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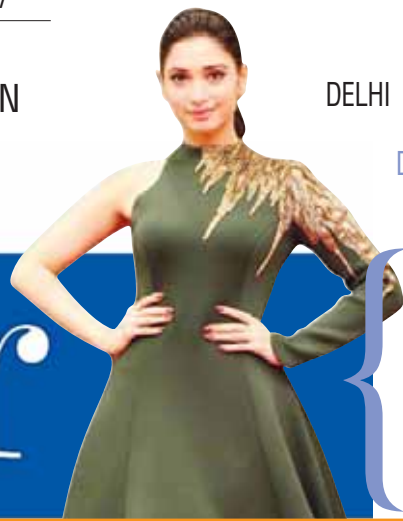
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Protest against farm laws rages on

Normal life affected in Punjab, Haryana, UP, Bengaluru, TN, Bihar, Karnataka, Telangana

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Thousands of protesting farmers spilled on the streets in several parts of the country hitting normal life and rail and road traffic in a big way as part of their “Bharat bandh” protest against the farm bills.

Massive protests were seen in parts of Punjab, Haryana, Bengaluru, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Telangana, etc.

After holding separate protests, farmers under the banners Bharti Kisan Union, Krantikari, Kirti Kisan Union, Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan), Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee and BKU (Lakhowal) with support of political parties, including the Congress, the RJD and the Trinamool Congress, as well as 10 central trade unions blocked highways, railway tracks, disrupted traffic and brought life to a standstill in several parts of the country.

According to reports, farmers blocked highways which include Chandigarh-Delhi, Amritsar Delhi, Delhi-Dehradun, Ayodhya Lucknow, B a g h p a t - B a d a y u n, Bommanahalli on Karnataka-Tamil Nadu highway. Meanwhile, farmers from Punjab have extended the rail roko agitation till September 29.

In Punjab, agitating farmers blocked roads, including highways. Road blockades caused hardships to commuters in both States and life to a standstill in Bathinda, Jalandhar, Patiala, Moga, Ferozepur, Fazilka, Barnala, Faridkot, Muktsar, Mansa, Bathinda and other districts of Malwa belt.

Farmers accompanied by their family members, including mothers, wives and daughters converged in large numbers at various places in Amritsar, Ferozepur, Barnala and staged sit-in and held demonstrations at all the entry points. Shops, commercial establishments and vegetable markets at many places remained shut. Shopkeepers have been appealed to keep their shops shut in support of farmers. Buses of the State-owned Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (PRTC) remained off-road. The supply of essential commodities was hit badly across Punjab. The supply of milk was also partially affected in many areas.

In Muktsar, SAD chief Sukhbir Singh Badal led a tractor march from his Badal village residence. While he drove the tractor, wife and former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal sat beside him. Sukhbir led a tractor march from his residence in Badal village to Lambi. Prominent



Members of various farmers' organisations gather in protest at Shambu Punjab-Haryana border near Ambala on Friday

PTI

Punjabi singers, including Harbhajan Mann and Ranjit Bawa, took part in a farmers' protest in Nabha. Farmers at several places in the State started gathering on roads to stop the movement of traffic. Women protesters under the banner of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee took out a protest march in Amritsar.

A 33-second video shot on the Amritsar-Pathankot highway shows some protesters making way for an ambulance. A group of protesters, holding placards, clear up the road as the ambulance followed by a car move ahead. Some of the farmers are seen sitting on a tractor, while some trucks are blocking the road. In Barnala, a tractor was set on fire by pro-

testers against the farm Bills.

Punjab farmers blocked the Sangrur-Patiala, Chandigarh-Bathinda and Ambala-Rajpura-Ludhiana and Moga-Ferozepur roads. In Patiala, essential supplies, including milk and poultry supply, were hit as farmers held blockades on roads leading to the city. Hundreds of farmers held a protest and blocked the Sangrur-Patiala highway.

In Moga, farmers blocked the rail and road traffic on the national highway at Dagru village on the border of Moga and Ferozepur districts.

Meanwhile, Haryana farmers blocked the Rohtak-Jhajjar road. Farmers held protests at several places, including Rewari and Yamunanagar.

Modi urges BJP cadre to create awareness on new laws for kisan, labourers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On day the farmers called for a Bharat bandh to protest the Modi Government's farm sector legislations, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday exhorted the BJP workers to create awareness about the Government's enactments of the new laws and “authentic efforts” made by it for the betterment of the lives of farmers and labourers.

The Prime Minister said the BJP has fulfilled its “major promises” including that on Article 370 and construction of “Ram temple” at Ayodhya.

Addressing BJP workers and leaders through video conference on the day of the birth anniversary of the party ideologue Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya, the Prime Minister listed progressive laws

passed by the Government to improve the lives of farmers, labourers and those in the footpath market “Rehri-patri wale”. They have been aligned with the banking system, “receiving loan, salary or pension”, he said.

He drew the attention of the BJP workers and leaders to the New Education Policy (NEP) which has been brought out after 30 years and asked them to organise meets of five to seven days to analyse NEP and the benefits which could be drawn from it with educated people.

Remembering Upadhyaya, Modi said post-Independence when the country was trying to adopt foreign model of development, the late leader stressed on the indigenous way of economic, social, and cultural development.

Bihar polls in 3 phases from October 28

Counting on Nov 10

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India on Friday announced that elections for 243 Assembly seats in Bihar will take place in three phases — first on October 28, second on November 3 and the third on November 7 — while counting of all votes will take place on November 10.

The EC announced the poll schedule rejecting the demand for postponement of the polls by political parties due to coronavirus pandemic and flood in the State.

The Assembly polls in Bihar will be the biggest voting exercise in the world to be held in the time of coronavirus. There will be an extra voting hour, separate voting for Covid patients, suspects and those in quarantine, and no physical

contact during the campaign. With this announcement, the Model Code of Conduct comes into force in the State. Bihar's 243-member Assembly is set to expire on November 29, 2020.

However, the dates for by-polls to 64 Assembly constituencies and one parliamentary seat will be announced next week on Tuesday (September 29), after the EC reviews the objections of some States to the timing of the polls.

The Bihar Assembly elections are crucial for the BJP as it has suffered electoral setbacks after retaining power at the Centre with a bigger majority in 2019. It was unable to form the Government in Maharashtra despite emerging as the single largest party following disagreements with its oldest ally, Shiv Sena, over power-sharing.

Assembly Elections 2020 SCHEDULE			
BIHAR			
Constituencies	Phase-I 71	Phase-II 94	Phase-III 78
Issue of notification	1/10 Thurs	9/10 Fri	13/10 Tues
Last date for making nominations	8/10 Thurs	16/10 Fri	20/10 Tues
Date for scrutiny of nominations	9/10 Fri	17/10 Sat	21/10 Wed
Last date for withdrawal of candidature	12/10 Mon	19/10 Mon	23/10 Fri
Date of poll	28/10 Wed	3/11 Tues	7/11 Sat
Counting of Votes	10/11 Tues	10/11 Tues	10/11 Tues
Date of completion	12/11 Thurs	12/11 Thurs	12/11 Thurs
Source: Election Commission			
PTI GRAPHICS			

Marandi, among 1260 new Covid cases in State

410 people test corona positive in State Capital

PNS ■ RANCHI

State's first Chief Minister Sand BJP legislative party leader Babulal Marandi on Friday revealed that he has tested positive for the coronavirus infection. Marandi disclosing the information appealed that those who came in contact with him in past few weeks should get tested.

Hours after Marandi addressed party workers through virtual rally on the occasion on 104th birth anniversary of BJP ideologue Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay today revealed about his infection. Marandi's personal assistant (PA) Rajendra Tiwari too has tested corona positive.

BJP state president Deepak Prakash after receiving information about Marandi's infection has wished for speedy recovery of Marandi. Prior to Marandi several political leaders have won the battle after they were tested positive. Recently, JMM supremo Shibu Soren too tested corona positive and was admitted at Medanta hospital in Gurugram after he tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.

The septuagenarian leader had breathing problems and was admitted to Medanta, Ranchi, on August 24 after he tested positive for coronavirus on August 21. His wife Roopi Soren tested positive as well for the virus. Several others posted at his official residence in Ranchi too tested positive.

Apart from Soren, State leaders who have won the battle against infection includes minister Mithilesh Thakur, senior BJP leader CP Singh, former deputy chief minister Sudesh Mahto and others.

Meanwhile, Jharkhand's Covid-19 caseload rose to 77,709 on Friday as 1261 more people tested positive for the infection, a health official said. Six more patients succumbed to the infection, taking the state's coronavirus death toll to 661, he said.

Jharkhand now has 12533 active Covid 19 cases, while 64 515 people have been cured of the disease so far, the official said. On Friday, 1261 people tested positive while at the

same time 1270 people recovered from infection. The six deaths which were reported today -- two each from East and West Singhbhum and one each from Godda and Dhanbad districts.

The state recovery rate too has gone up to 83.02 per cent, while the national recovery rate is 81.70 per cent. The state mortality rate is .84 per cent while national mortality rate is 1.60 per cent.

Meanwhile, Ranchi district administration is constantly testing people by making testing centers for control of Covid-19. On Saturday, sample collection work will be done in the testing centers set up at 25 places. Sample collection work will be done in all centers from 10:00 am to 06:00 pm. At these centers, people can submit their swab sample for Covid-19 tests.

All the information including name, address, station name, mobile number is required to be entered accurately for investigation. Wearing masks is a must for those coming to sample swabs at the testing center for the Covid 19 tests, as well as urging people to comply with social distancing and other safety standards at the testing center to reduce the risk of infection.



BJP Legislative Party Leader Babulal Marandi
Pioneer photo

Farm Bills biggest blow on cooperative federalism: CM

People will resort to 'Ulgulan' (Great Tumult), says Soren

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday launched a scathing attack on the Central government saying that the Farm Bills passed by the Parliament in the Monsoon Session without consultation from States was the biggest blow by the NDA ruled Central Government on the concept of cooperative federalism in the country.

The CM, holding a press conference here on Friday, said that on one hand, the Central Government made a law by encroaching on State subject and on the other hand it did not even take necessary consultations from the States in this regard. He said that even if the law was enacted, it should have been left to the states to implement it, so that the states would be free to implement it after examining the merits of the Bill. But, the Central government is adopting a dictatorial attitude and imposing it on the States.

He said that every State of the country has a different system of farming, in which case the agricultural law of one nature is irrational for the whole country. Pointing out the flaws of the law, he said that it is a Bill, which is not bound by any time limit, but is permanent.

The CM, who was present with Minister Alamgir Alam said that if the Center continues its arbitrariness, then there will be Ulgulan (Great Tumult) in the State and people will be forced to take to the streets. He said that there is no awareness of the interest of farmers in the agricultural Bill. Describing the Bill as anti-farmer, he said that it would only benefit traders and companies.

Soren added the Mahajani system will come into force once again with the Agricultural Bill. It is the same Mahajani system, against which the people of Jharkhand agitated for years and worked to root it out. He said that these mahajans will get the crop planted in the farmers' farm on the contract and will decide the price of the crop. “Because, it is not clear in the agricultural Bill that the farmers, who are on the contract will pay the minimum support price



Chief Minister Hemant Soren during a press conference at Project building secretariat in Ranchi on Friday
Pioneer photo

for the crop that is being planted in the farm. At the same time, if the contract is broken with the farmer, the farmer will have to travel to the courts for justice. In this situation, the problematic farmer will have no choice but to commit suicide,” he said.

The CM said that hoarders will benefit with the agriculture Bill. With the curbs on hoarding ending, Mahajans will start setting arbitrary prices. Giving the example of Chanakya's statement, he said that the people of the country, where the king is a businessman, will be beggars. Referring to the rising prices of potato and onion, he said that we have to forget what to eat.

The CM added the Prime Minister has somehow misused the powers conferred by the Constitution and imposed the Agriculture Bill on the farmers. This is the reason why farmers of all the states of the country are agitated. He said that he does not understand in which direction the Prime Minister wants to take the country. First he unilaterally decided on GST, coal auction, education policy etc. and now has adopted the same attitude on agriculture Bill.

The CM said that the State Government is moving towards structural changes to strengthen the rural economy. He said that the government is going to make a provision of Rs 250 crore in collaboration with NABARD to develop the infrastructure of villages. He said that its main objective is that the farmers do not need middlemen.

Antibodies that lead to passive Covid-19 vaccine identified

PTI ■ BERLIN

Scientists have identified highly effective antibodies against the novel coronavirus, which they say can lead to the development of a passive vaccination for Covid-19.

Unlike in active vaccination, passive vaccination involves the administration of ready-made antibodies, which are degraded after some time.

However, the effect of a passive vaccination is almost immediate, whereas with an active vaccination it has to build up first, the researchers said. The research, published in the journal Cell, also shows that some SARS-CoV-2 antibodies bind to tissue samples from various organs, which could

potentially trigger undesired side effects.

The scientists at the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) and Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin isolated almost 600 different antibodies from the blood of individuals who had overcome Covid-19, the disease triggered by SARS-CoV-2. By means of laboratory tests, they were able to narrow this number down to a few antibodies that were particularly effective at binding to the virus.

The researchers then produced these antibodies artificially using cell cultures.

The so-called neutralising antibodies bind to the virus, as crystallographic analysis reveals, and thus prevent the

pathogen from entering cells and reproducing, they said.

In addition, virus recognition by antibodies helps immune cells to eliminate the pathogen. Studies in hamsters — which, like humans, are susceptible to infection by SARS-CoV-2 — confirmed the high efficacy of the selected antibodies.

“If the antibodies were given after an infection, the hamsters developed mild disease symptoms at most. If the antibodies were applied preventively — before infection — the animals did not get sick,” said Jakob Kreye, coordinator of the research project.

The researchers noted that treating infectious diseases with antibodies has a long history. For Covid-19, this approach



is also being investigated through the administration of plasma derived from the blood of recovered patients. With the plasma, antibodies of donors are transferred, they said.

“Ideally, the most effective antibody is produced in a controlled manner on an industrial scale and in constant quality. This is the goal we are pursuing,” said Momsen Reincke, first author of the research.

Celebrated playback singer Balasubramaniam passes away after fighting Covid-19

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

SP Balasubramaniam, a legendary playback singer, music director, actor, dubbing artist, and film producer, is no more. The 74-year-old maestro breathed his last at a corporate hospital in Chennai at 1.04 pm on Friday.

SPB, as he was known among friends and fans, was admitted to the city's MGM Hospital on August 5 when he was diagnosed with Covid-19. He was later put on ventilator and ECMO. After days, SPB's condition became stable and he was looking forward to getting discharged from the hospital to watch the IPL matches.

But by Thursday evening his condition deteriorated and after a 12-hour fight with the pandemic, the singer, who rendered more than 40,000 songs in 16 languages, succumbed to the condition.

Balasubramaniam is survived by his wife, son, and daughter. “Humility personified” that was how the film

world and music lovers described SPB who was a recipient of Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awards.

It was the songs he rendered for Sankarabharanam which made him a household name in the country. In a career spanning five decades, SPB was honoured with six national awards for some of the best songs in Telugu, Hindi, Kannada and Tamil. SPB's song Tere Mere Beech Mein in Ek Duuje Ke Liye remained a chartbuster for years. In addition to being a singer 'Baalul', was also a music director, actor and a dubbing artist.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his grief over the demise of the singer. “With the unfortunate demise of Shri SP Balasubrahmanyam our cultural world is a lot poorer. A household name across India, his melodious voice and music enthralled audiences for decades. In this hour of grief, my thoughts are with his family and admirers. Om Shanti”, the Prime Minister said in his message.

Kolahala Srenivaas, author

and journalist, remembered how M G Ramachandran who wanted SPB to sing for him in the movie Adimai Pen pushed the recording for 15 days as the singer was down with typhoid on the day the song was to be recorded.

“It was SPB's first song in Tamil. When others suggested to MGR to change the singer, then superstar was unwillingly citing that he was an aspiring youngster who would have informed his family and friends about the opportunity and would feel humiliated if his name doesn't feature in the credits. He went on to recover and sang Aayiram Nilave Vaa, his very first song in Tamil, which become a massive hit,” reminisced Srenivaas.

What stands out in the story of SPB is that he was from Nellore in Andhra Pradesh who spoke Telugu, but he made it big in Tamil too.

R Rangaraj, MD, Music Durbar, and president, Chennai 2000 Plus Trust, remembers SP Balasubramaniam as unique in many respects.

Vodafone wins retro tax fight against India at arbitration tribunal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

British telecom giant Vodafone Group plc on Friday won an arbitration against the Indian Government over a demand for ₹22,100 crore in taxes using retrospective legislation.

An international arbitration tribunal ruled that India's demand in past taxes was in breach of fair treatment under a bilateral investment protection pact. “Vodafone confirms that the investment treaty tribunal found in Vodafone's favour,” the British firm said in a statement. “This was a unanimous decision, including India's appointed arbitrator Rodrigo Oreamuno. The tribunal held that any attempt by India to enforce the tax demand would be a violation of India's international law obligations.”

Reacting to it, the Government on Friday said it will consider all options, including legal remedies, with regard to Vodafone arbitration case.

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3	Document download start date	29.09.2020
4	Document download end date	02.11.2020
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Urban Development and Housing Department

Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)

