India Gate. Meanwhile, the ‘Rail Roko’ agitation by the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee against the newly enacted farm laws entered the sixth day on Tuesday.

Members of the committee sat on railway tracks in Devidaspura in Amritsar, wearing black clothes, in protest against the laws. All 31 farmers unions will join in the protest of BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) of gheraoing the corporate businesses.

According to AIKSCC, farmers will hold a protest across India on October 2. All farmers will take a pledge for social boycott of those political leaders and representatives whose parties have not opposed these anti-farmers legislations and for holding village meetings

Members of the committee sat on railway tracks in Devidaspura in Amritsar, wearing black clothes, in protest against the laws

to adopt resolutions on October 2.

The committee has chalked out a month-long protest plans. The Committee also decided to stage a dharna at Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala’s residence on October 6. Punjab farmer rights’ associations are using social media to build momentum for the movement against the central laws.

In a related development, Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Tuesday met farmers’ leaders and assured farmers of all possible legal and other steps to fight the “draconian” new farm laws, including a special session of the Vidhan Sabha to discuss and decide the way forward. Chairing a meeting with representatives of 31 farmers’ unions

Farm reform laws like daggers through hearts of farmers, says Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday interacted virtually with farmers from several States. Accusing the Central Government of ‘breaking the back’ of the informal sector through its policy decisions, Rahul said while demonetisation and ‘ineffective’ rollout of GST had affected the poor, the recent farm laws are like a dagger through the heart of the farmers.

“We were told (demonetization) was aimed at fighting black money but that was a lie. The main aim was to financially hurt farmers and workers. Rollout of GST had the same aim. Similarly during the coronavirus pandemic too, money was needed but they did not give any,” Rahul said during the 10-minute-

to take their views on the matter, the Chief Minister said he would be discussing the issue with his legal team later today to finalise the next steps, including challenging the farm laws in the Supreme Court.

On Monday, large-scale protests were held in several states of India including Uttar

Pradesh, Haryana, Telangana, Gujarat, Goa, Odisha and Tamil Nadu, where the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and its allies, including the Congress, hit the streets. The Congress has also planned to observe October 2 as ‘Kisan-Majdoor Bachao Diwas’ and hold dharnas across India.

long interaction which was telecast on his social media handles on Monday. “The aim of this Government is to break the back of farmers and workers. There is no difference between demonetization and the farm laws. Or between the rollout of GST and the farm laws. The only difference is that the three farm laws are like a dagger through your hearts...I am very clear that we need to oppose this not just for the farmers alone but for the country,” he added.

During the interaction, farmers from states like Punjab, Bihar, Haryana and Maharashtra shared their views on the issue and raised concerns over minimum support price (MSP), scope of earning from their produce among other topics.

SC acquits man in 20-year-old rape case



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has acquitted a man in a 20-year-old rape case observing that he and the alleged victim were in love, their relationship was consensual and the case was “an afterthought” - filed when the man was about to marry another woman.

The bench of Justices RF Nariman, Navin Sinha and Indira Banerjee set aside the conviction by a trial court and the Jharkhand High Court quoting medical experts, who established that the woman was 25 years old when she filed the case in 1999, and not 20 as she claimed, making her a major at the time of the alleged assault in 1995.

The court added that letters exchanged between the two and their photographs together showed they were in love and that a case of rape and cheating on pretext of marriage was filed a week ahead of the man’s wedding to another woman.

It added that no woman, after being sexually assaulted at knife-point, would write love letters to the accused and share a live-in relationship with him for four years.

The woman had claimed she stayed quiet after the assault because the accused has promised to marry her.

“The marriage between them could not materialise due to societal reasons as the man belongs to a Scheduled Tribe, while the woman is a Christian... The woman had deposed that their marriage could not be solemnized because they belonged to different religions. She was therefore conscious of this obstacle all along...” the court said.

The court added it was not possible to hold, on the basis of evidence, that the man never intended to marry her and quoted the woman’s letters in which she had acknowledged that the man’s family always treated her well, and that their families even got them engaged.

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States told to strictly implement ‘inventive containment strategies’ to keep Covid at bay

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Wary of India seeing an explosion of coronavirus cases during the festival season, which starts next month, if people do not follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday asked the States to strictly implement inventive containment strategies to keep the virus under check.

So far, India has recorded 61,45,291 confirmed Covid-19 cases, including 96,318 deaths. Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have reported the highest number of cases. However, infections are rising rapidly in states like Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, as per the government data.

“In the light of the upcoming festivities, winter season and mass gathering, inventive containment strategies need to be implemented by the states,” said Balram Bhargava, DG, ICMR at a press briefing here.

NITI Aayog member V K Paul urged people to keep following Covid-appropriate behaviour, saying there is no



reason to get lax if stability in coronavirus cases is observed.

“We need to have Puja, Chhath, Diwali and Eid with masks, it is very important to keep that in mind. We have seen a second peak in Delhi, Kerala and Punjab so we should not get lax and keep following Covid-appropriate behaviour,” he said.

People are more prone to respiratory infections like pneumonia and influenza in the coming winter months and festive seasons and “we have to put in all efforts, stay vigilant and diligently follow Covid-appropriate behav-

our”, Paul said.

The Navratri festival that involves temple visits and fasts for nine days will begin from October 17. It will culminate with Vijaya Dashmi or Dussehra on October 25 while Diwali will be celebrated on November 20. Chhath follows thereafter.

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said India has 4,453 Covid-19 cases and 70 deaths per million population which is among the lowest in the world. He also said that India’s recovery rate continues to rise and now stands at 83 per-

EC fixes schedule for bypoll to one LS, 56 Assembly seats

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday announced dates for bypolls to one Lok Sabha seat and 56 Assembly constituencies spread across 12 States. Bypolls to 54 Assembly constituencies will take place on November 3 while bypolls to the Lok Sabha seat and two Assembly constituencies will be conducted on November 7. The votes will be counted on November 10 alongside the counting of votes for the general assembly elections in Bihar.

Before announcing the schedule, the poll panel had issued a separate statement on Tuesday to announce that it has decided not to hold assembly bypolls in seven seats across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and West Bengal “at this stage” after specific request from the states in conduct of polls.

By-polls will be held for Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of seats--27--among the 54 Assembly constituencies for which polling will be held on November 3. Next is Gujarat (eight), Uttar Pradesh (seven); Jharkhand, Karnataka, Nagaland, Odisha (two each) and one each from Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Haryana. The term of the legislative assemblies of the four states would end on different dates between May and June next year.

The bypolls in Madhya Pradesh were necessitated after 25 Congress MLAs followed their leader Jyotiraditya Scindia in joining the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in March. This led to the collapse of the state’s Congress government and paved way for the BJP to return to power. The bypolls were necessitated on three of the seats - Jaura, Agar and Biora - due to death of the MLAs - two from the Congress and one from BJP, and on the remain-



ing seats due to resignation of the then Congress MLAs.

The Valmiki Nagar Lok Sabha seat fell vacant in February after the death of incumbent Lok Sabha MP Baidyanath Prasad Mahato of the JD(U). The bypolls were necessitated following resignations tendered by Congress MLAs, five in March and three in June. The reason is that the number of vacant seats in some states has changed due to various reasons, including court cases.

According to EC, the date of issue of notification for by-polls to 54 Assembly seats in various states, except Manipur, is October 10, while the last date of filing nominations is October 16, and date for withdrawal is October 19. In the two Assembly seats of Manipur, and one Lok Sabha seat in Bihar, the date for filing nominations October 20, and for withdrawal of nominations is October 23.

CEC in Patna to assess Bihar poll preparation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora and Commissioners Sushil Chandra and Rajiv Kumar visited Patna on Tuesday to assess preparations in poll-bound Bihar. On Wednesday, they would meet various stakeholders, including civil and police officials, and representatives of political parties.

Javadekar also listed some of the initiatives taken by the Narendra Modi government teams of CPCB officials will be deployed from 15 October to monitor sources of pollution in Delhi, and recommend quick fixes.

The meeting, to be held virtually, will also be attended by chiefs of the Municipal Corporations of Delhi and the New Delhi Municipal Council. Javadekar also listed some of the initiatives taken by the Narendra Modi government

Govt to hold review meeting on air pollution measures, stubble burning on Oct 1

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

To review the progress of air pollution control initiatives and the problem of stubble burning, environment secretaries of Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan along with officials from the Union Environment Ministry and representatives of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will hold a

meeting on October 1, Union Minister Prakash Javadekar said on Tuesday.

“All the agencies were asked to make short, medium, and long-term plans in 2016 to fight pollution. The meeting will focus on reviewing the progress of these plans,” Javadekar told reporters here at a press briefing. The Government feels that as the economic activities have

opened up, air pollution is likely to rise to pre-lockdown levels.

Farm fires, which were noticed in Punjab last week, coupled with resumption of economic activities in the wake of Covid-19 lockdown has already started deteriorating air quality in Delhi.

According to the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research

(SAFAR), which is run by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, the air quality in Delhi is set to worsen over the next three days.

“The problem of air pollution is not restricted to Delhi and NCR. It is a common problem of all the areas falling under the same airshed, which includes Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan,” Javadekar said adding that 50

since 2016 to fight pollution. These include introduction of BS VI vehicles and fuel, incentives to boost e-vehicles usage, and completion of peripheral highways that prevent unnecessary traffic from entering the capital.

He, however, said despite all efforts Delhi is likely to see increased pollution levels for two-three months in winter due to meteorological condi-

tions.

According to a report by the CPCB and the Ministry, cold, dry air, and ground based inversion with low wind conditions are responsible for increasing concentration of pollutants during winter in Delhi.

Javadekar also encouraged citizens to inculcate eco-friendly habits such as cycling to reduce pollution.

BJP promised moon but delivered nothing: Didi

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Renewing her attack on the BJP Government Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said it seldom delivered on its promises and resorted to communal propaganda for the sake of publicity during the elections.

The Chief Minister who was currently touring North Bengal said those in the central Government “had promised many things but delivered nothing...they did nothing for the tea plantation workers but when it comes to voting they would raise communal issues to derive publicity.”

Claiming that her Government had done more than it promised Banerjee said

“we have continuously performed. Despite having performed so well for the past one decade there is no publicity because we do not engage in communal riots... rather we are defamed and become victims of disinformation campaigns despite having worked hard for the people of this region whereas when the elections will come they will incite communal riots to get cheap publicity and votes.”

Earlier Banerjee had attacked the Centre for bulldozing the opposition voice in Parliament to pass a number of “draconian anti-people laws” like the farm bill and said the people would take account of that during the elections. Bengal will go to Assembly polls in May next year.

The Chief Minister on Tuesday promised the plantation workers their own houses in a few years’ time. “The Government will construct houses for the plantation workers in three years,” she said adding “those who had come and promised to you so many things have done nothing for you which can be proved by the condition of the plantation workers and industry here.”

Reacting to Banerjee’s statements Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh said “our Chief Minister is a person who loves to beat her own trumpet... If she has worked well then it will be for the people to see and for them to recognize her services... but here it is different. The Chief Minister is patting her own back.”

IMA demands health emergency in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Taken aback by the surge in the number of Covid-19 patients, the Indian Medical Association, the highest policy making body of modern medicine practitioners have asked the Government of Kerala to declare a state of “Health Emergency”.

Dr Abraham Varghese, president, IMA (Kerala) said in a statement to the Government that the situation in Kerala is precarious and requires stringent action and an awareness campaign. The number of cases diagnosed with Covid-19 on a daily basis is disturbing. But what is of more concern is the number of patients contracting the pandemic through social contacts,” said Dr Varghese.

The soft-spoken doctor has been cautioning the author-

ities about community transmission which was set long back in the State.. He said the Government should go for strict social controls and regulations to check the number of people crowding at public places and shopping centres. “Offices and business establishments could work with skeleton staff and there should be restrictions on the number of people who could gather in public or private places,” said Dr Varghese.

Though the official figures state that almost 58,000 people are under treatment in the State for Covid-19, Government doctors themselves say that the figure has crossed 2 lakh mark. “The IMA’s studies prove that the situation in Kerala is getting worse by the day as shown by the spurt in numbers.

7,354 new cases in Kerala, 5,546 in TN

KOCHI/CHENNAI: As the Indian Medical Association’s Kerala branch demanded a state of Health Emergency in the State, the number of new Covid-19 patients shot up to 7,354 which include 7,036 patients who contracted the pandemic through social contacts.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who briefed the media after an all party meeting said that there were 61,791 persons under treatment in the State for Covid-19 on Tuesday.

Neighboring Tamil Nadu is gradually bringing down the number of cases on a daily basis without any fanfare. On Tuesday, Tamil Nadu diagnosed 5,546 new persons afflicted with Covid-19. A medical bulletin released by the Tamil Nadu Government said the number of patients in the State as on Tuesday were 46,281 which was well below that in Kerala. Tamil Nadu saw 70 persons succumbing to the dreaded disease during the last 24 hours.

