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EC slaps 24-hour ban on Mamata

Campaign ban till 8pm today, Didi to sit on protest; PM, CM continue slanging match

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

On a day Prime Minister Narendra Modi and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee traded charges on the Cooch Behar killing, the Election Commission (EC) on Monday imposed a 24-hour campaigning ban on the West Bengal Chief Minister for her "highly insinuating" and "provocative remarks" that the poll regulating body described as having "serious potential" to lead to a breakdown of law and order during elections.

As per the order issued by the EC, the ban will come into effect from 8 pm on April 12, and continue till 8 pm on April 13. The action was taken by the polling body after Mamata was found "violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC)" for appealing to the voters on communal lines.

Condemning Mamata's statements made during poll rallies on April 7 and 8, the EC advised her to desist from



TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee during campaign for the State Assembly polls in Ranaghat, Nadia district on Monday PTI

using such statements in public while model code of conduct is in force.

The EC noted that the TMC chief made "highly insinuating and provocative remarks laden with serious potential of breakdown of law and order and thereby adversely affecting the election process."

The EC said, "In fact, it is a matter of deep regret that a media narrative was sought to be weaved hour after hour to misguide the biggest stakeholder which is the voters by a candidate who also happens to be the CM of the State.

At least this should have been appreciated that the sideshow was fraught with immense potential to have adverse impact on law and

order across West Bengal and may be some other States. And all this was being done when the election process was/is on. There could not have been a greater misdemeanour," it said.

Lashing out at the EC order, Mamata said she would stage a dharna in the city on Tuesday in protest.

The TMC questioned why only Mamata has been punished and BJP leaders left off hook.

Meanwhile, Modi launched a fierce broadside against Mamata. "Didi has been instigating her workers against the Central forces. Do not do this. Didi i didi, if you want to take out your anger, abuse me. But don't insult Bengal's dignity and tradition," he said.

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India's daily rise outnumbers US-Brazil total

India records around 1.5 lakh new cases; total count soars by 20 fold since Feb 1

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid horror stories of dead bodies piling up in hospitals and Covid treatment centres running out of beds and ventilators, India's Covid-19 count grew by around 1.5 lakh, going past the US and Brazil combined. India now has the second-highest number of cases in the world with the total crossing 1.34 crore, behind the US which has reported 3 crore cases so far.

On Sunday, India's daily count of 1.68 lakh cases was higher than the combined tally of the USA (47,874 cases) and Brazil (37,537).

However, on Monday the cases dipped mainly due to lower testing on Sunday. Maharashtra reported a major decline, reporting around 51,751 cases, nearly 11,000 less than the previous day's tally.

However, the situation in Delhi and neighbouring Uttar Pradesh remained grim, with the national Capital reporting 11,491 cases and UP recording 13,604 cases.

While Gujarat reported 6,021 new cases, 2,854 recoveries and 55 deaths in the last 24 hours, Rajasthan reported 5,771 new cases, 1,291 recoveries and 25 deaths during the same period.

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A health worker takes a sample of a woman to test for Covid-19 at a hospital in Hyderabad on Monday AP

Covid-19 IN INDIA	
TOTAL CASES:	1,36,71,851 (+1,46,472)
DEATHS:	1,70,956 (+747)
RECOVERED:	1,21,45,432 (+91,719)
ACTIVE:	12,49,835
MAHARASHTRA:	35,58,996
KERALA:	11,72,883
KARNATAKA:	10,74,869
TAMIL NADU:	9,40,145
DELHI:	7,36,688 (+11,491)

tively, 10,45,28,565 vaccine doses have been administered through 15,56,361 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 AM. These include 90,13,289 healthcare workers (HCWs) who have taken the 1st dose and 55,24,344 HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose, 99,96,879 frontline workers (FLWs) (1stdose), 47,95,756 FLWs (2nddose), 4,05,30,321 1st dose beneficiaries and 19,42,705 2nd dose beneficiaries more than 60 years old and 3,20,46,911 (1st dose) and 6,78,360 (2nd dose) beneficiaries aged 45 to 60.

Sputnik V gets DCGI expert panel approval

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As the country grapples with surging Covid-19 cases and vaccine shortage, a panel of experts has recommended Russia's Covid vaccine Sputnik V for use in India with certain conditions.

If approved by the regulator, Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), this will be the third vaccine to be used in India after Serum Institute of India's Covishield — developed by Oxford-AstraZeneca — and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.

Sources in the Government said that the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the DCGI on Monday took up the application of Dr Reddy's Laboratories seeking emergency use authorisation for Sputnik V.



DCGI will take a final call on the recommendation. The vaccine would be imported from Russia for emergency use in the country, the sources said.

The DCGI has already given the emergency use authorisation for two Covid-19 vaccines — Covaxin of Bharat Biotech and Covishield of Oxford-AstraZeneca manufactured by Serum Institute of India in Pune.

Yogi: Won't impose lockdown nor let people die in misery

New Delhi: 14 hospitals in the national Capital will be converted in Covid-19 facilities. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday had directed officials to convert some Government and private hospitals into dedicated Covid-19 facilities to cope with the alarming rise in the Covid cases.

Nizamuddin Markaz mosque can be made operational during Ramzan: Govt to HC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre told the Delhi High Court on Monday that the Nizamuddin Markaz mosque can be made operational for devotees to offer prayers during the month of Ramzan which is expected to begin from April 14.

The submission was made before Justice Mukta Gupta by the Central Government during the hearing of a plea by the Waqf Board seeking opening of the Nizamuddin Markaz where the Tablighi Jamaat congregation was held amid the Covid-19 pandemic and was locked since March 31 last year.

On March 24, the Centre had said 50 persons chosen by the Waqf board can be allowed to pray at the mosque during the "shab-e-barat" holiday.

Advocate Rajat Nair, appearing for the Centre, told the court on Monday that offering of prayers at the mosque during Ramzan should be subject to the guidelines issued by the Delhi Disaster Management Authority with regard to social distancing and other Covid precautions.

Sensex plunges 1,707 pts on Covid, grim growth outlook

Retail inflation 4-month high at 5.5% as food prices soar

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released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

The industrial output contracted by 1.6 per cent in the previous month (January 2021) and expanded to 4.5 per cent in February 2020.

The manufacturing sector output contracted by 3.7 per cent in February, while the mining output declined by 5.5 per cent.

Food inflation accelerated to 4.94 per cent in March, as compared to 3.87 per cent in February.

Inflation in "fuel and light"

category remained elevated at 4.50 per cent during March

compared to 3.53 per cent in February.

At the same time, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) contracted 3.6 per cent for February 2021, and was 5.91 per cent in the same month last year (March 2020).

Health is priority! Maha postpones Class X, XII State board exams

TN RAGHUNATH ■ MUMBAI

Close on the heels of it promoting all the State board students from Classes I to 8 to the next without any examination, the Maharashtra Government on Monday postponed the board examinations of Classes 10 and 12 in view of the worsening Covid-19 situation in the State.

Announcing this, Maharashtra Education Minister Varsha Gaikwad tweeted, "Given the current #Covid-19 situation in Maharashtra, we've postponed State board exams for Class 10 & 12. The present circumstances are not conducive for holding exams. Your health is our priority".

Varsha said keeping in mind the schedule of entrance exams for professional courses, Class 12 exams will be held by end of May, while Class 10 exams will be in June.

"We're closely monitoring the health situation. Fresh dates for these exams will be announced accordingly," she said.

No meals in less than 2 hours flight: Aviation Ministry

To minimise risk of Covid infection

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) on Monday banned meal services on flights with less than two hours of travel duration to minimise the risk of Covid-19 infection. The norm will come into effect from April 15.

However, there are no restrictions on serving meals on international flights as of now.

Airlines are permitted to serve only pre-packed snacks, meals, and pre-packed beverages on flights that have duration of more than two hours.

"The airline operating flights on domestic sectors

may provide meal services onboard, wherein the flight duration is two hours or more..." MoCA's Joint Secretary Usha Padhee said in an office memorandum on Monday,

which marked to the Directorate of Civil Aviation. "Crew shall wear a fresh set of gloves for each meal/beverage service," it added.

The decision was taken amid fears that passengers taking off masks to eat may lead to the spread of the virus. While in-flight meals can't be avoided on medium or long hauls, the restriction has been imposed on domestic flights of up to two hours duration for now.

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Special thrust must be laid on expansion of health infrastructure: HP CM

PNS ■ SHIMLA

With the hill State witnessing a sharp spike in Covid-19 cases on a daily basis,

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Monday directed to expand and increase the health infrastructure in the state to meet the situation.

The Chief Minister while presiding over a review meeting of Covid-19 situation in Mandi and Kullu districts said that work on prefabricated hospital

at Bangrotu and Mother Child Hospital Mandi must be expedited and completed at the earliest so that oxygenated bed capacity in the district could be increased.

He said that the Transport Department must ensure effective sanitization of buses and other public transport.

The shopkeepers must also ensure to strictly follow 'No Mask, No Service Policy'. Apart from this, the private bus operators must also be requested to properly sanitize their buses and also ensure plying buses without overcrowding, he said.

The Chief Minister said that the district administration must ensure that social functions such as marriages etc. strictly follow the maximum limit prescribed for such events. The district administration must also ensure that adequate arrangements are made to meet the demand in case of any major surge in the cases.

Effective regulation of devotees must also be ensured in temples and other religious places to avoid overcrowding during the Navratri festival, he added.

Thakur further said that Kullu district being a major tourist place witnesses the arrival of lakhs of tourists every year. Steps must be taken to ensure that all the tourists visiting the district strictly follow SoPs issued from time to time. He directed the Police Department to ensure that no casualness be adopted by the tourists, particularly in tourist spots such as Manikaran, Kasol, Manali etc.

The CM had a day before announced to make it mandatory for people coming from seven high load states to produce a RT-PCR negative report obtained within 72 hours of entry, from April 16 onwards. The high load states are Punjab, Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. During the meeting with elected representatives of PRIs, Thakur asked them to play a proactive role in helping the State Government in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in their respective areas.

Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICE

I. Naresh Narula S/o Binderabhan R/o H.No. 578 HBC Now H.No. 397 Sec-1, Ambala City inform that my Son Yesluk Narula is out of my control. So I disown him from my all moveable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with her at his own risk and responsibilities.

I. Sahista Khutun (Adhar Card No. 429344706903) D/o Md. Khurshid Alam Mallick R/o Panuriyatta Hattola, Aliganj Bardhaman, Panuria, West Bengal have change my religion from Muslim to Hindu.

We Naurati Ram S/o Dharam Veer and Krishna W/o Naurati Ram, VPO Pathera, Tehsil Indri, Distt. Karnal Haryana inform that our daughter Shagun out of our control. We Disown her from our moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deals with them deals at own risk & responsibilities.

I. Murti Devi W/o Late Sh. Pyare Lal R/o Batra Colony, Ward No. 22, Shiv Mandir, Distt Panipat; I disown my Son Parvesh & His Wife Roman Devi from all my moveable and immovable properties. anybody deals with them deals at own risk & responsibilities.

We, Vinod Pal S/o Mangat Ram and Bala Devi W/o Vinod Pal R/o VPO Babru (Kurukshetra) declare that our daughter Anjali Devi is out of earshot. So we disown her from our moveable and immovable properties. In the future, our family will not be responsible for her actions/ transactions.

I. Anil Kumar Luthra, Adhar Card No. (781203570611) S/o Charan Jeet Luthra R/o Village - Tehsil Dhand (Kaithal) Informs that my Son Shivam Luthra Age 26, is out of my and my Family's Control. I Disown my Son Shivam Luthra From my Moveable- Immovable Property. We will not be responsible for Shivam's any matter in future.

I. Parminder Kaur W/O Balraj Singh R/O # 11, New Kartar Colony, Ablowal Road, Patiala Declare That My Son Manjeet Singh Is Out Of Control. I Disown Him From All My Moveable And Immovable Properties. Any Person Who Deals With Him Will Do It At His/Her Own Risk & Responsibilities.

I. Rakesh Kumar Aggarwal S/o Sh. Rajkumar Aggarwal R/o H.No. 48 GF, Sushant Lok-2, Sector 57, Gurukul declare that my son Deepanshu Aggarwal and his wife Anukriti are not in my control. I evict them from my moveable and immovable properties. In future I or my family will not be responsible for any type of transactions or activities done by them.

I. Sawaran Kaur W/o Late Ajit Ram R/o H.No. E-S-462, Abadpur, Jalandhar declare that I have taken back the Notice previously given in favour of my son Balbir Kumar from moveable and immovable properties who is now under my control, having full right in moveable & immovable properties, please note.

I. Mankit Kaur is legally wedded spouse of No. JC-20781F, Rank-Hony. Sub., Name Ram Singh resident of Ward No.3, Gali No. 2-H, Shadara Baba Deep Singh Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name from Neemrat Begum to Zeeana Kaur After Marriage.

I. Sushma Rani W/o No. 3191868 H Ex NK Rajinder Kumar R/o Village Kanbir Khurd, Teshil Jagadheri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name from Sushma Devi to Sushma Rani.

I. Shashi Bala W/o Vivek Verma R/o H No 1554 Sector 13, U.E. Karnal declare that Shashi Bala & Shashi Verma both are the one & same person.

I. Mani Ben Spouse of Rabari Kanji Bhai Gova Bhai resident of vill. Haripura Tehsil kadi Distt Mahesana Gujrat. Have changed my name from Mani Ben to Rabari Mani Ben vide Affidavit Dated 11-4-2021 Before Notary, Pathankot Punjab.

I. Army No. 1047393H Dfr. Azam Ali Khan R/o Raslana Tehsil Bladra, Distt Hanumangarh have changed my wife name from Raosha Bano to Roshani Bano in my Army Service Record.

I. Sandeep S/O Sh. Sat Parkash Garg R/O SCF No 9, Harmilap Nagar, Phase-1, Baltana, Mohali, That I Have Changed My Name Sandeep Kaur but her correct name is Sarjeet Kaur.

I. Sukhjeet S/o Hem Raj Kapur R/o H.no 3533/42 Adarsh Nagar Tehsil & District Rupnagar has changed my name to Shaweta Kapur.

I. Soniya W/O Arvind Kumar R/o # 2100 Sector 25-D Chandigarh have changed my name to Monika .

I. Jakhu Ram S/o Bhagwan Din # 2325, Phase -2, Ram Darbar Colony, Chandigarh have changed my name to Jakhu Ram. My correct DOB is 20/01/1993.

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I. Bikramjit Singh S/o Phaggu Ram R/o H.No. 546 Moh. Mathurapuri Phillaur Distt. Jalandhar Declare that my daughter Malisa is out of my control. So I disown him from my all moveable and immovable property. Anybody dealing with her at his own risk and responsibilities.

I. Dharneendra Singh S/o Damodar Singh R/o Village Chhai Pokhar PO Achmer Tehsil Kiraili, Distt Agra (Uttar Pradesh) PIN Code 283101, in my service record my son name is wrongly written as Prince Chaudhary instead of Prince Chaudhary. So I declare that actual name of my son is Prince Chaudhary.

I. Rohit S/o Attar Singh, R/o VPO Ikkas, Distt. Jind, Haryana have changed my name from Rohit to Rohit Dhull.

I. Sonu Nishad W/O Rakesh Kumar R/O Banur Distt S.A.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name To Sonu. Concerned Note.

I. Rubina Sharma D/o Neelam Kumari W/o Army Joginder Pal Sharma R/O H.No.6452 Rank 25 Panchkula have changed My Daughter Name From Seera Vasdev To Seera Sharma.

I. Neelam Kumari W/o Army No.4486191 N NK Amritpal Singh 10 Sikhi LI C/o 56 APO Village Mokh P.O Daffar Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) declare that My Birth date written wrongly 02-07-1984 in Army record of my Husband. According matric certificate my correct birth date is 10-11-1984 be amended in Army record of my Husband.

I. Neelam Kumari W/o Army No.4486191 N NK Amritpal Singh 10 Sikhi LI C/o 56 APO Village Mokh P.O Daffar Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb) declare that My Son Ashwini to Ashwini Shankar Chavan vide affidavit dated 10/04/2021 before Session Court, Hissar.

I. Jaspreet Singh S/o Jarnail Singh R/O Vpo. Mehmoodpur Tehsil Nawanshahr District S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name From Jaspreet Singh To Jaspreet Singh Uppal.

I. Sita Devi mother of No 15472827M Rank DFR Name Rajbir Singh S/O Ajit Singh R/O 983, Jadiyal Guru Amritsar Declare That In My Service Record My Wife Matinder Kaur's D.O.B. Is Wrongly Mentioned. As 14-09-1993. Her Correct D.O.B. Is 18-03-1996.

I. Muskan Mittal W/O Sahil Kaur Khabra W/O Jalour Singh R/O Vpo. New Geeta Colony Moga Have Changed My Name Muskan Goyal After Marriage.

I. Gurmit Kaur mother of No 14934623H Rank NK Name Kulwinder Singh R/O VPO Thathia Bhai, Teh Bagha Purana, Distt Moga, State Punjab 142049 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Gurmo Singh's birth date written wrongly 17-01-2013 in Army record of my Husband. According birth certificate his correct birth date is 17-01-2012 be amended in Army record of my Husband.