E-Tender Notice No.- E-Tender/PMC/02/2020-21

Group No	Tender Reference No.	Particulars	Estimared Cost In Rs.	Earnest Money In Rs.	BOQ Document Cost In Rs.	Time for Work Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	PMC/01/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -9.60Msx9.90M) 02 No. at 02 different location at near Mahila Mandal and near Raju Verma House Rest House Colony under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	30,18,200	60,400	10,000	06 Month
2	PMC/02/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -9.60Msx9.90M) 02 No. at 02 different location at in Jharkhand Mandir Hospital Colony and near Pankaj Adarsh under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	30,18,200	60,400	10,000	06 Month
3	PMC/03/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -9.60Msx9.90M) 02 No. at 02 different location at in B.Type Shiv Temple and in Makoli Niche Dhoura Near Sub Health Centre, Makoli under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	30,18,200	60,400	10,000	06 Month
4	PMC/04/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -9.60Msx9.90M) 02 No. at 02 different location at in Makoli Ranchi dhoura Near Magnine Dhoura and in Pahadi Shiv Mandir Karipani under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	30,18,200	60,400	10,000	06 Month
5	PMC/05/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -7.60Msx7.60M) 03 No. at 03 different location at in Devi Mandir and in Jawahar Nagar Gurudwara and in Jharkhand Colony Near Referral Hospital Makoli under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	34,51,314	69,100	10,000	06 Month
6	PMC/06/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -7.60Msx7.60M) 03 No. at 03 different location at in Central Colony Near Sant Nirankari Bhawan and near Regional Hospital Dhori Colony R. N. Jha house and in Rajendra Colony Near Behind Savitry Petrol Pump under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	34,51,314	69,100	10,000	06 Month
7	PMC/07/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -7.60Msx7.60M) 03 No. at 03 different location at in Amlo Halt and in Kargali Bazar Jhopari Muhalla hanuman Temple and in Subash Nagar under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	34,51,314	69,100	10,000	06 Month
8	PMC/08/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Community Building (Size -7.60Msx7.60M) 03 No. at 03 different location at Old Subash Nagar Janta Chowk and in Banduk Beda behind Ground and in Behind Of SBI Bank under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	34,51,314	69,100	10,000	06 Month
9	PMC/09/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Boundary Wall at around Sant Nirankari Bhawan Dhori 630' length under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	09,70,182	19,500	5,000	03 Month
10	PMC/10/0 2/2020-21	Construction of Boundary Wall at around Kali Mandir Near Damodar Bridge 300' length and around Shiv Temple Gol Pahadi 330' under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	09,95,231	20,000	5,000	03 Month
11	PMC/11/0 2/2020-21	Construction of RCC Culvert (Size -4.00Mx2.50M) 04 No. at 04 different location at Shiv Temple and in Makoli Ranchi Dhoura and Pawan Barnwal house and Uday Yadav house under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	08,01,420	16,100	5,000	03 Month
12	PMC/12/0 2/2020-21	Construction of RCC Culvert (Size -4.00Mx2.50M) 04 No. at 04 different location at Ghutiyatand near Rajesh Oraon house and near Baiju Malakar house and near Munna Giri house and near CISF Khatal Central Colony under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	08,01,420	16,100	5,000	03 Month
13	PMC/13/0 2/2020-21	Construction of RCC Culvert (Size -4.00Mx2.50M) 04 No. at 04 different location at infront of Azad Chouhan and Sub Health Centre Niche Dhoura, and near Ramesh Lahri house, near RK Ram House under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	08,01,420	16,100	5,000	03 Month
14	PMC/14/0 2/2020-21	Construction of PCC Road at from Main Road Near Bhagalpur School to towards Patel Nagar Chowk under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	15,73,622	31,500	5,000	03 Month
15	PMC/15/0 2/2020-21	Construction of RCC Drain at from Pawan Barnwal house to towards Uday Yadav House 350 feet, Raja Bangla to towards Temple Road 700 feet, Pankaj house to Guletan house to towards Main Nala 500 feet, Gaddu Pandit house to Main Drain 300 feet, Shastri Nagar and Bata Gali 500 feet, Ram Pravesh House to towards Rambabu house 825 feet, Central Colony Vijay Chouhan house to bottom 325 feet, Behind Birendra Mishar house to towards Jitendra Goswami house 500 feet and other places Total Length 1225M under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	49,81,098	99,700		
16	PMC/16/0 2/2020-21	Construction of PCC Road at Besides Mahila Mandal 1250 feet, Chhat ghat to hanuman temple back to towards Filter Plant 950 feet, Hindustan Bridge to Chhat ghat 300 feet, Birsha Nagar Hirak Road to navi pandit house to towards Santosh Mehta house 300 feet, Ram Bilash School Near samsan ghat 500 feet and Kash Dhori Rain Basera to Chhat ghat 950 feet and other places Total Length 1300M under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	49,26,554	98,600	10,000	04 Month
17	PMC/17/0 2/2020-21	Construction of PCC Road at Footbal Ground behind Vikash Tiwari house to towards Tulsi Munda house 1250 feet, Ghutiyatand Colony to bihari tiwari house to back towards Mahtab house and Sinior Qtr Shiv Temple to kala Da house 1250 feet, Karipani Revert to towards Parash hiraama Singh 400, Manoj Sharma House to Club 300 feet and Turi Mohalla 550 feet, Dhori Samsan ghat area 500 feet and other places Total Length 1300M under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	49,26,554	98,600	10,000	04 Month
18	PMC/18/0 2/2020-21	Construction of PCC Road at Naya Filter Plant to towards amte nagar and Amte nagar to bharat Singh Smarack 1250 feet, Anugrah Nagar to Manoj Tiwari house to towards Chotan Tiwari house 1250 feet, Hari Narayan singh house to Central colony Dura temple 350 feet, Makoli CISF Khatal to nala tak 550 feet. Bishnu dev house to Ranchi Dhoura 400, Behind khublal School 450 feet and other places Total Length 1300M under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	49,26,554	98,600		
19	PMC/19/0 2/2020-21	Providing, Supplying and Laying of Cement Concrete Paver Block 80 MM thick (M30) Pavement infront of NP Phusro office and Multipurpose Community Building Campus to towards around Nirmal Mahto Chowk Total Area 5000 SQM under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	50,50,569	1,01,100	10,000	04 Month
20	PMC/20/0 2/2020-21	Providing, Supplying and Laying of Cement Concrete Paver Block 80 MM thick (M30) Pavement from Ganesh Karmali house to towards Jitendra Thakur house 300 feet, Santosh Karmali house to towards Sudama thakur and mohan Dukan to towards Ishwar house 300 feet, Hemu house to towards Dinesh thakur house and Manish Dukan Behind 200 feet. Krishna Verma house to behind Subir house to towards Ambekar Club 150 feet. Upendra Saw house to towards Mahendra Saw house 150 feet, Sitaram house to towards Dhanesh house 150 feet, Sohraye house to towards Netram house and tekari laI house to rath Mandir 200 feet, Tuntun Singh House to towards Javed khan house 200 feet, ShivChandra Sir House to Birendra Sinha house 200 feet, Jaikaran house to towards Mahendra Saw Dukan 250 feet, Gulam Miya house to towards Lalan Dom house 200 feet, Lalan Dom house to towards Anil Choudhary house Behind Gulam Miya house to nodha Ram house 200 feet, Behind temple Main Road Sharma Gali 500 feet, Bata Gali 1000 feet and Mahabir Temple Bhoot bangle 30'x50' Makoli Shiv Temple 50'x100' inside, Makoli Shiv Temple 50'x100' outside, Makoli Congress Office to Pappu Lal house and Other 220x3 feet, makoli Devi Mandir to towards School, Dhori Kash bajrang bali temple Behind Road Side 30x30, Phusro Railway Station in Durga temple 40'x25', near Harendra Singh house, Near Ghutiyatand Shiv Temple and Colony, in near Regional Colony Murari Singh house,Somer Bhuiya house to BMS Office, Around the Ram Temple and other places Total Area 5000 SQM under Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)	50,50,569	1,01,100		

1. Date and Time of Publication of Tender on website

- 29.09.2020 From 10:30 AM (Uploading Online)

2. Date and Time of Publication of Tender on website

- 30.09.2020 From 11:30 AM (Down loading online)

3. Last Date and Time of Online Submitting of Bids

- 20.10.2020 up to 05:00 PM (Submitting Online Only)

4. Date and Time of Receiving Hard Copy of Document

- 21.10.2020 From 10:30 AM to 05:00 PM (All Working Days)

5. Place of Receiving Hard Copy of Document (Offline)

- Office of the Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)

6. Date and Time of Opening of Bid (Online Only)

- 22.10.2020 At 11:30 AM (Online Only)

7. Name of Online E-Tender Notice Inviting Officer

- Mr. Arun Kumar Bharti (Executive Officer, NP Phusro)

8. Name and Address of Office E-Tender Inviting

- Office of The Executive Officer, Nagar Parishad Phusro (Bokaro)

9. Contact No. of E-Procurement Officer

- 06206067140

10. Help Line No. of E-Procurement Office

- 06542220361

11. Only E-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website

<http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Officer

Nagar Parishad Phusro

Bokaro

PR 233260(Urban Development and Housing)20-21#D

4 CAN BOMBS RECOVERED, DIFFUSED IN PALAMU

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Four can bombs called technically improvised explosive devices were discovered by the security forces between Masurya and Chak pickets under Manatu police station late on Thursday. SP Palamau Sanjeev Kumar said the four can bombs were kept hidden about 10 to 15 meters away from the road that stretches between Masurya and Chak pickets.

About the weight of the can bombs, the SP said these booby traps are viewed more for their destruction than for weight.

Sources said a normal can bomb can have two kilograms of deadly powder in it. The SP said a team of bomb disposable squad of Jharkhand Jaguar reached the site and neutralised the can bombs on Friday morning. The SP said these cans are used for carrying milk but the Maoists put it to sinister design. Arun Kumar Singh additionally superintendent of police

Office of the Executive Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,Sahibganj

Short Term Tender e-Procurement Notice(1st Call)

Tender Reference No.- ARSENIC PLANT/BUDHAN/03/2020-21

Date- 25.09.2020

1	Name of the Work	Work for Supplying, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of 2000 LPH Arsenic Removal Plant with HYDT, RCC Water Tanks, Store Room, Platform, Soak-Pit, Electrical Works etc. all Complete with Annual Operation & Maintenance Contract for Arsenic Removal Plant(Annual Operation & Maintenance Contract for Two Years Guarantee/Defect Liability Period & Eight Years Extended O&M), Manpower, Maintenance of Structure etc. with Guarantee for Ten years at Budhan Tola of Mahasinghpur Panchayat of Rajmahal Block on turn key basis in Sahibganj District under D.W.& S.Division, Sahibganj.
2	Group No.	ARSENIC PLANT/BUDHAN
3	Estimated Cost	19.01 Lakh
4	Earnest Money	0.381 Lakh
5	Cost of BOQ	5,000.00
6	Time of Completion	03 Months & 02 years Guarantee/Defunct Liability Period & 08 Years Extended O & M(Total 10 Years)
7	Date of publication of Tender on Web site	29.09.2020 / 02:00 PM
8	Last date /Time for receipt of Bid	12.10.2020 / 05:00 PM
9	Last date of submission of Earnest Money (Bank Guarantee/ T.D. Pass Book/N.S.C) and Cost of B.O.Q.	13.10.2020 / 04:00 PM
10	Name of Office where receipt of Earnest Money & Cost of B.O.Q.	1. Office of the Superintending Engineer, D. W. & S. Dumka Circle, Dumka 2. Office of the Executive Engineer, D. W. & S. Division, Sahibganj.
11	Date of Opening of Tender	14.10.2020 / 02:00 PM
12	Name & address of office inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Sahibganj, Jharkhand.
13	Name & address of Opening officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Sahibganj, Jharkhand.
14	Contact No. of Procurement Office	9470142421
15	Helpline No. of e-procurement cell	9470142421

Note:- (i) Updated estimated cost and earnest money should be taken as mentioned in the website.
(ii) Cost of Tender Paper Nil for Jharkhand SSI units registered with NSIC as per applicable for Jharkhand Industrial Policy-2012/ Jharkhand Industrial Policy-2014.
(iii) No Claim shall be entertained because of disruption of internet service being used by the bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snags.

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer

Drinking Water & Sanitation

Division, Sahibganj.

PR 233294 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 20-21 (D)

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प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची के द्वारा दिव्यांगजनों के सहायता के मद्देनजर दिव्यांगों के लिए विशेष यंत्र योजना संचालित किया जाता है, जिसमें दिव्यांगजनों को निःशुल्क (व्हीलचेयर, हियरिंगऐड, बैशाखी एवं ब्लाइन्ड स्टीक) विशेष यंत्र प्रदान किया जाता है। दिव्यांगजनों को सूचित किया जाता है कि यदि उपरोक्त यंत्रों में से किसी प्रकार के यंत्र की आवश्यकता हो तो सीधे जिला समाज कल्याण पदाधिकारी, पलामू के नाम से आवेदन पत्र के साथ दिव्यांगता प्रमाण पत्र, मतदाता पहचान पत्र/आधार कार्ड, एक पासपोर्ट साईज फोटो के साथ कार्यावधि में जिला समाज कल्याण कार्यालय, पलामू में आवेदन समर्पित कर सकते हैं।

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CORRIGENDUM P.R. No.-232546

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1) Population Distribution Chart of Villages :

Sr. No.	VILLAGE	NO HH	TOTAL POPULATION
1	Rajhara	788	3958
2	Jorkat	149	782
3	Lapea	181	1276
4	Kundi	173	937
5	Salatua	721	3583

2) It is expected from the bidding agencies to provide Safe for Drinking Purpose Water as an Output along with the treatment of dominant contaminant, Fluoride. Since, due to Corona Pandemic, District Administration could provide the report of only Fluoride content in water for the chosen 5 villages, please find below the list of other parameters which will be considered during the testing of Output, interested agencies are thereby recommended to get the water tested on their own and design the solution accordingly.

For the same district administration has decided to extend the Last Date of Submission to 10th Oct, 2020 – 01:00 PM and Date of Opening of Bids – 10th Oct, 2020 – 01:30 PM, rest all information will remain the same:

Total Dissolved Solids	Chloride	Fluoride	Ammonia
Nitrate	Iron	Magnesium	Sulphate
Suspended Solids	Turbidity		Ph

PR 233266(Palamu)20-21#D Deputy Commissioner, Palamu

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PROTEST AGAINST FARM BILLS

PNS ■ RANCHI

Thousands of workers and peasants participated in the protests held in more than five hundred places in all the districts of the State for passing anti peasant and anti-workers Bills in Parliament.

Jharkhand State Secretariat of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) congratulated the farmers and workers of the Jharkhand for holding protests across the State on Friday against the most undemocratic and autocratic way of functioning of the BJP-led Central Government.

Addressing the protesters, at Albert Ekka Chowk of the State capital CPI State Secretary Prakash Viplav said that in utter display of its total contempt for Parliamentary democracy, the BJP Government passed the three Labour Bills — the Code on Industrial

Bharat Bandh evokes mixed response

Relations, the Code on Social Security and the Code on Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions — in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha without the presence of members from Opposition party.

“Earlier the Opposition boycotted the Parliament proceedings protesting against the illegal suspension of eight MPs for exercising their right to demand division on the Farm Bills, which were also declared passed amidst chaos. It is a shame that an elected Government in Parliamentary democracy shows such contempt for constitutional and democratic rights of not only common people but of the elected Members of Parliament as well,” Viplav said.

Other leaders of the left parties who addressed the gathering at Albert Ekka Chowk in the State capital exposed the BJP Government’s utter



CPI (Marxists-Leninist) shout slogans during a protest in Ranchi on Friday
Ratan Lal | Pioneer

untruths about the labour codes benefiting the workers and its claims of taking the trade unions into confidence. The copies of the Agri bills were torn

down by the angry protesters. Viplav said the Farm Bills and the Labour Bills are nothing but brazen acts to push the working class into 19th century

slavery like conditions, drive our small and medium farmers into the deadly grip of the corporate agribusinesses and convert our small farmer based

agriculture into corporate agriculture. These along with the wholesale privatisation of the public sector sound the death knell to our self reliant economy and our toiling people. All these are meant to serve the corporate cronies, domestic and foreign, by this BJP Government, he added.

“Through their massive mobilisations despite the surging Covid cases, the working class has declared that they would not allow these disastrous policies to continue. They made it known that the toiling people will defy, resist and stop these anti people and anti national measures on the ground, come what may,” Viplav said.

While congratulating the farmers and Workers for their massive response to the call of the Coordination Committee of Kisan Organisation he exhorts them to continue the struggle on the ground.

Congress kicks out bootlegger from party

PNS ■ RANCHI

Jharkhand Congress president and finance minister Rameshwar Oraon on Friday expelled Santosh Pathak from the party for a period of six years.

The party which is a key alliance partner in the Hemant Soren led JMM-Congress-RJD government faced an embarrassing situation when Pathak along with his associates were arrested by Ranchi police and Excise and Prohibition department for illegally transporting huge quantities of liquor on September 18.

Pathak is the former State president of Sainika Prakostha (army cell) of the party. Police recovered 11 carton boxes packed with liquor besides three rifles and Rs 71,000 cash.

They were carrying consignment in a swanky SUV and they fixed the flag of the Congress and the JMM to avoid any police checking.

Pathak along with Sanjeet Kumar and Jitendra Kumar Rai were arrested after they were intercepted by the police and excise department officials at Daladali locality on the city outskirts.

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liquor and in the past he was once arrested by the police.

Sources in the party said that the party felt demoralised and embarrassed when the news surfaced.

“We can’t allow anybody to use party flags to carry any illegal activity and crime. Party has taken it very strongly. We can’t patronize any criminal element,” said a leader of the party.

Modi fulfilling Deendayal’s vision: BJP

PNS ■ RANCHI

BJP leaders, including State BJP president Deepak Prakash, party legislative party leader Babul Marandi, former Chief Minister Raghubar Das and others on Friday paid tributes to Deendayal Upadhyay on this 104th birth anniversary. The BJP on this occasion organised virtual rallies across the state which was addressed by different leaders.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday remembering Upadhyay tweeted, “Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Ji’s ideals inspire us to serve the poor and ensure a positive difference in their lives.”

Deendayal Upadhyay was a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) thinker and co-founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the forerunner of Bharatiya Janata Party or the BJP. Deendayal Upadhyay became the president of the Jana Sangh in December 1967.

While addressing Upadhyay, State BJP president Deepak Prakash said that it is necessary to remember the work practices and guidance of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Ji. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, who had a vision of national integral humanism, gave a sense of service to Nar Seva Narayan Seva, which includes serving the poor, dalit, tribal.

Prakash highlighting the work carried out by Prime Minister Narendra Modi which according to him is inculcating the vision of Deendayal Upadhyay said that the Modi



BJP State president-cum-Rajya Sabha MP Deepak Prakash pays homage to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay on his birth anniversary, at BJP State Office in Ranchi on Friday
Ratan Lal | Pioneer

government at Centre has done the work of promoting the integral humanism antyodaya and cultural nationalism the two key vision of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.

For the welfare of the poor, the Prime Minister is running many schemes including the Housing Scheme, Ujjwala Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Ayushman Yojana.

Addressing a virtual rally organized by BJP Dumka district BJP legislature party leader Babul Marandi said that BJP is an organization whose basic purpose is service to poor. With the original mantra, the BJP works with a sense of

Antyodaya between the country and society.

In the disaster period of the corona epidemic, lakhs BJP workers stood with the people staking their life. Marandi said that the Modi government is fully working on the footsteps of Pandit Deendayal.

Marandi also highlighted the different welfare schemes for poor initiated by Modi government such as Jan Dhan Yojana (opening of accounts,) DBT which is directly transferring money in beneficiaries account, providing gas cylinders to women, giving health cards under Ayushman Bharat, giving roofs under Pradhan

Mantri Awas Yojana, construction of toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission, etc.

Former Chief Minister Raghubar Das said that Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay always promoted swadeshi, the Prime Minister keeping this in mind had started the vocal for local and self-reliant India which is a resolve to promote swadeshi.

Apart from these leaders the virtual rallies was also addressed by BJP general secretary Pradeep Verma, Aditya Sahu, Samir Oroan and others. The main idea behind holding these rallies is to reach out to BJP cadres.

Cong’s protest against Farm Bills across State today

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In an attempt to intensify its protest against the farm Bills brought by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government in the Center Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) will launch a series of programmes to be organised across the State from Saturday.

JPCC Chief, Rameshwar Oraon, said that the party will start its agitation in an aggressive manner throughout the State against the draconian law which passed by the Government to enslave peasants of the country.

The party will inform the masses about the “anti-farmer Bill” through a press conference on September 26, which will be addressed by the senior party leaders and officials in all the districts of the state.

JPCC State Spokesperson Alok Kumar Dubey said that



JPCC president-cum-Finance Minister Rameshwar
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Oraon has appointed the presidents-executive presidents and supervisors of each of the districts for the press conferences.

Speaking on the issue JPCC Spokesperson Lal Kishorenath

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Shahdeo said that Oraon entrusted this responsibility to the party coordinators, spokespersons, media panelists and prominent Congressmen to supervise the work.

“The party supervisors for remote districts have left for the

respective districts on Friday, while for other districts, party supervisors will reach their districts on Saturday,” he added.

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IT raid on Agrawal brothers’ premises

VIJAY DEO JHA ■ RANCHI

Income Tax (IT) department on Friday is learnt to have carried out a search and assessment operation on officials and residential premises of builder Amit Agrawal and his associates at as many as 10 locations in Ranchi, Jamtara and Kolkata in a suspected case of tax evasion.

However, IT officials remained tightlipped about the action being taken by the department and reasons behind.

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Amit mainly deals in construction but he owns a number of companies like Rajesh Auto Merchandise Pvt Ltd, Tamnana Commonsales Pvt Ltd, Mihijam Vanaspati Pvt Ltd, Rajesh Export and others.

About two months back Amit came to limelight when the BJP’s Godda MP Nishikant Dubey alleged him for running hawala racket and said that he invests disproportionate money of some of the politicians in his companies.

Dubey later on submitted a petition to different central agencies like Enforcement Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation and Income Tax. Sources in the central agen-

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Sources said in the recent complaint submitted by Dubey, he claimed that Amit owns as many as eight companies out of which seven are located in Calcutta and one in Jharkhand. Sources maintained that Dubey in his complaint had alleged that Amit uses these companies for investment of money of politicians. Besides Dubey claimed that Amit and his brother have purchased over hundreds of acre land on the outskirts of the capital city with the help of politicians.

INBRIEF

PNB CONTRIBUTES ₹10L TO CM RELIEF FUND



Punjab National Bank’s (PNB) Ranchi Divisional Office — Ranchi South and Ranchi North on Friday donated Rs 10 Lakh to Chief Minister’s Relief Fund — Covid-19 under CSR in Jharkhand in the light of the prevailing conditions in the State of Jharkhand due to global epidemic in Jharkhand. Divisional Head, Ranchi South, Deepak Kumar Srivastava and Divisional Head Ranchi, North, Ratikant Tripathi met and gave a cheque to Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Friday.

RAJBHASHA FORTNIGHT CONCLUDES AT ECR

Rajbhasha Fortnight, held from September 14 to 25at East Central Railway Headquarters, Hajipur, was concluded in a virtual manner. First of all, former Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi was paid a silent tribute of two minutes. While doing this, General Manager LC Trivedi said that a Hasya Kavi Sammelan was to be held on the occasion but it was postponed in this hour of grief. Trivedi appreciated the work done by the Department of Official Language even in circumstances contrary to the Corona period. He said that though all the programs of Rajbhasha Pakhwara were done through virtual medium, in the praise of the quality of programs, he mentioned E.Office while referring to the system of work in the railways and said that due to this the propagation of Hindi has increased as well. Participants and winners of various programmes during the fortnight were awarded with certificates on the occasion.

