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## **Ready for any eventuality: India**

#### In LS, Rajnath raps China for violating established rules

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India is committed to peace but "it is also ready for any eventuality," was Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's stern message to China from the floor of Parliament on Tuesday floor of Parliament on Tuesday with regard to a massive build-up on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the eastern Ladakh. Repeatedly blaming China for attempted transgression of

Repeatedly blaming China for attempted transgression of LAC and aggressive behaviour, Singh said in the Lok Sabha that the country's forces are fully-prepared, stocked with arms, ammunition, food, and witter deathing.

sania that the country's forces are fully-prepared, stocked with arms, ammunition, food, and winter clothing.

Speaking about the prolonged stand-off with China on the Ladakh border, the Defence Minister accused China of violating established rules and conventions laid down by 1993 and 1996 agreements between the two countries and "transgressing" the border.

While stating that the Indian Army is "battle-ready," Rajnath said the border issue could be resolved by talks and dialogue. He said that the onus is on Beijing which has "provoked us" by, "violent conduct," when talks were still on between the two sides.

The Defence Minister said in the middle of May China "attempted to transgress in the western sector, including to page 100 to 100 to

Bank of Pangong Lake. This invited counter-measures from Indian side".

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In his brief statement in the House, Rajnath said China has mobilised a large number of troops on the LAC and India too has made "suitable counter-moves". He said he could not go into more details but assured that armed forces are fully prepared to protect the country's territorial integrity and sovereignty.

Rajnath said the country is facing the challenging situation in Ladakh and the entire House should make a unanimous resolution to strongly back the bravehearts at House should make a unanimous resolution to strongly back the bravehearts at the borders protecting the country in a difficult situation. "Jawano ka hosla buland hain", he said amid thumping of desks by the members.

Congress MPs who wanted to ask questions on the issue later walked out from the House when Speaker Om Birla reminded them of rule 370 saying "no question can be asked after Minister's statement".

The Defence Minister's statement."

ment".

The Defence Minister The Defence Minister constantly alluded to the "distrust" created by China by its actions on the ground while talks between the two sides on the military and diplomatic level were underway during the last few months. He said China had increased its mobilisation on the LAC since April and May, this year, and tried to "transgress" LAC.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in the Lok Sabha during the ongoing Monsoon
Session of Parliament on Tuesday

PTI district, on Tuesday



C-17 Globernaster of the Indian Air Force flies over Ladakh region amid

### Cong questions absence of PM from LS, demands LAC reality

The Congress on Tuesday questioned the absence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Lok Sabha when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh made a statement on the India-China a statement on the India-China border standoff. The Congress also wanted to know if the Chinese have encroached on Depsang Plains, Gogra, Pangong-Tso Lake till Finger 8, Y-junction in Bhutan, Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and in Arunachal Pradesh. Former Congress presi-

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi, who is abroad currently accompanying his mother and interim party chief Sonia Gandhi for a

health check-up, attacked the Prime Minister for "misleading" the country over Chinese transgressions.

"The country has always stood by its armed forces and will continue to do so in the continue



Congress MPs stage a walkout as they protest near Mahatma Gandhi statue at Parliament House on Tuesday

### NCB has no inputs on drug nexus in Bollywood: Centre

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The Government on Tuesday said no actionable inputs were received by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) revealing the alleged nexus between people in the film industry and

ing the alleged nexus between people in the film industry and drug traffickers.
This after veteran actress and Parliamentarian Jaya Bachchan alleged that a vicious attempt was underway to defame the film industry by linking it to drug abuse.
Jaya's charge invited a sharp reaction from actress Kangana Ranaut and strong backing from several Bollywood celebrities.
Replying to a written quess-

from several Bollywood clebrities.

Replying to a written question in the Lok Sabha, Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy said the NCB carries out searches, seizures, arrests and investigations continuously throughout the year on the actionable inputs developed on its own or received from other sources.

"During the period of Covid-19 lockdown, no such actionable inputs were received by the NCB revealing the nexus between people in the film industry and drug traffickers," he said.

Speaking in the Rajya.

Speaking in the Raiya Sabha, Jaya rebutted BJP MP and film actor Ravi Kishanis comments in the Lok Sabha about drug addiction in Bollywood, Jaya said the film industry was being "flogged by social media and the Government's non-support". "Just because of a few peo-ple, you cannot tarnish the

Jaya Bachchan raps Ravi Kisan: *'Jis thaali* me khaate hain. usi me chhed karte hain'



Samajwadi Party MP Jaya Bachchan speaks in the Rajya Sabha during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament on Tuesday PTI

whole industry... I was really embarrassed and ashamed that

whole industry... I was really embarrassed and ashamed that yesterday one of our members in the Lok Sabha, who is from the industry, spoke against the film industry. Jis thaali me khaate hain, usi me chhed karte hain, Jaya said.

Ravi Kishan, a popular actor of Bhoipuri and Hindi films, raised in Parliament the drug-related allegations that have emerged against the film industry in the Sushant Singh Raiput investigations. He alleged a "conspiracy" by Pakistan and China to destroy the country's younger citizens. Jaya further said such statements were meant to divert attention from the state

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"The entertainment industry in our country provides direct employment every day to five lakh people and indirect employment to five million people. At a time when the financial situation is in a depressing state and employment is at the worst level, in order to divert the attention of the people, we are being used to be flogged by social media and the Government's non-support. But people who have made their name in this film industry have called it a gutter. I completely disagree," the SP MP said.

### **Modi inaugurates ₹540 crore** projects for poll-bound Bihar of the country by producing

In the run up to the Bihar Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated another set of infra structure projects worth ₹540 crore for the State through video conference in the presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The projects include sew The projects include severage treatment plants at Beur and Karam-Leechak in Patna city, as well as water-related projects in Siwan and Chhapra under the "AMRUT" Yojana. Apart from this, the PM laid foundation stones for water supply projects in Munger and Jamalpur and River Front Development Scheme under Namami Gange in Muzaffarpur.

Namami Gange in Muzaffarpur. The Prime Minister said even during the times of corona, the work on various development projects progressed uninterrupted in Bihar. Kumar and Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Modi assured that projects will be completed on time.

on time.

The Prime Minister on
Sunday inaugurated a slew of
petro chemical projects worth

On Visvesvaraya jayanti, PM says Bihar significantly contributed to development millions of engineers



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches Delhi. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kuma

₹940 crore in the poll bound State.

State.

The PM lauded the contribution of the engineers to the development of the country on the occasion of Engineer's Day which is celebrated in the memory of India's pioneering modern civil engineer. M Visvesvaraya. Modi said Bihar also significantly contributed towards

development of the country by producing millions of engi-neers. Modi said Bihar is the

#### Cabinet approves AIIMS in Darbhanga

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet has approved establishment of a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Bihar's a new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Binars Darbhanga, an official statement said on Tuesday. The institute will come up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) at a total cost of ₹1,264 crore, it said.

### India's Covid-19 cases cross 5 million marks

### 82.375 found +ve: 1.237 die on Tue: pandemic shows no sign of let-up recorded more than 97,000 new cases twice in a single day. Each of the four worst-affected States — Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka — recorded

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India's Covid-19 caseload Icrossed 5 million marks on Tuesday as the pandemic showed no sign of plateauing out any sooner. Maharashtra breached a landmark of 30,000 deaths on Tuesday, as an all-time high 515 people succumbed to Covid-19, while 20,482 more people tested positive for the pandemic in various parts of the State. The number of new cases is nearly 4,000 lower than the States highest single-day tally.

than the State's highest single-day tally.

India on Tuesday record-ed 82,375 new cases and 1,237 deaths. There has been a gen-eral trend that due to the lag effect of reduced testing at the weekend, the first two days of the weeks show relatively fewer cases. This may explain slight-ly subdued numbers on Monday (81,000 cases and Tuesday. Last week, India

and Karnataka — recorded fewer cases than their highest single-day spike. But Uttar Pradesh (6,841 cases), Delhi (4,261 cases) and West Bengal (3,237 cases) showed no sign of any weakening in the spread of the pandemic. Covid-19 IN INDIA

**TOTAL** CASES: 50,12,509 DFATHS: 82.057 RECOVERED:

39,35,987

ACTIVE: 9,93,750

ARUNACHAL CM PEMA KHANDU COVID +VE

presently in home isolation in New Delhi. "I have undergone Covid test RT-PCR and have tested positive for Covid19. I am asymptomatic and feeling healthy," Khandu tweeted.



An elderly man reacts as his swab sample is taken to test for Covid-19 at a

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	Andhra Pradesh	5,83,925	5,041	4,8				
	Tamil Nadu	5,14,208	8,502	4,5				
	Karnataka	4,75,265	7,481	3,6				
	Uttar Pradesh	3,24,036	4,604	2,5				

Maharashtra	10,97,806	30,409	7,75,273
Andhra Pradesh	5,83,925	5,041	4,86,531
Tamil Nadu	5,14,208	8,502	4,58,900
Karnataka	4,75,265	7,481	3,69,229
Uttar Pradesh	3,24,036	4,604	2,52,097
Delhi	2,25,796	4,806	1,91,203
West Bengal	2,09,146	4,062	1,81,142
Bihar	1,61,101	836	1,46,533
Telangana	1,60,571	984	1,29,187
Odisha	1,58,650	698	1,25,738
Assam	1,46,575	492	1,15,052
Gujarat	1,16,345	3,245	96,809
Kerala	1,14,034	467	82,341
Rajasthan	1,05,898	1,264	87,873
Haryana	98,622	1,026	77,166
Madhya Pradesh	93,053	1,820	69,613

#### **SC's interim stay** on Bidas Bol for vilifying Muslims

The Supreme Court on Tuesday restrained Sudarshan TV from telecasting two episodes of Bindas Boll programme, which are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday saying it prime facie appears to 'villiy' the Muslim community. "At this stage, prima facie it does appear that the programme does villify the Muslim community," the SC said while staying the telecast of two episodes of the programme on alleged infiltration of Muslims into the bureau-cracy, two sides bands had

A three-judge bench head-ed by Justice DY Chandrachud ed by Justice DT Chandrachide which heard the plea against the serial said it would hear the matter on September 17.

### No J&K leader under house arrest, says Govt PDP calls it blatant lie; MoS Home tells Parliament 223 people under detention

PNS JAMMU

The Union Home Ministry on Tuesday informed the Lok Sabha that no leader in Jammu & Kashmir is current-ly under house arrest.

It, however, admitted that 223 people in J&K are under detention. Interestingly, another inter-ng detail was found missing

esting detail was found missing in the statement. It was on July 31, 2020 the detention of former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti under the stringent Public Safety Act was extended by three months.

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Safety Act was extended by three months.

Minister of State (Home) G
Kishan Reddy in a written reply to a question raised by Trinamool Congress MP
Saugata Ray said, "The
Government of Jammu &
Kashmir has reported that after



An earlier picture of Congress leader and former Union Minister Saifuddin Soz trying to speak to a media person in Srinagar PTI/File

the abrogation of Article 370 in August last year various mea-sures were taken to maintain public order, which included preventive detention of certain

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ple under detention
sharply labeling it a "blatant list
Naeem Akthar, a former
Minister in the Mehbooba
Government tweeted, there are
many categories of lies, "Lies,
white lies, data, judicial lies
(spoken on oath), parliamentary lies: This Government
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### **India walks out of SCO** meet as Pak map shows J&K, Ladakh, Guj its part

Russia calls Pak action 'provocative'

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India on Tuesday walked out
of a meeting of the National
Security Advisors (NSA) of
the Shanghai Cooperation
Organisation (SCO) after
Pakistan presented a "fictitious" map of the country
showing Jammu & Kashmir,
Ladakh and Gujarat as its part.
The Ministry of External
Affairs said what Pakistan was
in "blatant disregard to host
Russiás advisory".
Making its position clear,
the Ministry said, "At the meeting of NSAs of member states
of the SCO, hosted by the

Chair of the SCO (Russia), the Pakistani Nax deliberately projected a fictitious map that Pakistani Nax deliberately projected a fictitious map that Pakistani has recently been propagating."

The Ministry in a statement said, "This was in blatant disregard to the advisory by the host against it and in viocation of the norms of the meeting. After consultation with the host, the Indian side left the meeting in protest at that juncture. Pakistan then went on to present a misleading view of this meeting."

India was represented by NSA Ajit Doval.

Sources said Russia sermed Pakistans' act as "provocative" and clarified that it did not support such an action.

### **CAPSULE**

DRUGS CASE: 2 KANNADA ACTORS SUMMONED Bengaluru: Kannada cators Alandria Ray and Diganth have been summoned by the police unconnection with an alleged drugs case that has sparked a massive controversy in Kannataka. A five politician Jeevaraj Alva, was also raided by the Bengaluru Police.

### SC BREATHER FOR PUNJAB EX-DGP IN MURDER CASE New Delhi: The Supreme Court Tuesday granted interim

Tuesday granted interim protection from arrest to former Punjab SGP Sumedh Singh Sain in the 1991 case of alleged murder of a junior engineer Bashart Singh Multani. The SC sowght response from Punjab Government on Sain's plea challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court order retusing to grant him anticipatory bail in the case.



#### **FARM ORDINANCES ISSUE-**

### **Punjab CM seeks apology from Union Min Danve for misleading statement**

Dunjab Chief Minister Capt Pulpat Chief Minister Cape Amarinder Singh on Tuesday demanded an uncon-ditional apology from the Union Minister Raosaheb Patil

Union Minister Raosaheb Patil Danve for "misleading" the nation on the farm ordinances issue from the floor of the House in a clear and complete breach of Parliamentary prin-ciples and propriety. Rejecting as "totally incor-rect" Danvés statement in the Lok Sabha on Monday about Punjab being on board the anti-farmer ordinances, the Chief Minister said that the Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs. Food and Public Affairs, Food and Public

Affairs, Food and Public Distribution remarks were aimed at defaming the Congress and its Government in the State. Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar also slammed the Union Minister for "violating the sanctity of Parliament with the Column to the Congress of the Con his false statement" on the issue in the House on Monday, and termed it an attempt to denigrate the Congress Government in Punjab with leading information. The Chief Minister, in a

statement, said that at no point did the high-powered com-mittee make any suggestion about bringing these anti-farmers ordinances, which the Centre introduced on the sly amid the pandemic and has now placed in the Parliament for enactment through false

pretensions.
"The Minister should apologize immediately and unequivocally for presenting false facts in the Lok Sabha," said Capt Amarinder, describ ing the statement in Lok Sabha as undemocratic and unethical, and a violation of the parlia-mentary principles.

The Chief Minister said

The Chief Minister said that the Punjab Government has consistently and persistently opposed any move to dilute the farmers' rights and interests, not only in the high-powered committee on agricultural reforms but in the state Assembly and on all public forums. "It is our state Assembly and on all pub-lic forums. "It is our Government which had initi-ated the resolution in the Vidhan Sabha rejecting the ordinances," he pointed out, adding that he personally had written twice to the Prime Minister seeking the with-drawal of the anti-farmer and anti-farmer legislations that would spell the death-knell of the farming community in

would speit the dearn-stheil of the farming community in Punjab.

The report of the high-powered committee, of which Punjab was made a member weeks after it was constituted, nowhere suggested any ordinance or central law to be enacted by the Government of India, said the Chief Minister, emphatically rejecting any claim to the contrary.

"In fact, the focus of the report was largely on market reforms wherein the implementation of the properties of the report was largely on market reforms wherein the implementation of the properties of the report was largely on market reforms wherein the implementation of Model Contract Farming upon twariants adoption of Model Contract Farming upon twariants of the properties of the properti

Capt Amarinder.

He pointed out that in its response to the draft report, the Punjab Government had clearly stated that 86 percent of the state's farmers are small holders cultivating less than two hectares with little bargaining

power in the market. They are illiterate or less educated and cannot be left at the mercy of market forces for determination of commodity prices, the state government had further said.

Pointing out that some states like Punjab are dependent on the market fee, the State Government had further underlined that "the market needs to be monitored or regulated to save the farmers from exploitative private trade". The farmers must receive reasonable prices for their produce able prices for their produce (MSP) which covers their cost of production and a fair level of profit for their living, it had commented.

The State Government's response further stated that "majority of the farmers are fearful of entering into contracts with large corporate houses...they feel that they may not be able to compete with them in case of any litigation."

Going further, Punjab Government had categorically and unambiguously stated that with a view to safeguard the interest of farmers and to ensure the food security in the country, "it is emphasized that The State Government's

system of minimum support price (MSP) and the assured

system of minimum support price (MSP) and the assured procurement of crops by Government of India must continue," he said.

The government had gone ahead to recommend that other MSP crops, where full and assured procurement is not being undertaken by the Government of India such as cotton, maize, oilseeds and pulses, should be procured fully at MSP fixed by Government of India to encourage farmers to diversify away from paddy which is water intensive.

Capt Amarinder pointed out that the State Government and, in its written response,

had, in its written response also said that "the EC Act also said that "the EC Act must be continued for those crops in which India is defi-cient in order to prevent the exploitative action of the pri-vate sector by hoarding and black marketeering".

black marketeering."
The sharing pattern of most of schemes is 60:40 (Centre-State) and this needs to be changed to 90:10 for Punjab, as the state, while pioneering the green revolution in the country, played a major role in making the nation

self-reliant in foodgrain pro-duction, the Punjab Government had submitted, adding that it was now the Centre's turn to support the farmers.

PRESENTATION OF FARM

PRESENTATION OF FARM ORDINANCES IN PARLIA-MENT HAVE EXPOSED SAD FARCE, SAYS CAPT Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday said that the presentation of farm ordinances in the Parliament a day before by the Centre had totally exposed the farce of Shiromani Akali Dalfs pretense of protecting the interpretance for protecting the interpretance of the protecting pretense of protecting the inter-ests of the state's farmers. With the BIP-led NDA Government going ahead with laying the ordinances on the table of the ordinances on the table of the House on the very first day of the Parliament session, instead of accepting SAD's so-called plea to defer the same, the Akali charade on the issue had been laid bare, said the Chief

been laid bare, said the Chief Minister.

The fact that Sukhbir had stayed away from the House on Monday, when the ordinances were presented for legislation, showed that the entire drama of

enactment was played out by the SAD president to appease the farmer organizations, which have been up in arms against the ordinances, Capt Amarinder said. "There is clearly a conspiracy to undermine the farmers' interests and that of the states, which are constitutionally-mandated to be responsible for agriculture," said the Chief Minister, asking "why else would Sukhbir conveniently remain away from the Parliament on the opening day itself?"

SAD LEADERS MEET BJP PRESIDENT NADDA ON FARM BILLS Leaders of the Shiromani

Leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Tuesday met BJP national president JP Nadda in Delhi and urged him that the Centre address farmers' concerns over three farm bills and also sought that the proposed legislation be sent to a Parliamentary committee SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal, Raiya Sabha members Balwinder Singh Bhunder, Naresh Gujral and senior leader Prem Singh Chandumajra met Nadda at his residence in Delhi and discussed with him the issue of the Akali Dal (SAD) on Tuesda

three farm bills that were tabled in Parliament on Monday had introlearn the Centre on Monday had introlearn bills in In Lok
Sabha. These are The Farmer's
Produce Trade And Commerce
(Promotion And Facilitation)
Bill, The Farmers
(Empowerment and Protection)
Agreement on Price Assurance
and Farm Services Bill and The
Essential Commodition
(Amendment) Bill.
The SAD, which is part of

Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill.

The SAD, which is part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), also week had appealed to the BIP-led Centre not to present the three farm ordinances for approval in Parliament until "all reservations" expressed by farmers are "duly addressed", Many farmers are "duly addressed," Many farmers out that the present of the three farmers out this in Punjab have been holding protests against the three farm ordinances promulgated by the Centre. Farmers have expressed apprehension that these three ordinances would pave the way for nension that these three ordi-nances would pave the way for dismantling of the minimum support price system and they would be at the "mercy" of big corporates. They have been demanding rollback of these ordinances.

### Haryana CM resumes works, reviews progress of welfare schemes

PPP should be linked with HRMS: Khattar

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After recovering from Covid-19 infection, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday resumed his work by presiding over a high-level meeting of senior officers of various departments at his res-idence in Chandigarh. In the meeting, he reviewed the progress of war-ious schemes and programmes besides issuing necessary direc-tions to the officers concerned.

Various decisions like planning a film city in Pinjore, hiring drones to check illegal mining, making Agri malls functional among others were also taken in the meeting.

making Agri maus tunctum, among others were also taken in the meeting.
While reviewing the arrangement for the procurement of kharif crops in the State, Khattar directed that every farmer registered on the "Meri Fasal Mera Byora" portal should be asked to provide dates for bringing their produce to the mand of their choice.
Farmers should be asked whether they should be paid directly or through the arthias. He directed the officers to make adequate arrangements

make adequate arrangements for the purchase of farmers' produce in the mandis across

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the State. It should be ensured that farmers do not face any inconvenience, he added. The Chief Minister also

The Chief Minister also directed that the Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) programme be linked with HRMS. He said that PPP is a unique initiative of the State Government under which each family in the State is being provided a unique identity.

vided a unique identity.

He said that PPP would ensure that people get the ben-

efit of various welfare schemes and programmes at their doorstep. He said that this would not only save their precious time but also ensure transparency in the service

delivery.

The Chief Minister directed to expedite the work of preparing property IDs in all Urban Local Bodies of the people in property related works. He also reviewed the

functioning of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC) and Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) and directed to take steps to further enhance their receipts.

Khattar directed to prepare Rhattar timected to prepare a plan to develop a film city at Pinjore. He said that Haryana is appropriate for film produc-tion as hundreds of beautiful locations are available in the

locations are avanuations.
State.

It may be recalled that Haryana Film Policy also envisages a Film City to be developed in public-private-partnership mode so that the people associated with the world of the program operate from a sincinema can operate from a sin-gle place.

### Punjab police busts another pro-Khalistan terror module, arrests two operators

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Punjab Police on Tuesday claimed to have busted yet claimed to have busted yet mother pro-Khalistan terrorist module, with the arrest of two persons allegedly operating in connivance with five criminals, including a Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF) operative currently languishing in Amritsar jail.

Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta said that the Pakistan-backed module was busted on the basis of

was busted on the basis of inputs about the nefarious designs of certain proKhalistan elements trying to disturb peace and harmony in the State by launching terror

attacks. Gupta said that following the inputs, the Punjab Police had launched a drive to ensure thorough frisking and checking of all those entering the State from various parts of the country, thus leading to the arrest of Harjeet Singh alias Raju and Shamsher Singh alias Shera, both residents of Mianpur village in Tarn Taran district.

Six weapons (one 9 mm

Six weapons (one 9 mm pistol, four .32 calibre pistols and one .32 revolver), eight live

al mobile phones and an inter-net dongle were seized from the duo, who were nabbed at the duo, who were nabbed at the checkpost near Hotel Jashan on Rappura-Sirhind road. During preliminary investigation, the accused revealed that they received four weapons from Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh, and two were received from Safidon. Jind district of Haryana, said the DGP adding that duo is also wanted in an attempt to murder and Arms Act case registered in Police Station Sarai Amanat Khan, District Tarn Taran.

### Over 90% of MSME units resume functioning in Punjab: Min

Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor to be a reality in five years

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Of the total 2.6 lakhs Micro all and Medium ses (MSMEs) in Punjab Osmaii a....
Enterprises (MSMEs) in Punjab,
over 90 percent — that is
2,34,072 units — involving 15.78
lakh workers, have resumed
their operations and economic
activity. "Owing to several key

initiatives taken by the Congress led Punjab Government, as many as 2,34,072 units have resumed their operations," said the state Industries Minister Sunder Sham Arora on Tuesday while assuring all aggressive assistance from the State to

ious initiatives taken by the Government during COVID, Arora said that in order to give relief to the industries, PSIEC (Punjab Small Industries and Export Corporation Limited) had announced extension in time period of Amnesty Scheme besides announcing an OTS (one time settlement) schemes of

Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation Limited (PSIDC) and Punjab Financial Corporation (PFC). The Minister said that power

The Minister said that power subsidy of Rs 2920 crore has also been provided to industrial units, besides Rs 525 crores have been spent on improvement of indus-trial infrastructure.

### Chandigarh reports one death, 347 fresh Covid-19 cases

**COVID SCARE IN THE REGION** 

The Union Territory of Chandigarh on Tuesday reported one Covid-19 fatality and 347 fresh positive cases. With this, the Covid-19 total reached 96 while the total case tally stood at 8592 in the city. "There were 2991 active cases in Chandigarh while 5502 have so far recovered from the deadly virus," according to the Chandigarh Health Departments evening bulletin. Aday before, the positive cases in Chandigarh had crossed 8000-mark. The city had on September 13 reported its biggest single-day spike with 449 fresh cases.
Giving details of the Covid-

Giving details of the Covid-19 fatality, the bulletin stated, "A Ho tall, was brought dead at GMCH-32 on September 9. He was tested Covid positive post death as per the information was tested Covid positive post death as per the information received on Tuesday." a total of 202 patients have been dis-

charged including persons from home isolation in the past 24 hours, the bulletin stated.

As far as Covid-19 parameters are concerned, Chandigarh on Tuesday reported 64 percent recovery rate against the nation-al average of around 77 percent. A daily test positivity rate (TPR) of 13 percent and a cumulative positive rate was 15.8 percent. 2653 samples were tested in the last 24 hours. A total of 54371 samples have been tested so far in the city, Report of 159 was awaited, the bulletin added.

Manimajra, which is Covid-

awaited, the bulletin added.

Manimajra, which is Covid19 hotspot in Chandigarh reported the highest number of 31 fresh cases in the past 24 hours. Sector 20 which is among the worst affected sectors in the city has reported 20 fresh cases, as per the health bulletin. 16 fresh cases were reported in Sector 15, 14 positive cases each en Change and Sector 37, 12 cases in Sector 19, nine cases each in Dhanas,

49, 50, 51, 52, 63, Sector 38 west, Bapu Dham colony in Sector 26, Burail, Daria, Dadumajra, Dhanas, Hallomajra, Industrial Area Phase I, Kaimbwala, Kajheri, Kishangarh, Manimajra, Khuda Lahora, Mauli Jagran, PGIMER campus, Raipur Khurd, Ram Darbar and Sarangpur.

#### UT Covid patients also want removal of posters outside their houses

PNS CHANDIGARH

With the Punjab Government recently deciding not to affix the posters at the entrance of homes of

at the entrance of homes of Covid-19 patients in home isolation, the infected patients in Chandigarh have also put up to the same request with the UT Administration.

The senior officers of UT Administration have been receiving calls from representatives from various sectors to do away with putting up posters outside the houses of COVID patients under home isolation or quarantine to reduce the stigma patients under home isolation or quarantine to reduce the stigma surrounding the infected patients. The total case tally stood at 8592 in the city as on Tuesday. There were 2991 active cases in Chandigarh and more than 1000 patients were in home isolation

than 1000 patients were in home isolation.

"As Punjab Government had recently announced to rescind the decision of putting posters outside the houses of COVID patients, we have also been receiving calls from people in Chandigarh to follow suit," said Manoj Parida, Adviser to UT Administrator while talking to The Pioneer.

### 'Stay Home OPD' begins in Haryana

Haryana Health Minister
Anil Vij on Tuesday said
that to ensure uninterrupted
health services during the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic,
an online health facility 'Stay
Home OPD' has been started in
the State under the name of 'eSanjewani OPD'

the State under the name of 'e-Sanjeevani OPD'.
With this, people suffering from various health ailments can get themselves registered on the 'e-Sanjeevani' app to get free online medical consultation, said the Health Minister.
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Vij said that due to the dif-ficult circumstances arising due to COVID-19 Pandemic, peo-ple suffering from other med-ical allments were facing a lot of problems, to solve which the Central Government has launched 'e-Sanjeevani OPD. This service has also been start-ed in Haryana, under which so far more than 1000 patients have benefited from it. This facility is being provided free of Vij said that due to the difnave benefited from it. Installation facility is being provided free of cost to all patients of the State. For this, patients will have to download the 'e-Sanjeevani OPD' app in their mobile, after which a token number will be

generated.
The Minister said that the government is committed to provide medical facilities to every patient at their doorsteps and for this, any patient can get online consultation by con-

online consultation by con-necting with the concerned doctor using laptop, desktop or Android smartphone while staying at home.

On this online platform, a patient can upload all his reports and get information about the disease and the required line of treatment from the doctor. After this, the doctor will also give an online prescription to his patient, which will be valid for all other health facilities in Haryana for medical treatment.

all other health facilities in Haryana for medical treatment. The Health Minister said that due to COVID-19 Pandemic people may face many types of physical and mental problems. Therefore, if timely treatment and counseling is not given to such people, then there is a possibility that health ailments might get increased and to ensure this does not happen, Stay Home OPD will be playing an important role. He said that this facility will be available for patients from 10 am to 1 am and from 3 pm to 5 pm from Monday to Saturday.

### With the Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approving the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) at an estimated cost of Rs 5617.69 crore, the Roads and Railways network in the National Capital Region got a major boost on Tuesday. line from Palwal to Sonipat, will be completed in five years

National Capital Region got a major boost on Tuesday. The HORC, a 121.742 km long new electrified Broad-gauge double line from Palwal to Sonipat, will be completed in five years and will render rail travel facility to 20,000 passengers everyday other than carrying more than 50 million tonnes of freight every year.

The concept of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project was suggested by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar to the Prime Minister in November 2018. Various stakeholders of Gurugram also gave a presentation to the Chief Minister subsequently in February 2019. The Haryana Cabinet also approved the

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The HORC, a 121,742 and will render rail travel facility to 20,000 passengers everyday other than carrying more than 50 million

tonnes of freight every

year

scheme in July 2019. On the nitiative of the Chief Minister, initiative of the Chief Minister, a joint venture has been formed in Haryana under the name of Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, headed by Rajeev Arora, Additional Chief Secretary. PW (B&R) Department. Various railway projects are being implemented in Haryana following the Public-Private Partmership, in

which private stakeholders will also be able to invest.
Deputy Chief Minister,
Dushyant Chautala who also holds the portfolio of Public Works
Department has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi for the approval of this project. He said that after the completion of this project, the vehicular congestion in Delhi will decline and the passengers going to Gurugram, Palwal-Faridabad will have direct access to better rail facilities. After the formation of Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway and Kundli-Ghaziabad-Palwal Eastern Peripheral Way, there is an existing route via road to Gurugram, Palwal-Faridabad and onwards to Agra.
Giving detailed information about the project, Chairman of Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited and Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works Department, Arora said that along the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal

Expressway, a 50-meter strip has been laid towards Delhi and has been approved in Master Plan for NCR area.

He said that there will be if he said that there will be if he was track, including 14 new and five existing stations. Among the new stations are New Patli, Badsa, Deverkhana, Dhulawat, Chandla Dungerwas, Manesar, New Patli, Badsa, Deverkhana, Dhulawat, The HORC will have suitable connectivity to existing Palwal Station and proposed Pirthala Yard of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC).

With the implementation

With the implementation With the implementation of this project, direct connectivity for districts of Gurugram, Sonipat, Palwal, Nuh and Jhajiar with all districts of Haryana will be attained, thereby, enhancing economic and social activity of the Haryana sub-region of NCR, added Arora.

### 2,493 more Covid-19 cases in Haryana,

### Lakhs of people to be linked: MP CM

STAFF REPORTER II BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has told the Ministers to take part in public welfare programmes to be held in the Gareeb Kalyan Saptah from September 16 to 23 in Madhya Pradesh. This programme will be held for 8 days continuously at State and district level. Lakhs of people will be connected to these programmes through Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms.

Chouhan has instructed all departments to connect more Ministers to take part in pub

Chouhan has instructed all departments to connect more and more people to these pro-grammes. Chief Minister Chouhan said that this pro-gramme is not of any one or

State Government. It is fulfilling the purpose of people's welfare. Therefore, every department should be actively involved in the programmes.

In a discussion with the ministers before the Cabinet meeting. Chief Minister Thousan said that September 17 is the birthday of Prime Minister Shi Modi. He is not just an individual but is an institution. He has been nurturing feelings of compassion towards the poor in his heart since his childhood. We get to know stories of courage from his childhood. Narendra Modi has read the literature of Swami Vivekananda and dedicated his life towards social service.

Whichever organization he joined, he made it progressive. Chouhan said that when Gujarat was in a bad condition,

Modi became the Chief Minister of Gujarat and he transformed the entire state of Gujarat. The Gujarat model also became popular. Modi is a scholar of art, culture, histoa scholar of art, culture, history. Since 2014, he has taken effective steps to build a glorious, rich and prosperous India. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan said that India has become a superpower under the able leadership of Shri Modi.

Modi.

Be it an example of a surgical strike or a decision to fight China, he has changed the scenario of the country.

(121).
Meanwhile, Haryana's pre-

Twenty-six people succumbed to coronavirus infection in Haryana in the last 24 hours taking the death toll to 1,026 on Tuesday, while a daily spike of 2,493 cases pushed the tally in the state to 98,622.

Of the fresh death, five were reported from Karnal, four from Panchkula, three from Kaithal, two each from Fatehabad, Kuruskhetra, Hisar, Ambala, Gurugram and Faridabad and one each from Bhiwani and Sirsa, according to the state health department's daily balletin. Among the districts which reported a big spike in cases include Gurugram (324), Faridabad (270), Hisar (195), Pambala (190), Panchkula (181), Fatehabad (173), Rohtak (151),

(121).

Meanwhile, Haryana's previous record of highest single-day pike of 2591 witnessed on September 10 followed by 2526 on September 14, 2388 cases on September 11, 2294 cases on September 11, 2294 cases on September 5 and 2286 on September 8.

Among the 1,026 fatalities, 719 are males and the rest females. The State has 20,430 active cases while 77,166 have been dischanged following recovery. As of Tuesday, the state has a recovery rate of 78,24 per cent, doubling rate is 27 days and positivity rate 4.54 per cent, according to the bulletin.

tally reaches near 99K Karnal (149), Kurukshetra (145), Yamunanagar (123) and Panipat

### **MP Police killed innocent** tribal man in Kabirdham: Akbar

Chhattisgarh Forest
Minister Mohammad
Akbar on Tuesday spoke to
Governor Anusuiya Uikey
over the killing of a tribal man
from Kabirdham district in an
alleged unprovoked firing by
the Madhya Pradesh Police on
September 6.

The Governor is currently
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The Gowernor is currently at her native place in Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh. Akbar informed her over telephone that Jham Singh Dhurve of Balsamund village in the Jhalmala police station area was killed while another villager. Nem Singh Dhurve, escaped unhurt in the firing by the Madhya Pradesh Police on the inter-state border, an official press released on Tuesday quoted the Minister as saying.



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Pradesh for fishing. While returning home, the Madhya Pradesh Police tried to stop them. Scared, both ran away

the Minister that she will take up the issue with her Madhya Pradesh counterpart.

Akbar has also written to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan seeking a high-level probe into the killing.

## The village that is home to thousands of migratory birds Enery year, domaiselle crones (Gres Vinga), the smallest of 15 cron species, travel from their breeding grounds in Eurosia to India. They complete an arduces 5,000 km journey, migrating over the Himologu crossing the mountain range at on altitude of up to 24,000 leet to The first small batch of 250 demoiselle cranes have already landed in the first week of September. Rest start proving from October and stay here till March

When they were list brought over to France from the steppes of Bassia, Queen Blarie Anticiantie was so taken by their elegant, den appearance she named them 'Demoiselle', which translates to 'mal like' or 'young lody'. Locals call them 'kurjo'.

### Do not panic or hide if tested Covid positive: Govt

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ RAIPUR

The Raipur district administration on Tuesday requested people not to panic if they are tested Covid positive.

"Many times, it has been seen that after people are tested Covid positive they immediately switch off their mobile phone and try to hide," an official press release said.

release said. "This is completely wrong "This is completely wrong and such people are not only putting themselves at risk but also their near and dear ones," a Health Department official was quoted as saying. Explaining the timeline, the official said antigen results are quickly reported while RT-PCR or True-Nat test take 2 or 3 days. If anyone is reported Covid

If anyone is reported Covid positive and they do not have

any symptoms, then there is an option of home treatment. They can also admit themselves in a Covid care centre or private hos pital, the press release said.

Covid care centre or private hos-pital, the press release said.

After a person is found Covid positive, a link to apply for home isolation is sent on their mobile number. If the patient is finding it difficult to fill the form then they could contact 75661 00283 for technical assistance.

If there is a separate room and toilet in a patient's house, then officials can permit home isolation.

The Health Department has said that if any Covid positive patients are in hiding, they should come forward and get the treatment. If Covid treatment

treatment. If Covid treatment starts on time, then patients have very high chances of full recovery, the press note said.

#### **Union Minister** tests Covid +ve. **BJP** leader dies

RAIPUR: Renuka Singh, the Union Minister of state for Tribal Affairs, tested Covid postive while the virus killed BJP Raipur Vice President Manoj Prajapati on Tuesday.

Renuka Singh, a MP from Surguja, tested Covid positive in Delhi where she is attending the monsoon session of Parliament.

Parliament.

"I tested Covid positive..

My health is fine and I was stay

My health is fine and I was stay-ing in Chhattisgarh Bhawan. I am going to AllMS for treat-ment; she tweeted.
She asked people who came in her contact to get themselves tested.
The Vice President of the BJP in Raipur and former Corporator Manoj Prajapati died of corona, BJP Chhattisgarh tweet on Tuesday evening.

### Man held with 2.50 kg gold biscuits in Raipur

STAFF REPORTER

Chhattisgarh Police on Tuesday arrested a 49-year-old man and seized gold biscuits weighing 2.50 kg valued at ₹1.25 crore here.

Raipur Senior Superintendent of Police Ajay Kumar Yadav told The Pioneer that Ashok Bera, a resident of Professor Colony in Raipur, was intercepted in a car (CG-04, ML-3978) near Magneto Mall in the Telibandha police station limits

is. The man first insisted he had no gold biscuits but these were found in the



car, the officer said. He failed to produce documents showing their ownership.

The man later told the police that he

purchased the yellow metal from West Bengal

and brought it to Raipur for selling it. The man also confessed to evading income tax, the officer

biscuits as well as the Yadav said.

### **HC** dismisses plea against appointment of ex-IAS officer

STAFF REPORTER

In a major relief to the Congress-led government, the Chhattisgarh High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition challenging the appointment of retired IAS official Alok Shukla on contractual basis in May.

Alok Shukla on contractual basis in May Justice Goutam Bhaduri said the government exercised the power of relaxation of rule 17 of Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Contractual Appointment) Rules 2012 to appoint him, Shukla's counsel Aayush Bhatia told The Pioneer. Shukla was given addi-tional charges of Chairman of Chhattisgarh Board of Secondary Education, Chairman of Chhattisgarh

BJP spreading falsehood



Professional Examination Board and Principal Secretary in Skill Development, Technical Education and Employment Department. BJP leader Naresh Chandra Gupta had filed a writ petition challenging the contractual appointment of Shukla.

### **Raman Singh seeks free** treatment for Covid-19

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

Accusing the Chhattisgarh
Accusing the Chhattisgarh
Agovernment of failing to
stop the spread of Cowd-19,
former Chief Minister and senior BP leader Raman Singh on
Tuesday sought free medical
treatment to those in need.
The government has also
failed to provide the necessary
infrastructure in hospitals for
treatment of patients, he said in
a statement to the media.

He demanded free medical

He demanded free medical treatment to those in need. In the prevailing situation, people are already facing an economic crisis. With fixed rates in hospitals, it would further add to the woes of the people, he said.

Dr Raman Singh said: "The former BJP government in the



and the National tratic Alliance (NDA) ment led by Prime Democratic Alliance (NDA) government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started Health Smart Card and Ayushman Bharat scheme respectively for free treatment of various health ailments.

cheme has a limit of ₹5 lakh

scheme has a limit of \( \)5 lakh. Had they been in place, they would have played a major role to the beneficiaries."

But after the Congress came to power in the state, in the name of providing \( \)20 lakh limit of medical treatment, it launched the 'Universal Health Scheme'. The scheme has not

Scheme. The scheme has not been implemented, he added.

Now, the state government is asking people to cough up medical charges and pats itself for fixing the rates for the treatment in private facilities, he researched with the control of the con

pointed out.

The BJP leader said now people are coming out on roads to protest on a daily basis in large numbers. This will further spread the epidemic.

### Special emergency services for Covid-19 patients

STAFF REPORTER

The Raipur district ▲ auministration has issued special telephone numbers to provide home isolation facility as well as ambulance and emergency

ambulance and emergency support emergency services for Covid-19 patients. The Emergency Support Centre can be reached on 0771-2445785, Home Isolation Assistance on 75661-00283 and the Daksh Command Centre located at the Collector's Office on 0771-432020. If people peed ambut.

If people need ambu-lance service to transport patients from home isola-tion to the hospital in an emergency, Deputy Directors A.O. Lari



(94063-46840) and D.K. Singh (88397-78979) can be contacted between 6 am and 6 pm. For ambulance service,

For ambulance service, Project Officer Harikrishna Joshi (95255-43148) and Assistant Project Officer S.K. Joseph (98261-23957) can be con-tacted between 6 pm and 6 am.

Compress Committee said on Tuesday.

Countering the allegations by Dr Raman Singh, PCC spokesperson Sushil Anand Shukla said if the former Chief Minister is so concerned over the treatment of people, he should ask the Central government to ensure free of cost treatment. Shukla said a false propaganda is being spread regarding lack of beds and oxygen cylinders in the state.

There is no doubt that the number of Covid-19 cases has risen in the state. But based

about Covid-19: Cong This has now expanded to 29 specialised hospitals

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colleges and additional19 private hospitals C'garh now has 186 Covid-19 Care Centres, 2,283 oxygensupported beds

and 842 ICU beds on increasing numbers, the government is making all arrangements for treatment and increasing the resources,

he said.

Shukla said that in March the treatment for Covid-19 was limited to AIMS, Raipur. This has now expanded to 29 specialised hospitals including medical colleges and additional19 private hospitals.

Chhattisgarh now has 186 Covid-19 Care Centres, 2,283 oxygen-supported beds and 842 ICU beds.

Similarly, the testing is now done in 28 district hospitals on wo done in 28 district hospitals and all community health centres. Six medical colleges and 4 private labs are holding RT-PCR testing, he pointed out.

RI-PCR testing, he pointed out.

He urged opposition leaders to play a positive role and support the demand of 150 ICU beds from the Central government in AIIMS, Raipur. The leaders can also ask the Modi government to provide free medical treatment across the country.

### C'garh to issue new guidelines on nutrition

STAFF REPORTER

The Chhattisgarh The Chhattisgarh govern-ment is planning to issue new guidelines to all the districts to ensure nutrition among teenage girls, pregnant women and children as part of the nutrition programmes post Covid-19.

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R Prasanna, Secretary,
Women and Child
Department, announced this at
a media briefing during a webinar on nutrition on Tuesday.
He said that due to lockdown, the state government
tried to ensure that dry ration
reaches the children of

reaches the children of Anganwadi, pregnant and lactating mothers through home delivery.

Asked about lack of Anganwadis in tribal and Naxalite areas, Prasanna said the government is considering the other option of 'Phulwari'.



He said if it is a remote vil-lage having less population, an Anganwadi centre cannot be opened. In such cases, if a group of women having infants are ready, then sanc-tion will be given for Phulwari. The group will then

prepare hot food and serve it to all beneficiaries. All assis-tance will be extended to the

group to ensure eradication of malnutrition in the village. This is to ensure that nutrition reaches even the remotest areas, the official said.

Earlier, Job Zachariah, Chief of UNICEF office for Chhattisgarh, spoke on what the future will throw as a chal-lenge on malnutrition in the state, impact on children and women during and post the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr Farhat Saiyed,

Nutrition Specialist in UNICEF Chhattisgarh, threw light on central and state ignt on central and state government nutrition schemes. She also briefed journalists on how to identify malnutrition, its various rea-sons and kinds as well as its effects on growth of children.

