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## From Rail Roko to Bharat Bandh

Farmers begin protest in Punjab; others to join nationwide bandh today, indefinite Rail Roko protest from Oct 1 against farm Bills

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Farmers' union in Punjab began their three-day 'Rail Roko' protest on Thursday against the three farm Bills, while others have given a call for a nationwide 'bandh' on September 25, and indefinite 'Rail Roko' protest from October 1. According to farmers' leaders, roads, highways and rail tracks will be blocked.

Farmers from Western Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have decided to join the farmers' protests. The farmers have also received support from 18 political parties, including the Congress which has Governments in four States, TMC in West Bengal, Left in Kerala, AAP in Delhi, TRS in Telangana, Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh, Shiv Sena and NCP in Maharashtra.

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Union Centre and Trade Union Coordination Centre have come out in support of 'Bharat Bandh'. The Ola Cab Drivers' Association and lorry drivers' association too have decided to support the farmers and are unlikely to operate on Friday.

Meanwhile, several social media users were quick to point out that NCB has summoned Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone on September 25 itself in a drug case, on the day of nationwide protests by farmers. Social media is abuzz with speculation that this may act as a diversionary tactic.

In view of the mass protests, Railway authorities said 26 pairs of special trains and nine parcel trains will remain suspended from September 24 to September 26, while 20 trains have been partially canceled, five terminated before destination.

Among the trains that will remain suspended are the Golden Temple Mail (Amritsar-Mumbai Central), Jan Shatabdi Express (Haridwar-Amritsar), New Delhi-Jammu Tawi,



Farmers block a railway track as they participate in Rail Roko Andolan during a protest against the Farm Bills passed in both the Houses of Parliament, at village Devi Dass Pura, about 20km from Amritsar, on Thursday

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Karambhoimi (Amritsar-New Jalpaiguri), Sachkhand Express (Nanded-Amritsar) and Shaheed Express (Amritsar-Jaynagar), officials said. Many freight and parcel trains have also been rescheduled.

Farmers under the banners of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee and the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) squatted on rail tracks in Barnala, Sangrur, Ferozepur and Amritsar on Thursday morning. They have set up tents on railway tracks in the State. Farmers in Fazilka and Abohar districts took out tractor rallies in their districts. They vowed to gherao BJP leaders and socially boycott

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those who voted in favour of the farm Bills. According to farmers leaders, over 100 farmers and arhatiya (commission agents) will participate in the

nationwide shutdown.

A representative of organisations said roads and railway tracks will be blocked at 125 places across Punjab.

## CM launches animal vaccination programme

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Hemant Soren today launched the vaccination campaign under the National Animal Disease Control Program for the prevention and elimination of hoof-flattened (FMD) and brucellosis diseases in animals. The CM provided tabs, ice boxes, medicines and tags to the five vaccine personnel as a token. So that vaccine workers can tour the entire State giving vaccines and medicines to animals like cow, goat and sugar.

The vaccination campaign will be conducted twice a year for five years. Agriculture Minister Badal, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Agriculture Secretary Abbu Bakar Siddiqui, Director of Agriculture, Nancy Sahay and others were present on the occasion.

Meanwhile, following the direction of CM, Deputy Commissioner Chaibasa provided 100 kg of rice from



Chief Minister Hemant Soren gives medicines and ice boxes to vaccine personnel during the launching of a vaccination campaign under the National Animal Disease Control Programme in Ranchi on Thursday

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immediate food grains among the families deprived of ration in Chhota Lagaya village in Khuntapani. Also, he made people fill the application form for making ration cards available under the Jharkhand State Food Security Scheme to all the families deprived of ration. Immediately the process of covering all these families under the ambitious scheme of the state government has been

during the lockdown her children did not get ration from school or Anganwadi. The same situation exists for many families residing in the village. The CM, after getting the information of the case, directed the Deputy Commissioner Chaibasa to investigate the matter and help Lalmuni Munda, including all the deprived families in getting ration.

## India's fresh Covid count twice of Asia's

NAVIN UPADHYAY ■ NEW DELHI

Six months after India first imposed lockdown, the country has emerged as the worst global hotspot — so much so that India's daily tally is more than double of Asia and one and a half times more than that of entire Europe. Put together, these two continents have more than 100 nations.

India's daily spike is also 10 times more than the total number of cases recorded by 57 African nations.

When India declared the first of a series of lockdowns on March 25, the country had less than 500 Covid-19 cases and was placed at the bottom of the world tally. In six months, the cases have shot up to nearly 6 million, and India now occupies the second spot in the world.

During the same period, barring India all other Asian countries have staged remarkable fightbacks against coronavirus. On Thursday, while India recorded nearly 87,000 cases, 48 Asian countries put together reported just 40,000 cases. India's close neighbours like Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Nepal recorded just 1,666, 533, 11 and 1,172 cases respectively.

While India is nearing 6 million caseloads, the next in the Asian list is Iran with just 4.32 lakh cases. Bangladesh, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey occupy third, fourth, fifth, and sixth spots with 3 lakh plus cases. Pakistan has 3,07,418 cases.

The latest trend shows that



A healthcare worker takes swab sample from a passenger for Covid-19 test at Sarai Kale Khan Bus Terminal in New Delhi on Thursday

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## Market tanks for 6th day on eco recovery fear

**Mumbai:** Sensex plunged 1,115 points while Nifty crashed below the 10,850-mark on Thursday as investors dumped equities amid a sharp global selloff and concerns over economic recovery. World markets were bathed in a sea of red as fears about a second wave of Covid-19 infections in major economies and lack of fresh stimulus from central banks clobbered sentiment.

A sharp depreciation in the rupee and volatility on F&O expiry day further weighed on the bourses.

## Daily Covid cases to fall as 2nd peak has hit Capital: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said the second wave of coronavirus pandemic has hit its peak in the national Capital with experts hinting that the cases of infection will decline in the coming days.

"We noticed that cases increased and it reached 4,500 new Covid-19 cases on

September 17 and now coming down. So experts believe that the second wave of coronavirus which has hit the Delhi is now on peak and its intensity will be less in the coming days," Kejriwal said while speaking to the media.

The CM said the high-level virtual review meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to review Covid-19 response and management was fruitful.

## CONGRESS MLA NARAYAN RAO DIES OF COVID IN B'LURU

**Bengaluru:** Congress MLA B Narayan Rao, who was undergoing treatment for coronavirus, died on Thursday, the hospital in Bengaluru where he was admitted said. The 65-year-old Basavakalyan MLA from Bidar district in North Karnataka was admitted on September 1 after being diagnosed with severe Covid-19 infection, Manipal Hospital Director Dr Manish Rai said in a statement.

## Covid-19 IN INDIA

## TOTAL

CASES: 57,91,690

DEATHS: 91,740

RECOVERED:

47,23,809

ACTIVE: 9,75,323



STATES	TOTAL CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Maharashtra	12,63,799	33,886	9,56,030
Andhra Pradesh	6,54,385	5,558	5,79,474
Tamil Nadu	5,63,691	9,076	5,08,210
Karnataka	5,48,557	8,331	4,44,658
Uttar Pradesh	3,74,277	5,366	3,07,611
Delhi	2,60,623	5,123	2,24,375
West Bengal	2,37,869	4,606	2,08,042
Odisha	1,96,888	805	1,57,265
Telangana	1,79,246	1,070	1,48,139
Bihar	1,74,266	878	1,59,700
Assam	1,65,582	608	1,32,709
Kerala	1,54,458	614	1,07,846
Gujarat	1,28,949	3,382	1,09,311
Rajasthan	1,22,720	1,397	1,02,330
Haryana	1,18,554	1,255	98,410
Madhya Pradesh	1,15,361	2,122	90,495

## Fitness icons share with Modi secrets of staying healthy

## First anniv of Fit India Movement, Modi's attempt to make India fit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday interacted with fitness influencers, sports persons and citizens during a nationwide online Fit India Dialogue organised to celebrate the first anniversary of the Fit India Movement.

The online interaction saw participants, including cricketer Virat Kohli, actor-model and fitness-freak Milind Soman and nutrition expert Rujuta



Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually interacts with Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli during Fit India Dialogue on the first anniversary of Fit India Movement, in New Delhi on Thursday

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Diwekar, sharing anecdotes and tips of their own fitness journey while drawing out guidance from the Prime Minister on his thoughts about fitness and good health.

Brainchild of the Prime Minister as a people's movement, the Fit India Dialogue is

an attempt to involve citizens of the country to draw out a plan to make India a fit nation.

The Prime Minister said fitness is not something which is very difficult to achieve but requires about thirty minutes "dose" of exercise daily.

## Active cases rise in Ranchi, E Singhbhum

Nearly 13,000 still infected

PNS ■ RANCHI

Ranchi and East Singhbhum continued to witness a spike in the number of active cases of Covid-19 infection on Thursday despite the count of active cases dipping in Jharkhand, figures released by the state health department stated.

As per figures compiled by the health department, as many as 1349 people were found infected by the lethal virus across Jharkhand on Thursday, taking the Covid-19 tally in the state to 76,438. However, at least 1386 Covid patients recovered from the infection during the same duration, bringing the total number of active cases in

the state down to 12,841, government figures highlighted.

As many as 362 people were found infected in Ranchi against 229 recoveries, while East Singhbhum reported 123 cases and only 41 recoveries. The findings take the number of active cases in Ranchi up to 3,624 and that in East Singhbhum to 2,540. The figures indicate that these two districts account for around 50 per cent of the total active cases of Covid-19 infection in Jharkhand.

Koderma district reported the highest number of Covid recoveries in 24 hours. A bulletin released by the National Health Mission (NHM) stated that as many as 264 patients recovered in the district in 24 hours, while only 36 fresh cases surfaced. The number of active cases of infection in the



A medic takes swab samples of a woman for Covid-19 testing during the ongoing Unlock 4.0 at a camp in Ranchi on Thursday

Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

district dropped below 500 on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Covid toll in Jharkhand jumped to 652 after four patients, including three from East Singhbhum, died during treatment on Thursday. East Singhbhum

alone has reported 282 Covid casualties so far, the highest among all the 24 districts in Jharkhand. The toll rose to 18 in Ramgarh, where one patient died on Thursday.

Despite four casualties occurring in 24 hours,



# Mobile rapid antigen testing vans for quick Covid detection

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

The district health department has set mobile rapid antigen testing vans in motion in the city for quick detection of COVID cases, said an official on Thursday.

About 9 testing vans equipped with testing kits, doctors, health staff have started moving to places specially containment zones to test people believed to be affected by the virus.

The move will now enable symptomatic primary contacts, senior citizens and people with comorbidities to get them tested at their doorstep for a COVID test.

"About 9 vans have been rolled in the city. The plan is to visit containment zones and detect cases quickly. The testing vans will now enable symptomatic primary contacts, senior citizens to undergo a Covid test at their door steps. If the throat and nasal swabs test negative, they will be sent to the nearest RTPCR testing facility for further determination. A mobile testing facility with a team of three people will be on standby in each of the city's zones to attend to symptomatic cases" said, East Singhbhum district surveillance officer, Dr Sahir Pall.

He went on to add that they are requesting people to shed hesitation and fear and get themselves tested. The department is also conducting regular awareness drives to make people understand the importance of wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. Another official said the administration had previously directed random tests for some sections of society on priority.



Now the plan is to target those who are regular in touch with the crowd.

He went on to add that the administration has decided to test everyone in the district to prevent community spread of the disease. More tests would only help the administration to prevent further spread of the disease. He added it was the responsibility of the government as well as individuals to

contain the spread of COVID19.

Meanwhile, East Singhbhum has crossed 12500 COVID-19 positive cases in just four months. The active cases are around 9000. Trends in the city are suggesting that every second person who is being tested is positive for COVID-19. The recovery rate of the patient has also improved to 82 per cent in the district.

## 1,000 hotel and restaurant staff to undergo Covid tests

**Jamshedpur:** The district health department has issued an order making it mandatory for people working at hotels and restaurants to undergo a rapid antigen test for COVID-19. The order has been issued under the Disaster Management Act and COVID-19 Regulations. The two-day drive will start from September 25.

As per the plans, staff of hotels and restaurants located under Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) and Mango Notified Area Committee (MNAC) will have to undergo the tests. The department has set up collec-

tion centres at Hotel Ramada, Hotel Ginger, Kerala Samjam Model School, Kadma Market, South Point School, and RBS School.

During the two-day drive they plan to conduct 1000 tests of hotel and restaurants staff. They have also come up with six collection centres for the drive. In the first phase they plan to cover big hotels and restaurants after which others will be covered.

The administration has set a target to conduct more COVID-19 tests, he said adding the direction for compulsory tests was in that regard.

## 'Vidyapati Shikshak Puraskar' for 14 teachers

PNS ■ BOKARO

At least 14 teachers, including Principals, were felicitated with 'Vidyapati Shikshak Puraskar' for their outstanding contribution in the field of education at Bokaro Steel City.

Teachers from different schools across the city were felicitated in a grand function organised at Mithila Academy Public School's auditorium. The Vidyapati Teacher Award ceremony was organized by social and cultural institution Mithila Sanskrit Parishad.

Chief Guest Hari Mohan Jha, General Manager (Personnel and Administration) of SAIL Refractory Unit (SRU) presented the award to the teachers which were followed by the Lamp Lighting Ceremony by the Chief Guest

and other distinguished guests.

The teachers who were felicitated are Principal of Middle School Pupunki, Chas Shrayan Kumar Jha; Amarjeet Chaudhary Principal in-charge of the PS Alwian Colliery, Chandrapura; Deputy Principal Nisha Jha of Crescent Public School Sector 6; Anjali Kumari Senior Teacher of Sri Ayyappa Public School, Dr. Uday Chandra Jha, Teacher DPS Bokaro (Primary Unit), Anup Kumar Mithila Academy Public School, Tarini Thakur, Vishwanath Goswami, Kumari Sharmila, Kumari Neetu, Deepak Kumar, Manoj Kumar

Dubey, Santosh Kumar Sahu and Seema Kumari including others, informed Arun Patkhak a member of the Parishad.

Speaking on the occasion Jha said, "Teachers have an important role in the student's life." The contribution of teachers is paramount in giving direction to the life of the students. Even in the changing times, qualified teachers have respect in society, he said.

"Bokaro has the distinction of being the educational capital of Jharkhand, schools and teachers need to be prepared for this glory to continue," added Jha.



## Expert panel emphasises on necessity of eight lane road

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD

A five-member expert committee emphasized on the necessity of eight lane road construction of which was stopped by the State Government about two months ago owing to the financial crunch faced by the government due to Covid19.

The committee headed by the Town commissioner Satyendar Kumar and having three engineers of three engineering departments and one administrative officer from district headquarters on Wednesday had a thorough inspection of the entire stretch of this 20km road and held meetings with people including shopkeepers residing along the road for preparing report that was sought by deputy commissioner Uma Shankar Singh. The committee has to submit a report by Thursday evening.

The committee made clear that it's a four lane road but due to service lanes and cycle tracks is being considered as an eight lane road.

However, discussions that were made after inspection and meeting officials of State Highway Authorities of Jharkhand(SHAJ) it's all likely that the committee would clear the project but with minor alterations. SHAJ authorities also have made clear that the road is being developed keeping in view the future requirements and traffic load

on this road .

Though no senior officials in the committee were willing to be quoted on the issues but made clear that cuts in two service lanes and two cycleways may be done to reduce further the cost of construction. Final draft on cuts would be handed over to DC in the report.

It's worth mentioning that the project conceived by former Dhanbad Mayor Chandrasekhar Agarwal has four lanes for motorised vehicles, two service lanes and two separate lanes for cyclists.

The project was to cost Rs 417 crores but later the cost was reduced Rs 337 crores out of which the World Bank has provided Rs 220 crores as loan and rest is to be funded by the state government.

The committee suggests that since over 30 per cent work on road has been completed and earth work is almost complete shelving the project may pose a problem for common mass commuting on the existing road that has developed several potholes and ditches on either side of road.

In another move Dhanbad MLA Raj Singh on Wednesday met chief minister Hemant Soren and demanded for granting permission for restarting the construction in larger public interest. Dhanbad district Congress president Brajendar Prasad Singh in a separate memorandum too has demanded for completion of the construction of this road.

### कार्यालय, अंचल अधिकारी, चास (बोकारो)

:- नोटिस :-

सूचित किया जाता है कि सचिव महिला बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग झारखंड रांची के पत्रांक 42 दिनांक 09-01-2020 एवं सहायक निदेशक, सामाजिक सुरक्षा बोकारो के पत्रांक 47, दिनांक 21 जनवरी, 2020 के आलोक में चास नगर निगम तथा बोकारो शहरी क्षेत्र के पूर्व से (NSAP) अंतर्गत पेंशन का लाभ ले रहे लाभुकों का सामाजिक सुरक्षा अंतर्गत सभी पेंशनधारियों का वार्षिक सत्यापन करने का आदेश प्राप्त है। उक्त के आलोक में दिनांक 24 मार्च, 31 मई एवं 30 जून 2020 तक पेंशन संबंधी कागजात जमा करने हेतु दैनिक समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से सूचना दी गई थी। परंतु सभी पेंशनधारियों का आधार कार्ड एवं बैंक पासबुक की अभिप्राणित की प्रति अंचल कार्यालय में प्राप्त नहीं हुई है। उक्त सभी पेंशनधारियों को अंतिम बार निर्देश दिया जाता है कि दिनांक 10 अक्टूबर, 2020 तक आवश्यक कागजात के साथ अंचल कार्यालय चास में उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें अन्यथा उक्त तिथि के उपरांत विलोपन संबंधी कार्य प्रारंभ कर दी जाएगी, जिसकी सारी जवाबदेही सभी पेंशनधारी की होगी।

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1.	28-09-2020 (सोमवार)	गिरिडीह प्रखण्ड परिसर, सिरसिया (गिरिडीह)	1.गिरिडीह(शहरी/ग्रामीण), 2. पीरटॉड, 3.बेंगाबाद एवं 4.गण्डेय।	56	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह (Mob-9430332404) एवं बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह(ग्रामीण/शहरी)। (Mob-8340596329/9934579246) जमुआ।
2.	29-09-2020 (मंगलवार)	जमुआ प्रखण्ड परिसर, जमुआ	1.जमुआ, 2.धनवार, 3.गावों, 4.तिसरी एवं 5.देवरी।	73	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, जमुआ एवं बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी, जमुआ। (Mob-8084668038)
3.	30-09-2020 (बुधवार)	बगोदर प्रखण्ड परिसर, बगोदर	1.बगोदर, 2.सरिया, 3.बिरनी, एवं 5. डुमरी।	58	प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, बगोदर (Mob-7766914653) एवं बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी, बगोदर। (Mob-9431104170)

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विदित हो कि माह-मार्च, 2020 में आयोजित **Assessment camp** में जॉचोपरान्त चिन्हित दिव्यांगजनों के बीच ही दिव्यांग यंत्र/उपकरण का वितरण किया जाना है। अतः चिन्हित दिव्यांगजनों के द्वारा स्वयं की उपस्थिति में वांछित दिव्यांग यंत्र/उपकरण प्राप्त करने हेतु अपना पहचान पत्र (दिव्यांगता प्रमाण पत्र एवं आधार कार्ड) वितरण कैम्प में प्रस्तुत करना आवश्यक है। चिन्हित दिव्यांगजन निर्धारित वितरण कैम्प में पूर्वा 10:00 से अपरा 04:00 बजे तक स्वयं उपस्थित होकर संबंधित दिव्यांग यंत्र/उपकरण प्राप्त करेंगे। इस सन्दर्भ में कार्यक्रम के दौरान **COVID-19** के नियमों का अक्षरशः पालन करते हुए कार्यक्रम संचालन में आपसबों का सम्पूर्ण सहयोग पूर्णतः अपेक्षित है।

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## XISS holds webinar on 'Covid-19 and Child Protection'

PNS ■ RANCHI

Lockdown and Covid-19 pandemic have shaken up the entire community in India with a deep impact on children and child rights. The pandemic has hit the lives of children and the plight of the children cannot be neglected. An increase in number of child marriage, child beggary, child trafficking, child malnutrition, need a prompt response.

