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exams cancelled

Govt defers Class XII examinations amid rising Covid concerns PNS NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he Centre on Wednesday}}_{\text{announced the cancellation of CBSE Board examina-}}$ tions for Class 10 and postponed Class 12 exams in the wake of the coronavirus crisis. Both board examinations were scheduled for May-June. The revised dates will be

announced after June 1. The decision was taken at a highlevel meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the wake of rising cases of Covid-19 cases and concerns raised from various quarters, including a few Opposition

The meeting was attended by Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', education secretary and other officials.

The meeting also discussed a uniform policy or guidelines on board exams across States as was being demanded by several State Ministers

The CICSE, which is the other prominent national board for school examinations, said it is reviewing the situation and will come up with a deci-

sion soon in this regard. According to the official sources, Modi said the



Government would keep in in Delhi in the wake of riots in mind the best interests of the northeast Delhi and Covid-19 students and ensure that their health is taken care of at the same time their academic interests are not harmed.

After the announcement, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi tweeted that a decision must be taken for Class 12 too. "Glad the Government has finally cancelled the 10th standard exams, however a final decision MUST be taken for the 12th grade also. Keeping students under undue pressure until June makes no sense. It's unfair. I urge the Government to decide now," she tweeted.

The decision by Centre on CBSE will affect over 21 lakh students across the country. This is the first time that the Central Board of Secondary Education has altogether cancelled the board examinations conducted by it. Last year, the exams were partially cancelled

The CBSE will review the situation on June 1 to decide on the Class 12 exam schedule while objective criteria will be decided for Class 10 results

In a statement issued after the meeting, the Union Education Ministry said, 'Looking to the present situation of the pandemic and school closures, and also taking in account the safety and well-being of the students, it is decided as follows."

CBSE Class X board India's daily Covid count nears 2L from 58,526 to 58,804.

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 $I^{
m ndia's}$ daily Covid-19 count neared the 2-lakh mark on Wednesday as the situation turned alarming in several States and reports of unavailability of hospital beds, ventilators, and oxygen cylinders poured in from all over the

country.
India recorded 1,94,108 cases and 972 deaths late on Wednesday. The country caseload spiked despite a certain degree of containment achieved in Maharashtra where the daily surge has remained confined in the range of 55,000 to 60,000. During the last 24 hours, Maharashtra recorded

21 at women's national boxing camp Covid +ve

New Delhi: Indian women's boxing's High Performance Director Raffaele Bergamasco and head coach Mohammed Ali Qamar are among 21 campers who have tested positive for Covid-19 at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium here but none of the infected pugilists are bound for Olympics.

58,952 fresh cases and 278 new deaths.

On a day when the Maharashtra Government began to enforce stringent restrictions, including a ban on the movement of people in public places without a valid reason, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC and night curfew for 15 days, the number of infections dropped from Tuesday's tally of 60,212 to 58,952, while deaths came down from 281 to 278 in var-

ious parts of the State.
With 58,952 fresh cases, the total infections climbed from 35,19,208 to 35,78,160. Similarly, with 258 new deaths, the total Covid-19 toll rose

6 pm to 6 am night curfew in all cities in Rajasthan

Jaipur: Rajasthan on Wednesday night announced a 12-hour daily curfew from 6 pm to 6 am — starting Friday, across all cities, as part of a series of measures to combat a worrying spike in Covid cases.The curfew will be in effect till the end of the month.

However, Covid-19 cases continued to hit new peaks on daily basis in States such as Uttar Pradesh (20, 510 new cases), Delhi (17,282), Karnataka (11,265),Chhattisgarh (12,603) and Madhya Pradesh (9,720), Gujarat (7,410) among others. In terms of death, Maharashtra

accounted for 278, Delhi 104,

Chhattisgarh (90), UP 67, Karnataka 38, and Gujarat 73. In Uttar Pradesh, panic

set in after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, former Chief Minister and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav and a couple of Ministers and top bureaucrats tested positive for novel coronavirus infection as the State recorded 20,510 cases in the last 24 hours. Officials

claim that 68 people died of Covid-19 during this period. Additional Chief Secretary

(Health) Amit Mohan Prasad said 20,510 new cases of Covid were reported in the State during the past 24 hours.

However, he said, 4,517 Covid-19 patients had recovered and at present 1,11,835 active cases were undergoing treatment.



Health workers conducts Covid-19 testing of passengers at Anand Vihar Bus

Govt fast-tracks nod for 7 firms to make Remdesivir

As the demand for Remdesivir surges in view of increasing Covid-19 cases from across the country, the Modi Government has fasttracked seven companies' applications to manufacture the critical anti-viral drug, allowing them to more than double their combined capacity to

around 78 lakh vials per month.

The move aims to ensure smooth availability of the drug which is being sold in black markets in some States.

Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday gave fast-track approval to six manufacturers to set up seven additional sites.

Yogi, Akhilesh, test corona +ve

Lucknow:Panic has set in after CM Yogi Adityanath, Samajwadi Party president and former Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav and a couple of Ministers and top bureaucrats tested positive for coronavirus Yogi had isolated himself on Tuesday after some officials in his contact tested positive for the infection. "After initial symptoms, I got myself tested. My

report is positive.