THINK-TANK FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Professionals from Bihar and Jharkhand working in NGOs and CSR in other parts of the country and beyond, have come together to announce a think-tank - BIJ Community for the inclusive and sustainable development of the two states of Bihar and Jharkhand. The think-tank will be launched at the maiden edition of Bihar & Jharkhand BIJ CSR Conclave 2020 on September 30, 2020. BIJ CSR Conclave 2020 is expected to witness over 200 development and business professionals brainstorm on ways to align Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) interventions for overall development of the two states. It will showcase initiatives taken by corporate CSR and NGOs leaders for Bihar& Jharkhand, and act as a platform for their ideas on holistic transformation of these two states.

SAFETY SEMINAR ORGANISED AT RANCHI RAIL DIVISION

A safety seminar was organized through video conferencing in the main presence of Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations), MM Pandit on Friday. In this safety meeting, the Supervisor of Operations Department, Principal Chief Controller, Traffic Inspector and Station Manager of major stations of Ranchi Railway Division were present. In this video conferencing meeting the main topics include stabilizing trains, precautions taken during yard shunting, proper setting and locking of points during operation, use of cracker signals during fog, functioning of machines during the block. It was discussed in detail. Addressing the video conferencing meeting, the Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations) said that the employees should be vigilant during the operation and follow all the rules of safety very tightly and also instructed all the supervisors that all the employees working under them Conceal from time to time and follow all the rules of safety.

COMMERCIAL SECTION OF DRM OFFICE CLOSED

The Commercial section of Dhanbad DRM office was closed following death of Divisional commercial Manager (DMC) due to Coronavirus. The officer was undergoing treatment at Railway hospital. Later he developed some respiratory problems was being shifted to Medanta Hospital on Thursday but unfortunately he died while on the way. Since the message of his death came the railway authorities decided to close the commercial section for three days. The employees have been asked to work from home till the office reopens on Monday after Sunday holiday.

AMARJEET SINGH WELCOMED AT CONG OFFICE

Newly appointed National Coordinator of NSUI Amarjeet Singh was given a grand welcome at the Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Headquarters, Ranchi. Zonal Co-ordinator of State Congress Committee Rama Khalko, Spokesperson Alok Kumar Dubey, Professional Congress Committee President Aditya Vikram Jaiswal, Member Planning and Strategy of State Congress Amitabh Ranjan and others were present on the occasion. Jaiswal said that NSUI is the backbone of the party and revolutions are started by NSUI itself. State Congress leaders said that NSUI student organisation is an integral part of the Congress party and Singh is a very dutiful student leader under whose leadership NSUI will expand and strengthen.

11 CYBER CRIMINALS ARRESTED IN DEOGHAR

Based on the secret information received by Superintendent of Police Ashwini Kumar Sinha on Friday, two teams raided the two villages at Bareidih and Nagasari under Margomunda and Kairo police station and arrested 6 Cyber criminals. While other team raided at Fulchua and Nayakhma village under Sargod police station and arrested 5 other cyber criminals by the team officials Amod Narayan Singh and Police Inspector Dayanand Azad Cyber Police Deoghar.

4 CYBER CRIMINALS ARRESTED IN DHANBAD

Police on Friday arrested four cyber criminals, who used to clone SIM cards and bank cards of people and siphoned off money from their bank accounts. Dhanbad City superintendent of police (SP)R Ramkumar while talking to media persons said ,police have recovered one Toyota Innova SUV, two Apple iPhones, one Apple iPad, six other smart phones, six ATM cards of different banks and two motorcycles following a raid conducted at one of the flats at Vrindavan Apartment located at Dhaiya under Dhanbad police station.

126 FRESH COVID-19 CASES IN BOKARO

Bokaro recorded 126 positive cases of fresh Coronavirus in last 48 hours, all of them were transferred to COVID Hospital, and their contact tracing is being performed, said AK Pathak Civil Surgeon Bokaro. While 108 people were recovered and discharged from COVID hospitals after they tested negative for the Sars-Cov-2 virus for the second time and sent back to their home after recovering fully, he said.

DR HEMLATA BAGS SNI AWARD

Dr. Hemlata S Mohan, former Chairperson of State Women Commission has been conferred upon Sarojini Naidu International Award. She is the Chief Mentor of DPS Chas and presently serving as Chairperson, Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), Delhi; was bestowed with the award with full pride and honour at the Noida situated Asian Academy of Arts in the Film City at the 6th Global Literary Festival 2020. She has been chosen for this award among hundred other recipients from 15 countries of the world who are working for the betterment and empowerment of women to bring major change in society and social status.

FLIPKART ADDS OVER 13,000 KIRANAS FOR DELIVERY

In preparation of the upcoming festive season, Flipkart has expanded its Kirana programme in Eastern India with over 13,000 kiranas onboarded under this initiative from the region. This expansion is part of the over 50,000 kiranas that Flipkart has on boarded across the country to provide a faster and personalised e-commerce experience to millions of consumers while also augmenting an alternate source of income for the kiranas. To help kiranas onboard and be active participants in the festive season, Flipkart’s team initiated contactless onboarding of kiranas through online application forms where kirana partners directly uploaded details along with required documentation.



Former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay
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Former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay on Friday said, “The Central Government has given free hand to various institutions to fudge their data in order to conceal its shortcomings, which is a direct case of violation of ethics.”

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The former Union Minister targeted the Modi government by saying that the people of the country have the right to know the truth.

The Central agencies are

becoming the mouthpiece of the Government rather than working independently.

He added, “The abrupt nationwide lockdown with a four-hour notice had brought misery and tragedies to many and the country’s health research community has been misused to portray the lockdown as a success.”



BIHAR ELECTIONS

EC OK's poll rallies with social distancing norms



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Political parties and candidates can hold rallies as part of their campaigning for the Bihar Assembly polls and the grounds where such meetings will be held will have white circles to ensure distancing norms. These are among the slew of measures the Election Commission is taking in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Addressing a Press conference to announce the schedule for Bihar assembly elections, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora said he wants to dispel doubts that there will only be virtual campaigning in the State. The “propaganda” that only virtual meets will take place during campaigning is way off the mark, he said.

Arora said the district election officers have already identified places where gatherings can take place. The exercise of putting markers to ensure distancing norms is on. District election officers and district superintendents of police should ensure that the number of attendees does not exceed the limit prescribed by the

State Disaster Management Authority for public gatherings, an EC statement later said. Political parties and candidates concerned should ensure that all COVID-related requirements such as face masks, sanitisers and thermal scanning are fulfilled during each of these election activities, the commission said.

Anyone violating the norms will face action under relevant sections of the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code, the EC warned. As part of restrictions put in place to check the spread of the virus, the EC has reduced the number of people who can undertake door-to-door campaigning. A group of five people, including candidates, but excluding security personnel, is allowed to campaign from door to door.

For road shows, the convoy of vehicles should be broken after every five vehicles instead of 10 vehicles. The interval between two sets of convoy of vehicles should be half an hour instead of a gap of 100 metres. The EC has revised the norms of the number of people

75% of new Covid-19 cases from 10 States/UTs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At least, 75 per cent of new cases of coronavirus in the country are concentrated in 10 States and Union Territories (UTs). But then, there is 74 per cent of new recoveries as well.

A senior health official said if there were 86,052 new cases in the past 24 hours in Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and a few others, then the number of recoveries stood at 81,177.

Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Kerala, Delhi are some of the states that continue to be worst-hit from the pandemic.

On Friday, the country registered 86,052 fresh Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, as India moves towards the 60-lakh mark. The active cases have climbed to 9,70,116 whereas over 4.75 million have recovered so far, said a statement from the Union Health Ministry.

For the past six days, the numbers of recoveries logged per day in the country have been exceeding the number of fresh cases. But in the last 24 hours, the number of recoveries stood at 81,177, said the Ministry.

It also pointed out that a minimum of 14 States demonstrated better Covid-19 response on the basis of higher tests per million population and corresponding lower positivity rate than the national average.

A total of 68,928,440 samples have been tested for Covid-19 so far out of which nearly 1.5 million samples were tested on Thursday, as per data released by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Severe cases among healthy due to faulty genes, misguided antibodies, say scientists

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

More than 10 per cent of young and healthy people who develop severe Covid-19 have misguided antibodies that attack not the virus, but the immune system itself, according to a study published in journal ‘Science’. Another 3.5 per cent, at least, carry a specific kind of genetic mutation, causing early death of the Covid afflicted patients, as per the study.

In both groups, the upshot is basically the same: The patients lack type I interferon, a set of 17 proteins crucial for protecting cells and the body from viruses. “Whether the proteins have been neutralized by so-called auto-antibodies, or were not produced in sufficient amounts in the first place due to a faulty gene, their missing-in-action appears to be a common theme among a subgroup of Covid19 sufferers whose disease has thus far been a mystery,” said the researchers.

The findings help explain why some people develop a disease much more severe than others in their age group—including, for example, individuals who required admission to the ICU despite being in their 20s and free of underlying conditions. They may also provide the first molecular explanation for why more men than women die from the disease.

“These findings provide compelling evidence that the

disruption of type I interferon is often the cause of life-threatening Covid-19,” said Jean-Laurent Casanova, head of the St. Giles Laboratory of Human Genetics of Infectious Diseases at The Rockefeller University and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator.

The study participants included various nationalities from Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East. “Covid-19 may now be the best understood acute infectious disease in terms of having a molecular and genetic explanation for nearly 15% of critical cases across diverse ancestries,” Casanova said.

In one study, the researchers genetically analyzed blood samples from more than 650 patients who had been hospitalized for life-threatening pneumonia due to SARS-CoV-2, 14 percent of whom had died. They also included samples from another group of over 530 people with asymptomatic or benign infection. They initially searched for differences between the two groups across 13 genes known to be critical for the body's defense against the influenza virus. These genes govern type I interferons.

It soon became obvious that a significant number of people with severe disease carried rare variants in these 13 genes, and more than 3 percent of them were in fact missing a functioning gene.

Ultras cashing in on Covid crisis: India at UNHRC meet



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Highlighting the scourge of terrorism, India on Friday said terrorists are trying to exploit financial and emotional distress caused by the ongoing corona pandemic and Covid-19 lockdowns. Moreover, the terrorists are trying to collect funds under the garb of charitable activities but it is feared this money will be used to finance terror activities, India said.

Making these assertions at the ongoing 45th UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva, First Secretary Pawan Badhe, Permanent Mission of India to UN in Geneva, said due to widespread COVID-19, terrorists are making malevolent attempts to exploit the financial and emotional distress caused by lockdowns to disturb the cohesiveness of societies.

In his statement, he said “Terror groups have also exhorted supporters to target security forces and health workers. Another disturbing trend has been the collection of funds by proscribed terrorist outfits ostensibly for undertaking charitable activities, but which, in reality, would be used to finance terror.”

Speaking on the topic

“Human rights situations that require the Council's attention,” the Indian envoy said “The increased presence of people online and on social media has been targeted by terrorists to disseminate misinformation through hate speeches, fake news and doctored videos. The intent has been to entice and establish links with vulnerable individuals and recruit them in their cadres.”

He also said “We underscore the need to foster a society in which individuals and communities are able to counter the spread of terrorist ideologies and challenge those who espouse them.” Underlining the challenge posed by terrorism, India also urged the Council to play a major role in preventing radicalization of impressionable minds.

India stressed that the Council cannot remain immune to the devastating human rights impacts caused by terrorism. The Council has to spread awareness about the protection of the rights of the most vulnerable groups, particularly children and young persons, in order to prevent their indoctrination by terrorist ideologies.

MPs duty bound to respect democratic values: Speaker

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Against the backdrop of the unruly behaviour of MPs with the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Friday emphasised that the dignity of the House and its Chair is an important aspect of the parliamentary system and it is the duty of all members to respect the highest values

that our democracy represents.

Birla was talking to media on the aspects of conclusion of the Monsoon Session of the Parliament where he referred to various historic achievements of the Session at the Parliament conducted amidst the Corona pandemic.

Birla added that with the help of all political parties and Members, the productivity of

ED attaches ₹255.17 cr properties of Kanva Group under PMLA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued a provisional attachment order under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) attaching assets worth ₹255.17 crores in a case related to cheating of investors by Sree Kanva Souhardha Co-Operative Credit Limited (SKSCCL), Benaguru and others through a Ponzi scheme.

The attached assets are in the form of immovable properties in Karnataka (agriculture and non-agriculture land, buildings and resorts) and movable properties in the form of balances in bank accounts in the name of N Nanjundaiah and his family members, Kanva Group of companies and other entities, the agency said.

The accused advanced loans out of deposits, working capitals and shared reserves

without getting any security and not following existing Rules and Regulations, it said.

Searches under PMLA were conducted in the premises of the accused N Nanjundaiah and other Directors of SKSCCL and Kanva group of companies which resulted in seizure of incriminating documents.

N Nanjundaiah was arrested on August 25 and is now undergoing judicial custody.

“Investigation conducted under PMLA so far has revealed that N Nanjundaiah, founder/ common Director of Sree Kanva Souhardha Co-operative Credit Limited and Kanva Group of companies collected ₹650 crores through unauthorised collection centres and collection agents from about 13,000 gullible investors by luring them to pay higher rate of interest (from 12 to 15 percent),” it further said.

CBI books engineer under POCSO ACT for sharing child porn material

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against a private person on the allegations of sharing child sexual abuse material.

The agency has registered the case under Section 14 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and provisions of Information Technology Act, 2000.

“It was alleged that the accused was advertising over Instagram Account for sale of objectionable material including child pornographic material,” the agency said in a statement.

The accused Neeraj Yadav is a B. Tech. degree holder. He was working as a professional in a private firm in Delhi before the lockdown.

It was further alleged that the accused opened different accounts over cloud storage and file hosting service by using different email IDs and

storing such objectionable material including child pornographic material, the agency said.

It was also alleged that on receipt of payments from the customer (s), the accused shared the said objectionable material with them through Whatsapp, Telegram, Instagram and other social media platforms.

The agency conducted searches at the premises of the accused in Anpara, District Sonbhadra, (Uttar Pradesh) which led to the recovery of a mobile phone. The mobile phone is being analysed and further investigation is continuing, the agency added.

A Special Unit “Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention/ Investigation (OCSAE)” has been created in CBI, New Delhi for matters pertaining to online child sexual abuse and exploitation.

Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Delhi
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building,
Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

O.A. No. 883/2018
State Bank of India
Applicant
Versus
Manoj Kumar Meena and Anr.
Defendants

To,
1. Mr. Manoj Kumar Meena (Borrower)
S/o. Mr. Bhagwan Singh Meena, House No. 46, Bannerjee Pala Road, Behla, Kolkata-700060.
Second Address Village Rakasapurija, ThePost-Sangod, Dist-Kota, Rajasthan-325601.
Third Address Captain Superintendent, T.S. Chankya, Karave Nerul, Pal Beach Highway, Mumbai-400706.
Fourth Address Gali No. 6, Rangpur Road, Kota, Rajasthan-325601.
Fifth Address Village-Bapawar, Kalan, P.O. Bapawar, The-Sangod, Kota Rajasthan-325601.
2. M/s. IDEA Builders Pvt. Ltd. Registered Office C-294, 1ST Floor, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095.
Second Address C-10, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011.
Third Address Kharsa No. 998, Red Apple Residency, National Highway-58, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201003.
Fourth Address 2-C, DDA Flats, Nirman Vihar, New Delhi-110092

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 39,28,153.45 (Rs. Thirty Nine Lacs Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three and Paise Forty Five Only)** against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before LD. Registrar on **28-01-2021 at 10.30 A.M.** (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.tribunal.gov.in) Phone No. 011-23748473)

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-
(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application / Software;
(ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by 'Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.
(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **08th** day of **September, 2020**

by order of this Tribunal for Registrar

Respondent may contact under mention phone number for further enquiry.
Amit K. Dar, Registrar, DRT-I, New Delhi
Phone: 011-23748473
E-mail: regdrt1delhi-dfs@nic.in, drt1delhi-dfs@nic.in

APPENDIX IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Sample Notice for sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/ charged to **INDIABULLS Housing Finance Ltd.** [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "without any recourse" basis on **29.10.2020 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.** (with unlimited automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document), for recovery of **Rs. 245,61,14,114/- (Rupees Two Hundred Forty Five Crore Sixty One Lakh Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fourteen only)**, i.e. **Rs. 100,01,43,038/- (Rupees One Hundred Crore One Lakh Forty Three Thousand Thirty Eight only)**, **Rs. 72,85,81,429/- (Rupees Seventy Two Crore Eighty Five Lakh Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Nine only)** and **Rs. 72,73,89,647/- (Rupees Seventy Two Crore Seventy Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven only)** towards Loan Account Nos. **LAP0240519, LAP0240520 and LAP0240522** respectively, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till **04.09.2020** with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. **05.09.2020** legal expenses and other charges along with pending Tax Deducted at Source of **Rs. 2,09,66,038/- (Rupees Two Crore Nine Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Thirty Eight only)**, i.e. **Rs. 81,86,870/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Eighty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy only)**, **Rs. 63,89,584/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four only)** and **Rs. 63,89,584/- (Rupees Sixty Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four only)**, due to the Secured Creditor from **BLISS HOUSE PVT. LTD., BLISS AGRI AND ECO TOURISM PVT. LTD., IMAGINE HABITAT PVT. LTD., IMAGINE RESIDENCE PVT. LTD., B. KAPOOR (GUARANTOR) and R. KAPOOR (GUARANTOR).**

The Reserve Price of the immovable Property(ies) will be **Rs. 184,07,00,000/- (Rupees One Hundred Eighty Four Crore Seven Lakh only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be **Rs. 18,40,70,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Crore Forty lakh Seventy Thousand only)** i.e. equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price. The EMD shall be paid by DD/ RTGS/ NEFT or through any other proper banking channels to the credit and in favour of **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.,** Account No. **114505001412** with **ICICI Bank Ltd.** (IFSC: **ICIC0001145**), having its branch at **B1 and B2, Vanija Nikunj, Enkay Tower, Udyog Vihar, Phase V, Gurgaon - 122015 (Haryana)** before submitting the tender in order to participate in the online public auction. The successful bidder shall pay 25% amount of the sale price (less 10% of the Reserve Price paid before submitting the tender) immediately i.e. either on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining balance of the Sale Price shall be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale.

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SC rubbishes plea seeking postponement of upcoming Bihar Assembly elections

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea seeking to postpone the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A three-judge bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R. Subhash Reddy and M R Shah also refused to grant liberty to the petitioner to give representation to the Election Commission in this regard.

“We can’t permit everybody to go to the Election Commission. We can only permit you to withdraw the petition,” the bench said.

The matter was then dismissed as withdrawn.

The EC announced the schedule for Bihar assembly elections later on Friday.

The top court was hearing the plea filed by one Ajay Kumar who contended that the general assembly elections cannot be held smoothly due to the pandemic.

The plea sought to hold the Bihar Assembly elections till the situation becomes normal.

SC to consider about Govt's suggestion of making refund vouchers transferable



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it will consider the Centre's suggestion of making transferable the refund vouchers to be given to the passengers in lieu of the tickets booked for the flights which were cancelled due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

The top court reserved its verdict on a batch of petitions including by NGOs and passengers associations seeking refund of ticket fare for the

flights which were cancelled due to the Pandemic. A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah was told by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Centre and Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), that transferable refund vouchers can be issued to the passengers, which can be used by the travel agents who had booked their tickets for the flights which were cancelled later.

FARMBILLSPROTEST



LF-CONG, TMC HOLD PROTESTS AT 100 PLACES IN BENGAL

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Left and Congress on Friday launched a joint campaign against Farm Bills organising road-blockades in at least a hundred places in the State.

Roads were blocked at Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Malda, Raiganj, Murshidabad, Nadia, Birbhum, Burdwan, Bankura, Hooghly, Kolkata and elsewhere with the leaders vowing to continue the movement indefinitely.

Earlier, the Left and Congress asked Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to call a special Assembly session to pass a unanimous resolution against the farm Bills and other legislations including the amendment in essential commodity laws. The TMC had yet to respond to the proposal.

At the end of a jointly organised “central rally” from Shyambazar crossing in North Kolkata to Esplanade in central Kolkata CPI(M) politburo member Biman Bose said “the BJP Government has been introducing anti-people laws one by one with no regard for the opposition views. They have decided to ruin the farmers as they have done in Gujarat where the farmers are brutally suppressed. Now a time has come when a prolonged movement will have to start through-



out the country to assert the rights of the farmers.

The Trinamool Congress had failed to provide a direction to the farmers’ cause he said adding “the onus now fell on the Left, secular and democratic parties to launch a pan-Indian movement in the country to secure the poor man’s rights.”

State Opposition Leader and senior Congress man Abdul Mannan walked alongside the CPI(M), Forward Bloc,

RSP, CPI, RCPI and other Left parties in a long procession to register their solidarity.

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Chowdhury said “the BJP Government’s anti-farmer laws would save it Rs 1 lakh crore which is why it is bringing the anti-farmer laws which will finally destroy the public distribution system and make life more impossible for the Indian farmers.”