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### LS passes Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020

### Another Bill cleared for 30% cut in MPs' salaries

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Amid Opposition's reservations about the possible entry of corporate houses, the Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed amendments to the Essential Commodities Act Essential Commodities Act and a Bill mooting 30 per cent salary cuts for MPs in the wake of economic constraints due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Though the MPs supported the salary cut, a majority of them demanded the restoration of the MPLADS funds citing its need for the dues!

modities. It is a highly centralised law. Under the law, licences are not required for purchasing produces. Why does this government rely all the time on the ordinance route? What was the link between the ordinance and the pandemic, the Government should explain, added Chowdhury.

Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister Roasaheb Patil Danwe said: "The 1955 Act was brought at a time when we faced food scarcity, now we have surplus agriculture production. In order to reduce the losses, we should have food processing units, due to non availability of cold storages, farmers suffer losses. The proposed amendment will encourage competition and it will help farmers get fair price for their produces. The consumers will also benefit." he said.

Supporting the amendments, Bhartruhari Mahtab from BJD, said there was a need to remove many restrictions in trade of agricultural tion of the MPLADS funds citing its need for the devel-opment in their respective constituencies. BJP ally Akali Dal urged the Government to clear the doubts in the minds of farmthe Government to clear the doubts in the minds of farmers on many points mentioned in the amendments to the Essential Commodities Act. Akali Dal's Sukbbir Singh Badal questioned the manner in which the ordinance was brought without having any consultation with farmers' organisations. "The most affected are the farmers from Punjab. The farmers want clarification of their doubts; they fear that the multinationals will initially offer lucrative deals and then dominate the market," said Badal. Leader of Congress in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said there are a lot of ambiguities in the amendments and this would open up the entry of big industries to enter into the

House nod to Bill for statutory status to aviation regulators

Violators to pay penalty up to ₹1 cr

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Rajya Sabha on Tuesday Rassed "The Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2020 'providing for statutory backing to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) and entailing increasing the fine for violations from ₹10 lakh to ₹1crore. The Bill was passed by a voice vote after an hour-long discussion. The Bill was passed by a voice vote after an hour-long discussion in the legislation had already been cleared by the Lok Sabha in March this year.

Under the new Act (after its implementation), any violation will attract heavy punishment, for example, violators will be punished up to two years in jail or fine up to ₹10 lakh or both. Carrying arms, ammunition, and explosives or other banned goods on board, and developing illegal construction around the airports will attract fines up to ₹10 lakhs to ₹1 crore.

Replying to the debate, Union Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the the Covernment in the last three years has recruited 1,000 air traffic controllers as against requirement of 3,500 such officials. Tindia is the third largest market globally after the United States and China, and

macy," he said. Earlier, Lok Sabha passed the bill reducing MPs' salary by 30%. "The Government has taken unprecedented mea-

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India is growing rapidly in the aviation sector, in terms of passengers' growth and aircraft in the skies," he said.

the skies," he said.
Earlier, opposition parties had opposed the Bill, and Congress' Rajyasabha MP KC Venugopal raised concern over many vacancies in the aviation industry. He also pointed out to the near-misses of the air-craft in the skies for last many years.

Former Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel said that airlines are financially stressed

Minister Praful Patel said that airlines are financially stressed due to COVID-19 and need support from the government. Stating the importance of civil aviation sector in the country, beard flights one time in a year. If this number goes up to 10-15 per cent, we would need a huge increase in the number of airports and aircraft!

Replying to issues raised by Congress member, Puri said Venugopal should look at the issue of privatisation in a historical context. The country's

es to tackle Covid-19. ₹20

vatised in 2006 under a previous political dispensation, and proceeds from the process have resulted in getting resources to develop airport infrastructure in the country, he noted. Since the privatisation of Mumbai and Delhi airports, the Airports Authority of India has received 729,000 crone, Puri said.

On the Congress charge of allotting six airports to one group, Puri said the Delhi and Mumbai airports account for 33 percent of air traffic and earnings. The six airports that were awarded in 2018 together account for only nine percent of traffic and earnings, he said.

cent of traffic and earnings, he said.

On Air India's privatisation, he said, "If I could help it, we would keep it, but with \$60,000 croe debt, the choice is not between privatisation and not privatisation. Some of my colleagues should realise that the choice is between privatisation and closing down."

However, majority of the MPs urged the Government to restore the MPLADS funds for the development of local areas. Bill brought in Rajya Sabha to give 'national importance' tag to three Jamnagar-based Ayurveda institutes



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A Bill that seeks to accord the kstatus of an institution of national importance to a Jamnagar-based cluster of three Ayurveda institutes — Institute of Post Graduate Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Gulabkunwerba Ayurveda Mahavidyladya and Institute of Ayurveda Pharmaceutical Sciences was introduced in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday.

Approved by Lok Sabha in the last session, the Bill 'The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Bill, 2020', was introduced by Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday here.

Moving the Bill for passage, Vardhan said this for the promotion of quality and excellence in education, research and training in

"Almost 80% of the fund is "Almost 80% of the fund is spent in rural areas; why are you taking away the funds meant to be spent on Scheduled Castes. Of the ₹2.69 lakh crore allocated during 2015-20 under the MPLAD

Avurveda and allied disci-

Ayurveda and allied disciplines.

"This is going to be the first institution in the country in the field of Ayurveda to be given the status of an institution of national importance. This is one of the oldest in the Government sector. 10 per cent of Ayurveda research publications are from this institute," he said.

The Institute of Post Graduate Teaching and Research in Ayurveda is the only centre, which is a WHO collaborating centre and is the only institution, where PG and research facility is available.

able.
"This is a first attempt to give such recognition to an Ayurveda institution, which has already attained an international stature," the

head, ₹2.52 lakh crore was spent, such is the efficiency," said Chowdhury, urging BJP MPs to pressurise the Government for the restora-tion of the MPLADS scheme.

Key accused in Vizag

Espionage case in NIA net

3 States account for 48.8% of total active Covid cases in India

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Of the nearly 10 lakh active cases in the country, at least close to half (44.8 per cent) are concentrated in three States — Maharashtra, Kamataka and Andhra Pradesh while Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Kerala and Telangana contribute close to a quarter (24.4 per cent) of the active cases. In contrast, there are 14 states and Union territories where the total number of active cases are less than 5,000 while 18 States and Union territories are reporting cases

ritories are reporting cases between 5,000-50,000, the gov-ernment said on Tuesday as the country's tally went past 49 lakh

lakh. India's Covid-19 tally surged to 4,930,236 on Tuesday after 83,809 new cases were reported in the last 24 hours, according to the Union health ministry.

The country also recorded 1,054 new fatalities due to the viral disease during the same period, taking its death toll to 80,776.

Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary said during a press conference here that there are 990,061 active cases and 38,59,399 patients have been discharged across the country. He added there are only four states, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, in the country where the total number of active cases is more than 50,000.

000. Bhushan also said the Bhushan also said the country's average positivity rate is 8.4% and that Maharashtra, the worst-hit state, has 21.4 per cent. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, he said account for 60 per cent of total active cases in the country.

## from BJD, said there was a need to remove many restric-tions in trade of agricultural commodities. "This reform will improve agricultural pro-duction, the Government should have done away with restriction on exports. We are self sufficient in food grains, we can counter China's loan diplomacy with food diplosures to tackie Covid-17. Callakh crore had been allocated as Covid-19 package," said Parliamentary Affairs Minister Prahlad Joshi justifying the OK PLAY INDIA LIMITED CIX: 1.2221HR1988PLC030347 Regd. Office: Piot No. 17, RocX-Mont oliustrial Estata, Fhail Nah, District - Mewat, Haryana -122103, India E-mail: investor-relations@lockplay in, Website: wew okplay; in EXTRACTS OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNADUTED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE GUARTER ENDED 30" JUNE; 2920 [Rail rising Profit (Loss) for the pe e income (after tax)]

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### Fake news triggered unexpected movement of migrants during lockdown, Parliament told

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The Union Home
Ministry on Tuesday told
Parliament that unexpected
movement of large number
of migrant workers during
lockdown was triggered by
panic created by faike news.
"The migration of a large
number of migrant workers
was triggered by panic created by faike news regarding
the duration of lockdown.
And people, especially
migrant labourers, were worried about an adequate supply of basic necessities like

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food, drinking water, health services and shelter. However, the central gov-ernment was fully conscious of this, and took all necessary measures to ensure that dur-ing the period of the inevitable lockdown, no cit-izen should be deprived of izen should be deprived of basic amenities of food, drinking water, medical facil-ities etc," MoS Home G Kishan Reddy said in a reply to an unstarred question by TMC MP Mala Roy. She had

asked the reasons why thou-sands of these labourers ended up walking home post lockdown.

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However, in reply to MP
Mala Roy's another question
regarding the number of
people who died during the
said migration, the Minister
said the Centre does not have
the data as it is not maintained centrally.
The MHA further listed
out the measures taken to
contain the spread of Covid19 in the country. On
Monday, Union Minister of
Labour and Employment
Santosh Kumar Cangwar
had informed Parliament
that the exodus saw over one
crore migrant workers return
to their native States.

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make real time forecasting of floods so as to issue timely warning to the affected people. The panel recommended both the Centre and the State government to bring an immediate end to illegal construction activities and vegetation on flood plains across the country.

The Committee has asked the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to encourage C-DAC to specifically develop supercomputer for flood forecasting system and implement 2D/3D distributed model on a very fine resolution grid for better prediction thereby increasing data size.

The Committee further

diction thereby increasing data size.

The Committee further recommends that the latest forecasting techniques presently being used by the other countries are required to be studied and a suitable method required to be adopted for purpose of the forecast

The petition highlights the issues of negligence and inattention on parts of the Ministry

### besides relevant provisions of Unawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Official Secrets Act for his involvement in espionage activities and working for Pak ISI. The case relates to an inter-national espionage racket in which Pakistan-based spies recruited agents in India for col-lecting sensitive and classified information on movement of Indian Naval Ships and Submarines. The NIA has arrested a key accused in Visakhapatnam Espionage Case, Gitfell imran (37), a resident of Panchmahal, Godhra, Gujarat. The Visakhapatnam Espionage Case of NIA, Hyderabad was registered under various sections of IPC including criminal conspiracy and waging war against the nation Flood forecasting, its efficacy should be evaluated by

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Rajya Sabha's Committee on Petitions has recommended that the country's entire flood forecasting network and its overall efficacy should be evaluated by an independent, third party expert. The Committee also recommended building of more flood forecasting stations especially and the committee of the control of the contro recommended obtaining of more flood forecasting stations, especially in States and adoption of latest technology being used in other countries to forecast floods accurately.

The Committee, headed by

The Committee, headed by Prasanna Acharya, tabled its report in the Upper House, on the petition moved by Prof Raj Kachroo, a resident of Gurugram, Haryana 'praying for development of capacity to make real time forecasting of development of capacity to make real time forecasting of floods as one in serve timely

### independent expert: RS panel 413 earthquakes recorded from Mar 1 to Sept 8 in India

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Two tremors jolted India
every day on an average
over the last six months. The
National Seismological
Network recorded 413 earthquakes in the country between
March 1 and September 8 this
year. Fortunately, 135 out of
them were of magnitude 3.0 or
lower which are "usually not
felt". The Ministry of Earth
Sciences informed the Raiya
Sabha about the quakes on
Tuesday and also enlisted that
there were five cyclones over Tuesday and also enlisted that there were five cyclones over the Arabian Sea in 2019 against the average of one per year. Also, 2019 witnessed the devel-opment of more intense cyclones over the Arabian Sea.

cyclones over the Arabian Seal of Ial Shakti (erstwhile Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation) and Ministry of Science and Ministry of Science and Technology in developing capacity for real time forecasting of floods and management of reservoirs, lack of any significant effort made by the Central Water Commission (CWC) in developing real time flood forecasting, exigency of developing the required expertise and capacity at home by roping in Universities across the country, and necessity of having legislation on Dam Safety.

Calling for evaluation of

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Calling for evaluation of the entire flood forecasting network, the Committee recommended resolving the short-

### **BSF foils Pak bid to | Bihar: 18 killed in |** infiltrate terrorists

A lert jawans of the Border Asecurity Force (BSF) late Monday night foiled a major infiltration bid along the International border with Pakistan after exchanging heavy volume firing with the group of five infiltrators in the Samba sector of Jammu fron-

The BSF jawans had even The BSF jawans had even illuminated the area using Para bombs to track down the foot prints of these heavily armed terrorists as they retreated back inside the Pak territory. The BSF authorities are

going to lodge a strong protest with the Pakistan Rangers for extending an helping hand to

these armed terrorists to sheak inside the Indian territory. A BSF spokesman in Jammu said, "on the interven-ing night of 14-15 Sep 2020, alert troops of BSF foiled an infiltration bid from the alert troops of BSF foiled an infiltration bid from the Pakistan side in the Samba Sector".

The spokesman said, initially the suspicious movement of a group of 05 terrorists was noticed on the Pakistan side of the International boundary of

noticed on the Pakistan side of the International boundary of Samba sector which was tracked by the alert BSF troops. He said, "at about 12.30 am the group of heavily armed 05 terrorists were seen by alert BSF troops coming close to the International boundary. He said the terrorists reached there tak-

lightning strikes

terrain and thick wild growth?
BSF spokesman said, "after alerting all the BSF duty points when BSF troops challenged them to stop they fired on BSF party with heavy volume of fire. BSF troops retaliated in self defence with coordinated effective fire and foiled a possible infiltration bid attempt of armed terrorists from Pakistan side helped by Pakistan rangers?

rangers".

"Area was illuminated with
the help of Para bomb and
BSF troops saw fleeing terrorists toward Pakistan side.

rorists toward Pakistan side. The area was searched but nothing recovered as terrorists could not cross the IB",BSF spokesman added.

A tleast 18 persons were killed in light-ning strikes in 10 districts of Bihar on Tuesday, even as the Meteorological Department cautioned people not to move about in open places due to fear of lightning and heavy rain in the next 24 hours.

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Lightning detection centres have been established in Madhubani, Katihar, and Gaya. Teams from the state disaster management authority have been asked to remain on standby.

Four deaths due to lightning were reported from Raghavpur block in Vaishali district, two each from Rohtas, Bhojpur and Gopalgani, and Saran districts, and one each from Patha, Begusarai, Araria, Supaul, and Kaimur and another district after heavy rain on Tuesday afternoon.

noon.

The officials said that over 330 persons had lost their lives due to lightning strikes this year, including 100 on June 24.

### Land grab case: CBI searches Lal Singh's premises in Jammu, Kathua

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) early Tuesday morning swooped down on the premises of the former BJP Minister and Chairman of the Dogra Swabhimaan Sangathan Lal Singh across multiple locations in Kathua and Jammu districts in connection with a land

Jammu districts in connection with a land grab case.

The firebrand leader had parted ways with the BIP after he was shown the exit door from the council of ministers during. Rasana rape and murder case involving an eight year old nomadic girl. Singh had later floated Dogra Swabhimaan Sangathan and had unsuccessfully contested 2019 Lok. Sabha polls from both the Lok Sabha seats of Jammu province.

According to official sources, "CBI seluths raided the residential premises of Lal Singh in Kathua and Jammu along with few other locations around 7.00 am early

few other locations around 7.00 am early Tuesday.Two separate CBI teams carried

e. CBI had formally registered a case against RB Educational Trust registered a case against RB Educational Trust, and others including the then DC Kathua (184K), the then Tehsildar, then DC Kathua (184K), the then Erhsildar, then Naib Tehsildar, the then Girdwar, the then Patwari and other unknown persons on the allegations of having facilitated the trust to possess land much beyond the ceiling limit, and submitting false affidavits in support of the trust, causing losses to the State exchequer. The raids were going on during the day across nine different locations (three in Jammu and six at Kathua) including the office of RB Education Trust. Earlier, on June 25, CBI had registered a preliminary enquiry (PE) against RB Educational Trust to probe into the allegations of illegal gratification and extraneous consideration by the revenue and forest officials of Kathua district in allowing states of the case of the state of the state

est officials of Kathua district in allowing the sale and purchase of forest land.

Pandemic-hit

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Pune sex workers

With no money to eke their living, 99 per cent 3000-0d out of work? Covid 19- hit commercial sex workers (CSWs) from Pune's infamous Budhwar red-light area have made up their mind to quit their profession and are looking alternative livelihood options, according NGO Asha Care Trust.

Trust.

Over the period of lock-down, the demand for sex work has dried down forcing sex workers to borrow loans for sur-

workers to borrow loans for sur-vival.

The findings of a survey conducted by Asha Care Trust, a forum that works towards the welfare of sex workers, reveal that 85 per cent of the workers have taken loans and over 98% of them have taken it from their brothel owners, managers and

or them have taken it from their brothel owners, managers and moneylenders, subjecting them-selves to further exploitation. Budhwar Peth is India's third-largest red-light area which nearly houses 700 broth-els and around 3,000 commer-cial sex workers.

#### J&K: Over 4 lakh receive domicile certificates

Jammu: Notwithstanding resistance shown by the separatists and mainstream politicians against acquiring Domicile certificates more than 4 lakh residents across kashmir valley have been issued these certificates by the Union Territory administration while I lakh applications were under process till September 14.

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According to a press statement issued by the Department of Information and Public relations, 'over 16.79 lakh persons across twent/districts of the Jammu and Kashmir union tertitory have been issued Domicile certificates till September 14, 2020'. As per the figures, total 2113879 lakh applied for the issuance of the certificate of which 1679520 were issued the domicile till September 14.

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The certificates issued include over 4.16 lakh in Kashmir division and 12.44 lakh in Jammu division.

The figures also revealed that 19571 West Pakistani Refugees, 2424 Balmkir community members and 765 Gorkha Community members were also issued domicile certificates under clause 2.

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AMU organises int'l virtual art exhibition PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

The Moinuddin Ahmad Art Gallery The Monuddin Ahmad Art Gallery and the Department of Fine Arts, Allgarh Muslim University jointly organised an International Virtual Art Exhibition, "A Walk In Time", in a 3D Art Gallery, Berlin, Germany with 70 invited artists from 16 countries including US, Germany, Turkey and Saudi Arabia and 115 artworks put on display in the show.

### BJP activists rally throws normal life out of gear in Kerala

Normal life was thrown out of rails by the ByTM (the youth brigade of the BIP) across Kerala on Tuesday as they took out processions and railles in district headquarters demanding the immediate resignation or sacking of higher Education Minister FI Javanjan who are in the eyes of controversies for their association with gold smuggling scan and LIFE Mission corruption charges. Things are likely to turn for the worst on Wednesday when BIP's state president K Surendran will take out a procession to the Secretariat.

ATTACK ON NAVY MAN IN MUMBAI

released on bail

TN RAGHUNATHA III MUMBAI

Seven persons involved in Friday's assault on a retired petty Navy officer at Kandivli in north-Mumbai were re-arrested by the Samata Nagar police here on an added charge of trespass, but were released on bail against a personal bond of \$15,000 each.

7 activists re-arrested,

Seven persons involved in Prinday's assault on a retired petry Navy officer at Kandivili north-Mumbai were rearested by the Samata Nagar police here on an added charge of trespass, but were released on bail against a personal bond of \$715,000 each.

The seven Shiv Sainiks—Shiv Sainiks—Shiv Sena Shakha Pramukh Kamlesh Kadam and five of their associated Sanjay Manjire, Alaesh Belnekar, Pratap Sund Vera, Sunil Dessi and Rakesh Mulik who had been arrested and later released on bail on Saturday in connection with the incident—were re-arrested on Monday night, after the Samata Nagar

demonstrators and police. On Monda the activists of the Mahila Morchcha ha shocked the police in the capital city by laying siege to the Secretariat. Hence the police came fully prepared on Tuesday morning to prevent untoward inci-dents of any kind.

ts of any kind. But the BJYM which staged a rally But the BJYM which staged a rally in front of the Secretaria retrued to disperse despite the urging by police officers. "We will disperse only after Jaleel and Jayarajan submit their resignations or the chief minister sacks these ministers," retorted VV Rajesh, general secretary of the BJP who led the rally. The Police resorted to lathi charge, bursting of tear gas shells and water cannons.

olice invoked section 452 ( ouse trespass after preparation or hurt, assault or wrongful con-nement of IPC.

Vijayan warns Opposition, alleges conspiracy to sabotage Govt's works KUMAR CHELLAPPAN III KOCHI

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday Warned those creating a raucous all over the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday warned those creating a raucous all over the State under the garb of agitations have only one intention and that is to facilitate the spread of Covid-19 pandemic across Kerala. Briefing the media, Vijayan came down heavily on the BIP and its frontal organisations which he alleged were trying to sabotage the good works his Government was doing to control the coronavirus.

his Government was using to control mayirus.

"These are not agitations but an apology under the garb of agitations. These is no situation in Kerala which warrants an agitation. Their intention is to destroy the peace and tranquillity prevailing in the State by spreading rumours, lies and half truths. The Government will take strong action against those who try to spread the Covid-19 pandemic," said Vijayan while referring to the State-wide agitations unleashed by the BJP

Govt taking all necessary steps to

prevent spread of virus: Vardhan

## awareness dialogue

Raj CM conducts corona

Jaipur: Taking every person seriously the corona epidemic, wearing a mask essentially, keeping social distancing and following the health protocol completely, the ever increasing corona infection can be completely controlled. The greatest need of the hour is that awareness of the corona be given the shape of a social movement. This emerged prominently during the Corona Awareness. Dialogue on Tuesday at a Panchayat level through video conference with expert practitioners. In addition to regional TV channels, social medial platforms - Facebook, YouTube, this awareness dialogue was broadcast live through more than 8 thousand e-Mitra Plus centers and webcasts. Live broadcast of this program got millions of people from the state and other parts of the country. Members of the state cabinet, MPs, MLAs, officials of the administration and police of the state, principals of the medical college, CMHO, PMO and doctors, Gram Panchayat level public representatives and personnel also became part of this discussion. In this open platform awareness dialogue, Dr. Naresh Trehan, MD, Medanta Hospital, Gurugram of the country, Dr. SK Sarin, Director of ILBS, New Delhi, Dr. Devi Shetty, President, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Bangalore, effectively addressed the Panchayat level Gave useful information to the people of Corona for rescue.