I. Shubh Agarwal W/o Ramal Kumar R/o #1105 Preet Nagar Tehsil Barara (Ambera) inform that Shubh Agarwal and Nidhi is the name of one and same person.

I. Ishav S/o Surender, R/o House No. 3793, Urban Estate, Distt. Jind, Haryana inform that in my documents my father name recorded as Surender and Surender Singh in my father's document. Surender Singh and Surender is the name of one and same person that is my father.

I. Ashwani Kumar S/o Rajinder Kumar R/o 471, Sector-15, HUDA, Jagadheri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Ashwani Gupta.

I. Sudesh Goyal W/o Ashwani Gupta R/o H No 1554 Sector 15, HUDA, Jagadheri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Sangita Gupta.

I. Sheela Devi W/O Dharam Singh R/O Village Dadu Majra, Po. Landhi, Tehsil Shahabad Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name Sheela.

I. Vidhya Kawar mother of No JC248208K Rank NB/RIS Name Bhanwar Singh R/O Behind B.T.S.Y. Taqvi School, Tilak Nagar, Distt. Bikkaner, State Rajasthan 334001 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Vidhya Kawar to Vidhya Kanwar vide affidavit dated 12/04/2021 before Session Court, Hissar.

I. No 15489754F Rank 1D Name Sanjeev Kumar posted at 71 AR C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed the name of my Daughter from Suneta to Sunaina vide affidavit dated 12/04/2021 before Session Court, Hissar.

I. Parneet Kaur Alias Gurmeet Kaur Khaira W/O Jalour Singh R/O Vpo. Panjguri Kalan Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Gurmeet Kaur Khaira.

I. Meenu Bala D/o Ram Parkash R/o H.No. 531 GF, Sector-7 SAS Nagar, Mohali, Pb, have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur.

I. No. 4483983H Ex Sep Kulwant Singh S/O Sh. Dasondha Singh VPO. Pringri, Tehsil Patti, Dist Tarn Taran I Have Change My Wife Name Neha To Neha Kaur.

I. Jaswinder Ran S/o Swarna Ram R/o Vill: Katpalon Po. Nagar Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Jaswinder Singh.

I. Manpreet Kaur W/o Harjit Singh R/o Vill: Dhudian Wala Po. Bhulana (Kapurthala) changed my name to Manpreet Kaur after marriage.

I. Parneet Kaur S/o Karam Chand R/o Moh. Buland Colony Nurmal Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Parneet Kaur.

I. Jaswinder Kaur alias Kamaljeet Kaur W/o Chhinder Pal R/o Mau Sahib Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) i known by two names Jaswinder Kaur alias Kamaljeet Kaur both names are same and one person.

I. Pawandeep Kaur W/O Jagdeep Singh Pangli Vill: Sadar Dinwala, Ferozepur Have Changed My Name Pawandeep Kaur Pangli.

I. Rita Sah spouse of No 13995875P Rank Hav Name Sandesh Meghanshi Garud, VPO Sastewadi Teh Phalton, Distt. Satara, State Maharashtra 415523 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sonali to Sonali Sandesh Garud vide affidavit dated 12/04/2021 before Session Court, Hissar.

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I. Dayapreet Kaur Othi W/o Simranjeet Singh Brar R/o #45, MS Enclave, Dhakoli Distt SAS Nagar have changed my name to Dayapreet Kaur Brar. My date of birth (DOB) is wrongly entered in my passport no. J083041 issued by RPO Chandigarh. My correct DOB is 20/01/1993.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub- Transfer LG H-No. 1025 Housing Board Colony Sec-10, Panchkula the name of Sh. Sarjeet Kumar & Suril Kumar Sahni Both S/o Late Sh. Badri Nath Sahni B/o H/o No. 1025, Sector-10, Panchkula due to death of Late Sh. Badri Nath Sahni S/o Late Sh. Narisingh Dass Sahni intestate property.

It is intimated for the information of the general public and all concerned with the property No. 1025, Housing Board Colony Sec-10, Panchkula, which stands in the name of Late Sh. Badri Nath Sahni Both S/o Late Sh. Narisingh Dass Sahni as per record of this office.

It has been registered by the applicant(s) that Late Sh. Badri Nath Sahni S/o Late Sh. Narisingh Dass Sahni died on 11-05-2010. The name of the deceased is Late Sh. Badri Nath Sahni Both S/o Late Sh. Narisingh Dass Sahni.

Both S/o Late Sh. Narisingh Dass Sahni 1025, Sector-10, Panchkula have claimed / applied for the transfer for the said property in the name of the testator of late Sh. Badri Nath Sahni S/o Late Sh. Narisingh Dass Sahni.

If anybody have any objection to transfer of the said property in favour of the applicant(s), he/she must file a written objection in writing to this office on or before 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Facing farmers' wrath in Haryana

BJP BEGINS REACH OUT PROGRAMME

NISHU MAHAJAN ■

CHANDIGARH

Amid growing resentment among the farming community against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party over the three contentious farm laws, the saffron party in Haryana has embarked on its eight-day programme to reach out to the masses and make its presence felt across the State.

The State BJP unit has chalked out a plan to hold 22 programmes covering all districts to celebrate Dr Ambedkar Jayanti (April 14) during its eight-day contact exercise. The Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, his Cabinet Colleagues, BJP MPs, MLAs, former Ministers and senior

party leaders would participate in these programmes.

The decision to hold district level programmes have been taken at a time when the BJP leaders are facing the wrath of farmers, who have called for the social boycott of the leaders over the issue of central agri laws.

The Chief Minister while holding a meeting of party district presidents recently had directed to hold a series of programmes to celebrate Ambedkar Jayanti across the state to sustain party's pro-Dalit pitch and to gauge the public mood. The party has decided to involve prominent leaders at district level functions to establish a direct communication with people despite the ongoing farmers' protest.

On the other hand, the farmers' union have announced to hold protests against the leaders of BJP and its ally JJP

during the scheduled programmes.

The Chief Minister is himself scheduled to preside over a programme in Barauli village in Sonipat district while party state president OP Dhankar would participate at functions in Rohtak and Bhiwani districts on April 14. Deputy CM and JJP leader Dushyant Chautala is also scheduled to attend a programme in Rewari on Ambedkar Jayanti. Around eight district level programmes are planned to be held on April 14 while others would be held on April 15, 18 and 25. The programmes had begun on April 11 in the state.

Even as the saffron party has planned its ambitious contact programme amid COVID-19 pandemic to connect with the general public, the ongoing farmers' movement acquiring new political dynamics would

pose a major challenge for the party.

Only a day before, the farmers had shown black flags and raised anti-BJP slogans to protest against the state BJP president OP Dhankar, who was on his way to chair a programme to celebrate Ambedkar Jayanti in Kaithal district.

The incident was the latest in a series of protests by farmers against ruling BJP-JJP coalition leaders in Haryana.

Sanjay Sharma, Haryana BJP spokesperson while talking to The Pioneer said that the party will go ahead with the district level programmes planned to celebrate the 130th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar.

Despite the protest threats, the Chief Minister will attend the programme on April 14 in Barauli village in Sonipat district. Union Minister Rattan Lal Kataria is scheduled to preside

over the celebrations at Panchkula, former Minister Capt Abhimanyu alongwith MP Sunita Duggal in Sirsa, former state BJP president Subhash Barala and Rajya Sabha MP DP Vats in Fatehabad, Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh in Rewari, Union Minister Krishan Pal Gurjar in Faridabad among others. Morcha will not allow Chief Minister Manohar Lal to enter Barauli village for the event on April 14.

Haryana Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Gurnam Singh Chaduni maintained that the farmers will continue with their social boycott of the leaders of BJP and its allies.

This is not the battle of farmers alone but this is the struggle of the entire working class and followers of BR Ambedkar also. We will continue our peaceful protest against the leaders who have betrayed the farming community, he added.

In the last ten days, the farmers have held strong protests against the Chief Minister in Rohtak, against Dushyant Chautala in Hisar,

MP Nayab Saini in Kurukshetra, MP Sunita Duggal in Sirsa and other party leaders.

Farmer leader Rakesh Tikait has already announced that the Samyukt Kisan

Centre in September last year

Haryana CM inaugurates STP pilot project

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Monday inaugurated first of its kind 10 KLD STP plant at Papila Park, Fatehabad in collaboration with Japanese company Daiki Axis India.

The sewerage water treatment plant is set up at a cost of ₹21 lakh.

The Chief Minister while congratulating the citizens of Fatehabad said that this sewerage treatment plant has been established as a pilot project. The State Government will consider setting up such projects for water conservation and reuse of water across the state after studying the same, he said.

He said that this year, the State Government has set a target of reusing 25 percent treated water and this scheme is proving to be effective in hor-

ticulture, industries and thermal plants. In next year, 60 percent of the water will be reused. Budget has been arranged for this, he added.

Khattar said that the State Government has made several schemes for water conservation and sewerage treatment plant.

Different technologies are being used in the state. The sewerage treatment plant set up at Fatehabad is a new project, in which new technology has been used and the benefit of which can be taken in the future, he said.

The Chief Minister expressed confidence that with the support of Japanese company Haryana will increase their target and work together on the water treatment plant. The company will be given all possible support for such tasks, he asserted.

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Till date, 186 slums, having

21,431 slums households, have been identified in 20 districts, wherein the verification process is being carried out full swing, the Chief Minister was informed.

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After reports of excess arrival of wheat, Haryana Govt stops purchase of wheat in 18 mandis for 24 hours

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Haryana Govt on Monday ordered to stop the purchase of wheat in 18 mandis of the state, due to excess arrival of wheat and less lifting of the crop, piling of the crop has been reported. The mandis are in Radaur in Yamunanagar district, Thanesar, Pehowa, Ladwa, Babain and Ismailabad in Kurukshetra district, Taraori, Nilokheri, Indri, Assand and Nissing in Karnal district, Ambala City and Saha in Ambala district, Kaithal, Kalayat and Cheeka in Kaithal, Gohana in Sonipat district and Samalkha in Panipat district.

An order has also been given to open additional procurement centres for these 18 mandis after taking consent from the concerned Deputy Commissioners. It was informed that till date, 2.8 lakh metric tonnes of wheat has been lifted and 24 lakh metric tonnes of wheat has arrived in the mandis.

It was further informed that the district level committee has been asked to ensure lifting of the crop immediately by any means. If the labour and transport contractor expresses an inability to lift the crop on time due to any reason, then the district level committee is authorized to get the work done by another contractor at a higher rate and for this permission should be sought from the headquarters later.

I yet another major spike in Covid-19 cases, Haryana on Monday reported 3,818 fresh infections, the highest single-day spike since the Covid-19 pandemic began.

14 people also succumbed to the virus in the state in the last 24 hours. A day before, the state had recorded 3,440 cases and 16 fatalities.

"In the last 24 hours, two deaths each were reported in Panipat, Yamunanagar, Fatehabad, Sonepat and one death each was reported in Faridkot, Rewari, Panchkula, Kurukshetra, Sirsa and Jind,"

Haryana reports 3,818 fresh Covid cases, highest since the pandemic began last year

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The active cases were recorded at 22,487 till the evening. The worst affected district - Gurugram reported the highest number of active cases at 6,176 followed by 2,238 in Faridkot and 2,208 in Karnal, the bulletin stated.

According to the bulletin,

Gurugram district continued to be worst affected and recorded the highest number of infections at 11,322 followed by 4,722 in Faridkot and 3,272 in Karnal.

Among other districts, Sonepat reported 228 cases, Ambala 113 cases, Hisar 180 cases, Panipat 158 cases, Panchkula 224 cases, Yamunanagar 160 cases, Sirsa 127 cases, Kaithal 124 cases, Kurukshetra 145 cases.

the state's Health Department's bulletin stated.

There were 304 critical Covid-19 patients in the state out of which 250 were on oxygen support while 54 were on ventilators.

The fatality rate was recorded at 1.02 percent in Haryana. The COVID positive rate was 4.86 per cent and recovery rate was recorded at 91.96 percent, as per the health bulletin.

Till date, 29,493 patients (including 2,298 in the last 24 hours) have recovered from the virus and been discharged from hospitals in the state.

Punjab lagging behind in Covid-19 vaccination

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

A day after the Centre highlighted the loopholes in Punjab's battle against the novel coronavirus, the latest study has pinned down that the State was lagging behind in the vaccination drive against the Covid-19.

As per the figures available, only 28.82 percent of total registered healthcare workers, and 21.02 percent of total registered frontline workers have completed the vaccination, both first and second dose.

The healthcare and frontline workers were the first one to be covered under the vaccination drive, that started on January 16, this year. And in these three months, the state government has failed to cover all its workers who were leading its fight against the deadly contagion for more than a year now.

Till April 12 (Monday), as many as 1,58,197 (1.58 lakh) healthcare workers have received their first dose of vaccine and only 72,042 have received their second dose. In comparison, 2,97,555 (2.97 lakh) frontline workers have received their first dose of vaccine while only 63,069 have received the second dosage.

As per the official figures,

there are around 2.05 lakh healthcare workers, which means only 28.82 percent of healthcare workers have received the second dose of Covid-19 vaccination while 63.28 percent have received the first dose in the past three months.

On the other hand, only 21.02 percent of total registered healthcare workers have been vaccinated for second dosage against three lakh registered with the state government.

The revelation regarding low vaccination rate was reported by the latest study by the research wing of ratings agency, Crisil.

The development came days after Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh had referred to the farmers' anger against the Central Government's three farm laws as a major reason behind the low vaccination rate in the State.

"If any healthcare workers get infected at a later stage, they will have to bear the cost of their treatment and will not be allowed quarantine or isolation leave," Sidhu had stated.

Talking about vaccination of those above 45 years, as many as 13,23,309 have received the first dose, while 29,317 have given the second dosage.

With the state government

targeting to vaccinate two lakh persons in a day, the state on Monday vaccinated 87,954 with the first dose and 6,765 with the second dose, with the total vaccination on the day touching 94,719 figure.

Days after Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh raised an alarm regarding less stock of COVID-19 vaccine which may last another three days.

STEEPEST SPIKE OF 3,477 CASES IN PUNJAB, 52 DEATHS

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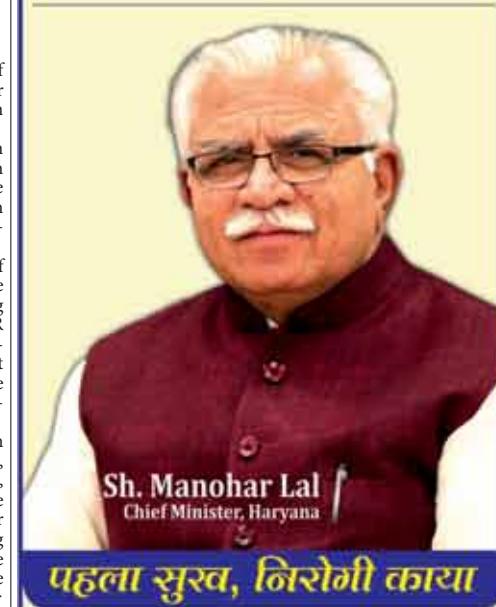
Punjab on Monday reported the steepest spike of 3,477 fresh cases of the novel coronavirus in a single day, pushing the state's Covid-19 tally to 2,76,223. The previous single day highest spike was registered on Friday (April 9) with 3,459 cases.

As 52 more people succumbed to the deadly contagion, the state's death toll has reached 7,559 with the highest number of

casualties, eight each, reported from Amritsar and Hoshiarpur.

Besides, five death each were reported from Patiala, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, and Ludhiana; three from Kapurthala; two each from Faridkot, Pathankot, and Ropar; and one each from Fatehgarh Sahib, Fazilka, Ferozpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Muktsar, SBS Nagar (Nawanshahr), and Tarn Taran.

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CBI summons ex-Maha Home Minister over graft charges



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The CBI has called former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh for questioning on Wednesday in connection with a preliminary inquiry into probe allegations of corruption levelled against him by former Mumbai Police commissioner Param Bir Singh and suspended police officer Sachin Waze.

On Sunday, the agency had grilled two Personal Assistants—Sanjeev Palande and Kundan—in connection with the ongoing PE for over eight hours. Two drivers of Waze were grilled on Sunday.

Waze, an Assistant Police Inspector, is also an accused in the NIA case relating to investigation of parking of an explosive-laden SUV outside industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in Mumbai.

The CBI notice, calling Deshmukh to join its probe team in Mumbai, was issued on Monday morning, a day after grilling of his two aides Sanjeev



Palande and Kundan, sources said.

The CBI is conducting a preliminary inquiry into the allegations against Deshmukh levelled by Singh after he was removed from the coveted post of Mumbai Police Commissioner.

Singh's allegations are said to have been corroborated by Waze before the CBI probe team. Waze is in the custody of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) which is probing the SUV bomb scare case, the sources said.

Last week, the Bombay High Court had directed the CBI to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the allegations levelled by Singh against Deshmukh and submit a report within 15 days.