The ruling TMC’s Kisan

Khet Mazdoor Cell too organised processions in North and South 24 Parganas and elsewhere in the State.

Reacting to the Left-Congress’ proposal for a joint Assembly session State Minister Partho Chatterjee said “they are trying to steal the show without fighting on the streets. I ask them as to why they are not going all out against the farm bill and why they are trying play politics in Assembly.”

Farmers on road in Aligarh

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Farmer leaders here on Friday led a farmer curfew in protest against the Central Government’s Farm Bills. The demonstration was proposed in Tappal, Akarabad, Iglas, Atrauli, Pisawa. Farmers did chakka jam sitting on the streets. The district administration and police were completely on alert.

The anger against the Agriculture Bill is not ending. On one side, the farmers are raising objections, on the

other hand the Opposition is protesting.

On Friday, farmers came on the road from all over the district.

In Iglas, the peasants marched on foot, which was stopped by the police. During this time, farmers also got angry with the police.

In Gabhana, activists of the Indian Farmers Organisation blocked the highway for about 15 minutes. Later the SDM opened the jam by handing the memorandum to the President.



SP protests, sends memorandum to UP Guv

Lucknow: The Samajwadi Party on Friday held a statewide protest against the farm sector and labour reform Bills and sent a memorandum to Governor Anandiben Patel, requesting her to ensure that these are not implemented in the State.

Various farmer outfits have been protesting against the contentious bills passed by the Parliament recently.

“On the directives of Samajwadi Party’s national president Akhilesh Yadav, party

workers sent a memorandum to the Governor thorough the respective district magistrates demanding that the ‘anti-farmers’ and ‘anti-workers’ bills should not be implemented in the State,” SP chief spokesman Rajendra Chowdhury said.

Akhilesh Yadav, in a statement issued here, said the SP has always been in the forefront of raising issues of public interest and had stood against the ruling party for their “anti-people” stand.

He said under the present regime, the youth is unemployed and big capitalists have set their eyes on farmers’ land.

“Laws are being made only for multinational companies and a few industrialists. The BJP government has first introduced a bill of exploitation of farmers to benefit capitalists and now a bill of labour exploitation to benefit industrialists. They brought these bills without taking any suggestions,” the statement said. **PTI**

Farm Bills passed without consulting mandi traders, Opp: Rajasthan CM

Jaipur: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday targeted the Centre over three farm bills, saying they were introduced in Parliament without consulting mandi traders and Opposition parties, and were passed in a shameful manner.

He claimed that all the provisions made in the bills are anti-farmer and the mandis will be destroyed.

“Why was the law made? Why was the minimum support price (MSP) not proposed? You can understand from it that the situation is very serious and the way these three bills were passed, it was also done in a shameful manner,” Gehlot told reporters.

Attacking the government, he claimed, “These are people of fascist thinking and they do not believe in democracy. All the work is being done so that public attention can be diverted.” He said the bills were introduced without consulting mandi traders and opposition parties. **PTI**

Will try not to implement farm sector laws in Maha: Cong, NCP

Pune: The Congress and Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), which are part of the ruling coalition in Maharashtra, on Friday said they would try to ensure that the farm sector reform bills are not implemented in the state.

Speaking in Pune, deputy Chief Minister and NCP leader Ajit Pawar said farmers as well as the NCP and other parties are opposed to the new bills. “Farmers think that the laws are

not beneficial for them. There was no hurry (to pass them),” he said. Asked whether they would be implemented in Maharashtra, he said, “We will try to ensure that they are not implemented, but at the same time we will have to see what new issues crop up.

“We are studying what can happen if the matter goes to the court,” Pawar said, adding that the government has sought opinion of the legal department too. He had held a meet-

ing on the issue where Water Resources Minister Jayant Patil, Cooperation Minister Balasaheb Patil, leaders of Mathadi workers (head-loaders who work in APMCs) and other stakeholders were present, he added.

Earlier in the day, state Congress chief and Revenue Minister Balasaheb Thorat said they will “work together and take a decision on non-implementation of the new farm bills.” **PTI**



Huge arms haul in erstwhile Maoist region

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a sensational breakthrough the Bengal Police on Friday unearthed arms from an erstwhile Maoist-hit region of Golkata in West Midnapore, district administration sources said.

About 30 muskets, electric wire and tin containers were found after the police acting on definite sources dug out a 40 feet area inside dense forests of Okhla in the Golkata region.

The guns rapped in rags and plastic could have been buried about ten years ago and had rusted and become dysfunctional, senior officials said adding the finds would be sent for forensic testing. The police had to use JCB machines to excavate the area after some “specific information,” sources said.

Political gunfire resumed soon after the arms were unearthed even as senior Trinamool Congress MP Saugato Roy alleged “gong by the age of the arms it seems that they could have been buried by the CPI(M) harms or maybe the Maoists ... but the most likelihood is that the CPI(M)

cadres might have buried them after their government went out of power,” reminding how “skeletons were dug out from the village of then CPI(M) minister Sushanto Ghosh.

Reacting vehemently to his suggestions CPI(M) Legislature Party Leader Suján Chakrabarty said, it was high time the Trinamool Congress stopped spreading lies. “Talking about skeletons which had been planted by one of their leaders who is now in a BJP general secretary... and why could not they prove a single charge against the Left Government... so Sougato Roy being such a senior politician should stop peddling lies... The Left has suffered the maximum at the hands of the TMC-Maoist clique ... they murdered hundreds of our cadres in cold blood.”

The BJP on the other hand said the guns might belong to the Maoists given the history of ultra-Left movement in Bengal however he would not rule out Trinamool Congress hand in the incident. “All angles must be probed to get to the truth,” he said.

2 LeT terrorists killed in Anantnag

PNS ■ JAMMU

A foreign terrorist from Pakistan along with his local associate, belonging to the proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT) were neutralised by the joint teams of security forces in Sirhama area of Anantnag on Friday.

The operation in the area was launched late on Thursday evening after receiving inputs about the presence of these terrorists in the area.

According to a police spokesman, “Due to darkness the operation was suspended in the area while a tight cordon was maintained to plug the escape routes”. He said, “In the wee hours, the operation was resumed and in the ensuing encounter two terrorists were

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killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter.”

The police spokesman said the killed terrorists have been identified as Adil Ahmad Bhat resident of Pulwama and Abu Rehan @Towheed a Pakistani national. Both the killed terrorists were commanders and affiliated with proscribed terror outfit LeT.

According to police records, Adil was involved in case FIR No. 117/2020 of PS

Nowgam pertaining to the killing of two JKP personnel and weapon snatching at Nowgam Srinagar on 14-08-2020. An Insas rifle snatched in Nowgam attack was also recovered from the encounter site.

According to a police spokesman, Pakistani terrorist Abu Rehan was an important motivator and influenced young minds for joining terror ranks in the areas of South Kashmir. He was involved in motivating local youth to carry out ‘fidayeen’ attacks on Police/SFs. He was also involved in providing logistic support to the newly infiltrated terrorists and strengthening the LeT outfit throughout the valley by distributing newly joined/infiltrated terrorists to various areas.

Sena slams move to hold Bihar polls amid Covid-19 crisis

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Questioning the very decision to hold the Assembly elections in Bihar in the midst of Coronavirus crisis, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Friday charged that the ruling JD(U) and BJP would make Sushant Singh Rajput as the main issue in the elections.

Talking to media persons here, Raut took serious exception to holding the Bihar Assembly elections at a time

when the country was still to tide over the Coronavirus crisis.

“Such has been the gravity of the situation that the Assembly and Parliament sessions have had to be curtailed. So far a minister and three MPs have died so far. That being the case, why is the state Assembly poll being held in Bihar?,” Raut asked.

“I have no objection whatsoever for the conduct of elections. But, is this right to hold elections?,” Raut said.

Raut charged that the rul-

ing JD(U)-BJP alliance would go whole hog to cash in on the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput, who hails from Bihar. “I am told that JD(U) has printed posters of Sushant Singh Rajput in a big way for the elections. The JD(U) has made Sushant death probe an issue with a clear eye on the elections,” Raut said.

“It was a long-planned drama. The Bihar government does not have any developmental or governance issues to

talk about in the elections. No wonder, the JF(U) has started campaigning with posters of Sushant. Hence, Sushant and the drugs matters relating to the incident are blown out of proportion,” Raut said.

Wondering as to what had happened to the CBI probe into Sushant’s death, Raut said: “The NCB is handling the drugs case. I would like to know as to what has happened to the CBI probe in the Sushant case, now that the former Bihar

DPG Gupteshwar Pandey quit IPS to contest the state polls”.

When his attention was drawn to the proposed film city in Uttar Pradesh, Raut said: “It’s a welcome development and the entertainment industry can create huge employment opportunities”. He, however, dismissed speculation that a film city in UP would reduce the importance of the Bollywood capital of Mumbai.

Replying to a question, Raut6 said: “Nobody is going

to leave Maharashtra and go to UP... People will all remain here. Mumbai’s film industry has been set up with blood, sweat and tears and it can never lose its importance... Merely by shifting the film city or a few government departments cannot impact the significance of Mumbai”.

Raut had a dig at the Centre for its failure to set up a film city in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.

Pandemic powerplay

Nitish Kumar’s stock is low without the BJP’s heft. Can Lalu’s RJD still make a difference as leader of the Opp bloc?



The Bihar Assembly elections, right in the middle of the pandemic, will be the greatest logistical and public health challenge and if successful, could become a template of how a mass participatory process could be initiated without risking the virus. So yes, the new election code has new rules, including virtual campaigning, spread out schedule, longer voting hours, more polling booths, quarantined centres so that even the COVID-positive can vote and an unprecedented stock of preventive gear. The biggest challenge will be to ensure that the electoral process doesn’t become a super-spreader event. For the Election Commission, it is a big test, considering more State elections are to follow in rapid succession under the shadow of the pandemic. For Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar, it is time to convince his people that he is still good enough to deliver, his personal stock having taken a beating. For the Opposition and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) supreme Lalu Prasad Yadav, it is a chance to prove that his sons have it in them to continue his political movement robustly and more importantly, that he is still a leader who matters in reshaping discourse. Let’s take Nitish, who is under attack for his patchy response to the pandemic, poor flood management and mishandling of returnee migrants, a new constituency that is being courted by all parties. He may coast to victory in alliance with the BJP but the latter, while acknowledging him as the chief ministerial candidate, is still as ambitious about becoming the voters’ first choice and having its own man in the future. It hasn’t helped that Nitish has lost out in ratings to his Uttar Pradesh counterpart Yogi Adityanath in crisis management, the appreciation damagingly coming from his own people. The labourers, students and teachers are most peeved with him. Besides, unlike his initial years, he has stagnated and has nothing to show as a deliverer. The row over farm Bills may not have that much of an economic resonance in Bihar as the Government procurement here is low. Besides, it was the first State in India to have scrapped the Agriculture Produce Market Committee Act in 2006 and pave the way for the private sector to get involved in procurement of agricultural produce. But he cannot ignore the political consequences simply because Bihar’s farmers haven’t benefitted after the APMC was dismantled. The markets suffered a loss of fee revenue, there was no major private investment in the State’s agricultural sector and the smaller farmers continue to depend on trader cartels for buys as there is no guaranteed price mechanism. If anything, Bihar shows how taking down a regulatory framework hastily without necessary checks and balances can hurt the small and marginal farmers even more. The Opposition could use this for its campaign pitch. Politically though, Nitish has already neutralised the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), whose leader Chirag Paswan was attacking him almost every day, by inducting Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) founder and his protégé Jitan Ram Manjhi, into his fold. The Dalit vote is now consolidated under the NDA umbrella. According to the 2011 census, the Scheduled Castes are 15 per cent of Bihar’s population. The Mahadalits constitute nearly 16 per cent and though cultivated by Nitish, were beginning to swerve towards the RJD, which has the core traditional votes of the Muslims and Yadavs. Manjhi could return the Dalit swing in his favour. This would bring Nitish the numbers he needs to stay relevant.

Where does it leave Lalu then? The Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party (SP) announced that it will not contest and support all RJD candidates instead. Lalu still has the drawing power but he is not on the ground to smoothen wrinkles in the grand alliance of like-minded parties. And that could work to the RJD’s detriment. The problem with the Opposition bloc members is that they would only end up dividing the non-NDA vote if they do not form a strategic partnership. At the same time, they become aggressive about bargaining for seats in return for staying together and that reduces the seat quota for the RJD. A reduced number of seats for the RJD only helps the BJP to manipulate numbers in its favour and keep the former in check. The Lok Sabha election results are proof of this under-cutting. The RJD could go it alone but that would be self-defeatist considering some of its allies are already questioning the leadership of Tejashwi Yadav in public. The youth are particularly not taken in by the dynastic entitlement of Lalu’s sons, who wage their own ego battles in the public sphere than inspire confidence. Tejashwi and Tej Pratap need to be on the same page. Or at least use their father’s wisdom. Tejashwi, so far, has appeared more interested in pursuing his individual ambition, grooming his yes men and running down senior leaders of the caste movement as deadwood. The arrogance cost the RJD its dependable associations with the Left and the Congress. Besides, with the BJP waiting to splinter unhappy parties, the Opposition bloc is caught in a cleft stick at the moment. The Left parties may look down and out but they are holding on to their traditional pockets. Perhaps if they had effectively used former Jawaharlal Nehru University Students’ Union (JNUSU) president Kanhaiya Kumar as the change-making candidate, they could have become a key fringe player. The Congress is gasping for breath and though it won’t harm the RJD, another poor performance could see it losing more members to the BJP. The tide of discontent is there against Nitish but without Lalu at the helm, can the Opposition ride it?

Environmental damage

Without plastics and polymers, we might not have been able to face COVID. But it is time to start worrying about the environment



As Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora announced the dates for the Bihar Assembly elections, he also detailed the precautions being taken to conduct them. The fact is that the entire electoral process is a crowded one, and in a densely populated State like Bihar, almost guaranteed to be so, no matter what rules and regulations are put in place. So the Election Commission is deploying millions of masks and gloves and thousands of litres of hand sanitiser across booths to protect voters, booth officials and security personnel. Given that thousands of voters will touch every voting machine, each will be provided with a single disposable glove. But while the health and safety of our voters is paramount, there is another concern. That is the mountains of trash that will be generated as a result of these precautions. Given that several State Governments had declared a war on single-use plastics over the past few years, it is especially ironic that single-use plastic gloves will be needed to keep democracy alive. In fact, it is one of the side effects of the pandemic that huge volumes of non-recyclable, non-biodegradable trash have been generated. There is little doubt that COVID warriors in intensive care wards need plastic personal protective equipment. Even surgical masks worn by millions are for the large part non-biodegradable. As more cities get back to work across the world and humanity learns to live with the virus and new protocols, both the Government and citizens must ponder over medical waste management and disposal. One immediate change that millions can adopt is to move to using washable cloth masks instead of polymer-based masks. While such polymer masks will be essential in hospital wards, in regular daily use cloth masks are quite effective at protecting others and more comfortable as well. Protocols for the reuse of protective kits and other plastic equipment should also be put in place, whether that involves washing or ultraviolet sanitisation. We must look at newer incineration technologies. We might be coming to terms with the pandemic, even if we have paid a terrible price in deaths and with the economy. However, we should not make the environmental costs so dramatic as well. We will be undoing all that we have attempted to reset so far.

opinion

Rescue package

We need a supportive policy regime so that banks can lend more and there is a rigorous monitoring of end-use of credit



SC PANDEY

It sounds pretty heartless to worry about the economy and livelihoods and appear less concerned with peoples’ lives. It is difficult to weigh in golden balance whether lives or livelihoods are more important. On December 31, 2019, China first told the World Health Organisation (WHO) that 41 patients in Wuhan had contracted a mysterious pneumonia not amenable to conventional treatment. Beginning January 23, first the city of Wuhan, then the entire Hubei province and then some other cities were locked down. The unprecedented quarantine was imposed on 50 million people across 15 cities. After a 6.8 per cent contraction in January-March 2020 quarter, China’s economy recorded 3.2 per cent growth in April-June 2020. China is the first major economy to return to growth after the pandemic. For us, the pandemic is an imported calamity. The main gateways to India have been worst affected. Major democracies, including India, have failed to emulate the ruthless measures taken by China (and could be taken by China alone) to contain the damage. Maybe there is more than what meets the eye here. With confirmed infections of over 50 lakh, albeit with a somewhat modest case fatality ratio of 1.64 per cent and a significantly high 78 per cent recovery rate, the first peak is not in sight at the national level although there is significant disruption of economic activity. Individual estimates vary widely with observers’ biases as expected because the pandemic has fooled all forecasting tools. A general sense is that we face stagnation if not outright contraction in economic growth in the current year. The GDP at current market prices was ₹45.51 lakh crore, ₹49.18 lakh crore and ₹38.08 lakh crore during April-June 2018, April-June 2019 and April-June 2020, respectively. The GDP at 2011-12 prices was ₹26.89 lakh crore during April-June 2020, compared to ₹35.35 lakh crore during April-June 2019. This is the direct effect of the lockdown that was in force for almost two out of three months in the first quarter. Experts are divided as to how the GDP is going to behave in the ensuing quarters due to the impact



of the pandemic on jobs and incomes.

Another way to analyse the economic impact of the pandemic is to look at GST collections which indicate the quantum of documented sales of goods and services. Monthly GST collections during April-August have been ₹32,172 crore, ₹62,151 crore, ₹90,917 crore, ₹87,422 crore and ₹86,449 crore. In August 2019, GST collection was ₹98,202 crore, so, obviously we are far away from reaching pre-lockdown levels of spending and registering a decent growth on that level. The shortfall from August 2019 GST collection is 12 per cent in August 2020. Obviously, GST collections would not measure the impact of the pandemic on the informal economy where undocumented sales take place on *kutchha* bills.

The first quarter GDP contraction affected almost all sectors. The only sector that posted positive growth (3.4 per cent) was agriculture, with bumper Rabi crops. High-contact sectors like tourism and hospitality are very badly affected.

Past years’ trends show that the GDP is almost equally divided in the four quarters with some increase in the last quarter. In 2017-18, the contribution of the four quarters was 23.4, 24.4, 25.3 and 26.9 per cent for quarters one, two, three and four. In 2018-19, it was 24, 24.5, 25.4 and 26.1 per cent. In 2019-20, it was 24.2, 24.2, 25.4 and 26.2 per cent. This year’s quarterly GDP trends are going to be abnormal.

“MAJOR ECONOMIES ARE SURVIVING ON PEOPLE BUYING THINGS THAT THEY DON’T REALLY NEED AND LIVING ON BORROWED FUNDS. IT IS A PARADOX THAT THE RICHEST COUNTRIES ARE ALSO THE MOST INDEBTED COUNTRIES. NEW ASPIRATIONAL NEEDS ARE FELT OR CREATED AND FINANCE IS ARRANGED BY BORROWING”

SOUNDBITE

We will review progress on the economic recovery in each Budget update, but I expect phase one to remain in place until the unemployment rate is comfortably back under six per cent.

Australian Treasurer
—Josh Frydenberg



While the economy has been doing better than expected, I think there’s a downside risk to that if there is no further fiscal support.

Federal Reserve Chairman
—Jerome Powell



The malafide intent that drives the Pakistani deep state is in total contradiction to the objectives and principles that we all have gathered to promote in this temple of human rights.

First Secretary, MEA
—Vimars Aryan



Russia will in no way build its policy on the basis of taking into account these aggressive demands that have no legal force.

Foreign Minister
—Sergei Lavrov



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

China plays Nepal

Sir — The local authorities of Lapcha-Limi region in Humla have alleged that China has constructed nine buildings one kilometre inside the territory of Nepal. Lapcha-Limi is of great strategic importance to Nepal as Kailash Mansarovar can be clearly seen from this point. This sort of expansionist move isn’t the first by China. Earlier in June this year, the Nepal Government had complained that China was using road construction in Tibet to occupy its land. While Nepal is protesting against the encroachment, maybe it should also ponder on its move of releasing a new political map that claimed Kalapani, Limpiyadhura and Lipulekh of Uttarakhand as part of its sovereign territory, ostensibly at China’s behest.

Rahul Chouhan
Ujjain

Lost game

Sir — The Minister of State for External Affairs, V Muraleedharan, provided details of the Prime Minister’s visits abroad since 2015, including their outcome. According to the details furnished, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has visited 58

countries since 2015 and a total expenditure of ₹517 crore was incurred on them. He visited US, Russia and China five times each and made multiple trips to other countries like Singapore, Germany, France, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates.