To address these issues, Rural Management Programme of Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS) organized a Webinar on "COVID-19 AND CHILD PROTECTION: A TIME OF CRISIS" on Thursday, moderated by S.K.Verma, RM Programme, XISS where he started off by giving a brief introduction about the Impact of Covid-19 on the vulnerable society especially children and the problems faced by children during the entire crisis.

Fr. Pradeep Kerketta, Assistant Director, XISS Ranchi, gave the welcome address and highlighted the ideas of Child Right Protection. He talked about the plight of children who had to migrate along with their family and the increase in the number of crimes and urged them to deal with the problems of the children with utmost attention as the children are the future of our country. He talked about the contribution of XISS Ranchi as the Nodal Agency.

The first Speaker, Amod K Kanth (IPS), General Secretary, Prayas JAC Society Chairman, Domestic Workers Sector Skill



Council shared his experience of how his team has dealt with the various natural disasters and rights of the children which are violated during the natural disasters like flood, tsunami, earthquake etc, across the country.

He talked about the problems which children faced during lockdown and child protection mechanism during Covid-19 pandemic. He also talked about the UNCRC Rights, role of various voluntary organizations, JJA and the number of children who are in need of protection.

Harleen Walia, Deputy Director, CHILDLINE India Foundation (CIF), came forward as the second speaker and shared her insights on the various actions taken by Childline Foundation.

She talked about the expansion of the Childline Foundation to 594 districts and the various challenges they have to go through to work to deal with disasters. She talked about the number of panic calls (1098) and the urgency of the team to report to the ground for work. She shared her challenging experience of the team which worked day and night to deal with the needs of the children through various communication channels. She ended by quoting "We believe to connect, catalyse, collaborate and communicate for better work".

## 'AIDS warrior' Dr HK Gardin passes away

**Jamshedpur:** Tata Main Hospital's (TMH) retired physician and skin specialist Dr. HK Gardin, who was identified in Jamshedpur as a warrior of AIDS and HIV, died on Thursday. He was 61 years old. Dr. Gardin was TMH's renowned skin specialist while he worked for Tata Steel for many years as chairman of the HIV-AIDS Core Committee.

He was also the leader of the campaign for the prevention of AIDS and HIV through Tata Steel and was known as an AIDS warrior doctor in the country and abroad. Dr. HK Gardin lived in Sakchi. On 5 September, he was admitted to TMH after breathing difficulties and high fever, where he became corona positive, but after testing done on 15 September, he became corona negative.

Despite this, he was administered various medicines, including plasma therapy to the remedial, but at 12 noon on Thursday afternoon he breathed his last at TMH. After his death, there was a wave of mourning in the medical world. Dr. HK Gardin also received several awards for working for HIV AIDS in the country and abroad.

## कार्यालय : जिला सहकारिता पदाधिकारी, बोकारो।

### सूचना

बोकारो स्टील इम्प्लाईज को-ऑपरेटिव हाउस कन्स्ट्रक्शन सोसाईटी लि०, बोकारो स्टील सिटी, बोकारो के मतदाता सूची के सदस्यों को सूचित किया जाता है कि समिति की विशेष आम सभा/निर्वाचन हेतु नामांकन पत्र दाखिल करने, नामांकन पर आपत्तियाँ प्राप्त करना तथा नामांन पत्रों की वापसी की तिथि क्रमशः 28.09.2020, 29.09.2020 तथा 30.09.2020 को निर्धारित है। मतदान कार्य (चुनाव) एवं विशेष आम सभा की तिथि 10.10.2020 को निर्धारित है।

साथ ही, यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि निर्वाचन कार्यक्रम की सूचना में छपे श्री शशि भूषण शर्मा, सहकारिता प्रसार पदाधिकारी, कार्यालय-जिला सहकारिता पदाधिकारी, बोकारो सह0 अनु० निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी के स्थान पर श्री कोशल किशोर मिश्रा, सहकारिता प्रसार पदाधिकारी, चन्दनकियारी सह० अनुकाल्पिक निर्वाचन पदाधिकारी पडा जाए।

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### प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

एतद् द्वारा पलामू जिला अंतर्गत सभी पेट्रोल पम्प मालिकों को सूचित करना है कि माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय के आदेशानुसार जिले के सभी पेट्रोल पम्प पर PUC का अधिष्ठापन किया जाना अनिवार्य है। कुछ पेट्रोल पम्प मालिकों के द्वारा उनके पेट्रोल पम्प पर प्रदुषण जांच केंद्र अधिष्ठापित किया जा चुका है तथा ONLINE भी हो चुका है। परंतु ऐसी सूचना प्राप्त हो रही है कि कुछ पेट्रोल पम्प पर अधिष्ठापित प्रदुषण जांच केंद्र को ONLINE नहीं किया गया है, एवं OFFLINE प्रदुषण प्रमाण पत्र निर्गत किये जा रहे हैं, जो विभागीय आदेश की अवहेलना है। संबंधित पेट्रोल पम्प के मालिक को निदेश दिया जाता है कि दो दिनों के अंदर अपने-अपने प्रदुषण जांच केंद्र का ONLINE करा लें तथा किसी भी परिस्थिति में OFFLINE प्रमाण पत्र निर्गत नहीं करें। अगर किसी भी प्रदुषण जांच केंद्र के द्वारा OFFLINE प्रमाण पत्र निर्गत किया जाता है तो संबंधित पेट्रोल पम्प मालिक के विरुद्ध नियमानुसार कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

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# Docs to visit home-isolated Covid patients in city

## Free medicine kits for patients

PNS ■ RANCHI

Covid-19 patients staying in home isolation in Ranchi will now be visited by a government doctor twice in every 10 days and provided free medical assistance, officials from the district administration said on Thursday.

The district administration here has constituted a dedicated team of 24 expert doctors for this purpose. These doctors, officials said, have been treating Covid-19 patients since the

entry of the virus in Jharkhand and have expertise in dealing with Covid cases.

“One of our 24 doctors will visit the house of a Covid patient, who decides to stay in home isolation, as soon as the person tests positive for the virus. The doctor will check the patient's condition and keep in touch with the patient over phone,” said Ranchi Deputy Development Commissioner, Ananya Mittal. “The same doctor will revisit the patient within the next 10 days and examine his or her condition,” Mittal added.

The doctors, officials said, will also interact with the



patients over video calls and ensure that a patient is shifted to a hospital if he or she starts developing severe symptoms that cannot be treated at home.

As per government data, as many as 16,574 people have been infected by Covid-19 virus in Ranchi so far, and at least 3,491 of them were still battling the infection. In Ranchi, a majority of the patients were asymptomatic and staying in home isolation, officials said.

A health worker conducts door to door thermal screening of residents in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic in Ranchi on Thursday Pioneer photo

The district administration here has also started providing free of cost medical kits to Covid patients in home isolation in a bid to ensure that all such patients have access to necessary medications, including some anti-malarial drugs and a 1 per cent hypochlorite solution to clean the floor. The patients, who do not have thermometers at home, are also provided thermometers by the district administration, the DDC said.

“All Covid patients may not be able to afford the medications, so we decided to pro-

vide free medicines to the patients in home isolation,” said Mittal.

The state health department had earlier constituted a team for checking oxygen level in Covid patients staying in home isolation. This team is active in Ranchi, and it visits patients, who do not have an oximeter at home, to measure the level of oxygen in their body.

Ranchi is among the worst-affected districts of Jharkhand in terms of Covid cases and fatality rate. As many as 102 people have died of Covid-19 infection in the district and some of them were initially in home isolation, officials said.

## Labour Dept inks MoU with LSIPL

### Labour Commissioners appeals people to register on portal

**Ranchi:** A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Labour, Planning and Training Department and LaborNet Services India Private Limited at Labour Commissioner's Office, Shram Bhavan here on Thursday. Under this MoU, the work of providing employment to the migrant workers of Jharkhand will be done through LabourNet Services India Private Limited.

Labour Commissioner, R N Yadav said on the occasion that the government will provide employment to the labourers not only in Jharkhand but in any State of the country. For this, labourers will be required to register on Samadhan portal. After registration, they will get a green or red card, take it and go to other places. This will give them the benefit of government-run schemes.

Yadav said that labourers will be provided jobs, wages, medical, healthcare and living accommodation as per labour laws. Under this Covid 19 safety protocols will be ensured while housing and working for workers. Work will also be done to ensure safety, sanitation and



Labour Commissioner R N Yadav along with others during the MoU signing event in Ranchi on Thursday Pioneer photo

drinking water facilities at both the workplace and the place of residence. Nursery, primary school and Anganwadis are also being arranged for the children of labourers, if the workers want to work with their children, then their children will also be looked after.

On this occasion Umesh Prasad, Director Jharkhand State Labour Institute, Government of Jharkhand, Ram Kolavenu Labornet, Johnson Topno, State Manager, PHIA Foundation, Shikha, Helpdesk Lead, State Migrant Control Room, were present. **PNS**

## DGP stresses upon inter-State cooperation to stop cybercrime

**Ranchi:** Jharkhand DGP MV Rao on Thursday directed district police to work-out a composite plan to investigate cybercrime cases stating that nature and the emerging pattern of cybercrime needs more interstate cooperation.

Rao said this while chairing a review meeting on cybercrime control at Jharkhand Police headquarters. The review meeting held through video conferencing was attended ADG (CID) Anil Palta, IG (HR) Naveen Kumar Singh, IG (Operation) Saket Kumar Singh, DIG Akhilesh Jha, SP (CID) Anjani Kumar Jha besides SP and SSP rank officials from districts attended the meeting.

During course of meeting Rao sought from officials the five years record of cybercrime in their respective districts besides number of pending cases, details of cases where chargesheet has been submitted.

He emphasised upon regular update of database of criminals. He said that once a cybercriminal is arrested mobile SIM cards are seized from their possession; police need to verify SIM card owner and whether or



DGP MV Rao holds review meeting with senior police officials at Police headquarter in Ranchi on Thursday Pioneer photo

not SIM cards were procured on basis of fake documents. He said that in case of fake documents used in the procurement of SIM cards action must be taken against vendors and service providers. He also sought to know whether or not actions are being taken against vendors and service providers.

DGP said that cybercrime is not restricted to any territory hence prevention and detection of crime and arresting of criminals can be ensured only through interstate cooperation.

He said that Jharkhand Police has already facilitated Online Investigation Cooperation Request (OICR). This portal is meant to proactively seek cooperation requests from all states across the country, where victims might have lodged FIRs related to such frauds having some links in Jharkhand. It also intends to facilitate easy lodging of investigation cooperation requests by police of other states and law enforcement agencies in case the crime has any connection with Jharkhand.

It will be the endeavour of Jharkhand Police to execute all the legal requests received via this online service at the earliest and communicate the action taken report to the requesting officer.

He asked all districts to furnish a report about the number of investigation requests received on OICR. DGP said that police need to ensure quick disposal of cases and conviction of accused. **PNS**

## ₹92L payout to family of man killed in road accident

### Jhalsa first insurance Lok Adalat on Saturday

ROSHAN KUMAR ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (JHALSA) through its first insurance Lok Adalat will award a compensation of Rs 92 lakh to family members of a policeman killed in a road accident two years ago. JHALSA executive chairman, Justice Harish Chandra Mishra along with other member secretaries will hand over the cheque of Rs 92 lakh to family members of the policeman at the country's first Lok Adalat to be held on September 26.

The policeman, a resident of Jamshedpur was killed in a road accident near Chandil in 2018. The family members had knocked on the door of JHALSA to get their insurance claim. On the initiative of JHALSA, the insurance company United India Insurance agreed to pay the hefty compensation package to deceased family members.

Apart from disbursement of Rs 92 lakh to family members of the policeman, family members of a Daltonganj resident, who too was



Justice, Jharkhand High Court, HC Mishra addresses mediapersons online at his official residence in Ranchi on Thursday Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

killed in a road accident near Jamshedpur is to get an insurance claim of Rs 42 lakh. Justice Mishra said, “Insurance claims worth Rs 50 crore will be disbursed in 500 settled insurance claims and around 9000 pre litigation insurance claims.”

Justice Mishra claimed that it is a big milestone for JHALSA as the judicial body is going to organize first of its kind insurance Lok Adalat. At Jharkhand High Court there will be three benches, while at district level two to four benches for hearing claims under insurance Lok Adalat.

JHALSA for organizing the Lok Adalat had started preparations in July. JHALSA members had meetings with union finance secretary and representatives of various insurance companies for holding the Lok Adalat.

Apart from insurance Lok Adalat, the JHALSA is also going to launch the mobile app and portal for giving legal aid to Jharkhand High Court. Supreme Court senior judge Justice NV Ramana will launch the mobile app and portal virtually on September 26. A function will be held at JHALSA office at Doranda which will be attended by Justice Mishra and other member secretary.

JHALSA secretary, Santosh Kumar said that the mobile app and portal aims at providing legal services to common man in their finger tip. Santosh Kumar further said that though mobile app, applicants can get legal aid and even court fees for fighting legal cases.

Interested candidates seeking legal aid after downloading the app have to submit his or her mobile number.

## Ranchi Police's compassion wins hearts

### ASI Bheem Singh helps pregnant woman deliver a baby

PNS ■ RANCHI

As a bus from Simdega district reached the Khadgada bus stand in the State capital at around 12:30 pm on Thursday, shrieks of a woman enduring labour pain were heard. The ToP In-charge ASI Bheem Singh present at the bus stand immediately rushed the woman to Sadar Hospital with the help of a medical team.

Jyoti Ddungdung (20) who arrived at the bus stand in Ranchi broke down from acute labour pain as she disembarked from the bus.

“I was at the corona testing camp when I got information about the pregnant woman suffering from labour pain. Spreading a blanket on the ground, we initially



20 years old Jyoti Ddungdung with her newborn baby at Sadar Hospital in Ranchi on Thursday Pioneer photo

helped the lady to lie down as she was unable to sit while the ambulance was on its way,” said Singh.

The labour room is located on the first floor of Sadar Hospital. A team of nurses was waiting for the ambulance and the lady delivered the baby on the ground floor itself.

Ddungdung delivered a baby girl and was



Khadgarha TOP in-charge Bheem Singh Pioneer photo

extremely thankful to the Ranchi Police for its prompt service. The lady also expressed immense gratitude for ToP In-charge Bheem Singh for showing that humanity is alive in today's world.

“It is a matter of great pride for us to serve the people and we shall continue to do our best under any circumstances,” added Singh who later visited the hospital to ensure that everything was carried out smoothly.

## Govt ending mandis to benefit business friends: RPN Singh

PNS ■ RANCHI

Attacking the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led Central Government, Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) on Thursday said that the Government wants to end agricultural mandis across the Country to benefit its businessmen friends and also trying by abolishing Minimum Support Price (MSP) to save Rs one lakh crore.

Addressing a virtual press rally JPCC In Charge, RPN Singh said that the three bills related to agriculture got passed by the Central Government by violating the parliamentary tradition, will eliminate 40 lakh mandis of the country, which will cause a lot of loss to the poor farmers, because 86 per cent farmers have less than five acres of land and 60 per cent farmers do agricultural work on less than 2 acres of land in the Country.

“In such a situation, by abolishing the necessity of MSP in the new law, the farmers will be forced to bow before the corporate house. The BJP wants to implement the recommendation of the Shanta Kumar Committee's report, which states that the abolition of MSP can save Rs One lakh crore to the Central Government, the BJP-led Government is working on this agenda,” said Singh.

The party State In-Charge said that even though the Prime Minister has been repeatedly saying that the MSP will not be abolished, why the Government is not making provision in the law regarding it. Their intent is clear, he added.

Singh recalled the Prime Minister's assurances which he had given in the past and said that Modi had also said earlier that everyone would get Rs 15 lakh, two crore youth would get jobs in a year, but it proved



State Congress in-charge RPN Singh addresses party workers during a virtual press conference Pioneer photo

only a jumla. He said that the BJP is also trying to spread the illusion that the Congress party had decided to take a similar step, it is completely baseless, the Congress party has only taken up the problems of the far-flung farmers and necessary initiative in the direction was assured.

Announcing the future plan of the party Singh said that against the decision of the Central Government, the party has decided to run a nationwide campaign till November.

“Under this, all the leaders and workers of the party will raise the voice of farmers through social media under the Speech Up for Famers on September 26. On March 28, after the dharna in front of the statue of Gandhiji at the

State headquarters, the Raj Bhavan march will be organised and a memorandum will be submitted to the President through the Governor. On October 2, on the occasion of Gandhi and Shastris birth anniversary, senior party leaders will go to the districts to participate in the protest rally.

On October 10, there will be a demonstration at the State headquarters. Apart from this, a nationwide signature campaign will be conducted from October 2 to 30,” he added.

## JMM blames Raghubar for teachers' agony

### ‘He should be booked for irrational employment policy’

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) on Thursday said that the Jharkhandi candidates and their families have faced problems at present due to the irrational and wrong employment policy of the former Bharatiya Janata Party Government led by former Chief Minister Raghubar Das. People should take legal action against former Chief Minister because as the head of the then Council of Ministers, Das is fully responsible for this policy.

On the High Court's decision on employment policy, JMM General Secretary cum Spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya said that the Government had the right to make laws for tribal and indigenous people in special circumstances on the advice of TSC in the Government of India vs Rakesh Kumar case. But, the Raghubar Government did not implement it. The then Government used only Para 5 of Article 5, due to which this planning policy could not stand in the Court.

Targeting BJP legislative body leader Babul Marandi, Bhattacharya said that it was for his vested interest that he sent six of his MLAs for the majority of the Raghubar Government. “The six JVM MLAs not only strengthened the Raghubar Government, but their own MLA Amar Bauri



JMM General Secretary cum spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya addresses a press conference at the Party office in Ranchi on Thursday Ratan Lal | Pioneer

deceived the people of Jharkhand in the name of employment policy. The 1985 cut-off date and employment policy is completely irrational and unconstitutional,” he added.

Bhattacharya said that the employment policy issued by the Raghubar Government in July 2016 in the name of employment and teachers' recruitment was a completely fraudulent document. “On the recommendation of the committee headed by the then Minister Amar Bauri, an employment policy was announced under Article 309 under Para 5 of Schedule 5 of the Constitution. Under this, 13 districts of the State were kept under notified area and 11 districts under un notified area,” he added.

The JMM leader said that the party had doubts about the manner, in which the Jharkhandi candidates were troubled by the High Court's decision on

Monday. Due to the wrong policies of the Raghubar Government, thousands of candidates have lost their jobs however, this is not the first time, he added.

“At present the Raghubar Government is also responsible for the agitating the Assistant Policemen. The Raghubar Government claimed to have given 75000 jobs in the last five years and it was included in the Guinness Book of Records. Employment fair was organized for this; agencies were invited on the expense of Government money.

At that time also JMM said that it is fraud and the Government is doing so to dupe people,” said Bhattacharya.

The party Spokesperson said that the then Government also misguided the Governor before doing so,” JMM has been saying from the beginning that the 1985 cut-off date in the local policy and the employment policy of the Raghubar Government is completely irrational and unconstitutional. This policy was introduced to cheat and fool people but the BJP, which has pat its back in the name of employment, only fools the people of the State,” he added.

## INBRIEF

### JPPC CONDUCTS SANITATION DRIVE AT SXC

To prevent the outbreak of Covid-19 Jharkhand Pradesh Professional Congress conducted an intensive sanitation and fogging drive at St Xavier's College, Ranchi on Thursday. Mahagam MLA Deepika Singh Pandey said, “The war against coronavirus will have to be fought very vigilantly and the contribution of the JPPC is commendable as many people are benefiting from the sanitation drives.” Professional Congress President Aditya Vikram Jaiswal said that coronavirus can be prevented through disinfectant drives to some extent and such drives will be conducted regularly. St Xavier's College Principal Father E. Barla said that this is a very good initiative by the Professional Congress and common people will feel safe during the epidemic. Yogendra Singh Beni, Joy Chakraborty, Professor VP Sharan and others were present on the occasion.