#### Centre approves HORC project, new AIIMS hosp in Darbhanga

New Delhi-The Union Cabinet from Palwal and end at existing Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) project and a new AllMShospital in Darbangha in poll-bound Bihar.

The HORC from Palwal to Sonipat via Sohna-Manesar-Kharkhauda will be implemented in a joint venture between the Railways and Haryana Government.

The 122-km project worth more than Rs.5617 crore will facilitate diversion of traffen or meant for Delhi and will behind eveloping multimodal logistics hubs in Haryana State subregion of NCR.

This ambitious project is expected to be completed in PNS

#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON**



General public is here by informed that one Persor Name: Dildar Hussain, Sfo Gulam Hussair Ansari, R/o H. No. 80-E, Munirka Village, Vasan Vihar, New Delhi, Age: 58 Years, Height: 5'10" Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Grey Pant and Dark Blue Shirt, Cream Colour Sweater and Brown colour Leather

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about this Person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this Person kindly inform to the following.

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#### Maha sees all time high of 551 fatalities TN RAGHUNATHA III MUMBAI

on Army veteran by BJP man TN RAGHUNATHA III MUMBAI

Maha HM orders probe into assault

In an apparent counter to the effort by the Opposition Bharatiya Inana paparent counter to the effort by the Opposition Bharatiya Inanata Party (BIP) to politicise the alleged assault on a retired Navy man at Kandivli by some ruling Shiv Sainiks, Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh of the NCP on Tuesday ordered investigations against BIP MP Unmesh Patil for the alleged assault on an Army veteran Sonu Mahajani no 2016.

Taking to twitter on Tuesday, Deshmukh said: "In 2016 the BIP MLA and incumbent MP Shri Unmesh Patil and others had attacked retired Soldier Shri Sonu Mahajan. The then state BIP Government did not give justice to Shri Mahajan. The tree state BIP Government did not give justice to Shri Mahajan. The veceived several applications in this matter and have ordered investigation in this matter."

"The offence was committed in 2016 but due to the Sente BID."

The offence was committed in 2016 but due to the State BJP The ottence was committed in 2016 but due to the State BJP Government protection to Shri Patil no FIR was filed. In 2019 on Hon'ble High Court directions a FIR was filed but no fur-ther legal action has been taken against Shri Patil and others," Deshmukh said in another tweet.

Deshmukh said in another tweet.

Maharashtra Congress general secretary and spokesperson
Sachin Sawant, who had on Sunday alleged that the BJP MP had
tried to kill Army veteran Mahajan during chief minister
Devendra Fadnavis tenure, slammed the previous BJP government for its failure to act against the BJP MP concerned.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

Maharashtra breached a landmark of 30,000 deaths on Tuesday, as an all-

deaths on Tuesday, as an all-time high 515 people suc-cumbed to Covid-19, while 20,482 more people tested pos-itive for the pandemic in vari-ous parts of the state. Tuesday's fatality tally of

Amid the gradual opening Aup of the economy and consequent rise in Covid-19 cases, the Government on Tuesday told Parliament that

ruesgay told Parliament that the battle against the virulent virus is far from over but asserted that the lockdown from March 25 to May 31 successfully controlled

may 31 successfully controlled the aggressive progression of the disease. At the same time, it admitted that there has been a steady rise in the number of cases in the post-lockdown phase.

Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, Vardhan said that the

government is taking all nec-essary measures to prevent the

515 is more than 495 deaths 515 is more than 495 deaths recorded in the state on September 10. With the fresh deaths reported on Tuesday, the total deaths mounted from 29,894 to 30,409.

With 20,482 fresh infections, the total infected cases in the state jumped from 10,77,374 to 10,97,856.

Of the total 515 deaths

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munity support is ensured to control the spread of the virus and break its chain of trans-

"We are in the stage of

"We are in the stage of unlocking to revive the economy and its important that sustained community support is ensured consistently to control the spread of COVID-19 infection and break its chain of transmission," he said.
"I want to remind the members that the battle against Covid-19 is far from over. I wish to inform the house that the government is taking all necessary measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19 in India," said Vardhan.

reported on Tuesday, Nagpur accounted for a maximum of 88 deaths, while there were 60 deaths in Thane, 50 in Pune, 49 each in Mumbai and Kolhapur,

each in Mumbai and Kolhapur, 38 in Sangli, 22 each in Ahmednagar and Jalgaon, 16 in Solapur, 14 in Raigad, 13 in Latur and 10 each in Palghar, Nashik and Aurangabad. Similarly, in the lower

range, there were 7 fatalities each in Satara, Beed and Gondia, 6 each in Mandurbar, Osmanabad, Nanded and Bhandara, 5 in Yazuman, 2 each in Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri and Jalna and one death each in Akola, Amravati and Chandrapur. In addition, 5 persons from other states or countries died in Maharashtra.

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#### NORTHERN RAILWAY Name of work Provision of IP Phor with its location HQ Office. Approx. Cost of the work ₹34,95,196.78 only Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Raily 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055 Date & time for upload the tender/ Tender uploading/closing date & time closing of tender 14.10.2020 up to 15:00 hrs. See the Northern Railway www.ireps.gov.in & Notice boar branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, St Road, New Dalbit 19998 8-Sig-16-Tele-OT-920 Dated: 14.09.2020 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified body of a male namely Unknown, Sio: Unknown, Roy. Unknown, Roy. Unknown was found on 10.09.2020 at Shree Ram Steel 215, Sarai Pipal Thala opposite Metro Pillar No. 98 near Adarsh Nagar, Delhi. Admitted in BJRM hospital, Delhi. Vide MLC No. 163558/20. During the treatment the doctors declared him dead. Dead Body has een preserved in BJRM hospital mortuary for 72 hrs for eintification, in this regard DD No. 86-A, dated 10.09.2020 as been lodged at Police Station Mahendra Park, Delhi. lentification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 45-46 Years, Height: 5'3" Face: Ovel, Built: Medium, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Blue light If anyone have any information or clue about this male decease may kindly be inform undersigned.

Police Station, Mahendra Park, Delhi Ph.: 011-27632501, 8750870227 DP/383/NW/2020

General public is hereby informed that one lady (depicted in the photo), Namely: Kajal, W/o: Jeevan, R/o: Jhuggi No. B-46/57, Balmiki Camp, Lawrence Road, Delhi, Aged: 19 years, has been missing (along with her daughter Sakshi, Age: 05

months) from Jhuggi No. B-46/81, Balmiki Camp, Lawrence Road, Delhi, since 31.08.2020. In this regard a case vide DD No. 19A, Dated

DP/375/NW/2020.

02.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Keshav
Puram, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:
Height. 5' Fed. Complexion: Shallow , Face: Round, Built: Normal
Clothing: Unknown Colour Sult Salwar. Clothing: Unknown Colour Sult Salwar.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing lady and her daughter, may inform SHO, Keshav Puram, Delhi at E-mail:

cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 S.H.O P.S. Keshav Puram, Delhi Ph: 011-27181325, 27156090





General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Gaurav, S/o Mukesh Kumar, R/o H.No. A-590, Dhobi Kumar, R/o H.No. A-590, Dhobi Ghat, Delhi Cantt., New Delhi, Age: 10 years, Height: 4', Complexion: Shallow, wearing Blue T-Shirt, Black Half Pant and Chappal, has been missing from the jurisdiction of P.S. Delhi Cantt, New Delhi since 231.08.2016. In this regards a FIR No. 283/2016 U/S 363 IPC, dated 01.09.2016 has been lodged at P.S. Delhi Cantt. New Delhi.

New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/259/SW/2020 Tel.: 0 SHO P.S. Delhi Cantt. 4368641 New Delhi Tel.: 011-25693161, 25694444

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of that an unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 30-35 years, Height: 5' 6', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Hair: Black, Wearing: Brown colour pant and bare feet, who was found at the



footpath opposite Red Fort Ring Road, Near Monkey Bridge, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 46A Dated 09.09.2020 has been registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.

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

DP/560/N/2020(UIDB) P.S. Kotwali, Delhi Tel.: 011-23977100, 23953442, 8750870121

H.O.: "ULIVNAL", Maharani Bajin Q.W.S. Road, Geler Engishoese 0135-72598, Fax 0135-725 CIN No. Udo1910/20050025080 (Hesbitz www. Letter No.: 551 <u>E-Tender Notice</u> Date: Haridwar, Pauri Garhwal (Utlarakhand), invites online i interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:



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### No dignity of labour

Govt coldly denies compensation to dead migrants saying it doesn't have data. Can it heartlessly ignore facts or credible media reports?



enjamin Disraeli once said, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics." Perhaps this is what the Government has internalised in dealing with a national crisis. Since it doesn't believe in any kind of data collection that has not been commissioned by it, it denies that there has been any migrant death during the pandemic-induced lockdown. It doesn't matter that its white lies are caught out by countless heart-breaking stories in the media of labourers turfed out of their city jobs overnight, forced to trudge back to their villages and without money, succumbing to hunger and illness on the way or even to destitution at their homes.

without relief or dole of any kind. This denial of reality by the Government is not only brutal in its insensitivity but also a shabby disowning of its responsibility in keeping a nation together in the middle of an unprecedented crisis. Worst, its inhuman response came on the floor of the Parliament where, to a question on whether families of those who had lost their lives while trying to reach home during the lockdown had been compensated, the Union Labour Ministry put out a clinical statement that since there was no data on migrant deaths, the "question does not arise" of relief and aid. Even if one were to assume that the concerned Minister, his office and bureaucrats had for some curious reason blacked themselves out from news about India's worst reverse migration, how does the Ministry explain its own admission that more than one crore migrants made their way back to their home States from various corners of the country? Can it blithely assume, therefore, that no hazard befell them, considering most were daily wage earners and had nothing to fall back upon? Hungry, sick and walking for days, were they in an endurance test on a reality show where their deaths could be easily dismissed as collateral damage? Is the figure not an indication of the jobs lost in the country's largely unorganised labour market? For once, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi reacted rightly, tweeting, "If you haven't counted, have the deaths not taken place?" Also, how can the Government discount the deaths recorded by its own Railway Ministry of the many migrants who died on Shramik trains that were organised much later to ferry them back home? Or were run over by trains as they fell asleep on tracks, exhausted and beaten? More than 1,400 road accidents killed 750 people, including 198 migrant workers, between March 25 and May 31.

Even if the Government doesn't believe in statistics, the world does. Especially, those that come from credible organisations of long standing and which are relied upon by pol-icy-makers themselves. The International Labour Organisation (ILD) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have already listed that 41 lakh jobs were lost in the country during the pandemic. A World Bank report in April indicated that the livelihood of nearly 40 million internal migrants had been affected. Recently, the Centre for Monitoring India Economy (CMIE) said that five million salaried people had lost their jobs in July alone while that figure had peaked in April at 17.7 million unemployed. Further, 37.5 million students have been out of campus and are staring at a year without prospects. Without direct cash transfers, the credit-based stimulus packages, which address structural facets of the economy, have made little sense to the wage earners. A lot of them have sought refuge in the Mahatma Gardhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), participating in schemes with a 100-day work assurance. Such is the plight that there has been a surge in enrolment with even degree holders (MA, BBA) and self-employed youth signing up for project work and digging as they have lost their jobs in the cities. About 14 crore people across the country have MGNREGA job cards. The Government will need a massive ₹2.8 lakh crore if each card holder can get a guaranteed 100 days of work this year. Still MGNRE-GA, in its present form, alone cannot take care of the returning migrants unless its scope is extended to include agricultural activities. The Centre did well by raising the allocation for this scheme but a chunk of this has gone in clearing arrears. Even this financial year began with pending wage and material liabilities of ₹16.045 crore. An allocation of ₹1 lakh crore for FY 2020-21 would mean that ₹84,000 crore is available for employment generation this year. Besides, even with the scheme receiving the highest allocation since it was abon mis year. Bestoes, even with the scheme receiving the nighest allocation since it was first rolled out, it accounts for just 0.47 per cent of the GDP. This is much lower than the World Bank's recommendation of 1.7 per cent for optimal functioning. The second chal-lenge is of uniform implementation as States with differing priorities and machineries are entrusted with it. With fund leakages and corruption at the level of local self-Government, the scheme has gone askew in many places. There has been a consistent demand for expanding the number of work days beyond the existing 100 days but the national average number of days employed per household in the last four years has been just 47. May be this is an opportune moment to align the scheme with economic imperatives. But more needs to be done. While individual States are already setting up job portals to list returnee workers with their skill sets and allocate them appropriate work zones, this ought to be pan-India so that labour-starved States can benefit too. Till we value the labourer, recovery will be a chimera, a smart India a paper town. Besides, *atmanirbharata* can truly take off when we value and respect fellow human beings and not deny their existence.

### **Equality in marriage**

Going through courts will only harden extremist viewpoints on same-sex spouses. There needs to be a public debate



hen the Supreme Court struck down the penal provisions of Section 377 that criminalised all but vaginal intercourse, it effectively removed the legal persecution of homosexual relationships. Now a group of petitioners has approached the Supreme Court asking that it mandates that same-sex marriage be legalised in India. Surprisingly, for some in the LGBTQ community, this petition is being led by Right-wing agent provocateur Abhijit lyer-Mitra, who has identified himself as a homosexual for many years. Yet the Solicitor-General (SG) of India Tushar Mehta, arguing before the Division Bench, has toed the cultural line that our val-

ues will not allow us to recognise same-sex marriage.

Make no mistake, a same-sex marriage has been a contentious and highly debated issue for many years in many parts of the world. In Australia, the debate ran for years until a much-publicised direct referendum approved it and allowed lawmakers to legislate to that effect. This newspaper feels that same-sex marriages should ideally be first debated in the public sphere and then in Parliament because any changes to laws governing marriage would have to be effected in the legislature, not in courts. That will take a certain amount of time and that will allow for the hardest views against such a move to soften as happened in the US. Going through the courts will only harden the viewpoints of religious and social extremists of every hue. The signature of a judge does not do away with centuries of discrimination and hate, which are very often wrapped up in what we call "values." This is why the view of the SG is disappointing, and ideally he should have argued that this is something for Parliament to discuss and the time is right for the discussion to start. Anyone who understands the legislative process knows that such a major change will take time but unless a process is started, no change can ever take place. Is the time right for India to start discussing how to legalise same-sex marriage? Yes, it is. And we should have no pretence that our values do not allow such things. The law should not discriminate against same-sex marriages and the shared rights of partners. And like in most other nations where same-sex marriage is now legal, the happiest people are always the divorce lawyers, because same-sex marriage means same-sex divorce as well.

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## PLA's 'Peace Disease'

Battle experience cannot be bought and this could expose the Chinese chimera on the battlefield



BHOPINDER SINGH

one less than the Chinese leader X Chinese leader Xi Inginging himself has conceded that the ing military, the People's Mord's largest standing military, the People's Liberation Army (PLA), with more than 2.1 million active duty strength, is afflicted by the "Peace Disease." Since taking over the reins of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) as the General Secretary and chairmanship of the Central Military Commission (CMC) in 2012, Xi has unleashed transformational investments and restructuring in the PLA in terms of doctrinal; and on-boarding of weapon platforms. Yet, he remains acutely conscious of the combat inexperience that besets a military force that has not been tested since 1979, where it came a cropper against a decidedly inferior. Vietnamese force. Importantly, the Vietnamese force. Importantly, the Vietnamese forces that had fought the Chinese in 1979 were still blood-soaked from fighting the American forces for nearly two decades, and had even worn out the supposedly better organised, trained and equipped military then. The essential mass of the Chinese PLA in 1979 had last seen faull theatre-level combat only in the early 1950s (Korean War) and soldiers, therefore, were raw and untested when they had taken on the Vietnamese. They were soon made to pay a price for lazily assuming that a larger force, better equipment and aggressive posturing could compensate for combat inexperience. It is this foreboding pertaining to the obvious inexperience of today's PLA that continues its optics of aggressive posturing intimidation and global expansionism.

There are other elements compounding the "Peace Disease" that are pertinent in questioning before the proper intitated against the PLA Generals in the initial Xi years and elevating his own "young guard" of post-1979 vintage but the essentiality of "unity of command" in a Chinese combat unit (at compa-

ny levels) is always diluted and compromised with the shared command responsibility of the political officers, who are responsible for ensuring the non-military task of loyalty to the party, i.e. CCP. A vital chink in the structural formation of the PLA is the relative under-development of the non-commissioned officers (NCC cadre), which is invaluable for operational efficacy. The steel of the Indian Army that shone in the Kargil operations was attributable among other things to the "junior command" that led from the front, where the role of NCO cadre was significant. Unlike the militaries of India (or ever Pakistan), which are bloodied in real time operational experience in internal urgencies or restive borders, the Chinese "Peace Disease" comes with accompanying laxities. Even the 1967 Nathu La and Chinese "Peace Disease" comes with accompanying laxities. Even the 1967 Nathu La and Cho La border clashes in the Indo-China history were symptomatic of a recalibrated Indian military that was by then battle-hardened and in a very different frame of mind from the Indian military of 1962. Undoubtedly, China has embarked on mammoth military investments that ensure that its annual budgetary allocation (estimated at \$261-266).

that its annual budgetary auto-cation (estimated at \$261-266 billion in 2019) towards its armed forces is almost four times that of India. There is debatable realism about the Chinese claims in cutting-edge military technologies (the military technologies (the Chengdu J-20 Stealth '5th gen



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eration fighter plane) or about the quality of training, restructuring, command systems and so on. Despite its claimed proficiency in indigenous weaponry, China has openly sought 5-00 and 5-400 anti-aircraft systems, SU-27 and SU-35 on and S-400 anti-aircraft systems, SU-27 for mRussia, among other platforms and technologies to "reverse engineer." But where the Chinese score over countries like India is in the way they have internalised "security" as an integral component of their national vision, international manoeuvres and strategic calculus for all policy decisions, be it internal or external. Whereas, beyond selective invoking of the "Indian soldier" whenever tensions looms, the Indian governance has diminished the role, relevance or priority on defence matters and only displays kneeigerk or politically competitive "investments" in the said domain. Ironically the mismanagement of India's domestic affairs by its political classes has ensured that the armed domain intonically the mismanagement of India's domestic affairs by its political classes has ensured that the armed forces have not suffered any "Peace Disease."

Battle experience is one of the most important features that determines the fate of forces, along with others like lethality of weapons, processes, leadership, numerical strength or even environmental factors like social, cultural or political moorings, lapans" "banzai" culture and motivation levels could compensate for material disadvan-

tages. The numerically far-superior and experienced Iraqi military (after the decade long Iran-Iraq war) got decimated within 100 hours by the superiority of American weapons, training and professionalism in the first Gulf War. At the same time, the same battle-experienced and obviously more professional American military has been forced to "pull out" of Afghanistan when faced by the rag-tag Taliban militia who neither have the matching weapony, training, nor the infrastructural wherewithal.

The Chinese awkwardness with the reciprocal stare-down

infrastructural wherewithal. The Chinese awkwardness with the reciprocal stare-down at Doklam, Galwan gallantry and recent operations of the Indian Army in occupying advantageous heights is reflective of the "Peace Disease" that has been sought to be compensated by sabre-rattling, deceit and troops/infrastructural build-up.

Lieutenant General He Lei of the PLA had famously remarked a couple of years ago that his biggest regret before retiring was that he never fought a war – his successors are even more distant from war experience, whereas, those on the other side may have other concerns and deficiencies, but "Peace Disease" is certainly "Peace Disease" is certainly concerns and deficiencies, but "Peace Disease" is certainly not one of them. Battle expe-rience cannot be bought and this could expose the Chinese chimera on the battlefield. (The writer, a military vet-eran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands)

#### SOUNDBITE

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Afghanistan Ambassador —Adela Raz



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the T20 format. It will be there for all to see during the IPL. You have to plan every time.

Pakistan has fully facilitated the process that culminated in the US-Taliban Peace Agreement in Doha on February 29 and has reached this juncture.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister
—Shah Mahmood Qureshi



I am Black, son of a Black, grandson and great-grand-son of a Black. I am proud and do not see myself as different from anyone.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Where is the logic?

Sir — The recent statement by the Government in Parliament about not maintaining records or the non-availability of data about the actual number of deaths of migrant labourers and the total number of job losses is immature and illogical. On one side, the Government had proudly announced a package of \$20 lakh crore to meet the losses occurred due to the lockdown along with infinite advertisements about it. On the other hand, it has simply denied sharing the actual position of the migrant labourers. The working class, along with the tarmers, are regarded as the backbone of the economy and if they remain unemployed, then the GDP of the nation will never recover. The Government must the GDP of the nation will never recover. The Government must seriously consider the situation as the GDP is at an all-time low and unemployment has broken all previous records. It cannot disown labourers.

Sir — It is noteworthy that Janata Dal (United) MP

Navneet Seth Punjab

#### Crime graph shoots up in Goa

Onsidering the sudden spate of high-profile exposes, involving drugs, gambling and fake-currency notes in Goa, one is led to believe that crime is a perennial affair and not the consequence of the

is a perennial affair and not the consequence of the vagaries of the economic scene prevalent at any time of they war. Although reveiling in its fame as a highly sought after fourties destination, it would not be wrong to state here that Goa has also been much maligned by activities of riminal gangs and their nexus. Goa has frequently been in the news for gambling, sex and drugs. Crimas like rage, murder and gang wars are the inevitable consequences. Sadly, the Government has not done anything exceptional to dispen locitions of the State being a vice capital of the nation. While it is contended that Goa withingsed vicinally garden was in force, it would immly that the policing during this period was at its best. imply that the policing during this period was at its best, where the stern measures adopted deterred any crimi-nal activity. Or was it the fear of the virus that kept those with a criminal bent of mind indoors?



It would, however, be unfair to criticise Goa Police for failing to take advantage of the IuII period to subse-quently improve the law and order situation in the State. Simply because alertness levels and vigilance are endent on manpower and there is an acute shortage

Harivansh was re-elected as the Harivansh was re-elected as the Deputy Chairperson of Rajya Sabha for the second consecutive term after defeating the Opposition's candidate, Rashtriya Janata Dal's Manoj Jha. It was been more than a year after the 17th Lok Sabha was constituted that the constitutionally mandated post has been filled.