Kerala, which had claimed that it tamed Covid-19 as early as May 8 is facing a precarious position. Malappuram district alone diagnosed 1,040 new patients while the capital city of Thiruvananthapuram diagnosed 935 patients. The Chief Minister blamed the Opposition, particularly the BJP for the State’s failure in countering the pandemic. Tamil Nadu tested almost 85,000 persons across the State while Kerala had to content with 53,000 persons. **PNS**

WB reports 3,188 fresh cases, 62 more deaths



Kolkata: West Bengal on Tuesday reported 3,188 new cases of COVID-19, taking its tally to 2,53,768, as per a bulletin issued by the Health Department.

The COVID-19 toll rose to 4,899 after 62 more people died. Since Monday, 2,961 people have recovered, improving the discharge rate to 87.80 per cent.

There are 26,064 active cases in the state at present. In the last 24 hours, 43,769 samples have been tested for COVID-19 in the state, the bulletin said. **PTI**

AP’s daily corona count at 6,190

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh’s COVID-19 tally Increased to 6,87,351 as 6,190 more cases were added on Monday, while 35 deaths took the fatalities to 5,780.

Also, the overall infection positivity rate dropped below the 12 per cent mark for the first time in over two months, standing at 11.99 per cent on Tuesday after a gross 57.34 lakh samples were tested so far.

Heart patients at high risk during pandemic

Aligarh: The speed at which the corona infection is spreading has destroyed health services and created a crisis for the economy.

Along with other patients, this virus has a fatal impact on heart patients as well. Many people have died from this disease.

According to M.U Rabbani, chairman of the Department of Heart Disease at JN Medical College and a

renowned Cardiologist , the global mortality rate according to coronavirus data is 3.02%, this rate is 2.6% in America and 1.4% in India.

In poor and medium-income countries, the number of corona infected patients without symptoms is 5 to 10 times more due to less testing of coronavirus. 25% of heart attack patients died because of not getting proper treatment on time. **PNS**

Karnataka CM's Political Secy MP Renukacharya, tests corona +ve

Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa’s political Secretary and MLA M P Renukacharya on Tuesday said he has tested positive for COVID-19.

The MLA from Honnalli constituency said he underwent a test as some changes were observed in his health conditions this morning, and the report showed him to be positive. Appealing all those who had come in contact with him in the last four-five days to get tested, he said, he was doing fine.

Chief Minister Yediyurappa tweeted wishing for Renukacharya’s speedy recovery. Several Ministers and legislators in Karnataka including Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, Law Minister J C Madhuswamy, senior Congress MLAs H K Patil and Diensh Gundu Rao are among those who have tested positive for COVID in the last few days.

The state recently lost the Belagavi BJP MP and Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi, BJP Rajya Sabha member Ashok Gasti and Basavakalyan Congress MLA B Narayan Rao due to coronavirus. **PTI**

Covid may hit mental health

Aligarh: The Covid-19 pandemic has created a global crisis with far-reaching social and economical repercussions and one of the biggest challenges this crisis has brought is of mental health, said Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Indian spiritual leader and Art of Living founder.

He was addressing at the inaugural function of the two-day international webinar on 'Role of Faith in Facing Personal and Collective Crises: What Religion Can Offer to the Post-Covid World' organised by the Dara Shikoh Centre for Interfaith Understanding and

Dialogue, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

He explained that faith gives courage to people and prevents depression.

“During crisis, people tend to become either aggressive or depressed and these two extremes can be prevented with spiritual knowledge,” said Sri Sri Ravi Shankar adding that spirituality leads to serene, calm and meditative state.

He added that Corona virus is a catastrophe, but not an apocalypse and faith can help us to search the silver linings despite the dark clouds of gloom. **PNS**

Aligarh DM postpones home isolation until further notice

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Due to the rising rate of Corona infection in the district, the district administration has postponed the home isolation until further orders. In a review meeting held at Collectorate, the control room in-charge Smriti Gautam said that during home isolation, asymptomatic patients are not following guidelines and are moving outside, living with family members which is increasing the infection. Nodal

Officer Principal Secretary Nitin Ramesh Gokarn has also been notified. On this, the DM Chandra Bhushan Singh postponed the home isolation with immediate effect. All Magistrates/ SDMs have been directed to strictly follow it.

The people kept in home isolation will complete their time by tuesday. But if a patient does not follow the rules during home isolation, then that patient should be shifted to COVID Hospital. There will be no negligence in this.

Schools in AP to reopen on Nov 2

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

Schools in Andhra Pradesh would be re-opened for the 2020-21 academic year on November 2, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy announced here on Tuesday.

“We wanted to open the schools on October 5, but in view of the prevailing situation, we have now decided to re-open them on November 2,” the Chief Minister told district Collectors during a video conference. Schools remained shut due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic in the current academic year.

The state government initially announced September 5 as the re-opening day and later deferred it to October 5. Though the Centre is yet to issue fresh guidelines on opening the schools fully, the Chief Minister set November 2 as the date.

The Chief Minister said the 'Jagannanna Vidya Kanuka' (Jagans Education Gift) would, however, be

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distributed on October 5 to all students.

A school kit, including uniforms, would be distributed to the students under the freebie scheme.

“If we distribute the kits on October 5, students can get them stitched and be ready when the schools re-open on November 2,” he said. The Chief Minister, who reviewed the progress of the 'Mana Badi, Naadu-Nedu' scheme, under which school infrastructure is being renovated, directed the District Collectors to step up the works.

Of the 15,715 schools chosen for renovation in the first phase, works were yet to begin in 153 schools, he said. Start the works immediately. The district Joint Collectors should monitor the works daily and ensure that they are completed in time,” Jagan added.

No decision yet on reopening schools: Karnataka Minister

Bengaluru: Karnataka Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar on Tuesday said that the State Government had not taken any decision yet on reopening of schools.

The Karnataka government had decided about a fortnight ago that Classes 9, 10, 11 and 12 would be partially allowed to be held.

In other words, teachers of these classes would be present in schools wherein students who have doubts in any topic could seek clarifications in their respective subjects though regular classes won’t be held.

This had led to speculations that Karnataka would reopen schools soon. A section of parents had vehemently opposed the reopening of schools amid the pandemic.

Owing to parental pressure, the government on September 20 prohibited Class 9 to 12 students from visiting schools and only undergraduates to meet teachers amid the pandemic.

In a bid to allay the fears, Suresh Kumar had posted detailed information on the issue on Facebook.

He maintained that the Karnataka government planned to elicit views from various quarters like politicians, academics and health experts before taking any final decision on this matter.

Soon after returning from Bidar district tour in a day or two, the Minister asserted, he would convene a meeting of different stakeholders along with the departments concerned to decide on reopening of schools. **IANS**

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Another silent Nirbhaya

Dalit girl from Hathras dies after being brutally gang-raped. Where are the deterrent laws and action? Will we have to wait years again?



The “*Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao*” campaign is being slandered with each passing day as it becomes a “*Beti Hatao, Beti Darao*” mission in reality, with heinous crimes against the girl child and women going up every day across the country. So it is that just two days after Daughter’s Day, a 19-year-old Dalit girl was brutally gang-raped in Uttar Pradesh’s Hathras district. In a chilling throwback to the Nirbhaya case and the incident in Hyderabad not so long ago, the girl was left with her tongue cut out, ostensibly to prevent her from testifying. Her legs were bruised so severely and her spine was so lethally battered that she was completely paralysed while her arms could just about register a movement. Still she fought for her dear life over 15 days in hospital but gave up despite being brought to Delhi. Yet there was no outcry for the last fortnight till she became just another cold statistic. Nobody mourned a young life snuffed out in its prime due to caste-based hatred, sexual depravity and a deteriorating law and order situation, particularly in the Hindi heartland. Exacerbating the situation, as usual, were the poorly conducted investigations and a slow justice system. The conviction rate for rape is only 27.2 per cent despite the fact that it accounts for 11.5 per cent of the total crime statistics. On an average, 91 rapes were reported every single day across India in 2018, according to National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data. The Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) says that trial in rape cases should be completed in 60 days but that never happens because of the tardiness of police investigations. Then there are judicial flaws that need to be plugged when it comes to rape, the primary being bail to the accused, which should be denied till the probe is completed. Some independent studies indicate that the average time of finishing trial even in fast track courts is eight months. And even if one were to get death penalty, acquittals, appeals and mercy petitions mean that only about five per cent death penalties are actually upheld by the Supreme Court. A traumatised rape survivor hardly has the courage to go through such travesty and gives up midway. The 2012 Nirbhaya rape, which shook the conscience of not just the nation but the world, too, compelled our parliamentarians to strengthen the punitive justice delivery system based on the recommendations of a committee that included eminent jurists. It led to some crucial amendments to the law, which included changing the very definition of “rape”, the establishment of fast-track courts to ensure victims get justice without undue delay, harsher punishments for the accused with the provision of death sentence being added to it and the abolition of the two-finger test among others. Two other such incidents, in Kathua and Unnao, where two children were raped, had widened the scope of punishment for raping a child under 12 to death penalty. Undoubtedly, there has been an increase in reportage of crimes against women after Nirbhaya though much of them are still under-reported. Besides, as the Hyderabad incident has shown, question marks remain on the use of the death penalty as criminals are now murdering their victims to destroy evidence. For the criminal, there is no deterrent. But yes, he can be stalled if deterrence is built into the system by fast-tracking procedures and ensuring swift justice. Conviction rates need to go up proportionately. At present, fast-track courts are no different from the usual courts in terms of case pile-ups and vacancies. A quick, fair and unbiased judicial set-up with requisite number of judges is a *sine qua non*. A continuously responsive system is a bigger deterrent than one or two landmark rulings.

The unchecked crimes against women and the girl child are also skewering gender equity in the rural hinterland. According to a study supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), that was conducted in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, the increasing crimes against women have deepened preferences for a son. So much so that we have lost around 4,60,000 girls to sex selection at birth each year between 2013 and 2017, according to the UNFPA. When errands go scot-free and the woman’s family is left to wallow in pain and shame, a malaise becomes a societal archetype. And the girl child will continue to be vulnerable, either used as a tool in a caste war as the rapists in Hathras belonged to the upper caste, a sacrifice in a revenge drama or a family feud or a life cheap enough to be pawned by male-dominated codes. Predictably, there is a political slugfest over this latest incident, with the Congress, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Samajwadi Party (SP) slamming the BJP Government in UP for the sorry plight of law and order in the State. Their protests will once again be tainted by the ruling party as “crocodile tears” and a “political conspiracy” to “defame the Government.” The Opposition will predictably make the rape a subset of excesses on Dalits. But neither the Opposition nor the ruling party was there for the girl when she was writhing in hospital for a fortnight. And much to the shame of India’s most populous State, nobody wants to roll back UP’s unique distinction of reporting the highest crime spiral against women. As for justice, will we have to wait another seven years?

Amnesty shuts shop

The human rights watchdog may have looked at India through a Western prism but can we dispute its findings on Delhi riots?



The trouble with human rights watchdogs is that they have, by virtue of countering the establishment narrative, assigned themselves a certain kind of legitimacy and credibility without realising that some of their own investigations are compromised by subjective assessment rather than objective investigation. This has also been a problem with Amnesty International, which has many times been accused of looking at India through a Western prism. But as a robust democracy, we have it within ourselves to accept vilification and acknowledge cogent counterpoints. We shouldn’t need lobbyists to get the other side of the story; our media should be free to do that. Besides, by and large, the organisation has an international acceptability even if we take some of its reports with a pinch of salt. But by targetting Amnesty, which says it is now forced to shut shop in India because the Government has completely frozen its bank accounts here, we appear to be in the bracket of oppressor and authoritative regimes like China. And considering its activists have been particularly penalised for tracking dissent pan-India over the last two years, it gives them a moral upper hand and claim a witch-hunt. The reasons that the organisation lists behind the Government crackdown on it are the same as those cited by tormented civil society activists — namely “unequivocal calls for transparency in the Government, more recently for accountability of the Delhi police and the Government of India regarding the grave human rights violations in Delhi riots and Jammu & Kashmir.” Frankly, even without the Amnesty’s reports, there is far too much on-ground evidence of the charges it has made. And the way the disclosure statements and names in the chargesheet of the Delhi Police on the city riots have been circled out, targetting the liberal intelligentsia, protesters and activists while leaving out the inflammatory fringe Rightists, there is a move to freeze the right of democratic dissent. So the timing of its India exit suits Amnesty more than us at this point of time.

It would have made more sense had the Government zeroed in on Amnesty in 2016, when it was booked in a sedition case for allowing “anti-India” slogans on Kashmir at an event in Bengaluru. But to pursue it for violating foreign funding rules in 2019 obviously raises questions on intent. Amnesty though claims that its India operations have been funded domestically. The immediate context seems to be the report it released last month on the complicity of Delhi police in the riots. Yes we must defend our pluralism and challenge the official narrative. But by hounding out Amnesty, we have a public relations battle ahead. Nothing will happen to it. Nothing would have if it had been allowed to continue.