### PHD VIVA VOCE AT ICAFI UNIVERSITY

PhD Viva Voce of the PhD Scholar, Aniruddha Bhowmick was conducted today at ICAFI University, Jharkhand through Video-Conferencing. External Examiners were Dr S K Dubey, Director, Institute of Management Studies, BHU, Varanasi and Dr Manoj Mishra, Asst Professor, Chanakya National Law University, Patna. Bhowmick did PhD on “Factors Influencing Consumer Preferences for Over-The-Counter (OTC) Allopathic Medicine”. Dr Mridanish Jha was his supervisor. After Viva Voce, Bhowmick was declared eligible for the award of PhD, subject to completion of formalities. Prof O R S Rao said, “A lot of people, particularly in urban and rural areas, go in for Over-The-Counter Allopathic Medicines for minor ailments like cold, cough, indigestion etc, as they can be purchased without prescription and also because of low cost. In view of this, the topic of research is very relevant as it throws light on consumer behavior for purchasing the same.”

### SBU HOSTS WEBINAR

An Online National Webinar on “Decode: Inherent Intelligence and Leadership Traits” in the various fields in Commerce and Management has been organised by the Department of Commerce and Management, SBU, Ranchi on Sept. 24th, 2020. The Session was taken by Rajeev Kumar Gupta, Curator and Chief Organizer- TEDx, Kanke, Ex -Officio, GST Implementation Project, Government of Jharkhand. Kumar said that Determination, Dedication and delivery are the three important ingredients of becoming successful. He further explained that a person needs a judicious mix of the above mentioned qualities. He stressed that being successful requires a stepwise approach; there is no shortcut to success. The easiest approach to achieve success is through inculcating qualities like consistency, communication, confidence, compassion in self. Dr. Vijay Kumar Singh, Registrar, Sarala Birla University, Ranchi, India concluded the session. He said that a better planning is required for better execution and better execution results in success. He also stressed that a value based ethical approach is required to become successful.



### RPF FOUNDATION DAY AT RRD

On the occasion of the 36th Foundation Day of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), various programs are being organized at Ranchi Railway Division. Awareness campaign related to COVID-19 for passengers coming from train number 02454 New Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani Special Express on platform number 01 of Ranchi railway station by Ranchi Railway Protection Force Post under Ranchi Rail Division on Thursday .It was conducted and people were informed about how to avoid this epidemic.



### AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY TO FACILITATE REHABILITATION

Aquaculture in India is an important economic activity and a flourishing sector with varied resources and potentials. It is important for those involved with the sector to remain constantly abreast of the newest global advancements. Keeping this thought in mind, several industry experts from India and across the world gathered at a virtual conclave to discuss various topics pertaining to the industry. The conclave witnessed a host of distinguished speakers from the industry –Amit Saraogi, managing director, Anmol Feeds. Saraogi stated, “Fisheries alone has employed 145 million people and contributed to 1.07 per cent of the GDP and generated export earnings of Rs 334.41 billion as per a recent estimate of National Fisheries Development Board. Aquaculture over recent years has not only led to substantial socio-economic benefits such as increased nutritional levels, income, employment and foreign exchange, but has also brought vast unutilized and under-utilized land and water resources under culture.”

## Ranchi MLA lauds farm Bills, highlights features

PNS ■ RANCHI

Senior BJP leader and former Minister, CP Singh on Thursday attacked UPA parties including Congress for opposing the agriculture reform bills passed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi government. Singh, addressing a press conference at party office said, “Congress opposition to the agriculture reform Bill has exposed the grand old party. Entire nation has seen the double stands of Congress.”

Singh said, “The Congress party has talked about agricultural reforms in its manifesto, but today they are opposing it. In 2013, Rahul Gandhi said that the Congress will exclude fruits and vegetables from the APMC Act in the governed states, but today they are opposing this change.”

Targeting Congress party, Singh the 6th time Ranchi MLA, said that the Congress party did nothing to empower the farmers in the last 55 years.

Lauding Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Ranchi MLA said that the PM has done historic work for the development and progress of agriculture and farmers. In the UPA government the agriculture budget was Rs 12,000 crores which was increased to Rs 1.34 lakh crores. Singh claimed that Rs 92,000 crores have been transferred in farmers' account in Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme.

Highlighting some of the agriculture schemes launched by the Modi government, Singh said that under Prime Minister Kisan Maandhan scheme, provision of pension of Rs 3000 per month for 60 years of farmers has been made. The farmers have received double the minimum support price (MSP) in 7



Ranchi MLA CP Singh addresses media persons at BJP headquarter in Ranchi on Thursday Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

years. Highlighting the MSP increase under NDA regime, Singh said during UPA regime the MSP on lentils was Rs 2950 per quintal which has been increased to Rs 5100 per quintal. The MSP of Urad dal has increased from Rs 4300 to Rs 6000; similarly the MSP of moong, arhar, gram, mustard has been increased drastically. The increase in lentils MSP has yielded procurement of pulses where 1.25 lakh metric tons of pulses were purchased between 2009-14 it has increased to 76.85 lakh metric tons of pulses between 2014-19.

Describing the Agricultural Reforms Bill as beneficial for the farmers, Singh said that the confusion being spread by the opponents is absolutely baseless and wrong. Farmers will continue to get the minimum support price, now with the One Nation, One Market policy, the farmer will now be able to sell his crop to anyone anywhere, the agreement will guarantee the farmers to get the fixed price.

On Sunday, the Rajya Sabha passed two contentious key farm bills - Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020) through voice vote despite ruckus created by Opposition members.



# SAARC must defeat terrorism: Jaishankar

‘Blocking connectivity, obstructing trade other hurdles’

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Listing cross-border terrorism as one of the main challenges, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has to overcome it to ensure everlasting peace in the region. The other hurdles are blocking connectivity and obstructing trade, he said.

The Minister made these observations in an obvious reference to Pakistan while addressing an informal virtual meeting of foreign ministers of the eight-member grouping. It was not functioning for some time now because of differences between India and Pakistan.

The meeting of the foreign ministers is an annual event held on the margins of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York. These meetings have often seen sharp exchanges between the two nations in recent years.

“Cross-border terrorism, blocking connectivity and obstructing trade are three key challenges that SAARC must overcome,” Jaishankar said in a string of tweets highlighting the contents of his speech. “Only then will we see enduring

peace, prosperity and security in our South Asia region,” he added.

The Minister said, “Over the last 35 years, Saarc has made significant progress. But our efforts towards collective collaboration and prosperity have been hampered by acts of terrorism and threats to national security.

“Such an environment impedes our shared objective of realising the full potential of our collective endeavour. It is, therefore, crucial that we collectively resolve to defeat the scourge of terrorism, including the forces that nurture, support and encourage it. This will generate the much needed trust and confidence to collectively build a stronger and prosperous Saarc.”

India holds Pakistan responsible for cross-border terror in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).

Jaishankar said he had also reaffirmed India’s commitment to its “neighbourhood first” policy and towards building a connected, integrated, secure and prosperous South Asia. He also highlighted India’s Covid-19-related cooperation efforts, including a commitment of \$10 million to the emergency fund for the region, the supply of essential

drugs, medical consumables, and protection and test kits to the region, and a video conference of health professionals from the region to share information and best practices on the pandemic.

India had also launched a Covid-19 Information Exchange Platform (COINEX) to facilitate exchange of specialised information, helped the development of an innovative website by the Saarc Disaster Management Centre to provide reliable information and updates on the evolving situation, and activated the Saarc Food Bank mechanism to mitigate the impact of the pandemic, he said.

In his address, Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi spoke of his country’s “willingness to host the 19th SAARC Summit and for obstacles created in its way to be removed for SAARC to function as an effective instrument of regional cooperation.”

The summit was scheduled to be held in Islamabad in November 2016 but was called off after an attack on an Indian Army camp at Uri in Kashmir that was blamed on Pakistan-based terrorists. Since then, SAARC has largely been dormant.

## India posts more Covid-19 recoveries than fresh infections

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Thursday said that new recoveries in India have continued to exceed the new cases for the last six days, pushing the national recovery rate to 81.55 per cent.

This even as India’s Covid-19 caseload breached the 57-lakh mark and the death toll went past 91,000.

In all, 87,374 recoveries have been registered in the last 24 hours in the country, while the number of new confirmed cases stands at 86,508. With this, the total number of recoveries are 46.7 lakh (46,74,987). The death toll climbed to 91,149 with 1,129 people succumbing to the disease in a span of 24 hours.

The Covid-19 case fatality rate due to the coronavirus infection was recorded at 1.59 per cent.

There are 9,66,382 active cases of coronavirus infection in the country which comprises 16.86 per cent of the total caseload, the Ministry said.

India’s COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and it went past 50 lakh on September 16.

According to the ICMR, a cumulative total of 6,74,36,031 samples have been tested up to September 23 with 11,56,569 samples being tested on Wednesday.

Nearly 74 per cent of the new recovered cases are found in 10 States/UTs. Maharashtra has maintained this lead with 19,476 cases (22.3 per cent) for the sixth consecutive day, said the Ministry.

There has been sustained focus of the Union and State/UT governments on improved and effective clinical treatment in hospitals, supervised home isolation, use of non-invasive oxygen support, use of steroids, anticoagulants, and improved services of the ambulances for ferrying patients for prompt and timely treatment.

## Farm Bills: Cong launches nationwide stir against Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday launched a two-month-long nationwide agitation against the Centre for passing the farm bills during the Monsoon Session of Parliament. The Congress said they will be also supporting the protests announced by various farmers groups across the country.

Widespread protests, especially in states like Punjab and Haryana, where farmers and farmer organisations have taken to the streets while opposing the move, are going on.

A farmers’ body will hold a ‘rail roko’ agitation till September 26 to lodge their protest against the three agriculture ordinances passed by the Union Cabinet. “We have decided to hold a rail roko agitation from September 24 to 26 against the three agriculture ordinances,” said Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee General Secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher.

Different farmers’ organisations in Punjab have already given a call for a ‘bandh’ on September 25 in protest against the Bills.

Senior Congress leader and party spokesperson Abhishek Manu Singhvi said that the decision to call for a silent protest and lend support

## Ministry allows airlines to set ‘baggage limit’

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has amended provisions regarding baggage limit on domestic flights, giving airline carriers the freedom to decide on it as per their internal policy. Ahead of this, passengers flying domestic routes were only allowed to take one hand baggage and one check-in luggage.

Issuing a new memorandum, the MoCA said, “Baggage Limitation would be as per the airlines’ policies.” “The matter with regard to check-in baggage has been reviewed based on the feedback/inputs received from the concerned stakeholders,” the ministry noted. Following the notice, airlines will be able to reset the domestic check-in baggage limit back to 15 kg as it will help them slightly increase their revenues.

When the domestic passenger flights resumed on May 25 after a gap of two months due to the coronavirus pandemic, the ministry had stated that only one check-in baggage and one

## Saudi Arabia partially relaxes ban on flights to India, allows only outbound passengers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Saudi Arabia has partially relaxed its suspension order for travel to and from India. It has decided that flights would be allowed from Saudi Arabia to India but not from India to Saudi Arabia.

Air India Express, which operates maximum flights between India and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, informed passengers of the partial relaxation.

The airline’s official Twitter handle said, “Air India Express Vande Bharat flights would continue to carry passengers on its flights from Saudi Arabia to India. The Airline would not carry passengers from India to Saudi Arabia.”

The General Authority of Civil Aviation in Saudi Arabia, in its order two days ago said, “Suspending travel to and from the following countries (India, Brazil and Argentina) including any person who has been in any of the mentioned countries above in the last (14) days prior to their arrival in the Kingdom.” Saudi Arabia said this was in view of the growing number of Covid-19 cases in these countries. They however, excluded passengers who have official Government invitations from this order. Kuwait have a blanket ban on travel to and from India, jurisdictions like Hong Kong have an ongoing suspension on Air India’s flights to its airport till October 3.

hand baggage per passenger must be allowed. Passengers were also allowed to carry check-in baggage up to 20 kg without any additional charge.

Currently, airlines are permitted to operate not more than 60 per cent of their pre-COVID domestic flights.

Recently, in a significant statement Union Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday told the Rajya Sabha that by the time its Diwali and towards the end of the year, India would have pre-Covid aviation figures of 3,00,000 passengers a day.

## MES Jr engineer, GST officials arrested for graft

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Thursday arrested a Military Engineer Services (MES) Junior Engineer for accepting a bribe of ₹30,000. In a separate case, the agency arrested three GST officials in a graft case of ₹5 lakh.

The MES Junior Engineer Rajiv Ranjan Reddy was posted at Paradeep (Odisha) and was nabbed while demanding and accepting the bribe from the complainant, officials said.

The agency has registered a case under various Sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act on a complaint alleging that the accused official demanded a bribe of ₹30,000 from complainant’s relative for forwarding bio-data of six persons of the complainant’s firm to the Office of GE (I), MES, Bhubaneswar for formal approval relating to the Work Order in favour of victim firm. The CBI laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe amount from the complainant.

Searches at the office and residence of the accused officials were conducted leading to recovery of incriminating documents, the agency said.

In the GST graft case, the agency arrested two Superintendents and one Inspector, all working in the office of Commissioner, Central

Goods & Service Tax, Central Excise, Belgaum (Karnataka) in an alleged bribery case

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Naveen Aggarwal (Advocate)  
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The public at large is hereby informed that late Mr.G.G.Arora s/o late Mr.Sita Ram/y/o C-90,kalkaji,New Delhi-110019 may wish to contact with above named person at above project, Vatika Business Park, flat no. 425, block C, sector 49 and measuring 500sq ft which his legal heirs Mrs.Kuldeep Arora(w/o late Mr.G.G.Arora)/Mrs.Sonali Arora(w/o late Mr.Gagan Arora:son)/Miss Simran and Mr.Raghav Arora(children of late Mr.Gagan Arora) and Mr.Pawan Arora(s/o late Mr.G.G.Arora) requested the company to be transferred to Mr.Raghav Arora(grandson). Any person having an objection on this please may contact the company officer details as under: within 15 days after which NO CLAIM would be accepted.Vatika limited,Vatika triangle, 4th floor,Sushant Lok-1,Block AMG road, Gurgaon,Haryana

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**MD. IRFAN (ADVOCATE)**  
Chamber No. 362, Lawyers Chamber Block, Saket Court, New Delhi  
**Dated: 23.09.2020**

**WESTERN RAILWAY**  
**VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS**  
1) **Tender Notice No. & date:** BCT/20-21/207 dtd. 24.09.2020  
**Work and Location :** CCG - VR Section:- Improvement / upgradation of LC gate surface by providing Rubberized surface at LC No. 41 under DEN/S/BCT. (Two Packet System) **Approx cost of work:** ₹30,51,111/- **EMD:** ₹ 61,000/-  
2) **Tender Notice No. & date:** BCT/20-21/208 dtd. 24.09.2020  
**Work and Location :** CCG - VR Section:- Improvement / upgradation of LC gate surface by providing Rubberized surface at LC No. 19 under DEN/S/BCT. (Two Packet System) **Approx cost of work:** ₹44,16,846.40 **EMD:** ₹ 88,300/- **Date & Time of Submission for both tenders will be:** 20.10.2020 till 15:00 hrs. **Date & Time of Opening for both tenders will be:** 20.10.2020 at 15:30 hrs. please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** to download the tender document, corrigendum and further details.  
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**OFFICE OF THE SENIOR PROJECT ENGINEER**  
**BIHAR RAJYA PUL NIRMAN NIGAM LTD.**  
**WORKS DIVISION, GAYA.**  
**Re-Tender Inviting Notice**  
(Only through e-tendering system on website (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in))  
**NIT No-BRPNL / GAY / C 003/ 06**  
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTANANCE OF PASSENGER ROPEWAY SYSTEM AT BRAHMAYONI HILL AND DUNGESHWARI HILL IN DISTRICT GAYA, BIHAR.

Sl. No.	State	Name of Project	Estimated cost of the Project (Rs.in lacs)	Bid Security (Rs.in lacs)	Cost of RFP Document (Rs.)	Bid Processing Fee (Online Payment) (Rs.) (Non-Refundable)	Time of Completion	Maintenance of the 'Project after Commissioning (in month)
1	Bihar	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of passenger ropeway system at Brahmayoni Hill (Gaya) in Bihar on Turnkey Basis.	330.00	6.60	10,000/-	17,700/-	12 (Twelve Months)	06 (Six)
2	Bihar	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of passenger ropeway system at Dungeshwari Hill (Gaya) on Turnkey Basis.	682.00	13.64	10,000/-	17,700/-	15 (Fifteen Months)	06 (Six)

**2. Important dates :-**

i.	Date of issue of Notice inviting Tender	>: 22-09-2020
ii.	Period of sale of Bid document	>: From 17-11-2020 (10.00am) to 25-11-2020 (03:00pm) on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
iii.	Pre-bid meeting date & venue	>: 23-11-2020 at Conference Hall of BRPNL Head Office, Patna.
iv.	Last Date of Submission/uploading of Tender/completed bid documents	>: 26-11-2020 upto 03:00 pm. on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
v.	Last Date of Submission of Cost of RFQ- cum-RFP document, Bid Security (EMD) etc. (Hard copies in original).	>: Till 3:00 pm. on 27-11-2020 (Next working day after receipt of tender) Place :- In the office of 1- Senior Project Engineer, Works Division, Gaya 2- Dy. Chief Engineer, Works Circle-01, Patna
vi.	Date & Time for opening of Technical Bids	>: 27-11-2020 upto 03:30 pm. on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

**3. Sale of Bid Documents**  
(A) The interested bidders who have experience in execution of similar works and fulfilling technical and financial capacity may obtain bid document which will be available on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in from **17-11-2020 (10.00am) to 25-11-2020 (3:00pm)**. The cost of bid document as indicated in table above will be in the form of non refundable Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque payable to “**Senior Project Engineer, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd., Works Division, Gaya**”. and payable at **Gaya**.  
(B) Bid Processing Fees is mandatory to be paid through online mode i.e. internet payment gateway (Credit/Debit Card) Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS.

**4. Earnest Money** The Earnest money as indicated in the table above shall be accompanied with bid in the shape of 8th issue of 6 years NSC/KVP/TD issued within the state or as per Bihar Financial Rules & Rule 161 of revised PWD code and duly pledged in favour of “**Senior Project Engineer, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd., Works Division, Gaya**”.  
The Earnest Money shall also be acceptable in the form of Demand Draft/Fixed Deposit Receipt or unconditional Bank Guarantee (valid upto 45 days after bid validity period) of any Scheduled Bank which has Branch in Bihar and duly issued in favour of “**Senior Project Engineer, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd., Works Division, Gaya**”.

Earnest money and the cost of Bid Documents shall be submitted in original in the office of the Senior Project Engineer, Works Division, Gaya, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd. / Dy. Chief Engineer, Work circle-01, Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd. Patna, 7- Sardar Patel Marg, Patna up to 27-11-2020 (**3:00pm**), otherwise bid will not be considered as responsive.

**5. Qualifying Criteria:-** Qualifying Requirements, Specification etc. will be as per rules & conditions, which along with detailed NIT can be seen on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in/www.brpnrl.bihar.gov.in.

**6. Pre Bid Meeting**  
A pre-bid meeting will be held on **23-11-2020 at 3:00 PM** in the Conference Hall of BRPNL 7, Sardar Patel Marg, Patna – 800015. The minutes of pre-bid meeting shall be intimated through website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in

**7. Last Date of Submission of Tender**  
Last date of submission of tender will be on 26-11-2020 upto **3:00 PM** through website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in. All documents / Demand Draft / Earnest Money etc. should be scanned and uploaded with the proposal.

**8. Technical Bid Opening**  
Technical Bid will be opened on 27-11-2020 at **3:30 PM** on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.

**9. Validity of Bid**  
120 days from last date of submission of Tender.

**10. Date of Opening of Financial Bid:**  
Date of opening of financial bid will be intimated later through website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in.