NR Salam Abe's legacy

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Sir – Japan's governing party has elected Yoshihide Suga as its new leader to succeed Shinzo Abe. Suga received 377 votes and won the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) elections, which were held after Abe

him to continue Abe's policies. Suga is known for his iron fist and getting the job done. He is reformist and has worked to achieve policies by breaking ter-ritorial barriers. His efforts in achieving a bosm in tourism and decreasing cellphone bills are praiseworthy. He is expected to continue the stepped up alliance with India, one that Abe had worked hard on with our Prime

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Minister Narendra Modi. Sanjana Soni

#### A clarification

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In an article dated August 5, 2020, titled Turning liability to asset, authored by Prof Courary August 5, 2020, titled Turning liability to asset, authored by Prof Courary August 6, 2020, titled Turning liability and the following paragraphs were inadvertently attributed to him. They were in the nature of collaborative information. "...Merely privatising the PSBs will get us nowhere. Along with this move, the need is for sector-specific reforms. In his book, What the Economy Needs Now, Rajan (former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan) has suggested that privatisation be just one element of the overall reform process. It should not become the foremost plank in banking sector reform and is fraught with adverse consequences. To put it simply, Rajan is of the view that simply is solutions like privatising DSBs may be no panacea. Consolidation and privatisation of PSBs can have little to do with setting Indian banking right as these actions may be necessary but will not be sufficient by a long chalk..."

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## analysis

FIRSTCOLUMN

### **US** showing ominous signs

It would be a very big deal if the US started distributing a vaccine that has not been properly tested. Yet the signs are that this is just what is going to happen



GWYNNE DYER

Ine of the world's biggest pharmaceutical companies have ust promised not to apply for regulatory approval for any new COVID-19 vaccine before it has gone through all three phases of clinical study. Why would they do such a thing? You'd be surprised if brain surgeons got together and promised not to operate while drunk, or if the bus drivers' union publicly pledged that its members will not drive recklessly. They don't do that because operating sober and driving carefully are just part of the job. So is ensuring that new vaccines are safe and effective. Yet nine major players in the international pharmaceutics market—AstraZeneca (UK-Sweden), BioNTech (Germany), GlaxoSmithKline (UK), Johnson & Johnson (US), Merck (Germany), Moderna (US), Novaxa (US), Pitzer (US) and Sanofi (France)—all felt obliged to reassure the public that they won't cheat. What's up? Obviously, it's the perception that other players in the same market may indeed be cutting corners. We're not talking here about Russia and China, both of which have begun inoculating some key workers with vaccines that are still isted by the World Health Organisation (WHO) as being in clinical trials. No surprise here: Everybody knows that those regimes break the rules whenever they feel like it. Usually the Donald Trump Administration's actions are viewed with weary resignation by the rest of the world, but it would still be a very big deal if the US started distributing a vaccine that had not been properly tested. Yet the signs are that this is just what its going to happen. Last month at the Republican national convention, the US President told the delegates and the country. "We are developing life-saving therapies and will produce a vaccine before the end of the yea, or maybe even soone." On September 4, the US Government's Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CCC). told American health officials that "limited COVID-19 vaccine doses may be available by early November 2020."

More specifically, the CDC urged State authorities to consider "

er "waiving requirements" and grant permits to McKesson Corporation so they can start distributing a vaccine by November You don't need a weatherman to know which way the wind blows The presidential election is on November 3, two days later: That's long enough for the glad news to get around and floating voters to be swayed in favour of Trump, but too short for any defects to be swayed in favour of Trump, but too short for any defects inher unshed vaccine to come to light. Donald Trump is going to liberate Americans from the curse of COVID in a little less than two erate Americans from the curse of COVID in a little less than two months. If the vaccine's miraculous properties subsequently fade, even if it turns out to kill large numbers of people, that won't matter. The votes will have been counted and Trump will be back in office for another four years. That, at least, is the scenario that is currently envisaged by the people around Trump.

It is a plausible one, especially if the race has tightened by then. Just 1,00,000 votes in three States, mostly from people who

had previously voted Democratic, put Trump in the White House in 2016. A miracle vaccine could certainly swing that many votes again.

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The nine pharmaceutical majors, who felt the need to issue a "historic pledge" to uphold scientific and ethical standards, were doubtless driven by this scenario. Even if there really has been an American breakthrough, they would still have to cope with the public's suspicion that Trump is cheating — and the mistrust that will also attach to any other early vaccines. It is possible that the vaccine or vaccines that Trump is about to unleash on the American public really do work and are safe. It would be a historic first in the development of vaccines — having a COVID vaccine ready for general use by next June or July would normally be seen as a remarkable achievement — but miracles do happen. The problem is that they don't happen often, and if the full testing regime is not followed, you don't know if this is one of those times. It's only because the AstraZenea(Oxford University vaccine was going through the full third phase of tests, involving tens of thousands of individuals and many months of testing, that they spotted a bad reaction requiring hospitalisation and paused the tests.

soptied a bad reaction requiring hospitalisation and paused the tests. Now they have resumed them again. The American miracle vaccine will only start third-stage tests at the same time that it is made generally available. Pauses like AstraZeneca/Oxford University's happen often in the development of a vaccine. And the pause was temporary because one person in the UK had a side effect but later it was deemed safe to continue with the testing. But even a vaccine. Among the property because the continue with the testing. But even a vaccine. Among the continue with the testing. But even a very low-frequency bad reaction can be a mass killer when tens of millions of people are being vaccinated, and these are not des-perately sick people willing to risk anything for a cure. They are people in good health, and you mustn't kill them. (Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work.')

#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE PROBLEM OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ADDICTION IS INCREASING, DRUGS COME TO INDIA VIA CHINA AND PAKISTAN. OUR FILM INDUSTRY TOO IS AFFECTED. —BJP MP AND ACTOR





YESTERDAY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS IN THE LOK SARHA WHO IS FROM THE FILM INDUSTRY. SPOKE AGAINST IT. IT IS A SHAME. THE INDUSTRY NEEDS PROTECTION. -SP MP AND ACTOR

## Move the needle on cooling

After experiencing the catastrophic effects of climate change, it's high time for all nations to join hands in adopting low carbon pathways to restore the ozone layer





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The zoone layer, the Achille's Heel of our Earth's atmosphere, is responsible for protecting our terrestrial and marine life. The layer, which is a highly reactive and made of trace gas, constitutes about three molecules for every 10 million molecules of air and absorbs bits of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation that hits the Earth. However, decisive research in the early 1970s underlined signs of trouble in this vital blanket. In 1974, late Professor Sherwood Rowland and Professor Mario Molina at the University of California, Irvine, published an article in Nature elucidating the detrimental threats to the ozone layer from chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) gases.

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It was found that CFC, which is commonly used in refrigerants for cooling applications and aerosols,was eating away at the ozone layer once it was released into the Earth's atmosphere. The situation got worse as the consumption of CFC exponentially increased in various business and industries due to its low cost and properties, namely non-inflammability and non-toxicity.

Beginning of the world's most successful emironmental agreement Eleven years after the findings of Professor Rowland and Professor Molina, a team of English scientists, too, learnt about the hinning of the ozone layer, which is popularly known as the 'Ozone Hole.' They realised that the CFCs had started to break down the ozone, leading to the entry of harmful UV rays into the Earth's surface. This had led to an increase in skin canneer cases among humans and was harming terrestrial and marine ecosystems, too, With the objective to preserve human health and protect the environment from the harmful effects of the depleted ozone layer, the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer came into existence on March 22, 1985.

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1985.
The convention provided the framework for the Montreal Protocol (MP), the most successful environmental agreement till date to achieve universal ratification. On September 16, 1987, the United Nations (UN) and 45 other countries signed the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. It aimed to preserve the protective sheld through worldwide control, reduction and phasing out of production and consumption of zone-depleting substances (ODS). Three decades ago the speech of a Ly-qua-old girl, Severn Cullis-Suzuki from Vancouver, Canada at the 1992 Earth Summit caught the attention of leaders of par-Cullis-Suzuki from Vancouver, Canada at the 1992 Earth Summit caught the attention of leaders of par-ties and the UN in strategising expeditious mea-sures for phasedown of ODS. "I am afraid to go out in the sun now because of the hole in our ozone. I am afraid to breath the air because I don't know what chemicals are in it. If you don't know how to fix it, please stop breaking it," said Cullis-Suzuki in her landmark speech.

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In 1994, the UN General Assembly prodaimed September 16 as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, commemorating the date of the signing, in 1987, of the Montreal Protocol. Today, the Parties to the Montreal Protocol have phased out 98 per cent of their ODS, which saved an estimated two million people from skin cancer annually.
Refrigerants, the key determinants: The establishment of a regime for refrigerants started taking shape during the 18th century when the world embraced the technological advancement



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known as the vapour compression refrigerating system which later became the most successful commercial technology.

The unprecedented need for cooling resulted in the application of early adopted natural refrigerants (carbon dioxide, ammonia, subput dioxide, water and air). The first generation of refrigerants was gradually succeeded by the fluorochemicals, commonly known as Chlorofluorocarbons (FCC) and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (FCC) with a soon in this light is the sign of refrigerants was hardly looked at by researchers from the environmental perspective.

Later, their detrimental impacts on the ozone layer led to usage of Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) and Perfluorocarbons (FPC), which are not ozone depleting, but had global warming potential that can be thousands of times more potent than carbon dioxide in contributing to dimate change. During the early 2000s, the unprecedented adoption of HFC refrigerants in majority of applications led to the rise of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and the associated global warming effects.

Continuing the momentum:

Realising the colossal impact of the carbon footprints caused by HFC refrigerants, world leaders and the UN had convened at the capital of Rwanda for the 28th meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in October, 2016. The convention led to the formation of the Kigali Amendment, intending to reduce the emissions of GHGs in a move that could prevent up to 0.5° Celsius of global warming by the end of this century, while continuing to protect the coupse day a change of the carbon on the coupse of the carbon of

and the high global warming potential (GWP) HFC by the late 2040s to countermeasure global warming. Thus, swift adoption of low-GWP refrigerants can be well addressed by exploring environmental benefits as well as market readiness. However, while pushing the envelope, it is important to see the refrigerant transition from the perspective of market adaptability, maintaining the business-as-usual scenario. The overall environmental impact of the refrigerant can only be reduced by integrant greating refrigerants with low upfront costs, energy efficiency of overall refrigeration systems and safety aspects.

For instance, merely changing a refigerant in an existing refrigeration system without modifying it may reverse the desired exonomic and environmental benefits. To avoid such scenarios, the cooling industry has been putting its efforts

desired economic and environmental benefits To avoid such scenarios, the cooling industry has been putting its efforts into designing systems to ensure commercial viability of next-generation low-GWP refrigerants. However, the use of such new systems is very limited and primarily depends on end users who are inclined to the existing systems with commonly-used refrigerants due to their costs and alterady proven results.

This year, the theme of the Ozone layer protection, commemorating the success of the 1985 Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. At the same time, the continuous release of GHG emissions into the atmosphere has resulted in the decade of 2010–2019 being the hottest-ever. After experiencing the caststrophic effects of climate change, it's high time for all nations to join hands in adopting low carbon pathways for our future generations. The deployment of usustainable energy options and the adoption of environment-friendly refrigerants in the cooling sector are expected to avoid upto 0.5° Celsius of global warming by 2100.

Cooling: India harbours16 per cent of the world's population but currently only around seven to nine per cent of its people have access to air-conditioners. Cooling is cross-sectoral, spanning wide thematic areas like space cooling, industry, transport, food security and so on. According to the 2018 International Energy Agency (IEA) report, Indias cooling industry is expected to grow exponentially by 2050. Recognising the accelerated growth of cooling needs in the future, India proactively introduced its strategic document, India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP) in March, 2019 to show its commitment to explore and adopt cut-integrating the cooling with less environmental impacts. To tackle this unprecedented growth, it is imperative for the Indian cooling industry to strategies accelerated methodologies by promoting indigenous research and development activities to practise the best energy-efficient technology options and adopt the next generation environmentally-friendly refrigerants in a business-as-usual scenario.

This can be well-supported by actions like ensuring the synergies among inter-ministerial actions, creation of a strong institutional framework to identify, certifying and financing innovative cooling technologies, fast-tracking the patenting procedures for new cooling technologies and effective implementation of existing cooling policies.

In the long-term on the demand side, the emphasis should be placed on factors and the proper desired in the surface of the cooling action from the cooling action in formatic cooling action in the manufactures and users adopting newly-developed cooling technologies and so on.

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### The death of a credible media with a backbone

Those in charge of publicity policies hardly realise that by attacking critics they are instigating an equally vitriolic counter-narrative



SIDHARTH MISHRA

The criticism of the present turmoil in the Indian media, particularly television, comes with the rebuttal of the critic being a Libtard. The next volley is about the media being sympathetic to the earlier regime too and why then no questions were asked for such sympathies. There is no denying the fact that many present-day vociferous flag-bearers, protesting the slant being brazenly projected in the media, were themselves guilty of enjoying undue access and patronage, blighting the line between honest journalism and patronised pen-push-

state of Indian television. It has state of Indian television. It has more to do with the market and the revenue models. This writer worked with The Pioneer at a time and in an era when it was seen as the only major Right of the Centre English daily. But to the credit of the editorial leadership of the newspaper, despite the slant, it never discouraged contrary opinion and gave prominent space to it.

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contrary opinion and gave prominent space to it.

More importantly, it held the idological position, paying a commercial price as many Government agencies and departments worked overtime to demolish the revenue model of the newspaper. It indeed was a challenging task to be the paper of the Opposition and also being the paper of the Right of the Centre thought. The same cannot be said about the present-day votaries of the Right of the Centre ideology. It's more a case of being on the right side of the Government. Being honest to a tide ology demands a price, which these present-day pretenders did not pay then, nor are they paying now, as on both the occasions they were on the right side of the Government.

Then there is another issue.

Does being supportive of a political Does being supportive of a political thought make a media house mort-gage its right to question a Government of the same ideology? During the prime ministership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, there was this instance of a border skirmish with Bangladesh in which a Border Security Force officer was killed. His corpse was returned in a most undignified manner. The images made one shudder and at the same time angry even as the Government talked of peace.

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The front-page editorial in The
Pioner said, "Bend, don't genuflect."
Now this was a startling criticism
coming from the newspaper known
for its ideological proximity to the
Government of the day. This must
have needed much courage on the
part of the editor, and a real large
heart on the part of the Government
to take the criticism in the right spirit.

it.

The current news trend followed by the media houses, of the Government never going wrong, should make the powers that be worry. This worry should be on two counts: First, the loss of credibility of

these media houses and anchors these media houses and anchors known to be sympathetic to the Government. Second, by giving no space to the Opposition, the main-stream media has pushed it into a sit-uation where it has launched its own agitprop vehicles, expressing dis-trust in the media houses, calling them vehicles of Government propa-ganda.

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Those in charge of the publicity policies of the Government, by unleashing a vendetta towards critics, realise little that they are instigating an equally vitriolic counter-narrative. With social media and technological advancements completely democratising the media space, a Government's image cannot be lynchpinned on mere whataboutery of prime-time anchors.

We live in times where troil armies are were-ready to provide their services at mud-slinging. It's just the question of who is hiring them. While it has taken more than half-acentury to create memes of Jawaharla Modi is being subjected to this obnoxious criticism in his lifetime. Nehru and several Prime Ministers

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after him were lucky that they were subjected to such criticism by erudite scholar-catronists like RK Laxman. They were at the same time fortunate that the space of social media did not exist then, which could have dragged them into the muck.

Today counter-narratives on Government claims make it to various social media platforms within moments of being released in the public domain. Dependence on fake and misrepresented faces has come to create an atmosphere of distrust, where ready acceptance of a sews, howsoever true, is not easy.

This situation has given rise to such an atmosphere that reason is the biggest casualty. When fake information becomes a marketable commodity, there would not be very many clients for evidence-based, well-reasoned information. Left stack the cases of the "infodemic," a term coinced by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the surge of information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The contagion in fact has hit the media hardest both in matters of finances and credibility. The failure of journalists, both television and

newspaper, to go beyond the Government's briefings on the pandemic and its opinionated criticism has left the consumers of news absolutely chary. Nobody has a clear picture on where the virus is steringthe world.

If there is distrust for a product, there obviously would not be a market for it. The market searches for such products which can be easily consumed. So here is a case of a market looking for news products. In fact, the present situation reminds one of Italian dramatist, novelist, poet and short story writer Luigi Pirandellos early 20th century play titled, Six Characters in Search of an Author. The initial reception to the play from the audience was it being incomprehensible. It was only after Pirandello added a foreword to the play a few years later that it came to be better appreciated. The connoisseurs of news are today eagerly waiting for the foreword to the current incommensurable media scenario. (The writer is projessor-chairperson, Vivekananda School of Journalism and Mass Communication, VIPS, GGSIPU, Delhi)





DO NOT ISOLATE THE ELDERLY

A survey of British doctors has found that almost nine in 10 expect a second peak of the Coronavirus in the next six months. Data suggest the rate of viral transmission nationally is again lurching out of control. A national lockdown may be only weeks away. The Government must find a way to ensure that the elderly and vulnerable do not endure an autumn and winter of total isolation from their loved ones. (The Guardian editorial)



IRAN PLANNING TO AVENGE SOLEIMANI KILLING -

### Trump: Retaliation will be 1,000 times greater

Washington: President Donald Trump has warned Iran that any attack against the US would be retaliated with "1,000 times

any attack against communication of the retalisted with "1,000 times greater in magnitude" after media reports that Tehran is planning to avenge the killing of top general Qasem Soleimani in January.

The death of Gen Soleimani, head of Iran's elite Neuron of Gen Soleimani, head of Iran's elite near Baghdad's airport marks a major escalation in the stand-off between Washington and Tehran, since US President Trump withdrew from the 2015 nuclear deal and imposed crippling sanctions.

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Iran had vowed to seek revenge for Gen Soleimani's killing.
"Any attack by Iran, in any form, against the United States will be met with an attack on Iran that will be 1,000 times greater in magnitude!" Trump said in a tweet after news reports emerged that Iran is planning some kind of attack against the US.

"Iran may be planning an assassination or other attack, against the US in retaliation for the killing of terrorist leader Soleimani, which was carried out for his planning a future attack, murdering US Troops, and the death & suffering caused over so many years, Trump wrote.

In a news report based on unnamed intelligence sources, the Politico said "the Iranian government is weighing an assassination attempt against the American ambassador to South Africa Lana Marks.
"If carried out, it could dra-

South Africa Lana Marks.
"If carried out, it could dramatically ratchet up already
serious tensions between the
US and Iran and create enormous pressure on Trump to
strike back — possibly in the
middle of a tense election season," the American news outlet said.

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An intelligence source told
Fox News that the intel com-Fox News that the intel com-munity is taking the threat against the ambassador seri-ously and believe the Iranian

Iran has in the past American ambassadors --which is partly why the intel-ligence community is taking this particular threat assess-ment seriously, the news chan-

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Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said in a statement that the said in a statement that the assassination allegations were

assassination allegations were part of ongoing anti-Iranian propaganda by the Americans ahead of the elections scheduled for November 3.

Meanwhile, reacting on the reports South Africa's State Security Agency (SSA) said that it has noted the rising public interest on the matter and would like to assure all South African citizens and interested parties that the matter is receiving the necessary attention."

### Iran warns US against strategic mistake after Trump threat

Tran warned the US on Tuesday against making a "strategic mistake" after President Donald Trump threatened Tehran over reports it planned to avenge the killing of top general Qasem Soleimani. "We hope that them a control

manı. 'We hope that they do not "We hope that they do not make a new strategic mistak and certainly in the case of any strategic mistake, they will wit-ness Iran's decisive response," government spokesman Ali Rabici told a televised news

Rabiei told a televised news conference.

A US media report, quoting unnamed officials, said that an alleged Iranian plot to assassinate the US ambassador to South Africa was planned before the US presidential election in November.

"Any attack by Iran, in any form, against the United States will be met with an attack on Iran that will be I,000 times greater in magnitude!" Trump wrote on Twitter on Monday.

Rabiei expressed regret that ne president of a country who is claims to global manage-ent and order would make ment and order would mass hasty, agenda-fuelled and dubi ous remarks on such a weal

basis."

He warned that reacting to such reports would "achieve nothing but disruption to the region and to world calm" and advised Trump to "refrain from fresh adventurism... for the sake of winning a new term as president."

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On Monday, the foreign ministry denied the report of an assassination plot as "baseless" and part of "repetitive and rotten methods to create an anti-Iranian atmosphere".

Relations between Washington and Tehran have been tense ever since the Islamic revolution of 1979. They have deteriorated sharply since Trump unilaterally pulled out of a landmark international nuclear deal with Iran in May 2018 and reimposed crip-May 2018 and reimposed crip

### Navalny posts hospital photo of himself, plans Russia return

Berlin: Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny posted a picture of himself from his hospital bed in Germany on Tuesday, looking gaunt but looking wryly about his condition and saying that he was enjoying the ability to finally breathe on his own after being poisoned with a nerve agent. The Instagram post was the first image of the 44-year-old released since he was taken to Berlin's Charite hospital two days after falling ill on a domestic flight in Russia on Aug. 20.

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"Hi, this is Navalny," he wrote in the Russian-language post. Thave been missing you. I still can't do almost anything on my own, but yesterday I managed to breathe on my own for the entire day." Navalny had been kept in an induced coma for more than two weeks as he was treated with an antidote before hospital officials said on Sept. 7 that his condition had improved enough for him to be brought out of it.

On Monday, the hospital said he had been removed from mechanical ventilation and was able to leave his bed for "short periods of time." In the

ture from Navalny's Instagram account

photo, Navalny is being given a hug by his wife Yulia and is flanked by his two children as he sits upright in his bed in a hospital gown. His statement even had the ring of his well-known sarcastic humor. "just on my own, no extra help, I didn't even use the simplest valve in my throat," he said of being able to breathe without ventilation. "I liked it very much. It's a remarkable process that is underestimated by many. Strongly recommended."