In a letter addressed to Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Singh had

alleged that Deshmukh had asked Waze to allegedly extort over ₹100 crore a month from nearly 1,700 bars and restaurants in Mumbai.

The High Court's order came in response to a petition from Singh seeking a CBI probe in the matter.

The CBI team of officers from the agency's headquarters here was sent to Mumbai to conduct the preliminary inquiry.

Till now, the agency has questioned Waze, Singh, Palande, Kundan, two drivers of Waze as also other officers of the Mumbai Police as of the inquiry.

According to the High Court directives, the CBI can take further action like registering a Regular Case (FIR) after the PE suggests prima facie substance in the corruption allegations in the matter.

IAF Commanders' meet to discuss tension at LAC, LoC

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The ongoing tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and the situation at the Line of Control (LOC) in Jammu and Kashmir will figure prominently during the three-day IAF Commanders' conference here starting Thursday.

The top brass will review operational readiness to meet any threat from China in the backdrop of the continuing friction points at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh.

Given the always present threat of a two-front war simultaneously with China and Pakistan, the IAF commanders are likely to draw their future strategies in the three-day meet. It will be first bi-annual conclave of the IAF brass this year and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate it.

Besides these operational issues, the commanders will also review the ongoing modernisation plans of the IAF. With the induction of Rafale fighter jets from France going as per schedule, the commanders are likely to focus to their attention on manufacturing 110 multi-role aircraft within the country.

This strategic partnership project is worth over ten billion

dollars and several top aerospace giants are vying for the contract. The IAF desperately needs more modern aircraft as its squadron strength is fast depleting.

Against the sanctioned strength of 42 squadrons (one squadron has 18-20 jets), the IAF now has only 30-odd squadrons. Moreover, some of the fighter jets are in the final stages of their operational life and will have to be replaced quickly to sustain operational readiness.

Officials said the conference of apex level leadership is aimed at addressing the issues of IAF's operational capabilities in the times to come. A series of discussions would be conducted over a period of three days to address strategies and policies related to capabilities that would give IAF a significant edge over its adversaries. Various welfare and Human Resource measures to improve HR and administrative efficiency will also be discussed.

The Commanders' Conference is a bi-annual conference held at Subroto Hall, Air Headquarters, Vayu Bhawan. The Conference provides a forum to the senior leadership of the IAF to discuss critical issues pertaining to Operations, Maintenance and Administration.

Several parts of country likely to get rainfall in next 5 days: IMD



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south and ghat areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Mahe, coastal and south interior Karnataka during April 14-16. Another cyclonic circulation lies over southwest Madhya Pradesh and neighbouring areas.

Under its influence, isolated rainfall with thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) is very likely over Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Gangetic West Bengal and Odisha during next 4-5 days and over Jharkhand during next 24 hours.

The IMD said a fresh active western disturbance is very likely to affect the western Himalayan region during April 14-17 and adjoining plains during April 14-15. Isolated hailstorms are also likely over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh on April 14-16. Thunderstorm/dust storms at isolated places are also likely over west Rajasthan on April 14 and 15, it added.

Now, Ahaar Kranti in India for balanced diet

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Though India produces as much as two times the amount of calories that it consumes, unfortunately, many in the country are still malnourished, mainly because of a lack of nutritional awareness across sections in the society.

Now, to spread the mes-



sage of the need for a nutritionally balanced diet and to help make people understand the importance of access to all local fruits and vegetables, Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr Harsh Vardhan will launch a mission called 'Ahaar Kranti'.

NGT nixes review plea for its order directing removal of illegal constructions

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Green Tribunal has dismissed a plea seeking review of its order directing removal of illegal constructions in south Delhi's Jaunapur and Dera Mandi forest areas.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice A K Goel said direction for removing the encroachment could not be recalled while the issue as to whether the encroachment is there or not is yet to be determined by the statutory authorities.

"Since the tribunal has not undertaken the exercise of determining individual issues and only directed compliance of mandate of law by statutory authorities, if the applicants are aggrieved, they are free to take their appropriate statutory remedies against orders by which they are aggrieved," the bench said.

The NGT had earlier directed the Delhi government to remove illegal constructions in south Delhi's Jaunapur and Dera Mandi forest areas, saying forest laws cannot be defeated by allowing encroachments.

The tribunal had noted the submission that the proposed demolition on August 18, 2020, could not be held due to the non-availability of the police force despite informing them well in advance to depose sufficient police on the date of demolition.

"While it is true that removing such encroachment is a challenge but if the Rule of Law is not to be enforced, we will have a lawless society. Forest laws cannot be defeated by allowing encroachments and thereafter pleading helpless in enforcing the law," the bench had said.

According to the status report filed by the Deputy Commissioner, South District, there are about 5,000 encroachers and 750-800 structures set up illegally over a period of time and about 3000 encroachers are living at another camp.

The tribunal was hearing a plea filed by Delhi resident Anubhav against non-removal of garbage from Military Road, Bapu Nagar side, Karol Bagh.

The petition stated that the garbage pit where the North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) used to collect the garbage is situated in the middle of the residential area and it is causing acute respiratory health problems to the residents of the area.

There is a need for a nutritionally balanced diet also in the context of the current Covid-19 pandemic. A healthy body would be able to handle the infection much better with greater immunity and higher resilience," said a statement from the Science and Technology Ministry.

Vijnana Bharati (Vibha) and Global Indian Scientists' and Technocrats' Forum (GIST) have come together to conceptualize the mission with the motto of Uttam Ahaar Uttam Vichaar ('Good Diet-Good Cognition').

The United Nations has also declared 2021 as the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, which vibes very well with Ahaar Kranti. Fruits and vegetables make a large part of a balanced diet. Further, UN sustainable goal #3 emphasises on human well-being reads, "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages." This goal too makes Ahaar

Kranti more meaningful. Diet and well-being are inseparable partners," said the statement.

India has the unique advantage of having the knowledge of Ayurveda. It is time to also apply this rich knowledge of Ayurveda-based nutrition to practice. The movement will work on this too.

The movement proposes to address the current situation of hunger in abundance by working to rouse the people to the values of India's traditional diet, to the healing powers of local fruits and vegetables, and to the miracles of a balanced diet. It will renew the focus on nutritionally balanced diets replete in locally sourced fruits and vegetables.

The programme will focus on training teachers, who, in turn, will pass on the message to the multitudes of students, and through them to their families and finally the society at large, said the statement.

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Sonia's letter to PM on Covid triggers charge of 'lobbying'

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All who are advocating approval to Pfizer without bridge studies in India as part of a lobby should understand that Indian lives also matter and you cannot bully the Narendra Modi Government."

Sonia in her letter to PM also sought expansion of vaccination based on need and exposure rather than age and GST exemption for life-saving drugs and equipment.

"The numbers allocated to a state has to be based on the prevalence and projection of infection in that particular state. All instruments, medicines and infrastructure required to deal with COVID 19 should be made completely exempt from GST. Even ventilators, oximeters and oxygen cylinders presently attract GST as do key life-saving drugs like Remdesivir and Dexamethazone," the Congress chief mentioned said.

Sonia also batted for a minimum income guarantee scheme saying as states imposed curfews, economic activity would be hit hard impacting the poor and daily wagers the most.

"I appeal to you to put into place the much-needed scheme of minimum monthly guaranteed income in place and transfer an amount of Rs 6,000 in every eligible citizen's account," she said.

Erling in the day former party chief Rahul Gandhi led the party's "Speak up for vaccines" social media campaign asking the PM to "stop exports of vaccines and give vaccines to everyone in need." He also said the PM had said COVID would be controlled in 18 days. "It has been 385 days," he said.

intentions not to respect the long-standing India's maritime claims.

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joining the Quad alliance, CPI National Secretariat in a statement.

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Vice President calls for ending gender discrimination

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Naidu said that India has a rich history of women leaders in every field. Mentioning that the divine feminine was worshipped in the form of 'Shakti' in ancient India, he called for reversing the decline in the values as reflected in widespread discrimination against women in society.

Stressing that spirituality is the basis of all religions, Naidu said that only spiritual knowledge can ensure true peace, unity and harmony in the world. Observing that today's individualistic lifestyle has increased the possibility of conflict with one's social or natural environment, the Vice President said that spirituality unites an individual with his social and natural environment. When such harmony exists, one can contribute positively to society and the world, he said.

Assistant sanitary inspector in CBI net for bribery

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want to give it to MCD officials. The complainant has also alleged that he was, therefore, neither deployed for duty for the last six months nor paid any salary, the agency said.

The Assistant Sanitary Inspector was allegedly demanding a bribe of ₹8,000 from deploying him on duty. Accordingly, the first instalment of a bribe of ₹4,000 was allegedly negotiated, it said.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the Assistant Sanitary Inspector and a temporary staff of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in a bribery case and recovered ₹38 lakh cash from another Sanitary Inspector during search.

A case was registered against an Assistant Sanitary Inspector, MCD, Kishanganj, City SP Zone, New Delhi, Om Pal and was arrested in the case.

The complainant working as temporary staff of MCD since 1998 has alleged that the MCD officials used to take the ATM cards of temporary staff and pay only part of their salary to them, officials said.

It was further alleged that the complainant's ATM card was with him and he did not

SC refuses to entertain plea for uniform retirement age for SC and HC judges

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and V Rama subramanian observed that the petitioner can make a representation to the government on the issue.

Petitioner Ashwini Upadhyay, an advocate and BJP leader, argued that different age of retirements for judges of the high courts and the top court is irrational.

India must withdraw from Quad alliance: CPM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Citing the recent trespass of US Navy ships into Lakshadweep region, CPI on Monday said that India must withdraw from Quad alliance. The Communist party also blamed Modi Government for weak stand on US' arrogance.

"Moreover, the arrogant statement of the Seventh Fleet exposes its

serious concern about the American Seventh Fleet's blatant intrusion into India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters off the coast of Lakshadweep violating international law and the sovereignty of our country.

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response of the Indian government is very weak. It shows once again in the name of strengthening its role in the Indo-Pacific, it became a junior partner to the US and serving the American interests in Indo-Pacific by

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EC fixes April 30 to elect 3 RS members from Kerala

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Consequent to the direction by the Kerala High Court's directive on Monday to hold the biennial election to the Rajya Sabha from the Kerala Legislative Assembly before May 2, the Election Commission of India (ECI) fixed April 30 as the date of polling to elect the three members to the Upper House from the State.

The ECI had announced earlier that the election to the three Rajya Sabha seats falling vacant from the State would be held on April 12 but deferred the election citing the legislative Assembly poll scheduled for April 6.

Justice PV Asha while disposing of the petition filed by Secretary of the Kerala Legislative

Assembly and S Sarma, a CPI(M) leader, challenging the ECI decision to defer the polls to Rajya Sabha said it was for the present House to elect the three members in lieu of the vacancies to be caused by the April 21 retirement of three members.

"It is up to the ECI to fix the schedule of election. But that does not mean that the Commission could fix any date," said Asha.

On April 21, three MPs, Abdul Wahab of Muslim League, Vayalar Ravi of the Congress and KK Ragesh, the CPI(M)'s intellectual face in New Delhi are completing their tenure and retiring from the Upper House.

If only the election is held before May 2, 2021, the CPI(M) could send two of its nominees to Rajya Sabha. The Congress-led UDFF has already announced

that Wahab would be the Front's nominee.

The petitioners asserted that Section 12 of the RPA 1951 envisaged completion of the entire process of election before the actual retirement so as to fill up the seats as soon as the seats became vacant, particularly since Article 83 provided that the council of States is a continuing body.

Judge Asha said that the intention was not to keep the seat unfilled but to complete the process of election before the retirement of the members so as to have the full strength of the members of the Upper House represent the State. A different view is warranted only when there is any law and order situation or any practical impossibility, the judge said.

Will neither impose lockdown, nor let people die in misery, says Yogi

Lucknow: Asking officials to be on their toes to control the exponential spread of Covid-19 disease across the State, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath clarified that neither his Government will impose a lockdown nor let the people die of misery.

"It is the responsibility of the officers to ensure that there is no shortage of hospital beds for the patients. The people should get all facilities and there should be no shortage of essential items in the market," CM said while addressing officials in the meeting here on Monday.

Expressing anger over private hospitals and labs fleecing people by charging more than the prescribed rate, he directed officials to take action against them. He said that nobody will be allowed to take advantage of the helplessness of the people.

"Stop it strictly. Incorrect information will result in harsh action against the guilty," he said and directed officials to take over such hospitals. "Investigation report should not be delayed and this should be communicated to the labs," he said.

He has emphasized on the expansion of lab and testing capabilities. Instructions have been given to increase the test capacity of RTPCR to 70 percent.

He said: "Our priority is to implement an effective strategy to stop the spread of Covid-19. We will have to fight the pandemic vigorously with full preparation as there is no scope for any sort of negligence in this fight."

8 killed, 4 hurt in road accident in J&K's Doda

IANS ■ JAMMU

At least eight passengers were killed and four seriously injured on Monday in a road accident in Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district.

Police sources said a mini bus travelling on the Thathri-Gandola road went out of the driver's control and dropped into Kalnai river 42 Kms from Doda town.

"Eight passengers were killed and 4 seriously injured in this accident. A rescue operation has already started," police said.

The ill-fated mini bus was on its way from Doda to Chilli village.

Meanwhile, an IAF helicopter from Jammu city was pressed into action for the rescue of critically injured passengers, a defence ministry spokesman said.

Authorities are ascertaining the exact number of passengers who were travelling in the mini bus when the accident happened.

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SUV PLANTING-HIRAN MURDER CASES

Mumbai Police suspends Vaze's former colleague API Kazi

TN RAGHUNATHAN ■ MUMBAI

A day after he was arrested by the NIA in connection with the twin explosive laden SUV planting and alleged Mansukh Hiran murder cases, the Mumbai police on Monday suspended Assistant Police Inspector (API) Riyazuddin Kazi, a close associate and colleague of incarcerated police officer Sachin Vaze.

Kazi is the second serving officer from the Mumbai police to have been suspended in the twin sensational cases. API Vaze, who had been arrested on March 13, was later suspended from the Mumbai police force on March 15.

Kazi, who was on Sunday remanded by a holiday court in NIA custody till April 16, was directly working under Vaze, an API heading the Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU) of the

Crime Branch-CID of Mumbai Police. Kazi was shunted out of the CIU last month.

The NIA is looking into Kazi's role in the planning of a Gelatin sticks' laden Scorpio and a threatening letter inside the vehicle, in the vicinity of Mukesh Ambani's 27-storey residence "Antilia" on Carmichael Road in south Mumbai on February 25 and the subsequent alleged murder of Thane businessman Mansukh Huran.

Hiran's body was recovered from the marshy Reti-Bunder creek Mumbra in the neighbouring Thane district on March 5.

The NIA suspects that acting allegedly at the behest of Vaze, Kazi might destroyed evidence in the case and procured fake vehicle number plates number plates.

Sources said that Kazi was

in a CCTV footage recovered by the NIA - was seen entering a number plates shop at Vikhroli in north-east Mumbai. In the footage, he was also seen conversing with the outlet's owner. In addition, he was seen taking away a digital video recorder and a computer from the shop.

Kazi is the fourth accused to be arrested in the SUV planting and the alleged Mansukh Hiran murder cases.

Vaze was the first accused to have been arrested by the NIA which registered an FIR in the explosive-laden SUV recovery case on March 8. Vaze, who was arrested on March 13 in connection with the gelatin sticks-laden Scorpio recovery case, was earlier booked under sections 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) 286 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance), 465 (forgery) 473

(making or possessing counterfeit seal) and 506 -2 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and 4 (a)(b)(i) of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908. He was subsequently booked under sections 16 (Punishment for Terror act) and 18 (Punishment for conspiracy etc) of the stringent Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

Subsequently, Maharashtra's Anti Terrorism — which initially investigated the circumstances leading to the alleged murder of Hiran — on March 21 arrested convicted Mumbai Police constable Vinayak B. Shinde (51) and a cricket bookie Naresh R. Gaur (31) in connection with Hiran's alleged murder. The arrest of Shinde and Gaur came a day after the Union Home Ministry asking the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to

take over the investigations into the murder of Hiran.

Shinde and Gaur are said to be accomplices of Vaze. Shinde is a dismissed policeman, who has been convicted in the case involving the fake encounter of Ramnarayan Gupta alias Lakan Bhaya. Shinde has been on parole.

The investigations by the ATAs have been regular touch with Vaze and helped the latter in his activities.

During the investigations that followed, the NIA seized from Shinde and Gaur two mobile, one iPhone, 7 SIM cards, a blank cover of SIM card, a note with 14 mobile numbers mentioned including 5 in the name of arrested-suspected cop and prime accused Sachin Vaze with 'OK' written (for activation) beside them.

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat High Court on Monday pulled up the State Government for having such a system that put entire control of remdesivir injections under one agency, asking why was the crucial anti-Covid medicine not made available for everybody.

It also suggested that the government set up accountability at every booth level to keep a check on the outbreak.