**21. For clarification and further enquiry, if any, regarding e-tendering process and registration, the bidder may contact e – procurement Helpdesk, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, M/22, Bank of India Building, Road No. 25, S.K. Nagar, Patna- 800001 (Tel 0612- 2523006, 7542028164) Visit our website; www.brpnrl.bihar.gov.in.**  
Contact person for enquiry:- Senior Project Engineer Mob. No.-9431820181  
Project Engineer Mob. No.-8544419028

**Senior Project Engineer, B.R.P.N.N.Ltd, Works Division, Gaya**  
प्रियतम जानकारी के लिए [state.bihar.gov.in/prdibihar](http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdibihar) पर देखा जा सकता है।  
**PR- 07634 ( Ni Ni ) 2020-21**

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WESTERN RAILWAY VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS				
Sr. No.	Tender Notice No. & Date	Work and Location	Approx Cost of work ₹	EMD ₹
1	BCT/20-21/204 dtd. 24.09.2020	Udhna - Jalgaon section: Repairs to road surface of LC gates No 5, 17, 35, 36, 53, 65, 73, 69, 27,43 and height gauge of LC-17 under ADEN-Vyara	1,10,53,286.50	2,05,300.00
2	BCT/20-21/205 dtd. 24.09.2020	Udhna - Jalgaon section: Nandurbar : providing portable water fighter tanker to meet emergency condition in year 2020-21	5,21,218.30	10,400.00
3	BCT/20-21/206 dtd. 24.09.2020	Udhna - Jalgaon section: Reconditioning of Tongue rails. SEJ and slide chairs etc., under DEN/East section	51,14,891.96	1,02,300.00

Date & Time of submission of above mentioned tenders will be **27.10.2020 at 15:00 hrs.** and Date & Time of opening of above mentioned tenders will be **27.10.2020 at 15:30 hrs.**

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

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कार्यालय-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, शोध प्रशिक्षण एवं जन सम्पर्क प्रमण्डल, पटना  
**शुद्धि पत्र**  
**P.R No – 006560/20-21**  
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**वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी**  
**PR. No. 007662 (Forest) 2020-21 शोध प्रशिक्षण एवं जन सम्पर्क प्रमण्डल, पटना**  
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# CRPF officer martyred in Budgam terror attack

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A senior officer of the Central Reserve police Force (CRPF) attained martyrdom in a terror attack in the central Kashmir district of Budgam while a joint team of the security forces eliminated a hardcore terrorist of Al Badr terror outfit in a separate encounter in Machama area of South Kashmir's Awantipora on Thursday. Meanwhile, another operation was launched by the security forces in Sirhama area of Anantnag late Thursday evening after receiving inputs about the presence of terrorists in the area.

Late last evening a Block Development Council Chairman of Khag Budgam, Bhupinder Singh, was shot dead by the 'unidentified' terrorists in the Budgam district. His mortal remains were shifted to Jammu on Thursday to perform his last rites. According to the official sources, terrorists targeted a CRPF officer in a bid to loot his service weapon at Kaisermulla in Budgam district. The officer was identified as Assistant Sub Inspector NC Badoley of 117 Bn, hailing from Nagpur area of Maharashtra.

According to the local police authorities, after seriously injuring a CRPF officer the terrorists ran away with his service

weapon. Later ASI Badoley succumbed to injuries at the Army's 92 base hospital at Badami Bagh. In a second operation of the day, the joint teams of the security forces eliminated an Al-Badr terrorist in Machama area of Awantipora. According to a police spokesman, the operation was launched by the Awantipora Police, 42 RR and 180 BN CRPF in the said area.

"During the search operation, as the presence of terrorists got ascertained they were given an opportunity to surrender, however instead the terrorists fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter.

## Vijayakant tests Covid-19 positive, admitted to hospital

CHENNAI: Film star-turned-politician Vijayakant, founder of DMDK, who was diagnosed with Covid-19 is undergoing treatment in a private hospital in Chennai since September 22. This was announced by the managing director of the hospital MIOT International in Chennai through a release. "Vijayakant tested positive for Covid-19 on September 22. He is completely stable and admitted to MIOT Hospitals, Chennai. PNS

## Advocate shot dead in Srinagar

Jammu: Less than 24 hours after a Chairman of the Block Development Council in the central Kashmir district of Budgam was shot dead by 'unidentified' terrorists from a close range, a famous Advocate who appeared on TV news channels and participated in 'volatile' debates on Kashmir issue was gunned down in Hawal area of Srinagar on Thursday evening.

The deceased Advocate has been identified as Babar Qadri. According to the local police authorities, Advocate Babar Qadri was shot at from a close range and was rushed to

the SKIMS where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Qadri had recently locked horns with his opponents on the social media who often labeled him an agent of 'agencies' in Kashmir valley.

In one such case, Qadri had even posted a tweet urging the police authorities to register FIR against one social media user.

"I urge the state Police administration to register FIR against this Shah Nazir who has spread the wrong campaign that I work for agencies. This is a true statement can lead to threat to my life." PNS

## 6,324 new cases in Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

In yet another sign that the situation arising out of Covid-19 has gone out of control in Kerala, the State on Thursday diagnosed 6,324 persons with the pandemic (the highest number to test positive on a single day till date). Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said that 21 persons died in the State during the last 24 hours due to Covid-19.

Briefing the media on Thursday evening, Vijayan said that there were 45,919 Covid-19 patients across the State as on date. Kerala may overtake Tamil Nadu if this is the trend, according to medical profes-

sionals in the State. Tamil Nadu succeeded in containing the number of new patients on Thursday to 5,692 while there were 46,405 patients across the State.

For the first time, Kozhikode topped the table of districts with the highest number of patients-883. Out of this, 820 contracted the pandemic through social contacts, said Vijayan.

Thiruvananthapuram district had 875 Covid-19 patients as on Thursday evening. The chief minister disclosed that out of the 6,324 persons tested positive on Thursday, 5,321 persons contracted the disease through social contacts. PNS

## Monsoon may start withdrawing from west Rajasthan Mon onwards

New Delhi: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Thursday southwest monsoon is likely to start withdrawing from west Rajasthan Monday (September 28) onwards. The hot and humid conditions are also likely to reduce thereafter. Widespread and heavy rain will continue in parts of Bihar, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and some northeastern states till September 26.

"Conditions are likely to become favourable for withdrawal of southwest Monsoon from West Rajasthan and adjoining areas around 28th September. The Low Pressure Area lies over central parts of East Uttar Pradesh and neighbourhood. The associated cyclonic circulation extends upto mid-tropospheric levels. It is likely to move

east-northeastwards to Bihar during next three days," the IMD said. It's been delayed by a week compared to the normal date for commencement of monsoon withdrawa

This year, monsoon rain over the country is 9% in excess as on Thursday. In September, northwest India recorded a 46.8% rain deficiency while south peninsula received 67.7% surplus rain; east and northeast India received 12.8% surplus rain; central India recorded a 6.1% rain deficiency.

The normal date for commencement of monsoon withdrawal from northwest India is September 17 and for complete withdrawal from the country is October 15, as per the new monsoon onset and withdrawal dates issued by IMD in April this year. PNS

## Aligarh lock company faces copyright charges

Aligarh: A Talanagri-based company has been accused of stealing the designs of Delhi's renowned lock company and selling its exact lock's copy in the market. On this, following the order of Tis Hazari court, the police along with the Delhi firm officials raided the company and found a huge quantity of manufactured locks. The local firm could not able to show any document related to this design. Currently, the stock has been seized and further action is in progress. PNS

## Madras High Court quashes Palani Temple's move to appoint contractors

CHENNAI: The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Wednesday delivered a verdict with respect to the holy shrine of Lord Muruga at Palani Hills in Tamil Nadu by cancelling the tender issued by the executive officer to appoint contractors for providing house keeping services in the temple and establishments attached to the temple.

Justice G R Swaminathan, who heard a writ petition filed by T R Ramesh, president, Indic Collective, challenging the executive officer's move to float tenders for the same accepted the contention of the petitioner that devotees were authorized with the maintenance and cleaning of the temple and its premises as per "Uzhavara Pani", an age old voluntary service ritual. Ramesh also argued that the executive officer by entrusting the cleaning and maintenance works of the temple to outsiders on a commercial basis was infringing on the rights of the devotees. PNS

## Singer SPB's condition critical

Chennai: Tamil Nadu is in a state of anxiety as the health condition of legendary singer S P Balasubramanyam (SPB to friends and fans) deteriorated by Thursday evening, according to the corporate hospital where he had been admitted since August 5 for Covid treatment.

"His condition in the last 24 hours has deteriorated further warranting maximal life support and his condition is extremely critical. The team of experts at MGM Healthcare are closely monitoring his health condition," the health bulletin issued by Dr Anuradha Baskaran, Assistant Director-Medical Services, MGM Healthcare hospital said. PNS

## Mamata announces monetary aids for Durga puja organisers

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday announced liberal largesse to the clubs organising Durga Puja prompting the Opposition BJP and Left to link her actions with next year's Assembly elections.

The Chief Minister's latest announcement include a grant of ₹50,000 to the clubs organising Durga Puja. This apart, Banerjee also announced a 50 percent rebate in electricity charges for the Puja committees and requested the private-owned Calcutta Electricity Supply Corporation to follow

suit. Last year the State Government had allowed only 10 percent rebate in power charges for the Durga Puja committees.

There are about 28,000 Durga Puja committees in Bengal and the dole could cost the Government about 200 crore, sources said.

Besides, she said that no tax would be charged by the municipal authorities including Kolkata, Howrah, Ansansol and Siliguri Municipal corporations and panchayats were. The Fire Brigade Department too would not charge any fees from the Puja organisers, Banerjee said.

## Bengaluru violence: NIA conducts searches at 30 places, arrests key conspirator

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after registering two cases in connection with the large-scale violence in Bengaluru in August, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday conducted searches at 30 locations and arrested an alleged key conspirator related to the incident.

The arrested conspirator Sayed Saddiq Ali, 44, resident of Bengaluru, is alleged to have been involved in the attack on KG Halli Police Station in Bengaluru that took place late in the evening on August 11 resulting in "huge" damage and destruction of public and government property, including damage to the police station building and vehicles parked in its premises and

nearby areas.

Ali works as a recovery agent with a bank and has been absconding since August 11, immediately after the riots.

In addition to Ali's arrest, searches were also conducted at 30 locations in Bengaluru city to unearth the conspiracy behind the attacks on DJ Halli and KG Halli police stations.

"During the searches, airgun, pellets, sharp weapons, iron rods, digital devices, DVRs and many SDPI & PFI-related incriminating documents and materials have been seized," the NIA said in a statement. On Wednesday, pursuant to Union Home Ministry's directions, the NIA took up the investigation of two Bengaluru violence cases registered by the State police at DJ Halli and KG Halli police stations on August 12.

## Teenager gangraped in Aligarh

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

A teenager from a village in the Atrauli police station area was taken hostage and raped for three days by two youths and they escaped after throwing her in the field of berries. Angry teenager's relatives reached the police station along with dozens of villagers and demanded action against the accused. Late in the evening the police have registered a case. Efforts are on to arrest the

accused youths.

According to the victim, on 20th September afternoon, she visited her field when two youths of the village caught her from behind and knocked her unconscious with a handkerchief on her face. After this, both the youth took her to some unknown place where she was raped by both for three days. On Tuesday night, they threw her in the field of berries near the village in unconscious state and escaped.

## Woman raped for five years on pretext of marriage

Aligarh : A girl, resident of Pisava police station area has approached the police alleging that the youth from the same village had raped her in the name of marriage. According to the victim, five years ago, a youth from a community forcibly dragged her into the forest and raped her. He then threatened to kill her if she tells someone. When the victim tried to complain to the police, the family of the accused youth silenced her by giving her the assurance of marriage with him, since then the youth continued to exploit the girl. PNS

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02226 / 02225 Delhi - Azamgarh - Delhi Kafiyat Express Superfast Special Train (Daily)					
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ARR.	DEP.		ARR.	DEP.	
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19:51	19:53	Ghaziabad	06:28	06:30	
21:48	21:50	Aligarh Jn.	04:46	04:48	
23:42	23:44	Etawah	02:32	02:34	
01:37	01:42	Kanpur Central	00:45	00:50	
02:03	02:04	Unnao Jn.	00:08	00:10	
03:00	03:20	Lucknow	22:55	23:15	
04:05	04:07	Barabanki Jn.	21:39	21:41	
04:59	05:00	Rudauli	20:28	20:30	
05:35	05:37	Faizabad Jn.	19:50	19:52	
05:55	05:57	Ayodhya	19:22	19:24	
06:42	06:44	Akbarpur Jn.	18:38	18:40	
07:02	07:04	Malipur	18:20	18:22	
08:00	08:25	Shahganj Jn.	17:35	18:00	
08:46	08:48	Khorason Road	17:03	17:05	
08:58	09:01	Saraimir	16:53	16:55	
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Park, Nangloi, Delhi on 20.09.2020. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 930/20 dated 20.09.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found New Born Baby may kindly inform to the following:-

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## SEARCH FOR MISSING MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Rajender **S/o** Ram Shah **R/o** Raj Nagar, Ward No.37, Hindaun, District-Kirauli, Rajasthan **Aged**-26 Years has been reported missing since 09.08.2019 vide **FIR No.29/2020 u/s 365 IPC Dated 19.01.2020** registered at Police Station Anand Vihar, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Complexion:** Fair, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Hair:** Black, **Clothing:** Blue coloured Lining Shirt, Grey coloured Pant and barefoot.

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

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FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-22384300, 22384600  
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Rajender

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MAN

General Public is hereby informed that one man (depicted in the photo) namely Ravi Shankar **S/o** Sita Ram **R/o** H. No. 24, Extn. 2-A, Nangloi, Delhi **Aged**-52 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 13.07.2020 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi vide **DD No. 113-A Dated 22.07.2020** has been Registered at Police Station Nangloi, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'9", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue checked shirt, blue coloured pant and black coloured sandal in feet.

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Ravi Shankar

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet** **S/o** Govind Ram Sharma **R/o** H.No. F-192-B, Pratap Vihar, Vijay Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 130/12 u/s 420/468/467/34 IPC P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet** cannot be found and where as it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Gulshan Sharma @ Ajeet** accused of FIR No. 130/12 u/s 420/468/467/34 IPC P.S. Kamla Market, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 17.11.2020.

By Order: Ms. Prigya Gupta Metropolitan Magistrate-08  
DP/364/CD/20 Room No. 272, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi



# Stifling more voices

Salman Khurshid named in Delhi Police chargesheet on riots but there are no specifics on provocative speeches



This is more than a witch-hunt, it is a theatre of the absurd, this partisan investigation into the Delhi riots. One cannot even blame the police anymore, trotting out as it does the script that is handed down to it by the Home Ministry, having long lost the spine to stand up to its constitutional mandated functions and bending instead to the political masters of the day. The message, howsoever unpalatable to our Indian ethos and civilisational DNA, is clear — there can be only one ideology that works, anybody else choosing the other end of the divide just won't be tolerated. And that the democratic right to dissent, even one in defence of the Constitution, is as good as treason. In this case, challenging the new law that makes grant of citizenship conditional on religion and tears asunder the secular rights of all Indians. What else can explain the names in the outrageous chargesheet of the Delhi Police on the February riots? Congressmen, Leftists, scientists, filmmakers, civil society activists, students, basically everybody who agreed to disagree with the Government. Take the case of Salman Khurshid. Forget that he has been a Congress veteran, a Union Minister handling key portfolios, an educationist, a legal eagle, a liberal Muslim who refused to be card-boarded into stereotypes or become an apologist of his faith. Forget his pedigree and lineage as the grandson of our third President Zakir Husain. Has there been any precedent of his anti-India intentions or has there been any visual footage of him delivering divisive and hate speeches? Or having an aggressive tenor of words? Yet he has been listed for instigating the riots in the city this February through provocative speeches and a studied design. No specifics have been mentioned. He has been named with his party colleague Udit Raj and CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat for fanning sentiments during the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act. The police claims to have “protected” witnesses, who were conspirators themselves and perhaps needed intense “security” to spill the beans on the complicity of senior leaders. And to indicate the weightage and seriousness of the statements, the police said they had been recorded before a Magistrate under Section 164 of Code of Criminal Procedure. Other big names in the disclosure statements include those of Left leader Kavita Krishnan, student activist Kawalpreet Kaur, scientist Gauhar Raza and advocate Prashant Bhushan. The bigger question is then what does one do with the stronger visual evidence of incendiary speeches by ruling BJP leaders, like “*goli maaro, saalo ko,*” that were repeatedly played out on news television. The likes of Anurag Thakur and Kapil Mishra have been spared, the latter spewing vitriol and issuing barely veiled threats under police watch. There were videos of a group of people cheering and chanting “*Jai Shri Ram*” as bricks and stones were unloaded. It was clear that violence was being planned and frantic appeals were made to Delhi Police to act. Later shops were set on fire in Muslim localities in Maujpur. So why was no action taken against the BJP motormouth for his hate speech and disruption of peace and communal harmony? Simply because he held rallies in favour of the new citizenship law and was the Government’s mouthpiece? If hate begets hate, then there ought to have been two guilty parties, not one.

The brutality of targetting is even more evident as names uncomfortable to the establishment are circled out while provocateurs friendly to it are let off. Earlier, too, there was a motivated leaking of information about noted civil society activists figuring in a supplementary chargesheet based on disclosures of the accused. While the police had then claimed that the disclosure was not the sole basis of further action, and needed to be backed up by corroborative evidence, cross-checking and information, why were their names listed? CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury was labelled as an instigator for representing an ideological polarity. Riots probes by their very nature are sensitive and it is all the more necessary for the police to sift fact from fiction, identify the perpetrator and the victim, regardless of fear or pressure. For a society needs healing and by the Government’s own figures, the minority communities have been affected more in the arson and violence that followed. What makes the Delhi riot probe a dangerous precedent is that there is nothing that separates the protester from the rioter, the dissenter from the conspirator and the citizen from an arsonist. If this is going to be the template going forward, then there would be no need for a trial by court. By deriding and selectively targetting some of the best educated and informed minds in the country, the new India is about using knowledge and wisdom to be a qualified conformist than a disgruntled critic. Disproportionately and sadly, the Government narrative of stereotyping the riots as another volatile expression of communal angst has swamped every logical argument on why citizenship should not be selective. Most disturbingly, such actions prove that the Government can well do without civil society which might either become a voiceless and rare species or be coopted. But dangerously, we are also losing the Muslim intelligentsia to hate politics. One dreads to imagine its fallout.

# Rafale under fire again

CAG says offset obligations under jet deal yet to be fulfilled; LCA project could be hit



The ruling BJP might have capped the Rafale deal as a non-issue during the general elections and there was general acceptability of the acquisition of the fighter jet for improving our strategic competence. But now the ghost of murky deal-making has returned with the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) finding that French aerospace major Dassault Aviation and European missile maker MBDA have defaulted on off-set clauses. The report says that till date they have “not confirmed” the transfer of technology for the indigenous development of the engine for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Under the off-set contract relating to the nearly ₹60,000 crore deal for 36 Rafale fighter jets. The off-set policy, a certain percentage of the deal value with foreign firms should flow into India as Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), which would eventually include technology transfer, local manufacturing of advanced components and creating jobs. Most vendors over-committed to get the contract and breaches of this nature aren't new. But such a lapse could prove costly for the Government. According to the CAG report tabled in Parliament, as the vendor has not confirmed the transfer of this technology till date, the targets for doing so had already been delayed badly and could not be met before deadline. In its defence, Dassault Aviation has said it will eventually meet its obligation, which has slowed down in the last few months due to the pandemic. If Dassault does not make good on its commitment, then the Kaveri engine project will continue to hang fire. For the DRDO, which has been involved in the LCA project for long and has been unable to give its engine the kind of performance and thrust that it had planned, had to choose one made by the US firm GE. However, hopes of indigenisation of the project were raised again when during the Rafale negotiations, France agreed to help India work on an upgraded Kaveri engine.