New agricultural paradigm

The end of socialist-era impediments should ideally stimulate increased private sector investment across the value chain and help create jobs



SANDHYA JAIN

The over-hyped green revolution of the late 1960s introduced varieties of dwarf rice and wheat in northern India with a cocktail of chemical fertilisers and pesticides that sucked up groundwater and gradually made it unfit for drinking. The chemicals leached into the soil and water. State-sponsored propaganda about “miraculous yields” extended the phenomenon across the country, ruining soil fertility and the nutritious value of food crops; the impact on public health was noticed by the medical community but all voices were silenced. Today, Gurdaspur-to-Delhi trains are called “Cancer Express”, yet there has been no medical study of the harm caused by chemical agriculture to the health of humans, animals, soil and water resources.

Now, four momentous laws could pave the way for a revolution in which farmers drive the change, with technology playing a supportive role. If the Government repudiates the genetically-modified food crops lobby, India could return to farming methods that do not require costly inputs and force farmers into a vicious cycle of debt (and even suicide).

On September 16, 2020, one day before the three agriculture-related Bills were moved in Parliament, the Banking Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2020 was passed, bringing all cooperative banks under the purview of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It means stricter supervision of 1,482 urban and 58 multi-state cooperative banks, with deposits of ₹4.84 lakh crore.

The legislation undermines the strongmen who control the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs), *mandis*, loans and so on in many States. It is noteworthy that large farmers are resisting the new laws; earlier they opposed the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA) as they had to match wages or lose farm labour. The ongoing COVID pandemic has also improved the bargaining power of farm labourers and added to the bitterness of large farmers.

Often, agents arranged debt-funding for farmers from private moneylenders, who charged usurious interest and enjoyed political heft; such debt has been linked to



farmer suicides in some States.

Simultaneously, the Union Cabinet approved the ₹15,000 crore fund for animal husbandry as part of the *Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan* stimulus package and a scheme for interest subvention of two per cent to “*shishu*” loan category borrowers for one year under the *Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana*. These developments form the sub-text of the farm Bills.

The Farmers’ Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act 2020 allows sale and marketing of produce outside notified APMC *mandis*. State Governments cannot collect market fee, cess or levy for trade outside the APMC markets; inter-state trade barriers are nixed and provisions have been made for electronic trading of agricultural produce. No licence is needed; anyone with a PAN card can buy directly from farmers. The new system provides a dispute resolution mechanism in case farmers are not paid immediately or within three days.

The APMCs failed as they allowed vested interests to seize the system. States levied cess to earn extra revenue that was not part of the budget and was used for “discretionary” development spending, mostly under the Chief Minister’s orders. As the cess increased, political appointees took charge of the APMCs. Even the Food Corporation of India (FCI) paid cess. Small farmers were bur-

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dened with the cost of transport to take their produce to the *mandis* and deal with middlemen. For instance, waiting outside sugar mills, with heat evaporating the sugar content in the cane, desperate farmers have succumbed to agents (of nearby *mandis*) who arrive miraculously and dictate the price.

Under the new Act, politicians and urban elite farmers will find it difficult to get large “agricultural” incomes *mandi*-certified and pay zero per cent income tax, as payments have to be made against PAN cards.

The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 regulates contractual farming rules and State APMC Acts. Farmers can make contracts with a corporate entity or wholesaler at a mutually agreed price. The system already exists in 20 States; PepsiCo buys potatoes from 24,000 farmers across nine States. Further, 18 States already permit private *mandis* while Kerala and Bihar don’t have APMC *mandis* at all. More pertinently, the Act prohibits acquiring ownership rights of farmers’ land.

The Centre has funded ₹6,685 crore for the formation of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and the ₹1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF). The FPO will give farmers higher bargaining power while AIF and market reforms serve as additional enablers. They can invest

in farm equipment, infrastructure and build forward market linkages by making agreements with agribusinesses, thus improving access to technology and investment. Maharashtra’s Sahyadri Farmers Producer Co. Ltd, with 8,000 marginal farmers, exports 16,000 tonnes of grapes every season.

The end of socialist-era impediments should stimulate increased private sector investment across the value chain, creating jobs in logistics service providers, warehouse operators and processing unit staff. The rise of food-processing industries could create non-farm jobs in rural areas.

India processes less than 10 per cent of output (cereals, fruits, vegetables, fish, etc) and loses around ₹90,000 crore annually to wastage. Hopefully, market linkages will motivate farmers to diversify and grow crops such as edible oils and help reduce India’s edible oil import bill that currently stands at over \$10 billion.

Finally, The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020 removes excessive control on production, storage, movement and distribution of food commodities; removes cereals, pulses, oilseeds, edible oils, onion and potatoes from the list of essential commodities, and paves the way for cold chain infrastructure to come up. Previously, control regarding the storage of essential commodities (onions, potatoes, edible oils, jute, rice paddy, sugar) gave draconian powers to authorities to raid “hoarders”, confiscate stocks, cancel licensing and even imprison offenders. This naturally discouraged investment in storage as entrepreneurs feared being prosecuted as “hoarders.” Lack of storage also contributed to volatility in prices as their stability depends on adequate warehousing infrastructure.

Henceforth, the ECA 2020 will be invoked only under extraordinary circumstances such as war, famine, natural calamity of grave nature and extraordinary price rise (100 per cent increase in retail price of horticultural produce over the preceding 12 months, or 50 per cent increase in retail price of non-perishables over the preceding five years).

Dismissing the propaganda that the new laws would end the minimum support price (MSP), the Centre has quietly ordered procurement, effectively nipping the canard that small and marginal farmers would be short-changed. Implementation will be the key.

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SOUND BITE

I think home quarantine can play a role in the future and it’s something that is being considered by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, particularly as we move beyond the phase we’re in now.

Australian PM
—Scott Morrison



There is an undercurrent of painful events — passing away of people, the tragedy of migrants walking home — everything is in the back of my mind.

Artist
—Atul Dodiya



Yogi Adityanath Government kept sitting for eight days. Why was no action taken against the culprits all these days? It was only when the case was highlighted that the administration woke up.

Congress General Secretary
—Priyanka Gandhi



I would say it is a very crucial time for the team and each player should have her own yardstick and must work on raising the bar.

Former hockey player
—Deepika Thakur



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Road to revival?

Sir — The 2015 Assembly elections in Bihar saw the Congress regain a reasonable space in the State legislature. After a gap of 15 years, the party’s tally rose to double digits, as 27 out of 41 candidates in the fray won their seats. But will the grand old party be able to revive itself this time again? The Congress began to lose its support base as it failed to address backward caste aspirations between 1988 and 1990, when four of its Chief Ministers were nominated to the top post only to be pulled down swiftly, giving in to the intra-party caste divides. The support base also suffered massive erosion following the desertion by Muslims after the Bhagalpur riots in 1989 and Babri Masjid demolition in 1992. However, the electoral prospects for the party seem rather good this time, particularly for its role in mitigating suffering of the migrants and students during the lockdown and its active support to farmers’ protests against the enactment of the three new farm Laws. Also, Dalits and Muslims are now mobilising in favour of Congress.
Nihal Raj
Noida

A reminder of the 2012 Delhi gang-rape case

A woman passenger was allegedly gang-raped inside a moving bus for the entire night on September 25. The police found her lying unconscious on Delhi Road in Meerut the next morning and rushed her to the hospital. This comes as a chilling reminder of the harrowing 2012 Delhi gang-rape case when the 23-year-old female medical student, who came to be known as Nirbhaya, was severely assaulted and gang-raped by five men and a juvenile inside a moving bus in South Delhi.

This is the third incident in the last one month in Uttar Pradesh when a woman passenger, on her way to Delhi, was gang-raped on a moving bus and that too by the staff. This highlights how law and order in the State has deteriorated drastically. The victim, according to reports, told the police that she had boarded a bus from Bhaissali bus stand on Friday night. En route, she was given a cold drink which had been spiked after which she lost consciousness and was raped by the driver and the conductor throughout the night.

Stormy affair

Sir — The tussle in the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), relating to the naming of the chief ministerial candidate for the 2021 Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly election, continues with no solution in sight. Both Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and Deputy Chief Minister O

Panneerselvam, who are chief ministerial hopefuls, have dug in their heels and are slugging it out. Even the five-hour-long meeting of the AIADMK executive council on Monday failed to arrive at a consensus on who will be its chief ministerial candidate. The final decision will be taken on October 7. Hopefully, by then, Palaniswami and Panneerselvam will be able to sort out their dif-

ferences and come to a decision.
CK Subramaniam
Tirumangalam

Battle for the ballot

Sir — The popularity of the ruling Janata Dal (United) and the BJP-led Government, headed by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, is waning. While Nitish has been under fire for badly handling the



It took seven years and three months for justice to be served in one of India’s most talked-about criminal case — the Nirbhaya gang-rape. However, the numerous cases that have followed since, haven’t been able to draw the nation’s attention. It is crucial that all cases are given equal attention and justice is served swiftly.
Noor Ahmad
Hyderabad

COVID outbreak and the returnee migrants, the BJP has taken on the defensive mode on questions of border security, economic stagnation and farmers’ backlash. This should be enough for the Opposition to challenge the State Government. However, the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and the Congress together have not been able to push the Government on any substantial matter. Being held under exceptional circumstances, the battle for the ballot promises to be a challenging and exciting affair.

Yash Pal Ralhan
Jalandhar


Legal fiction

Sir — The investigation into Sushant Singh Rajput’s death seems to have been sidetracked as officials haven’t been able to find any concrete evidence. It has become a whirlpool of misreported facts and concocted lies and sheer entertainment in the name of news, reducing a tragedy into a sensational drama.
Devendra Khurana
Bhopal

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FIRST COLUMN

BJP all set to make it alone



KALYANI SHANKAR

The saffron party must slowly learn to live without its major allies now that its oldest partner, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), quit the BJP-led NDA alliance on Saturday. The BJP and the SAD had been partners even during the Jan Sangh days. However, with a brute majority in the Lok Sabha, the BJP's attitude now is "go if you want to leave." That is why there are no efforts to mollify miffed allies as it was done during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee era. There was a time in the eighties when it was difficult for the BJP to get allies but today Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in a strong position and hence the alliance partners are not needed by the party anymore.

The BJP had five major allies till two years ago. They were the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the Shiv Sena, the SAD, the Janata Dal-United (JD-U) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP). With the Bihar elections round the corner, the party is left with only the JD(U) as its major alliance partner now. The others are smaller parties. Out of all these NDA allies, the TDP was the first to leave in March 2018 over the issue of grant of special status to Andhra Pradesh. Soon after the TDP's departure, another one of the oldest allies, the Shiv Sena parted company in October 2019 on the issue of chief ministership in Maharashtra after the Assembly polls. The Sena formed the Government in the State under the Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray with the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) as partners. Now, the SAD too has left on the issue of the controversial farm Bills that were pushed through amid din and allegations of riding roughshod on the objections of the Opposition parties and allies alike.

The only partner the BJP itself dumped was the PDP in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). In any case, the BJP-PDP alliance was an uneasy marriage of convenience and the late PDP chief Mufti Mohammad Sayeed termed it as "an alliance of the North Pole and the South Pole."

The NDA partners had been unhappy with the BJP for long, claiming that they were not consulted or even informed about major issues. "Where is the NDA," asks SAD chief Sukhbir Badal. The relationship under Modi has changed compared to Vajpayee's time when one of the partners was the convenor of the NDA while Vajpayee or later Advani were the chairmen of the alliance. There were NDA meetings on important issues. Though Modi has included the representatives of the allies, despite the BJP having a majority in both 2014 and 2019, there is no formal NDA structure now. However, the BJP needed them in the Rajya Sabha for pushing the Bills where it was in a minority.

The BJP, under the leadership of Modi has learnt the art of dividing the Opposition and pushing through even some controversial Bills like the recent farm ones and the earlier Citizenship Amendment Bill. Also, the Punjab elections are in 2022 and the next Lok Sabha polls are even further off, in 2024. Who knows what will happen by then? However, according to insiders, the BJP wants to improve its performance by going solo in the coming polls. The main grouse of the allies is that the BJP, which was the junior partner in Maharashtra and Punjab, has expanded its base in the last six years. Not only has it overtaken the allies, it has become the richest party, too. Notwithstanding the concerns of its partners, the BJP is aggressively pursuing its objective of coming to power in States where it is not in Government. The only aim of the party is to consolidate Hindu voters even further by eating into the votes of its alliance partners. It has a major presence in most big States and is now eyeing the South and the North-East for expansion. The saffron party has replaced the Left in Tripura and edged the Congress out in West Bengal and Odisha as the main challenger to the ruling party.

In the 552-member Lok Sabha, the NDA has 335 seats, of which the BJP alone has 303 representatives. It does not need partners in 334 seats and is dependent on allies in 212 seats. When the BJP came to power in 2014, it had only 23 Rajya Sabha seats but today, it has 87. So far, the party has managed to push even controversial Bills like the bifurcation of J&K and the Citizenship Amendment Bill by dividing the Opposition. The three farm reform Bills, too, were passed similarly.

The Modi regime wants to have ties in which the BJP stands to gain. This has mostly worked in the last six years. The BJP has overtaken the Sena in Maharashtra and in other States too it has improved its electoral chances. It is indeed well within its rights to expand its base and in times to come, go solo as the top brass believes in making the party electorally strong.