To what extent did these visits help India with its bilateral, regional and global issues? Today, India is facing multiple terror-

ial challenges from three of its neighbouring countries — China, Nepal and Pakistan. The finding by the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) that French aerospace major Dassault Aviation and European missile maker MBDA have defaulted on offset clauses of the Rafale deal puts a question mark on the Government’s negotiation capabilities. The same amount

should have been put to better use elsewhere.

Bhagwan Thadani
Mumbai

Honour offset clause

Sir — The Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG) has slammed French firms Dassault Aviation and MBDA — the main companies in the

Diverting public attention

The rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, a dented economy and tension around the borders do not seem to concern us as much as the alleged seamer side of life in Bollywood. The Narcotics Control Board’s (NCB) probe into the drug use in Bollywood has captured the imagination of the nation so much so that it appears to have become the be-all-and-end-all of our lives. The information gathered during its “grilling” of celebrities, leaked to select media, has now become the staple diet of television drama.

The idiot box is now a voyeur’s delight; it wallows on prying into the private lives of screen idols. Breathless reporters heighten the drama by their delivery of the story in a frenzy of excitement. The “arrivals” of actresses at the NCB office in the morning and their “departures” in the evening are marked by hustle and bustle as if they are earth-shattering events.

What started as a probe into actor Sushant Singh Rajput’s demise and the circumstances surrounding it has meandered its way into a fishing expedition in



Bollywood to “name and shame” selective actresses who might have consumed drugs in little quantities. The way NCB is handling the case casts serious doubts on its independence and integrity. And never before has a death been so repugnantly used as a weapon to fight political battles.

G David Milton
Maruthancode

₹59,000 crore contract for 36 Rafale fighter jets — for their failure to transfer advanced technology to India. As per the deal, the French firms are required to plough back 50 per cent of the contract value to India as offsets or re-investments.

India, being the world’s second-largest arms importer, suffers from shortages of critical weapon platforms. The Government should ensure that foreign vendors aren’t allowed to view Indian contracts as easy cash cows.

N Sadhasiva Reddy
Bengaluru

Disturbing numbers

Sir — According to the 2018 annual report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), 33,356 rape cases were reported across the country, or an average of 91 rapes a day. The numbers are disturbing and the legislative reforms haven’t been of much help. Our society needs to re-awaken and more serious reforms should be undertaken.


Urvi Jain
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FIRST COLUMN

Save Bollywood from ‘gutterisation’

The entire process of turning actors into marketing agents for selling certain political ideologies must stop after Kangana Ranaut



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ABHINAV JHA

The Government’s recent decision to set up the country’s “most beautiful” and “biggest” film city in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, has to be read in its wider socio-political context. An attempt to decentralise Bollywood, negate Mumbai as the entertainment capital of this country and control the dissemination of art and creativity is under way. The timing couldn’t be any better. The debate over nepotism, drug use and the proliferation of the so-called “mafia” of film-makers in Mumbai, amid the controversy surrounding Sushant Singh Rajput’s (SSR’s) untimely death, has changed the way we, as an audience, look at Bollywood today. The Hindi film industry is allegedly ruled by a bunch of oligarchs and dynasts who are extremely arrogant, egotistical and self-absorbed in their attitude towards “outsiders.”

Globally, the entertainment industry runs on a nonpareil image that it builds for itself. The insider-outsider debate in Bollywood has tainted the larger than life image of actors and film-makers and has brought the good, bad, and ugly side of the industry out in the open. How much of it is true remains to be seen. However, interestingly, Kangana Ranaut has emerged as the unflinching face of the rebellion against power, albeit in a highly uncouth manner. Resultantly, it has so happened that much of this controversy has led to a debate between the far-Right and the Left-of-Centre political ideologies. In their attempts at winning the hearts of the urban middle-class, political parties have paved the way for a radical overhauling of cinema, art, and artists. This will be done by creating parallel power structures within the entertainment industry that will be backed by the State. We see that happening almost ostentatiously in the SSR-Rhea-Kangana drama. We have also seen that as a gradual development since the NDA Government came to power.

The likes of Anupam Kher, Paresh Rawal and Madhur Bhandarkar, among many others, have been used to lend their voice to debates on nationalism and religion. However, the nexus between Bollywood and politicians isn’t a new phenomenon. Great politicians understand that politics alone will not get their messages to the masses. So, both the groups have, historically, looked after each other. Film personalities help politicians in their campaigns and similarly, politicians help failed actors become administrators in the name of “cultural diplomacy.” It is almost like a rule. However, what the Kangana saga has revealed is that there is an attempt to forge a parallel entertainment industry which will act as the mouthpiece of Right-wing political parties and the Government. This group will help in disseminating what is known as “fringe cultural nationalism.” The mechanism is simple, involving shifting of power structures and bringing the industry within the control of the State. For the services of such actors, the Government will either provide them with security sponsored from public money or citizenship in case you are Akshay Kumar.

What is ignored during this entire debate is that the democratisation of cinema originally meant the production and promotion of diverse ideas previously not permitted within the industry. It also meant that for an “outsider”, there would be “lower barriers to entry” without any particular pedigree. It meant experimentation with alternative modes of artistic expression and creativity. It meant due recognition for films and works of expression that display counter-culture. Diversified cinema and artistic creativity were the major goals behind the demands for democratising the industry.

The present developments pose a threat to all stakeholders, including the audience, who are the primary and the majority stakeholders in artistic expression. The emergence of newbie politicians, who are regarded as pariah actors, will serve the purposes of disseminating Right-wing nationalism and will do no good to creativity and art. Actors, on the other hand, will lose creative autonomy and will be burdened with social responsibility. Films that challenge majoritarianism or films that are against an idea imposed by the State will not be permitted to go on the floors. Existing norms on censorship will change and become worse than what they already are. Discretion will be exercised almost freely. Turning artists into marketing agents for selling a certain political ideology must stop after motormouth Kangana Ranaut. Jaya Bachchan’s “save the industry” from “gutterisation” remark in Rajya Sabha last week should act as a clarion call and must force prospective cine-goers and film-makers to do some introspection.

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INHONE LOCKDOWN MEIN BAS ANUSHKA K/BOWLING K/ PRACTICE K/ HAIN (VIRAT HAS ONLY TRAINED AGAINST ANUSHKA’S BOWLING DURING THE LOCKDOWN). —FORMER CRICKETER SUNIL GAVASKAR



OVER THE YEARS YOU HAVE RESPECTED THE PRIVATE LIVES OF EVERY CRICKETER. SHOULDN’T YOU HAVE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF RESPECT FOR ME AND US? —ACTOR ANUSHKA SHARMA

Pacifier in the Indo-Pacific

Germany’s return to realpolitik augurs well for India as it emerges as a pivot of the aggressive counter-balancing act in the region together with the US, Japan and Australia



SANDEEP KUMAR DUBEY

Even as the world is grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitics is undergoing a seismic shift. The Indo-Pacific region, which accounts for almost 40 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), has emerged as the epicentre of the “New Great Game,” especially between the US and China, for influence. The rule-based international order is being contested in the Indo-Pacific reportedly by none other than a UN Security Council (UNSC) member, the People’s Republic of China (PRC). Speaking at the Munich Security Conference on February 14, the German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier said, “...(China) is selective in accepting international law only where it does not run counter to its own interests. Its actions in the South China Sea are unsettling the neighbours in the region.”

Beijing’s constant hammering on the existing global order has caused alarm in the US and among its allies. Compared to China, India has been endorsing the prevalence of a rule-based world order in the Indo-Pacific region. Delineating New Delhi’s vision for the region, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his speech at the Shangri-La Dialogue on June 1, 2018, said, “India stands for an open and stable international trade regime. We will also support a rule-based, open, balanced and stable trade environment in the Indo-Pacific Region...”

Re-ordering the world: After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, what emerged was a unipolar world order dominated by the US. It was believed that post-1991, the emergence of the US as the sole world power would expedite the restoration of global peace, security and stability and strengthen Pax Americana.

That is, the post-World War-II international order shaped and maintained by the US employing its overwhelming might. However, instead of growing in strength, Pax Americana has been fraying since the collapse of the Soviet Union. The strategic space ceded in the Indo-Pacific by the US, thanks to its “America First” policy, has been occupied by regional powers, thus turning it into a multi-polar region and the centre of a major geopolitical tussle for dominance. The fear among the world powers is that if the rules of the international order are disobeyed and disowned, the already fragile global form might collapse. What would happen next? A chaos resulting out of world disorder? Or a global re-order leading to resuscitation of peace and security?

Wary of the consequences that might ensue, India has been championing for a world based on a new global security architecture supported by multi-lateralism and mutual cooperation. During his recent visit to Russia, in a meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation on September 4, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh declared New Delhi is committed to this as it will “be open, transparent, inclusive, rules-based and anchored in international laws.” Earlier in May, in his address to the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries, Modi had appealed, “In the post-Corona world, we need a new template of globalisation, based on fairness, equality, and humanity. We need international institutions that are more representative of today’s world.”

GIVEN THE EXPANSIONIST AGENDA OF CHINA IN THE INDO-PACIFIC AND BEYOND, COUNTRIES IN THE REGION ARE FORMING A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP TO CONTAIN IT. THE SUCCESS OF THE ALLIANCE, HOWEVER, DEPENDS ON HOW INDIA RESPONDS TO THE EMERGING GEOPOLITICS IN THE REGION. CAN NEW DELHI PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ARRESTING BEIJING’S GROWING INFLUENCE IN THE REGION? DOES ITS GEOGRAPHIC POSITION ALLOW FOR THAT?

Indo-US partnership: In recent years, India has come strategically closer to the US and its allies to contain China through diplomatic and military means. The Indian Navy’s participation in the Malabar naval exercise led by the US Navy is one such example of the growing partnership between the two nations.

But it has not come to terms with the “America First” policy. Unlike Washington DC, New Delhi has been a proponent of multi-lateralism to promote peace and security in the Indo-Pacific and beyond. And that is why it is treading a fine line in the region by not squarely aligning with the US in its balancing act, making no explicit reference to China and opposing Australia’s entry into the Malabar naval exercise.

However, amid the growing border tension with China, India may “aggressively” pursue the Indo-Pacific balancing act together with the US, Japan and Australia. Though so far New Delhi has opposed Australia’s entry into the Malabar exercise, it might consider inviting it to the next one. This would strengthen the Quad (the US, India, Australia and Japan strategic partnership) further and probably make it anti-China. In 2015, Japan had already been elevated as a permanent member of the Malabar exercise group.

China as a sea power: In his book *Prisoners of Geography*, Tim Marshall notes, “Until now China has never been a naval power...and it was rarely ideologically expansive...It was always a land power with a lot of land and a lot of people.” However, Beijing now harbours ambitions of becoming a global power and setting the international rules on its own terms. To fulfil its ambitions, it simply follows in the US’ footsteps to gain control over the seas.

It has already taken measures to dominate the South China Sea (SCS)

and the Indian Ocean. Beijing is already making efforts to set up an Air Defence Identification Zone in the SCS and develop a Blue Water navy to defend its sea controls. Tim Marshall further adds, “China...intends to become a two ocean power (Pacific and Indian). To achieve this, China is investing in deep-water ports in Myanmar, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka...”

The great American naval strategist of the 19th century, Alfred Mahan, once said, “Whoever rules the waves, rules the world.” His naval strategy finds supreme place in China pursuing its strategic ends. Just like other global powers, Beijing, too is Mahanian, probably with Maoist tactics. China is expanding its sea controls in a piecemeal manner, mouthful by mouthful, a typical Maoist strategy to wipe out enemy forces one by one. Mao asserted, “In war, battles can only be fought one by one and the enemy forces can only be destroyed one by one.” Tacticisation of strategy is doomed to fail against China’s well-designed strategy of piecemeal expansion in the Indo-Pacific region. Only a coherent grand containment strategy can counter Beijing’s expansionism in the region.

India as the pivot State: Given the expansionist agenda of China in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, countries in the region are forming a strategic partnership to contain it. The success of the alliance, however, depends on how India responds to the emerging geopolitics in the region. Can New Delhi play a pivotal role in arresting Beijing’s growing influence? Does its geographic position allow for that?

Quoting naval strategist Alfred Mahan, Robert Kaplan writes in his book *The Revenge of Geography*, “Mahan thought that instead of the Heartland of Eurasia being the geographical pivot of empires, it was conversely the Indian and Pacific oceans that constituted the hinges of geopolitical destiny.” Mahan sees India’s location in the centre of the Indian Ocean littoral, with the Himalayas protecting its rear flanks, as critical for the seaward penetration of China, adds Kaplan. This explains precisely the strategic significance of India’s geography in regional geopolitics, making it a pivot of the Indo-Pacific. Kaplan has rightly predicted, “As the US and China become great power rivals, the direction in which India tilts could determine the course of geopolitics in Eurasia in the 21st century. India, in other words, looms as the ultimate pivot State.”

Germany’s return to realpolitik: On July 1, Germany took charge of the presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU). In September it articulated its strategy on the region through a document titled “Policy guidelines for the Indo-Pacific region.” In his statement, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas declared: “We are sending a clear message today, the Indo-Pacific region is a priority of German foreign policy...We want to help shape that order, so that it is based on rules and international cooperation, not on the law of the strong. That is why we have intensified cooperation with those countries that share our democratic and liberal values.” In fact, this is indicative of Germany’s return to a realpolitik approach towards its foreign and security policies from its so-called “moral politics” and “political escapism.”

This augurs well for India, as both nations believe in a multi-lateralist approach to foreign policy and international politics. Just like Germany, multi-lateralism is key to transforming India into a global power. Their beliefs in democratic and liberal values make them natural allies and together they can play a vital role in ensuring peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region.

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India needs another Vidyasagar now

Just two years ago, a tribal boy was killed in Karmatar because he wished to marry a widow. Has anything really changed in modern India?



GOVIND BHATTACHARJEE

On September 26, 200 years ago, an extraordinary personality was born in a village in south West Bengal. By the standards of his time, why, even by today’s standards, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was unique in every respect. As Rabindranath Tagore once said, “One wonders how God, in the process of producing 40 million Bengalis, produced a man.”

The 19th century Bengali society was in an advanced state of decay brought about by a lethal cocktail of superstition, depravity and exploitation, being trapped inside a complex hierarchy of castes and sub-castes embedded within each other. One half of the society — women — was excluded from education and economic activities, being confined to homes where they had no voice. They were treated as intellectually and morally inferior, and hence unworthy of education. Superstition proclaimed that a girl’s education would inevitably beget her widowhood. Her best contribution to society was to become one of the countless wives of *Kulin* Brahmins, whose

main aim was collecting handsome dowries from multiple marriages — one had as many as 156 wives as per records. She would be lucky to enjoy her absentee husband’s company a few nights a year. She would attain salvation by burning on the same funeral pyre with her husband, who was 50-60 years older than her. Through the efforts of Raja Rammohan Roy (1772-1838), the horrendous practice of Sati was abolished in 1829, nine years after Vidyasagar’s birth.

Child marriage was the order of the day. Girls were married before attaining puberty in a custom called *gouridan*. Born into a *Kulin* Brahmin family, Vidyasagar himself was married at the age of 14 to a girl eight years old. Bankimchandra, who was born 18 years after Vidyasagar, was married at 11 to a girl only five years old. Female infanticide was also the order of the day. Female foetuses would be destroyed brutally through what was called “*ghat* murder.” These monstrosities still exist in many pockets in rural India despite all the laws we have in our books.

Women had no right to property or inheritance. Once they became widows, a lifetime of misery awaited them. They were forced to a single stringent vegetarian meal a day to rob them of their sexuality, youth and beauty. Sexual exploitation by relatives and termination of unwanted pregnancies leading to death were not only common but met with society’s tacit approval. Legal abolition of sati did not end women’s miseries. The daily privations, insults and misery of existence forced many to join the brothels that were there to sustain the perverted *Babu* culture of Bengal. In 1853, the population of sex workers in Kolkata was 12,419 and by 1867 it touched over 30,000. And 90 per cent of them, according to the *Amritabazar Patrika*, were widows. By a crude estimate, the sex worker population increased from about five to nearly 10 per cent of Kolkata’s population over this period.

This, then, was the society Vidyasagar was born into, and this was the society he had sought to reform. He did so with a gusto and a fearlessness we have not seen in any other personality ever since. To fight the orthodox society steeped in deep superstition and ruled by the semi-literate Brahmins, Vidyasagar knew he would have to beat his adversaries at their own game. So, in January and October 1855, he wrote his two famous treatises on the *Marriage of Hindu Widows*, drawing upon the *Sutras* (literary compositions) and the *Sastras* (scriptures) to establish his logical argument that there was no prohibition on remarriage of widows in the *Sastras*.

Rather the *Parashara Samhita* sanctioned widow remarriage: “Women are at liberty to marry again if their husbands are insane, dead, have renounced the family or are impotent or outcasts.” About 2,000 copies of the first book were sold in the first week itself, followed by 3,000 and then a third reprint of 10,000 copies got sold out too. But the sales figures did not indicate society’s response. He

was heaped with criticism, insults, motives, ridicule and even threatened with death.

The Hindu Widows’ Remarriage Act was finally passed on July 26, 1856 and the reform did not remain limited to Bengal alone. In 1864, Jyotiba Phule succeeded in persuading a Saraswat Brahmin widow to remarry. In 1866, Vishnu Shastri Pandit translated Vidyasagar’s book on widow remarriage into Marathi. But passing of the statute was only the first of the many obstacles. Vidyasagar personally presided over the first remarriage of a widow, Kalimati, with Srishchandra Vidyaratna, and then many others at his own expense, in the process gathering significant personal debt.

He even got his only son, Narayanachandra, married to a widow, Bhavasundari. Not many have the courage to practise what they preach. As he wrote to his brother: “Remarriage of widows is the noblest deed of my life. I don’t think I shall be able to accomplish a greater one, ever. I have sacrificed everything for this cause and won’t mind even laying down my life for it.”

He was also propagating women’s education. In 1849, he set up the Calcutta Female School along with Drinkwater Bethune for educating the girl child. In 1856, appointed Special Inspector of Schools, he established 30 schools exclusively for girls. Between 1857 and 1858, when the Mutiny was ravaging the country, he was fighting a different kind of battle, opening 35 girls’ schools all over Bengal.

After widow remarriage, it was the turn of polygamy. In 1857, he orchestrated a petition to the Government with 25,000 signatures for the prohibition of polygamy among *Kulin* Brahmins. The Mutiny postponed any action on this petition but in 1866, he inspired another petition, this time with 21,000 signatures. The Government, reluctant to interfere in Indian customs, refused to take any legislative measure, instead allowing time and education to bring an end to the practice.

In 1871 and 1873, he wrote two brilliant critiques on polygamy, arguing that it was not sanctioned by the sacred texts, but was opposed by five eminent scholars, led by his friend Taranath Tarkavachaspati of Calcutta Sanskrit College. Outlawing polygamy among Hindus, however, had to wait till 1955, eight years after Independence, through the Hindu Marriage Act. As regards child marriage, the Indian Penal Code, 1860, had fixed the age of consent to 10 years for girls, which was raised successively to 12 (1891), 14 (1925), 16 (1940) and 18 (2013). The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929, also known as the Sarda Act, fixed the age of marriage at 14 for girls and 18 for boys, that was later raised to 18 and 21 respectively in 1978. This has since been repealed and replaced by the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

In 1873, disgusted with the so-called *bhadralok* society, Vidyasagar went to live with the Santhals at Karmatar, a sleepy hamlet about 20 km from the district headquarters

of Jamtara now in Jharkhand, where he would spend the last 18 years of his life till his death in 1891. There he set up a girls’ school and a night school for adults on the premises of his house, which he called Nandan Kanan. The house today lies in shambles.

The irony is that though in this village 24 tribal child widows were remarried by Vidyasagar, just two years ago, a tribal boy was killed in Karmatar because he wished to marry a widow. Has anything really changed in modern India?

Sati was abolished only in name. Countless satis continue to get burnt in 21st century India, though not on pyres. Countless brides get burnt to death in their nuptial homes for dowries, the faces and minds of countless more are scarred forever by acid attacks inflicted by spurned lovers and others. Scores of girls are murdered in “honour-killings” in rural India for marrying into another caste or community, by defying their families’ diktats.

Sati has actually metamorphosed into another form that is equally brutal and vicious. It is not about burning a woman. It is about denying her the choice to decide the course of her life. She is continued to be treated as morally and intellectually inferior to men, as she was 200 years ago. We need another Ram Mohan Roy and a Vidyasagar now, more than ever.

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Trump will accept poll results: White House

Washington: President Donald Trump will accept the results of a “free and fair” election, his press secretary has said, allaying fears triggered after he yet again sowed doubts about the legitimacy of mail-in ballots and refused to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he lost the November 3 presidential polls.