Worryingly, the CAG also warned against the efficacy of our off-set policy, saying it did not find a single case of foreign vendors transferring high technology to Indian industry, particularly in the defence sector, which ranked 62 out of 63 sectors receiving FDI. The failure on the part of Dassault to keep its end of the bargain would give more ammunition to the Opposition, which has also opposed and questioned Anil Ambani's Reliance entering the deal as an off-set partner for Dassault Aviation. The CAG report further said that “non-fulfilment of off-set obligations by the vendor, especially when the contract period of the main procurement is over, is a direct benefit to the vendor.” This questions the Government’s ability to drive a bargain. Would this report be a can of worms?

# When *babu* becomes *neta*

Restrictions need to be placed to account for situations where the independence of the judiciary and of the civil services could be threatened



AJOY KUMAR

Like most people, I enjoy listening to music in my free time. Other than being an expression of art, songs are often a great medium to get a message across. Some are subtle where you have to find understated and intelligent references to the message that is hidden. However, at the same time you have songs with lyrics like “Sushant superstar, you were Bihar’s treasure... The DGP came, he faced attacks but he took the case to the CBI. (The DGP) is the pride of the nation...” It is safe to say that this music video, which was released on the same day as the voluntary retirement of the DGP, can be a lot of things but “subtle” is certainly not one of them.

The release of the music video and the reports of Gupteshwar Pandey (the DGP in question) making a foray into politics, do, however, give us an opportunity to examine the situation in the country and the question of ethical conduct by certain individuals from the Indian civil services and the judiciary, two pillars on which the modern Indian state stands. The title of this week’s piece may seem a tad ironic, especially considering that the writer himself was one time a “*babu*” and is now in active politics. However, having joined politics close to a decade after leaving the civil services, I believe that I can offer a unique perspective on the topic.

To be clear, this is far from the first time questions regarding the ethics of appointment or nomination of individuals who come from the civil services or the judiciary have been raised. Even in a meeting of the Constituent Assembly, this issue was discussed. Professor KT Shah moved an amendment, which contemplated restricting judges who had served for more than five years in the Supreme Court or on any of the High Courts, from being appointed to any executive office or Ministers in a Government. The intent, as explained by a supporter of the amendment, was imperative because “if the temptation of being appointed to other high positions after retirement is not removed, it will also be liable to be abused by the Executive or by any party in power and they may hold out such temptations which might affect the independence of the judiciary.” The amendment was ultimately rejected by Dr BR



Ambedkar because at the time he believed that this was only a theoretical protection as the “opportunity for the executive to influence the judiciary is very small”. While there is no such restriction, the Constitution of India does lay down administrative details like retirement of judges and remuneration in the Constitution. Similarly, civil servants are granted privileges like pension after retirement. Furthermore, removing a civil servant from service is an extremely difficult proposition. The intent of such protections is to ensure that both civil servants and judges carry out their duty as contemplated under the Constitution without fear or incentive to act otherwise.

Dr Ambedkar, in all probability, believed that the individuals, who would form part of the judiciary or the civil services, would exercise their personal ethical framework and to this extent the issue of independence of these institutions would not be tarnished. However, it is becoming increasingly obvious that there is a need for us to legislate ethics and punish its abdication.

Most recently from the judicial sphere, you have the case of the former Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi, getting nominated to the Rajya Sabha. This move drew sharp criticism from judges and lawyers alike, pointing to the fact that his appointment came barely months after his tenure as Chief Justice ended. Such is the criticism around the appointment that a news personality noted that the DGP’s move to take voluntary retirement and possibly

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join politics would be akin to “doing a Gogoi.” Another move that attracted criticism was of a Central Vigilance Commissioner joining a large corporate house immediately after retirement. But like I said, this is not about one particular instance. According to a study done by Vidhi, a legal think tank, close to 70 out of over a hundred retired judges have taken up assignments after their retirement. Unfortunately, this is inevitable considering the number of statutory authorities that require a retired judge to hold office under their parent statute.

Therefore, what is the way ahead? It is obvious that relying on the integrity of individuals to take the right call every time is not a tactic that has worked. While there are a number of individuals who have displayed and continue to display courage, integrity and a strong conscience, the damage by a few to the institutions that they have served can be so scarring that its impact would be felt on the core foundations of a democratic republic such as ours. Therefore, there is a need to legislate to account for situations where the independence of the judiciary and of the civil services may be threatened. One solution is to do away with post-retirement posts and to appoint only senior personnel who are currently serving as judges or civil servants. Another option is to legislate like the US has done, where in case of former senior civil servants (in certain departments) there is a permanent ban on appearing before Government authorities on mat-

ters where they may have participated personally or substantially. An alternative restraint could be establishing a separate authority like the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), as former civil servant Anil Swarup talks about in his book *Ethical Dilemmas of a Civil Servant*. Swarup suggests that the UPSC can be tasked with shortlisting candidates for post-retirement assignments instead of leaving such decisions to the whims and fancies of any Government in power. I would add that the criteria for such appointments should be made public and be through a points system. There are many possible solutions but in order to implement any solution, we need to first accept that there is a problem and that there is a dire need for a structural solution.

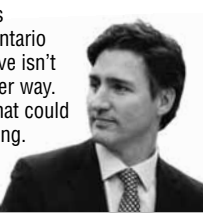
As said by Dr Martin Luther King, “The arc of the moral universe is long but bends towards justice.” Therefore, I am hopeful that in the long run our institutions will survive, not least because of the many righteous individuals who serve these institutions. I am hopeful that the examples that exist today will only serve as examples to future generations to keep their guard up, similar as to how examples from the Emergency serve as examples for today. However, with the benefit of hindsight, if Dr Ambedkar had a chance to discuss Professor KT Shah’s amendment in the Constituent Assembly today, I have a feeling that the outcome would be quite different.

(The writer is a former IPS officer, a former MP and currently a member of AAP)

## S O U N D B I T E

In our four biggest provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec), the second wave isn't just starting, it's already under way. We're on the brink of a fall that could be much worse than the spring.

Canadian PM  
—Justin Trudeau



The Morrison Government will undertake the most significant reforms to Australia's insolvency framework in 30 years as part of our economic recovery plan.

Australian Treasurer  
—Josh Frydenberg



The European Union is our key partner in restoring sovereignty, territorial integrity and supporting reforms... However, Ukraine wants full integration into the European Union.

Ukrainian President  
—Volodymyr Zelensky



He (Sunil Chhetri) spoke about putting hard work and practice first, and the importance of rest and nutrition.

Footballer  
—Sahal Abdul Samad



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Labour-friendly laws

Sir — The Constitution allows migration across the country for employment needs. However, there has been no comprehensive legal framework to protect the workers from exploitation. More than one crore migrant labourers returned home on foot during the lockdown and around 29,415 lost their lives in the process. This is the harsh reality of how safe the workers are under the present labour laws. Adding to the problem are the recently passed three key labour reform Bills that further dilute workers' rights than protect them. A more pragmatic approach with a full understanding of the problem must be put in place to alleviate labourers' underlying distress due to the Government's apathy.

SK Nag  
Mumbai

### Monsoon Session ends

Sir — The Monsoon Session of Parliament came to an end amid protest by the Opposition parties and suspension of eight members. The Rajya Sabha passed 25 bills, including 15 on the last two days, when the Opposition

### The actual beneficiaries of farm Bills

The Central Government claims that farmers will have unfettered freedom to sell their produce at higher prices in any market in India hereafter, under the “revolutionary” Farmers’ Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill and Farmers’ Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services (Empowerment and Protection) Bill. However, the fear of traders about corporates dictating procurement terms is not altogether unfounded. With the dismantling of Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) *mandis* and the Government having no power to keep a watchful eye on the deals struck between farmers and traders, there is a greater chance of the farmers being exploited by the heavily cartelised corporate giants. Also, the State Governments stand to lose the revenues from the APMCs, which fund the various farmers-related welfare measures.

Another claim made by the Government is that there will be an explosion in infrastructure in the agricultural sector with the inflow of massive private investments.

N Nagarajan  
Secunderabad



It would be dishonest to construe that the modern markets and the infrastructural facilities created with private funds will be available to the farmers at even nominal, if not free of charge. The Bills in no way give any freedom to the farmers, rather it is the private industries that will be benefitting.

Haridasan Rajan  
Kozhikode

### Fair and responsible

Sir — It is a matter of deep concern that some media houses are using their platforms to create communal disharmony and spread hatred. *Sudarshan News' Bindass Bol* programme, that was aired on August 28, targeted the Muslim community and questioned the credibility of the UPSC. The Central Government

allowed the channel to air the show again on September 10 in the name of freedom of speech. It was only later on that Supreme Court barred the channel from going ahead with the telecast of the remaining episodes.

Hate speech should not be allowed to be disguised as freedom of speech. And media being the fourth pillar of democracy should act responsibly and not

further the communal agenda of the Government.

M N Musaeed  
Mumbai

### Rising COVID cases

Sir — COVID-19 cases in India crossed the 57 lakh mark with 86,508 new cases and 1,129 deaths reported in the last 24 hours. There are 9,66,382 active cases and 91,149 people have died. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised the need to increase focus on “effective testing, tracing, treatment and surveillance” to bring the coronavirus outbreak under control. In his virtual review meeting with Chief Ministers of seven states with the highest number of coronavirus cases in the country, he spoke of the need for clear messaging to dispel rumours about testing. However, the initiatives taken by the Government don't seem to help curb the crisis. It is, therefore, important that the people take the utmost precautions and follow WHO's guidelines.

Urvi Jain  
Ujjain

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The threat posed by hospital waste



KOTA SRIRAJ

Imagine a public health epidemic of colossal proportions that also doubles up as a threat for the environment close on the heels of the devastating COVID-19. This is a possibility that can well turn out to be true if the mounting bio-medical waste generated while battling the pandemic is not managed and disposed properly. At the last update, COVID-19 had already caused a loss of 90,000 lives in India with a further 5.6 million active cases. This state of affairs can get considerably worse if a callously disposed bio-medical waste triggered a secondary wave of infections across the nation. Countless hospital premises, morgues, cremation grounds, ambulance parking lots and even garbage dumps in residential locations are replete with carelessly discarded PPE kits, gloves, suits and masks. This is in spite of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) guidelines that clearly state that COVID-19 related waste must be double-bagged and labelled. However, looking at the waste lying around, it is clear that this is not being followed and needless to say, these items carry the virus that can spread to healthy people, especially sanitation workers and those involved in sorting waste at landfills and waste incinerators. Delhi has two biomedical waste treatment facilities that can handle 63 tonnes of medical waste per day. But a study by Toxic Links noted that much of this waste is being disposed of as municipal solid waste. To make matters worse, many of the facilities generating this waste were not registered with the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).

The study's findings also revealed that 27.9 per cent of the hospitals did not have mandatory needle cutters whereas 34 per cent of the facilities did not have wheeled transportation for medical waste. As a result, the same was carried by hand for disposal through patient areas. Adding to this dismal state, a further 26.4 per cent of the facilities were also found to be disposing liquid medical waste into the public sewage system. With disturbing conditions such as these, India surely is not in a fit condition to handle the contagion-generated bio-medical waste. The gravity of the condition of bio-medical waste generation and its disposal can be gauged by the fact that the Union Home Ministry had to answer queries for the same in the Rajya Sabha recently. According to a paper published in *ScienceDirect*, India, the country currently generates approximately two kg of medical waste per bed, which includes anatomical, cytotoxic and sharps, but this is set to increase manifold due to the pandemic. Before the impact of the outbreak became acute, Delhi on an average generated 25 tonnes of medical waste but this output jumped to 349 tonnes per day in July. Similarly, Mumbai's per day waste generation went up from 12,200 tonnes in June to 24,889 tonnes in August. This deluge of waste has caused the already creaky waste management infrastructure to be stretched to its limit. There is an urgent need to address the issue before the metro cities become overwhelmed with biomedical waste and there is a need to follow the Government's guidelines on this.

As per the rules, the waste needs to be segregated into recyclable and non-recyclable bins and then isolated for 72 hours so that its infectious intensity is neutralised. Medical institutions must be inspected from time to time to ensure that they have the requisite equipment needed to safely dispose biomedical waste. More importantly, the liquid medical waste needs to be sent by authorised bio-medical waste collection companies for requisite treatment and not dumped in the sewage system.

Western nations are setting high standards in Coronavirus waste management and a peek into their practices also tells us why these nations are getting back on their feet faster as far as biomedical waste management is concerned. Some of the best practices being followed in France and Germany include keeping a very strict record of the waste generated by each medical facility and ensuring the same quantity is actually and properly incinerated. Other advanced measures being followed include the usage of sodium hypochlorite solution in regularly cleaning the waste bins in the medical facilities.

France has moved a step further by focussing on the households where quarantined patients are. Waste is being collected at source by the authorities so that no inadvertent cross-contamination occurs. The quarantined residents are able to procure free sealable waste bins from pharmacies on producing their prescriptions, which they can then use to dispose their waste by handing over to the authorities. Germany on the other hand has set up specialised waste incinerating facilities in Bavaria. These measures have helped these nations save themselves from the boomerang effect of bio-medical waste and its harmful impact. Efficient bio-medical waste generation is as important as efficient handling of the crisis. This alone will prevent a secondary wave of infection and contamination.

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I CAME IN TO BAT AT NUMBER SEVEN POSITION TO GIVE YOUNGSTERS A CHANCE AS I HAVEN'T BATTED FOR A LONG TIME. A 14-DAY QUARANTINE DOESN'T HELP.

—CSK CAPTAIN MS DHONI





YEAH, YOU GOT TO GET UP. YOU HAVE TO AT LEAST GIVE YOURSELF THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE GAME. I'M NOT BUYING THAT.

—FORMER CRICKETER KEVIN PIETERSEN

# Corona paints a bleak picture

Art talks to us like nothing else does. It re-awakens our senses and reminds us of the power of imagination in the face of the death and economic destruction brought about by the pandemic



The pandemic has brought the art world to its knees. The silence is ominous and the webinars and online propaganda are somewhat stifling when you think of how suddenly it is only about talking and voices and voices and talking. Amid the many cancellations of fairs, exhibitions, films, plays, performances and dances globally, we must ask ourselves questions about the value of art and culture at a time when humanity is under great stress. When it is fighting for its very survival as the virus throws up a kind of socio-economic disparity and devastation we have not witnessed in recent times.

At a time when people tell us that there are much more important things to worry about in this world than art, one would beg to differ. Art talks to us like nothing else does. It re-awakens our senses and reminds us of the power of imagination in the face of the death and destruction brought upon us by the pandemic.

*The New York Times* states that though fairs have been cancelled and galleries have closed, the wealthy are still buying. In India it's difficult to get true stories of buying and selling from art galleries/dealers/consultants/artists. The physicality of looking at a work and buying is something that needs to be worked upon. An image does not do justice to a work of art. Perhaps private appointments by clients are the way to go in the new pandemic scenario. But there are hectic announcements of online shows and galleries coming together to host prized possessions on the internet and social media. Some galleries are stating that they have a few sales but it's not as much as they would like in a stagnant market.

In the West, a report of 795 galleries representing 60 different national markets, called *The Impact of COVID-19 on the Gallery Sector*, written by the cultural economist Clare McAndrew, is the first major survey of how the contagion has hit art dealers globally. Until sales statistics are shared by galleries all over India, it's difficult to add a percentage of propensity to the real figures. But one scene that has remained buoyant is that of online auctions.

**Pundoles looking West:** Pundoles Mumbai ruled the roost the past month with its *Looking West* auction split into two parts, featuring a part of the collection of fish baron Masanari Fukuoka, who decided he wanted Pundoles to handle the sale rather than international houses like Christies, Sotheby's or even Saffronart. With blue chip names on its avant-garde list, the auction threw up some magnificent numbers. VS Gaitonde, the abstract master, was top draw. His untitled 1967 work set a new record at ₹32 crore as the selling hammer price. Two sculptures also set their own highs. The first was a "Bull's Head" (1998) by Tyeb Mehta, who created this sculpture as his tribute to the trussed bull (he used to hear their heart-wrenching cries when he lived next to a slaughterhouse in Mumbai). It sold at a new record of ₹3.2 crore.

The second sculpture was printmaker and sculptor Somnath Hore's "Goat" (1988) that sold at ₹65 lakh, a new high for this venerated master. India's greatest figurative master Jogen Chowdhury's "The Couple" (1999) sold for ₹1.7 crore, setting a new record for the 80-year-old Kolkata artist.

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**Saffronart's success:** The next auction high was Saffronart's *Evening Sale*. The highly-anticipated online live auction — the first since the pandemic — closed at 88 per cent lots sold, achieving a total sale of ₹66.4 crore amid enthusiastic bidding. The 300th auction in Saffronart's 20 years, this sale was a unique hybrid experience that allowed bidders from across the globe to participate virtually.

The sale was led by VS Gaitonde's masterpiece painting of 1974 from the collection of Sabira Merchant, which sold for ₹35.5 crore, making it the second-highest price achieved for the artist, as well as for a work of Indian art to be sold in an auction worldwide. Among the best works Gaitonde ever produced, this ethereal, luminescent work embodies his preoccupation with Zen Buddhism as well as his associations with the sea.

Among the top highlights of the sale were two exquisite works by modernist NS Bendre, including a figurative work from 1971 which sold for ₹1.56 crore, more than tripling its pre-sale estimate, and an untitled work (possibly a view of Mandu), 1982, which sold for ₹1.14 crore. Jehangir Sabavala's "The Cactus Wave", 2006, sold for ₹2.63 crore.

**Artists in studios/homes:** Across the land in homes, in studios that belong to them as well as others, artists are still pouring out their imagination. Those who have computers and laptops are busy with Zoom webinars and the like but my heart goes out to artists who have no technology. They continue to be inspired in their own small rooms with minimal media and

materials. Questions arise as to how they are eking out their living.

The buyer's market is not so well laid out. Galleries have their own list of collectors and buyers but it is only established artists who can share in that bouquet of well-being. One of the greatest contributions to an artist's life can be through corporate houses, hotels, Government and private offices and complexes that can use art works and help artists to thrive in a market that has fallen to the Covid climate.

Take for instance Tom Vattakuzhy, a brilliant artist in Kerala who lost out on a historic series of illustrations in the *Malayala Manorama* because of a misunderstanding with the Church. His works echo his solitude. They make everyone empathise with him and stir their inner recesses. Vattakuzhy, a Masters from Shantiniketan and then Vadodara, is a prime example of a brilliant artist waiting to be shown by a curator, gallery or promoter who will not throw him to the sharks. Let's face it, the art world thrives on profit margins and cut-throat competition. India needs more institutions and philanthropic agencies to help artists all over the country.

Institutions like the Lalit Kala Akademi have a great role to play in opening their spaces to as many solo shows as possible to lift the darkness in the world of the lonely artist waiting in the wings. The India International Centre and AIFACS do yeoman's service for the arts. Big artists, too, need to get out of their cocoons and help others in need.

**Black Lives Matter:** The most beautiful example of an artist helping

others has been that of the great artist Banksy. The British street artist financed a boat to rescue refugees attempting to reach Europe from north Africa. The vessel, named *Louise Michel* after a French feminist anarchist, set off in secrecy on August 18 from the Spanish port of Burriana, near Valencia, and was in the central Mediterranean Sea, where on August 30 it rescued 89 people, including 14 women and four children.

It was looking for a safe port to disembark the passengers or to transfer them to a European coast guard vessel. Since setting off from Burriana, the boat, registered in Germany and manned by a crew of activists from across Europe led by Pia Klemp, rescued more than 150 people off the coast of Libya. The majority of the passengers were transferred to a larger rescue vessel a few days ago, after European authorities appeared to ignore Mayday calls from the *Louise Michel*, which had become too overloaded to steer. The survivors finally arrived in the port of Palermo, Sicily.

Underscoring the hypocrisy of governments shouting out for racial equality while simultaneously taking a hardline anti-immigration stance, Banksy's video of the rescue mission, posted on Instagram, concluded with the words: "All Black Lives Matter." Perhaps in a blanket equation of everyone in the world, we could tweak it to say "All Lives Matter." Maybe the virtual world is here to stay until the virus is tackled with a vaccine that says: "Get thee behind me."