In wake of the rising number of coronavirus cases in the state and the worsening situation in healthcare facilities, the high court had taken a suo moto cognizance of the issue and filed a PIL, titled 'Uncontrolled upsurge and serious management issues in Covid control', with the Central and state governments made respondents.

The bench of Chief Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Bhagav D Karla, set up to hear the matter, heard Advocate General, Kamal Trivedi, on behalf of the state government and posed a salvo of questions on various fronts due to which the present uncontrolled situation arose.

"Initially, when the pandemic struck last year, people were advised to home quarantine and also get treated at home. Now why have you changed it and insist on hospitalisation? Why are you insisting that remdesivir should only be available at hospitals and not for home patients quarantined who require the injections? Why is it not being available at all the hospitals? Why is it not available for anyone who needs it?"

Controlling these injections by supply from one outsourced agency is not at all in public interest," it said.

Accusing hospitals of exploiting the situation, the court said: "We have come to know that hospitals have refused to admit patients despite having beds available."

The court also noted that "right now it takes 5 to 7 days for a common man to get himself RT-PCR tested. By the time he or she gets results despite having beds available".

"Why is it taking so long? We advise ramping up the testing facilities and centres," it said.

As the court asked the government what steps were taken to ensure the reduction of staff in various offices, the Advocate General said that only the paan shop owners association had come forward and voluntarily had decided to shut down for the weekends.

"Then they are acting with more wisdom and responsibility," the court observed.

The court also stressed that fighting this pandemic was impossible without the cooperation of people, but "the people had lost trust in administration".

"We are not happy with many of the policies of the government and there are some things which need to be corrected. At least people should feel that government is doing something. At present there is a total deficit in trust of people in the administration. That trust should be restored," it maintained.

IANS

Bihar reports 7,225 new Covid cases in last 48 hours

IANS ■ PATNA

In Bihar, 7,225 people tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 48 hours and 12 lost their lives, according to the State Health department officials on Monday.

An official said since the pandemic began last year the overall tally in the State has reached 2,83,229, including 1,610 persons who lost their lives.

He said that 1,053 persons recovered from Covid-19 in the last 24 hours.

The state capital, Patna, is the most affected city in Bihar where infection is hitting the frontline corona warriors.

On Sunday, two doctors and seven medical staff of Patna Medical College and hospital tested Covid positive. On Saturday, two doctors of AIIMS Patna and nine doctors of the PMCH were put in isolation after their Covid-19 reports came positive.

A total of 1,382 infected persons were reported from Patna on Sunday. On Saturday, the health department detected 1,431 patients.

There are 157 patients infected with corona who are admitted in PMCH.

Raj Kumar Bhagat, a resident of Purnea district, who was admitted in the PMCH, died due to the corona infection on Sunday. Besides, a 90-year-old person of Jahanabad named Shiv Yadav also died due to Covid.

Girl who was assumed dead by family, found in jail

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

The girl (Pushplata), whom her family had assumed that she had died anywhere, is unaccounted for the charge of stealing a child and is in the prison here for the past two years. However, the mentally weak, married Pushplata had revealed her maiden address to the police at the time of her arrest.

But the police could not verify that address and sent her to jail and made a report. Now the family of the girl has been discovered by the effort of the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority. The jail authorities have made the girl talk to her father and preparations to meet him soon. The special thing is that due to the treatment given by the jail administration, now her health is quite fine.

Pushplata, daughter of Durgesh Prasad, resident of Bihar was married to Ravirajan of Jharkhand. After marriage, Pushplata and Ravirajan came to Delhi. The couple had a daughter Pari, who is four years old. According to Ravirajan, when Pushplata became pregnant again, she suffered mental illness and disappeared from Delhi in June 2019, 15 days before delivery. On the morning of 28 July 2019, while stealing and carrying away a 6-year-old child Kabir, the people handed over Pushplata to police at Sasnai Gate Bihari Nagar. At that time she was considered pregnant and mentally weak. The police sent her to jail in the case of child theft attempt.

Christian leader's call for Hindu nation jolts Kerala politics

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala's political landscape was in for a jolt late on Sunday evening as PC George — MLA and head of the faction of a Kerala Congress — owing allegiance to the Catholic Church demanded that India be declared a Hindu Republic at the earliest.

"The rulers should understand that the minorities would be able to live here with a sense of security only if India is declared a Hindu Nation. I am speaking this knowing fully well what would be the impact of my words," said George (70), who represents Poonjar Assembly constituency and has been a seven-term member of Kerala Legislative Assembly.

George is seeking re-election from Poonjar for a record eighth time as an independent sans the support of no major players like the CPI(M), the Congress and the BJP. He was in the news recently when cadres belonging to extremist Islamic organisations disrupted his campaign meetings.

What made George to demand the authorities to declare India as a Hindu nation was the increasing number of Love Jihad incidents (wooing of non-Muslim girls by Muslim youth with the promise of marrying them only to dump them later in countries like Syria and Iraq as sex slaves). There were reports and surveys by NGOs like Christian Association for Social Action that found more than 2,000 Christian girls from Kerala ending up as victims of Love Jihad along with Hindu girls.

The Supreme Court said that there was no Love Jihad in India. But I am sure and certain that there is Love Jihad happening all over India. That's why I said that the

Supreme Court was wrong in its observation and assessment. The only way to save India from this predicament is to declare the country as a Hindu Republic," said George.

Addressing a public meeting at Thodupuzha, the senior legislator who wages a one-man army battle against corruption, said he has no complaints against the Muslim religion. But there are some misguided elements in the community who is out to disintegrate India and they are spoiling the reputation and good name of Islam. They have to be isolated and exposed with honour in the country.

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Muslim outfits welcome SC's decision to dismiss plea seeking removal of 26 verses from Quran

IANS ■ DELHI

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6K Remdesivir vials arrive in Pune: Official

IANS ■ PUNE

Pune: Amid a rise in coronavirus cases and clamour for Remdesivir, a key medicine in the treatment of the infection, a batch of 6,000 vials of the drug arrived in Pune on Monday for distribution in hospitals, said district collector Rajesh Deshmukh.

All hospitals have been instructed to strictly follow directives issued by the state health department on prescribing Remdesivir to patients. Deshmukh added.

The batch of 6,000 vials has been distributed in hospitals in proportion to the number of patients each facility has," he said, adding that flying squads have been formed to visit hospitals and pharmacy shops to check any irregularity in the drug's distribution.

The passengers of the car were sitting on the side of the road after their car tyre was punctured near a roadside eatery.

Suddenly a truck came at high speed and ran over the vehicle. The driver apparently lost control over the vehicle. The doctor said the injured have been admitted to the hospital where their treatment is underway. There are two children among the injured persons who have been referred to Sefai, the doctor added.



No golden rule

Armed Forces personnel react differently to different life-threatening situations

There are no golden rules for self-defence except that one has to gauge the gravity of the situation and act accordingly. Whether the security personnel deployed at West Bengal's polling stations would fire below or above the waist — especially as an agitated mob advances towards them — depends upon their threat perception and exigency. Even firing to kill is justified if the situation calls for it and if there are no other practical options. What is uncalled for in a certain situation can be well defensible in another. Recently, what happened in Sitalkuchi, Cooch Behar, is really unfortunate as four lives were lost in firing by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel and no amount of sympathy or compensation can bring them back.



ing about what is required to be done by a professional force under such circumstances and have no idea of how fast things develop on the ground.

It cannot be denied that when an agitated mob of 300-400 people advances towards a polling booth to ransack it or towards the security personnel with an intention of snatching their weapons or even killing them should they put up resistance, the use of mild or medium force can aggravate the situation. In such a situation, the use of means like lathicharge, water cannon, rubber bullets or teargas, instead of acting as a deterrent, can rather act as a provocation to the mob which then can charge the personnel with more ferocity. What would follow is a bloodbath in which the security personnel and common citizens both lose their lives in large numbers. To keep the body count low and to disperse the bloodthirsty mob, there is no practical option but to fire with the intention to kill as only that would act as a deterrent under such circumstances. However, such nitty-gritty and technical knowhow are an integral part of the training of any professional force which is deployed to maintain law and order. Mamata's allegations that the CISF has no experience in controlling mobs are more unfounded than real. However, there should be a thorough inquiry into the incident and those responsible for instigating the violence should not be spared. If the security personnel are at fault, strictest action must be taken against those responsible. But we expect our politicians not to do any further politics on the matter — at least not over the deaths. It's plain shameful.

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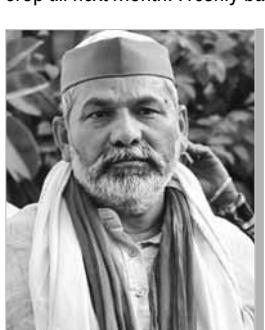
Devotees offer prayers at Har Ki Pauri in Haridwar during the ongoing Kumbh Mela

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Tikait flexes muscles

The farmers have renewed their dialogue call while throwing a challenge to the Haryana CM

It appears that Bharatiya Kisan Union leader and Samyukt Kisan Morcha linchpin Rakesh Tikait has returned to the protest theatre with renewed vigour after his sabbatical, a period he had advised his comrades to utilise harvesting the season's crop till next month. Freshly back after attending to their domestic chores and familial duties, the cultivators sitting on dharna since November 2020 along the Capital's borders already made their presence felt last weekend when they blocked the Ghazipur border in what they said was a "warning to the Government". Thousands among these protesters have come from Haryana, Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh, even though there now is a nationwide wave in support of their cause — the repeal of the three agriculture legislations that, they say, have been enacted to benefit certain corporates. But now, it seems, the farmer leaders have opted to flexing their muscles even though they well realise that no important political decisions at the national level would be taken in earnest till the results



of elections to four States and a Union Territory are declared in early May.

It is in this light that Tikait is taking the fight to Haryana Chief Minister ML Khattar's door by claiming that the latter wouldn't be allowed to enter Badauli village in Panipat, where the Chief Minister is scheduled to be on April 14 for unveiling a statue of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar on the Dalit icon's birth anniversary. The farmer leader alleged that the actual reason for Khattar's visit was to "disturb the amity" among the area's cultivators "as per the BJP's plot". To avoid causing any imagined injury among Babasaheb's followers, Tikait also clarified that the farmers were not against the statue, they were against Khattar. In the same vein, however, ostensibly not to shut down any possible avenue which may lead to a dialogue with the Centre, the farmer leaders have also claimed that they are still willing to talk to the Centre on the three contentious Acts if invited for the same. Their only preconditions remain that the talks should resume where these were discontinued on January 22 and that their demands for total repeal remain unchanged. Well, though it seems like catch-22 without any quick resolution in sight, one would sincerely hope that under no situation would either side resort to any abhorrent step, such as violence.

Nepal staring at political disquiet

The Nepal top court's decision not favouring Oli has come as a surprise and now his political survival hangs by a fine thread

After long political and judicial scuffling in Nepal, its top court in two important verdicts nullified the dissolution of the democratically elected Parliament by the President and termed illegal the 2018 merger of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist Leninist) and the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist Centre) into the Nepal Communist Party (NCP), saying that another party existed with the same name. It means that the UML and the Maoist parties are back to their old selves.

While the reinstatement of the House comes as a big blow to Prime Minister KP Oli, who has emerged as an ultra-nationalist leader, an unexpected verdict on the future of a divided NCP has eventually put a full stop to the power struggle between the party chairs of the erstwhile NCP, Oli and Prachanda.

The verdict is being seen as an extrajudicial effort to save the country from plunging into political instability. Considering Oli's influence over the President's office, the Council of Ministers, Security Council, extraconstitutional bodies and the Press, it was believed that the court would favour Oli and acknowledge his faction as the legitimate NCP. That would have left Prachanda with no option but to form a new faction. Oli's legal team had also believed in a favourable verdict but the actual result has deepened the political crisis. Now, if the Maoists withdraw support, the Government will fall. The Madhesh-based Janata Samajbadi Party might prove to be the kingmaker as it can support the Nepali Congress and the Maoists to form a Government or ally with Oli to give further lease to his premiership.

An expected outcome: The 2018 merger of the two mainstream rivals had generated optimism among the Nepalese people that the new leadership was showing political maturity. However, it was only a matter of political survival for Oli and Prachanda as the former had planned to weaken the



Opposition by bringing archrival Prachanda on board. Prachanda was facing serious corruption cases and the charges of *en masse* killing during the decade-long Maoist movement. Prachanda has gone on record to claim alleged 5,000 killings during the movement. Since Oli was the strongest ally, Prachanda could avoid trials at the UN and the International Court of Justice. Therefore, the merger was a self-serving decision by the duo against the widespread belief that they had shown political maturity in the interest of their people. Hence, the fallout was inevitable.

Blaming and seeking: With the eventual fall, Oli is seeking to mend ties with New Delhi. To reach out to India, he has appeared on a number of Indian news channels to cry foul against former Prime Minister Prachanda, blaming him for dividing the party. The same Oli created his political stronghold through his anti-India manoeuvring and bashing of the Indian media for being unfair towards the "victim" country.

Oli's public relations office and foreign policy advisory group had come fully geared to criticise India on the border

dispute. These offices are now attempting all the tricks to reach out to New Delhi. Also, despite a projected bonhomie with China, Oli is pushing for the supplies of the COVID-19 vaccines from India.

However, testing the trust will be the core of India's new relations with Nepal. On the other hand, Oli's biased approach towards China had come at the cost of substantial economic losses. Also, he signed the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance with Beijing, endangering the lives and rights of 20,000 Tibetan refugees in Nepal. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is an obsession with the current regime despite Sri Lanka's exposé of the Chinese wrongdoings.

While Oli may call it a balancing act between India and China, his actions speak otherwise. The alleged soft funding from China to Oli's political adventures in Nepal through the Madan Bhandari Foundation needs no explanation to assert his bonhomie with the dragon.

Uncertain future: While the politicos do not wish for Nepal to plunge back into insurgency, Oli's authoritarian attitude has cost Nepal dearly.

Politically, democracy is a casualty considering Oli's dream of a one-party rule in Nepal, with no political opponents outside and within the UML.

On the foreign policy front, Nepal, with its vast hydropower potential, can use India's expertise in generating power. A mutually beneficial plan could have paved the way for Nepal's economic growth. However, far from new agreements, Nepal seems to have no plan to revitalise treaties like the Mahakali, signed in 1996 with India, which can generate cooperation between them. Meanwhile, false promises under the BRI and dreams of a trans-Himalayan railway with China have garnered Oli enough political capital.

Oli's aspirations, accompanied by hollow economic and development strategies, will lead Nepal towards an uncertain future which is being watched carefully by the people of Nepal and international actors, including India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TIME TO REDEFINE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

Sir — When Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov visited both New Delhi and Islamabad during his whirlwind tour, the visible and palpable warmth between the two nations at Islamabad was conspicuous by its absence in Delhi. Not mere photo ops, Russia's assurance to Pakistan on supply of highly sophisticated military equipment and the promise to conduct joint military exercise there does not bode well for India's interests. Well, it is not as if all of a sudden Moscow has found a new strategic and military partner in Islamabad. For years, after a considerable period of strong dislike, Russia has built bridges with Pakistan in its own way. But in international relations, what is unsaid often matters more than what is said. Foreign policy is a matter of costs and benefits; no two nations are permanent foes. New Delhi, of course, is not on a slippery slope as far as its military and trade ties with Moscow are concerned.

But international diplomacy is a clever struggle where minds speak more than words. New Delhi's proximity with Washington has not gone unnoticed in Russian diplomatic circles, especially when India has always called Russia an "old friend". Friends have the right to quarrel but if that translates into a fight, then the repercussions are bound to vitiate the atmosphere in the region. As a matter of protocol, a visiting Foreign Minister may or may not call on the Prime Minister of the host country. But PM Narendra Modi is known to rise above formalities. Therefore, tongues wagged when Lavrov left for Islamabad without meeting the PM.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

MAMATA BANERJEE IS LIKE LAKSHMI BAI
Sir — Visuals of an injured Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on a wheelchair leading the fight bring up the memory of Rani Lakshmi Bai, the warrior queen of the princely State of Jhansi, on horseback with a raised sword challenging the mighty British Raj undaunted. Bouquet or brick-

CAPFs inept in handling law & order



ensure a level playing field for all the parties and apply rules uniformly and not selectively. But its decisions that invariably go in favour of the BJP make it look like an arm of the ruling party. The EC has given us reasons to wonder if it follows the dictates of the Government.

It would be disingenuous of the EC to claim that it had not scheduled the polling in eight phases at the BJP's behest to suit its campaign plan. The task of safeguarding democracy is better served by the EC by being party-blind and playing its role impartially. Mahatma Gandhi's teaching is that means should be as fair as the end. But if what the BJP does in West Bengal is anything to go by, for it the end of wresting power from the TMC justifies whatever means it adopts, be it communal polarisation, misuse of institutions, splurge of money or unleashing violence. It is an inversion of truth to say that the BJP adheres to Gandhian non-violence.