Asked whether he will leave the White House peacefully if he loses the election, Trump responded: “Well, we’re going to have to see what happens.”

“We are going to have to see what happens, you know that. 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.

Trump’s remarks caused an uproar, with lawmakers from the Democratic Party as well as from the president’s own Republican Party rejecting his comments, insisting the winner of November’s election will be sworn in next January.



Responding to a question from a reporter on Trump’s refusal to commit to a peaceful transfer of power, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany said on Thursday: “The president will accept the results of a free and fair election. But I think that your question is more fitting to be asked of Democrats, who have already been on the record saying they will not accept the results of an election.

“I am referring to the president being asked if there would be a peaceful transfer of power and he did not say yes. So I am asking, will there be a peaceful transfer of power if he loses this election?” the reporter asked.

“I believe that question asked by the Playboy reporter - in fact, I think, have it right here - he (Trump) was asked win, lose or draw, whether he would accept the transfer of power. I am not entirely sure if he won, why would he accept a transfer of power. That is maybe the deranged wish of that reporter, but that is not how governing works,” McEnany said.

Trump has questioned the legitimacy of voting by mail-in ballot in the past, claimed that it is susceptible to massive fraud.

During an interview with Fox News earlier this year, Trump didn’t commit to accepting the election results either, saying “I have to see.”

Trump’s attacks on the balloting have led to concerns that he is undermining the trust in the election process and will contest the results if he loses.

McEnany referred to several comments made by the Democrats in the past, apparently questioning the validity of an election.

Aus think tank finds 380 detention camps in Xinjiang

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China appears to be expanding its network of secret detention centres in Xinjiang, where predominantly Muslim minorities are targeted in a forced assimilation campaign, and more of the facilities resemble prisons, an Australian think tank has found.

The Australian Strategic Policy Institute used satellite images and official construction tender documents to map more than 380 suspected detention facilities in the far northwestern region, highlighting internment camps, detention centers and prisons that have been newly built or expanded since 2017.

The report builds on evidence that China has made a policy shift from detaining Uighurs and other largely Muslim minorities in makeshift public buildings to constructing permanent mass detention facilities.

This is despite Chinese state news agency Xinhua reporting late last year that “trainees” attending “vocational education and training centres” meant to deracialize them had “all graduated.”

Regional government chairman Shohrat Zakir was quoted as saying that foreign media reports of 1 million or 2 million people attending these centers were fabricated, though he would not provide any figures.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin on Friday dismissed the report as “pure disinformation and slander,” saying the Australian institute had “no academic credibility.”

China does not operate “so-called detention camps” in Xinjiang, Wang told reporters at a daily briefing.

Citing media reports and investigations by internet users, Wang said one of the sites in the report had been identified as an electronics manufacturing park and another as a five-star residential complex.

Kim apologises over shooting death of South Korean official

Seoul: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un apologized Friday over the killing of a South Korea official near the rivals’ disputed sea boundary, saying he’s “very sorry” about the incident he called unexpected and unfortunate, South Korean officials said.

It’s extremely unusual for a North Korean leader to apologize to South Korea on any issue. Kim’s move will likely de-escalate tensions between the Koreans as it’s expected to ease anti-North sentiments in South Korea over the man’s death as well as mounting criticism of its liberal President Moon Jae-in.

“Comrade Kim Jong Un, the State Affairs Commission chairman, feels very sorry to give big disappointment to President Moon Jae-in and South Korean citizens because an unexpected, unfortunate incident happened” at a time when South Korea grapples with the coronavirus pandemic, Moon adviser Suh Hoon cited the North Korean message as saying.

On Thursday, South Korea accused North Korea of fatally shooting one of its public servants who was likely trying to defect and burning his body after finding him on a floating object in North Korean waters on Tuesday. South Korean officials condemned North Korea for what they called an “atrocious act” and pressed it punish those responsible.

According to the North Korean message, North Korean troops first fired blanks after the man found in the North’s waters refused to answer other than saying he’s from South Korea a couple of times. Then, as he made moves to flee, the North Korean troops fired 10 rounds. When they came near the floating object, they only found lots of blood but no sign of him.

The troops determined he was dead and burned the floating object in line with anti-coronavirus rules, according to the North Korean message read by Suh.

Justice Dept seeks immediate ban on WeChat in US

New York: The Justice Department is seeking an immediate ban on downloads of WeChat in Apple and Google app stores, saying the Chinese-owned messaging service is a threat to the security of the United States.

Last week the U.S. Commerce Department moved to ban WeChat from U.S. App stores but on Saturday, Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler in California agreed to delay U.S. Restrictions, saying they would affect users’ First Amendment rights.

In a filing Friday, the Justice Department asked Beeler to allow for an immediate ban while the case works its way through court.

WeChat is a messaging-focused app popular with many Chinese-speaking Americans that serves as a lifeline to friends, family, customers and business contacts in China. It’s owned by Chinese tech giant Tencent.

The Justice Department says WeChat allows the Chinese government to collect and use personal data on Americans to advance its own interests. The filing states WeChat has approximately 19 million active daily users in the U.S. In a range of formats, including text, images, video, and audio.

The Trump administration has targeted WeChat and another Chinese-owned app, TikTok, for national security and data privacy concerns, in the latest flashpoint amid rising tensions between Washington and Beijing.

AP ■ KIGALI (RWANDA)

The man portrayed as a hero in the movie ‘Hotel Rwanda’ has admitted in court that he backed a rebel group, but denied that he supported any violence or killings.

Paul Rusesabagina, in a pink prison uniform for his bail hearing on Friday, told the court in Kigali, the capital, that he helped to form the National Liberation Front in order to help Rwandan refugees, but he never supported violence.

The judge has postponed ruling on his application for bail until October 2.

Rusesabagina, a Belgian citizen and U.S. Permanent resident who has been a critic of President Paul Kagame, is charged with 13 offenses that also include financing terrorism, complicity in murder, recruiting child soldiers, and forming a rebel group.

Migrants accuse Greece of pushing them back to sea

AP ■ DIKILI (TURKEY)

Shortly after reaching the Greek island of Lesbos, a group of Afghan migrants say, their hopes for a new life in Europe were cut short when Greek authorities rounded them up, mistreated them, shoved them into life rafts and abandoned them at sea.

Associated Press journalists on a Turkish government-organized coast guard ride-along were aboard the patrol boat that picked up the 37 migrants, including 18 children, from two orange life rafts in the Aegean Sea on September 12.

Two other media organizations on similar government-organized trips in the same week witnessed similar scenes.

“They took our phones and said a bus will come and take you to the camp,” Omid Hussain Nabizada said in Turkish. “But they took us

and put us on a ship.

They left us on the water in a very bad way on these boats.”

Turkey, which hosts about 4 million refugees, accuses Greece of large-scale push-backs — summary deportations without access to asylum procedures, in violation of international law.

It also accuses the European Union of turning a blind eye to what it says is a blatant abuse of human rights.

The Turkish coast guard says it rescued over 300 migrants “pushed back by Greek elements to Turkish waters” this month alone.

Citing what they say are credible reports, international rights groups have called repeatedly for investigations.

Greece, which lies on the EU’s southeastern border and has borne the brunt of migration flows from Turkey, denies the allegations and in turn accuses Ankara of weaponising migrants.

2 wounded in Paris knife attack outside Charlie Hebdo ex-offices

Paris: French terrorism authorities are investigating a knife attack that wounded at least two people on Friday near the former offices of the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo in Paris, authorities said. A suspect has been arrested.

The area in eastern Paris remained cordoned off by police two hours after the attack. Children were being sequestered in nine schools while police worked to determine no other suspects were on the run, according to education and police officials.

It is unclear what motivated the attack or whether it was linked to Charlie Hebdo, which moved after its offices were targeted in a 2015 Islamic extremist attack that left 12 people dead.

Police cordoned off the area, including the former Charlie Hebdo offices, after a suspect package was noticed nearby, but the package was found to be harmless and no explosives were found, according to a police official.

An investigation was

opened into “attempted murder in relation with a terrorist enterprise,” according to an official at the prosecutor’s office.

Authorities did not release the identity of the suspect arrested in the area of the Bastille Plaza.

“I saw a guy that was in his 30s or 40s with an axe in his hand who was walking behind a victim covered in blood...I cant tell you how many victims there was, I just saw one,” witness Kader Alfa told The Associated Press at the scene.

AP

Trump victory in Nov will be worse for Assange: Lawyer

London: A lawyer for Julian Assange said on Friday that the WikiLeaks founder’s situation will be worse if President Donald Trump is re-elected in November than if Democrat rival Joe Biden wins.

Edward Fitzgerald said at Assange’s extradition hearing in London that Assange will suffer if he is sent to the US to face spying charges regardless of who wins the November 3 election. “Much of what we say about the fate which awaits Mr Assange remains good because it’s about systemic faults in the prisons and his underlying

conditions,” he said. But, he added, “it will be all the worse” if Trump is re-elected. US prosecutors have indicted Assange on 17 espionage charges and one charge of computer misuse over WikiLeaks’ publication of secret American military documents a decade ago. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 175 years in prison.

Assange’s defense team argues that he is a journalist and entitled to First Amendment protections for publishing leaked documents that exposed US military wrongdoing in Iraq and Afghanistan.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** 60/65 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'4", **ID Mark:** Old Injury on right feet below knee, was wearing White T-Shirt and White Lungi. was found at Ajmeri Gate side, New Delhi Railway Station at

01:40 PM. In this regard a **DD No. 12A, dated 23.09.2020, has been lodged at P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi.**

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

SHO P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi
DP/4473/Rly/2020 Ph.: 011-23744073, 8750871305

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const., Northern Railway, Shakurbasti, Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Single Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location	Plantation of 2310 no of plants, transplantation of 70 no's trees and maintenance of plants/trees on land of Railway in Delhi area Delhi-Rohtak Section.
2. Completion period of the work	04 Months
3. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 72.31 Lakh
4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 1,44,600/-
5. Sale/availability of tender documents on Railway Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 05.10.2020 to 19.10.2020 upto 11.30 hrs.
6. Last date/Time of upload of tenders	19.10.2020 upto 11.30 hrs. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 05.10.2020 to 19.10.2020.
7. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	19.10.2020 at 11.30 hours (immediately after closed of uploading of tender (D2). In case of two packet system. Financial bid of the eligible tenderer would be opened subsequently on the date and time to be notified later on.
8. Opening of tender	19.10.2020 at 11.30 hours (immediately after closed of uploading of tender).

No.: 370-ACS-C-SSB Date: 18.09.2020 2077/2020

Serving Customers with a Smile

China aims to make 1 billion Covid-19 vaccine doses a yr

Beijing: A Chinese health official said on Friday that the country’s annual production capacity for coronavirus vaccines will top 1 billion doses next year, following an aggressive government support programme for construction of new factories.

Capacity is expected to reach 610 million doses by the end of this year, Zheng Zhongwei from the National Health Commission said. “Next

year, our annual capacity will reach more than 1 billion doses,” he said at a news conference.

American pharmaceutical giants Pfizer and Moderna aim to produce a billion doses each in 2021 as well.

Zheng said distribution of the vaccines would prioritize groups such as medical workers, border personnel and the elderly before they are made available to the general public.

Belarus detains Opp leader's lawyer amid protests

Kyiv: Authorities in Belarus detained a lawyer representing a top opposition activist who was jailed this month amid mass protests against the country’s authoritarian president, who won a sixth term in a disputed election.

The lawyer, Lyudmila Kazak, went missing on Thursday, with police confirming later in the day that she had been detained.

According to Kazak’s

lawyers, she faces administrative charges of participating in an unauthorized rally and resisting a police officer.

Kazak was defending Maria Kolesnikova, a key member of a council Belarus’ political opposition set up to push for a new presidential election.

Kolesnikova is facing charges of undermining state security that could bring a five-year prison term, if she is convicted.

Around the Globe

Stockholm: Teenage environmental activist Greta Thunberg is back. She joined fellow demonstrators outside the Swedish Parliament on Friday to kick off a day of socially distanced global climate protests.

Islamabad: Pakistan’s Supreme Court on Friday ordered the government to make public the judicial commission’s report on the 2014 Peshawar school attack. Taliban militants stormed the Army Public School (APS) in the northwestern city of Peshawar on December 16, 2014, killing at least 150 people, including 131 students.

Cairo: At least 16 migrants trying to reach Europe drowned in the Mediterranean Sea when their small dinghy capsized off the coast of Libya, the UN migration agency reported Friday, the latest shipwreck to underscore the deadly risks facing those who flee the war-afflicted North African country.

Washington: Timothy Ray Brown, the first person known to have been cured of HIV infection, says he is now terminally ill from a recurrence of the cancer that prompted his historic treatment 12 years ago.

Lahore: Two Islamic State (ISIS) terrorists, who were planning an attack on vital installations in Pakistan’s Punjab province, have been arrested, police said on Friday.

Tokyo: A woman has filed a suit against the Roman Catholic Church in Japan alleging that a priest raped her four decades ago, as the church’s unfolding worldwide sexual abuse crisis gradually reaches Japan.

Centre used GST compensation cess elsewhere, violated law: CAG

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The CAG has found that the Union Government in the very first two years of the GST implementation wrongly retained ₹47,272 crore of GST compensation cess that was meant to be used specifically to compensate states for loss of revenue.

In its audit report of Government accounts, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) flagged that the amount was to be credited to the non-lapsable GST Compensation Cess collection fund for payment to states for loss of revenue due to implementation of GST since 2017,

but the Government did not do so, and thus violated the GST law.

“The GST Compensation Cess Act, 2017 provides for levy of cess for the purpose of providing compensation to the states for loss of revenue arising due to implementation of GST for a period specified in the Act,” CAG said. As per the Act and the accounting procedure, the entire cess collected during the year is required to be credited to a non-lapsable Fund (the GST Compensation Cess Fund) which shall form part of the Public Account and shall be used for the purpose mentioned i.e., for providing com-

pensation to states for loss of revenue.

CAG said out of the Rs 62,612 crore GST Compensation Cess collected in 2017-18, ₹56,146 crore was transferred to the non-lapsable fund. In the following year (2018-19), ₹54,275 crore out of ₹95,081 crore collected was transferred to the fund.

The short transfer in 2017-18 was ₹6,466 crore and in 2018-19 it was ₹40,806 crore, CAG said adding the Centre used this money for “other purposes” which “led to an overstatement of revenue receipts and understatement of fiscal deficit for the year.”

The short-crediting was a



violation of the GST Compensation Cess Act, 2017.

The issue of compensation cess is driving a wedge between the Centre and states at the GST Council - the highest decision making body of the

GST regime that had subsumed 17 different central and state taxes such as excise duty and VAT.

States have not been paid their promised compensation for letting go their powers to

levy taxes on goods and services since last fiscal.

The Centre says a slowdown in the economy has meant that not enough money is being collected by way of cess that is levied on luxury and sin goods. The Centre has asked states to borrow for meeting the revenue shortfall. States ruled by Congress, Left, TMC and AAP have opposed the move completely arguing that the Centre should borrow and provide to states, since states have given majority of their taxation powers to the Centre under GST regime introduced in July 2017. The CAG findings run contrary to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's submis-

sions in Parliament last week that states could not be compensated for revenue shortfall from the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) relying on an opinion from the Attorney General of India which stated that there was no such provision in the law. “Audit examination of information in Statements 8, 9 and 13 with regard to the collection of the cess and its transfer to the GST Compensation Cess Fund, shows that there was short crediting to the Fund of the GST Compensation Cess collections totalling to ₹47,272 crore during 2017-18 and 2018-19,” CAG said in the audit report.

The short-crediting, CAG

said, was a violation of the GST Compensation Cess Act, 2017.

“The amount by which the cess was short credited was also retained in the CFI and became available for use for purposes other than what was provided in the Act,” it said. According to CAG, the Finance Ministry accepted the audit observation and stated in February 2020 that the proceeds of cess collected and not transferred to Public Account would be transferred in the subsequent year.

“Short crediting of cess collected during the year led to an overstatement of revenue receipts and understatement of fiscal deficit for the year,” CAG said.

Chinese goods worth ₹20K Cr lying at ports

IANs ■ NEW DELHI

Inflow of Chinese goods could see a rise in the October-December quarter as items worth about ₹20,000 crore - primarily comprising electronics and electrical items, gifts, toys, footwear, home and kitchen appliances - still lie at the Indian ports waiting for clearance.

The traders and importers who had placed their orders in November and December last year are yet to receive a chunk of their consignments. The unprecedented delay in delivery is due to the shutting down of Chinese borders in January and February, followed by the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdown in India which lasted for about two months beginning March 25.

Official data reveal India's imports from China during the April-August period of the current financial year stood at ₹21.58 billion-a drop of 27.63 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.

“Chunks of orders placed by our traders in December last year are still to arrive. The goods have not yet reached as China was initially closed due to coronavirus and subsequently from March 25, India went into a stringent lockdown for about two months. So, a great deal of Chinese goods -- essentially electronics and electrical items, gifts, toys, footwear, home and kitchen appliances -- still lying at the ports. There should be a slight increase in the inflow of Chinese goods in the coming quarter,” Praveen Khandelwal, secretary general, Confederation of All India Traders (Cait) said. However, Khandelwal said that traders have not placed fresh orders with China for these items since March. India's moves to shun Chinese goods India's growing clamor to reduce imports from China - especially cheap electronic and electrical items including mobile phones, home appliances, gifts and toys -- will deal a big blow to the dragon.

Markets snap 6-day falling streak; IT, banks lead charge

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark Sensex rallied 835 points on Friday after six days of declines as investors returned to buying mode amid a modest recovery in global markets.

A strengthening rupee - which spurred 28 paise against the US dollar - added to the momentum, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex opened higher following Thursday's selloff and stayed in the positive territory throughout the session.

It finally closed at 37,388.66, up 835.06 points or 2.28 per cent. Similarly, the NSE Nifty vaulted 244.70 points or 2.26 per cent to finish at 11,050.25.

All Sensex components ended in the green, with Bajaj Finserv, HCL Tech, Bharti Airtel, IndusInd Bank, L&T, TCS, ICICI Bank, ONGC, Infosys and Bajaj Finance gaining up to 6.64 per cent.

On a weekly basis, the Sensex lost 1,457.16 points or 3.83 per cent, while the Nifty tumbled 454.70 points or 4.04 per cent.

Global markets stabilised following an overnight pullback on Wall Street after reports said US lawmakers were working on a stimulus deal that could be voted on as early as next week.

Gold rises by ₹324, silver jumps ₹2,124

New Delhi: Gold prices rose by ₹324 to ₹50,824 per 10 gram in the national capital on Friday, halting its four-day decline on recovery in international price of the precious metal, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal closed at ₹50,500 per 10 gram in the previous trade. Silver prices also bounced back and gained ₹2,124 to ₹60,536 per kilogram from previous close of ₹58,412 per kilogram. Spot gold prices for 24 carat in Delhi halted decline by rising Rs 324, in line with recovery in international prices, HDFC Securities Senior Analyst Tapan Patel said.

Govt operationalises ‘Faceless Income Tax Appeals’ system

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Friday issued a notification operationalising ‘Faceless Income Tax Appeals’ system which seeks to honour honest taxpayers of the country and promote transparency in tax collection.

Under faceless appeals, all Income Tax appeals will be finalised in a faceless manner under the faceless ecosystem with the exception of appeals relating to serious frauds, major tax evasion, sensitive and search matters, international tax and Black Money Act, the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

Necessary Gazette notification has also been issued in this regard, it added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 13, while launching the faceless assessment and taxpayers' charter as part of “Transparent Taxation - Honouring the Honest” platform, had announced launching of faceless appeals on September 25 on the birth anniversary of Pandit Deen

NECESSARY GAZETTE NOTIFICATION HAS ALSO BEEN ISSUED IN THIS REGARD

Dayal Upadhyay.

In recent years, the Income Tax Department has carried out several reforms in direct taxes for simplification of tax process and ease of compliance for taxpayers.

“Under the Faceless Appeals, from now on, in income tax appeals, everything from e-allocation of appeal, e-communication of notice/questionnaire, e-verification/enquiry to e-hearing and finally e-communication of the appellate order, the entire process of appeals will be online, dispensing with the need for any physical interface between the appellant and the Department,” the ministry said.

India's first RRTS train design unveiled

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) unveiled the first look of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut regional rapid transit system (RRTS) on Friday. The 82 km-long RRTS corridor will be the first of its kind in India with a design speed of 180 kmph.

According to the ministry, with a stainless steel outer body, these aerodynamic RRTS trains will be lightweight and fully air-conditioned. Each car will have six automatic plug-in type wide doors, three on each side (Business Class will have four such doors, two on each side) for ease of access and exit. The RRTS trains will have transverse 2x2 seating with adequate legroom, optimized aisle width with grab handles, and grab poles for a comfortable journey for standing passengers, overhead luggage rack, mobile/laptop charging sockets and onboard Wi-Fi among other computer-centric features.