I am in self-isolation and following doctors' advice. I am doing all works virtually," he tweeted, advising those who came in his contact to get themselves tested and take precautions.

There was a panic in the air after the CM tested positive. "When will the Government announce a lockdown? Is it waiting for Lucknow to perish before it goes for strict measures," a section officer in the Labour Department told this reporter on Wednesday.

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UK strain, double mutant cases found in J'khand districts, the Regional Genome had sent as many as 52 Covid

SAURAV ROY RANCHI

The UK mutant strain and double mutant strain of coronavirus have been found among Covid patients in Ranchi and East Singhbhum

Sequencing Laboratory (RGSL) at Bhubaneshwarbased Institute of Life Sciences confirmed Wednesday.

positive samples to Bhubaneshwar last week for genome sequencing, and the test reports confirmed that at least nine of these samples The Health Department were of UK mutant strain.

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With onset of summer, Himachal witnessing surge in forest fires

CHANDIGARH

As many as 373 incidents of forest fire have been recorded in the time span of just 12 days in April that have affected 3664 hectares of land and spelled losses to the tunes of ₹86 lakh in Himachal.

The rise in forest fire incidents due to prolonged dry spell in Himachal is keeping the Forest Department officials on tenterhooks. While the state has reported 373 incidents of forest fire this month till April 12, a total of 1045 such incidents were reported in the year 2020-21.

In April, the incidents of forest fire have been reported Chamba, Dharamshala, Hamirpur, Nahan, Rampur, Mandi, Kullu, Nahan, Shimla, Solan among other areas. As forest fire rages in the hill state, Bilaspur (forest circle)has been worst affected with 69 such incidents leaving 1051 hectares of area affected followed by Mandi (forest circle), where 73 incidents were reported leaving 1035 hectares

of land damaged.
On April 12, 33 incidents of forest fire were reported in the state, leaving 175 hectares of land damaged and causing a loss of Rs 2.6 lakh.

The rising incidents of forest fires in Himachal this year have been attributed to 'less rainfall and rising temperatures. The state has recorded a deficit of 62 per cent in pre-cipitation during March and a deficit of around 80 per cent in February.

Out of a total geographical area of 55,673 square kilometres, Himachal has a forest area of 66.52 per cent (37,033 sq km) and a forest cover of 27.72 per cent (15,433.52 sq km). In the hill state, the summer fires occurring from March to June are severe as the summer dry season coincides with shedding of needles by Chir Pine trees that are highly combustible. These fires, due to valley wind, spread very rapidly causing extensive damage to the forests. "With increase in temperature levels and huge deficit of rainfall in the last three months leading to less moisture on the ground, the incidents of forest fire are likely to increase this year. 373 incidents of forest fire reported this month till April 12 have caused a loss of Rs 86 lakh and left 3664 hectares of land affected including 2892 hectares of forest land and 768 hectares of plantation," said Rajiv Kumar, APCCF (management), Himachal Forest Department while talking to The Pioneer.

Operating Procedure (SOP) is being followed by the Department to tackle the forest fires. A provision of deploying helicopter services for dousing the forest fires has also been made this year. The for-est staff have been patrolling the vulnerable areas.

The forest officials, while putting their life at risk, have controlled all forest fire incidents in around three-four hours and no incident have continued for more than 24 hours this month, he added.

Kumar further said that the Department is working on a proposal to deploy drones to eep a check on forest fires in

As per the data of the Forest Department, a total of 1045 cases of forest fire were reported in 2020-21, and over 10562 hectares of land was affected causing a cumulative loss of Rs 3.37 crore in the hill state. A large number of 1789 incidents of forest fire were reported in 2016-17 alone, and 19162 hectares of the forest cover was burnt, leading to a loss of Rs 3.27 crore. Prior to this, a high 1798 forest fire incidents were reported in 2012-13 leaving 20773 hectares of forest land affected and causing a loss of Rs 2.76 crore.

Haryana CM inaugurates 2 hostels at National Law University

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Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Wednesday inaugurated two hostels 'namely Swami Vivekananda and Ahilyabai built at a cost of ₹17.19 crore in the premises of Dr BR Ambedkar National Law University, Rai, Sonipat through video conferencing.

Khattar said that coincidentally today the country is also celebrating Mesha Sankranti and ongoing auspicious Navratri festival alongwith the birth anniversary of great intellectual and Father of Indian Constitution, Dr Ambedkar.

"By inaugurating these hostels in the premises of the University named after Dr Ambedkar Haryana has paid tribute to him in the most befitting manner. I hope that the students who pass out from this institution should imbibe the values and teachings of Dr Ambedkar and further contribute in envisioning the dream and path shown him," he said.

Khattar said that since the last six years, the State Government's strategy for implementation is guided by principles of Antyodaya - of serving and uplifting the last person first. Following the ☐ The Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar cancelled his programme to unveil the statue of Dr BR Ambedkar on his birth anniversary at the

☐ An ambitious Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) scheme has been launched that aims to identify the poorest one lakh families in the state so as to ensure economic upliftment of one lakh families

☐ Farmer leader Rakesh Tikait had announced that the Samyukta Kisan Morcha will not allow Khattar to enter Barauli village for the event on the occasion of the Dalit icon's birth anniversary on April 14

same path, an ambitious Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) scheme has been launched that aims to identify the poorest one lakh families in the state so as to ensure economic upliftment of one lakh families.