G David Milton | Tamil Nadu

bats to Mamata Banerjee depends on which part of the political spectrum one is positioned. Bigotry threatens to disturb communal harmony in the State and change its cherished culture. Like waters from a breached glacial lake, money flows into the State unchecked. The Enforcement Directorate follows every Trinamool leader closely to jump upon him tooth and claw. And the platoons have their fingers on the trigger always to "ruthlessly" enforce "law and order" in West Bengal.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

NEED TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON COVID
Sir — It is unfortunate to note that the scourge of COVID-19 is still continuing worldwide. Right now, there has been unnecessary panic among the people despite all the serious efforts to fight the virus. As a result, my family members

, including my mother, had to cancel their train tickets to Chennai from Tuticorin—most of them have been wearing masks. What exactly is the reason for the current tense situation? Countries have been fighting with the pandemic for more than a year now. In fact, all the healthcare and emergency measures like vaccines, face masks, washing of hands and social distancing have been in place to date. In spite of such strict guidelines, people have started ignoring mandatory things like wearing a mask for unknown reasons, maybe due to their lethargic attitude to the crisis.

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SOUND BITE

I urge everyone to cooperate and follow the COVID protocols and don't rush to hospital unless necessary and go and vaccinate if you are eligible.



Delhi CM

— Arvind Kejriwal

The struggle against Iran and its proxies and Iranian armament is a huge task. The situation exists today is not necessarily the one that will exist tomorrow.

Israeli Prime Minister
— Benjamin Netanyahu



I want to play Hitler as I like the complexity of his character. In *Bhool Bhulaiya 2*, I play a pandit who helps the family when they feel the existence of ghosts.



Actor

— Govind Namdev

It was lovely to watch Priti bat so effortlessly and timing the ball so nicely. He went through a bad patch earlier and has come back as a champion.



Cricketer

— Shikhar Dhawan

It's the collective responsibility of all of us to take COVID seriously. Get your mask on and stay safe.



Telangana's Cabinet Minister

— KT Rama Rao



RISHI GUPTA



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REMEMBERING THE 'GREATEST INDIAN'

Ambedkar did not seek equality only for Dalits but tried to bring all of India under the umbrella of his great ideals



RATTAN LAL KATARIA

A few years ago, a major English TV news channel in the country started a drive to choose the "Greatest Indian" through online and mobile voting. The people of the country chose Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar as the "Greatest Indian." This is Babasaheb's greatest legacy. Unlike other leaders, he is still as relevant in the hearts of crores of Dalits and those who fight for a dignified life for underprivileged Indians, as he was in his time. As the country celebrates the 130th birth anniversary of Babasaheb on April 14, Ambedkar's struggle and values continue to inspire Indians and even the Black community in the US and others fighting discrimination across the globe. Ambedkar was different from other leaders in the sense that he encouraged the underprivileged to get their rights through education and political struggle. Despite all the protests, insults, reproach and neglect, he did not tread the path of violence and never dreamed of destroying the system. Staying within the confines of constitutional commitments, working within the system and changing it from within, were the hallmarks of his struggle.



Babasaheb was not only the principal architect of the Indian Constitution, he firmly believed in the role of constitutional values in keeping the democratic system alive. Education, democratic struggle and unity were the core of his philosophy. He drew the path between socialist philosophy and communism for social justice. After the Round Table Conferences in 1931, the British proposed a separate electorate. When Madan Mohan Malaviya spoke to Babasaheb in this regard and envisaged its wider implications on Hindu society, Ambedkar agreed to have a more consistent reservation system for Dalits in place of a separate electorate. Thus, the historic Poona Pact of 1932 was signed. Ambedkar always fought for social justice and said that the scriptures that approve untouchability needed to be seen in the light of new knowledge. Ambedkar did not seek equality, fraternity and freedom only for the Dalits but also tried to bring the entire Indian society under the umbrella of his great ideals. When Pandit Nehru went back on his promise on the Hindu Code Bill, Ambedkar resigned from the Cabinet. Currently, while there is intense churning on its role in ensuring democracy and social justice on a global scale, Babasaheb has become more relevant than ever.

The values of dialogue, constitutional struggle and constant coordination are now playing an important role in making the present system more effective. Babasaheb had also made similar efforts in the process of nation building. Just as the Government is working to re-establish India as the "Vishwa Guru", Ambedkar, too, constantly strived for a global stature for Bharat. He was opposed to the prominence of competitive allegiance of religion, culture, caste and language. He believed that this made it difficult to cultivate Indianess and loyalty to India. He said, "I want people to be Indian first and to be Indian till the end, nothing but Indian."

Following in his footsteps, the Centre is not only ensuring social justice, but is also striving to bring the underprivileged into the mainstream through economic empowerment. 'Start-up India', 'Stand-up India', the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation and scholarships for secondary and higher studies, are all efforts in this direction. On April 14, the whole world will salute Babasaheb, the true son of the nation, and his contribution towards nation building will be remembered. However, the younger generation must not only follow Babasaheb's ideals on his birth anniversary but every moment of their life.

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Nix sovereign guarantee clause for the NaBFID

To bail out an entity majority-owned and controlled by private parties using the taxpayers' funds is a bad idea

In her Budget speech, Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman had proposed setting up of a new Development Financial Institution (DFI) termed the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID). The Government passed a Bill to establish the NaBFID, its objective being "to coordinate with the Centre and States, regulators, financial institutions (FIs), institutional investors and other relevant stakeholders, in India or outside India, to facilitate building and improving the relevant institutions to support the development of long-term non-recourse infrastructure financing in India, including the domestic bonds and derivatives markets."

The NaBFID will also be involved "in lending or investing, directly or indirectly, and seek to attract investments from private sector investors and institutional investors, in infrastructure projects located in or outside India." It will also help provide financing options for projects under the much-trumpeted National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP). Under the NIP, the Union Government has identified over 7,000 projects in all crucial sectors such as roads, highways, railways, ports, power transmission lines, gas pipelines and so on, requiring an investment of over ₹100 lakh crore over the next five years.

The Government will infuse ₹20,000 crore in NaBFID as budgetary support which will be leveraged to generate a financing capability of over ₹3,00,000 crore. This is peanuts when compared to the mammoth requirement of around ₹90 lakh crore (excluding about ₹10 lakh crore: ₹4,39,000 crore spent during 2020-21, plus a planned spending of ₹5,54,000 crore for 2021-22). But the moot question is whether the new DFI is a sustainable proposition?

This is not the first time that the idea of a DFI has been floated. The first such institution, namely the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI), was set up in 1948, followed by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) in 1964. In the private sector, the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) was set up in 1955. This was in sync with the global trend in Europe, Japan, the US and other Asian countries where the DFIs were set up primarily to rebuild infrastructure devastated by World War II. After the task was completed, those institutions were wound up. In India, how far these institutions (IDBI/IFCI) helped in building infrastructure is debatable. However, one thing is abundantly clear; they became a drain on the national exchequer through a variety of supports such as Government guarantees, capital commitments including from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) along with direct and indirect financing by the latter to meet their needs.

In the 90s, the Narasimham/Khan committees recommended — as part of the financial reforms package — their gradual phase-out. They were either required to transform into banks or close if they couldn't.

The panels also recommended the development of domestic bonds and derivatives markets to galvanise investors to deploy their savings for long-term financing infrastructure projects. As a follow up, the then Vajpayee Government converted the IDBI into a commercial bank in 2003. The promoters of ICICI did this much earlier in 1994 by converting the institution into the ICICI Bank. However, the other most

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crucial recommendation remained unattended. In the absence of sustainable arrangements for channelising household savings for long-term investment (a bank's source of capital is primarily short-term deposits resulting in what is termed as asset-liability mismatch), currently much of infrastructure financing is done by the Government of India (GOI) by way of budgetary support.

The GOI, in turn, raises resources — albeit for providing budgetary support — by imposing cesses, fees and other levies such as the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF), the Permanent Bridge Fees Fund (PBFF) and monetisation of the National Highways Fund (NHF). For instance, during 2020-21, out of the ₹42,500 crore allocated to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for executing roads and highways projects, the contribution of the above-mentioned funds was 49 per cent, 27 per cent and 24 per cent respectively.

In this backdrop, and with the present arrangement meeting only a small portion of the mammoth funding needs (₹100 lakh crore under the NIP), setting up of dedicated institutions such as the NaBFID *prima facie* appears to be an attractive proposition. In fact, the Modi Government wants to use the NaBFID as an anchor DFI.

To begin with, the NaBFID will be 100 per cent owned by the GOI, with equity capital coming by way of budgetary support. Over a period of time, the latter will reduce its shareholding to 26 per cent, implying that the majority ownership and control



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NaBFID having to furnish to the GOI and the RBI a copy of its balance sheet and accounts, together with a copy of the auditor's report and a report of its working during the relevant year, within four months from the date on which its accounts were closed and balanced" does not inspire confidence.

The proposed structure of the new DFI points towards the Government going for a hands-off approach as the Act does not provide for an oversight mechanism; it will be free from the "three Cs" i.e. the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Central Vigilance Commission and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India. In fact, it goes a step forward by seeking to protect the management for the decisions taken as an "act of good faith." Up to this point, things are hunky-dory.

However, problems begin to creep when we look at this: "The Act empowers the GOI to extend sovereign guarantee in case of a default." The guarantees cover a wide range like any liabilities of its own subsidiaries, joint ventures, branches and other similar arrangements; letters of comfort, or letters of credit for loans or bonds and debentures issued by any DFI funding infrastructure projects in India; and guarantee of the NaBFID's bonds, debentures, loans and borrowings from multilateral institutions, sovereign wealth funds (SWFs), and other foreign institutions. To bail out an entity majority-owned and controlled by private parties using the taxpayers' funds is a bad idea.

The Act also provides for the NaBFID to be a drain on the exchequer just as the erstwhile IDBI. The GOI will be 100 per cent owned by the GOI, with equity capital coming by way of budgetary support. Over a period of time, the latter will reduce its shareholding to 26 per cent, implying that the majority ownership and control

On the other hand, if these prerequisites are lacking, resulting in shortfall in cash flows, then even the offer of sovereign guarantee won't provide much comfort even as the NaBFID, too, will end up being a drain on the exchequer just as the erstwhile IDBI.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THIS IS GENOCIDE. I HAVE SEEN THE PICTURES. THE CENTRAL FORCES HAD SIMPLY SPRAYED THE BULLETS INSTEAD OF AIMING AT THE LEGS.

—WEST BENGAL CM
MAMATA BANERJEE



EVERY DEATH IS SAD BUT WHY IS IT THAT MAMATA DIDI HAS TO PLAY POLITICS OF APPEASEMENT WITH EVERY DEATH?

—UNION HOME MINISTER
AMIT SHAH



The fact is that all the political parties have realised that COVID-19 has become a long-term game and they cannot simply sit and not play politics over it. So, everything, right from the approval of the vaccines to allocation to the States, is being politicised.

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ly the promise of vaccine availability made to the people in poll-bound States by the ruling party.

It is a time of reckoning for the State Governments and all political parties. Recently, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, while addressing the CMs of Congress-led States, asked them to prioritise COVID-19 containment. She also accused the Modi Government of "mismanaging the pandemic situation by allowing the export of vaccines resulting in vaccine shortage" in India.

She said: "As the principal Opposition party, it is our responsibility to raise issues and push the Government to move away from PR tactics and act in the interest of the people."

The current wave of infections will test the country's health infrastructure and

appropriate time to question "who" and "why" with respect to the mishandling of the crisis. The real question is what the Centre and State Governments have done during the pandemic and what they can do to contain the second wave. The Opposition must understand that it should be more vigilant, active, public-spirited and courageous.

The Opposition parties should play their role as an institutional watchdog and develop credible policy alternatives instead of blaming the Government. The Modi Government should be transparent in distributing the vaccines and in addressing the concerns of the CMs of the Opposition-ruled States. All the sides should realise that this is an unprecedented crisis, and playing politics will not help.

Playing politics over vaccines will not help the cause

The Opposition should develop credible policy alternatives instead of blaming the Govt, and the Centre must be transparent in distribution of the COVID shots



KALYANI SHANKAR

Should political parties play politics over COVID-19? That is what is happening over the delivery of vaccines in the last few days. It has resulted in a fight between the Opposition-ruled States and the Centre for more doses of the coveted jabs as the former and the latter have accused each other of "discrimination" and "neglect" respectively.

When COVID-19 hit the country in January 2020, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi took the Chief Ministers (CMs) and even the public on board about how to effectively deal with the situation. He held several meetings with the CMs and consulted and guided the States, promising them of all possible help. They worked in tandem.

The pandemic helped the Governments focus on the

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deteriorating healthcare system, lack of hospitals and facilities, inadequate social protection, the need for more funds for the health sector, health insurance and so on. Both the PM and the CMs needed each other and leaned on each other to tackle the enormous medical emergency.

However, both were looking at an electorate and their position at the end of their terms. Therefore, it became an individual race for every one of them. However, whether the Government mishandled the lockdown last year came into question. Still, the lockdown itself did not turn into a political issue. Even the Opposition parties could not go beyond a point to criticise the Modi Government.

Now, after one year, with the pandemic running into its

second wave, politics seems to have taken over. When things go wrong, it is politics that comes to the fore.

Now, there are vaccine shortages and there was an obvious miscalculation on the part of the authorities. If something goes wrong, the Centre blames the States while the States blame the Centre for not delivering the required doses of vaccines. The demand pertaining to the shots has also gone up. The initial response from the public was one of "wait and watch", but now there is a clamour for vaccines as India became the second worst-hit in the world.

While the BJP touts Modi as the saviour of the people and lauds his efforts in handling the pandemic, the CMs of the non-BJP ruled States are now alleging that they are getting a stepmotherly treat-

ment. The fact is that all the political parties have realised that COVID-19 has become a long-term game and they cannot simply sit and not play politics over it. So, everything, right from the approval of the vaccines to allocation to the States, is being politicised.

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improvements in it since last year. Maharashtra was the worst-hit State during both the significant surges of COVID-19 cases. As of April 8, almost 24 million doses were in stock and another 19 million were in the pipeline. Some 3.35 million doses have been administered on an everyday basis, according to data made available by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

The second wave came when people started celebrating the success with respect to effectively tackling the first wave. The period also coincided with the Assembly elections in five States and mega religious events like the Kumbh Mela. On March 7, Health Minister Harsh Vardhan even declared that "we are in the endgame of the COVID-19 pandemic."

However, this is not the

Iran blames Israel for Natanz incident

AP ■ DUBAI

Iran blamed Israel on Monday for a sabotage attack on its underground Natanz nuclear facility that damaged its centrifuges, an assault that imperils ongoing talks over Tehran's tattered nuclear deal and brings a shadow war between the two countries into the light.

Israel has not claimed responsibility for the attack. It rarely does for operations carried out by its secret military units or its Mossad intelligence agency. However, Israeli media widely reported that the country had orchestrated a devastating cyberattack that caused a blackout at the nuclear facility.

While the nature of the attack and the extent of the damage at Natanz remains unclear, a former Iranian official said the assault set off a fire while a spokesman mentioned a "possible minor explosion."

The attack also further strains relations between the U.S., which under President Joe Biden is now negotiating in Vienna to re-enter the nuclear accord, and Israel, whose Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to stop the deal at all costs.



Netanyahu met Monday with U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, whose arrival in Israel coincided with the first word of the attack. The two spoke briefly to journalists but took no questions.

"My policy as prime minister of Israel is clear: I will never allow Iran to obtain the nuclear capability to carry out its genocidal goal of eliminating Israel," Netanyahu said. "And Israel will continue to defend itself against Iran's aggression and terrorism."

In a statement, the White House said it was aware of the Natanz attack and that "the U.S. Was not involved in any manner," without elaborating.

Lebanon extends area claimed in border dispute with Israel

AP ■ BEIRUT (LEBANON)

Lebanon's outgoing minister of public works said Monday that he has signed a decree that would increase the area claimed by the Mediterranean country in a maritime border dispute with Israel.

Public Works Minister Michel Najjar told reporters that he has signed an amendment of the decree that would

White House issuing reports on states' infra needs

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden White House is amplifying the push for its \$2.3 trillion infrastructure package with the release of state-by-state breakdowns that show the dire shape of roads, bridges, the power grid and housing affordability.

The figures in the state summaries, obtained by The Associated Press, paint a decidedly bleak outlook for the world's largest economy after years of repairs being deferred and delayed. They suggest that too much infrastructure is unsafe for vehicles at any speed, while highlighting the costs of extreme weather events that have become more frequent with climate change as well as dead spots for broadband and a dearth of child care options.

President Joe Biden is scheduled to meet Monday afternoon with Republican and Democratic lawmakers and can use the state summaries to show that his plan would help meet the needs of their constituents.

Drawn from an array of private and public data, the reports show there are 7,300 miles (11,748 kilometers) of highway in Michigan alone that are in poor condition. Damaged streets in North Carolina impose an average yearly cost of \$500 on motorists. Iowa has 4,571 bridges in need of repair.

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COVID LOCKDOWN EASES IN ENGLAND

'Behave responsibly', urges Boris

PTI ■ LONDON

Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged people to continue to "behave responsibly" as shops, hairdressers, restaurants, pubs and gyms reopen their doors on Monday in the latest stage of the coronavirus lockdown easing in England.