“New Delhi's iconic Lotus Temple is an epitome of sustainability as its design allows flow of natural sources of light and air circulation. On similar lines, RRTS

rolling stock will have lighting and temperature control systems to enhance the passenger experience with less energy consumption.

Equipped with modern amenities, the RRTS rolling stock will be a unique amalgamation of new-age technology and India's rich heritage,” the ministry said. The prototype is scheduled to roll off the production line in 2022 and will be put into public use after extensive trials.

Unveiling the first look of India's first RRTS train today, MoHUA Secretary Durga Shankar Mishra said that the environment friendly, energy-efficient rapid transit trains will improve the quality of life in and around NCR by accelerating economic growth. The project will also create economic opportunities by reducing air pollution, carbon footprint, congestion, and accidents. Bombardier was awarded the contract by NCRTC earlier this year to design, build and deliver the regional commuter and intra-city transit trains with comprehensive maintenance services for the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut semi-high-speed rail corridor under RRTS Phase 1.

Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Delhi
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

O.A. No. 882/2018
State Bank of India Applicant
Versus
Sh. Gaurav Singh and Anr. Defendants

To,
1. Mr. Gaurav Singh (Borrower) S/o Late Mr. Ajit Singh House No. 7/169, 2nd Floor, Block-7, Pindi Tent House, Geeta Colony, New Delhi-110031.
SECOND ADDRESS House No. 657/2D, Shivkuli, Tehsil-Allahabad Sadar, Distt. Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh-211002.
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Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of **Rs. 29,31,600.02 (Rs. Twenty Nine Lacs Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred and Paisa Two Five Only)** against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on **28-01-2021 at 10.30 A.M.** (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.drttribunal.gov.in) Phone No. 011-23748473)

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-
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Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **08th** day of **September, 2020**

by order of this Tribunal for Registrar

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PNB commences Phase-3 of nationwide CSR campaign ‘Jai Jawan Jai Kisan’



New Delhi: India's second-largest public sector bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB) commenced the Phase-3 of its nationwide CSR campaign to create awareness against the menace of COVID-19 pandemic and provide its prevention materials. The third phase campaign titled “Jai Jawan Jai Kisan” is to honour the ex-servicemen and farmers through its rural and semi-urban branches in 662 districts, across India.

In the third phase, PNB senior officials across the country distributed facemasks and sanitizer kits through its rural

and semi-urban branches. As a part of its CSR initiative, PNB also believes that such actions can motivate other establishments to come forward to contribute for the betterment of our society in many ways.

After its successful Phase 1 and 2 countrywide CSR campaign, to fight against COVID-19, which was initiated with a lot of fervour, PNB in Phase-3 of CSR campaign honoured retired soldiers and farmers across India for their unflinching commitment & services offered to the country with utmost generosity and gallantry throughout their entire life.

Surender Babbar takes over as Director (Finance) PITCUL



Surender babbar , General S Manager (Finance) of Delhi Transco Ltd has joined Power Transmission Corporation of Utrakhand, Govt of Utrakhand as Director (Finance). Babbar is a Chartered Accountant by Profession having enrolled as the member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Of India in 1990. Having deep passion and flair in law, Babbar graduated in Law(LLB) from University of Delhi in 1994 and Masters in Law(LLM) in 2006 from University of Kurukshetra. He has a multi-farious experience of 30 years in the fields of Contract law, Tax laws, electricity laws .

Google Pay doesn't share customer transaction data with any 3rd party outside payments flow: Google

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Google Pay does not share customer transaction data with any third party outside the payments flow.

The clarification from Google came after reports cited the company's submission to the Delhi High Court saying it is allowed to share customers transaction data with third parties with the prior permission of NPCI and payment service providing (PSP) banks.

This is to clarify that press reports on the basis of the affidavit filed by Google before the Delhi High Court, do not represent the complete facts,” a Google spokesperson said on Friday. The spokesperson added that Google Pay is in full compliance with Unified Payment Interface (UPI) procedural guidelines, issued by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the applicable laws.

“...And does not share customer transaction data with any third party outside the



payments flow,” the spokesperson further said. The submission by Google was filed before a bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Prateek Jalan in response to a PIL seeking action against Google Pay for allegedly violating the RBI's guidelines related to data localisation, storage and sharing.

NHAI agrees to NHBF suggestions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In order to resolve issues and increase the pace of construction of highway projects, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has agreed to most of the suggestions made by the National Highways Builders Federation (NHBF) related to project delivery. The suggestions were made pertaining to nine areas that included Covid relief, bidding process, contract management, old & new model EPC agreements, Improvement of Concession Agreement of Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), Improvement of Concession Agreement Based

on BOT (Toll) and Project Preparation.

As per the Road Transport Ministry, the NHAI has reported that the suggestions made by NHBF were deliberated upon by them for proper redressal and the Authority has agreed to 25 suggestions which were related to it.

“The Central road making agency has also assured that all good suggestions will be positively considered in future too. NHAI has further reported that other suggestions pertaining to policy related matters have been sent to the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways for consideration,” said a NHAI statement.

Review meeting, CEO Narendra Bhushan gave guidelines to give speed to important projects of Greater Noida




PNS ■ GREATER NOIDA

In order to give impetus to various important projects of Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, a review meeting of various departments of the Authority was convened today, which was given by the Chief Executive Officer of Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority, Narendra Bhushan

to all the Heads and Project Heads through video conferencing. While addressing, issued necessary guidelines. Officers associated with Project Department, Health Department, Urban Services Department participated in this meeting. Additional Chief Executive Officer Deepchandra, Additional Chief Executive Officer Krishna Kumar Gupta.


GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD TENDER NOTICE NO SK/RC/03 of 2020-21 Annual Rate Contract		
Sr No.	Item	Tender ID
1	Supply of Three Phase Horizontal Mono Submersible Pump Sets. (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	427499
2	ISI Marked different size of U.P.V.C casing Pipes. (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only).	427320
3	ISI Marked different size heavy duty G.I.Column Pipes. (only Indian Manufacturer)	427491
4	ISI Marked different size H.D.P.E. Pipes (from GWSSB Approved Vendors only)	427498
5	ISI Marked 32mm dia Medium Duty G.I.Pipes (only Indian Manufacturer)	427322
6	Cage Type Trapezoidal Shape "V" Wine Wound Low Carbon Galvanized / Stainless Steel - 304 Screen Pipes. (only Indian Manufacturer)	427512
7	Spares for Deepwell Hand pumps-Standard and Extra Deep and Tool Kits. (only Indian Manufacturer)	427321
Pre-bid meeting on Dtd. 05.10.2020 at 12.00 Hrs. at GWSSB Last Date of Online Submission of Tender: 21/10/2020 Bid Opening Date: 22/10/2020 at 15.00 Hrs.		
Contact Office : Executive Engineer, Public Health Mechanical Store Division. "A" Block, Patnagar Yojana Bhavan, 2nd Floor, Near GH-4, Sector-16, Gandhinagar 382 016, Gujarat State. Tel/fax. No. (079) 23222844, 9978406605.		
The detailed tender notice and tender documents are available on web site: www.gwssb.org and www.nprocure.com		
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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See provision to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets															
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ANUSHKA SHARMA

Mr Gavaskar, your message is distasteful and I would love if you could explain why you thought of making such a sweeping statement on a wife accusing her for her husband's game? I'm sure over the years you have respected the private lives of every cricketer while commenting on the game. Don't you think you should have equal amount of respect for me and us?




JAVED AKHTAR

If Karan Johar (producer-director) had invited some farmers too for his party, life would have been easier for our TV channels. They would not have had to choose between farmers protest and Karan's party! It seems that Karan's is the second most favourite 'party' of our channels.




RAVEENA TANDON

Half-baked truths about the film industry catch TRP ratings. The crisis in the world is being forgotten by abusive judgements/vilification, people guilty before probe is plain right a public lynching. If proved wrong, will media ever able to restore their reputations, credibility?



TAMANNAH BHATIA

I've always been an ardent fan of Tabu's work and it is such an honour to reprise a role played by her. The original film, *Andhadhun*, has this psychological influence on people and succeeded in inducing a sense of curiosity. What I loved about the film was the brilliance of the script and the screenplay. It had no hero or no villain.



TAAPSEE PANNU

Moments before I went on stage to do try my hand at stand-up comedy for the first time ever, bundles of nerves is an understatement of what I looked like. I'm glad the frequency of my humour matched the audience's expectations so we could create a moment of resonance that still gives me giggles to cherish.

FLASHBACK 60 MINUTES



Delhi's permanent rulers, Rhesus monkeys, recaptured North Avenue mocking the virus and the residents who covered inside their government flats



I still wake up on most dawns in sweat, shattered with the horror and sadness, and sheer aloneness of bodies that came, day in, day out, to the Nigambodh Electric Crematorium, the Muslim Burial Ground and the Christian Cemetery



A solitary vintage Fiat in Connaught Place's Outer Circle, facing the shut stores on the side of Minto Bridge



A doctor ready to enter the critical zone ward at AIIMS

A PICTURE SPEAKS A THOUSAND WORDS

Author and photographer PARUL SHARMA's book of black-and-white photographs, *Dialects of Silence: Delhi Under Lockdown*, presents a visual narrative of a locked-down capital, chronicling how lives were paused, lost and regained. By CHAHAK MITTAL



'Surely we belong to Allah, and to Him shall we return'

At an empty Rajpath, there was stillness, one that the city had never breathed. At the Anand Vihar Bus Station, there were crowds of migrant labourers, unprotected and unsanitised, betrayed by people's apathy and denial of their plight. At the Nigambodh Crematorium, Kashmir Gate, there were COVID dead bodies arriving in crowded ambulances. At the Muslim Burial Ground, Dilli Gate, a young widow read the *fatiah* for her dead husband. At the Christian Cemetery, an infant waited for an unknown gravedigger to perform his last rites as he was abandoned by his parents when they learned he was COVID-positive. Outside the Trauma Centre of AIIMS, there were doctors full of courage preparing to enter the Covid Care Unit, wearing PPE, just to witness another day of victory and loss at the same time.

Amid all these unusual sights, there was author-photographer Parul Sharma capturing this horror show by a deadly pathogen and the frozen reality of life that the world had left behind while hiding from the Coronavirus during the lockdown. The photographs, now published into a book, *Dialects of Silence: Delhi Under Lockdown*, present a visual narrative of a locked-down capital and a chronicle of lives paused, lives lost and lives regained.

When asked, "Were you afraid?" Parul said, "Of course, I was... Of missing that one shot that I would never find again!" For her, the rush was to cover the city before its stillness shattered and the struggles for being alive turned graver.

Excerpts:

What made you go for it? Was it pre-decided that you would publish these photographs into a book?

No, when I took to the streets, there was no thought of getting a book published in my mind. It was just my obsession with photography and my passion. It was very frightening because there was nobody on the streets. Everything was shut, and not a single soul was seen in miles. I began with capturing the architecture and the deserted roads but



Dialects of Silence (Cover)



Not all have home in a village to go back to — life goes on in makeshift homes under the Dwarka flyover

then the narrative changed when the COVID death rate started rising. There was one thing — either I stopped there or I continue shooting. And so it happened. I continued capturing the migrants, doctors in the COVID wards and the burial grounds and crematoriums.

In June, we decided to turn this all into a book.

Why did you call it *Dialects of Silence*?

There is a conversation right from the beginning of the book, which is more architectural. I went out in pursuit of having a conversation with my city. I have been born and brought up here. My parents have grown up in this city. And I just went out there to cap-



ture the undisturbed view of the architecture of my city, the stillness which had crept in due to the lockdown, and above all, the beauty of Delhi. The city actually looked very beautiful during that time.

I just did not know that I'll be turning it into a book. I became a news photographer over night when the migrant story broke and when I started capturing the deaths.

It kind of highlights how even silence has its own language and speaks volumes...

Yes, that's how it actually came — the idea of having a conversation with silence. There was absence everywhere and when I interpret dialects of silence,

it also means its different kinds — some conversations were joyous and some were completely opposite, some had sorrows, some had hope, some had anxiety, some were full of fear while some had courage.

When I was shooting the doctors, it was not that I was having some long-drawn conversations with them. I was documenting them doing their job. Even though there was silence in the wards, but there was courage in the air which was speaking to me. They did not have to tell me that now they are heading towards the COVID wing to check on the patients. They didn't tell me that they had courage, it was written on their faces, in their demeanour and in their body language. I'd say, even their PPE

couldn't conceal it. And therefore, the 'dialects'.

What were the on-ground challenges?

There were many challenges, of course. But I didn't allow them to come my way. I kept trying to absorb them as they came. I don't like anything to come in between my determination. So I didn't focus much on that part.

Do you think witnessing such a phenomenon would have been possible without a lockdown ever?

I don't think so. It's Delhi we are talking about. Walking down those empty lanes, I saw police guards on duty; monkeys taking over the empty streets, having the whole road to themselves; crows and birds, in flight, unperturbed. Once some guards also asked me if I could feed the stray dogs as people have stopped stepping out and feeding them. Such gestures proved how nobody was there for each other and at the same time, everyone was. They were concerned for each other. It's both the ways and it began a dialogue between me and those dogs I fed, and the guards who were the only humans I came across. I have never seen or captured Delhi in such a frame.

You've captured the COVID burial grounds, and bodies being cremated in electric crematoriums. Witnessing such a saddening sight so closely, did it impact you personally?

Oh my god, yes! It had psychological implications. I think that's the first thing that gets hit in such scenarios — psychological health. There are people who may capture a great tragedy but at the same time, they won't be personally moved by it as that varies from person to person. But for someone like me, it affects psychologically. I could not sleep for those nights.

There are also other factors hitting you — how did the people contract the virus? What if you also contract it? And end up the same way? How active is the virus even now? Should you be near these bodies? What if it's more potent right now? How long before it dies completely? There's a constant conflict. And with this virus, you can never know. People are contracting the virus even while sitting inside their homes. You do feel scared.

Then come the sensory aspects — sight, sound, smell. Especially, when you visit a place like a crematorium, smell plays a huge role because the air is so putrid, nobody wants to be inside. Capturing such a place is not like shooting architecture or a beautiful landscape. You can leave it there and come back with a relaxed mind. You have enjoyed that moment and it lingers on with you. But after returning home from a place like this, it's difficult to switch off. You don't forget it as easily. Your coping mechanism has to be strong.

Reconciling something tragic is difficult...

Indeed, I don't know whether I would ever be able to forget those images in my head. Especially, those episodes where I saw a young widow reading the *fatiah* of her husband being buried and how the last rites of a COVID-dead child were being performed by a stranger. I remember I was inside an electric cremation centre and after a point of time, I was all alone and there were two COVID dead bodies lying three feet away from me. They were wrapped in plastic sheet. When I

turned back, I saw another ambulance arriving, which had five more dead bodies. Similar to a war-like scenario, after one round of disposal, quickly, there were more of them coming and more...

It was tough to navigate things. At times you're also fearful that something might happen to you or your family. A lot of composure was required to also capture the dead bodies with an aesthetic and giving them the due respect. You can't make it look bizarre or dramatic.

In the book, there's a caption — "June was the cruelest month..."

There were many deaths in June. The migrant crisis had broke out, the Shramik Special started, a lot of migrants died in road accidents and on tracks, and the COVID death rate in India started rising and people were dying. And it's still continuing.

You have captured how the pandemic gave birth to a migrant labour crisis in India. How do you think photographs create a history of their own?

Photographs create history. I got one of the biggest compliments recently when I was told that my photographs remind them, especially the migrant mother-and-child series, of the famous American photographer Dorothea Lange, who had shot a lot of migrants in America during the Great Depression. Lange said that 'if you're taking a picture, take it as if you were to become blind tomorrow. Don't shoot for the sake of it'.

Not that I was governed by her aesthetics but I looked for hope and beauty. The migrants that I have shot were not in motion. I didn't shoot them during movement. I saw some sitting waiting at bus stands, railways junctions or under a flyover. It was very heartbreaking to see a family of six who had a disabled, malnourished child. They could not travel with her back to their village because it was difficult to carry the child. That image has now been picked by Getty images.

What's your take on the migrant crisis?

As a Delhiite, I feel, we should have done something for those people. Buses and food supplies were organised later but as a society, there is a collective apathy we have for situations like these. We love to play the blame game — the government doesn't do its job — and just present a drawing room view of the crisis. I think the migrants were not betrayed by the government, they were betrayed by their employers. The people just washed their hands off them when the lockdown began. And no government could be prepared for a crisis like this!

Was there a specific reason of keeping the photographs black and white?

It's raw. First section of the book — architecture — reminds me of Delhi of the '40s, devoid of people, cars, and pollution, which is why I tried to give them a retro touch. I didn't want to give colour to the deaths I've captured. The doctors, whose courage gave hope to millions, and the scenario they are in, it's devoid of colours.

There is also a special photograph, the last one, the only one which has been composed. It shows how the virus took a toll on even romance and love. I had to make a couple pose to make that frame I imagined come alive. It makes the book end on a hopeful and a positive note.

Photos: Parul Sharma (in *Dialects of Silence*, published by Roli Books)

CONVERSATION 45 MINUTES

FEEL THE PULSE

Director MAQBOOL KHAN talks to SAKSHI SHARMA about the newness of the characters in his forthcoming film *Khaali Peeli*, commercial entertainers and the importance of youth-centric films in today’s time

Be it Dev Anand in *Taxi Driver* (1954), Amitabh Bachchan in *Khuddaar* (1982) or Aamir Khan in *Raja Hindustani* (1996), there have been various films impressing their generations with the portrayals of a taxi driver. Maqbool Khan-directorial *Khaali Peeli* seems to be the next in line. The entire film has been designed keeping this Gen Z in mind as the director feels that the generation after 90s haven’t watched many masala films like he did in the 80s and 90s.

It is a romantic comedy flick revolving around the lives of two childhood friends, who separate due to inevitable circumstances. Actor Ishaan Khatter plays the role of Blackie, a taxi driver and actor Ananya Panday (as Pooja Gujjar) is a girl who comes from a conservative family and wants to be on her own. Excerpts of our conversation with the filmmaker.

◆How did you conceptualise the film with the 90s vibe in a contemporary setup?

I shifted to Mumbai in early 90s and have been living here for 25 to 30 years. Based out of Rajasthan, earlier, I used to go to Mumbai during summer vacations. It has always been a fascinating city and has attracted me since it was known as Bombay. The *Kali Peeli* taxi is the city’s most iconic thing. So when we were toying up the idea of creating this entire story, we intentionally decided to create something around Mumbai and the taxi. That’s how it was incorporated in the story. The guy (Ishaan) who drives the taxi is the hero of the film. He’s a very street-smart kind of person. The story gradually becomes interesting when you see the colourful life of Mumbai as well as its dark sides through his point of view.

◆There have been many Bollywood characters based on drivers of a *Kaali Peeli* taxi in Mumbai in the past. How do you think Ishaan’s character is different? Has it been inspired from any real-life instances?

Yes. There have been instances and films where heroes have portrayed taxi *wallas* earlier but I haven’t seen a young actor in his mid-20s attempting something like this as far as recent films are concerned. This is the newness of this character. Also, Ishaan has a huge fan following among the youngsters which will help us establish a good connect with them.

The look, style and various dialogues are inspired from real instances. In Mumbai, out of 10 taxi



drivers you will find at least two to three the way Ishaan’s character is portrayed in the film. You will find too many heroes in real life when you travel in a taxi or an auto rickshaw there. If you observe them closely, you realise that their personality, body language and the way they interact with passengers is not less than a hero because they see and worship Bollywood heroes every day. They are so quirky, colourful and the kind of one liner they use is outstanding. That’s how the whole idea of creating a character like this came about.

◆How does the film attempt to take us back to the retro times? What are some of the nuances?

From the trailer itself you can make out various nuances — the sounds, background score and dialect — is very retro yet contemporary, keeping today’s generation in mind. It will remind you of one of the finest music directors, RD Burman, who was way ahead of his time. The dialogues in the film are used in everyday language of Mumbai. When you go on the streets or in an auto Rickshaw, you will find them. The entire first teaser that we released has the cricket reference in it as it is worshipped like a religion here. It’s not a sport merely, it’s an emotion. We live for cricket. That was exciting for the young generation, probably the reason they connected with the trailer and song. This film has been made keeping the youngsters in mind. They are the pulse of it. I wondered if I had to cater a typical Bollywood masala film how do I do that? So, the entire film has been designed keeping this generation in mind as I feel they haven’t watched many masala films which I have in my 80s and 90s.

◆How easy or challenging was it to work with Ishaan and Ananya? How did you manage to get them into the skin of the character,

especially in terms of the dialect?