Despite his recovery, doctors have said they cannot rule out long-term health issues associated with the poisoning. Navalny's spokeswoman, Kira Yarmysh, tweeted that once he had recovered, Navalny plans to return to Russia. "No other option has ever been considered," she wrote. Leonid Volkov, a top associate of Navalny, refused to give any details on his condition or his possible return when reached by The Associated Press on Tuesday. AP

#### No info on reported detentions in Taiwan. says Hong Kong

Hong Kong: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said Tuesday that Taiwan has not disclosed information about the reported detentions of five Hong Kongers who may have attempted to flee there by boat to escape possible prosecution at home under a tough new national security law for the work of the work Carrie Lam said Tuesday that Taiwan has not disclosed information about the reported detentions of five Hong Kongers who may have attempted to flee there by boat to escape possible prosecution at home under a tough new national security law. The Hong Kong government reached out to Taiwan on Monday but has yet to receive a reply, Lam told reporters before a weekly meeting with davisers. We have no information, and haven't received any assistance requests from family; she said.

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### US issues sweeping new travel warning for China, Hong Kong

es "arbitrary detention and exit bans" to compel cooperation with investigations, pressure family members to return to China from abroad, influence civil disputes and 'gain bargaining leverage over foreign governments."

"US citizens travelling or residing in China or Hong Kong, may be detained without access to US consular services or information about their alleged crime. US citizens may be subjected to prolonged interrogations and extended detention without due process of law," the advisory said.

#### China successfully launches 9 satellites into orbit from ship

Beijing: China successfully launched on Tuesday a solid-propellant carrier rocket from a ship in the Yellow Sea, send-

a ship in the Yellow Sea, send-ing nine satellites into orbit in the second such sea-based alunch mission, the official media reported.

The Long March 11-HY2, the 10th member of the Long March 11 family blasted off at 9:22 am from the Debo 3, a self-propelled deck barge that was modified for the mission, China Daily reported.

The nine satellites belong to the Jilin-1 Gaofen 03-1 group.

The nine satellites belong to the Jilin-1 Gaofen 03-1 group. About 13 minutes later, after travelling 535 km, it has deployed nine Jilin 1 high-res-olution Earth-observation satellites, three to take videos and six to take photographs in sun-synchronous orbits, the report said. *PTI* 

### Germany plans to take in 1,500 refugees from Greek islands

AFP BERLIN

Gernany plans to take in 71,500 migrants currently taking shelter on Greek islands, government sources told AFP, in addition to around 150 unaccompanied minors from the burnt- out Moria camp.

Under a plan agreed by Chancellor Angela Merkel and Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, Berlin will take in migrants who have already secured refugee status, ging priority to families with chidren, the sources said.

Merkel's right-left coalising overnment is in talks over the plan, with her junior partner Social Democrats expect-

ing a deal by Wednesday.

After a fire laid waste to Greece's biggest refugee camp Moria last week, pressure has grown on Merkel's government to offer refuge to the 11,500 left homeless by the disaster.

aster.
While Berlin has voiced While Berlin has voiced readiness to open its doors to more than the 150 minors, German media reported however that Athens opposed Germany taking in more asylum seekers from Moria.

Doing so may incite more migrants to set fire to their shelter in Greece in the hopes they would then be offered refuge by Europe's biggest economy, according to Bild daily.

#### Boat capsizes near Libya, 24 migrants presumed dead: UN

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Cairo: The UN migration
agency said on Tuesday that a
boat carrying migrants bound
for Europe capsized in the
Mediterranean Sea off Libya,
leaving at least two dozen people drowned or missing and presumed dead, the latest shipwreck
off the North African country.
Safa Msehli, a spokesperson
for the International
Organisation for Migration, told
The Associated Press that Libya's
coast guard intercepted three
boats on Monday, and one of
them had capsized.

AP

#### Around the Globe

Baghdad: A roadside bombing targeted British diplomatic vehicles in Baghdad on Tuesday, the British Embassy and Iraqi officials said. There were no injuries but the attack is fueling concerns of armed groups outside of the state's control.

Washington: US President
Donald Trump said Tuesday he
would have "no problem" selling
advanced F-35 warplanes to the United Arab Emirates, despite objections from close ally Israel.
"I personally would have no
problem with it," he said on Fox
News. "I would have no problem
in selling them the F-35."

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Statement of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2020								
rticulars	Quarter Ende	Quarter Ended						
	30-06-20 31-03-20		30-05-19	31-03-20				
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)				
Total Revenue From operations	4,290.72	10,638.73	11,400.50	38,333.59				
Net Profit/Loss for the Period (Before Tax)	13.69	76.24	59.22	287.37				
Net Profit/Loss for the Period (After Tax)				272.09				
Total Comprehensive Income	13.69	76.24	59.22	272.09				
Equity Share Capital	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04				
Reserves(Excluding Revaluation Reserves)				6,603.53				
Earning Per Share(of Rs. 10 Each)								
Basic :	0.08	0.47	0.36	1.67				
Diluted :	0.08	0.47	0.36	1.67				
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Tel.: 91-11-23843000 Fax: 91-11-23846000 EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2020

SI.	Particulars		Year Ended			
No.	77077777	30.06.2020	30.06.2019	31.03.2020	31.03.2020	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited	
1	Total Income from operations	2,723.63	3,327.29	3,335.30	13,435.82	
2	Net Profit for the period before Tax	57.97	48.53	4.23	221.78	
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	37.02	75.09	19.58	180.72	
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising	37.02	75.09	18.67	179.81	
	Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]			3270	100000	
5	Equity Share Capital	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	
6	Other Equity			1.	3,504.85	
7	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10 each)		2000	2000	120100000000000000000000000000000000000	
(a)	Basic (₹)	0.89	1.80	0.47	4.34	
(b)	Diluted (r)	0.89	1.80	0.47	4.34	

Notes: 
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015.

The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Websites (www.bseindia.com/corporates) and on the Company's website www.cosco.in.

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FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30 2020 (In L.

Quarter Ended | Lakhs Except EPS)

Particulars	30.06.2020 (Un-audited)	30.06.2019 (Un-audited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)	
Total Income from Operations(Net)	0	0		
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(1.15)	(2.28)	1.90	
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(1,15)	(2.28)	1.90	
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(1.15)	(2.28)	1.37	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1.15)	(2.28)	1,40	
Equity Share Capital	360.13	360.13	360.13	
Earning Per Share Basic and diluted (not annualised)	(0.03)	0.00	0.04	
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e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE NO.: 08/20-21 Date : 14.09.2020

Metro Railway, Kolkata Kolkata's Pride

Tender No.	Brief Description		Quantity	Tender closing date & time
02205136	1.1 KV 3CX50 SQ. MM XLPE Insulated Copper Cable		4000 MTRS	01.10.2020, 14.00 Hrs.
	1.1 KV 4CX50 5 Insulated Copp		2000 MTRS	
02205135A	Supply, Erection,	At KGPK & KJPK	2 Sets	01.10.2020, 14.00 Hrs.
	Testing & Commissioning of Ventilation Panel	At KBEL	1 Set	
		At Mid Point	3 Sets	
		At KRSB	1 Set	
02205124	02205124 Supply, Erection,	At Esplanade Ass	1 Set	28.09.2020, 14.00 Hrs.
Testing & Commissioning of L. T. Panel  Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Ventilation Panel	At Maidan Ass	1 Set		
	At Noapara TSS	1 Set		
	Erection,	At Mid Point	3 Sets	
	At Central	1 Set		



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	STANDALONE Quarter Ended			Year Ended	CONSOLIDATED  Duarter Ended			Year Ended
PARTICULARS	30.06.2020 31.03.2020		30.06.2019	31.03.2020	30.06.2020	31.03.2020 30.06.201	30.06.2019	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	2,231.22	4,146.64	3,852.38	15,633.13	2,357.11	4,388.50	4,055.32	16,340.14
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	(79.86)	106.98	151.32	437.79	(70.69)	(38.95)	103.34	140.30
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and extraordinary items)	(79.86)	106.98	151.32	437.79	(70.69)	93.15	458.53	627.62
Net Profit for the period after Tax (After exceptional and extraordinary items)	(79.86)	182.87	104.67	422.31	(70.69)	164,64	411.88	607.74
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(79.86)	169.60	104.67	409.04	(70.69)	151.37	411.88	594.47
Paid Up Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 10/- per share)	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised) Basic : Diuted:	(0.36)	0.83 0.83	0.47 0.47	1.91 1.91	(0.32)	0.74 0.74	1.86 1.86	2.74 2.74

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20-21/13 Dated:14-09-2020. PCMM/CLW/DKAE on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established clectronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender's is/are for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.freps.gov.in. These are E-Tenders; only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. For detailed instructions please refer to website. Sl.; Tender No.; Osseription of Stores; Qiy; Due On; Cost of Tender; Qi; 34020529; Blower for Oil Cooling Unit with casing including 30 KW Motor for OCU as per specification No. RDSO/2016EL/SPEC/0123, Rev

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### **US import curbs on Chinese** | Sensex, Nifty tick higher on global textile to benefit India: Icra

on some textile imports from Xinjiang in China is likely to augur well for the Indian textile exporters, according to a

On September 14, the US On September 14, the US imposed restrictions on the import of certain products originating from the Xinjiang Autonomous Region in China, citing concerns on illegal and inhumane forced labour in the region, rating agency Icra said in a report.

The agency said it expects this development to benefit domestic textile exporters. While there were speculations of a more broad-based ban on the products originative products originative services.

tions of a more broad-based ban on the products originat-ing from the region, the restric-tions have been limited to a few entities, for now, it said. Besides banning imports of other product categories, includ-ing hair products and comput-er parts, it also includes restric-tions on some entities from the

er parts, it also includes restric-tions on some entities from the region involved in manufac-turing apparels and producing and processing cotton. Xinjiang is a major cotton-producing belt, which accounts for an estimated 80-85 per

cent of China's cotton output.
"While the immediate impact, in terms of the market

while the immediate impact, in terms of the market catered to by the identified entities, is not quantifiable, this development could have major repercussions for the global textile trade.

With China being the leading apparel exporter, accounting for more than 35 per cent of the global trade and more than three-fourths of China's cotton originating from the Xinjiang region, any extension of the ban to a wider base in China could trigger a material shift in global apparel trade in coming years, it can Ratings Senior VP and Group Head Jayanta Roy said.

Amid concerns on origination of the coronavirus from

Amid concerns on origi-nation of the coronavirus from China, there have already been reports of several internation-al buyers looking at diversify-ing their sourcing base across countries, the report opined. Several major apparel exporters from India have either already started receiving increased orders or are in active discussions with large interna-tional buyers, looking at increasing their sourcing from

India. The shift, which was previously expected to take place gradually over the medium term, could be expedited in the light of this recent development, the report added.

"While over the past few eyers, Vietnam and Bangladesh have been the key beneficiaries for a shift away from China, India also stands to gain from any such market opportunity which may arise, given its strong presence in the cotton-based apparels," Roy added.
Widening of the scope of the ban could, however, be practically challenging as the existing systems are not adequate to track the origin of the raw material.

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raw material.

Accordingly, cotton originating in the Xinjiang region could end up as yarn or fabric in another region/ country, which could be processed further to manufacture apparels.

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Further, there could be likely retaliatory actions by China, as seen over the past couple of years amid the ongoing US-China trade war, which could prevent widening of the scope of the ban, Icra report added.

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## cues; banking, finance stocks in demand to shrink 9 pc in

Mumbai: Equity indices found firmer ground on Tuesday as investors poured money into banking and finance counters amid a positive trend in glob-al markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex

The 30-share BSE Senser overcame bouts of volatility to end 287.72 points or 0.74 per cent higher at 39,044.35. The broader NSE Nifty rose 81.75 points or 0.71 per cent to finish at 11,521.80. IndusInd Bank topped the gainers' chart on the Sensex, spurting 4.03 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, ICICI Bank, Sun Pharma, HDFC and Kotak Bank.

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On the other hand, Titan, Maruti, ITC, Asian Paints, M&M, HCL Tech and Bajaj Auto were among the laggards, shedding up to 1.20 per cent. Mid and small-cap stocks extended their gains as participants wagered on increased inflows into the segment following changes in asset classification norms for multi-cap mutual funds.

Global equities were buoyed by encouraging industrial output data from China,

navirus-battered economy will shrink by 9 per cent this fiscal, and growth outlook remains highly vulnerable to either a prolonged outbreak of the pan-demic or a resurgence of prolonged outbreak of the pan-demic or a resurgence of PTI

Sebi provides clarity on penalty for

## FY21: ADB New Delhi: India's coron-avirus-battered economy will shrink by 9 per cent this fiscal the Asian Development Bank (ADB) predicted on Tuesday saying growth outlook ermains highly vulnerable to either a prolonged outbreak of the pan-demic or a resurgence of cases. This will be the first time in four decades that the Indian economic growth will contract. In its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2020 Update, ADB forceasts a strong recovery for the economy in FY2021, with gross domestic product (GDP) growing by 8 per cent as mobility and business activ-ities resume more widely. "India imposed strict lock-16 paise lower at 73.64 against

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"India imposed strict lock-down measures to contain the spread of the pandemic and this has had a severe impact on economic activity," said ADB Chief Economist Yasuyuki

rising non-performing loans

Mumbai: The rupee pared early gains to settle 16 paise lower at 73.64 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday even as domestic equity market traded in the positive

which also propelled yuan to a 16-month high. "Market breadth improved for the second consecutive day as several mid-cap stocks across diverse sectors posted handsome gains." The small-cap Index rose... 1.5 per cent today on the back of a stellar 5 per cent gain yesserday sending out a clear message that investors are looking at a more broad market rally after having witnessed a polarised market for a considerable length of time," said S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities. Sector-wise, BSE telecom, healthcare, bankev, basic materials, finance, power and utilities rose up to 1.94 per cent, while realty closed lower. Broader BSE mid-cap and small-cap indices climbed a much as 1.44 per cent. On the macroeconomic front, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said India's coronavirus-battered economy will, 33 and a low of 73.27 agai the greenback. ntestay even as domestic equivalent and the positive territory.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit witnessed high volatility. Ro opened on a strong note at 73.33, but lost ground during the day and finally closed at 73.48 gainst the US dollar, registering a fall of 16 paise over its previous close of 73.48. During the session, the local currency witnessed an intra-day high of 73.33 and a low of 73.37 against the greenback and the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.16 per cent to 92.90.

caused by the pandemic that could further weaken the financial sector and its ability to support economic growth. ADB joins a chorus of inter-

estimated the contraction at 14.8 per cent. India Ratings and Research expects contraction at 11.8 per cent, while Crisil estimates the contraction at 9 per cent. For the 2021-22 fiscal, S&P.

economic activity," said ADB Chief Economist Yasuyuki Sawada.

Sawada further noted that "it is crucial that containment measures, such as robust testing, tracking, and ensuring treatment capacities, are implemented consistently and effectively to stop the spread of COVID-19 and provide a sustainable platform for the economy's recovery for the next fisal year and beyond."

With lockdowns stalling private spending, ADB said GDP will shrink by 9 per cent in April 2021 to March 2021, sharply down from its June's forecast of (-) 4 per cent.

"The growth outlook remains highly vulnerable to either a prolonged outbreak or a resurgence of cases, with the country now having one of the highest number of COVID-19 cases globally," It said.

Other downside risks include increasing public and private debt levels that could affect technology and infrastructure investment, as well as rissing non-performing loans expects economic growth at 10

For the 2021-22 fiscal, 8xB expects economic growth at 10 per cent.

ADB said Government initiatives to address the pandemic, including the rural employment guarantee program and other social protection measures, will aid rural incomes protecting the vulnerable people, but private consumption may continue to suffer. Investment is also expected to contract as investors remain deterred by heightened risks and uncertainties. The fiscal deficit is expected to rise significantly in FY2020 as government revenues fall and expenditures rise. The Government also initiated reforms in response to the COVID-19 pandemic focusing on enhancing agriculture markets, upgrading industrial park infrastructure, and implementing the National Infrastructure Pipeline. Infrastructure Pipeline.

### US tariffs on China ruled to be illegal by world trade body

Geneva: The World Trade Organization said Tuesday that Trump administration tariffs on Chinese goods totaling more than \$200 billion are illegal under the rules of the global trade body. The decision marks the first time the Geneva-based trade body has ruled against a series of tariffs that President Donald Trump's government has imposed on a number of countries, allies and rivals alike. Trump has repeatedly criticized the WTO, which oversees international disputes

edly criticized the WTO, which oversees international disputes on trade, for allegedly treating the U.S. Unfairly.

In its decision, the WTO ruled against the Trump administration's argument that China has engaged in practices harmful to U.S. Interests, on issues including intellectual property theft, technology transfer and innovation.

The ruling, in theory, would allow China to impose retalia-

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U.S. Goods - if the process is completed. But the U.S. completed. But the U.S. Government can appeal the decision announced by the WTO's dispute settlement body, and the WTO's appeals court is currently no longer functioning largely because of Washington's single-handed refusal to accept new prompter for it.

single-handed refusal to accept new members for it. The U.S. Tariffs target two batches of Chinese products. Duties of 10% were imposed on some \$200 billion worth of goods in September 2018, and were jacked up to 25% eight months later. An additional 25% duties were imposed in June 2018 against Chinese goods worth about \$34 billion in annual trade.

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The administration has jus-The administration has justified the sanctions under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, a common tool used by the government to impose sanctions. The U.S. Argued that

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to "state-sanctioned theft" and "misappropriation" of U.S. Technology, intellectual prop-

Technology, intellectual property and commercial secrets. The WTO panel ruled that the U.S. Measures violated longstanding international trade rules because they only applied to products from China, and that Washington had not adequately substantiated its claim that the Chinese products thit with the extra duties had benefited from the allegedly unfair Chinese practices.

SBI extends OTP-based

ATM withdrawal facility

round the clock Mumbai:The country's largest lender State Bank of India will

ender State Bank of India wil nake OTP-based cash with make OIP-based cash with-drawal facility operational round the clock at its ATMs for trans-actions of ₹10,000 and above from September 18. In January this year, the lender had introduced OTP-

Theorem and introduced OTP-based cash withdrawals for above ₹10,000 between 8 PM-8 AM through all its ATMs.

For withdrawals of ₹10,000 and above, the bank's debit card-holders will now have to enter

holders will now have to enter OTP (one-time password) sent on their registered mobile num-bers along with their debit card PIN each time, a release said. "With the enablement of 24x7 OTP authenticated ATM withdrawals, we believe SBI cus-

### non-collection of margins in cash segment

New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday provided clar-ity on levy of penalty for non-collection of margins from cilentis in the cash segment by trading and clearing members. The clarification, which received various representa-tions, is with regard to levy of penalty for non-collection of other margins' on or before T+2 days from clients. The other margins' crude VaR (value at risk) margin and ELM (extreme loss margin). "If pay-in (both funds and securities) is made by T+2

tomers will have a secured and risk-free cash withdrawal experience," the bank's managing director (retail and digital bank's ming). C S Setty said. Implementing this facility throughout the day would prevent SBI debit cardholders from the risk of falling prey to fraudsters, unauthorized withdrawals, card skimming, card cloning and the likes, the release said.

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The lender has urged all its customers to register or update their mobile numbers. The OTP-based cash withdrawal facility is available only at SBI ATMs as this functionality has not been developed at non-SBI ATMs in National Financial Switch (NFS), the bank said.

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It is with regard to levy of penalty for non-collection of 'other margins' on or before T+2 days from clients

working days, the other mar-gins would deemed to have been collected and penalty for short / non-collection of other margins shall not arise, "Sebi said in a circular addressed to stock exchanges and clearing corporations. Further, it said if early pay-ing of securities has been made to the clearing corporation,

to the clearing corporation, then all margins would be

deemed to have been collected and penalty for short/ non-collection of margin, including other margins, would not arise. In case a client fails to make pay-in by T+2 working days and the trading member or clearing member concerned does not collect other margins from the client within the given time period, the same would result in levy of penalty. It is reiterated that clearing corporation shall continue to collect upfront VaR plus ELM and other margins from TM/CM as applicable from time to time," the circular said. PTI

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#### "KAVYAM"-AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Applications are invited from general public for Part booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & ents thereof (details available at the Departme nt website, i.e. tcpharyana.gov.in).

#### **Project Details**

1.	Project Approvals	Coronaer/Developer, Agartiar Ready Ltd. License Not Year: 101/2017, Building Plan Approved on 06.07.2018 Haryana RERA Registration No. RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/2018/23 dated 22.11.2018.
2.	Location	Sector 108, Gurugram, Haryana
3.	Provisions	Project Area : 5 acres comprising a total 723 no. of apartments. Community Facilities - One Community Hall of 2000 sqft and One Anganwad-cum-Creche of 2000 sqft.
4.	Apartment Details	Category 1: Part Draw of 48 no. of apartments of 512.50 sqft (approx.) carpet area and balcony(les) with an aggregated area of 130.30 sq.ft (approx.) with a two-wheeler parking. Category 3: Part Draw of 25 no. of apartments of 488.30 sq.ft (approx.) carpet area and balcony(les) with an aggregated area of 79.73 sq.ft (approx.) with a two-wheeler parking.
5.	Allotment Rate of Apartment (all inclusive)	Category 1: Rs. 21 lakhs/ apartment, Category 3: Rs. 19.93 lakhs / apartment. The above rate is an all-inclusive cost of apartment as per rates prescribed under the policy notified vide no. PF-27(4992't dated 19.08.2013 & amendments thereof (details available at the Department website, ie. tcpharyana.gov.in).  * Statutory & government taxes are as applicable.
6.	Payment Terms	With application:Booking amount, i.e., 5% of cost of flat.     ii. On allotment Additional 20% of cost of flat.     iii. On allotment Additional 20% of cost of flat.     iii. Balance 75% of the amount in six equal monthly installments over three year period.     No interest shall fall due before the due date of payment. Any default in payment shall invite interest as provided in rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority. Rules, 2017.
7.	Broad Specifications of the Apartment	2 BHK + 3 Balconies 2 BHK + 2 Balconies (Otetalled specifications are provided, in application form)
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The overall level of exam was easy as compared to the previous years, says **ANURAG TIWARI** 



## ET ANALYSIS

A couple of terms beyond the NCERT domain.
 Two questions required linguistic

The NEET 2020 was conducted on September 13, 2020 from 2 to 5 pm. Over 15 lakh students had registered for the exam. The exam was overall easy.