*(The writer is a senior art critic and independent curator)*

# A double whammy to the girl child's survival

The rising crime against women has emerged as yet another factor for augmenting the traditional preference for sons



Last week, a six-month pregnant woman in Badaun, Uttar Pradesh (UP), was attacked by her husband with a sharp-edged weapon. Her family alleged that he slit her stomach to find out the gender of the unborn baby. They told the police that the father of five daughters was so desperate for a son that he resorted to this brutal way to check if the foetus was that of a boy or a girl. Although a First Information Report (FIR) has been registered and the husband arrested, this gruesome crime underlines once again the deeply-entrenched preference for sons in our culture. Despite the best efforts of the Union Government, States and non-governmental organisations over the years, there seems to be very little change in attitudes towards the girl child in the country. This is not just deeply worrying but also frightening. It is not, however, surprising that

girls are less valued than boys in UP, a State that has recorded the most crimes against women in the country. The latest 2018 National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data ranked the State as the worst for women's security with 59,443 crimes against them. Incidentally, in 2018, the crime rate was the highest for cruelty by husbands and relatives. Although the NCRB data for 2019 has not been released as yet, media reports of crimes against women in UP during the last two years do not inspire confidence in the possibility of any turnaround.

But do the rising crimes against women have any bearing on the preference for a son? Yes, says a new study conducted in UP and Haryana. Its objective was to examine discrimination against the girl child and its linkages with the declining child sex ratio and violence against women. The report states that the responsibility of security and maintaining the chastity of daughters in the context of rising sexual violence in the country has added to the larger concern of wanting a son. In other words, the increasing crime against women has emerged as yet another factor for augmenting the traditional preference for a son.

Supported by the Indian Council

of Social Science Research (ICSSR), the study was conducted by Bijaylaxmi Nanda, Nupur Ray and Ritwika Mukherjee. The preliminary findings indicate that perceptions about crime play a pivotal role in the increasing preference for a male child. Thus, as long as women continue to remain insecure in the nation, chances that girls will be unwanted by families will be high.

Further, with three out of every 10 women, who had more daughters than sons, reporting that the husband/family members express dissatisfaction at the birth of a girl child, the study also reinforces the fact that gender inequality remains at the heart of violence against women in UP. The male offspring is preferred because he is culturally perceived as a protector and provider during the old age of the parents. An earlier study to understand the intrinsic relationship between masculinity, son preference and intimate partner violence came to similar conclusions.

The 2014 study by the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), found that in UP, the two most important reasons for having a son were to carry on the family name and to provide

support to parents in their old age. Six years later, as the ICSSR study shows, little seems to have changed on the ground.

The ICRW-UNFPA report found that of the seven States studied, UP had the largest proportion of men reporting high control over their intimate partners and the lowest proportion of men displaying gender equitable attitudes.

Education is a big tool to engender transformation in beliefs, attitudes and practice. It is an equally important predictor of son-preference attitudes. In UP, the ICRW-UNFPA study found that 55 per cent of men with no education had a high preference for sons compared to 39 per cent of men with graduation or higher degrees.

Studies have shown that spouses of men with no or little education are unlikely to have ready access to sexual and reproductive health services. In the Badaun case, the fact that the woman had five children and was pregnant with her sixth child indicates she may have faced barriers in accessing family planning services. The fourth National Family Health Survey (NFHS 2015-16) states that the unmet need in UP was 18 per cent for currently married women aged between

15 and 49 years. This means an estimated 8.2 million women have been denied access to family planning. In Badaun, which has a more than 70 per cent rural population, the total unmet need is almost 14 per cent. This is higher than the national average of 12.9 per cent.

The preference for sons puts women under so much pressure to produce a male heir that many times they are forced into numerous pregnancies and a series of abortions until they do so. The preference for a son has led to around 4,60,000 girls going missing due to sex selection at birth each year between 2013 and 2017, according to the UNFPA's *2020 State of the Population Report*.

Last month, noted researcher Fengqing Chao of King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), Saudi Arabia, and his colleagues projected an even darker future for girls in India. According to their research published in the journal *PLOS ONE*, the average annual number of missing female births between 2017 and 2025 was likely to be 4,69,000 per year and would increase to 5,19,000 per year for the time period between 2026 to 2030. This research singles out UP as the Indian State most likely to have the

maximum missing female births due to the preference for a boy and accounting for almost a third of the total number projected.

But girls don't just go missing at birth. India also has the highest rate of excess girl child deaths at 13.5 per 1,000 births. This critical data suggest post-birth sex selection. An estimated one in nine deaths of girls below the age of five may be attributed to post-birth sex selection, says the UNFPA report. So, while gender-biased sex selection accounts for about two-thirds of the total missing girls, post-birth girl child mortality accounts for about one-third.

UP lags behind on many indicators of gender equality, including early marriage and crimes against women.

If Yogi Adityanath really wants development, the Chief Minister must make greater investments in improving gender indicators. Prejudice against girls can be countered by programmes that focus on engaging boys and instilling values of gender equality in them at an early age. Comprehensive sex education in schools could help redefine notions of masculinity and foster respect for women.

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## PAKISTAN MUST LEARN FROM INDIA

Numerous factors have been identified to ascertain the reasons behind the huge Corona outbreak in India. The lockdown was hastily imposed and the resultant mass return home of workers from the cities led to the virus' spread. The stories from across the border, raise a question that crops up frequently in the history of Pakistan-India affairs: Is there something that one neighbour could learn from the other? They could if they so wish.

*(Dawn editorial)*



# If Trump loses, he may refuse peaceful shift

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he loses the November 3, 2020, election to his Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Trump, a Republican, also said he believed the election result could end up in the US Supreme Court, as he again cast doubt on postal voting. Many American states are encouraging mail-in voting, citing the need to keep Americans safe from the coronavirus pandemic that has killed over two lakh people in the country.

"Well, we're going to have to see what happens," Trump

said when asked whether he would commit to a peaceful transition, one of the cornerstones of American democracy.

"I have been complaining very strongly about the ballots, and the ballots are a disaster..."

Trump told reporters at a White House news conference on Wednesday when asked about a peaceful transition of power after the presidential polls in November irrespective of the outcome.

"President, real quickly, wins, lose or draw in this election, will you commit here today for a peaceful transferral of power after the election? And there has been rioting in Louisville, there has been riot-

ing in many cities across this country — red and so-called red and blue states — will you commit to making sure that there is a peaceful transferral of power after the election?" he was asked.

Not satisfied with Trump's answer, the reporter again asked. "Do you commit to making sure that there is a peaceful transferral of power?"

Trump exuded confidence that there will be a continuation of power. "We want to get rid of the ballots and we will have a very peaceful — there will not be a transfer. Frankly, there will be a continuation. The ballots are out of control, you know it, and you know who knows it

better than anybody else? The Democrats know it better than anybody else," the president said as he refused to entertain any other question from the same journalist.

"Go ahead. Please go ahead. Yes, go ahead. You asked a question. Go ahead please," he said. Trump's reluctance to commit to a peaceful transition was rooted in what he said were concerns about ballots, extending his assertion that widespread mail-in voting is rife with fraud.

In 2016, Trump also refused to commit to accepting the election results in his contest against the Democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton,

which she characterised as an attack on democracy.

Trump was eventually declared the winner, although he lost the popular vote by three million, an outcome he still questioned. Meanwhile, Senator Mitt Romney, a Utah Republican who has stood at odds with the President in the past, slammed Trump's remarks.

"Fundamental to democracy is the peaceful transition of power; without that, there is Belarus," Romney tweeted.

"Any suggestion that a President might not respect this Constitutional guarantee is both unthinkable and unacceptable," he said.

# China's military flew surveillance planes on 3 days, says Taiwan

AP ■ TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Taiwan on Thursday condemned recent Chinese military activity after Beijing sent two military surveillance planes toward the island for three straight days, calling it a "deliberate provocation."

Tensions have risen in the Taiwan Strait as the U.S. has stepped up its official engagement with the self-ruled island that China considers part of its national territory.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, China sent two planes into Taiwan's air defense identification zone, according to Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense. In response, the Taiwanese side dispatched air patrols, the ministry said.

"We oppose China using military force against Taiwan, deliberately violating Taiwan's naval and airspace safety and damaging the status quo," added Chiu Chui-Cheng, deputy minister at Taiwan's

Mainland Affairs Council. "Our government will continue to cooperate with countries with similar values."

Last week, China sent a total of 37 warplanes, including bombers and fighter jets, across the Taiwan Strait in a warning as a high-level U.S. State Department official visited the island. The Taiwanese defense ministry said the planes crossed the midline of the Taiwan Strait.

The midline has acted as an unofficial buffer zone between China and Taiwan for decades, in what Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council on Thursday called "a tacit agreement that has kept the peace."

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin on Monday denied the existence of any midline, saying that Taiwan is part of China. He also warned that China would retaliate for the U.S. visit. "We will take countermeasures, including against relevant individuals," he said.

## US: Growing cooperation with India vital to free, open Indo-Pacific

Washington: Underlining that the scope of India and the United States partnership continues to expand, US State Department on Wednesday (local time) said that Washington's growing security and diplomatic cooperation with New Delhi is vital to a free, open, and inclusive Indian-Pacific region.

"The pace and scope of the #USIndia partnership continues to expand! Whether it's at @UN or with Quad partners, our growing security and diplomatic cooperation with India is vital to a free, open, and inclusive #IndoPacific," tweeted State Department for the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA).

Indian-Pacific region is largely viewed as an area comprising the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea.

China's territorial claims in the South China Sea and its efforts to advance into the Indian Ocean are seen to have challenged the established rules-based system.

Amid China's growing assertiveness in the Indian-Pacific region, foreign ministers of Quad — India, Japan, the US and Australia — are planning to hold a meeting in Tokyo next month. The officials are likely to affirm their countries' cooperation to realise the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific" vision upheld by Japan and the US.

## Trump-appointed judges under an election-year political lens

AP ■ NASHVILLE

US District Judge Eli Richardson, a Trump administration appointee who bucked the President's conservative base by blocking a Tennessee law that restricts mail-in voting, had an announcement to make before wrapping up his decision: it had nothing to do with politics. The declaration dropped as lower-court judges, like Richardson, face greater scrutiny over their perceived ideological purity. Richardson even took the step of addressing potential critics in his opinion.

Richardson ruled in favor of expanding the ability of first-time voters in this reliably Republican-leaning state to cast mail-in ballots this election. But first, the lifetime-appointed judge said, he had to "address head-on the proverbial elephant in the room," declaring his own impartiality in the case.

In his September 9 ruling, Richardson wrote that he was "not concerned about how his decisions could aid one side or the other on the political front." The judge from Tennessee's Middle District also said his personal opinions on election laws have "simply no bearing" on the constitutional claims brought before his bench. For months, President Donald Trump claimed without proof that there could be widespread voter fraud in November, even as officials in states that have relied on mail-in ballots cited little evidence of such.

# Trump, Biden clash on handling of coronavirus

Washington: US President Donald Trump and his Democratic rival Joe Biden have clashed on the coronavirus pandemic, both putting forward their plans to bring America out of the worst health crisis if voted to power.

The US is the worst-affected country from the pandemic with over 200,000 Americans losing their lives to the disease. The virus has also battered the country's economy with millions of people losing their jobs.

Trump, a Republican, and Biden are pitted against each other for the November 3 presidential election.

"Our plan will crush the

virus. And actually, Biden's plan will crush America, if you think about it. You can't lock down. Again, we're growing at levels that nobody has ever seen before. Our plan is unleashing a rapid recovery. Our opponent's plan would hurt America very badly. It would send us into a depression," Trump told reporters at the White House on Wednesday, asserting that his Democratic challenger would not have been able to handle the pandemic.

"Our approach is pro-science. Biden's approach is anti-science. I don't think they know what their approach is, although a lot of it's copied from

what we've done," Trump said. Talking about Johnson & Johnson announcing that their vaccine candidate has reached the final stage of clinical trials, Trump said, "this is record time. This is the fourth vaccine candidate in the United States to reach the final stage of trial. So, we have four candidates already at a very late date. 'Late' being a very positive word, in this case," he said.

Trump also announced that his administration is awarding \$200 million of CARES Act funding to all 50 states to prepare to distribute the vaccine to high-risk residents.

# Seoul: N Korea kills S Korean official, burns his body

AP ■ SEOUL

South Korea said on Thursday that North Korean troops fatally shot a South Korean Government official who may have attempted to defect and set his body on fire after finding him on a floating object near the countries' disputed sea boundary.

South Korean officials condemned what they called North Korea's "atrocious act" and urged it to apologize and punish those responsible. North Korea is unlikely to accept the South Korean demand, and ties between the rivals — already strained amid a deadlock in broader nuclear diplomacy — will probably suffer a further setback, observers say.

According to Seoul, the man disappeared from a government ship that was checking on possible unauthorised fishing in an area south of the boundary on Monday, a day before he was found in North Korean waters.

North Korea sent officials wearing gas masks aboard a boat near the man to learn why

he was there on Tuesday afternoon. Later in the day, a North Korean navy boat came and opened fire at him, South Korea's Defense Ministry said.

Sailors from the boat clad in gas masks and protective suits poured gasoline on his body and set it aflame, the Defense Ministry said, citing intelligence gathered by surveillance equipment and other assets.

It's unclear how he ended up in North Korea. But a defense official said the man might have tried to defect to the North, citing acquired information.

He refused to elaborate. The official, requesting anonymity citing department rules, said the South Korean official was wearing a life jacket and was on a small floating object when he was found in North Korean waters.

He said North Korea may have decided to kill him in line with its stringent anti-coronavirus rules that involve shooting anyone illegally crossing the border.

## UN rejection of sanctions marks 'victory' over Trump: Iran

AFP ■ TEHRAN

Iran's President Hassan Rouhani declared "victory" over the United States after the UN Security Council rejected the Trump administration's bid to reimpose UN sanctions on the Islamic republic.

"The Iranian nation has

achieved great political, legal and diplomatic success at the United Nations," Rouhani told a televised weekly meeting of his cabinet.

"The reason for this victory lies solely in the support and resistance of the people," he said.

"America's greatness has

collapsed (just like) the global hegemony they thought they had."

In May 2018, US President Donald Trump withdrew from a landmark deal that gave Iran relief from sanctions in return for UN-verified guarantees that it is not seeking nuclear weapons.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Deen Dayal, S/o: Padam Singh R/o: H. No. 40/2980, Beadon Pura, Karol Bagh, Delhi** has been missing /kidnapped since **26.01.2020** from the area of P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 70A dated 26.01.2020** has been registered at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. The description of the missing person is as under:

**Age:** 60 years, **Height:** 6', **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **ID Mark:** Hanuman ji tattoo on right hand, **Wearing:** Grey colour shirt & lower and black colour sleeper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

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## SEARCH FOR SUSPECTED PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one unknown person (depicted in the photo) has stolen one Water Motor Crompton Greaves 1 HP and one meter of Delhi Jal Board, from the shop no. 142, Ground Floor, DB Gupta Market, Karol Bagh, Delhi on 05.04.2020. The description of the suspected person is

as under:- **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age:** About 28 years, **Height:** About 5'7", **Face:** Oval, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White colour shirt, white colour jeans and black colour sandal in feet. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 000155/2020, u/s 379 IPC dated 26.05.2020** has been registered at P.S. DBG Road, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this suspected person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this suspected person may kindly inform to P.S. DBG Road, Delhi.

**SHO**  
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## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Komal** with her daughter **Divyanshi** age 2 years, **W/o Rajan R/o H.No. A-130, Camp No.4, Jwala Puri, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 27.07.2020 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. In this regard, **DD No. 97-A dated 29.07.2020** has been registered at **P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped lady is as under:

**Name:** Komal, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 22 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Pink colour suit, black colour leggings and black colour chappal in his feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped lady, kindly inform **SHO/ P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi**.

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## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Neelam D/o Ram Khilawan R/o CB-21, Ring Road, Naraina, New Delhi** **Aged :** 17 years, has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 12.09.2020 at about 01:00 P.M. from her house, vide **FIR No. 597/2020** Dated 12.09.2020 u/s 363 IPC registered at Police Station - Naraina, New Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Complexion :** Shallow, **Height :** 5', **Face :** Long, **Build :** Medium, **Identification :** Mentally Disturbed, **Clothing :** wearing orange colour kurta, blue colour payjama and hawai chappal in feet.

Any person is having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may inform **SHO, Naraina, New Delhi** at **E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>,** **Tele No.: 24368638/24368641, Fax: 24368639.**

**SHO : P.S. Naraina, New Delhi**  
**Ph. : 011-25891181, 25892010, 8750871122**  
**DP/215/WD/20**

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Named:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 50 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Grey Colour Pant & Multicolour Check shirt has been found dead from the area of Police Station Vijay Vihar, Delhi on 19.09.2020.

In this regard a **FIR No. 359/20 U/s 279/304A IPC**, dated 19.09.2020 has been registered at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

**SHO**  
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**DP/416/RD/2020**

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Tara D/o Sh. Bhola Mandal R/o Jhuggi No. A84/118, Indra Camp, A-Block, N.I.A. Phase-1, Naraina, New Delhi, Age:** 14 years, **Height:** 5'2", **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** Printed White Suit & Brown Colour Salwar and Yellow Colour Sandle in feet is missing/kidnapped since 20.12.2016 at 08:00PM from the area of **P.S. Naraina, New Delhi**. In this regard a case **FIR No. 255/2016 dated 21.12.2016 u/s 363 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Naraina, New Delhi**.

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

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**DP/212/WD/2020**

## SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namely:** Ganga, **W/o:** Rajesh, **R/o:** H.No. A-333, Gali No. 7, Rao Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi, **Age:** 33 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Yellow Kurta-Salwar has been missing/kidnapped since 10.08.2020 from the area of P.S. Nangloi, Delhi. In this regard **DD No. 68-A, Dated 12.08.2020** has been lodged at **P.S. Nangloi, Delhi**.

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The public at large is hereby informed that Mr. M. G. G. Arora s/o Late Mr. Sita Ram (d/o 590 kailash, Delhi-110019) was having commercial property in our project Vastika Minspace, Unit no 935, and measuring 500 sqft. which the legal heirs Mr. Kuldeep Arora(w/o Late Mr. G. G. Arora), Mrs. Sonali Arora(w/o Late Mr. Gagan Arora), Simran and Mr. Raghav Arora(children of late Mr. Gagan Arora) Late Mr. Pawan Arora (w/o Late Mr. G. G. Arora) requested the company to be transferred to Mr Pawan Arora. Any person having an objection on this please, may contact the company officer details as under within 15 days after which NO CLAIM would be accepted. Vastika Limited Vastika triangle, 4th floor, Sushant Lok-1, Block AMG road, Gurgaon, Haryana

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It has also said that GPay

“Economists at Goldman Sachs cut their US growth forecast for the fourth quarter in half, to 3 from 6 per cent. Investors are bombarded by a

The affidavit was filed in response to the petition by advocate Abhishek Sharma who has sought a direction to Google not to share any data from UPI switch with any other party.

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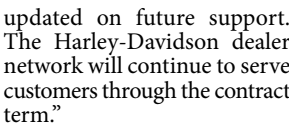
additional borrowing limit of 1 per cent was to be released in two instalments of 0.50 per cent each - first immediately to all the States as untied, and the second on undertaking at least 3 out of the above mentioned reforms," it said. The Government of India has already granted permission to states to raise the first 0.50 per cent as OMB in June 2020.

virus infections, and today being derivatives expiry day, all contributed to the negativity. With volatility expected to be high, traders are advised to remain cautious."

**New Delhi:** The Finance Ministry on Thursday said banks have sanctioned loans of about ₹1.77 lakh crore to 44.2 lakh business units under the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for the MSME sector reeling under the slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic. However, disbursement against the sanctioned amount stood at ₹1,25,425 crore to 25.74 lakh MSME units till September 21. The scheme is the biggest fiscal component of the ₹20-lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat Aabhan package announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in May to mitigate the distress

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At the interbank forex market, the Indian currency opened on a weak note at 73.82 and traded in a range of 73.75 and 73.96 a dollar during the session.