Honestly, it was a very difficult task for me. They both are such a bundle of energy that I had to match the pace of my energy with them. As a filmmaker, I had to take control and channel their energy in the right direction. If we talk about the dialect, it was important for their characters to speak the colloquial language of Mumbai in order to be relatable. Hence, they were trained for two months to get it on point. They are young but still very sorted in their heads. They exactly know what they want from life. When I was their age, I didn’t know what I had to do in life. They both are very well read, sensible enough, aware and informed about what’s going around the world in terms of cinema. I have learned a lot from these kids.

◆Ananya’s character seems to be of a girl from a conservative background, who just wants to break free and be on her own. Women have been portrayed in that scenario before in many films. How is this one different?

It was intentional. We wanted to create a character of a girl, who is from a conservative and underprivileged background yet who’s progressive in her thoughts and aspires of living a life of her dreams. Today’s girls are very smart and independent. Ananya’s character is exactly similar to that. If she’s put in a situation where it’s difficult to sustain and survive, she will make sure she gets out of that smartly. She is basically *Nehle Pe Dehla*. It’s a pure commercial entertainer, full of action, romance, drama, humour and thriller. The film will take one back in the 90s when Mumbai was known as Bombay.

◆If we look at content these days, it has changed drastically, especially with OTT taking over...

How do you think such commercial entertainers will survive amid the flood of unconventional and innovative content? How do you see its future?

I believe there has always been a future to all kinds of cinema. There are some people who still crave for commercial masala films. For instance, *Simmba* is a commercial out and out film and it did quite well. I feel everything co-exist in our society. As humans, we adapt to the situation like we are adapting to the current chaotic and unprecedented times. I can recall the time when commercial cinema was dominating but at the same time, you also had films like *Saaransh*, *Daddy*, *Sadak* and *Dharavi*. Different kinds of films survived it all together that too very beautifully. So I feel there will always be a room and space for every kind of cinema and every kind of genre.

◆The song, initially titled *Beyonce Sharma Jayegi*, has now been changed to *Duniya Sharma Jayegi*. It has been perceived in a very racist manner and disapproved by the audience around the world, including Beyonce herself. Do you think such item numbers in Bollywood have long lost their popularity among the Indian audience given that how the lyrics sometimes turn out to be hurtful of people’s sentiments?

It was picked out of context. A certain section of audience brought this to our notice which none had thought including the music director and the lyrics writer. If at all we knew that it can taken into this direction, we would have never used such words. The word *Goriya* has been used so often in Indian songs to address a girl that it didn’t occur to any of us to interpret it in the literal manner. I can recall a few songs that has the word *Goriya* — *Chura Ke Dil Mera Goriya Chali* from the film *Main Khiladi Tu Anari*, *Gori Tera Gaon Bada Pyara* from *Chitchor* and *Goriya Re Goriya* from *Aaina*. The word has always been used to refer a girl. You don’t dance on lyrics, you dance on the beats of the song as music connects you to the soul.

(The film releases on October 2.)

TRIBUTE 15 MINUTES

A lost battle

Music connoisseurs along with singer Asha Bhosle mourn the loss of playback legend SP BALASUBRAHMANYAM. She recalls how he sang songs for RD Burman and helped her with Tamil pronunciation for her song with Ilayaraja

Famed playback singer and Padma awardee SP Balasubrahmanyam, popular as SPB or Balu in the film world, passed away on Friday afternoon.

In a statement issued on Friday the hospital said, “In a further setback this morning, despite maximal life support measures and the best efforts of the clinical team, his condition deteriorated further and he suffered a cardio-respiratory arrest. With profound grief, we regret to inform that he has passed away on September 25 at 13.04 hours.”

Balasubrahmanyam was a great achiever. He recorded over 40,000 songs in 16 languages and bagged six National Awards over a period of five decades. He is a recipient of civilian awards such as Padma Shri (2001) and Padma Bhushan (2011) from the Government of India. He intended to be an engineer but had a fall-out due to a bout of typhoid. SPB made his playback debut in 1966 Telugu film *Sri Sri Sri Maryada Ramanna*.

Famed director Bharathiraja, after visiting the iconic singer at the



hospital, told the media at this time of grief he was not able to speak anything. “Even now there is some ray of hope. There is one power above us all,” Bharathiraja said.

SPB and veteran actor Kamal Haasan have been a popular combination of the audience for long. Stating that Balasubrahmanyam is a national voice, Kamal Haasan noted how the departed icon was an artist who celebrated talent. Kamal said, “When the bond gets really close, you actually forget the first meeting. He had been part of my romance, first love, melancholy.” “He was a national voice. You can’t restrict him to just Tamil language. He was a huge fan of Mohammed Rafi and Kishore Kumar. I think it’s the duty of the younger generation to learn from the older generation and excel. SPB was able to do that,” added he.

Tamil superstar Rajinikanth also expressed his grief. He shared a video speaking in Tamil, where he

said, “Today is a very sad day for everybody. SPB struggled till the last minute. I am in deep pain. Today, all music lovers, people who knew him and everyone, are in deep sorrow. His voice and songs are loved by people across the country. He always tried to help people seeking new opportunities. That’s why he was loved by all. Indian cinema has created many great singers but SPB is special. His songs will continue to win hearts for more than 100 years. He was a great soul and a great singer. May his soul rest in peace. I offer my condolences to his family.”

Lata Mangeshkar tweeted, “*Pratibhashaali gayak, madhurbhashi, bahut nek insaan SP Balasubrahmanyam ji ke swargwas ki khabar sunke main bahut vyathit hun. Humme kai gaane saath gaaye, kai shows kiye. Sab baatein yaad aarahi hain. Ishwar unki aatma ko shanti de. Meri samvedanaayein unke pariwar ke saath hain* (I am

heartbroken to learn about the demise of gifted singer, soft-spoken person and a very good human being SP Balasubrahmanyam. We have recorded so many songs and performed several shows together. I am reminded of those beautiful memories of the olden days. May god rest his soul in peace. My condolences with his family.”

Asha Bhosle said, “This year has seen a lot of unfortunate events. And the news of SPB’s demise makes me even sadder. He was a versatile artist. His duet with Lata *didi* was very memorable. Balu sang a lot of songs for RD Burman and was his great friend. He had helped me a lot with my Tamil pronunciation in my song for Ilayaraja. The loss of such a great artist has left a huge void in the music world. I wish his soul to rest in peace in this musical journey to be one with the almighty. RIP Balu.”

—With inputs from agencies

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Vijay Kumar **S/o** Chhavi Lal **R/o** H.No. 12, Gali No.-1, Kotla Vihar Phase-4, Ranhola, Delhi **Aged- 44 Years** has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 04.08.2020 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi **vide DD No. 06-A Dated 05.08.2020** has been registered at Police Station Ranhola, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, **Height:** 5’3”, **Face:** Long, **ID Mark:** Mentally weak, **Wearing:** White coloured vest, black coloured shorts and hawai slippers in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing male, may inform SHO, Ranhola, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>



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SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Vijay Parkash, **S/o:** Eshwar Narayan, **R/o:** 98-A, Sainik Enclave, Mohan Garden, Delhi, **Aged:** 21 years, has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi since 22.07.2020 at vide **DD No. 38-A, Dated 27.07.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Ranhola, Delhi.** His physical description is as under:
Height: 5’ Feet, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Black Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans and Chapple in feet.
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SEARCH FOR MISSING



Alesh Loresh

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely Alesh Loresh, **D/o:** Shri Sanjeev Loresh Kumar, **R/o:** H. No. RZF-903/14, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Raj Nagar-II, Palam, New Delhi has been reported missing since 07.07.2020 from the area of PS Palam Village, New Delhi. In this regard FIR No. 474/20 dated 07.07.2020 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Palam Village, New Delhi. The description

of missing girl is as under:

Name: Alesh Loresh, **Age:** Approx 14 Years, **Height:** 5’, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Hair:** Normal Black/White, **Wearing:** Dark Red T-Shirt, Black colour Lower and green colour chappal in foot.

If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform P.S Palam Village, New Delhi.

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It is just the second match and in the first match, we won because of the death bowling. So, it is too early. We bowled well but KL batted so well

Anil sir has always asked me to back strength in my bowling and skill. He asked me not to try too many things and try to be cool and calm in the middle

We have had a good game (against Sunrisers Hyderabad), we have had a bad game and now it is time to move on and learn from the mistakes we made

Once I am in the middle and during the toss is the only time I feel like a captain and otherwise I try to balance being a player and the captain

Shaw stopper

Prithvi shines as Delhi Capitals make 175/3 against CSK

PTI ■ DUBAI

Young Prithvi Shaw struck a fluent half-century and shared a 94-run opening stand with Shikhar Dhawan to guide Delhi Capitals to 175 for three against Chennai Super Kings in an Indian Premier League match here on Friday.

Shaw made 64 off 43 balls in the company of Dhawan (35 off 27 balls, 3 fours, 1 six) to provide a superb start to DC's innings after being put into bat.

The duo started slowly, scoring just 36 runs of the first six overs of powerplay before opening up to stitch 94 runs for the opening wicket in 10.4 overs.

Shaw got into his stride, hitting two consecutive boundaries off Deepak Chahar.

The Mumbai youngster didn't appear to rush things and played some attractive shots.

Once CSK skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni introduced the spin duo of Piyush Chawla and Ravindra Jadeja in the seventh over, both Shaw and Dhawan went on the offensive.

Chawla, who was taken apart by Sanju Samson in their previous game against Rajasthan Royals, came in for some rough treatment as did Jadeja who went wicketless in his four overs (0/44).

Dhawan after playing second fiddle for a while, joined the party and hit a couple of attractive boundaries and slogged Jadeja's first ball for a six over mid-wicket.

The DC openers hammered 58 in the next 4.4 overs after the slow start.

Chawla broke the dangerous-looking partnership by removing both Dhawan and Shaw in consecutive overs.

Rishabh Pant (37 not out, 25 balls) and captain Shreyas Iyer (26, 22 balls) pushed the score along before the latter was caught by a diving Dhoni off Sam Curran as CSK managed to pull things back.

CSK players also paid tribute to veteran singer S P Balasubrahmanyam and former Australian cricketer Dean Jones by wearing black armbands.

MS Dhoni stumped out Prithvi Shaw during Delhi Capitals innings

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Iyer achieves unique record

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Shreyas Iyer, who was shanded the captaincy of Delhi Capitals in 2018, on Friday surpassed Gautam Gambhir and became the second most capped captain of the franchise.

Iyer's side on Friday played their second game of IPL 2020 against Chennai Super

This is Iyer's 26th game as Delhi Capitals' captain. The 25-year-old is now just behind Virendra Sehwag who has played 52 IPL matches for Delhi as captain.

Iyer was one of the players retained by the franchise in 2018. On April 25, 2018, the management of the Delhi Capitals announced Iyer as the new captain of the team, replacing Gautam Gambhir. The franchise has had 11 captains so far.

Iyer, who is the youngest captain in this year's IPL, so far has been successful skipper for the Delhi Capitals. In 2019, Iyer also led Delhi Capitals to the playoffs of the season where they lost against MS Dhoni's Chennai Super Kings.

KKR, SRH hunt first win

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Skipper Dinesh Karthik's tactical nous will once again be put to test when Kolkata Knight Riders take on a depleted Sunrisers Hyderabad in their second IPL fixture on Saturday.

Much was expected from a revamped Kolkata Knight Riders set-up but it seemed Karthik did not learn from his past mistakes and made some inexplicable decisions that led to their complete capitulation against Mumbai Indians.

Once again, the batting position of their biggest hitter Andre Russell became the talking point in their 49-run loss to Mumbai Indians.

The Jamaican, who was their highest run-getter last season with 510 runs from 249 deliveries and the tournament's highest strike rate of 204.81, was seen at No 6 but by then the task had become extremely difficult.

World Cup winning captain Eoin Morgan, who was roped in to bolster the wobbly middle order, also could not do much as the asking rate had shot past 13 by the time he came to bat at No 5.

In bowling too, there was a tactical blunder by holding back their ace spinner Sunil Narine till the last over of power play.

On a day, their biggest buy Pat Cummins failed miserably, Narine was given a go only when his IPL 'bunny' Rohit Sharma was well set.

It really defied logic to see such a defensive strategy by a team now coached by Kiwi great Brendon McCullum who is known for his aggressive mind-

set.

Known to put up a balanced side on the park, Hyderabad lacked strength and experience in their middle-order, failing miserably against Royal Challengers Bangalore.

Needing just 43 runs from last five overs, SRH lost their last seven wickets for 32 runs to lose the game by 10 runs.

If that was not enough, injury to their all-rounder Mitchell Marsh has compounded their misery.

Skipper David Warner, after being run out in an unfortunate manner at the non-striker's end, will be keen to get into the act, while it remains to be seen whether Kane Williamson has recovered from his injury to bolster the batting department.

SRH bowling has always been impressive and it seems the think tank may bring in Mohammed Nabi to bowl alongside his fellow mate Rashid Khan while Bhuvneshwar Kumar will spearhead the pace attack.

That, Mr Gavaskar, your message is distasteful is a fact but I would love for you to explain why you thought of making such a sweeping statement on a wife accusing her for her husband's game? I'm sure over the years you have respected the private lives of every cricketer while commenting on this game. Don't you think you should have equal amount of respect for me and us?

I'm sure you can have many other words and sentences in your mind to use to comment on my husband's performance from last night or are your words only relevant if you use my name in the process?

It's 2020 and things still don't change for me. When will I stop getting dragged into cricket and stop being used to pass sweeping statements?

Respected Mr. Gavaskar, you are a legend whose name stands tall in this gentleman's game. Just wanted to tell you what I felt when I heard you say this.

played that much bowling in this lockdown period," Gavaskar told *India Today*.

"It is tennis ball fun game that people have to pass time during the lockdown, so that's all, so where am I blaming her for Virat's failures."

Gavaskar also rubbished allegations on social media that he made a "sexist comment."

"I'm the one who has always batted for wives going with husbands on tours. I am the one who has always said that like a normal guy going to office for a 9-5 job, when he comes back home, he comes back to his wife, similarly why can't cricketers have their wives with them," Gavaskar said.

He also tried to explain his comment.

"As you can hear from the commentary, Aakash was talking about the fact there has been very little chance for any proper practice in the lockdown, for everybody..."

".....That has actually shown in rustiness of some of the players in their first matches. Rohit (Sharma) didn't strike the ball well, now in the second match he has got runs, MSD (Mahendra Singh Dhoni) didn't strike the ball well in the first match."

".....Anushka was bowling to him, so that's what I said, that's the only bowling. I have not used any other word. She was bowling to him, that's all, where am I blaming her, where I am being sexist in this."

"I'm just only stating what was seen on the video which was maybe recorded by somebody in the neighbouring buildings and put up and that's the only thing I'm doing, but the point I'm making trying to make is that there was no practice for anybody including Virat in the lockdown.I have not been sexist, if somebody has interpreted it, what can I do," Gavaskar said.

PTI

DUGOUT

MOTION PICTURE



KXIP captain KL Rahul and pacer Mohammed Shami pose for photo after Punjab's 97-run win over RCB

KOHLI FINED ₹12 LAKH

RCB captain Virat Kohli has been fined ₹12 lakh after his team maintained a slow over-rate during their IPL match against Kings XI Punjab in Dubai on Thursday. "As it was his team's first offence of the season under the IPL's Code of Conduct relating to minimum over-rate offences, Mr Kohli was fined ₹12 lakh," the IPL said in a release.

VIRAT TAKES BLAME FOR DROPPING KL

RCB captain Virat Kohli took the blame for his team's 97-run thrashing by KXIP. Without hesitation, Kohli took the blame for dropping Punjab's skipper KL Rahul twice, which contributed significantly to their defeat. Kohli felt had he not dropped two catches off the blade of Rahul, who remained unbeaten on 132, KXIP would not have been able to go past the 200-run mark. "I have to stand in front and take the brunt of it, not the best day in the office, couple of important chances of KL when he was set and that cost us 35-40 runs at a later stage. "Maybe if we restricted them to 180 we wouldn't have been under pressure from ball one of the chase," said Kohli.

ALWAYS BACK YOUR STRENGTHS









KXIP's young spinner Ravi Bishnoi says head coach Anil Kumble has advised him to always stay calm and back his skills as a bowler. The 20-year-old Bishnoi snared three wickets in an emphatic 97-run win over RCB. "Anil sir has always asked me to back strength in my bowling and skill. He asked me not to try too many things and try to be cool and calm in the middle," Bishnoi said.

KL WASN'T 'FEELING IN CONTROL'

KXIP captain KL Rahul, who made a scintillating century (unbeaten 132 off 69 balls) against RCB, said he was lacking in confidence heading into the team's second IPL fixture. "I have actually been not so confident (hitting it this well). I had a chat with Maxi (Glenn Maxwell) yesterday (Wednesday), he said how are you feeling, I said that I am not feeling completely in control of my batting, he said you must be joking, you are hitting really well," Rahul said. After Rahul starred with the bat, KXIP bowlers put a disciplined performance to bundle out RCB for 109 in 17 overs. "It's as complete a team performance as it can get. We had few different plans going into this game. "We knew RCB have a power packed batting line up and we had to get 2-3 wickets up front and that also meant putting runs on the board, we know what these guys can do if they get set. The analyst, coaches and the management will be happy."

GAUTI CRITICIZES KOHLI'S CAPTAINCY

Former Indian batsman Gautam Gambhir criticized Virat Kohli's captaincy in the loss against the KXIP, particularly for bowling part-timer Shivam Dube in the final 20th over. Speaking on *ESPNcricinfo's* analysis show *T20 Time Out*, Gambhir said that he would have bowled any of the specialist death bowlers in the last over. "I know Shivam bowled really well in his first two overs. Yes, you would be tempted to give him a third over, but not the last over. When KL Rahul is already set and batting on 100+, you are walking on the edge, because that can happen. I would have Navdeep Saini or Dale Steyn bowling the last over, even though Steyn is not the best death bowler. But I would have given the last over to the best bowler of the team," Gambhir said.

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4		DC	1	1	0	+0.000	2
5		CSK	2	1	1	-0.145	2
6		RCB	2	1	1	-2.175	2
7		SRH	1	0	1	-0.500	0
8		KKR	1	0	1	-2.450	0

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All Bayern do is win trophies

Martínez delivers emotional extra-time Super Cup for Bavarians



AP ■ BUDAPEST

Javi Martínez is Bayern Munich's Mr Super Cup.

Seven years after scoring an extra-time goal to help Bayern win its last UEFA Super Cup, Martínez netted the winner in the 104th minute on Thursday as the German club beat Sevilla 2-1 in the European curtain raiser in a stadium partially filled with fans.

Martínez rose above a crowd of players to head in the rebound when Sevilla goalkeeper Yassine Bounou parried David Alaba's speculative shot.

Bayern midfielder Thomas Müller hailed Martínez as "Mr Super Cup," recalling the 2013 goal which sent a game against Chelsea to a penalty shootout which Bayern won.

It could be one of Martínez's last games for Bayern after eight years and eight Bundesliga titles. Chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge told German media last month that the versatile defensive player was seeking to leave.

"When I play in a Bayern shirt I want to give everything, 100%, and I showed that today," Martínez told *Sky*, leaving a question about his future open.

Playing extra time was far from ideal for either team in a season which has started later than normal and will have a more congested calendar amid the coronavirus pandemic. For both Bayern and Sevilla it was the start of a run of four games in 11 days and came barely a month after Bayern beat Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League final.

Europa League champion Sevilla took an early lead when David Alaba fouled Ivan Rakitic and Lucas Ocampos converted the 13th-minute penalty. Champions League winner Bayern leveled when Leon Goretzka hammered in a ball expertly cued up for him by Lewandowski in the 34th.

Bayern was largely in control of the second half but saw two goals ruled out — one for offside, one for a shove by Lewandowski — and needed Neuer to save Yousef En-Nesyri's shot on the counterattack in the 87th minute.



leomessi I was getting the idea but today I entered the locker room and I dropped the real chip. How hard it will be to not keep sharing the day to day with you, both on the courts and on the outside. We're going to miss them so much. It was many years, many mattresses, meals, dinners... Many things you will never forget, every day together. It's gonna be weird seeing you wearing another shirt and much more facing you. You deserved to be fired like what you are: one of the most important players in club history, getting important things both in group and individually. And not to get kicked out like they did. But the truth is that at this point I'm no longer surprised. Wish you all the best in this new challenge. I love you so much, I love you so much. See you soon, mate.

Lionel Messi posted a photo of himself with Luis Suárez on Instagram with a message expressing his sadness for his friend's departure and his anger at how the club transferred him to Atlético Madrid