Every needy person has the first right on the government and with this mantra 'Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana' has been launched that will be an umbrella mission encompassing all schemes of government to identify the scheme or set of schemes to supplement the upliftment of these one lakh families" said the Chief

CM CANCELS PROGRAMME IN BARAULI VIL-LAGE

Following the announcement by Samyukta Kisan Morch to protest against him

during his visit to Barauli village in Sonipat, the Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar cancelled his programme to unveil the statue of Dr BR Ambedkar on his birth anniversary at the village. While he did not attend the scheduled programme at the village, he joined through video conferencing to inaugurate two projects in Dr BR Ambedkar National Law University, Sonipat through video confer-

Notably, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait had announced that the Samyukta Kisan Morcha will not allow Khattar to enter Barauli village for the event on the occasion of the Dalit icon's birth anniversary on April 14. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala attended his scheduled programme in

Haryana CM pays tribute to Dr Ambedkar

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Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Wednesday said that Minister Prime Narendra Modi by revoking Article 370 had paid real tribute to Dr BR. Ambedkar, who played a significant role in the framing of the Indian Constitution

He said that Dr Ambedkar had then opposed inclusion of Article 370 in the Constitution so as to uphold the political integrity, unity and diversity of the country.

The Chief Minister was speaking as the chief guest at a programme organized on the occasion of 130th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar held in the premises of Haryana Vidhan Sabha here.Khattar said that Dr Ambedkar always believed that only through education the person standing last in the queue can be brought into the mainstream. Babasaheb always believed in the theory that every person should spend half of his money on education and half on his other basic needs like food etc, he said. The Chief Minister further

13 more die in Himachal as

the Chancellor of a Law University and also served as the Chairman Governing Body of Delhi's well-known Ramjas College. He was a known educationist who always spoke about the importance of education, Khattar said On this occasion, the Chief

Minister also congratulated Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta for organizing the programme in the Assembly premises and said that such programmes should be organized in the Vidhan Sabha on the occasion of birth anniversary of Dr Ambedkar that is celebrated every year on April 14. He said that on March 5 during the budget session, the statue of Babasaheb was also unveiled in the premises of Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

Chandigarh Police arrest security guard of Axis Bank STOLEN AMOUNT ₹4.04 CRORE RECOVERED

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The crime branch of Chandigarh Police on Wednesday arrested Axis Bank security guard Sunil Kumar and recovered the entire amount of ₹4.04 crore that he had stolen from the currency chest of the same bank, located in the city's Sector 34.

Chandigarh DSP (Crime) Rajeev Kumar Ambasta said that on the complaint of Bank official Ritish Kumar, a case was registered in Police Station-34 on April 11. In his complaint, he stated that the security guard of the bank Sunil Kumar had stolen cash Rs 4.04 crore from the currency chest of the bank.

Ambasta said that acting on the complaint, a team head-Kumar under the supervision of Inspector Harinder Singh Sekhon was formed to arrest the absconding accused. Acting on a tip-off, the team members arrested the accused

Wednesday Manimajra. In the course of interrogation, the accused admitted his offence. Police team recovered Rs 3.14 lakh

from his backpack. During interrogation, the accused disclosed that he had hidden the rest of the amount in the jungle in front of Hallo Majra, Chandigarh. Based on his information, the rest

amount Rs 4 Crore was also recovered from the forest area lying in another bag. The DSP said that the accused will be produced in the court and Police will seek his remand to ascertain whether there is involvement of other persons and recovery of articles purchased from stolen money.

Earlier, Bank official Ritish Kumar had told the police that Sunil Kumar, resident of Morni, Panchkula was a member of the MSF security agency that had been hired to provide unarmed guards for frisking and check-

He was posted here for the last three years. India Reserve Battalion (IRB) personnel are also deputed at the bank's Chandigarh currency chest. The IRB personnel had reportunarmed guard Kumar, who was on night duty, was missing and the door of the currency chest was found opened early on April 11.

The bank's chest staff reached the spot and started checking CCTV footage that showed Sunil Kumar taking out something wrapped from the premises. On checking, one of the boxes was found damaged and opened. A sum of Rs 4.04 crore was missing from the box. The staff found that the accused had stolen two packets of 20 bundles each of currency notes in the denomination of Rs 2,000.

No bardana shortage, Punjab **Minister Ashu says**

CLAIMS STATE HAS ALREADY STOCKED ENOUGH **BALES FOR THE** SEASON

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 $P_{\text{and Consumer Affairs}}^{\text{unjab Food, Civil Supplies}}$ Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu on Wednesday made it clear that there was no shortage of bardana (bales) in the mandis at all. Outrightly rejecting the media reports regarding non-availability of bales with procurement agencies as "malicious propaganda", the Minister claimed that the State already has stocked enough bardana

"Tendering for bardana procurement is a continuous process which starts much before the season as part of planning and goes on as and when needed arises as one cannot be sure of full quantity receipt through one tender only," the Minister pointed out adding that the last tender floated on April 12 was necessitated only because permission from the Centre to use used

bags was received very late. We have already got jute bales indented through the Jute Commissioner and NAFED, said Ashu adding that PP bales are also being received from various HDPE or PP bag suppliers. "This in addition to the permission to use good quality used bags, already received by the State from Government of India on April 12," he pointed out, hitting out at those trying to create an issue where none exists.