Is it not said that in politics there are no permanent friends or permanent enemies? The BJP, too, is banking on the old allies coming back to its fold and new allies joining it. If one looks at the coalition politics, which is practised by both the main parties — the Congress and the BJP — the Congress-led UPA too is not in a good shape.

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POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THESE (OPPOSITION) PARTIES ARE INSULTING THE FARMERS. THESE REFORMS WILL STRENGTHEN LABOURERS, YOUTH, WOMEN, FARMERS OF THE NATION.

—PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



EVEN YOUR ALLY OF 24 YEARS, THE SHIROMANI AKALI DAL (SAD) HAS DUMPED YOU (ON THE FARMERS' ISSUE). MODI JJ, IS THE SAD INSULTING FARMERS?

—CONGRESS LEADER KAPIL SIBAL

Education as revolution

The poor have found innovative ways of helping themselves and visionary leaders from among these communities are nurturing a growing industry of good quality private schools



MOIN QAZI

The state of India's school education continues to be abysmal despite so many high-sounding policy prescriptions being tossed around. There are, however, islands of excellence and even in this bleak landscape there are shoots of green. While Government schools are the mainstay of school education for the poor, some exceptional private schools are affordable even to the extremely marginalised. The accepted wisdom is that private schools serve the privileged; everyone else, especially the underprivileged, requires public schools. This logic is grounded on the assumption that the poor need Government assistance if they are to get a good education. Which helps explain why many school choice enthusiasts believe that the only way the poor can get the education they deserve is through Government schools.

But if we reflect on some of the underprivileged communities, we find these assumptions lacking. The poor have found remarkably innovative ways of helping themselves educationally and visionary leaders from among these communities are nurturing a large and growing industry of good quality private schools. Tikiapara, a sprawling slum in Howrah, is a witness and a willing participant in a quiet revolution led by Mamoon Akhtar that has the potential to turn around the lives of its residents, especially of its children. Mamoon was forced to drop out of middle school because his parents couldn't afford to educate him further. Three decades later, he is the driving force two schools in Tikiapara with 3,000 students, most of them children of unlettered parents. Mamoon's extraordinary journey from a victim to champion of the underprivileged started the day he decided that just because his family couldn't pay for his schooling, he wouldn't forego education. Mamoon's passion helped him overcome his deprivation.

His father was keen that his son get a good education. So he put him in one of the area's leading schools, St Thomas. After his father died, the teenager had to give up his studies and took up a librarian's job at a private school in Tikiapara, supplementing his income by giving private tuitions. Life would have gone on as usual but Mamoon couldn't get over the tragedy he suffered on being forced to lose out on education. The young idealist believed in giving direction to the fire within, not in extinguishing it.

In 1991, he started an informal "school", teaching five to six children in his own house in the Tikiapara slum. Thus began his lifetime romance with education. As the residents of the area became aware of this "school", more and more children started coming and soon there was no place to seat them. The enterprising Mamoon constructed a room on his own 600 square foot plot of land. In that one room, the Samaritan Help Mission School was born with 25 young and eager children flocking to it daily. The good Samaritan stretched his every rupee and canvassed from door to door to raise ₹28,000 per annum (in addition to his own contribution of ₹10,000). The organisation has continued to steadily grow through the years. The catchment area of the school can break the determination of even the greatest optimist but Mamoon is alive and equal to the challenge. The parents come from very poor backgrounds, some are rickshaw-pullers, drug peddlers and daily labourers. But with Mamoon's effort, their dreams of educating their children in an English-medium school has become a reality.

Social responsibility: As an educationist, Mamoon is also sharply aware of his role of a social reformer. Most children come from families afflicted with social maladies, with a large number of them being children of drug peddlers. Mamoon believes that schools should have the right to exclude pupils

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only as a last resort and that too, to protect the other children in the class as well as teachers. The excluded children, he avers, can be affected by anxiety, depression and loss of self-worth. There is a decline in their mental health and children become very reclusive. The stress of the exclusion takes its toll on parents, too.

Mamoon knows the pain of deprivation only too well. At a time when there is a widespread practice of pupils being shunted off a school's rolls in order to manipulate its exam results or rankings in league tables — he is doing his every bit to ensure that children remain at school during the day. There are hundreds of pupils who joined his school after being booted out of another one. Taking in as many vulnerable pupils as possible is the core of this teacher's mission. His school is single-handedly ensuring pupils remain on the rolls. There are a number of youngsters who wouldn't be getting an education were it not for the Samaritan Help Mission School. In a world where schools are clearly pushing vulnerable pupils out through the back door with little thought to their next steps and best interests, he is embracing them with a cheerful heart.

With a little help from friends: When he canvassed for help from the community around him, Mamoon reaped a bonus — a strong connect with the community. In 2007, the Samaritan Help Mission School became accredited and recognised by the West Bengal Government. Today, it is a co-educational English-medium school, affiliated to the State Board of Secondary Education, with an enrolment of 1,300. The big thing is that with the school being an English medium one, it makes a major difference to the future prospects of the kids once they go out into the world. However, the odds are stacked against the children of this locality given the inter-generational nature of poverty and the poor developmental outcomes that families face. This impacts the children in many ways. They battle poor academic achievement, inferiority complex, maladjustment, lack of initiative and

an underdeveloped personality. Disheartened and discouraged by financial stress and their own inadequacy, parents are ill-equipped to adequately support their children. Sadly, parents in Tikiapara have little motivation to invest in their children's education. Fortunately, Mamoon's conviction and commitment are unflagging and his enthusiasm is contagious, sending hope in the community.

Some of the students are orphans; some have run away from home; all are underprivileged. The Samaritan Help Mission School charges them a measly ₹5 a year, and that too because the teacher believes that people will not value anything that is free. Funds to run the school come from Mamoon's savings and private donors whose motivation is inspired by the good Samaritan's devotion. This led to an addition to the original school on Mamoon's plot, the IR Belitious Institution on Belitious Road, covering two acres of land bequeathed by a Jewish couple, Rebecca and Isaac Raphael Belitious. The school today has a football field, basketball court, a water body, a two-storeyed school building and a bigger one coming up close by. As a child Mamoon swam there, to later see the water body turn into a municipal garbage dump and the Government school that used to run there become virtually defunct, the whole space go derelict and transform into a den of drug pushers. The land on which the second Samaritan Help Mission School stands had thus been a garbage dump for years until Howrah City Police and the Howrah Municipal Corporation got together to create a conducive atmosphere for Mamoon to expand his initiative. The police helped them (Mamoon and his staff) build a wall, remove encroachments and start a school there.

Creating safe spaces for children at risk: Many children studying in the two schools attest to the fact that they have a fun-filled, interactive and encouraging atmosphere and that the teachers are extremely supportive. Children are engaged in creative activities like sports,

quiz competitions, picnics and recreational programmes in the local parks. Regular cleaning campaigns in Tikiapara are organised in which students, teachers and other volunteers take an active part. Mamoon has also introduced a paramedic course for senior students. His policy of inclusive education has ensured that the constitutional right to primary education is a reality in this slum. There are schools which identify parents who are not well-educated and living in the slum. They are approached informally and told that it "will be difficult for your child to stay" in the hope that the parents agree to move out or home-school their child. But Mamoon's schools are a safe learning haven where no one is shunned — either because of creed, low academic scores or poverty.

Innovative approaches: Mamoon says that the process of teaching and learning is an intimate act that neither computers nor markets can hope to replicate. It is a small wonder then that the technology-centric corporate business model has not worked in reforming the school system as there is simply no substitute for the personal element. There is no substitute for a good teacher and nothing more valuable than quality classroom instruction. But we also need more involved parents to make learning more effective.

The core objective of a school is to provide high-quality instruction: Fostering both excellent teaching and a learning environment in which students can thrive. These schools don't develop randomly on their own; an essential ingredient behind each of these success stories is transformational leadership.


A lot of good programmes got their start when one individual looked at a familiar landscape in a fresh way. What they did was to simply change the fundamental approach to solving problems, and the outcomes have been truly revolutionary. Thus, people only need to summon their will power the way game-changers like Mamoon are doing to bring about change.

(The writer is a well known development professional)



How many child deaths will it take to stop hunger?

The wasted, stunted, anaemic and mentally underdeveloped youth of our country, who barely survived, cannot build a strong nation



AR SINDHU

In the fourth month of the lockdown, the UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) had warned India that if the nation does not seriously address the issue of hunger and malnutrition aggravated due to the shutdown and make proper arrangements for providing adequate nutritional food to underprivileged children, 3,00,000 more kids under the age of five would die within the next six months and make the toll a total of around 12-13 lakh this year.

Even before the Coronavirus pandemic struck, the situation was quite alarming. In 2018, a whopping 8.8 lakh children under the age of six died in India, says the UNICEF. Nearly half of all our children are underweight, about 45 per cent are stunted (too short for their age), 20 per cent are wasted (too thin for their height), 75 per cent are anaemic and 57 per cent are deficient in Vitamin A. Half of the world's malnourished children live in India.

The rate of malnutrition among India's children is almost five times more than China and double than that in Sub-Saharan Africa, says a World Bank report. A study commissioned by the UNICEF in 2019 had found that over 80 per cent of adolescents in India suffered from hidden malnutrition. This includes deficiency of one or more micronutrients such as iron, folate, zinc, vitamin A, vitamin B12, and vitamin D.

According to the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Mission document of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, out of the total

child births of 2.5 crore annually in India, child survival is only 1.75 crore. Infant mortality is 0.8 crore annually or 80,00,000 children die every year in our country before six months of age. This means that on an average as many as 21,917 children die every day in India. Maternal and child malnutrition is one of the reasons for 68 per cent under-five deaths in India.

What has been the COVID-19 lockdown impact? With job and income loss on a large scale, closing of schools and consequently the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) and Anganwadis that gave hot, cooked meals, a poor Public Distribution System (PDS) and poor implementation of the announced schemes of free rations during the last five months, there is a situation of absolute poverty and hunger in our country that will have a serious impact on the already pathetic nutritional status of our people, especially the children and women.

The UNICEF has estimated that 120 million children living in South

Asian countries, including India, could slip into poverty within the next six months due to the COVID-19 crisis, taking the total number of such kids in the region to 360 million. The UNICEF also warns: "In the worst-case scenario, where health interventions are reduced by around 45 per cent, there could be as much as a 44.7 per cent increase in under-five child deaths and 38.6 per cent increase in maternal deaths per month."

In the last two decades, there have been many dialogues, debates, and legal steps like the Supreme Court Judgment on Right to food Act and so on to address the issue of malnutrition. But the schemes or missions rolled out by respective governments proved to be inadequate. The ICDS, the flagship scheme to address this crisis, has been deprived of funds despite the apex court's judgment for universalisation of the scheme. The fund allocation pattern has been changed to 60:40 in the last few years, putting a major financial burden on the States. With the

ongoing issues of lack of funds in States, things are going to worsen. In addition, there were drastic budget cuts. As an impact, according to the Global Hunger Index 2019, wasting among children in India rose from 16.5 per cent in 2008-2012 to 20.8 per cent in 2014-2018.


The much-acclaimed "Poshan Mission" is just policing of the Anganwadi workers, who are already overburdened with non-ICDS work. Similar is the case of the other schemes like the MDMS and the National Health Mission. At present, despite the warning bells, the announced packages do not address the problem of malnutrition. Moreover, there is an absence of a national composite guideline to address malnutrition at the community level.

To stop further loss of precious lives, there is an urgent need for the Government to show political will to recognise the right to food/nutrition of every citizen of India, make quality infrastructure and basic nutrition ser-


vices schemes like ICDS, MDMS efficient with increased financial allocation, so that the most marginalised and vulnerable are benefitted as well.

The pandemic has shown that the lakhs of community-based women caregivers like the Anganwadi workers and helpers, Accredited Social Health Activists and MDMS workers, are the crucial link between the community and policymakers. Their work must be regularised with minimum wages and social security, as recommended by the 45th Indian Labour Conference. Otherwise whom do we expect to be "skilling" for the 'Make in India' projects? The wasted, stunted, anaemic and mentally underdeveloped youth of our country, who barely survived, cannot build a strong nation. How many more deaths do we need before we realise so many of our children are dying?

(The writer is general secretary, All India Federation of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers and national secretary of the CITU)



FOREIGN EYE



TEST, TRACE AND TEACH

Final figures on the take-up of UK's university places are not yet known. But predictions that the recruitment of international students would collapse due to COVID have not come true. This worst-case scenario having been avoided, UK's universities must ensure that students get the education they deserve, while obeying pandemic rules put in place. *(The Guardian editorial)*

Market takes a breather after 2-day stellar rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

After two consecutive sessions of thumping gains, benchmarks Sensex and Nifty took a pause on Tuesday amid lack of directional cues from domestic and global markets. After starting the session on a positive note, the BSE Sensex was caught in an intense volatility as the trade progressed, paring all intra-day gains to end 8.41 points or 0.02 per cent lower at 37,973.22. Similarly, the NSE Nifty slipped 5.15 points or 0.05 per cent to 11,222.40.