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"The company is communicating with its customers in India and will keep them

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In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the corporate affairs ministry decided to suspend initiation of fresh proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for six months starting from March 25. The nationwide lockdown came into force on March 25. The six-month period was to end on Thursday. The official told PTI that the period has been extended by three months.

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The RBI further said it will continue to monitor evolving

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The report also said that domestic institutional investments (DII) too had positive flows towards primary issuances, although the secondary flows continued to be negative with an outflow of \$1.5 billion.

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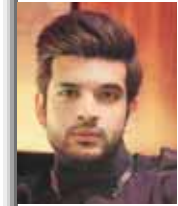
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Trend Blazer

‘Glad to do some memorable comedies’

Actor **PANKAJ TRIPATHI**, who is loved for his versatility on screen, says he is glad that he got a chance to essay several interesting comic roles in Bollywood. Tripathi’s comic streak as an actor has been particularly popular in films such as *Stree*, the *Fukrey* franchise, *Bareilly Ki Barfi*, *Luka Chuppi* and *Angrezi Medium*. “Every piece of work has to make a point. That’s the whole point of art. Although the nineties had a certain brand of comedy, new-age films demand that we poke fun more responsibly and use comedy to say something effective. In such a scenario, comedy films have to offer more than just about laughs and fun,” Tripathi said.



‘I think it’s unfair. Right now, they are talking about the consumption of drugs. It is

the choice of an individual, not of an industry. So do not blame the industry. Whether it is in politics, fashion or in the corporate world, there are people who are doing drugs. We should not generalise the situation.’ —Karan Kundra

Actor **SHWETA TRIPATHI SHARMA** believes it is essential to discuss mental health as the unlock process continues all over India.



“A detailed conversation around mental health must ensue during the unlock phase. Considering people are stepping out to work amid the fear of COVID-19, it’s important to conduct systematic counselling sessions,” she said. “Lockdown experiences are different from case to case but the phase has been riddled with existential questions,” she added.

Mariah felt not worthy of existing

Singer **MARIAH CAREY** has recalled the time when she did not feel worthy of existing. The pop star was a guest on Oprah Winfrey’s show *The Oprah Conversation*. In a short video of the episode, Carey and Winfrey can be seen discussing topics ranging from the time the singer was held in the back-seat of a police car to a moment in her life when she didn’t feel “worthy of existing.” “I wouldn’t have gone here if I hadn’t been treated as an ATM machine with a wig on,” Carey says in the clip. It’s unclear what or who Carey was specifically referring to but Winfrey responds, “The loneliness and sadness behind the facade, I now understand it.”



The illegal tiger trade is threatening the survival of one of nature’s most beautiful beasts. Exposing the shocking secrets of illegal tiger farms and the power players who profit, former Royal Marine Commando Aldo Kane uncovers key trafficking routes connecting Malaysia, China, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, covertly filming the traffickers, and meeting those trying to conserve tigers. He calls the series, *Tigers: Hunting the Traffickers*, a gripping, fearless and an action-packed investigation into the sickening network of ruthless, organised wildlife crime. It’s also a crusading film, with enough clout to ignite a campaign for real change, before a majestic species is wiped out completely. Excerpts:

**What is the film about?** We look at how the growth in illegal tiger farms throughout Southeast Asia and China is stimulating a demand for tiger products like tiger bone, wine and glue. Tiger trafficking is now big business and this rise in demand is having a devastating effect on the world’s wild tiger population as a premium is now paid for its wild provenance. This film investigates the murky underworld of the illegal tiger farms feeding this demand. It is about the complex issues that surround the trade and tries to raise awareness of the immediate threat to these endangered animals. I, alongside a team of investigators, try to expose and piece together the shocking secrets of the illegal tiger farms and those who profit. Numbers of wild tigers in much of Southeast Asia are declining and wild tigers risk getting extinct if this illegal trade continues and is left unchecked.

**What attracted you to this project?** Since I first joined the Royal Marines at the age of 16, I have spent many years travelling the globe and a huge amount of time in the jungles of Southeast Asia. I still remember the exhilarating feeling of sharing the dense forests with the wild tiger — for me, the most majestic Apex predator. Since then, I have been fascinated by these beautiful creatures and acutely aware of their plight as an endangered species.

A few years ago, I was talking with director Orlando Von Einsiedel from Grain Media about such risky stories which needed to be told. And this one topped the list. Telling a story of a species closer to extinction partly due to man’s desire to turn it into “luxury” products would require intricate storytelling, investigative journalism and a healthy dose of risk-taking. It felt like the perfect project to me.

**You have spent the last few years working with anti-poaching patrols. What motivated you to expose tiger trafficking?** I have been working over the years with a charity that offers former service



the Counter Tiger Poaching units in the Taman Negara National Park, Malaysia. We spent weeks in the jungle tracking down tiger poachers. They have dedicated their lives to the protection of the few wild tigers left in Malaysia. It’s frustrating that their efforts are being completely undermined by the industrial scale poaching taking place in their own backyard. The wild tigers are being trafficked North into Vietnam and China where a premium is fetched as the dead or butchered ones are worth more than those alive and wild. It was truly great to spend time with these dedicated and loyal teams, learning how they operate and what their biggest challenges were. This gave me the background knowledge and drive to find out more about the illegal trade.

For me, the most shocking scenes revealed how large some tiger facilities were. I also visited some places where hundreds of tigers were locked up in cages. The tiger trade is hidden from sight, unlike the ivory or rhino trade where the brutality is on show for the world to see. The world is largely unaware of the brutal way in which they are farmed and ultimately slaughtered for their bones. Breaking into these facilities to expose the cruelty these tigers are exposed to is a vital part of bringing the truth to the wider world.

**Why should people watch the film and what do you hope they’ll take away from it?** Anyone with an interest in conservation should watch this film. It is an investigation into the destruction and extinction of an apex predator, an insight into how the commodification of a farmed product can affect an entire wildlife species. It is an action-packed, thrilling shocker of an investigation that will take the viewer to some unexpected places. I hope that this film will make a small difference and add to the weight of work that international and local NGOs are doing in the field of tiger protection and conservation. (The series premieres on October 3 at 9 pm on Sony BBC Earth.)

Another kind of hunter

Presenter and former Royal Marine Commando **ALDO KANE**’s forthcoming series, *Tigers: Hunting the Traffickers*, is a secret investigation into the destruction of the apex predator in Southeast Asia, providing an insight into how the commodification of a farmed product is pushing an entire wildlife species towards extinction. By **TEAM VIVA**

personnel the opportunity to play a critical role in conservation and the prevention of wildlife crime around the world. As highly military trained individuals, our work on the ground is very much focussed on training and mentoring anti-poaching units to deal with illegal poaching. The poachers, who are risking their lives for very little in return, are very often the ones with the least options. The real issue is the organised trafficking networks across Southeast Asia and the increasing demand for illegal products. Poaching happens because there is a demand for an illegal animal product.

It soon became very clear to me that all anti-poaching operations were being continually undermined by this growing demand, high-tech trafficking syndicates and endemic governmental corruption. Where there is a demand, there will always be someone willing to risk their life to supply. That is why I wanted to try and find out more about the networks, the organised crime and the government complicity in this illegal and lucrative trade.

**What were the on-ground challenges?** Carrying out this investigation was fraught with challenges. The trade spans



KUSHAN MITRA



Young at heart

The Nissan Kicks 1.3 Turbo CVT proves the adage ‘the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak’

First things first, this new 1330cc turbocharged petrol engine on the Nissan Kicks and on the Renault Duster is a blast. It is by far and away the most powerful small engine available in India right now. Its 156PS of power is 10 per cent greater than the 1.4 GDi turbo on the Creta and Seltos. When you press the throttle pedal, you realise that it is not just a number, the Kicks can move. With this car, you genuinely need to be constantly wary of the hundreds of speed cameras that the Delhi Traffic Police have been installing across the city since once you get the hang of the power band, you just ride the turbo. It is addictive — the power on this car. The Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) is not bad either. It does ensure that you stay within a proper engine range for fun if that is what you want and is conservative at lower urban speeds as well.

However, then you show this car a corner. Of late, I have become quite accustomed to even mass-produced small hatchbacks having good handling at higher speeds. Some small cars have even surprised me with handling that you would have thought is far above their price band, the Hyundai Grand i10 comes to mind here. The Kicks, on the other hand, feel old. That is because it is old, based on the first-genera-



**NISSAN KICKS 1.3 Turbo XV**

**ENGINE:** 1330cc Turbocharged Petrol

**POWER:** 156PS

**TRANSMISSION:** CVT Automatic

**EX-SHOWROOM PRICE (AS TESTED) ₹13.44 LAKH**

**MILAGE (RATED/TESTED):** 14.2 kmpl/11 kmpl

**RATING:** 6.5/10

**COMPETITION:** Hyundai Creta, Kia Seltos, Maruti S-Cross, Renault Duster Turbo

“Lots of power for the money but not for the untrained driver”

tion Duster platform. In fact, the Duster and Kicks have been upgraded with this engine and transmission at the same time. Initially, I thought this car did not have traction control as there was no ‘off’ switch for that feature. But later, I discovered that it did have a permanently enabled TCS. Maybe the TCS needs a bit of fine tuning but it is a good thing that owners cannot switch it off at the push of a button. It’s because the Kicks will teach you understeer if you hit a corner a bit aggressively. But at speeds that the Korean twins and even the S-Cross can man-

age fairly nonchalantly. However, in a straight line, the Kicks Turbo is fabulously fun. The other issue I have with this car, in addition to the silly card-like keys that Nissan and Renault keep using, are the quality of the interiors and the plastics. The seats with their quilted leather are very comfortable but the instrument cluster feels rather like a low-end display, given the display on competition cars. The Kicks’ remarkably tiny pedal area still feels small even with one pedal removed. The plastics also feel a bit low-end and you feel

Fast and steady

The BMW X4 is great but not the most practical car



**BMW X4 30d M Sport**

**ENGINE:** 2993cc six-cylinder Turbocharged Diesel

**POWER:** 265HP

**TRANSMISSION:** 8-speed Dual-Clutch

**EX-SHOWROOM PRICE (AS TESTED) ₹67.9 LAKH**

**MILAGE (RATED/TESTED):** 16.8 kmpl/11 kmpl

**RATING:** 8/10

**COMPETITION:** Mercedes-Benz GLC Coupe, Jaguar F-Pace, Porsche Macan

“Brings the ‘Sports’ back in to Sports Utility Vehicle but the X3 makes more sense”

the X4, giving it a lower stance than the X3 on which it is based. On the twisty hill roads in the Carolina’s, the X4 was really fun to drive. Well, the X4 30d, the top-end variant that BMW India sells, is just how I remember it around the corners. Fast and steady. But then you realise that out here in India, it is quite difficult to make a case for a car like this. The BMW X3 might not have this amazing engine and definitely cannot take the corners as well, but it makes much more practical sense here. Firstly, the X4 is a far more driver-oriented car than the X3, and unless you

are driving yourself all the time, one can question the extra ₹5,00,000 you spend on a comparable 30i petrol-engine variant. I agree that the 265hp 30d variant with the three-litre turbocharged diesel is not available on the X3 but that just highlights my point that the X4 is a driver’s car. If you really want drivability, the five-series sedan with the petrol engine is ₹10,00,000 less, although the M Sport 530i with all the toys costs 61 lakh, the sedan is better. Yes, the X4 will stand out and the 30d has a lot of power to get out of almost any situation. But the X4 is targeted at a single person or a young couple because the X3 is a lot more practical with its shape able to hold a lot more luggage inside. I feel that the X4 30d is better value in terms of its overall package than the Jaguar F-Pace or even the Porsche Macan, the latter being a bit pricier. The Mercedes-Benz GLC Coupe 300d is its biggest rival. While, even in the case of the Merc, I’d buy the standard GLC body shape, I think the Bimmer wins on the handling front. The X4 is an excellent vehicle but maybe this is because I’m getting older now, I just cannot see the logic of it when the X3 is around.





It's a well-known fact that rice has always been a staple food in Asia but we usually think or talk about white rice. However, did you know about black rice, the surprising health benefits that it consists? Well, it has properties such as anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, anti-diabetes and antioxidants. This superfood is also a rich source of nutrients and minerals like protein, fiber, iron and copper. Unprecedented times like these calls for boosting our immune system. The rich source of antioxidants in black rice helps to build up the immunity and improves the body's ability to fight diseases.

Black rice, also known as as forbidden rice or purple rice, used to be a valuable commodity in ancient China and this is why every grain of it was seized and consumed by the royalty only. Hence, the term forbidden was coined. It mainly grows in the Northeast (called as Chak Hao) and the Southern parts (called as Kavuni in Tamil) of India. In order to select the best variety, closely look at the colour of the rice — the darker the shade, the more nutrition it has. Here are a few benefits and uses of it:

#### RICH IN ANTIOXIDANTS

Black rice is a grain, which is loaded with antioxidants. The deep black colour is a mark of its antioxidant properties. The anthocyanin content found in it is way more than most of the grains and this is what makes it stand out in comparison to other superfoods such as quinoa and red rice. Despite being less popular than other rice

# CHOOSE THE DARK SHADE

Did you know about the surprising health benefits of black rice? Nutrition coach PRIYA PRAKASH lists some



varieties, research shows that black rice has the highest overall antioxidant capacity and activity. Antioxidants protect cells against oxidative stress caused by free radicals. Adding black rice to your meal helps in more disease protecting antioxidants. Studies have shown that the anthocyanin antioxidants in grains helps the body to protect

against heart diseases, cancer and many more. It is good for eye, immune health and skin as well.

#### LOADED WITH FIBER

Black rice is loaded with fiber and minerals. A typical bowl of 100 gm of black rice serving has over 4.9 grams of fiber. This is

double the amount available in brown rice. If you are looking for a fiber rich diet then it is better to start consuming black rice.

#### ANTI-INFLAMMATORY PROPERTIES

Black rice is a natural healing food. Research has shown that it helps in reducing inflammatory compounds in your body and increase the anti-inflammatory compounds. This increase in the anti-inflammatory compounds further help in reducing inflammation in various diseases such as cancer, arthritis and allergies.

#### A NATURAL DETOXIFYING AGENT

It is a rich and natural detoxifying agent. Studies have shown that the phytonutrients in black rice help detoxify your body and remove harmful toxins from your liver. It helps the liver to flush out waste material with its antioxidant property. So next time you throw a party, have a detox week by consuming it.

#### A GLUTEN-FREE GRAIN

Gluten is a group of seed storage proteins found in cereal grains. Eating foods with gluten causes an immune reaction that damages the lining of their small intestines. Since most nutrients are absorbed through

the small intestine, this can lead to nutritional deficiencies. And black rice is naturally gluten-free. If you are allergic to gluten and have the Celiac (an autoimmune disorder that's triggered when you eat gluten) disease, then you should consider having black rice in your daily diet plan. The potential to cause intestinal damage is a major disadvantage of gluten. Gluten can also cause abdominal and bloating pain. Not everyone can digest it easily. Black rice provides all healthy nutrients including protein and fiber.

#### FIGHTS DIABETES

The black rice bran contains fiber, which in turn helps glucose to be absorbed by your body over a longer period of time. Research has proven that eating whole grains like black rice helps your body lower the risk of Type 2 Diabetes and also keeps your weight in check in addition to boosting your energy levels. It maintains consistent sugar level. So if you are a diabetic person, you must substitute your regular rice with black one as it's way better and helps fight diabetes.

#### YOUR WEIGHT LOSS PARTNER

Since it's a whole grain and super-rich in fiber, this combination helps your body reduce signals of hunger, thus, helping in

preventing overeating. In addition, researchers have found out that it helps prevent insulin resistance in your body, which leads to and is related to the risk of becoming overweight or obese. So if you are someone who is looking to reduce weight, start with including black rice in your weight loss regime.

#### PROMOTES HEALTHY HEART

A healing food like black rice has been shown to reduce the atherosclerotic plaque formation in the arteries, which is the main reason for a heart attack and stroke. In addition to this, it also helps to reduce the two common factors in heart disease, namely LDL, triacylglycerol and total cholesterol. Consider including forbidden rice to promote a healthy heart and keep heart-related ailments at bay.

#### SUPPORTS EYE HEALTH

It includes zeaxanthin and lutein that protect retina from damaging free radicals. Hence, black rice is an ideal food for achieving a healthy body. They are a package of nutrients with several health benefits. Switch to black rice to stay fit!

(The author is the co-founder of Naturally Yours.)

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#### OLD BOMBAY NANKHATAI

##### WHAT YOU NEED

- Ghee: 1/2 cup
- Powdered sugar: 1/2 cup
- Refined flour: 3/4 cup
- California Walnuts powder: 1/4 cup
- Salt

- Semolina: 2 tbsp

- Baking soda: 1/4 tsp
- Cardamom powder: 1/2 tsp

##### For glazing:

- Milk: 2 tbsp
- Powdered sugar: 1 tbsp

##### METHOD

- In a mixing bowl, put *ghee* and powdered sugar. Whip for 10 minutes until smooth as it needs to be soft, white, fluffy and creamy.
- Add refined flour, walnut powder, salt, semolina and baking soda, cardamom powder.
- Mix well and knead the dough manually. Do not over-knead.
- Roll into a baking sheet till the dough is one cm thick. Transfer onto a baking tray.
- Cut into long rectangles.
- Mix milk and sugar in a bowl and apply on top of the cut triangles using a brush.
- Bake at 180 degree C for 10 minutes.
- Remove the tray and allow the cake to cool completely.
- Store in an airtight container.

Courtesy: Chef Varun Inamdar.



#### STUFFED RAVIOLI

##### WHAT YOU NEED

##### For ravioli filling

- Pumpkin: 600 gm
- Shallots: 5-6
- Garlic cloves: 3-4
- Olive oil: 1 tbsp
- Salt: To taste
- Pepper: To taste
- Walnut: 60 gm
- Parmesan cheese: 100 gm
- Oregano

##### For ravioli dough

- All-purpose flour: 250 gm
- Egg yolk: 8
- Whole egg: 1
- Olive oil: 20 gm
- Salt: 25 gm

#### ALMOND PUMPKIN KEBAB

##### WHAT YOU NEED

- Pumpkin: 500 gm
- Green chillies (chopped): 1 1/2 tsp
- Garlic and ginger (chopped): 2 tbsp
- Cumin seeds: 1 tsp
- Cracked coriander: 1 tsp
- Red chilli powder: 1 tsp
- Nutmeg powder: 1/8 tsp
- Chat masala: 1 tbsp
- Dry mango powder: 1 tbsp
- Desi ghee: 40 gm
- Almonds (slivered): 20 gm
- Almonds (chopped): 40 gm

##### METHOD

- Peel, deseed and grate the pumpkin.
- Heat *desi ghee* in a thick bottom casserole pan and sauté ginger and garlic, green chillies, cumin seeds and all the spices.
- Add the pumpkin. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes till the water has dried out.



- Add the chopped almonds and cook for another five minutes. Let the mixture cool down. Cut them into rough, thin patties of 30 gm each. Coat them with slivered almonds.

- Heat *desi ghee* in a pan and place the patties in medium hot oil. Cook till the bottom caramelises and then carefully turn the patties. Cook them till they are crisp from outside.

Courtesy: Chef Manish Mehrotra.