People were seen queuing overnight outside some clothing stores and also some pubs and restaurants, which are now allowed to serve customers outdoors. Social mixing indoors remains heavily restricted and people are still expected to work from home where possible to minimise the amount they have to commute.

"I'm sure it will be a huge relief for those business owners who have been closed for so long, and for everyone else it's



Customers sit outside a restaurant in Liverpool on Monday

AP session for tributes to the late Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away on Friday.

also urged people to exercise caution as it prepared to enhance patrols in busy areas of London.

"The Met is ready to welcome back people to the streets of London. We will be stepping up our patrols to busy high footfall areas, to look out for everyone's safety and to disrupt any criminal activity," said Deputy Assistant Commissioner Jane Connors, the Met Police's lead for Covid-19 response.

"Of course, where we need to take action against those who dangerously flout the rules we will do. While the case rate has declined in London, we have seen the concerning position in northern Europe. It is important that we all stick to the rules so further lockdowns, or restrictions, are avoided," she said.

The Metropolitan Police

a chance to get back to doing some of the things we love and have missed," Johnson said.

"I urge everyone to continue to behave responsibly and remember 'hands, face, space and fresh air' to suppress

Covid as we push on with our vaccination programme," he said. According to some media reports, the UK PM will be among some of the first in line to get his haircut ahead of a special House of Commons

Small but quick: Bhutan vaccinates 93% of adults

Thimpu: When plotted on a graph, the curve of Bhutan's Covid-19 vaccination drive shoots upwards from the very first day, crossing Israel, United States, Bahrain and other countries known for vaccinating people rapidly.

Those countries took months to reach where they are, painstakingly strengthening their vaccination campaigns in the face of rising coronavirus cases. But the story of Bhutan's vaccination campaign is nearly finished — just 16 days after it began.

The tiny Himalayan kingdom wedged between India and China has vaccinated nearly 93 per cent of its adult population since March 27. Overall,

the country has vaccinated 62 per cent of its 800,000 people. The rapid rollout of the vaccine puts the tiny nation just behind Seychelles, which has given jabs to 66 per cent of its population of nearly 100,000 people. Its small population helped Bhutan move fast, but its success has also been attributed to its dedicated citizen volunteers, known as "desaus," and established cold chain storage used during earlier vaccination drives.

Bhutan received its first 150,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine from neighbouring India in January, but the shots were distributed beginning in late March to coincide with auspicious dates in Buddhist astrology. AP

Germany aims to unify restrictions

Berlin: The German government aims to agree on a bill Tuesday that would shift more powers from state to federal authorities to set pandemic restrictions.

The country's decentralised political system has resulted in an often confusing patchwork of rules and regulations to reduce coronavirus infections in Germany's 16 states.

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Chilly weather doesn't dampen UK joy at lockdown easing

AP ■ LONDON

People across Britain flocked to shed shaggy locks and browse for clothes, books and other "non-essential" items as shops, gyms, hairdressers, restaurant patios and beer gardens reopened Monday after months of lockdown.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged people to "behave responsibly" as the country that has had Europe's deadliest coronavirus outbreak took a big step on its roadmap toward a resumption of normal life.

Monday brought the easing of

restrictions in place in England since early January to suppress a surge in infections linked to a more transmissible new virus variant first identified in the southeast of the country.

Long lines formed outside some stores, including a branch of Nike Town on London's busy Oxford Street, and pubs and restaurants with outdoor space reported a flood of bookings.

Helen Dickinson, chief executive of the British Retail Consortium, said businesses that have endured months of enforced closure were "excited and desperate" to welcome customers back.

Muslims navigate restrictions in the 2nd pandemic Ramadan

AP ■ BROOKLYN CENTER, MINN.

A Black man died after being shot by police in a Minneapolis suburb during a traffic stop and crashing his car several blocks away, sparking violent protests that lasted into the early hours Monday as officers in riot gear clashed with demonstrators and the man's mother called for calm.

The man was identified by family as 20-year-old Daunte Wright, and he died Sunday in a metropolitan area already on edge and midway through the trial of the first of four police officers charged in George Floyd's death. Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz tweeted he was praying for Wright's family "as our state mourns another life of a Black man taken by law enforcement.

Ramadan, which begins this week, comes as much of the world has been hit by an intense new coronavirus wave. For many Muslims navigating restrictions, that means hopes of a better Ramadan than last year have been dashed with the surge in infection rates though regulations vary in different countries. AP

Daunte Wright death in Minnesota traffic stop sparks unrest

AP

A man stands atop a police car after throwing a brick at the windshield near the site of a shooting involving a police officer on Sunday

Remain watchful of evolving situation: RBI Govt to banks

PTI ■ MUMBAI

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Monday asked banks to remain watchful of the evolving situation and emphasised the importance of credit flow to sustain the nascent economic recovery amid rising coronavirus cases.

In his meeting with MD/CEOs of public sector banks and select private sector lenders, Das also highlighted the recent policy measures taken by RBI to further support the ongoing recovery while preserving financial stability, the central bank said in a statement.

Das touched upon the

importance of credit flows in sustaining the nascent economic recovery and advised banks to remain watchful of the evolving situation and continue taking measures proactively for maintaining their business continuity, sharpening business strategies and raising adequate capital for strengthening balance sheets.

He also emphasised the need for banks to maintain a close vigil on the payments and other IT systems operated by banks and fortifying those for enhanced efficiency and resilience so as to offer seamless and uninterrupted customer service," RBI said.

Among other matters,

progress in the implementation of COVID Resolution Framework, outlook on stress assets and capital augmentation came up for discussion.

The liquidity scenario and monetary transmission, and credit flows to different sectors, including MSMEs, and retail, were also discussed during the meeting held through video-conferencing.

Deputy Governors M K Jain, M Rajeswar Rao and a few other senior officials of RBI also attended the meetings.

There are concerns that surging coronavirus cases and resulting localised restrictions might hamper cash flow and result in stressed assets.

Industrial production contracts 3.6% in Feb

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

However, power generation grew marginally by 0.1 per cent in the month under review.

The index had grown by 5.2 per cent in February 2020. The industrial production had plunged 18.7 per cent in March last year following the COVID-19 outbreak and remained in the negative zone till August 2020.

The manufacturing sector -- which constitutes 77.63 per cent of the index of industrial production (IIP) -- declined by 3.7 per cent in February 2021, as per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

The mining sector output declined by 5.5 per cent in February 2021.

Sebi norms on reporting formats for mutual funds

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Capital markets watchdog Sebi on Monday came out with fresh guidelines on reporting formats for mutual funds.

The formats for the reports to be submitted by asset management companies (AMCs) to trustees, by AMCs to Sebi and by trustees to the regulator have been revised on the basis of consultation from the industry.

For schemes which have been wound up, Sebi said details of payout should be provided by an AMC to the trustees on a bi-monthly basis and half-yearly basis would be discontinued.

The contents of both these reports have been incorporated in the quarterly report by AMCs to trustees, it added.

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funds, Sebi said such report must contain details of number of live schemes as on last day of the quarter-end, schemes launched during the period including schemes which were launched but could not be constituted, details of existing schemes matured or wound up as well as schemes merged during the quarter.

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₹ plunges to 9-month low of 75.05 against \$

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee fell for the sixth straight session to mark its lowest level in nearly nine months at 75.05 against the American currency on Monday as investors fretted over the prospects of lockdown in some parts of the country amid continuous rise in Covid-19 cases.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee settled 32 paise lower against the greenback as weak domestic equities, rising crude oil prices and foreign fund outflows also weighed on sentiment.

The local unit opened at 74.97 against the greenback and traded in the range of 74.78 to 75.14 during the day.

DoT extends network gear purchase restriction to satellite services

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Companies providing satellite connectivity services through gateway set-up in India will have to install network equipment as recommended by the Government, according to new norms issued by the Department of Telecom (DoT). At present, only BSNL has installed a satellite gateway through which it provides satellite-based communication services to authorised agencies like security forces, oil companies etc.

As per the new norms, National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC) will be the designated authority that can impose conditions for the procurement of telecom equipment on the grounds of "Defence of India" or matters directly related to national security.

DoT had already announced similar restrictions on telecom operators as well as internet service providers last

month. In pursuance of condition 5.1, chapter 1 the licensor hereby amends the provision and operation of satellite-based services using gateway installed in India under "sui generis" licence agreement..." DoT said in the amendment to the licence agreement for procurement of telecom equipment on Monday.

The amendment was done on March 11 but updated on DoT website on Monday.

As per the new norms, with effect from June 15, such satellite service operators will be required to take permission from NCSC for upgradation of existing networks, utilising the telecom equipment not designated as trusted products.

The amendment is in line with the National Security Directive on Telecommunication Sector which mandates all telecom service providers to install equipment from only government-approved vendors and sources.

China opens 5G signal station at world's highest radar location near Tibet border

PTI ■ BEIJING

China has opened a 5G signal base at the Ganbalu radar station in the remote Himalayan region of Tibet which is the world's highest manually operated radar station at an elevation of 5,374 meters, the Chinese military's official website reported on Monday.

The mountain is located in Nagarze County in Tibet which is in the vicinity of borders with India and Bhutan.

At the end of last year, the People's Liberation Army started to coordinate with civilian enterprises to launch 5G base station construction in Ganbalu

Online appointment must to visit DDA

It has been decided that general public can visit DDA Vikas Sadan only through prior online appointment from Directors of all departments and Dy. Directors of Land Disposal and Housing Departments during public hearing hours. (Monday & Thursday: 2:30PM to 4:30PM). For ease of general public Online appointment system has been developed and made operational.

Link and steps for booking of online appointment is available on DDA website under Online Public Service section.

URL for the online appointment system: <https://citizenservices.dda.org.in/>

HFCs likely to witness growth of 8-10% in FY22: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With demand for housing loans picking up during the last two quarters of fiscal 2020-21, housing finance companies (HFCs) are likely to witness a growth rate of 6-8 per cent during the year and 8-10 per cent in FY2021-22, says a report.

The on-book portfolio growth moderated for HFCs in the first nine months of FY2021 (compared to March 2020) to 4.3 per cent (excluding the portfolio of one large player, which had sizeable write-offs) from portfolio growth of 6 per cent (Y-o-Y) in FY2020.

Icra Ratings in a report said with revival in demand for

housing credit in the industry in the last two quarters, most of the HFCs have already reached near pre-Covid level disbursements and are targeting to achieve further higher disbursements in Q4 FY2021.

"This is expected to push up the growth rate for FY2021 to 6-8 per cent. Thereafter, we estimate the growth of 8-10 per cent for on-book portfolio of HFCs in FY2022," the agency said.

According to Icra's vice president and sector head Sachin Sachdeva, given the cash flow stress faced by the borrowers, the overdues of HFCs have increased in the first nine months of FY2021 as reflected by proforma GNPs said.

Notwithstanding the improvement in business in the last two quarters of FY2021, relatively lower business growth than the earlier years, and asset quality pressures would moderate the profitability for the HFCs in FY2021, Sachdeva said.

Dr Reddy's shares jump 5 per cent

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Shares of Dr Reddy's Laboratories on Monday jumped 5 per cent after an expert panel approved emergency use of Russia's Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V in India, with certain conditions.

In September last year, the company had partnered with

the Russian

Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) to conduct clinical trials of Sputnik V and for its distribution rights in India.

The stock gained 4.83 per cent to close at Rs 4,989.20 on the BSE. During the day, it zoomed 7.57 per cent to Rs 5,119.90.

On the National Stock

Exchange (NSE), it rose 4.97 per cent to close at Rs 4,996.95.

It was the biggest gainer on both the indices.

The company's market valuation gained Rs 3,817.36 crore to Rs 82,966.36 crore on the BSE. An expert panel of India's central drug authority has recommended granting approval to Russian COVID-19 vaccine

Sputnik V for emergency use in the country with certain conditions, sources said. The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) on Monday took up the application of Dr Reddy's Laboratories seeking emergency use authorisation for Sputnik V.

MG George Muthoot Cancer Centre" in Kerala comes forward for Cancer treatment of lesser privileged

MG George Muthoot (1949-2021), Group Chairman of The Muthoot Group of Companies spent all his life relentlessly striving to ensure that millions of marginalised people across the length and breadth of our country benefited from

Financial Inclusion. His unparalleled philanthropic and CSR initiatives coupled with hugely popular and affordable products & services provided countless Indians with the benefits of a formal financial system, transforming their dreams into productive reality.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male was found from Gali No. 9, Pradhan Colony, Singhvi Border Road, Narela Delhi due to falling from balcony on 25.03.2021 and admitted in Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi. During treatment doctor declare him dead on 27.03.2021. In this regard a DD No. 10A, dated 27.03.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi. The description of the dead body is given as under:

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 35-40 years, Height: 5'5" Wearing: Yellow and Maroon Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour undergarments and barefooted.

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

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Fax : 011-24368639
DP/767/OD/2021

SHO

P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710
DP/964/ON/2021

S.H.O
P.S. Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27280435, 27282350

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Ravishankar, S/o Late Sh. Kishan, R/o H. No. 403/3, Chand Nagar, Subash, Nagar, Delhi, **Age: 62 years, Height : 5'4", Face: Oval, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Red Coat Pant, Cream Colour Shirt and Red Shoes in his feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar, West Delhi since 15.03.2021. In this regard a DD NO. 34A dated 16.03.2021 has been registered at PS Paschim Vihar, West Delhi.**

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

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DP/766/OD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely Neha, W/o Avinash, R/o RZE-146, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi, **Age : 26 years, Height : 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar since 06.03.2021. In this regard a Vide DD No. 183A dated 06.03.2021 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.**

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

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General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo). Namely: NB. SUB. Shashi Bhushan Verma /o/ Shri Raj Gir Singh R/o 505, Army Base Workshop, C/o 56 APD, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi has been missing from 505, Army Base Workshop, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi since 31.03.2021. In this regard a GD No. 454 dated 02.04.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Naraina, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Age: 41 years, Height: 5'9", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black colour Army dress and black colour shoes in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Naraina, New Delhi at E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641

P.S. Naraina, New Delhi

West Distt., Delhi

Fax No. 011-24368639 Ph. No. 011-25891181, 25892010, 8750871122, 9718838396

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Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Alam, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Sex: Male, Face: Round, Built: Medium, ID Mark: Old scar mark between both eyebrows. Wearing : Purple colour shirt, coca cola colour pant, yellow and red colour linerad towel bare foot was found at opposite shop no 3018, Gali No. 1, Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, Delhi for 72 hours.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

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

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Look out for tremors



World Parkinson's Day is celebrated on April 11 in the memory of Dr James Parkinson's birthday. It was in 1817, in a landmark essay, *Essay on the Shaking Palsy* based on the observations of six patients, he described the cardinal signs of Parkinson's disease, which included, posture, festination of gait and tremors. More than later 200 years the Parkinson's disease remains a clinical diagnosis based on the physician's observation of the symptoms of the patient.

Early signs and symptoms: The most common early symptom of Parkinson's disease is tremors. The typical Parkinsonian tremors are called pill rolling tremor, it looks like as if the person is rolling pills. The most important characteristics of these tremors are that they are asymmetric, and usually start on one side and are suppressed during actions. For example, if the patient wants to drink a cup of tea the tremor will stop while drinking but as soon as he puts down the cup, and the hand starts to rest, the tremor will start. The other common presenting symptom is slowness. Many patients complain that their hand has become slow or the range of the hand movement has decreased. This leads them to seek opinion from Orthopaedic doctors where the diagnosis gets little delayed.

The third common symptom again associated with tremors and slowness is the change in handwriting. It is not surprising for many patients to be diagnosed with Parkinson's disease following change in handwriting.

The typical change in handwriting is that when they start to write, the letters are legible and of proper height but as the sentence progresses, they continue to decrease in the height, and they become illegible. In medical terminology we call this micrographia.

Some patients present with alteration in the gait. This is a more common feature in Parkinson Disease affecting patients above 60 years of age. There gait becomes slow and shuffling. Many times, this gets attributed to old age and hence there is a delay in the diagnosis.

Once again, the clue here is asymmetry, one leg becomes slower than the other. It looks like the patient has developed a mild paralysis and is dragging his feet. Another form of gait difficulty is freezing. Where the legs stick to the ground and it is difficult for patient to move forward. This is more pronounced when the patient walks through narrow corridors or in a crowded space. Occasionally if the gait disturbances is not detected early and diagnosed correctly leads to falls and many patients present with falls, however, falls are not the first symptoms of Parkinson disease and if patient is suffering from falls than either he is an advanced Parkinson's disease patient or is suffering from some other disorders.

The third symptom that James Parkinson's described was stooped posture. Usually, this is also attributed to old age, if it occurs in elderly. The change in the posture comes little later. Some of the subtle symptoms of Parkinson disease that can get unnoticed are unexplained constipation, sleep disorders, lack of smell, mask-like face and speech disturbances. Many of these appear much before even the tremor begins.

Parkinson's is more commonly seen in elderly patients above 60 years of age. However, a small percentage of patients present below the age of 40 years. These patients are known as young onset Parkinson's disease. A very small percentage of patients can get this disease below the age of 20 years and this is called Juvenile Parkinson's disease.