Analysts said that domestic equities traded on a choppy note amid lack of directional cues from the domestic as well as global markets.

On the Sensex chart, ONGC was the top loser, shedding around 3 per cent, fol-

Rupee widens losses by 7 paise against US dollar

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee lost further ground on Tuesday, settling 7 paise down at 73.86 to the US dollar, tracking weaker Asian peers against the greenback.

Besides, month-end dollar demand from importers too exerted pressure on the Indian currency.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.78 per US dollar and traded between a high of 73.75 and a low of 73.91 during the session. It finally closed at 73.86, registering a fall of 7 paise over its previous close.

“The slide in the Indian rupee continued for the second straight day, with INR hitting levels last seen in August.

The primary reasons for the depreciation in the rupee could be month-end dollar buying. The dollar index was trading steadily against the basket of currencies,” said Nish Bhatt, founder and CEO, Millwood Kane International.

Bhatt further noted that the Reserve Bank postponing its monetary policy later this week also had a bearing on the rupee.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.09 per cent to 94.19.

lowed by IndusInd Bank, PowerGrid, Axis Bank, HCL Tech, NTPC and ITC.

On the other hand, UltraTech Cement, TCS, Tata Steel, Titan and HDFC were among the gainers.

Of the Sensex constituents, 20 logged losses and 10 registered gains.

Sectorally, BSE telecom, utilities, FMCG, bankex, realty and power indices fell up to 2.13 per cent.

On the other hand, consumer durables, metal, energy, basic materials, IT and auto indices rose up to 1.97 per cent.

Broader midcap and small-cap indices fell up to 0.16 per cent. After a gap up opening, the benchmark indices grew volatile, before ending the day flat. Global markets were also undecided and slightly negative for the day as the outcome of the first US presidential debate was awaited,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

With increasing coron-

avirus infections and chances of location-specific lockdowns, Indian indices were also uncertain, he said, adding that markets are awaiting a trigger in the form of confirmation of a stimulus package by the government to boost economic activity.

Market participants across the globe are looking for cues from the first presidential debate between US President Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Joe Biden, set for later in the day.

Asian markets ended mixed after a mildly higher opening on Tuesday ahead of the first US presidential debate later in the global day, with investors also remaining cautious over the global economy’s prospects as coronavirus deaths surpassed the one-million mark worldwide, market experts said.

Bourses in Shanghai, Tokyo and Seoul ended with gains, while Hong Kong was in the red.

Cement industry has started recovering: India Cement MD

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian cement industry has started recovering from the impact of Covid-19 helped by pent-up demand and improved rural markets, India Cements Vice-Chairman & Managing Director N Srinivasan said.

The company expects an uptick in demand on the back of Government’s push towards infrastructure projects such as construction of highways, rural infrastructure and irrigation projects, Srinivasan said while addressing the 74th Annual General Meeting of India Cements Ltd (ICL).

“The industry has started recovering slowly from May 2020 given the pent-up demand and the improved rural demand,” Srinivasan said while addressing the shareholders virtually.

During the first quarter of FY2021, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana governments restarted their infrastructure projects and housing for poor schemes. “With further relaxation of lockdown measures, there are expectations of increased public spending on rural infrastructure, irrigation, road building and other projects. This along with pick up in individual home building and construction is expected to improve the cement demand,” he added.

Concerns over pace of economic recovery have deepened: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The steady rise in caseloads and the spillover effects of the strict lockdown measures will continue to undermine economic growth in the country, says a report.

According to Dun and Bradstreet’s Economy Forecast, concerns over the pace of economic recovery have deepened.

“The recovery now is expected to be gradual as rising infections pose constraints. Even if the growth takes the form of a V-shape, the level of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will matter. Credit growth has not picked up as envisaged,” said Arun Singh, Global Chief Economist, Dun & Bradstreet.

Moreover, with the credit guarantee scheme in place for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), credit off-take was expected to strengthen more than the current level so far, Singh added.

According to various estimates, India’s coronavirus-battered economy will witness

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significant contraction during the current financial year.

India’s economy suffered its worst slump on record in April-June, with the GDP contracting 23.9 per cent as the coronavirus-related lockdowns weighed on the already-declining consumer demand and investment.

“The steady rise in caseloads and the spillover effects of the strict lockdown measures will continue to undermine the growth impulses during the subsequent quarters of the year. Constrained government finances, contraction in investment activity and probable

defaults, both at the firm and consumer level will continue to be a drag on growth,” Singh said.

According to the Union Health Ministry’s data updated on Tuesday, the total coronavirus cases in the country mounted to 61,45,291 with 70,589 new infections, while the death toll reached 96,318.

According to the Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) report, following the easing of lockdown restrictions, the pace of contraction in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is expected to reduce further.

“The pent-up demand and re-start of small businesses and street vendors along with medium and large firms are likely to drive demand for industrial goods. The index is expected to rebound to the positive territory from the month of October,” the report said.

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According to official data, India’s industrial production shrank 10.4 per cent in July.

Jio seeks early spectrum auction, says policy pause to hurt national exchequer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Telecom major Reliance Jio has questioned the Department of Telecom’s rationale to pause the policy of annual spectrum auction and demanded that the sale of airwaves should be held at the earliest to meet the demand for data services in the country.

Mukesh Ambani-led Jio in a letter dated September 28 to Telecom Secretary Anshu Prakash said that the nation-building policies should not be kept hostage to the vested interest of few operators and delay in auction is hurting the national exchequer as well as making investors jittery as perceived against the principle of ease of doing business.

The telecom major said that any delay in auction of unutilised spectrum will lead to serious issues around quality of mobile services in terms of call drops etc and also result in “revenue loss to the government.”

“We are unable to find any reasonable rationale behind this sudden pause in a successful and fruitful policy of auctioning all available spectrum every year, since the Hon’ble Supreme Court decision in 2012,” Reliance Jio said in the letter.

The spectrum auctions were held every year after the apex court order in the 2G case

Over 16,400 tonnes paddy procured at MSP from Punjab, Haryana in last 72 hrs: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday said 16,420 tonnes of paddy worth ₹31 crore has been procured at minimum support price (MSP) in the last 72 hours from farmers in Punjab and Haryana, while procurement has just commenced in other States.

With the latest procurement data, the Government aims to send a message to farmers protesting against new farm laws that it has no intention of scrapping procurement at MSP. Farmers in Punjab and Haryana and several other states are protesting against the new farm laws, which they feel will lead to procurement in the hands of corporates and the end of MSP regime.

The Union Agriculture Ministry, in a statement, said arrival of kharif crops has just begun and the government continues to procure 2020-21 kharif crops like paddy at MSP from farmers as per the existing schemes.

Paddy procurement commenced from September 26 in

Punjab and Haryana, while it started on September 28 in other states.

In Punjab and Haryana alone, about 16,420 tonnes paddy at MSP of ₹1,888 per quintal, totalling ₹31 crore, has been procured up to September 28, it said.

Of this, about 3,164 tonnes paddy has been purchased in Haryana, while 13,256 tonnes in Punjab from 1,443 farmers, it added.

For the current year, the government has fixed the MSP of paddy (common grade) at ₹1,868 per quintal, while that of A grade variety has been fixed at Rs 1,888 per quintal.

The Government has also given nod for procurement of 14.09 lakh tonnes of kharif pulses and oilseeds for Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Telangana and Haryana under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). The approval to other states will be given on receipt of proposal under the PSS which gets operationalised if the mandi prices fall below the MSP in the notified harvesting period, the statement said.

Oil’s 2019-20 profit 2,584 cr, revenue ₹ 13,649 cr: CMD

IANS ■ GUWAHATI

State-owned Oil India Ltd (OIL) has posted a profit after tax of ₹2,584 crore with revenue of ₹13,649 crore in fiscal 2019-20, its Chairman and Managing Director Sushil Chandra Mishra said on Tuesday. Addressing the 61st Annual General Meeting virtually, he said that during 2019-20, OIL’s annual domestic production of crude oil stood at 3.133 million metric tonnes and domestic natural gas production was 2,801 million metric standard cubic metres.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Rajinder

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Rajinder, S/o: Sh. Mangal Singh, R/o: H. No. 2870, Kucha Chalan, Darya Ganj, Delhi** has been missing /kidnapped since **23.09.2020** from his house from the area of **P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi**. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 7A dated 23.09.2020** has been registered at P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi. The description of the missing person is as under: **Age: 40 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Hair: Black, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black colour shirt & capri and sleeper in feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the 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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DP/393/CD/2020

SHO
P.S. Darya Ganj, Delhi
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



AAYSHA CHAUHAN

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

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Fax: 011-23011334
DP/428/RD/2020

SHO
P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Tunni kumari

The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under : **Name : Tunni kumari, Father's Name : Raja Ram, Age : 17 years, Height : 5', Face : Round, Complexion : Sallow, Built: Medium, Wearing : Yellow Colour top, and blue Colour jeans.** If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

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DP/497/ON/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Gudiya@Preeti

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Roshani

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Roshani D/o: Deen Dayal, R/o:L-101, Sec-1, DSIIDC, Bawana, Delhi** has been reported missing/kidnapped since **22.09.2020 at 08:00 AM from her house. In this regard FIR No. 575/2020, dated 23.09.2020, U/s 363 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Bawana, Delhi**. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under: **Name: Roshani, Age: 15 Years, Height: 4'5", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Green colour suit-salwar and ladies chappal in feet.** If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Bawana, Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



MANJU

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

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DP/493/ON/2020

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SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Mohd. Arif **S/o Mohd. Idrish R/o H. No. C-6/39, 3rd Floor, Sec-5, Rohini, Delhi Aged- 29 Years** has been reported missing since **07.08.2020 at 6:00 PM from his house vide DD No. 36A Dated 08.08.2020** has been lodged at Police Station Budh Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'7", Built: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing: Red & black coloured Check shirt, Gray coloured jeans and blue slipper in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Budh Vihar, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

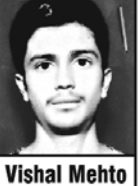
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Mohd. Arif

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Vishal Mehto

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Vishal Mehto S/o: Vibhishan, R/o: A-630, Shyam colony, Budh Vihar, Ph. II, Delhi** has been reported missing since **29.05.2020 at 05:00 PM from his house. In this regard DD No. 43-A, dated 03.06.2020** has been registered at **P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi**. The description of missing boy is as under: **Name: Vishal Mehto, Age: 19 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Black Shirt, Black Pant and Hawai Chappal in feet.** If anyone have any information about this missing boy please inform P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Vaishali D/o Ramu Sharma R/o H.No. 28, Gali No. 2, Near Dayal Market, Alipur, Delhi Aged- 17 Years** has been reported missing since **17.09.2020 at 6:00 AM** from the area of **P.S. Alipur, Delhi vide FIR No. 432/20 u/s 363 IPC Dated 17.09.2020** has been lodged at Police Station Alipur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:- **Complexion: Shallow, Height: About 5'5", Built: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: Pink coloured suit & black pajami and slipper in feet.** Any person having any information/Clue about this missing girl, may inform SHO, Alipur, Delhi at E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

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Vaishali

Business law as a specialisation is gaining popularity and with a degree in business law, young lawyers can also explore career options in different facets of business like legal fee auditors and transactional analysts, says DR SUKHVINDER SINGH DARI



Manage your business

Each day, new businesses are created with the aim of becoming profitable and successful. Businesses have always been intertwined with the legal regulations, and with the ever-evolving ecosystem, it becomes necessary for lawyers and solicitors to comprehend the importance of business law. Business law specifically deals with the evolution and establishment of new business ventures and any problems that may arise as the business associates with the government, other companies, and the public. It is, therefore, important to have a business-law attorney representing your business as well as to avoid any incidences of future litigation.

Individuals need to be governed by legal restrictions in a country in order to operate with some measures. Similarly, businesses need to operate under some legal guidelines. In the

absence of these laws, it will become extremely challenging to manage the various activities that are initiated in the name of the business. The laws also help to lay down the certainty and stability to the stakeholders of the business, besides providing a means to resolve disputes and protect the public against any wrongdoings for ensuring better profits or assured sustenance in a highly competitive market. It is important to enter some form of a contract while doing business. Let's take an example of a wholesaler. A wholesaler wouldn't ship shoes to the retailer unless there is a legal document or a force that can bind the retailer to pay for the goods. When a business enters into a contract with other businesses, it is important to know who is bound to the contract and the outcomes in case the individuals who agreed upon the contract fail to perform as legally outlined in the

contract. **■ Businesses need a universal set of standards:** A basic understanding of business law helps the business owners and other professionals to make better decisions. There are several legal rules and regulations that apply to businesses, and they need these legal guidelines to resolve disputes and grievances, provide certainty, define unacceptable behavior, and protect the employees. **■ Handling contracts and legal agreements:** For a smooth business operation, it is important to keep all the legal documents clear of discrepancies. Studying business law can equip young legal professionals to suggest their legal team to make the appropriate changes to eliminate any terms that might seem conflicting with their business interests. **■ The rationale for judgment calls:** Legal professionals need to tackle a

wide range of legal issues as a part of day to day business operation. Possessing appropriate knowledge of business law enables the professionals to not only fully understand these legal issues, but also their consequences and implications for the business. This, in turn, proves critical in helping the professionals to make the most beneficial decisions for the business. **■ Outlines the legal responsibilities for the business and the consumer:** In the day-to-day operations of a business, engaging with other parties like customers or vendors is crucial to any business. Companies need to know that a set of legal responsibilities obligates them. Once it becomes complex, a clearly defined set of terms and conditions should be outlined by legal professionals to ensure the businesses' ethics and disputes are resolved in the best possible way. **■ Help understand and manage**

transactions: Exchange of money taking place between businesses, customers, or banks helps businesses to make their transactions smooth. But the obligations associated with it are also necessary to be understood. Business law makes sure that the organisation is legally covered from all angles before any financial transaction takes place. The legal team also prepares the documents to ensure that the business is protected on papers. Business law as a specialisation is gaining popularity, and with a degree in business law, young lawyers can also explore career options in different facets of business like legal fee auditors, transactional analysts. All this translates into a plethora of options for law graduates to engage in a mix of business and law. The writer is Director, Symbiosis Law School, Nagpur

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The more that learn to read the less learn how to make a living. That's one thing about a little education. It spoils you for actual work. The more you know the more you think somebody owes you a living.