Here is a detailed analysis of the paper.

- PHYSICS

  Difficulty level: Easy in comparison to previous years.
  About 30-40% questions directly based on the NCERT textbook.
  Easy calculations.
  Questions asked from the prescribed syllabus only.
  No controversial questions.

#### CHEMISTRY

- CHEMISTRY

  Difficulty level: Easy to moderate
  Physical Chemistry: 16 Questions
  Organic Chemistry: 13 Questions
  Inorganic Chemistry: 16 Questions
  All questions based on the NCERT
  extbook. Statements directly taken
  from the NECRT rextbooks.
  Straightford executions.
- Straightforward questions & easy to

- Not lengthy. Students should have completed the Chemistry part within 45 minutes. Enough time for revision.

  Barely a few calculations.

  An average student should have been able to attempt approximately 40 questions with ease. While others could have attempted 44 questions.

DIFFICULTY level was high in comparison to previous years

XI — 25 questions & XII — 18 questions

Two controversial questions with

■ Iwo controversial questions with more than one correct answer
■ Two questions were beyond the NCERT textbooks.
■ Majority of questions were conceptual in nature with a few fact-based questions as well
■ Not at all lengthy.

ZOLLOGY

Difficulty level: Moderate with a few exceptions.

Multi-conceptual questions requiring incisive thinking and precision.

Some questions were tricky & lost in terminology.

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  Overall, the questions were quite thought provoking requiring alertness of mind and critical approach.

  Comprehension, application & synthesis required to interpret the questions.

#### Detailed analysis: Physics: The Physics section was

Detailed analysis:
Physics: The Physics section was easy as compared to previous years' papers. About 30-40% of the questions were directly based on the NCERT textbook. Graphs, data as well as some statements were directly picked from the NCERT textbook. Calculations were comparatively easy. All the questions were from the prescribed NEET syllabus with absolutely no controversial questions. Mechanics dominated with 12 questions followed by Electricity with 9 questions and Modern Physics with eight questions. Overall, we can say, Physics was easy.
Chemistry: The Chemistry section was of easy to moderate difficulty level. All the questions were from

the prescribed NEET syllabus and completely based on the NCERT text-books. In fact, statements were directly picked from the NCERT textbook. Questions were straightforward and easy to comprehend.

easy to comprehend.

There was one controversial question with more than one correct answer. Overall, the Chemistry section was not lengthy and students should have completed this part in 40-45 minutes. With minimalistic calculations, an average student should have been able to attempt a proximately 40 questions with ease, while others would have been able to attempt a minimum of 44 questions.

Botany: The Botany part was of high difficulty level in comparison to previous years. While 25 questions were tested from class XI syllabus. 18 questions were from class XI syllabus, 18 questions were from class XI syllabus, and based on the NCERT textbook, the prescribed syllabus and based on the NCERT textbook, two questions were within the prescribed syllabus, and based on the NCERT textbook, two questions were beyond the two questions were beyond the NCERT. The questions were concep-tual in nature and required great con-

ceptual and application-based under-standing. There were also a few fact-based questions. Plant Physiology dominated with 9 questions followed by Ecology and Genetics with 7 ques-tions each. Overall, the Botany part was not lengthy and should have been completed in the stipulated time neriod.

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Zoology: The Zoology section was of moderate difficulty level with a few exceptions. Some questions were tricky and lost in the terminoly. A couple of terms were also beyond the NCERT domain.

The questions were multi-conceptual in nature and required incisive thinking and precision on the part of students. While two questions tested linguistic provess, others required comprehension, application and synhesis to interpret the questions. Human Physiology dominated with 12 questions followed by Animal Husbandry & Biotechnology with 10 questions and Biomolecules with 6 questions.

Overall, the questions were quite thought-provoking and required alertness of mind and critical approach.

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The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty.

### Second NATA 2020 held

Architecture (NATA) for admission to first year of five year BArch degree Programme for the academic year 2020-2021 has been successfully conducted by the Council of Architecture (COA), all over India on September 12, 2020. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Aptitude Test was conducted in two modes i.e. Centre Based and Home Based and candidates were free to choose the mode convenient to them as a comprehensive

choose the mode convenient to them as a comprehensive online aptitude test with both components — Part-A (Cognitive skills for Drawing and Visual Composition Test) and Part-B (Test on Scientific

Ability & General Aptitude) to be answered on PC/laptop. The HBT mode was intro-duced by the Council for the

The second test of National first time as an online proc-Aptitude Test in tored examination using Architecture (NATA) for Artificial Intelligence technol-

Artificial Intelligence technology.

A total of 30999 aspiring candidates enrolled for second test out of which 22289 candidates appeared for the examination. 8202 candidates appeared from their homes and 14087 candidates appeared for online examination in 158 designated centres pan India and at one centre in Dubai in two shifts.

The Centre-based Test was conducted duly observing all

The Centre-based Test was conducted duly observing all protocols/ SOPs mandated for the safety of Candidates at the test centres. The result will be declared on or before September 17, 2020. The best score obtained by the candidates out of the two tests shall be the final valid score for admission.

### BTech programme

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Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Electronics & Computer Engineering, and Computer Engineering, and Computer Engineering, and Figure 1997. The admissions will be granted on the basis of either JEE Mains (Quality in JEE Main examination and eligible to write the JEE Advanced 2020 exam) or valid SAT Subject Test Scores or SAT Scores or ACT Scores

## Get readv

The gaming sector today has evolved beyond its nascent stages to transform into a broad field. The industry offers a series of career options, says ARVIND BALAKRISHNA



Online gaming is one of the largest segments within the entertainment industry. In India, the online gaming market currently stands at \$930 million and is projected to reach \$3.7 billion by

the online gaming market currently stands at \$930 million and is projected to reach \$3.7 billion by 2024. Several factors including the advancement of digital infrastructure, the proliferation of low-cost smartphones, and improved quality and engagement of gaming content are contributing to this market volume, reveals a report by Maple Capital Advisors.

According to the report — Gaming — India Story, India is now home to more than 400 gaming startups with mobile gaming parturing 85% share of the total online gaming market. The profound growth of India's gaming industry makes it amongst the most promising sources of employment. There are ample career opportunities available for both

freshers and experienced candidates across a wide variety of job roles. It is also a good time for gamers who want to turn their passion into a career.

Opportunities galore

The gaming sector today has evolved beyond its nascent stages to transform into a broad field. The core industry offers a series of career options such as game developer, game designer, game dester, and game managemer, scriptwriter, audio engineer, game tester, and game management. Additionally, there is a heightened demand for graphic designers, security engineers, product managers, operations personnel, supply chain managers, legal professionals, and marketing managers.

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For gamers, large PC companies, as well as small gaming startups, now organise large-scale gam-

ing tournaments wherein participants can win attractive cash rewards and gaming merchandise. The emergence of real-money skill gaming, too, has presented an earning opportunity for gaming

earning opportunity for gaming enthusiasts.

Pursuing a career in gaming While the arrival of online gaming in India can be dated back to 2000s, it was only in this decade when gaming became a part of the mainstream entertainment culture. Hence, the job prospects in the gaming sector were fairly restricted up until a few years ago. Today, however, pursuing a career in gaming can be highly rewarding and satisfactory. Moreover, many gaming companies allow many gaming companies allow employees to work on flexible hours and/or even work remote-

When it comes to qualifica-tions, most recruiters in the gam-

ing industry focus primarily on technical skills and applied knowledge over professional degrees. However, if ones to become a game developer, having an engineering degree is mandatory. For aspiring game designers, there are several diploma and certificate courses offered by premium institutes. The minimum eligibility required for applying for these courses is Class XII. Besides this, one should be well acquainted with digital tools such as Photoshop, Maya, Max, Substance Designer et. In terms of remuneration, freshers start with a modest salary, but experienced professionals can earn up to \$10.4 Tel Jalks or even more. Analysing the future potential

## $Upskilling \ is \ key$ One in four employees in India lost their jobs between March-May alone and there is

still a downward trend in the job market. Today, the one and only way to sustain the crisis is upskilling, says DEEPSHIKHA KUMAR ANAND

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For millennial entrepreneurs, digitalisation is a holistic and inchise strategy for optimum utilisation of an organisation's resources, including human resources. Therefore, the pandemic has led many futuristic organisations to receptively embrace digital learning solutions for the training and upskilling of their employees. Now, accessing industry leaders is no more a luxury for small businesses. Like corporates, they too can empower their employees with the experience and insights of eminent personalities and consultants.

With better digital infrastructure

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With better digital infrastructure and high penetration of communication devices, businesses across the world are benefitting their employees with bespoke learning programmes and training modules. And, unlike exorbitant conventions and seminars involving hefty consultation fees of industry

experts, venue expenses, and a large amount of logistics expenditures, e-learning is quite frugal and doesn't require breaking the bank expenses. Localisation or language preference is another useful feature of these busi-Localisation of language preference is another useful feature of these business-oriented learning programmes. The availability of curated content in multiple languages is a great support learners who are not well-versed in the English language. Besides, e-learning training programmes are useful in developing both hard and soft skill among employees. Now, using e-learning training modules, employees in any region or time zone can access the tail-lored training programmes of the industry experts. And, unlike exorbitant conventions and senimars involving hely consultation fees of industry experts, senime expenses, and a large amount and efficiency of the consultation fees of industry experts, senime expenses, and a large amount and efficiency in the programme of t frugal and doesn't require breaking the bank expenses.

The writer is the Founder & CEO of Speaking

### SRM MCHRS signs MoU with NIS

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The SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCHRC), Kattankulathur and National Institute of Siddha

and National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Tambaram have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) by which the two will now able to achieve excellence in patient care, research and medical education. Present for the MoU signing were SRM MCHRC's Pro Vice Chancellor (Medical and Health Sciences) Dr 1t Col A Ravikumar, Dean (Medical) Dr A Sundaram, Medical Superintendent Dr K Thangaraj, Associate Dean (Research) Medical and Health

Sciences Dr M Balasubramanyan Director of National Institute of Siddha — Tambaram Dr R Meenakumari, Professor and Hospital Superintendent at NIS, Dr

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SRM MCHRC and NIS will henceforth jointly offer certified short and long term courses, conduct jointly sponsored research, academic and clinical activities, publish books and journals, develop reference materials, training methods and services, offer advisory/consultancy services.

It may be recalled that SRM MCHRC and NIS had joined togeth-er to battle COVID-19 through Allopathy and Siddha.

### New CSIA president appointed

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S Ashish Garg, President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India, has been unanimously elected as the President of the Council of Corporate Secretaries International Association, for the year 2021.

Corporate Secretaries International Association was established as an association was established as an association in the year 2010 in Geneva, Switzerlandand then again reconstituted as a company limited by guarantee in Hongkong in the year 2017, to facilitate, develop

and promote the profession of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals and to assist in creation of such organisations in countries where it doesn't exist.

Governed by a Council of members and representatives from each national member organisation, CSIA has more than fourteen member countries from each catering to 100000 governance professionals across the globe. With the strengthening of the Governance Structure in the country and with its growth as an inclusive nation in the Global

Corporate Governance map, India Inc. has already made head-way in achieving its goal of becoming one of Global Corporate Leaders. Appointment

of CS Ashish Garg, as the President of CSIA, would bolster the ambit of this growth. A fellow member of the ICSI, a Post Graduate in Economics (MA.) and Commerce (M.Com.) and a Law Graduate (ILLB, from Vikram University, Ujjain, CS Ashish Garg holds almost over 19 years of experience with specialisation in Corporate Leaston in Corporate Leagle Counselling to Companies, Under his empirical anddynamic leadership and his pragmatic approach, CSIA is sure to accomplish its missionstatement.

#### Placement opportunities

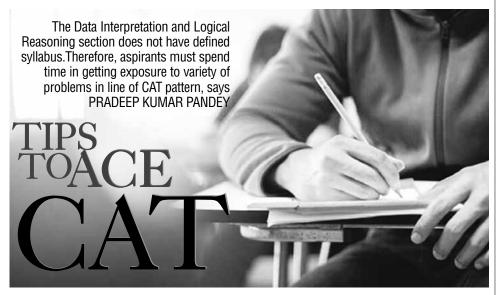
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With the Covid-19 VV pandemic cut-ting down jobs oppor-tunities, India's leading ting down jobs opportunities, India's leading training, and skill development institute ICA Edu Skills has switched over to the virtual placement drives to help students get employment. The institute has created a milestone by placing their more than 200 students in Accounts & Finance stream in the key IT

companies across the globe.

As the institute specialises in accounts, finance, taxation, and other job-oriented courses, they have got 206+students placed in the last four months (April-July 2020). But for all sectors combined, the placement record is over 5,000 in these four months.

The students bagged an average package of over ₹2-₹3 lakh per annum.



In the last three CATs, there was no sub-section in the name of DI and LR and majority of sets were amalgamation of DI and LR. So, practicing something off-beat and unconventional from quality material will provide a big boost to your preparation. The BUJLR section of last three CATs were medium to difficult level with quite a few easy and doable sets which one should have handpicked and scored decent marks. One has to be flexible in his strategy while attempting this section. Scanning the section intensely and prioritising the doable sets is the key to fetch a decent percentile score. Problem sets of DILR can be primarily divided into following types.

Type-I: Solo DI Sets:

Questions are designed on a data set based on Tables, Bar graphs, Line charts, Pie charts, Routes and network diagram, Triangular diagram, Scattered Graphs, Bubble graphs, Cob-web graphs et or the combination of two or more ways. Questions are more of calculation intensive name of n the last three CATs, there was

interpretation. Some elements of arithmetic like variations, ratios, percentages, averages, weighted mean, reverse weighted mean are also required in formulations and calculations. Students equipped with the requisite arithmetic skills and know the art of minimising the unnecessary calculations have an edge.

the unnecessary calculations have an edge. Type-II: Solo LR Sets: LR problem sets are based on Linear and circular arrangements, distributions, orders and sequenting, floor arrangements, binary logic and selections. Ability to comprehend questions followed by the correct and complete interpretation are the key attributes to succeed in concluding the sets. Sometimes the questions are framed in such a way that you mark an obvious looking answer which is often wrong. Beware of the language trap, if required revisit the restrictions to narrow down the possibilities, and again

down the possibilities, and again reinterpret and fine tune the skele-ton in progress made to reach the conclusions. Never select the sets just on the basis of familiarity. just on the basis of familiarity. Decision-making of doable sets are

One should scan DI/LR section and

sets which seem to be the first choice. Student should attempt this section in two rounds of approximately 30 minutes each

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based upon complexity or number ariables in problem sets. Type-III: Topic Based DILR

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Sets:

Test takers are familiar with
DILR sets based on the topics like
Cubes, Venn-Diagrams, RoundRobin & Single elimination
Tournaments, Maximisation and
Minimisations based on Venn-diagrams etc only because of some
sort of familiarity, Problem sets
from these topics could be a kind
of trap to woo the test takers.
Although questions are from
familiar area, there is need to read
the complete set with mindfulness
to gauge the exact difficulty level.
Type-IV: Mixture of DI and
IR Sets.

LR Sets:

A few sets were based on mix of DI and LR sets like Reasoning based DI, Maximisation -minimisation questions based on DI, Quant based reasoning based upon Linear and circular arrangements, distributions and selections. Test takers needs to practice the quality materials in order to get accustomed with new types of DILR sets.

Type-V: New Puzzle types:

Test takers have witnessed Test takers have witnessed several new puzzle types like Sudoku, matrix and grid, cryptography, coding-decoding, new type of quant-based reasoning in the recent past. Test makers used these problem sets as a kind of surprise elements to test on the spot thinking and ability to deal with various parameters and constraints. One needs to solve these sets with full concentration and absorb all the information given. Detailed reading and underabsorb all the information given. Detailed reading and under-standing of the set might take about 3-4 mins but once you find the set on the doable lines and are able to crack the set successfully, the investment would be a big dif-ferentiator.

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One should scan DI/LR sec-tion and identify the sets which seem to be the first choice. Student should attempt this section in two rounds of approximately 30 min-utes each. In the first round all the easily doable sets should be tar-geted. In the second, moderately difficult sets should be targeted. The time limit for each round could vary.

could vary. The writer is Academic Head, TIME, Delhi

### 'Fashion needs to reinvent now'

The present pandemic is changing the world rapidly especially the fashion industry. Hence, it is important to add creative concepts of practical use to curriculum, says MITHUN BHARDWAJ

CUrriculum, says MIT

Online classrooms present particular challenges for students seeking hands-on skills but creative solutions are on the horizon. While some of these changes may or may not be permanent, certain tectonic shifts in industries like fashion are inevitable. If ever there was a time for fashion to reinvent itself, it is now.

Myths versus reality: Expectations of impractical, uncomfortable work attire are floating away. People will consume fashion in a different way now; this means more personalisation for brands, relaxed fundamental clothing and the need for students to get closer to understand the pulse of the modern age customer.

While fast fashion is flying out of the shelf, durable and sustainable clothing is making its presence fell like never before; style will sure take a 360-degree turn in post COVID-19 world. So while the virus continues to flex its muscle, new curriculum should be added where they should be taught to create creative concepts of practical, cost-effective, affordable fashion in fullence customer's journey.

Improvisation will be key: Trends in the fashion industry changes very fast with new designs or patterns come every day in the market. Designers need to keep pacing with new styles and A1 algorithms can analyse designs through images to copying popular styles. The 3D virtual polything in the salvent of the salvent of the salvent can allow the salvent are not well equipped with handling these softwares will play an important part in the fashion education now more than ever. More tech apps are comine in

before. Making them learn these soft-wares will play an important part in the fashion education now more than ever. More tech apps are coming in which are using augmented reality and virtual reality to give a new con-sumer experience while shopping and these technologies should be inculcat-ed in the syllabus. They should learn how to fill skill gaps in the fashion industry, many fash-ion degrees offered by universities focus too much on the design and mar-



Mithun Bhardwai

keting aspects of fashion, failing to teach students the revenue aspect of it and how the brand will be scalable in terms of number. They should also be taught how to build brand which will be scalable in

build brand which will be scalable in terms of revenue.

Technology is crucial but will not replace craft: However, as important as digital technologies become, at the same time there will be a growing inter-est in traditional craftsmanship. As many consumers are going for local, crafted products instead of generic, mass-produced options.

nany consumers are going not rockar, carfied products instead of generic, mass-produced options. The kinds of skills that fashion students should be acquiring now and into the future have more to do with how they are thinking and using design, rather than skills specific to a certain technique or process. While there are platforms that allow students to construct patterns, drape and fit virtually, these will not entirely replace the need for hands-on training with the crafts-man as we know it today. If anything, we may see the more traditional crafts-man techniques being used in tandem with newer digital technologies and more hybrid learning models where students study through a combination of on-site and online education.

Businesses across the world have been ravaged by the disruptive disturbances caused by the novel Coronavirus pandemic. As physical meetings and gatherings are largely prohibited due to the virulent dissemination, going virtual via digital pathways will prove to the new all-embracive norm for the year 2020. This will bode a tremendous and perhaps an irreversible impact on businesses worldwide, as the optimisation of technology is set to change the way companies think and act.

Businesses that have crossed over to the digital side are constantly lepopartized by a plethora of cybersecurity attacks from threats such as malicious software, viruses, malwares, etc. developed by sinister hackers

and other cyber-criminals. These attackers and other cyber-criminals. These attackers can quickly invade a company's private space and steal or destroy data and assets worth millions of dollars. Therefore, building strong, robust and meticulous cybersecurity strategy and overarching cybersecurity architecture for the company is of the utmost essence under the present circumstances.

According to a report by Mordor Intelligence, the cybersecurity market stood at an impressive \$161.07 billion in 2019 and is projected to reach a whopping \$363.05

is projected to reach a whopping \$363.05 billion by 2025, growing at a CAGR of 14.5% between the period 2020-25. In the light of cybersecurity events and breaches occurring at an increasingly torrential pace, the market

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for cybersecurity solutions is expected to rise further. According to a PWC- DSCI report, the cybersecurity segment in India too is slated to reach a value of over \$3 billion by the tear 2022, while surging at a CAGR of 16%.

Even in India, the demand for Even in India, the demand for cybersecurity personnel is expanding at an exponential rate as businesses brace to cope with the consistently rising number of cyberattacks. With businesses facing risk of losing valuable data assets from over 4,000 cyberattacks that occur daily, the Internet is

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fast turning into an ominous haunt. Unless companies allocate resources towards building state of the art cybersecurity solution architecture to thwart these imminent cyber breaches on a daily bas businesses stand to incur phenomenally sometimes irreversible damage.

The problem witnessed by Indian tech companies is the deficiency of optimally skilled expertise to tackle the vast surfeit of cyber threats that constantly loom in the periphery salvaging an opportunity to breach the internal systems of under-protected businesses. NASSCOM reported that India alone would need 1 million cybersecurity professionals. As per job portal Indeed, India exhibits the largest demand versus supply aga for skilled cybersecurity professionals with a 150% surge in professional postings with respect to cybersecurity professional postings with respect to cybersecurity job designations in the last couple of years. This is nothing short of a perilious ordeal for companies as such a want of cybersecurity skilled resources and appositely empowered cybersecurity system can be mercilessly exploited by hackers and cyber-fiends very easily.

The need for trained personnel in cyber security software solutions is extreme businesses. NASSCOM reported that India

security software solutions is extreme alongside the necessity for comprehensive

cybersecurity fortifications and innovation architecture that armours assets like firewalls, anti-virus programmes, cloud data backups, restricted access to company data and scrupilously practicing a policy for indepth monitoring and scrutiny of potential

depth monitoring and struwiny or procure malware.

Companies also need to tap into the extensive possibilities offered by the remarkably novel tech tools like Artificial latelligence, Bij Dota and Machine learning to strengthen counter-threat configurations as revolutionary software impovations help provide suitable means and data required to determine the optimum solutions to the ornhiem.