The diagnosis essentially still remains clinical. When there is a doubt about the diagnosis, specialised investigations like MRI or SPECT scans are performed to exclude other pathologies.

SUMMER COOLERS

WATERMELON: Come summers, and watermelon makes it to your priority list. A refreshing and low calories summer fruit, it makes watermelon all the more important to have in the season.

It is made up of around 90 per cent water, which makes the fruit useful for staying hydrated. It can also satisfy a sweet tooth with its natural sugars.

It also contains antioxidants. These substances can help remove molecules known as free radicals, or reactive

species, from the body. The body produces free radicals during natural processes, such as metabolism. They can also develop through smoking, air pollution, stress, and other environmental pressures.

The high water content in watermelon and the other nutrients help promote a healthy gut by preventing constipation and promoting regularity of bowel movements.

Watermelon juice may also reduce muscle soreness and improve recovery time following exercise in athletes.

The juice of coriander



VACCINE STILL BEST BET

The growing cases of COVID-19, with people who have been fully vaccinated also testing positive, has raised an alarm. MUSBA HASHMI speaks with doctors who talk about the reasons behind it and why it is still the best option

Soon after the reports of doctors getting COVID positive even after receiving both the vaccine shots made headlines, the efficacy of the vaccine came under question. With people wondering why to get vaccinated if one can anyway get infected with Coronavirus, doctors believe it is still the best bet.

"It is not correct to think that getting vaccinated will prevent one from catching the infection. A fully vaccinated person can still be infected but the viral load of such a person will be far less than someone who is not vaccinated or partially vaccinated. The antibodies produced by the vaccine helps in fighting off the virus, which in turn, reduces the chances of that person transmitting the virus to other people," Dr Deepak Verma, Internal Medicine, Columbia Asia Hospital, Ghaziabad, tells you.

There are reports that not administering the jab at the right spot can be one of the reasons of a person catching the virus, however, Dr Verma dismisses all these facts.

"The vaccines approved for use in India are intramuscular in nature and a vaccinated person getting COVID has got nothing to do with how a vaccine is administered — there is no evidence so far that a wrong way of administering a vac-

cine can affect its efficacy; however, it can increase pain, swelling and reduce the range of motion in that area," he says.

Dr Arunesh Kumar, Senior Consultant & Head Respiratory Medicine/Pulmonology, Paras Hospital agrees with Verma and tells you that there is yet no vaccine that guarantees 100 per cent protection against the corona virus.

"Even if you are vaccinated, you must follow the safety rules suggested by doctors. Vaccination is a must to reduce the transmission rate and thus everyone must get it. Even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, we must continue taking all precautions like the use of face cover or masks, hand sanitisation and maintain distancing. These behaviours must be followed both at the session site and in general. Vaccination reduces the severity of disease and reduce the transmissibility of virus," he explains.

However, the rising concerns may raise doubts in the mind of the people about getting vaccinated. But, experts say this is not the way out.

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getting the vaccination done, one must follow all the safety precautions that are laid out by the Government. Becoming complacent is one of the major reasons of people catching the infection even after the getting the jab," Dr Verma tells you.

Dr Satish Kaul, HOD and Director, Internal medicine, Narayana Hospital, Gurugram, says that vaccines are surely safe if doses are taken within prescribed time that too with all required precautions.

"We need to understand that vaccine basically provides protection from the severity of the disease; it saves us from getting chronically sick. It potentially saves us practically from ICU, ventilators and oxygen support, it helps to weaken the mechanism of disease in human body. Hence, vaccine beneficiaries are supposed to continue wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and COVID appropriate behaviour even after getting vaccinated," he suggests.

Also after taking second dose be extra cautious for at least two weeks, follow all precautionary measures. "Experts believe that one has to not get infected for at least two weeks after getting the second dose in order for the vaccine to be effective. Hence, these two weeks are the most crucial," Kaul adds.

BOND FOR LIFE

National Safe Motherhood Day was on April 11. To mark the occasion, DR NEHA KHANDELWAL tells you all about motherhood

■ What are the appropriate number of antenatal checks to ensure safe motherhood?

Pregnancy is divided into three trimesters. In the first trimester that is up till 12 weeks, once a month visit to your doctor will suffice. From 12-28 weeks, once in 3/4 weeks is good for your doctor to keep a check on you and your baby. Then from 28-36 weeks, it should be fortnightly. After 36 weeks, your doctor would need to check you once a week since you'll be approaching your delivery day.

■ What diet and exercise to follow to have a safe and healthy motherhood journey?

One should have a balanced diet in pregnancy. Protein in the form of pulses, eggs, chicken and fish should be a part of your meals. Adequate intake of fruits and dry fruits is very important. Milk and milk

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■ Breastfeed is the best feed in every motherhood journey. Why?

Breast milk is packed with nutrients and is hygienic. Not to mention, it increases the bonding between a mother and her baby. It is loaded with antibodies that could protect your baby from a variety of diseases. So try to exclusively breastfeed your baby for a minimum of six months.

IN BRIEF

Boosting immunity is on everyone's minds, more so because of raging fury of Coronavirus. Ginger, tulsi, garlic and what not, people want to have it all. To solve their woes, while also enhancing their experience of having tea, Vahdam India's 100 per cent culinary grade Pure Matcha is expertly blended with authentic Indian superfoods to bring forth the gift of focus, energy and nutrition.

Matcha is known to have 137X antioxidants than regular green tea. A known rich source of anti-oxidants, Japanese Matcha green tea improves focus and aids in boosting metabolism. Combined with various other Indian superfoods, and adding to its existing range of Japanese matcha green teas, Vahdam India continues to please tea lovers with good health.

Cocoa Japanese Matcha Green Tea: A scrumptious guilt-free treat, with the rich sweetness of Cocoa and the woody kick of cinnamon, this is a perfect drink to get started with a matcha wellness routine — for focus and immunity. Price: ₹699 for 50 grams.

Ashwagandha Japanese Matcha Green Tea: With the soothing effects of ashwagandha and the spicy notes of cinnamon & black pepper, this blend combines Ayurvedic wisdom with the exceptional effects of Matcha. A perfect brew to help alleviate stress, focus better and rejuvenate yourself. Price: ₹699 for 50 grams.

AntioxidantsHelp

As many Covid-19 patients in the country are experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms in the second wave, which is now more lethal, health experts emphasise that consumption of natural antioxidants might help fight them. The experts say that natural antioxidant like gamma oryzanol, which is derived from rice bran, has multiple health and GI benefits



YOUNG ONES STAY INDOORS

The new wave of COVID-19 is wrecking havoc, especially among children, as more and more test positive. SHALINI SAKSENA speaks to doctors to tell you more

The second wave of COVID-19 is far deadlier than what it was last year. This time round, the cause for alarm is two-fold. First, even those who have been vaccinated have tested positive. Second, more and more children are falling victim to the virus. An AIIMS report in November 2020 revealed that almost 40 per cent of all the persons who tested positive for coronavirus across age groups were found to be asymptomatic and 73.5 per cent, the highest proportion of asymptomatic cases was reported among children below the age of 12.

Come March 2021, and the number of children who have tested positive has reached alarming proportions. Dr Merlin Moni, Division of Infectious Diseases, Amrita Hospital, Kochi says that scientific explanation for the increase in the number of cases in kids is at present incomplete.

"However, they are issues specific to children which could contribute to current increasing number. All schools reopening with challenges on mask, social distancing, rising community spread and lack of vaccine for them is making them vulnerable. Studies have already proven that there could be as much as three times increased number of cases with school reopening. In addition, there could be variants which are evaluating especially in the scenario of complete vaccination," Moni explains. Another reason, one is told, could be due to: New viral variant which will alter behaviour of the virus.

There is a silver lining though. Most of the vaccines which are already being approved for the adults could be used in children but the phase II, III, IV trials are lagging for them.

"Many vaccines have already completed trials in adolescents (above 12 years) and have generated safety and efficacy profile of the vaccine, similar to over 18 years' age group. However, the trials in special populations including younger age group is on its way. Pregnancy and lactation are other categories for which data regarding vaccine use is lagging. The solution to this situation bears no shortcuts," Moni tells you.

Another plus is that while more children are getting infected and becoming symptomatic as compared to the first wave, the number requiring intensive care is negligible.

Dr Rachna Sharma, senior consultant, Paediatrics ICU, Centre for Child Health, BLK Super Speciality Hospital in the Capital tells you that the situation is definitely alarming at present, even asymptomatic kids are now testing positive. There is no single reason for this. The new variant, no masks, no social distancing when an adult in the house tests positive are some of the reasons," she tells you.

The solution is simple. First, keep the kids indoors at all times. "Second, when an adult in the house tests positive keep them away. The young people under 45 need to be extremely careful since the vaccine doesn't include them. One has to behave like responsible citizens. The fact that so many doctors have also tested positive goes to show there is need to tread with caution. Third, wearing a mask, maintaining social distancing, not going out and when adults do so, maintain COVID-19 SOP and keep away from social gathering can go a long way in keeping the children as well as the adults safe," Sharma says.

Dadi Ka Kehna

With rising temperature, it is essential to keep oneself hydrated at all times.

ROSHANI DEVI shares home concoctions that can help keep your body hydrated and cool



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GAUAHAR TALKS ABOUT LIFE AFTER MARRIAGE

Actor **GAUAHAR KHAN** took to social media to share an appreciation post for her husband Zaid Darbar.

"So we have not had a so called honeymoon yet. Life has been absolutely crazy ever since we got married. Shoots, Zaid's studio launch, my dad not doing well and us losing him... but what I've had is the best gift of life that Allah could give me — my Zaid. Always by side as my strength. We make even the smallest work trip into a great time to make it feel like a holiday," she wrote.

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ADARSH GOURAV



'There are a few directors and filmmakers in India as well as in the West I really want to work with and I hope that it happens someday. *The White Tiger* has definitely helped me get in touch with some of them. I have been auditioning for a lot of parts and I hope to convert some of them and begin working on something exciting really soon.'

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VIVEK OBEROI



'Company was a dream debut for me. At that time, it was the most unconventional debut and I cherished the opportunity RGV gave me and dived into the character. I rented a *kholi* and lived in a slum for three weeks to prepare and transform into Chandu Nagare. Nineteen years today and I wouldn't change a thing.'

'PROUD TO BE PART OF MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE'

Actor **MICHELLE MONAGHAN** is proud to be part of the *Mission: Impossible* franchise.

She played Julia Meade, wife of Tom Cruise's super spy protagonist Ethan Hunt, in three films of the series.

"That was such an extraordinary experience from beginning to end. One of my first days was the opening scene with (late) Philip Seymour Hoffman. He was such a tremendous actor and such a talent, we were fortunate to be graced with," she said.



LET IT ALL OUT

ROHAN PARIKH
shares how schools
can help students as
well as parents to
manage stress in
such adverse times



'Remember to be truthful in situations where you may not have the answer. Kids are more intuitive than we think and they can pick up when things are not right. It's important to acknowledge and validate their feelings of fear, and let them know that it is ok to have them'

giving kids a hug to make them feel safe or deep breathing, slow body movements to help them slow down their mind and emotions. Once they have coped with their big overwhelming feelings, now is the time to solve the problem. Teach them that once they have reached a calmer stage, their minds will be in a better place to think of the best solution and not the fastest solution to the problem. So now, you can both revisit the problem together and assess what possible solutions you can come up to tackle the problem at hand.

□Proactive tools to make your family feel safe

Proactive tools or strategies are those which help us take charge of our own decision making and problem-solving. These help us

plan for specific issues or scenarios that may arise and be prepared for them. Being prepared and ready will only help children feel more confident and secure when the situation arises as they won't be lost or confused with how to react. The important proactive tools to equip children with is helping them schedule their day, and to follow a routine. If they know how the day is going to be, it helps them be more prepared both emotionally and mentally.

Other important tools for children are adequate exercise, sleep, food and water. Many studies prove that children need up to one full hour of exercise in a day which helps with their mental and physical health.

Last but not least, it's important for students to stay connected with

people, be it family that doesn't live with them or their friends who they would otherwise play with at school. Staying connected with their friends is critical to their happiness, as it gives them companionship and helps maintain good mental health. Make sure to celebrate all the birthdays, anniversaries, holidays like you would otherwise, follow patterns that you would outside of this pandemic. By staying connected with the world around them will help students to have a sense of normality through these tough times.

By keeping the above advice in mind parents, teachers and schools for that matter can keep an open line of communication with the children, allowing them to address their feelings and rationally work through them without getting overwhelmed or stressed out about it. Balancing the socio-emotional development of children, and helping them appropriately navigate through this time gives students the skills which they carry with them into adulthood and learn how to stop, analyse, and problem solve whenever they come upon a difficult situation.

(The writer is the MD of The Green Acres Academy.)

We are currently facing a situation unlike any other. As we watch the world slowly emerge from the pandemic, it's only natural to have feelings of anxiousness and stress about what the future holds. If we, as adults, feel this way, then it's only logical that our children will feel it as well, and they may not possess the same ability to rationalise the current state of the world. In such a situation, the mechanisms provided by socio-emotional learning proves crucial for students and parents. It equips students to rationalise, analyse and navigate through difficult and stressful times, something they will carry with them into the workforce and as adults. So now you can see the importance schools must place on the socio-emotional development of students and how they come into play. The vital role that

teachers and schools will now play will be in providing parents with the correct guidance, advice and support in helping students manage their stress.

Here are the three main things parents should keep in mind while helping their children:

□Talk to them about the current situation

The pandemic has been around long enough, and its effects will continue to be there, both good and bad. Avoiding difficult conversations will only make matters more confusing and stressful for children. Parents should calmly explain the current scenario to children, and work with them through their feelings. By doing so, parents will be better preparing them for uncertain situations and how they can cope with it in future.

Remember to be truthful in situations where you may not have the answer. Children will appreciate the honesty and learn that it is ok that we don't always know everything. Do not pretend like nothing is wrong. Kids are more intuitive than we think and they can pick up when things are not right. It's important to acknowledge and validate their feelings of fear, and let them know that it is ok to have those feelings.

Balance out the conversations by ensuring to share some good news as well, let them know that it's not all bad out there. And most importantly, make sure conversion is continuous. Encourage them to talk to you, communicate with you and make sure to check on their feelings at frequent intervals.

□Helping them deal with big and difficult feelings

We are all going through a whole host of emotions, sometimes it's almost like a rollercoaster. While it's completely ok to experience this range of feelings, it's not good to remain distressed. Staying in a state of distress prevents one from thinking clearly and can also affect one's learning. This is because the brain goes into a state of 'Fight or Flight' and the brain is looking for the fastest response but not the best response. To help students work through this, we have to teach them how to first identify their feelings. Teach your children what being in distress means or feels like, and what are the different emotions that could cause it; it is anger, frustration, disappointment etc. Once they have identified the emotions, the next step is to teach them how to cope with it. Give children a few tools to help them manage the emotions, like



Want to do my bit to portray women better: Parineeti

Actor Parineeti Chopra says she has always tried to change the narrative of how women should be portrayed on screen right from her debut. Parineeti with her superlative performances in *Ladies Vs Ricky Bahl*, *Ishqzaade*, *Shuddh Desi Romance*, *Hasee Toh Phasee*, among others had established herself as an effective, unconventional counterpoint to the Bollywood norm that heroines should play a certain type of roles and look a certain way.

Parineeti says, "I strongly feel that actresses have to change the narrative of how women are portrayed on screen. Right from my debut, I have tried to do this. I have always taken it on myself to do something out of the ordinary, not portray the quintessential heroine that Bollywood has tried to depict for ages."

Pari, through her last three releases *The Girl On The Train* (TGOTT), *Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar* (SAFP) and *Saina*, has shown her intent to play diverse roles that brought screen confident, unconventional heroines who are in control of their own destiny.

She says, "My last three films - TGOTT, SAFP and *Saina* were also an attempt by me to give varied, bold, confident, ambitious heroines to the audience. My forthcoming film choices will resonate this thought process too because I definitely want to do my bit to portray women better."

Pari wishes that all the actresses in Bollywood should be conscious about how they represent women on screen. She says, "If all of us are able to change the way women are presented on screen, it will go a long way in changing the perception of girls in our society. Cinema can impact the minds of the audience and so, let us use this medium to affect positive changes in our society."

Toofaan a dream project for Mrunal

Dreams truly have come true for Mrunal Thakur, who someday hoped to star in a Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra film after watching *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*. The actor is now part of the ensemble cast of Mehra's sports drama *Toofaan* in association with Excel Entertainment and ROMP Pictures.

With *Toofaan*, Mrunal, who has worked with some of the leading names in the industry early in her career, now got the opportunity to work with both Farhan Akhtar and Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra, both of whom she's had deep admiration for.

Says Mrunal Thakur, "I kind of manifested it, I believe. I remember watching *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag* alone in a theatre during my college days and I wrote a huge note just assuming that Rakeysh sir would one day read my message. At that time I didn't even know I would be an actor. Working with Excel is like a dream, especially when you have a combination of Farhan and Rakeysh sir. We were completely pampered and the treatment on set was so amazing."