— Will Rogers

FIITJEE's Big Bang Edge Test

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

FIITJEE's Big Bang Edge Test will be held across the country in Proctored Online Mode on October 18, 2020 for students presently in Class V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X & XI (going to Class VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI & XII in 2021).

It is a unique platform for students aspiring all-round excellence as it will help students realise and maximise their current potential for National and International Level Competitive as well as Scholastic exams. This test is also a scholarship test. With the Big Bang Edge

Test, students will have a golden Opportunity to accelerate their preparation for JEE Advanced, JEE Main, BITSAT, Olympiads, KVPY, X & XII Boards, NTSE & Jr. Olympiads, without any break, impediments and hurdles even amidst COVID pandemic. The test will showcase the student's readiness reflected by a single All India Rank Potential Index for the goals they aspire for, such as JEE (Main & Advanced), KVPY, Boards, BITSAT, NTSE, Senior and Junior Science Olympiads KVPY, BITSAT and X / XII Boards. For more details log on to www.bigbangedge.com.

Survey on skill development

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the current day scenario, Education is making major strides away from the erstwhile 'rote learning' which was its primary focus. Now, many companies look for individuals who do not just have a bag full of academic qualifications, but rather skills and experience that they bring with them making them work-ready. A survey conducted by Vasitum, a recruitment start-up, and Taleraang, employability and training organisation, has released some insights by employees about what they consider to be vital career skills for success in the workplace.

The survey has revealed some interesting observations. Results show that there is a consensus among all about the importance of skill development for jobs. Skill development is no longer a matter of choice. It is inevitable to adapt, survive and succeed. About 45.5% of the participants are graduates and 31.8% are employed full-time with various companies, but not necessarily having years of experience. About 14.9% are trained professionals who say that they acquired the necessary skill-set on the job. This goes to show the skill-gap that the existing education regime needs to address on an urgent basis.

Make way for entrepreneurs

Encouraging students for entrepreneurship in the under-graduation level allows them to develop and enhance skills such as creative thinking, problem-solving ability and time management, among others, says PROF DR C KARTHIKEYAN



Business models across the world have changed and the expectations of the customers' expectations, be it service or products, the ever increasing expectations to run business is getting tougher. With the change in the models, the opportunities to start ups and run business with support of other resources with combination of technology is ubiquitous. The opportunities to raise capital funding and advisory services are almost aplenty. Hence the shift in the paradigm of business environment has undergone a massive transformation in recent years. This transformation has changed the perspective of our nation regarding various things including the approach we have towards developing students for the challenges thrown at the Indian Economy and Prosperity. Earlier, we concentrated on building job-ready students so that they can strengthen the economy.

However, this notion has changed in recent years. Nowadays, we as a nation are more focused on developing students who can create job opportunities; students who can not only strengthen the economy but can also take our country towards development. Therefore, entrepreneurship should be encouraged among students right from undergraduate degree education. **But, why should entrepreneurship encourage among students right from undergraduate courses?** The best platform to inculcate the qualities of entrepreneur is the undergraduate degree education, and enhancing interest and exposure to the opportunities of being an entrepreneur and helping them to develop basic entrepreneurial skills can give a strong foundation for students. It prepares the student for the journey ahead of them. Encouraging students for entrepreneurship in the under-graduation level

allows them to develop and enhance skills such as creative thinking, problem-solving ability, problem identification ability, time management, among others. All these skills enable students to climb the ladder of success quickly. Moreover, these skills also prove beneficial in personal development. Therefore, in recent years colleges are encouraging entrepreneurship through courses such as BBA. **How is BBA suitable to foster entrepreneurial spirit as well as appropriate skills?** BBA is a professional degree programme has the potential to expose various business concepts that are basic requirements to start a business on own, as well as the basic skills of accounting and finance, which are indispensable to be an entrepreneur. It is also opening up chances to meet real life entrepreneurs in the form of guest lectures to listen to their experience and learn fruitful

lessons on the same. All the subjects of BBA together will assist students in acquiring business knowledge and management skills at an early stage. Furthermore, it also allows students to master in fields like finance, marketing, information systems, and international business. The course is distributed in six semesters that spread across three years. Its curriculum is designed in a way that enables students to develop skills that are needed in the management career. The factors listed below establishes ways BBA is helping students to achieve their entrepreneurial goals. The six semesters of the entire BBA curriculum has the potential to offer versatile nature. It provides students with an in-depth understanding of management concepts and its implementation in the business environment. BBA program not only provides the students with theoretical knowledge but also build them for practical applications of this knowledge through internships. The end of semester mini projects and specialisation project with viva presents ample opportunities to use creativity in completion of projects as well as presentation skills, alongside earning experience through internships. The internship opportunity during college duration gives students an exposure to the work environment. Furthermore, allowing them to learn more about business practices. Along with it, they get a clear understanding of the domain they would like to pursue a career. While at the pursuance of the course, many of the management colleges expose the students to special lectures in the form of entrepreneurship events, where in many real life entrepreneurs including the alumnus of the colleges who turn out to be a successful entrepreneur to share their experience in a common platform to encourage entrepreneurship among students. In conclusion, we can say that if one wants to open their own business or enhance their management skills to pursue a career in management, then BBA is the right choice for under-graduation. The writer is Principal, T.John Institute of Management and Science

Earn while you learn

The pandemic has brought into focus the importance of upskilling, reskilling and expanding skillset to prevent job loss in the new normal, says VIKAS SHARMA

Experts have been debating for the last few years that the introduction of machines, automation and digitisation will cause job loss. The COVID-19 pandemic has proven it right, as the majority of work and other activities, approximately 69 per cent, have moved online. Work online, buy online, learn online is the new normal. The pandemic has changed the mindset and parameters of hiring managers. During this pandemic the online professional platform "LinkedIn" created a buzz by adding a tool to provide help to professionals who wanted a job change. In a short span of time more than 30 million members have used this tool to help them become more discoverable by hiring managers. It is now common knowledge that organisations that have skilled employees with expertise in specific skill sets can manage operations with less staff but greater efficiency. That is the key learning for professionals. Upskill, reskill, and expand your skillset to prevent job loss in the new normal that has been brought into focus by the pandemic. There is a huge demand for professionals in sectors such as ICT, FMCG, healthcare, logistics and e-commerce to name a few, who are not only skilled in the relevant field but also possess good problem solving, communication, research and presentation skills, and are also technologically savvy. It is expected that hiring in these sectors may go up by 15 per cent to 20 per cent during the current year. Even in the manufacturing sector, organisations are on the lookout for individuals with such skills.

India is a young nation with more than 65 per cent of its population being less than 35 years in age. It also possesses the largest workforce in the world. Our youth has an incredible opportunity to become skilled in white collar and blue-collar jobs. Universities focused on skilling such as Shri Vishwakarma Skill University of Government of Haryana, are doing a commendable job by skilling learners



Vikas Sharma

through a unique model of two-way learning, in various sectors. In this model, theoretical training is provided in the university by its expert faculty and the practical training is provided through on-the-job training by partner organisations. Students get the chance to experience practical training, through on-the-job to not only develop the skill sets in real life situations but also earn while they learn. We hope this pandemic is seen as a wake-up call and more and more professionals and students embrace learning and skilling as a part of everyday life to make New India — Skilled India. The writer is a public policy expert presently serving as Director & Chief Executive, Centre for Strategy & Leadership, New Delhi (me@vikassharma.name)

NSS day celebrations at IP varsity

The NSS Cell of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi, in collaboration with the NSS unit of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, affiliated to GGSIPU, celebrated the NSS Day on September 29, 2020. The event was held online on Zoom and streamed live over YouTube and Facebook. The theme was — Holistic Health and Wellbeing. Throughout the week, several online competitions were conducted including poster making, cooking, slogan writing, logo making, essay writing & recitation, NSS quiz and plantation campaign. The sub-themes were — mental health, nutrition, physical health, environment, anti-

tobacco, harmful effects of drugs and unhealthy lifestyle. The welcome address was given by Dr BVR Reddy (programme coordinator of NSS Cell of the university). With motivating the NSS volunteers, he highlighted the previous activities of NSS Cell and said: "We have 10 units and have a list of promoted activities at respective units and also promote to adopt villages/slums so that, children get sensitised towards the societal problems and in a big way, university contributes in alleviating programmes and finding technical solutions by sending our children to what we call as special campaigns. These are our primary objectives."

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Vidyamandir Classes, one of the leading institutes of the test preparation industry, is delighted to announce the launch of Vidyamandir Intellect Quest (VIQ), Its biggest admission & scholarship test of the year for one lakh plus prospective IITJEE and NEET aspirants. VMC aims to pave the way for students scoring high marks in IITJEE and NEET through this launch. This exam will be conducted on October 24 and November 1, 2020 through the proctored online medium for

admissions in classroom and online programmes starting April 2021. Students have the option of selecting any of the two dates as convenient considering festive period during the time of exam. In lieu of the pandemic, students will get to study at last year fee as Vidyamandir management has decided not to have the customary increase in fees implemented. Upon qualifying, students can register for the course at just ₹9,999 and pay the balance by April 2021. This is a huge opportunity for students as they can get mini-

VMC launches Intellect Quest

mum savings of ₹50,000 on select classroom programmes upon qualifying and upto 100 per cent scholarship on fees basis their merit and their score in this qualifying test. It is also a chance for the aspirants to be part of unique pedagogy of VMC, which outshines in JEE Main 2020 (Sep) with six toppers from four states Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Bihar and J&K. This exam is specially designed for IIT/JEE and NEET aspirants who want to be a part of the top engineering and medical colleges and want to pursue courses in these streams. This

exam is also a way for students to understand their current potential and basis their marks obtained in VIQ, students can comprehend their academic intellect. With VIQ Vidyamandir has also launched Prodigy Programme which caters to pre-Foundation stage students who will be entering Class VI to VIII in April. These students will get to build their acumen for reaching their fullest potential. The registration fee for the exam has been revised to ₹99/- during the lockdown. The students can visit the website www.vidyamandir.com for more information on VIQ.

New book released

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The Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh on September 29, 2020 launched *A bouquet of flowers*, a book written by author Dr Krishna Saksena, at his residence. This is the ninth book authored by the senior English Professor who is the first lady to get a PhD from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh in 1955. Through this book, Dr Saksena, presents a series of anecdotes that allow the reader to extract the moral of the stories, rather than a didactic imposition of her views. Speaking about the book, Dr Saksena says: "The book has been designed to allow the readers to travel their journey, arrive at their personal realisation and be inspired. I hope the readers enjoy and relate with it."



The JEE Advanced 2020 organised by IIT-Delhi for admission to the 23 IITs was held on September 27, 2020. There were two papers — Paper-I and Paper-II and both were compulsory. Analysis of JEE Advanced (Paper-I):

Total Marks: 198

The Paper had (54) questions in total.

It had three parts — Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics.

Maximum marks for each part was 66.

Over all analysis of Paper I: Students found the overall level of paper moderate to difficult level but not easy. However, it was easier compared to 2019 as per students.

Some students have reported Chemistry was easy to moderate, Physics was moderate but Maths relatively difficult.

In Physics almost questions from chapter of Classes XI and XII were asked. Some students reported Physics was lengthy. Chapters like Rotation, Work Power Energy, magnetism & Thermodynamics had more questions.

In Mathematics, there were five-six questions from Calculus. There were questions from

Let's analyse

The JEE Advanced 2020 was held on September 27, 2020. FITTJEE expert RAMESH BATLISH breaks down the two papers based on the feedback given by the aspirants

Continuity & Differentiability, Application of Derivative, Definite Integrals. One question each from Probability, Complex Numbers, Determinants and two questions from 3 D Geometry.

In Chemistry, few questions on Organic Chemistry compared to Inorganic & Physical Chemistry.

No mistakes reported till now as complete paper is yet to be analysed.

Over all analysis of Paper-II: Students found the overall level of the paper to be moderately tough.