Pointing out that season is already in full swing with farmers bringing their crops to mandis, Ashu said that as on Tuesday, 5,44,334 MTs of wheat has been already been procured in the mandis of the State by the procurement agencies out of which 44,728 MT has been procured under DCP for distribution in the State under

Smart Ration Card Scheme. Urging all the farmers to follow all health advisories as a safeguard against COVID, the Minister said that due arrangeensure that farmers bring their produce in a staggered way as per token issued by Mandi Board Punjab so that COVID-19 protocol can be maintained in order to curb the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

"We have already received Cash Credit Limit of Rs 21,658.73 crore and online payment has already been started. Lifting wheat from mandis is also going on smoothly and as on April 13, 2021, we have already lifted 39,285 MT wheat against lifting target (within 72 hours) of 2,642 LMT wheat," he

Punjab using drone technology to check illegal mining

Chandigarh: Making all-out efforts to curb the menace of illegal mining in Punjab, the Police and the Mining Department is also using the drone technology.

The head of the newly-

constituted Enforcement Directorate (Mining) RN Dhoke had directed Khanna Police to arrest the remaining accused involved in illegal sand mining case registered at Machhiwara Sahib police station in the previous week. Besides, directions were

also issued to study the extent of illegal mining done in Rahon area through XEN Mining, SBS Nagar."A known criminal, Gurinder Singh alias Ginda, was arrested by Khanna Police on April 9, 2021, as he was found to be involved in illegal sand mining in Rahon area of Nawanshahr. His accomplice Karanvir Singh has also been arrested by Khanna Police today," said Dhoke. Dhoke said tigation, it has been revealed by the accused persons that Raju Gujjar, Dharamjit Singh, Dalvir Singh alias Bittu, and Pawan Singh were carrying out illegal sand mining in the river bed of Sutlej in Rahon area near villages Shamshpur and Hadiwal.

"The joint team led by Gurtej Singh Garcha, XENcum-District Mining Officer, SBS Nagar, and Jaswinder Singh, DSP Samrala, visited the affected mining area yesterday and carried out drone photography to know the extent of illegal mining in Shamshpur and Hadiwal," said Dhoke . *PNS*

925 Covid cases reported STATE BOARD AND **UG EXAMS** POSTPONED

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1 3 more people succumbed to Covid-19 as 925 fresh cases surfaced in Himachal on Wednesday. Six deaths were reported in

Kangra, which is worst affected due to Covid-19 in the state. Three deaths were reported in Shimla while two deaths each were reported in Una and Mandi in the last 24 hours, stated the Himachal's evening health bulletin.

The total case tally reached 72319 while the death toll stood at 1135 in the hill state.

Of the 925 fresh cases, a maximum of 178 cases were reported in Kangra district followed by 143 in Solan and 114 in Mandi. Shimla reported 104 Chamba 68, Hamirpur 66 cases, Kullu 42 cases, Bilaspur There were 6929 active

cases in the state till the evening. Kangra has the highest number of active cases at 1500 followed by 1357 in Solan and 726 in Una. 250 people recovered from

the virus in the last 24 hours. Till date, 64218 people have recovered from COVID in the

Over 13.54 lakh COVID-19 tests have been conducted in the state till date, the bulletin

HP BOARD AND UG **EXAMS POSTPONED**



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Keeping in view the sharp surge in number of COVID-19 cases in the state and health concerns of students and parents, Himachal Government on Wednesday decided to postpone the ongoing Himachal Pradesh Board Examinations for class 10th and 12th and undergraduate university examispokesman said that the situation would be reviewed on May 1 and further directions would be issued accordingly.

The ongoing HP Board exams for class 10th and 12th are postponed till May 17 with immediate effect. The schedule of conduct of remaining examinations will be notified later on, he said.

Himachal residents coming back home from other States should quarantine themselves, urges CM

▼n view of surge in Covid-19 Lcases in the state, Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Wednesday urged the people of the hill State coming back from other parts of the country to quarantine themselves at their homes as a precautionary

"The residents of Himachal coming back home from other states should quarantine themselves as a precautionary measure," said the Chief Minister after paying floral tribute to Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar here.

Notably, the government in its fresh guidelines has advised the persons coming to Himachal from seven-high loads to carry negative RT-PCR reports for COVID-19 from an ICMR accredited or approved laboratory issued not earlier than 72 hours." These states include Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab.



A day before, the Chief Minister had assured that tourists visiting the state will not be harassed for a COVID-19 negative test report on the state's borders and a mechanism has been put in place for monitoring tourists on their arrival at the place of their stay.

CM PAYS FLORAL TRIB-UTES TO DR AMBEDKAR

The Chief Minister Iai Ram Thakur paid floral tribute to the Father of Indian Constitution and first Law Minister of India Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar on his 130th birth anniversary by garlanding his statue at

Thakur while talking to the mediapersons said that Dr Ambedkar not only drafted the Constitution of India, but also took up various issues of the poor, downtrodden, scheduled castes and other wearer sections of the society.

He said that Dr Ambedkar felt that education was the right weapon to fight social slavery and it can enlighten the downtrodden masses to come up and gain social status, economic betterment and political freedom.