The actor is also excited that *Toofaan* is releasing on the OTT platform, making the film accessible to a global audience. She adds, "The fact that the film is releasing in 240 countries and territories on the OTT platform is a blessing in dis-



guise because there are no geographical barriers here. I'm glad that the film is on Amazon since I love their content. A film like *Toofaan*, which is inspirational, is most needed at a time like this to motivate people dur-

ing a pandemic."

The film, the inspirational sports drama produced by Ritesh Sidhwani, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra and Farhan Akhtar will premiere on Amazon Prime Video on May 21.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

(A GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR UNDERTAKING)

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NOTICE INVITING SHORT RE-TENDER No.- 07/TEN/IDA/21

(केन्द्रल ई-टेंडरिंग पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए सम्मुचित श्रेणी में केन्द्रीय सरकार/संघ सरकार/उपक्रम/बोर्ड/ निगम में निवापित अथवा खाती प्राप्त राष्ट्रीय/अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के Agency से प्रतिशत / मदवार निवापित आमत्रित की जाती हैं।

कार्य का विवरण :

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	कुल प्राकलित राशि (₹)	अधिनन राशि (₹)	परिमाण विषय का मूल राशि (₹)	इ-निवाप फ्रैक्चर शुल्क (₹)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	Construction of Integrated Unit for Irradiation-cum-Pack House (Common Facility Centre) at Bihta, Patna, Bihar.	23,87,98,500.00	47,76,000.00	10,000.00	As appeared on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in website	12 Months

निवापा समय सारणी (Tender Schedule)

क्र. सं.	निवापिति	स्थान, तिथि एवं समय
1	विश्वासनदाता का नाम	आगामी मौसूल संस्थान विकास प्राधिकार, प्रद्यम तल, उद्योग भवन, गाँधी मैदान के पूर्व, पटना-800004
	निवापि आमनगर सूचना निर्माता की तिथि	दिनांक 07.04.2021
3	निवापा आमनगर सूचना तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 15.04.2021 से 24.04.2021 को 15:00 बजे तक (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
4	प्री-शीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक 19.04.2021 को 15:00 बजे आगामी मौसूल संस्थान विकास प्राधिकार, प्रद्यम तल, उद्योग भवन, गाँधी मैदान के पूर्व, पटना-4
5	निवापा अपलोड करने की अविन तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 26.04.2021 को 15:00 बजे तक (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
6	अप्रवान राशि एवं समय विवरण वर्तमान राशि की मूल राशि	दिनांक 27.04.2021 को 15:30 बजे तक जारी मैदान के पूर्व, पटना-800004
7	तकनीकी शीड खोलने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक 27.04.2021 को 15:30 बजे तक (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
8	विश्वासन शीड खोलने की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक 27.04.2021 को 15:30 बजे तक (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
9	निवापा विवरण की अवधि	120 दिन

निवापा की विस्तृत शर्तों एवं आवश्यक सुचना आधारभूत संस्थान विकास प्राधिकार एवं कार्यपालक अधिकारी (पी.डी.ए.) से प्राप्त की जा सकती है एवं कार्यालय के सुचना पट्टे एवं वेबसाइट state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar / www.idabihar.com पर देखा जा सकता है।

PR- 000362 (N.I.N.I.) 2021-22

कार्यपालक अभियंता (पी.डी.ए.)

किसी भी तरह आपदा की जानकारी अथवा सुचना देते आपदा पर्वत के हेल्पलाइन नं. 1070 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

Captain Punjab

Rahul, Hooda power Punjab Kings to 221/6 against RR

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DLSA organizes National Lok Adalat to provide cheap & quick justice to peoples 1716 cases settled & awards compensation of Rs. 8.24 crore

Decision of lok adalats similar to decision of Apex court- Mahesh Kumar Kapurthala: With an initiative to provide cheap and quick justice to common masses, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Kapurthala organized a National Lok Adalat as per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, Delhi in the premises of judicial complex under the chairmanship of Incharge, District & Session Judge Rajwinder Kaur as apprised Mr. Mahesh Kumar Sharma , CJM cum Secretary , DLSA, Kapurthala,CJM Cum Secretary, DLSA, Kapurthala Mahesh Kumar Sharma apprised, this National Lok Adalat was organized to take up the civil, revenue, Family, Land Acquisition matters, Rent Cases, Specific Relief Cases, Rent Recovery cases Criminal Compoundable, Bank recovery cases and cases under 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act, Lahore matters, and Pre-litigious Cases As many as 3292 cases were taken up and of which 1716 cases were settled & awarded compensation of Ru.8,45,49,726/- For said purpose 16 different benches including 11 in Kapurthala, and 2 each in Phagwara and Sultanpur Lodhi and one bench at Bholath were constituted under the chairmanship of Incharge District and Session Judge Ms. Rajwinder Kaur, Additional District & Session Judges including Dr. Ram Kumar Singla, Mr. Jaspal Verma, and Dr. Gurpreet Kaur, Civil Judge(Sr.Div) Ms. Monika Lamba, Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kapurthala Supreet Kaur, ACR(S.D) Dr. Sushil Bodh, Judicial Magistrates, Poonam Kashyap, Mr. Parteek Gupta, Ms. Monika, Chairman Permanent Lok Adalat B.S.Deo , DBA President Malkit Singh , Advocate Pardeep Thakur, Advocate Harcharan Singh , Advocate JJS. Arora, Advocate P.S. Hanspal, Advocate Suresh Kalia, Advocate Paramjeet Kaur Kahlon, Advocate Jagjinder Singh Kahlon and others were also present there. DLSA secretary Mahesh Kumar Sharma said that In present scenario lok adalats gaining popularity because the decision of lok adalat is final which can not be challenged in any higher court so its decision is similar to the decision of the Apex Court and next Lok Adalat will be held on 10.7.2021, he added.



National Lok Adalat of all types of cases except non compoundable criminal cases successfully held in District Patiala.

Under the supervision of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Tewari, Executive Chairman, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Mohali and the able guidance of Sh. Rajinder Aggarwal, Learned District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, Patiala, National Lok Adalat pertaining to all types of cases (except non compoundable criminal cases) was held in District Patiala on 10.4.2021. For this purpose, 12 judicial benches (Patiala 9, Samana 01, Ropar 01 & Nabha 01) were constituted in Patiala Session Division. During this National Lok Adalat, cases under different categories were taken up for settlement through amicable settlement and 912 cases were settled involving amount of Rs. 7,90,25,47,505/- . During this National Lok Adalat, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajan Gupta, Judge, Punjab and High Court, Chandigarh alongwith Sh. Rajinder Aggarwal, District and Sessions Judge, Ms Monika Sharma, Civil Judge(SD), Sh. Amit Malhan, CJM & Ms. Parminder Kaur, CJM/Secretary, DLSA Patiala visited Lok Adalat benches of Patiala court and inspired the parties to resolve their disputes amicably and peacefully by taking recourse to the National Lok Adalat. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajan Gupta told that primary objective of the Lok Adalats is to settle the disputes amicably through compromise, so as to save the time and money of the parties and to reduce personal enmity between them.

Central Bank Of India launches Special Deposit Scheme for COVID 19 jab.

In order to encourage Vaccination under COVID 19 Central Bank of India as a part of their social commitment to a Healthy Society has brought out a Special Deposit Product "Immune India Deposit Scheme" for 1111 days at an attractive extra interest rate of 25 basis points above the applicable card rate for the Citizens who got Vaccinated. Central Bank of India requests the citizens to Vaccinate (COVID 19) and avail the attractive offer which is for a limited period. Senior Citizens are eligible for extra interest as applicable. Public health response to COVID 19 Campaign as notified by Ministry of Finance (DFS) GOI, emphasizes the need to Wear Mask. Follow Physical Distancing and Maintain Hand Hygiene.



Punjab National Bank holds customer meet in Panchkula

Punjab National Bank celebrated its 127th foundation day with full zeal and spirit. Various activities were got conducted . In this sequence, a customer meeting was held at Panchkula, which was chaired by Mrs. Neelam Sharma, Dy. General Manager and Circle Head Panchkula Circle. Various customers, who along with their respective Branch Heads had come to attend the customer meeting showed their satisfaction and were all at praise for the manners and ways the services being delivered by the bank to the customers. While interacting with the customers, Mrs. Neelam Sharma conveyed full cooperation from Banks part and also expected the same from the customers for building better Banker Customer relations. At the end, the customers thanked the Bank for their continued support and hoped to continue with the same spirit.

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Public Notice
It is brought to the Notice of the Public at large that the Original sale deed No. 1823 dated 27.11.2012 in favour of Sukhvir Kaur wife of Sher Singh has been lost. It is informed by the party to have not been mortgaged with any Bank or Financial Institution or in other Institution or person and the same has been lost. If anybody has any objection regarding the mortgaging of the same, may respond within Seven days, to the undersigned. After the expiry of the stipulated period of Seven days, no claim whatsoever shall be entertained. The detail of the property is as under:-Detail of property- Property house measuring 225 Sq. Yards (2025 Sq.ft), Situated within the MC limits of Patti Sangar Dhanula Kalan Tehsil & District Baniota Standing in the name of Sukhdharm Singh son of Jora Singh son of Kartar Singh.

Kuldeep Singh, Advocate, Ch. No.646, Lawyer Chamber, District Courts, Bathinda, M.N.0356445777
PUBLIC NOTICE
That Sh. Rajesh Tewatia Sir Sh. Balbir Singh Tewatia (hereinafter referred to as the Mortgagor) is the owner of Plot No. 1359, measuring 00 Kanal 03 Marla 03 Sarhai (100 Sq. Yards) bearing Khetwali/Khatoni No. 225/352, comprised under Kharsa No. 76/186(61), Killa 01, Land measuring 00 Kanal 11 Marla, situated within the MC limits of Patti Sangar Dhanula Kalan Tehsil & District Baniota Standing in the name of Sukhdharm Singh son of Jora Singh son of Kartar Singh.
Hodges No. 236, M.C and Sub-Tehsil Zirakpur, Tehsil Dabbiass, Distt. S.A.S. Nagar Mohali, Punjab from Smt. Sunita W/o Sh. Kartar Singh (hereinafter referred to the property in question) According to the said Mortgagor, the below mentioned following documents are misplaced by Smt. Sunita W/o Sh. Kartar Singh.

1. Owner's Deed dated 18.02.2013 bearing Vasika No. 5232 executed by Sh. Dsuar Singh G/o Panpat Singh in respect of the land measuring 00 Kanal 03 Marla 03 Sarhai in favour of Smt. Charanjit Kaur W/o Sh. Lakhwinder Singh.

That Mortgage have agreed to create mortgage in favour of my clients Achley Birds Housing Finance Limited, Zirakpur in respect of the above property of mine, for the sum of Rs. 10,00,000/- the name DOR code 100421 Serial No. 1299972023 in Punjab Police, lodged by Shri. Charanjit Kaur W/o Sh. Lakhwinder Singh for the misplace of Original documents. All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said property more particularly described in the schedule hereto or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, gift, inheritance, family arrangement, Maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, loan, charge, pledge, easement, or otherwise, howeversoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to me with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned herein below within 7 days from the date hereof. The notice of demand of payment of the amount or persons or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and my client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan and creation of mortgage in respect thereof. (Please contact Ashish Goel, Advocate, #283, Sector-15, Panchkula, M. No. 9872333331)

So, if any individual/institution will claim anything regarding the missing documents, then contact undersigned within 7 days.

Ashish Goel & Associates, #283, Sector-15, Panchkula, M. No. 9872333331

PUBLIC NOTICE
I RAM KUMAR S/O GURMIT SINGH VASI SONTA ROAD THOL TEHSIL SMAALABA KURUKSHETRA DECLARED A REGISTERED VASIKHA NO. 7589 DATED 14/3/2011 SUB REGISTRAR SAB NAGAR PURCHASED BY MANI KAKKAD W/O JOGINDER PAL & HARPREET KAUR W/O JATINDER SINGH VASIKHA NO. 833 DATED 6.11.2012 PURCHASED BY ISHWAR SINGH S/C HANDBRAM & SANTOKI DEVI W/O ISHWAR SINGH R/S SCINPAT. NOW THIS REGISTERED VASIKHA PURCHASED BY RAM KUMAR S/O GURMIT SINGH I AND KAVITA RANI W/O RAM KUMAR R/O THOL D/T. KURUKSHETRA, IF ANY LOAN AND ANY COURT CASE ON ABOVE VASIKHA NO. PLEASE CONTACT US WITHIN 15 DAYS. 9469450027

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank

Branch office : ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, Shai Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No. **Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number** **Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession** **Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)** **Name of Branch**

1. Pankaj Kumar/ Kamlesh Ranji/ LBNPNP0004984669

House No- R- 39 To 42, Part Ward No 8, Under Naga Nigam, Panipat Haryana.

April 08, 2021

January 31, 2020

Rs. 47,17,995/-

Panipat

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/ guarantor(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 13, 2021

Place: Haryana

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Estimated cost

Starling Date for downloading BID

E/Money

Deadline for submission of BID

1. Providing Periodical Maintenance on Beghi Khadra Sungi Rohru road KM 190 to 220 & Kotkhai Khenevi Deori Tikkar road km 220/0 to 240 G.H.- Providing renewal coat at RD 190 to 220 to 240/0 mtr pucca drain.

2. Providing Periodical Maintenance on Bhaleon Kairchi Kui road km 0/0 to 60 G.H.- Providing renewal coat at RD 0/0 to 6/0 and 600mtr pucca drain.

3. Providing Periodical Maintenance on Kansakoti Kutara Daigao road KM 4/0 to 8/0 & Machhi Sarsa road km 0/0 to 3/0 & 500mtr pucca drain.

4. Providing Periodical Maintenance on Rohru Arhal road KM 4/0 to 7/0 & Podhar Meendoon road km 2/0 to 4/0 (G.H.- Providing renewal coat at RD 4/0 to 7/0 & 2/0 to 4/0 and 500mtr pucca drain).

5. Providing Periodical Maintenance on Rohru Tikkani Shahiaw road KM 0/0 to 2/0 & 2/0 to 4/0 (G.H.- Providing renewal coat at RD 0/0 to 3/0 & 0/0 to 1/000 G.H.- Providing renewal coat at RD 0/0 to 3/0 & 0/0 to 450mtr pucca drain).

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in. And any corrigendum uploaded in website. Physical submissions submit should be compulsory otherwise tender will be rejected. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/rejected any tender/application or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer,
B&R Divn. HPPWD,
Rohru

RO. NO. 0193/21-22 Dt. 12-04-2021

HIMACHAL PREDESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-Procurement Notice
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer HP.PWD Rohru Distt. Shimla H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rates, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HP.PWD Department.

Sr. No.

Name of work

Estimated cost

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WHILE RAHUL SMASHED SEVEN FOURS AND FIVE SIXES IN HIS 50-BALL 91, HOODA, PLAYING HIS FIRST COMPETITIVE GAME SINCE THE LAST IPL, PLUNDERED SIX MAXIMUMS AND FOUR BOUNDARIES AS HE BLAZED HIS WAY TO 64 OFF JUST 28 BALLS.

Gayle, who was holed out to Stokes in the deep.

Rahul then changed gears and got to his fifty with a six over Shivam Dube's (0/20) head in the 13th over.

Hooda then smashed two maximums in the same over and then struck three sixes off Shreyas Gopal (0/40) in the next as Punjab went ballistic.

It was Rahul and Hooda's show at the Wankhede that made the difference to their total as the duo tore into the opposition attack on way to to their 105-run stand.

Courtesy their monstrous hitting, Punjab added 111 runs in the final eight overs.

Hooda, who had made a 62 against CSK in his last competitive game in November, had stormed out of the Baroda camp ahead of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy after claiming that Krunal Pandya misbehaved with him. Hooda was subsequently suspended.

And KKR would look to come out all guns blazing against the five-time champions on Tuesday. They have won just once in their last 12 games against MI, and have an overall lopsided 6-21 head-to-head record.

But eventually it will all boil down to battle of wits between Morgan and Rohit Sharma, under whose captaincy MI has won a record fifth IPL title last season in UAE.

MI will pose real challenge for KKR as the title holders would be desperate to secure their first win of the season after their two-wicket loss to Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL opener on Friday.

KRR found it easy against SRH bowlers, which lacked firepower but in Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult, MI attack will be a completely different proposition.

Gill's struggle to bat at T20 pace has been a concern for KKR and it will be interesting to see the young opener's approach against the finest in the business.

Often known as slow starters, MI lost the other day due to individual brilliance of RCB's Harshal Patel and AB de Villiers on a two-paced wicket here.

In his debut match for MI, Chris Lynn was their top-scorer, albeit with some stroke of luck as he survived some edges and mishits.

But now with Quinton de Kock available, MI may go back to their preferred left-right opening combination of Rohit and de Kock.

Bayern Munich midfielder Joshua Kimmich is convinced the holders can beat Paris Saint-Germain on Tuesday in the Parc des Princes on Tuesday in their Champions League quarter-final second leg to reach the last