It was lengthy and tougher compared to Paper-I.

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In Physics questions were more concept based and covered all chapters. Questions were asked from Chapters of Fluids , Ray Optics, Electromagnetic Induction, Current Electricity, Rotational Motion, Heat & Thermodynamics. Mixed concepts questions took more time.

In Mathematics, there were more questions from Calculus & Algebra . Questions were asked from Functions, Limits, Continuity & Differentiability, Application of Derivatives, Differential Equation. In Co-ordinate Geometry, there was a question from Hyperbola. In Algebra, there were questions from Permutation & Combination, Complex Numbers, Matrices. A

question on Probability was had lengthy calculations.

In Chemistry, questions from all chapters were covered and were Easy to Moderate level. Organic Chemistry had good no. of questions. In Physical Chemistry there were questions from Chapter of Solutions, Atomic Structure, Ionic Equilibrium & Chemical Kinetics.

No mistakes reported till now as complete paper is yet to be analysed. As the test was computer-based students had the option to clear response to change any option, they could mark it for review, save and next to proceed further.

The writer is head FITTJEE, Noida

‘GRE tests students on relevant metrics’

In order to secure a seat in a B-school globally, one must clear show academic capabilities. The GRE test is one of the best option available for aspirants, says ALBERTO ACEREDA

Every year, thousands of B-school aspirants apply for schools around the world as a first step to securing a place in prestigious institutes. Cracking one of these schools is not an easy task though. B-schools reflect this recognition and hence typically lean towards candidates who demonstrate all-round academic capabilities, a well-rounded personality, leadership qualities and intellectual vigour- attributes that are seen to be important for success in the real world of business and finance.

A key element of the admission process to these schools is a standardised assessment test. Given the abilities that are on test, the GRE is the one which best tests the students on the relevant metrics. The GRE measures the students' verbal reasoning, problem solving, critical reading and analytical writing ability- in short, it's a test for some major competencies that are required for success in B-Schools as enumerated above and is structured as such.

The first section is the analytical writing section which is essentially a task in writing two essays each spanning 30 minutes. The first essay is typically written by the student on a topic as chosen by her stating her position on an issue. The second essay is then written to dissect the logic provided in the first essay and to figure out where the logic falters and can therefore be improved.

The scoring is done on a scale of 0-6. Each essay is rated by a human reader and an e-reader and in case of difference in ratings, it's sent to another human reader and the average of the two human scores is taken. Analytical abilities and analytical writing in particular are important skills which are not only relevant to B-Schools but are extremely critical for success in the world outside.

This is followed by the verbal reasoning section. This section places a great deal of emphasis on vocabulary, logic and reading comprehension. This is important as proper vocabulary helps the student better communicate with peers and others in an academic environment. To crack this section, one would require a fair degree of expertise



Alberto Acereda
Executive Director, Higher Education, Global Education Division, Educational Testing Service

in reading and reasoning skills. A fair amount of habitual reading should get a student past this section comfortably. This section is scored on a scale of 130-170 with one-point increments.

The last section is the quantitative abilities section which involves problem solving and quantitative comparisons and essentially measures an individual's ability to interpret and analyze data and quantitative information using mathematical concepts. Quantitative reasoning is also on test here. Students are also allowed to use the calculator for this section. As in the previous section, here too the scoring is done on a scale of 130-170 with 1-point increments.

The three-hour 45 minutes assessment is a section adaptive test which means one can skip a question which is tough and move on to another one which could be answered first and come back to skipped question.

An important feature of the GRE is Score Select option. On test day, this enables a student to send scores from the most recent test or any other test taken within the last five years as per the student's preference. This has enabled students to send off their best scores, thus enhancing chances of success.

Homeschooling is where children learn outside of a traditional school setting, the most common setting being their home. This was an option consciously chosen by a small segment of parents for reasons that could range from health to dissatisfaction with the traditional school system, flexibility to explore different methods of learning or to provide personalised attention that meet a family's value system or a child's learning need.

With COVID, however, homeschooling is no longer offbeat. It's become mainstream. This sudden shift has left parents across demographics grappling with a flurry of questions on how to turn their home into the primary learning environment.

This is where technology, when used correctly as the tool it is meant to be, can calm these anxieties. However, for it to work in a demographically diverse country like India, it must allow for:

Democratising learning: Technology erases geographical barriers and gives parents the opportunity to discover and choose from limitless learning opportunities, no matter where they are. Keeping in mind their child's learning needs, interests, their day-to-day schedule or the values they resonate with, parents can try out different homeschooling programs or learn with different teachers without being confined to a rigid curriculum. It has the potential to create a level playing field and put the power

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of choice back in the hands of parents. In our own work in the preschool segment, we've seen parents from Jaisalmer to Majuli Pathanamthitta to Srinagar actively using technology to provide meaningful learning experiences for their little ones at home.

Transparency: The credibility and authenticity of Homeschooling resources or a teacher can be vetted and reviewed before signing up. Parents we interact with tell us that they avoid downloading a learning app that has less than a 4.2 rating on Play Store. They choose to download our app only after

reading our reviews and subscribe to it after going through the trial period where they get to experience what is being offered transparently. Service providers have to constantly be on top of their game, or risk losing customers to other qualitatively appealing options.

Affordability: With financial pressures associated with the COVID pandemic, many parents have had to realign life choices. However, the possibility of not providing the best education for their child is a compromise they would not like to make.

Technology can make access to quality learning resources and teachers affordable, flexible and customised to suit one's need.

Collaborative participation: Instead of packaging learning like instructions on a 'Ready To Cook' meal packet, technology should provide the right ingredients and the freshest ideas for parents and children to tinker, create, connect, collaborate, share feedback and add their own touch.

Localised product experiences: It is crucial that technology allows localised solutions to address learning needs at home — from using local languages in the product and content experience, to making the infrastructure light and easy to access in low bandwidth areas and devices with

limited storage. Technology should not be intimidating, but rather inclusive, and built on a strong premise of empathy so that a fundamental right like access to good quality education is not limited to only those who are experienced users of technology.

The pandemic has certainly gatecrashed into our lives but I also see this as a tremendous opportunity for different stakeholders in the education system be it parents, teachers or technology platforms to introspect and come together to usher in new ways to ensure continuity in education goals while always putting the needs of children first.

The writer is Sneha Sundaram, Founder, Kutuki



Applications are invited from highly motivated applicants for the **Presidential Scholarship at Boston University**. The programme is open for international students.

Eligibility: Applicants must be an incoming first-year student at BU. Applicants must have SAT scores above 1500 and ACT scores above 33.

Award: \$25,000

Supporting documents: Submit all the required supporting documents such as secondary school records, English proficiency testing results, documentation of financial support, and copy of data page of the passport.

Admission requirements: The candidates are advised to check the entry requirements asked by the university to study in a UG degree programme.

Language requirement: If the candidate's first language is not English, then they have to demonstrate the English language ability by taking the TOEFL or IELTS test.

How to apply: After taking confirmation, no additional application form is required for this study-fund. The candidates will be automatically considered by the university based on their eligibility.

Application deadline: The last date to apply for this scholarship is December 1, 2020.

Over **600 opportunities are available at the Tennessee Technological University, USA** for both home and international students.

Eligibility: Applicants whose first language is not English are usually required to provide evidence of proficiency in English at the higher level required by the University.

To complete the university's application, you must be admitted to Tennessee Tech (The admission application for Fall 2021)

Any required supplementary materials must be received and processed by January 15 to be fully considered. Supplementary materials include:

Official Transcripts from any institutions you have previously attended

FAFSA (completed by December 15, 2020 used for consideration for need-based awards)

Any required letters of recommendation (must be received in ScholarWeb by January 15)

Official ACT or SAT scores if you are a new freshman MUST be received by January 15.

Review the scholarship Timeline. Tennessee Tech's application must be completed each year.

Application deadline: The last date to apply is December 15, 2020.

ANGULAR 9 DEVELOPMENT AT FLEXIELE CONSULTING SERVICES
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹25,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523550
Deadline: October 8, 2020

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AT SIRPI
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523552
Deadline: October 8, 2020

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) AT SAFEJOB
Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523555
Application deadline: October 8, 2020

EVENT COORDINATION AT MILESTONE PAGEANTS
Location: Lucknow
Stipend: ₹7,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523556
Application deadline: October 5, 2020

FRONT OFFICE OPERATIONS AT BOLLYGRAD STUDIOZ
Location: Chandigarh, Shimla, Mohali, Gurgaon, Delhi
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523557
Application deadline: October 7, 2020

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT WEBPULSE SOLUTION
Location: Ranchi
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523559
Application deadline: October 5, 2020

CAD DESIGNING & ANALYSIS AT INVENT GRID INDIA
Location: Bhubaneswar
Stipend: ₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5523558
Application deadline: October 6, 2020

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STUDY ABROAD

‘Study abroad can be an enriching experience’

Choosing right university to study abroad can be a daunting task hence students should tread carefully, says SADIQ BASHA

Choosing a university is one of the biggest decisions that you will make in terms of your education, and it can be overwhelming if you do not know where to start. Start researching universities and make sure you choose the right course.

There are many important factors that the students need to consider before shortlisting. University rankings are a good source for an overview of how a university is performing. Depending on which ranking you turn to, you can determine different information about an institution.

Students must also consider the total cost of studying in the country (both tuition fee and living costs). Other factors include working opportunities while studying, job prospects after completing education. Students can join webinars, organized by online study abroad platforms that will help them make decisions.

Organise your Finances

Financial planning is crucial

in the study abroad process. As a student you will be spending money on the university's tuition fee, accommodation, food, and other activities.

These costs vary from country to country. So it is essential to plan your expenses beforehand. One can also opt for an education loan. Banks in India provide education loan schemes with flexible repayment options. Education loan repayment starts six months after the student has completed their course.

Scholarships that you can look for

Students can apply for scholarship options provided by the Government as well as the university to support their education. Applying for scholarships can be confusing. Students can seek guidance from advisors on digital study abroad platforms such as Edvoy, who can help them through the process as they have direct partnerships with universities abroad.

Choosing to study overseas is one of the most rewarding decisions you will ever make in your life. Contemplate, plan and make the right choice.

The writer is CEO-founder, Edvoy

IN BRIEF

EDUCATION FEE PAYMENT MADE EASY

The education financing has been a key challenge for parents in India. While it is still relatively easy to avail financing options for higher education there are not enough options available for school education. With rising aspirational levels of parents and wanting the best educational institutions for their child, paying hefty amounts of fees continues to be a challenge.

An average Indian household spends nearly 24 per cent of its total annual income on children's education, placing financing of education fees top-of-mind for parents. To add to this, due to the current COVID-19 induced financial crisis, parents are facing a huge liquidity crunch. This makes it even more challenging to finance the school education for their children.

Keeping these challenges in mind,

GrayQuest is an innovative fintech start-up which has taken the initiative of making the process of school fee payment more convenient and rewarding. It provides parents the option to pay their child's annual education fees in up to 12 monthly instalments – without incurring any extra cost – instead of paying it to their educational institution in two-three bulk instalments.

At present, the company is enabling over 3,00,000 students across the country to access education in an affordable manner while also becoming a strong source of liquidity and fee collection support for its partner institutions. Parents can also safeguard the lifetime education expenses against any fatality or unfortunate event to earning members of the household by a complimentary insurance cover.

NIU JOINS HANDS WITH UZBEKISTAN GOVERNMENT

The Noida International University (NIU) has joined hands with the Government of Uzbekistan. The President of the Republic of Uzbekistan along with a number of other high ranking officials

from the Government and BSMI signed an MoU virtually.

With the signing of this MoU, joint faculty programmes will be introduced for MBBS and also the dual degrees

wherein the students can study for two degree courses at a time. Student exchange programmes, medical tourism and joint research programmes will be introduced at NIU and BSMI, Uzbekistan.

APP TO DETECT UNORIGINAL WORK IN SCHOOLS

Turnitin has launched a comprehensive academic integrity solution called Turnitin Originality. Turnitin Originality combines the text similarity checking functionality that Turnitin is known for with new features that help instructors address trends such as contract cheating and teach students the value of original thinking skills.

It uses comprehensive technology to help deter unoriginal work and support

students in learning how to properly attribute ideas and concepts to others. When reviewing submissions, it examines whether the work is similar to other known text, or if it has indications that it was not authored by the student. The need for this combined solution is clear: as schools and universities move to online instruction, they must be even more thoughtful and holistic about their approach to academic integrity.



Nothing to take away from RCB. They stuck to their plans, although we put them under pressure, they held their nerve more than us

Saini has been amazing not just this year but the last couple of years also. He has been very good and he is going from strength to strength and growing as well

Outstanding Super Over from Saini, bowling against Hardik and Kieron Pollard. I think the longer boundary helped him gain some confidence with his yorker

We have a very well-balanced team, good bowling strength, we are confident with our batting lineup, we bat deep with even someone like Shreyas batting at number nine

Sunrisers topple Capitals



Sunrisers Hyderabad bowler Rashid Khan celebrates the wicket of Rishabh Pant during IPL clash

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Opener Jonny Bairstow's sublime fifty was complemented by a stellar bowling effort from Rashid Khan as Sunrisers Hyderabad outplayed Delhi Capitals by 15 runs to open their account in the 13th IPL on Tuesday.