The writer is Rakesh Kharwal MD-India Cyherhit



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Eligibility: An applicant must be a full-time participant and demonstrate aptitude, research skill, material and/or

and demonstrate aptitude, research skill, material and/or performance-related productions and activities. The participants need to upload unof-ficial transcripts, letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and language ability proof. Admission requirements: The participants must have an undergraduate degree in applying to a graduate degree programme. Language requirement: Oversees applicants are suggested to take the TOEFL or IELTS test for demonstrating their English language ability. How to apply: There is no additional application for the grant. All eligible participants will be considered for the grant, after the enrollment in a master or a PhD degree program at the university. Application deadline: The university accepts applicants in three terms. Summer term: May-August; Fall term: September-December and Spring term: January-April/Check deadlines according to the course and term.

The UC Laura J Clad Memorial invites applications for International Scholarship in New Zealand, 2020 to under-take a thesis for the degree of master and PhD. Benefits: The sponsorship will be awarded worth up to \$2,400.

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Eligibility: The applicant must have to apply for a thesis for the degree of MSc or PhD in the field of Ecology and Environmental Science at the University of Canterbury for the academic year 2020-2021. You are required to upload a CV, statement of interest, copy of passport and statement of purpose. Admission requirements: If you are going to enroll for a degree at UC then you must have at least an upper second-class, undergraduate honors degree or equivalent international qualification degree. Language requirements: Applicants must achieve the minimum standard in a recognized English language.

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How to apply: If you want to join this program, then you have to be a university student through applying for a PhD and masters degree course at the University of Canterbury. After taking full-time enrollment, candidates can apply for the award.

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Application deadline: September 19, 2020

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#### WEB DESIGN AT THE DREAMER DESIGNS | STUDY ABROAD -

### New points-based immigration system opens

The UK Government has announced student and child student route to make immigration system user-friendly

he UK Immigration Minister Kevin Foster MP has Kevin Foster MP has announced that a Student route and Child Student route will open on October 5, 2020 to

will open on October 5, 2020 to the best and brightest Indian students as part of the Government's commitment to introduce a new points-based immigration certains certains.

points-based immigration system. He made the announcement on a visit to The University of Cardiff where he met with Indian students along with the CEO of Study Group Emma Lancaster. The group provides international student pathway programmes leading to undergraduate and postgraduate degree level study at the university and at leading universities across the UK. Following the welcome

Following the welcome announcements which mean Indian students will be able to progress onto their studies without returning home to apply for a new visa, the Minister and his civil service team held a roundtable discussion with the Study Group on issues relating to international students.

The Minister reassured his

commitment "to make our immi gration system much more user friendly and to work with busi-nesses and communities to make sure the system works for

eryone."
Speaking of the new student route which has positive implica-tions for Indian students choos-ing U.K. universities, the Government said: "International Government said: "International students play a key part in the government's agenda to unleash the UK's potential now that we have left the EU. They make important contributions economically, academically, and financially. "Launching the student route early sends a clear message to

"Launching the student route early sends a clear message to the world we want the best and brightest to come to the UK to study at our globally renowned education institutions. "There will be no limit on the number of international students who can come to the UK. This will held to increase the total

will help to increase the total number of international students choosing to study in the UK higher education system each year to 600,000 by 2030, as set out in the International Education Strategy published in March

#### IN BRIEF -

#### **SURVEY: POSITIVE CHANGE WITH NEP 2020**

The Indian education system is ready to embrace a change if we go by the latest Brainly survey. The world's largest online learning platform for students, parents, and teachers, Brainly, students, parents, and reachers, oranny, surveyed its Indian user base on the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The findings, based on responses from 4,036 Brainly users belonging to various academic levels — indicate the students look forward to the policy. The intent is to prepare students by promoting value based education for real-world

based education for real-world challenges. The concept is already popular amongst the students as 66.8% are amongst the students as 66.8% are aware of the announcement. In fact, a majority of respondents believe the technology can play a role in learning at the school level. 65.6% of students think apps, satellite TV channels and online courses can help understand the subject better while only less than one-fifth could

In the survey, 60.3% of students preferred the idea of choosing subjects over hard streams like Arts, Science, etc over hard streams like Arts, Science, etc. as it gives them more flexibility to pursue their favourite subjects. Only one-fifth of the Brainly users (20.4%) would like to stick to the prevalent stream-based curriculum. However, a majority (58.7%) of students prefer to be taught in a commonly accepted language as opposed to 24.8% who would like being taught in their mother tongue.
72.7% of students showed interest in

72.7% of students showed interest in learning contemporary subjects like Artificial Intelligence, Design Thinking, Organic Living, etc. at school level (middle and secondary stage). It is worth noting that the introduction to new-age subjects has been planned to make the

Subjects has been planned to make the students future-ready.

A whopping 87.7% of students expect it to bring a positive change and reduce the pressure for academic excellence.

This shows learners are willing to adopt a culture that is progressive and beyond

culture that is progressive and beyond booksh knowledge. Rajesh Bysani, CPO of Brainly said: "The learner wants to break-free from the learning model that has been rigid, rote, and focuses on grades! Instead, a more impactful education system is needed today that focuses on the overall development of students, ultimately, preparing them for all fletime. It wouldn't be wrong to say that today Brainly has built a global community that reflects built a global community that reflects having the word of the special properties of the special properties. It will be interesting to see how the new policy takes such learning methods forward."

#### TERM SYSTEM IN MBA PROGRAMME AT IIT ROORKEE

n an endeavour to revamp the curriculum in tune with requirements over time and achieve excellence, indian institute, has introduced term (Duarter) system in the two-year MBA programme wherein each year of the programme has been divided into four terms.

The objective is to drive excellence through the expansion of the knowledge base and encourage the promotion of research and of research and innovation. This initiative will put the institution in the league of premier B-schools in India such as IITs and IIMs wherein this programme structure. programme structure is running successfully.

"The term system will "The term system will allow students to explore a wider knowledge terrain through the introduction of diversified courses. It will be supplemented by practical components that will equip students with problem-solving, critical-thinking and decision-making skills," Professor Parida, Deputy Director, IIT Roorkee, said.

New German recruits make Blues debut in 3-1 away win against Brighton

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A Chelsea team featuring just two of its slew of high-profile and expensive signings got off to a winning start in the English Premier League by beating Brighton 3-1.

Timo Werner and Kai Havertz-signed for a combined \$160 million -didn't manage to score at Amex Stadium, either, with Chelsea's goals coming from Jorginho, Reece James and Kutt Zouma. League by beating Brighton 5-1.

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indthe, with Chelsea's goals
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Zumas' was the most crucial, the right back's
swerving piledriver from 30 meters regaining the lead for Chelsea at 2-1 in the 56th
Stadium, either, with Chelsea's goals
minute, just two minutes after Brighton
equalized through Leandro Trossard.
Zumas' deflected volley from a corner
in the 66th then gave Chelsea some breath-



ing space.
"It hought we were OK," Chelsea manager Frank Lampard said." I liked the work ethic and discipline of the team.
"We have been together for four days.
... To expect everything to click on day one would have been difficult."

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**REECE JAMES AND** KURT ZOUMA.

While Havertz was fairly ineffec-While Havertz was fairly ineftec-tive in his position on the right of midfield, fellow Germany interna-tional Werner - the lone striker - was more impressive and earned the penalty that was converted by Jorginho to break the deadlock in the 21st minute.

Brighton midfielder Steven Alzate lost possession in centra midfield as the hosts tried to

Alzate lost possession in central midfield as the hosts tried to play the ball out from the back, Werner was played through and was brought down by goal-keeper Mat Ryan. Jorginho sent Ryan the wrong way.

Much-criticized goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga was handed a start by Chelsea manager Frank Lampard but his failure to keep out Trossard's 54th-minute shot from outside the area will likely keep the scruti-nyo nh him. Kepa seemed slow to get down as the ball squirmed beyond his outstretched right hand.

James quickly put Chelsea back in front with a stunning strike that flew into the roof of the net, and the right back sent in the corner that Zouma met with a volley that ricocheted in off Brightnot defender Adam Webster's right foot.

Of Chelsea's other offseason signings that combined to cost \$5250 million. left back Sent

Of Chelsea's other offseason signings that combined to cost \$250 million, left back Ben Chilwell and playmaker Hakim Ziyech were injured and center back Thiago Silva wasn't ready after only recently joining up with the squad.

"The players are still work-nig each other out a little bit," Lampard said. "Today we weren't as fluid as we could be ... I want us to have a lot more movement up front than we did

movement up front than we did today."

### Fuming Paire shows little effort in 1st-round loss

Benoit Paire's anger at being strictly confined at the U.S. Open after contracting the coro-navirus boiled over at the Italian Open during a farcical first-round match.

The 24th-ranked Paire threw his racket high into the air

three Jain-Tanked Faire
threw his racket high into the air
twice during one game and
showed little effort against
Italian teenager Jannik Sinner in
Jaine was forced to stay in
joslation in New York until he
tested negative — preventing
him from training. The
Frenchman criticized Rome
organizers for making him play
on the opening day of the tour
nament.

"I made only one request,
which is to play Tuesday to have
an extra day of training after
what happened to me in New
York, and because I'm playing
an Italian you put me on
Monday." Paire tweeted on
Monday." Paire tweeted on

Sunday.

Twice during the second set, Paire launched his rackethigh into the air in frustration — the second time tration — the second time coming dangerously close to hitting the chair umpire. Paire, who put on a face mask during some of the changeovers, had numerous ver-bal exchanges with the chair

with the chair umpire but received only one warning for his behavior.
During the final game of the match, Paire slammed returns of serve into match, Paire slammer returns of serve into the net in anger — with seemingly no intent of putting the ball into play. When he finally managed

to get a return into play on Sinner's first match point, Paire seemed surprised and didn't bother running down Sinner's

botner running —
reply.

"I had not played in 10 days,
staying in my room," Paire said.

"It was a good training, I'm
happy I played one hour. I even
played one hour and four min"In boxpy I hung on for

played one hour and four min-tues. Im happy I hung on for 1:04 I gave what I could. Jannik played very well.
"The result does not really matter," Paire added.
"I still have the doubles. I will try to entertain myself with Nico (Nicolas Mahut) and try to win a match."

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The tournament at the Foro Italico, where spectators are barred, was rescheduled from its usual May slot due to the pan-

usual May slot due to the pandemic.
Sinner said, "On one hand I can understand, after spending so many days under quarantine in New York. .. In the end. I did what I needed to." He moves on to meet third-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas.
Kei Nishikori — who is returning from right ellow surgery and missed the U.S. Open after testing positive for the first time in more than a year, beating Albert Ramos-Vinolas 6-4, 7-6 (3). Also in the first round, Casper Ruud of Norway rallied past

Ruud of Norway rallied past K a r e n Khachanov 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Borna Coric beat Cristian Garin

beat Cristian Garin 6-4, 6-4; Grigor Dimitrov eliminat-ed wild card Gianluca Mager 7-5, 6-1; and Filip Krajinovic beat Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 7-5.

### Murray gets French Open wildcard

A ndy Murray received a wild card into the French Open.

The former No. 1 was the only non-Frenchman of eight players to be given a free pass into the main draw of the clay grand slam which starts in 13 days.

Murray was also awarded a wild card into the U.S. Open, after his struggles with pelvic and shin injuries dropped his ranking to 129th. He went two rounds in New York, and improved to 110th, but still too low for the French Open when it published its main draw entry list.

Murray's best French Open result was the final in 2016.

Twettana Pironkova of Bulgaria and Eugenie Bouchard of Canada were the only non-Frenchwomen to receive wild cards.

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Pironkova, who made the U.S. Open her first comeback tournament since 2017 after having a son, achieved an impressive first-time run to the quarterfinals, where she was stopped by Serena Williams.

Pironkova's best result at Roland Garros was the quarterfinals in 2016.

Bouchard reached her first final in more first final in more than four years in Istanbul on Sunday and lost in a third-set

tiebreaker.
She
lost to
eventual Sharapova in the French Open semifinals in 2014, the same

### DC has firepower to go all the way: Axar

Delhi Capitals all-rounder Axar Patel on Tuesday said he has "ticked all the boxes" in every depart-ment and reckoned the franchise has

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the firepower this time to win the IPs
title, which has so far eluded them.
Mowed out of India due to a sugin COVID-19 cases, the 18th edition
of the world's biggest T20 league will
be held in the three venues of Dubai,
Abu Dhabi and Sharjah in the UAE
from September 19 to November 10.
Delhi Capitals will enter the
tournament as one of the top contenders.
Commenting on the team that
comprises some fine players, Axar
said, "With the new changes, I think



the squad looks good. With fast bowlers, spinners and all-rounders, we have covered all the bases and I

think we can become champions this

think we can become champions this time.

"Everyone looks positive in the nets and we all are in good shape."

The 26-year-old left-am spinner, who is slowly adapting to the new normal amid the pandemic, spoke about the challenges that lay ahead and the experience of training while staying in a bio-bubble.

"Obviously, with no crowd, we'll feel empty. Then, the saliva ban is going to make a big difference for the bowders.

"During initial practice sessions, I was being conscious of not using saliva or sweat on the ball. So, these are the challenges which we will have to be wary of.

"No-wertheless, the positive thing

is that at least we will have action-Is that at least we will have action-packed cricket after a long time, which is a good thing for not only us, but also for India. Everyone will enjoy the game with a different frame of mind which will be really exciting,"

him which will be ready excluding, he said.

As part of the guidelines framed by the BCCI, the players and support staff will be tested every five days throughout the league.

We are feeling a little bad that we can't enjoy the matches with our friends. After every two days, tests are being conducted.

"We can't go out anywhere an we can't sift or more than 15 minutes in anyone's room, so these things are challenging, but slowly we are getting used to it."

### COVID-19 episode made me mentally stronger: Manpreet

India hockey skipper Manpreet Singh says Igoing through a stressful isolation period while recovery from coronavirus has made him a mentally strong player who is now equipped to tackle any situation on the field.

Manpreet was one of the six hockey players to test positive for COVID-19 at the teamstraining base in Bengaluru last month after they arrived for the national camp.

Having started their individual sessions after recovering, Manpreet said they still miss being part of the rest of the squad, even though Hockey India, Sports Authority of India and support staffs are doing their best to keep them upbeat.

"Hockey India officials would check on us almost every day if the food being provided is good, if our tele-treatment was done regularly, if we are monitoring our oxygen levels regularly and so on. "Coaching Staff and teammates too would check on us through video calls. These things really helped us remain upbeat. Though it did sting a little to know all our teammates were back on the pitch while we were still in isolation, I feel this experience has made me mentally tougher to face any situation," the



skipper said. Recollecting the time spent at the hospital, the star midfielder said it was mentally tough for him and rest of the infected players to remain in isolation.

"It was not easy, especially mentally. I have not done anything for a month and that's a long time in a sportsperson's career especially when every day is about improving and being the best," Manpreet said. "To be honest, initially when the results came out, we were slightly stressed. (But) we received best facilities in the hospital with SAI constantly checking with the medical team there of our well-being."

### Feels great as we are slowly getting back into it: Padikkal

Royal Challengers
Bangalore's young
batsman Devdutt
Padikkal says he is feeling as good about his
game as it was before
the COVID-19 lockdown after a good two
and half weeks of skills
training ahead of the
IPL.

His team will take

... His team will take Sunrisers Hyderabad on September 21 in its opening Ich of the league, which begins on September 19 in the F

"Feels great as we are slowly getting back into it. Ther

"Feels great as we are slowly getting back into it. There have been a good number of (net) sessions and we are feeling good like we were before lockdown," Padikkal told RCBs You Tube channel.

The Karnataka left-hander is being talked about highly in the Indian cricket circles after top-scoring in both the Syed Mushta Ali Trophy and the Vijay Hazare Trophy. The 20-year-old enjoys an astonishing strike rate of 175 plus and an average of 64 in 12 games. He has a hundred and five fifties.

"Its more about movement, getting the legs moving quicker, getting the reactions faster again, the sessions were targeted on what we are doing and what we are aiming to achieve," Padikkal said.

## Bumrah probably the best

### T20 bowler: Pattinson



Vimal blames Asian nations withdrawal for postponement

While terming Jasprit
Burnah as the best 120
bowler in the word, Australia
pacer James Pattinson has said
he is looking forward to working with the India pacer and
New Zealand fast bowler Trent
Boult, among others, in the
Mumbai Indians' bowling unit
during the Indian Premier
League (IPL) starting on

"We are not as big as

September 19.

"Personally, it's just fantastic to work with some of the best bowlers in the world. Obviously, Burnarh is probably the best T20 bowler in the world. And Boulty [Trent Boult] is up there as well. So, for me it will be a great experience to be around those gusy, "Pattinson said in a video shared on Mumbai Indians' official handle. Thave played a few One-day Internationals here in the UAE before, so I have got a bit of experience over here in UAE."

Reigning champions MI named Pattinson as a replacement for veteran fast bowler Lasith Malinga for this year's IPI.

Pattinson also spoke about

Pattinson also spoke about the conditions in the UAE, saying the slower ball might be used a lot on surfaces which could be slower and lower as the tournament progresses. The wickets are drier and there will be three wickets which will be used throughout the tournament so it will be slower and lower as the tournament goes on. May be the slower ball and stuff like that might come into play a lot more."

### Finally, Thomas & Uber Cup postponed

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The Thomas and Uber Cup in Denmark was on Tuesday postponed to next year by the Badminton World Federation

Badminton World Federation (BWF) following a wave of withdrawals by top teams due to the raging COVID-19 pandemic.
India had announced both the men's and women's squads for the prestigious event which was scheduled to be held in Aarhus, Denmark from October 3 to 11.

However, after Indonesia and South Korea on Friday joined Thailand, Australia, Chinese Taipei and Algeria in pulling out due to the dreaded disease, the sport's governing body held a virtual emergency council meeting on Sunday.

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"The Badminton World
Federation (BWF), in full consultation and agreement with local host
Badminton Denmark, has made the tough decision to postpone the TOTAL BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals 2020 in Aarhus, Denmark," BWF said in a statement.

"The decision comes following

"The decision comes following the withdrawal of a number of par-ticipating teams from the TOTAL BWF Thomas and Uber Cup Finals and the European leg of the adjust-ed HSBC BWF World Tour. "BWF is looking into possible



alternative dates to reschedule the World Men's and Women's Team

World Men's and Women's Team Championships, but on dates not before into 2017, it added. BWF had tried to rope in Singapore and Hong Kong as replacements but they declined the invitation. There were also reports that Japan was contemplating withdraw-ing from the event, while China too

was awaiting government's approval. September 18 was the last date for

confirmation.

Among top players, India's Saina
Nehwal had on Sunday raised con-

go ahead v pandemic pandemic.
Saina, alongwith Olympic Silver
medallist P V Sindhu, were supposed
to lead the 10-member women's
team in Uber Cup, while former
world no. I Kidambi Srikanth would
have spearheaded the Indian men's
campaign in Thomas Cup.
However, the team's preparations
were not progressing smoothly with
a proposed camp cancelled a few
days ago due to the players' refusal
to accept the quarantine norms set

the Sports Authority of India

by the Sports Audion., (SAI).

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In another decision, the BWF has decided to proceed with the Denmark Open in Odense, a World Tour Event, as originally planned from October 13 to 18.

"The second tournament scheduled for Odense - the VICTOR Denmark Masters 2020 - slated for 20-25 October has been cancelled as it is no longer feasible to conduct this additional event."

In its rescheduled calender, BWF had also decided to conduct two Super 1000 events in Asia besides the HSBC World Tour Finals in November.

HSBC World Tour rinas in November.

According to reports, the apex body had considered Indonesia as the host for the three events but the country has decided to cancel its application due to the global health 

"...BWF will make further announcements as soon as details are clarified," the world body said.

The Thomas and Uber Cup Final was supposed to mark the resumption of international baninton after it came to a halt in March because of the dreaded virus.

BWF said it had planned to put in place a bio-bubble for the safe return of the sport but it respects the concerns of players and member

#### PTI NEW DELHI

Former India bad-minton coach Vimal Kumar on Tuesday blamed the withdrawals by Asian nations for the postpone-ment of the Thomas and Uber Cup Final, calling it a "big setback" for the sport.

The prestigious men's

sport.

The prestigious men's and women's team event was postponed to next year by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) following a wave of pull-outs by top teams, mainly from Asia, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"What Asian nations have done, it is really disappointing. There are no major issues in these countries, they are having local."

major issues in these countries, they are having local events there, so to pull out in this way, is a big setback there.

for the sport," Vimal told

The event, which was to mark the resumption of international badminton after the coronavirus-forced break, was scheduled to be held in Aarhus, Denmark from October 3 to 11.

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India had announced both the men's and women's squads for the event.

However, after Indonesia and South Korea on Friday joined Thailand, Australia, Chinese Taipei and Algeria in pulling out due to the dreaded disease, the BWF decided to push the event to next year.

Vimal said: 'It was aideal way to revive the circle was relied way to revive the circle work of the said and the s

"We are not as big as China but India stood positive, we wanted to participate but if big countries don't play, what can BWF do? How will they conduct events? I'll blame the Asian nation for this mess."

The international body, though, decided to proceed with the Denmark Open in Odense, a 18BC BWF World Tour Event, as originally planned from Cotober 13-18, while cancelling the Denmark Masters that was slated for October 20-25.

The decision to go ahead with the Denmark Open has left a few Indian players, including P V Sindhu, Saina Nebwal and Parupalli Kashyap, confused." "We are still confused what to do under the cir-

nations. "...In view of the recent COVID-19 related developments around the world, a number of teams and individual players have elected not to travel to Denmark for toturnaments in Aarhus and Odensea a choice the BWF has to respect and acknowledge. "These are exceptional circumstances and that it would not be possible to deliver a high quality tournament in the current circumstances and hence it decided to defer the event. "We are not in a position to deliver the level of competition reasonably expected by fans and all atlackholders...," it said.

cumstances. Saina has got a visa for Denmark and I have applied for it but we are still undecided about participation," Kashyap said.

"There are many questions like what happens if I test positive? Will I be sent back home or I will have to stay there for 14 days? Who takes care of the expenses and responsibility?"

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) on Tuesday wrote to the players who have sent their entries for the Denmark Open, stating that they would be "trav-elling or participating at their own responsibility due to the current pandemic" and "have to send their consent within September 17" their consent within September 17".