#### SMOKED SALMON FISH CAKES

##### WHAT YOU NEED

- Smoked salmon: 400 gm
- Mashed potatoes: 300 gm
- Melted butter: 2 tbsp
- Wholegrain mustard: 2 tbsp
- Fresh dill (chopped): 1 tbsp
- Fresh parsley (chopped): 1 tbsp
- Fresh chives (chopped): 1 tbsp
- Lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Flour (seasoned): ½ cup
- Eggs, beaten: 2
- Breadcrumbs: 1½ cups
- Oil: 100 ml



##### METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 190 degree celsius.
- Place the salmon in a roasting dish, cover with foil and place in the oven for 15 minutes to heat through.
- Flake the salmon with a fork and place in a large bowl together with the

- mashed potatoes, butter, and mustard. Mix well.
- Add the dill, parsley, chives, lemon juice and zest. Season well with salt and pepper and mix thoroughly.
- Divide the mixture into 12 portions and form into balls. Flatten each ball to

- about one cm thick.
- Dip each fishcake in the seasoned flour, then the beaten egg and finally the breadcrumbs to coat each one.
- Fry the fishcakes in two tbsp oil over medium-high heat for five to eight minutes on each side until golden brown and crispy.

Courtesy: Le Creuset.



# ‘Professor Deano’ dies of cardiac arrest

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Former Australia batsman Dean Jones, one of the finest exponents of ODI cricket, died of a sudden cardiac arrest in Mumbai on Thursday.

Jones, 59, was in Mumbai with the *Star Sports*’ commentary team for the Indian Premier League. He was in a bio-bubble in a city hotel. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Jones played 52 Tests and 164 ODIs for Australia and was part of the 1987 World Cup winning team.

“It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing away of Mr Dean Mervyn Jones AM. He died of a sudden cardiac arrest,” *Star Sports* said a press release.

“We express our deep condolences to his family and stand ready to support them in this difficult time. We are in touch with the Australian High Commission to make the necessary arrangements,” the release added.

According to an IPL source, it happened in matter of seconds.



“Deano was standing in the hotel lobby and he suddenly collapsed. Brett Lee was standing by his side. Brett tried to revive him by applying CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) but he didn’t respond,” said the source.

“He was then taken to Harkisan Das Hospital in Girgaon where he was announced dead on arrival.”

Jones’ family is in Melbourne and the Australian

High Commission is in touch with them.

A player well ahead of his time, Jones scored over 6068 ODI runs at an average of 44.61 with seven hundred and 46 fifties.

For Indian fans, he will forever remain in their memory for the historic tied Test in Chepauk, where he laid the foundation of a big Australian score with an unbeaten double hundred in challenging condi-

tions.

There was an iconic picture of Jones throwing up while batting and so severely dehydrated he was that he had to be admitted to a hospital during the course of the Test match.

In ODI cricket and those numerous World Series Cup matches on Australia’s *Chamel* 9, Jones, clad in yellow jersey and the lips lined with zinc cream is still etched in memories of the late 80s and early 90s

generation.

In ODI cricket, he would often charge down the track against fast bowlers and hitting them over in-field. He played a match winning knock against India in the 1992 World Cup in Brisbane, a thriller that India lost by one run.

In his post retirement life he performed the role of a cricket analyst for various channels, primarily in South Asia — India and Pakistan, where he was immensely popular.

One of the Indian news channel named him *Professor Deano*, a moniker that stuck with him and was also his Twitter handle.

He could polarise opinion and would often get trolled. He also once courted controversy for calling Hashim Amla “terrorist” on air, a light-hearted comment but the racist undertone forced the particular broadcaster to take him off air.

His online banter with fellow commentator and Trans Tasman all-rounder Scott Styris was enjoyed and lapped up by new generation of cricket followers.

## Modi asks Kohli about Yo-Yo test



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Skipper Virat Kohli explained how the Yo-Yo test helped Indian cricketers aim for high-level fitness when Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked him about the mandatory running aerobic fitness routine.

Prime Minister Modi was interacting with fitness experts and influencers from across the country to mark the one-year anniversary of the *Fit India Movement*.

Modi was keen to know what is Yo-Yo test and asked if the captain also has to pass it or he gets spared?

“I heard these days there is a Yo-Yo test for the team, what is this test,” asked Modi during the virtual interaction.

Kohli, smiling, replied, “This Test was very important from fitness point of view. If we talk about global fitness level,

our fitness level is still low compared to other teams and we want to take it up, which is a basic requirement.”

The gruelling routine has two sets of cones that are 20 metres apart. Once the beep is sounded, the athlete has to reach the marker on the other side by the time the next beep sounds, turn and get back to where he started before the third beep.

The frequency of the beeps gradually increases for the subsequent runs.

Kohli, who is currently in the UAE for the ongoing 13th IPL, said even he has to clear the test to get selected for the India team.

“I’m the one who goes to run first and this is the condition that if I fail that I am also not available for selection. It is important to set that culture and it will lead to improvement in overall fitness levels.”

## Hat-trick hero Havertz

AFP ■ LONDON

Frank Lampard said Kai Havertz is just getting started after opening his Chelsea account with a hat-trick in a 6-0 thrashing of Barnsley, while Arsenal also booked their place in the League Cup fourth round with a 2-0 win at Leicester.

Havertz had struggled to make an impact in his first two Premier League games since sealing a reported \$94 million move from Bayer Leverkusen as the most expensive signing of Chelsea’s £200 million spending spree in the transfer market.

But the 21-year-old German was one of just three players to retain his place from Sunday’s 2-0 defeat to Liverpool and Lampard’s decision reaped its reward as he scored his first senior hat-trick.

“I am delighted with Kai, it was everything I wanted from him,” said Lampard.

“He had no pre-season so I wanted to give him more time on the pitch with his teammates, learning how we play and press. It was a great night for Kai and it is the first of many for him.”

Thiago Silva and Ben Chilwell also made their Chelsea debuts, while Tammy Abraham and Ross Barkley made the most of rare starts to get their names on the scoresheet.

Abraham pounced on loose pass deep in the Barnsley half to slam home the opener before Havertz’s calm

finish opened his Chelsea account.

A brilliant unselfish flick from Abraham teed Havertz up perfectly to convert his second after Barkley drove home on his weaker left foot.

Havertz was due to be replaced by Chilwell 25 minutes from time but just completed his hat-trick in time by rounding Brad Collins before tapping into an empty net before Olivier Giroud completed the scoring.

“I am very happy to score three goals, but this is just my beginning at the club and I want to score more and more goals,” said Havertz.

Arsenal won the only all-Premier League tie of the night as Christian Fuchs’ own goal broke the deadlock at the King Power.

Eddie Nketiah added a late second for the Gunners.

Everton continued their fine start to the season with a 5-2 win at League One Fleetwood despite two howlers from England number one goalkeeper Jordan Pickford.

Also, Newcastle thrashed League Two Morecombe 7-0 with Joelinton scoring twice.

MENDY JOINS CHELSEA

Chelsea on Thursday announced the signing of goalkeeper Edouard Mendy from Rennes on a five-year deal for a reported fee of 22 million pounds. The Senegalese international will compete with Kepa Arrizabalaga and Willy Caballero for a starting spot at Stamford Bridge.

## YOUTH VS EXPERIENCE

### CSK Dad’s Army takes on Iyer’s youth brigade

PTI ■ DUBAI

Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni’s much-awaited promotion in the batting order will be an area of interest when Chennai Super Kings strive to pick up pieces against a confident Delhi Capitals in their third IPL encounter on Friday.

The shock defeat against Rajasthan Royals on a batting belter at Sharjah could be primarily attributed to a poor show by their spinners along with a disastrous 20th over but the batsmen can’t absolve themselves completely, especially Murali Vijay, Kedar Jadhav and the skipper himself.

Dhoni had come in to bat at number seven, promoting the likes of Sam Curran, Jadhav and Ruturaj Gaikwad ahead of himself but the ploy backfired badly leaving Faf du Plessis with too much work in too little time.

While his fans still swear by his six-hitting ability, a closer look would show that Dhoni is unable to change the gears against express pace and it was only when Tom Curran came with his medium fast, Dhoni launched an attack.

That too when the match as a contest was over.

However on a big Dubai ground with bigger-sized boundaries, the skipper can rotate the strike better unlike Sharjah and also take those extra deliveries to settle down.

For Delhi Capitals, winning a cliffhanger right at the onset would have given them a lot of confidence even though Ravichandran Ashwin’s probable absence after a shoulder injury could force them to reshuffle their bowling line-up.

Senior spinner Amit Mishra could be an option to partner Axar Patel in case Ashwin is unable to make it. The cushion of bigger boundaries can always help a wrist spinner attack more by tossing the ball up.

Another aspect will be pacer Mohit Sharma’s performance. While Mohit got KL Rahul at the beginning but his loose deliveries at the back-end made things difficult for the Capitals even as Kagiso Rabada bowled tightly at one end.

Against a side like CSK which revels in attacking the last 10 overs, the

Capitals might like to try Harshal Patel, who is also a handy batsman at any number having opened in domestic cricket.

This is if Ishant Sharma, who is still nursing an ankle injury is available.

Anrich Nortje in his first IPL game wasn’t bad but left-arm Daniel Sams could create those awkward angles that batsmen dislike.

Shimron Hetmyer is likely to get one more chance unless Ricky Ponting wants to bring in some stability in the form of Alex Carey.



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2	4	265	नीज	कृषि	0.1300	विरालाल मांझी एवं अन्य वो धनीराम मांझी वगैर मांझी सोनाराम मांझी वो बिरला मांझी पिता बाबुराम मांझी वो मलता मांझी पिता चरण मांझी वो राम किशुन मांझी वगैर मांझी महतो मांझी वो दशराम मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी महेश मांझी वो रामेश्वर मांझी वो कमल मांझी वगैर मांझी सुगनु मांझी वो राम जी मांझी वो जगन मांझी वगैर मांझी छुनु मांझी विरालाल मांझी पिता मोतीलराम मांझी पिता सिबन मांझी पिता मिहिलाल मांझी वो तालोराम मांझी पिता शिवलाल मांझी वो दुनुलाल मांझी वो जीतेन्द्र मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी बाबुदास मांझी वो बलीस मांझी वगैर मांझी गौरा मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज
3	4	577	नीज	कृषि	0.0200	विरालाल मांझी एवं अन्य वो धनीराम मांझी वगैर मांझी सोनाराम मांझी वो बिरला मांझी पिता बाबुराम मांझी वो मलता मांझी पिता चरण मांझी वो राम किशुन मांझी वगैर मांझी महतो मांझी वो दशराम मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी महेश मांझी वो रामेश्वर मांझी वो कमल मांझी वगैर मांझी सुगनु मांझी वो राम जी मांझी वो जगन मांझी वगैर मांझी छुनु मांझी विरालाल मांझी पिता मोतीलराम मांझी पिता सिबन मांझी पिता मिहिलाल मांझी वो तालोराम मांझी पिता शिवलाल मांझी वो दुनुलाल मांझी वो जीतेन्द्र मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी बाबुदास मांझी वो बलीस मांझी वगैर मांझी गौरा मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज	रास्ता
4	4	578	नीज	कृषि	0.0100	विरालाल मांझी एवं अन्य वो धनीराम मांझी वगैर मांझी सोनाराम मांझी वो बिरला मांझी पिता बाबुराम मांझी वो मलता मांझी पिता चरण मांझी वो राम किशुन मांझी वगैर मांझी महतो मांझी वो दशराम मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी महेश मांझी वो रामेश्वर मांझी वो कमल मांझी वगैर मांझी सुगनु मांझी वो राम जी मांझी वो जगन मांझी वगैर मांझी छुनु मांझी विरालाल मांझी पिता मोतीलराम मांझी पिता सिबन मांझी पिता मिहिलाल मांझी वो तालोराम मांझी पिता शिवलाल मांझी वो दुनुलाल मांझी वो जीतेन्द्र मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी बाबुदास मांझी वो बलीस मांझी वगैर मांझी गौरा मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज	रास्ता
5	4	579	नीज	कृषि	0.0300	विरालाल मांझी एवं अन्य वो धनीराम मांझी वगैर मांझी सोनाराम मांझी वो बिरला मांझी पिता बाबुराम मांझी वो मलता मांझी पिता चरण मांझी वो राम किशुन मांझी वगैर मांझी महतो मांझी वो दशराम मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी महेश मांझी वो रामेश्वर मांझी वो कमल मांझी वगैर मांझी सुगनु मांझी वो राम जी मांझी वो जगन मांझी वगैर मांझी छुनु मांझी विरालाल मांझी पिता मोतीलराम मांझी पिता सिबन मांझी पिता मिहिलाल मांझी वो तालोराम मांझी पिता शिवलाल मांझी वो दुनुलाल मांझी वो जीतेन्द्र मराठ्ठी वगैर मांझी बाबुदास मांझी वो बलीस मांझी वगैर मांझी गौरा मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज	रास्ता
6	8	316	नीज	कृषि	0.0700	कार्तिक हांसदा वो महेंद्र हांसदा वगैर पिता रणू बकलु मांझी वो अनिता कुमारी पिता हेमलाल मांझी वो सनु हांसदा वगैर पिता छत्रु मांझी वो नरेश हांसदा वो मंगल हांसदा पिता देवान हांसदा वो पुहुराम मांझी पिता गुडरु मांझी वो तालो राम मांझी पिता चनु मांझी	नीज	रास्ता	रास्ता	रास्ता
7	10	597	नीज	कृषि	0.0400	महेश मांझी एवं अन्य वो जयराम बाबू वगैर पिता सुखलाल मांझी वो बलराम बाबू वगैर पिता जिवलाल मांझी वो आशाराम मांझी वगैर पिता पाण्डू मांझी वो लखीराम मांझी वो धर्मा मांझी वगैर पिता साहेबलाल मांझी वो रूपलाल मांझी वगैर पिता कैलु मांझी वो दशरथ मांझी वगैर पिता यदु मांझी वो बालू मांझी वगैर पिता किशुन मांझी वो बलदेव मांझी वो झरी बाबू वगैर पिता छुनु मांझी वो सुखराम बाबू वगैर पिता गुलचन्द्र मांझी वो राम मांझी वगैर पिता सुखदेव मांझी वो लालदेव मांझी वगैर पिता मंगरा मांझी वो छुट्ट बाबू वगैर पिता देना मांझी वो कर्मा मांझी पिता जगराम मांझी वो अर्जुन मांझी पिता सुरज लाल मांझी वो भोल बाबू वगैर पिता बंशी मांझी वो बाबुदास बाबू वगैर पिता अनु मांझी वो बोगले मांझी पिता देनाराम मांझी वो शनिवर मांझी वगैर पिता सनु मांझी वो गणेश मांझी वगैर पिता लतुबा मांझी वो बिहारी मांझी वगैर पिता मंथलु मांझी वो अमित कुमार बाबू वगैर पिता भोलानाथ मांझी वो चरकु मांझी वगैर पिता अम्बडा मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज
8	10	705	नीज	कृषि	0.0300	महेश मांझी एवं अन्य वो जयराम बाबू वगैर पिता सुखलाल मांझी वो बलराम बाबू वगैर पिता जिवलाल मांझी वो आशाराम मांझी वगैर पिता पाण्डू मांझी वो लखीराम मांझी वो धर्मा मांझी वगैर पिता साहेबलाल मांझी वो रूपलाल मांझी वगैर पिता कैलु मांझी वो दशरथ मांझी वगैर पिता यदु मांझी वो बालू मांझी वगैर पिता किशुन मांझी वो बलदेव मांझी वो झरी बाबू वगैर पिता छुनु मांझी वो सुखराम बाबू वगैर पिता गुलचन्द्र मांझी वो राम मांझी वगैर पिता सुखदेव मांझी वो लालदेव मांझी वगैर पिता मंगरा मांझी वो छुट्ट बाबू वगैर पिता देना मांझी वो कर्मा मांझी पिता जगराम मांझी वो अर्जुन मांझी पिता सुरज लाल मांझी वो भोल बाबू वगैर पिता बंशी मांझी वो बाबुदास बाबू वगैर पिता अनु मांझी वो बोगले मांझी पिता देनाराम मांझी वो शनिवर मांझी वगैर पिता सनु मांझी वो गणेश मांझी वगैर पिता लतुबा मांझी वो बिहारी मांझी वगैर पिता मंथलु मांझी वो अमित कुमार बाबू वगैर पिता भोलानाथ मांझी वो चरकु मांझी वगैर पिता अम्बडा मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज	रास्ता
9	10	707	नीज	कृषि	0.1200	महेश मांझी एवं अन्य वो जयराम बाबू वगैर पिता सुखलाल मांझी वो बलराम बाबू वगैर पिता जिवलाल मांझी वो आशाराम मांझी वगैर पिता पाण्डू मांझी वो लखीराम मांझी वो धर्मा मांझी वगैर पिता साहेबलाल मांझी वो रूपलाल मांझी वगैर पिता कैलु मांझी वो दशरथ मांझी वगैर पिता यदु मांझी वो बालू मांझी वगैर पिता किशुन मांझी वो बलदेव मांझी वो झरी बाबू वगैर पिता छुनु मांझी वो सुखराम बाबू वगैर पिता गुलचन्द्र मांझी वो राम मांझी वगैर पिता सुखदेव मांझी वो लालदेव मांझी वगैर पिता मंगरा मांझी वो छुट्ट बाबू वगैर पिता देना मांझी वो कर्मा मांझी पिता जगराम मांझी वो अर्जुन मांझी पिता सुरज लाल मांझी वो भोल बाबू वगैर पिता बंशी मांझी वो बाबुदास बाबू वगैर पिता अनु मांझी वो बोगले मांझी पिता देनाराम मांझी वो शनिवर मांझी वगैर पिता सनु मांझी वो गणेश मांझी वगैर पिता लतुबा मांझी वो बिहारी मांझी वगैर पिता मंथलु मांझी वो अमित कुमार बाबू वगैर पिता भोलानाथ मांझी वो चरकु मांझी वगैर पिता अम्बडा मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज	रास्ता
10	12	677	नीज	कृषि	0.2000	मनीजर मांझी एवं अन्य वो विरल मांझी पिता रणू गोचर मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज
11	12	703	नीज	कृषि	0.0400	मनीजर मांझी एवं अन्य वो विरल मांझी पिता रणू गोचर मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज	रास्ता
12	14	261	नीज	कृषि	0.0400	कोरेश्वर महतो एवं अन्य	रास्ता	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज
13	16	1253	नीज	आवासीय	0.0100	बाबुराम मांझी एवं अन्य वो जीतराम मांझी पिता जतरु मांझी वो शिव चरण मराठ्ठी वो देवचरण मांझी वगैर पिता राखी मांझी वो लालजी मांझी पिता विनीराम मांझी वो बाबुराम मराठ्ठी वगैर पिता विरता मांझी वो रामजी मराठ्ठी वगैर पिता लुदु मांझी वो सोहारम मांझी पिता बुधन मांझी वो अग्रना मांझी पिता सोमरा मांझी शिवजी मांझी वो दशरथ मांझी वगैर पिता किशुन मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज
14	16	1252	नीज	कृषि	0.1200	बाबुराम मांझी एवं अन्य वो जीतराम मांझी पिता जतरु मांझी वो शिव चरण मराठ्ठी वो देवचरण मांझी वगैर पिता राखी मांझी वो लालजी मांझी पिता विनीराम मांझी वो बाबुराम मराठ्ठी वगैर पिता विरता मांझी वो रामजी मराठ्ठी वगैर पिता लुदु मांझी वो सोहारम मांझी पिता बुधन मांझी वो अग्रना मांझी पिता सोमरा मांझी शिवजी मांझी वो दशरथ मांझी वगैर पिता किशुन मांझी	रास्ता	रास्ता	रास्ता	नीज
15	16	39	नीज	कृषि	0.0500	बाबुराम मांझी एवं अन्य वो जीतराम मांझी पिता जतरु मांझी वो शिव चरण मराठ्ठी वो देवचरण मांझी वगैर पिता राखी मांझी वो लालजी मांझी पिता विनीराम मांझी वो बाबुराम मराठ्ठी वगैर पिता विरता मांझी वो रामजी मराठ्ठी वगैर पिता लुदु मांझी वो सोहारम मांझी पिता बुधन मांझी वो अग्रना मांझी पिता सोमरा मांझी शिवजी मांझी वो दशरथ मांझी वगैर पिता किशुन मांझी	नीज	नीज	रास्ता	रास्ता
कुल रकबा					1.3500					