Put in to bat, Bairstow (53 off 48) scored his second fifty of the tournament, while David Warner (45 off 33) and Kane Williamson (41 off 26) also came up with valuable contributions, helping Sunrisers Hyderabad post a competitive 162 for four.

Defending the total, leg-spinner

(2/25) scalped two and T Natarajan and Khaleel Ahmed (1/43) claimed two chipped in to restrict Delhi to 147 for 7 for a deserving win.

Delhi lost opener Prithvi Shaw (2) early in their chase but Shikhar Dhawan (34 off 31) and skipper Shreyas Iyer (17) took them to 34 for one in the first six overs.

Rashid got into the act straightaway, dismissing Iyer with his second ball and then returned to remove Dhawan with a wrong'un in the 12th over as DC slipped to 63 for three.

Rishabh Pant then smashed two sixes on both sides of the wicket in the 13th over to ease the pressure. Shimron Hetmyer (21) also joined the party,

launching Khaleel Ahmed for successive sixes in the 15th over.

However, Bhuvneshwar came back to dismiss Hetmyer, before Pant became the third victim of Rashid.

Needing 59 runs from 30 balls, all eyes were on Marcus Stoinis (11) but he was done in by a well placed yorker from Natarajan to end Delhi's hopes.

Earlier, Bairstow smashed two fours and one six in his innings and shared two crucial partnerships — 77 off 57 balls with Warner for the opening stand and 52 off 38 balls with Williamson for the third wicket.

Making his IPL debut, Jammu and Kashmir's Abdul Samad (12 off 7) blasted a four and six in his useful cameo.

Warner and Bairstow were circumspect with the pace trio of Ishant Sharma, Kagiso Rabada (2/21) and Anrich Nortje maintaining their line and length.

The result was Sunrisers could only score 38 in the powerplay, which yielded just two fours and a six — all hit by Warner.

Bairstow picked his first boundary in the seventh over, launching a slog sweep for a six off leg-spinner Amit Mishra (2/35).

The duo tried to make up for the lack of boundaries on the slow track with their excellent running between the wickets to keep the scoreboard ticking.

Warner sent one straight over Ishant's head for his second six and then picked a four off Mishra with a reverse sweep but the spinner had the last laugh as he had him caught behind with SRH reaching 82 for one in 10 overs.

Mishra returned to dismiss Manish Pandey (3) before Sunrisers crossed the 100-mark in 14th over.

Playing his first match of the season after recovering from an injury, Williamson smashed two fours in the 16th over to take SRH to 128 for two.

Bairstow reached his fifty off 44 balls before holding out to Nortje in the 18th over. Williamson too was dismissed in the last over.

Had faith in seniors to bat well in Super Over: Mahela

PTI ■ DUBAI

Mumbai Indians' decision to not send Ishan Kishan, who was striking the ball hard and clean, to bat in the Super Over surprised many but their head coach Mahela Jayawardane defended the tactic saying they had faith in their experienced players to do the job.

It was wicket-keeper batsman Ishan Kishan, who with his blistering knock of 99 runs brought Mumbai Indians back in a stiff 202-run chase along with Kieron Pollard (60).

However, the match had to be decided via Super Over, where the defending champions opted to send Hardik Pandya with Pollard.

The strategy backfired as all they could manage was only seven runs off Navdeep Saini and lost the match to Royal Challengers Banaglore.

Jayawardane said, Kishan felt tired after giving his all during the contest.

"If anyone could see, he (Kishan) was very tired at that moment and we were thinking that we probably need a couple of fresh guys who can go and hit the ball," the Sri Lankan said at the post-match press conference.

"It is quite easy to say in hindsight this and that, but Polly (Pollard) and Hardik had done the job in the past in those Super Overs, two experienced guys who are capable of doing that.

"So you take a chance on these calls and it could have gone either way.



Kieron Pollard congratulates Ishan Kishan on completing his fifty against RCB

If we had 10-12 runs anything could have happened," explained the coach.

Jayawardane had to admit that seven runs were too small to defend even for a bowler of the calibre of Jasprit Bumrah.

"In the Super Over, we had three dots, so that's a killer for you because we lost a wicket and then we had a couple of more dots.

"We needed to make sure that we played some smart shots, get that early boundary away, which we couldn't, we had one, but a couple of boundaries would have been really handy especially when Bumrah comes to bowl", added the Sri Lankan batting great.

No one can, no one should try to play like MSD: Samson

PTI ■ DUBAI

"No one can" and "no one should try" to play like Mahendra Singh Dhoni, wicketkeeper-batsman Sanju Samson said on Tuesday, rejecting comparisons with the cricket great after taking the IPL by storm with his incredible hitting prowess.

Samson cleared the boundaries at will to power his franchise Rajasthan Royals to two massive wins over Chennai Super Kings and Kings XI Punjab, the second one ending in record IPL chase.

After his exploits, Congress MP from Thiruvananthapuram, Shashi Tharoor, called him the next MS Dhoni.

But Samson did not think so, quite like former India player and BJP MP Gautam Gambhir.

"I am sure that no one can and no one should try to play like him. It's not at all easy to play like MS Dhoni, so leave that aside. I never think of playing like MS Dhoni. He is a legend of Indian cricket, legend of the game," Samson said.

"I only focus on my game, what I can do, how I can do it

best and how I can win matches," the Keralaite added, again like Gambhir, on the eve of his team's match against Kolkata Knight Riders.

With his belligerent knocks of 74 and 85, Samson has again staked his claim for selection in the Indian team.

Asked if he thinks he has done enough to attract the attention of the national selectors, Samson said, "I maybe, I maybe not. The only think I know is I am in good form, my only dream is to win matches for my team, any team I play. My focus is on the IPL right now."

Having performed admirably well over the last few IPL but probably not as much in the domestic circuit, Samson said he has started to understand his game better.

"I have understood my game, it's more of power hitting. So I have been training on my strengths on my power hitting."

He said playing most of his cricket in Kerala and Jaipur has helped him in adapting to the hot and humid conditions of the UAE better.

"I am in a very good space mentally. I have worked closely with our video analyst for four to five months and that really helped me improve."

KKR's batting firepower faces Royals test

PTI ■ DUBAI

Kolkata Knight Riders will have to bat out of their skin to stop a marauding Rajasthan Royals when the two teams clash in an IPL match at the Dubai International Stadium on Wednesday.

Having started off as underdogs, the Royals have taken the IPL by storm, chasing down the highest tournament total 224 against Kings XI Punjab in their last match.

In two wins from two matches, the Royals have got past the 200-mark with ease. In their success, they have found two stars in Sanju Samson and Rahul Tewatia, who have outshone marquee players.

In his second coming at the Royals, little known Haryana all-rounder Tewatia has got instant stardom for his 31-ball 53 against KXIP, which helped the side chase down a record

224 with three balls to spare against KXIP.

But the season so far belongs to Samson — the wicketkeeper from Kerala.

Boasting of the season's highest strike-rate of 214.86, Samson has two successive half-centuries that has once again put him in contention for a longer rope in the Indian team as a keeper-batsman.

Skipper Steve Smith has been ever reliable, striking two half-centuries, while opener Jos Buttler will be waiting to explode.

To match or even surpass the Royals, KKR have the biggest stars in Andre Russell to go along with reigning World Cup winning English skipper Eoin Morgan, one of the best in limited-overs cricket.

But both Morgan and Russell have got limited opportunities so far, having dropped

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Kolkata Knight Riders' all-rounder Andre Russell bowls during nets

down to No 5 and 6 respectively.

The fixture might just finally see them bat higher up, especially the star Jamaican, who was

their highest run-getter last season with 510 runs at a astonishing strike rate of 204.81.

Having started off with a familiar defeat to Mumbai Indians in their opener, Kolkata Knight Riders put up a determined show to bounce back against a sloppy Sunrisers Hyderabad.

Talented opener Shubman Gill's unbeaten half-century, aided by Morgan's late firepower overtook SRH's below-par 145 with two overs to spare.

Come Wednesday, it may well be a run feast with no target 'safe' against the Royals.

Dubai has been host to both the Super-Over matches this season. The venue will be an uncharted territory for both the teams who will be playing here for the first time this season.

For the record, the teams batting first have won all the five matches here so far.

Pliskova survives early scare

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AFP ■ PARIS

Second seed Karolina Pliskova ended Mayar Sherif's fairytale Grand Slam breakthrough to set up a Roland Garros second round clash against former champion Jelena Ostapenko on Tuesday.

Pliskova, a semi-finalist in 2017, squandered eight set points in the opening set as world number 172 Sherif, the first Egyptian woman to play in the main draw at a Slam, took a shock lead.

However, the Czech's greater experience eventually told as she recovered to progress 6-7 (9/11), 6-2, 6-4.

"I think she was playing very smart today. Of course she had a lot of confidence just winning three matches from quallies," said Pliskova of her 24-year-old opponent. "She had nothing to lose."

Latvia's Ostapenko, the world 43, won her first match at the French Open since sweeping to her shock 2017 title when she fired 46 winners



Mayar Sherif and Karolina Pliskova walk to their benches after the 1st round

past Madison Brengle of the United States to win 6-2, 6-1.

"After I won here it was a tough time. I had to get used to the pressure but now it's all gone," said the 23-year-old Ostapenko.

Meanwhile, a row was brewing after French player

Kristina Mladenovic suffered a controversial exit against Laura Siegemund when the German player won a point off what appeared to be a double bounce.

The incident, which came with Mladenovic 5-1 ahead and holding a set point in the

opener, was missed by chair umpire Eva Asderaki.

World number 44 Mladenovic pleaded in vain and her German opponent took full advantage, racing into the next round 7-5, 6-3.

It was a second successive miserable Grand Slam for the 27-year-old Frenchwoman who was withdrawn from the doubles at the US Open earlier this month in a row over coronavirus.

Denmark's Clara Tauson, just 17 and a qualifier, unleashed 48 winners to knock out American 21st seed and US Open semi-finalist Jennifer Brady 6-4, 3-6, 9-7.

Tauson also saved two match points on her way to a first career main draw win.

Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin recovered from a break down in the final set to defeat 125th-ranked Liudmila Samsonova 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Fourth seed Kenin, who dumped out Serena Williams in Paris a year ago, fought back from 2-0 down in the decider Tuesday to advance to a second-round tie against



Romania's Ana Bogdan.

DJOKER WINS

Novak Djokovic's bid to become the first man in half a century to win all four Grand Slam titles twice got off to a straightforward start on Tuesday at Roland Garros as a 'double bounce' row prompted calls for video replays to be introduced in tennis.

World number one Djokovic, returning to Grand Slam action for the first time since his US Open disqualification, eased past Sweden's Mikael Ymer, ranked 80, in straight sets 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

It was his 32nd win in 33 matches in 2020 and kept him on course for a second French Open title following his 2016 triumph, and 18th career major.

"It's always a pleasure to return to Paris on Philippe Chatrier, this important court. The atmosphere is a little different this year with few fans but I remain motivated to win the title," said Djokovic, only one of two men to have defeated 12-time champion, Rafael Nadal, in 15 years in Paris.

DIOGOAL

Jota finds name in scoresheet in first league start for Liverpool

AP ■ LONDON

Three wins from three games, two big rivals dispatched, and an expensive new signing already on the scoresheet.

Liverpool is making an ominous start to its title defense in the Premier League.

The champion's high-risk, high-reward strategy paid off in its come-from-behind 3-1 win over Arsenal on Monday in an open game featuring a late clinching goal by Diogo Jota in his first league start for Liverpool.

"This was absolutely exceptional," Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said, "100% dominant against a team in form."

Liverpool is one of three teams to have opened with three straight wins, including over Chelsea and now Arsenal. With two of its other main rivals — Manchester City and Manchester United — having



Diogo Jota celebrates after scoring his maiden goal for Liverpool

already lost a game each, the start to the season could hardly have gone better for Liverpool.

Arsenal dropped points for the first time but was threatening to beat Liverpool for a third straight month — after wins in the league in July and the Community Shield in August — when Lacazette took advantage of a rare mistake by Andrew Robertson to give the visitors a 25th-minute lead.

Sadio Mane equalized inside three minutes before Robertson made amends by scoring himself after controlling a cross from Liverpool's other flying full back, Trent Alexander-Arnold.

That wild nine-minute period, featuring three goals, characterized a high-risk game plan from Liverpool that causes chaos

for its opponents because of the way they are squeezed high up.

Break the press and Liverpool is in trouble, though, and Lacazette was played through clean on goal in the second half for chances to equalize. Both of his efforts were tame and comfortably saved by Alisson, and Lacazette was spotted hiding his head in his jersey in the dugout after being substituted.

Jota sealed victory in the 88th by driving in a shot that glanced the post as it went in, after David Luiz's headed clearance only reached the edge of the area.

"It's an amazing feeling, of course," said Jota, who recently joined from Wolverhampton for 41 million pounds. "I just wish it was in front of a full stadium."