The Chief Minister further said that Dr Ambedkar devoted his whole life to fight the eradication of caste by proliferating a movement against the evils of the caste system.

Dr. Ambedkar made all his efforts to change the hierarchical structures of Indian society and restoration of equal rights and justice to the marginalized and abolition of untouchability, he added.

OTHER LAWYERS IN SACRILEGE AND POLICE FIRING CASES AS **POLITICALLY MOTIVATED**

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Coming all out in full sup-port of his Advocate-General, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday trashed as "baseless" and "politically-motivated" the unwarranted allegations against the A-G Atul Nanda, as well as the legal team that defended the Kotkapura firing incident probe.

Strongly countering the A-G's totally unjustified criticism, as well as other lawyers hired by the State Government to fight the case, the Chief Minister slammed opposition parties and their leaders who were deliberately trying to provoke public sentiment on the sensitive issue to create trouble ahead of the 2022 assembly elections.

Terming it a brazen gameplan of vested interests trying to mislead the people of the State with their deliberately misleading statements on different aspects of the sacrilege litigation, the Chief Minister said that these vested political interests were mixing up the same as a clear ploy to confuse the people.

Contrary to what these vested interests, including leaders of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) were projecting, the fact was that the sacrilege cases, relating to the desecration of Guru Granth Sahib, were being handled separately in the courts from the Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan police firing cases, said the Chief Minister.

The A-G and his team had been tasked with defending the



State "only in the sacrilege matters", which were an emotive and sensitive issue for the people of Punjab, he said, pointing out that the case had been decisively won by the State in a detailed judgment rendered by a Single Judge of the High Court on January 25, 2019, thus upholding the findings of the Justice Ranjit Singh Commission of Inquiry, appointed by the State Government to examine the

The Chief Minister point-

Capt Amarinder trashes allegations against A-G ed that the Single Judge's verdict was upheld, right up to the level of the Supreme Court, which helped the State recall the investigation into the cases of sacrilege of the Guru Grant Sahib from the CBI.

Pointing out that a separate SIT, headed not by Kunwar Vijay Pratap but by İG Parmar, is now probing the sacrilege cases, the Chief Minister said this, in itself, falsifies all allegations of any collusion between the ruling Government and the accused of this heinous crime.

"The case will be taken to its logical conclusion, and those guilty of destruction of the holy Sri Guru Granth Sahib will be punished, as a result of the concerted efforts of the A-G and his team," he added.

As for the Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan firing cases, the A-G was not even involved in the defence, which was being undertaken by a specialized legal team from the Supreme Court headed by leading crimadvocate Harin Raval, and other lawyers from Delhi, the Chief Minister said. The team of Delhi lawyers had also been working relentlessly to defend the State in the

matter of the police firing

cases' probe, he said, asserting

that he also had full faith in the

SIT headed by Kunwar Vijay

inal lawyers — a senior advo-

cate Siddharth Luthra, senior

Pratap to investigate the firing The entire agenda of those resorting to brazen lies and fabrications to denigrate the A-G and his team, as well as the legal team from Delhi, was to scuttle the State Government's efforts to bring the guilty to justice in both, the sacrilege and the firing cases, said the Chief

Minister. He made it clear that these efforts would not succeed and the innocent will get justice, as the Punjab Government was committed to fulfill every single poll promise made to the people of Punjab.

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Eyeing Dalit votes in Punjab

POLITICAL PARTIES SET OUT TO WOO THEM AHEAD OF ASSEMBLY POLLS

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The political parties in Punjab are exercising their franchise in favour of the reserved category vote bank with elections now less than a year away. Giving a go bye to merit, the dominant parties in the State have made it clear that the top or the top-most slot will go to a candidate from the reserved category. And, this is just one of the promises made to the reserved category voters.

To a discerning ear, the step backward may appear to be regressive. But for the political parties, the decision can only be dubbed as sound. The State has the highest population density of Scheduled Castes (SCs), which is close to 32 per cent highest in the country.

As the country was celebrating the 130th birth anniversary of Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar — a great champion of the dalit rights, all the major political parties went all out to woo the SC communi-

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Badal on Wednesday announced to appoint a Dalit leader as the Deputy Chief Minister if voted to power, while the Bharativa Janata Party (BJP) declared to have a Dalit candidate as state's Chief Minister.

Trashing the announcements as "nothing but poll optics", Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh listed out all the "decisions" to benefit the state's SC population, while highlighting how the Dalit community was harassed during the previous SAD-BJP

This was not for the first time that any political party has made such announcement to persuade the Dalit community. In 2016, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) had also promised a Dalit Deputy Chief Minister if voted to power before the 2017 Punjab assembly elec-

The ruling Congress, with an eye on 2022 polls, is also planning to appoint a senior Dalit leader as president of the state party unit to balance the caste equations. Also, in its last budget before the 2022 polls, the Government proposed to spend Rs 100 crore on a BR Ambedkar Museum at Inder Kumar Gujral Punjab Technical University in Kapurthala.

The Museum will be on the lines of the Statue of Unity in Gujarat," said the Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal while presenting the budget in March this year. The government has also proposed a BR Ambedkar Institute of Management at IKGPTU,

That was not all! The saffron party, which is facing immense opposition and criticism from all quarters in view of the ongoing farmers' agitation against the farm laws, is now trying to win over the SC community

The BJP, in February, appointed former Union Minister and Hoshiarpur's former MP Vijay Sampla, who is the party's senior Dalit leader, as the chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. Also, the BJP's lone MP Som Parkash from

Hoshiarpur — is the Union Constituting 32 percent of the state's population, the Dalits are concentrated in Punjab's

Doaba region, comprising Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur, and Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar. A majority of them belong to the Ravidasia community.

DALIT TO BE THE DY CM IF VOTED TO POWER:

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal, while addressing a gathering in Jalandhar, announced that if the party was voted to power in 2022, the Deputy Chief Minister would

SAD president Sukhbir Badal on Wed announced to appoint a Dalit leader as the Deputy CM if voted to

power, while the BJP declared to have a Dalit candidate as State's CM

be a Dalit. Sukhbir, accompanied by party's MLA from Nakodar Gurpratap Singh Wadala and Adampur MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu, also announced that the SAD will set up a university in Doaba named after the architect of the Constitution. He said that the Akali Dal was proud to follow the ideals of Dr BR Ambedkar. "We are committed to work for the weak and downtrodden. Once the SAD forms the government in Punjab in 2022, the deputy CM will be from the Dalit bhaichara. We will also establish a university in Doaba in Babasaheb's name," Sukhbir

On an alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party, he said that the party has been in talks but will make an announcement once a tie-up is finalized.

BJP TO HAVE DALIT AS **PÚNJAB CM: CHUGH**

BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh on Wednesday announced that if the saffron party came to power in the next Punjab Assembly elections, it would have a Dalit Chief Minister for the State. Chugh lambasted the Congress and the SAD for trying to mislead the Dalits in Punjab by alluring them with false promises of giving the deputy CM seat to the Dalits. Ridiculing SAD president Sukhbir Badal for announcing that AkalI Dal would appoint Deputy CM from Dalits, Chugh asked, "Why not the CM?...The Akalis should break the practice of picking up Chief Minister from a family and also from a particular community.

RIDICULOUS OPTICS: AMARINDER

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday ridiculed the Akali and BJP promise of appointing Dalits as Deputy Chief Minister or Chief Minister, respectively, if voted to power. Given the shockingly poor track record of both the parties, which did nothing for the SC community during their term in power, the Chief Minister said that SAD and BJP had failed to ensure the welfare of the Dalits in the state for 10 years, and were now resorting to political gimmickry to woo the community with an eye on the 2022

"Sukhbir Badal is now promising a deputy chief minister, but has nothing to show what he or his party, in alliance with the BJP ever did for the community," remarked the Chief Minister, terming it a political antic aimed at misleading the people with an eye on votes. "It is ridiculous the way the BJP has also quickly jumped on to the wagon to promise a Dalit chief minister if it is elected by the people of Punjab," said Capt Amarinder adding that given the angst against the party in the state over the farmers' issue, even finding one winnable candidate finding one winnable candidate would be a challenge for them.

Pointing to the pitiable condition of Dalits in the State under the previous SAD-BJP regime, Captain Amarinder said that for 10 years, the SC community was struggling to survive under the rule of the most apathetic government ever in the state. "Soon after our Government took over, it implemented all the poll promises made to the SC community, one by one," said the Chief Minister, speaking earlier at the virtual state-level function to celebrate Ambedkar Jayanti.

Punjab to spend 30% of funds in all Govt schemes on SC welfare

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Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday announced that the State Government will spend at least 30 per cent of funds under all government schemes for the welfare of the state's SC population.

Capt Amarinder also announced other measures and decision to uplift the Dalit community, as a mark of homage to Dr BR Ambedkar, who he said should be remembered as the first Indian who achieved so much for the Dalit

Paying floral tributes to the architect of the Indian Constitution at a virtual statelevel event, the Chief Minister also announced filling up of the SC vacancy backlog in all departments on priority, while promising to explore a postmatric overseas scholarship scheme for SC students, on the lines of the Baroda State

Scholarship Scheme awarded to Baba Sahib under a scheme established by Sayajirao Gaekwad III.

The Chief Minister further announced a special Rs 500 crore Rural Link Roads project for the financial years of 2022. The project will encompass construction of new link roads to the Bastis of Scheduled Castes and other poorer sections of the society, which do not currently have road con-

Shamshan ghats and places of worship will also be connected through the project.

A special allocation of Rs 100 crore is proposed in 2021-22 for modernization of villages having more than 50 percent SC population, said the Chief Minister, adding that this was aimed at providing further impetus to existing grants in the villages having Scheduled Caste population greater than or equal to 50 percent of the total population.

Govt well prepared to deal with the second wave of Covid: Chautala

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Wednesday said that the State Government is completely prepared to deal with the second wave of Covid-19 and there will be no imposition of lockdown in the state.

"Only the night curfew will continue in view of increasing cases of Covid-19 in the neighbouring states," the Deputy Chief Minister said while interacting with media persons after unveiling a 350kg bronze statue of Babasaheb Dr BR Ambedkar in Rewari on the occasion of Babasaheb's

birth anniversary. He said, "Currently, there is

no such situation to impose lockdown in the state.

The government is completely prepared to deal with the situation. In order to break the chain of the second wave of COVID in the state, the Tikakaran Utsav is continuously running for the last four days."While replying to a question regarding the closure of the schools from 1st to 8th classes, Dushyant said that this decision has been taken by the government after 160 children together were found COVID-19 infected in Sainik School

Over 6.37 lakh Covid vaccine doses administered during 'Tikka Utsav' in Haryana

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Haryana Government has administered 6,37,327 Covid-19 vaccine doses during the 'Tikka Utsav' observed from April 11 to 14 in the state.

The 'Tikka Utsav' was observed to ensure intensified vaccine with optimum utilisation of resources and minimum

The Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that the success in the four days exercise has been possible due to the

cases, 18 fatalities

In a huge jump in the number of Covid-19 infections,

Haryana on Wednesday reported 5398 fresh cases, the

highest-single day record since

the virus in the state in the last

24 hours. The active cases

jumped to 27421 while the total

case tally stood at 329942. The

death toll reached 3316 in the

Health Department's bulletin,

three people died in Karnal,

two each in Kaithal, Fatehabad,

Ambala, Yamunanagar and one

each in Hisar, Gurugram,

Kurukshetra, Sirsa and

recorded 3845 fresh infections

vailing situation in the state,

Home-cum-Health Minister

Anil Vij said that the State

Government is fully prepared

to fight the second wave of

There is no shortage of resources to fight COVID-19,

of COVID, we have given

instructions to the authorities

regarding proper arrangement

of PPE kits, masks, beds, med-

icines and staff in all the hos-

pitals. Under the Epidemic

Act, the Administrations have

In view of the second wave

Coronavirus in Haryana.

A day before, the state had

Commenting on the pre-

Panchkula,

Faridabad,

and 16 deaths.

Bhiwani.

he said.

According to the state's

18 more people died due to

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the pandemic began.

Haryana records major spike

in Covid-19 with 5,398 fresh

untiring efforts of the healthcare workers who have been working day and night since the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Sharing details, Additional Chief Secretary, Health, Rajeev Arora said that the much anticipated four days long 'Tikka above 45 years of age. mented across the state with 1,13,917 vaccine doses being administered on April 11, while on April 12, around 1,79,570 doses were administered, on April 13 around 1,68,828 vaccine doses and on the con-

been ordered to acquire private

hospitals for Coronavirus

patients and strictly follow the

Minister said that they will not

impose lockdown under any

circumstances. Saving life is our

priority but life has to go on, he

rallies, Vij made it clear that the

state has not banned the rallies

completely. The government

has already issued advisory

regarding the number of par-

are allowed to gather at the

indoor events and not more

than 20 at the funeral, and the

government will deal strictly

with the violation, he added.

the virus, the State Government

has imposed night curfew from

10 pm to 5 am across Haryana.

NCR REGION WORST

ued to be the worst affected in

the state and recorded the

highest number of fresh infec-

tions at 1151 followed by 838

cases in Faridabad and 387 in

reported 378 new cases, Karnal

359, Panchkula 276, Hisar 261,

Yamunanagar 219, Ambala

202, Panipat 188, Kurukshetra

156, Bhiwani 110, Sirsa 170,

Jhajjar 160, Fatehabad 165.

Among other districts, Jind

Jind on Wednesday

Gurugram district contin-

AFFECTED

To contain the spread of

Not more than 200 people

About organizing political

Regarding the imposition lockdown, the Home

safety guidelines, he said.

cluding day 1,75,012 vaccine doses were administered.

Arora said that we had focused on mass administration of vaccine doses at work places across the state be it government or private with sufficient number of employees

carried out to ensure optimum administration of vaccine doses he said that all the health care workers, asha workers were mobilized to attract maximum people for the administration of the vaccine.

Punjab sees

3,329 fresh

cases, 63

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ontinuing its trend of reg-Continuing its trend of reg-istering over 3000 cases daily, Punjab on Wednesday reported 3,329 fresh cases of

the novel coronavirus and 63

related deaths, pushing the State's infection tally to 2,82,505

and the Covid-19 death toll to

7,672. Highest 11 casualties

were reported from Amritsar;

followed by seven from

Jalandhar; six each from Patiala

and Ludhiana; four each from

Hoshiarpur and Fazilka; three each from Bathinda, Kapurthala, SAS Nagar

(Mohali), and SBS Nagar

(Nawanshahr); two each from

Gurdaspur, Moga, Pathankot,

Sangrur, and Tarn Taran; and

one each from from Barnala,

imum 508 cases were reported

from Mohali, followed by

Ludhiana with 489 cases,

Patiala 347, Amritsar 316,

Jalandhar 276, Bathinda 202,

Hoshiarpur 198, Gurdaspur

147, Ropar 109, among others.

number of deaths, the state's

death toll has come down to

2.72 percent but it is still the

highest in the country. In fact,

the state's positivity rate record-

ed on Wednesday was as high

as 9.14 percent. What is more,

the number of new infections

has grown by an average of 1.2

percent every day in the state

in the past one week

Despite reporting a high

Among the districts, max-

Ferozepur, and Muktsar.

deaths

हिमाचल प्रदेश

प्रिय प्रदेशवासियो.

बंडारू दत्तात्रेय

हिमाचल प्रदेश के 74वें दिवस पर प्रदेशवासियों को मेरी हार्दिक

हिमाचल प्रदेश के इतिहास में 15 अप्रैल, 1948 का दिन बहुत महत्त्वपूर्ण है, क्योंकि इस दिन 30 पहाडी रियासतों के विलय से हिमाचल प्रदेश अस्तित्व में आया था। इन 73 वर्षों में इस छोटे से पहाड़ी प्रदेश ने विकास के नये आयाम स्थापित किए और देश के अन्य राज्यों के लिए विकास का आदर्श बनकर उभरा है। विकास के इस सफर में यहां के मेहनतकश, ईमानदार, कर्मठ और प्रगतिशील लोगों का बड़ा योगदान

यह साल हम हिमाचल प्रदेश के स्वर्ण जयंती पूर्ण राज्यत्व वर्ष के रूप में भी मना रहे हैं। पिछले पांच दशकों में शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य और सामाजिक सुरक्षा को प्राथमिकता देकर राज्य ने सामाजिक-आर्थिक लक्ष्यों को हासिल कर देश में उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किया है। दुर्गम क्षेत्रों तक अधोसंरचना विकास, पानी, बिजली जैसी बुनियादी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करवाकर राज्य ने विकास के प्रवाह को गति दी है।

आज का यह पावन दिवस प्रदेशवासियों को राज्य के प्रति उनके दायित्व का बोध भी करवाता है। पर्यावरण संरक्षण और विशिष्ट सांस्कृतिक धरोहर को सुरक्षित व संरक्षित रखने के लिए विशेष प्रयास करने की आवश्यकता है। युवा पीढ़ी नशे की बुराई से बचाना है और कौशल विकास की दिशा में उन्हें आगे बढ़ाना है। हम मिलकर सामाजिक समरसता कायम करें और राज्य के तीव्र विकास का संकल्प लें।

पिछले साल के आरम्भ से ही हम कोरोना महामारी से लंड रहे हैं। हमारे कुशल नेतृत्व व वैज्ञानिकों की मेहनत से समय से पूर्व कोरोना वैक्सीन तैयार की गई।

हिमाचल को वीर भूमि भी कहा जाता है। राज्य के कई सपूतों ने रक्षा सेवाओं में वीरता का प्रदर्शन कर प्रदेश का नाम ऊंचा किया है। उनके बलिदान से जहां हम अपने आपको गौरवान्वित अनुभव करते हैं, वहीं आज के दिन हम उन वीरों को श्रद्धापूर्वक नमन करते हैं।

लिए समर्पित होकर रचनात्मक योगदान दें।

उमंग और खुशियां लाये।



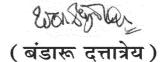
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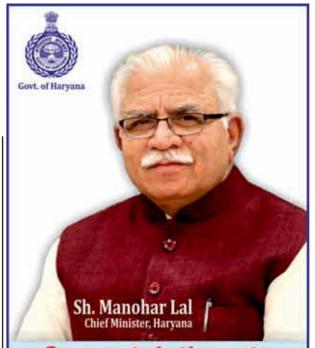
रहा है।

दुनिया के सबसे बड़े अभियान के तौर पर इसे लगाया भी गया जो क्रम अभी जारी है। लेकिन, सुरक्षित उपायों को अपनाते रहना है, जिसके लिए आप सभी अपना सहयोग देते रहेंगे।

इस पावन अवसर पर हम सभी प्रतिज्ञा लें कि राज्य के सर्वांगीण विकास के

में कामना करता हूँ कि यह दिवस सभी हिमाचलवासियों के जीवन में नई





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Navy Chief calls for better synergy among Quad navies

Underlining the high level of synergy among the navies of the Quadrilateral countries, Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh on Wednesday said these forces can come together in a plug-and-play mechanism in case of a military need in the

Indio-Pacific region.

Making this observation here during the ongoing threeday Raisina Dialogue, the Navy chief said there is immense interoperability between the navies of the Quad grouping.

His remarks came months after the Quad navies including India, US, Japan and Australia carried out the Malabar series of naval drills off the Indian

Participating in the Dialogue inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, Admiral Philip Scot Davidson, Commander of the US's Indo-Pacific Command, identified the Quad as a strategic opportunity diplomatically, military and economically, as he designated China as "the greatest strategic threat" to rules-based international order.

The two Navy top commanders during the conclave held virtually discussed the potential of the Quad and agreed that there are many new spheres of engagement where



the grouping can come together and also include more likeminded countries

Asked about the future of Quad military in terms of joint patrolling and others, the Indian Navy chief said the Quad started as a consultative grouping and has evolved and grown organically. "There is no dearth of issues that it can handle and we have a robust engagement with the navies of all Quad members," he said.

The Navy chief said the Quad navies already enjoy high degree of interoperability and highlighted that the Malabar exercise started with the US in

Similarly, he pointed out that India has been carrying bilateral naval exercises with Japan since 2012 and with the Australian Navy for the last six years. "So if an opportunity

He said India is the only G-

20 country to walk the talk on

the Paris climate agreement

and "we have done more than

we promised". The Minister

said that the frequency of

abnormal (weather) events has

increased but "let us not forget

that this is not a new phe-

today was caused 100 years ago.

European and American coun-

tries and China, in the last 30

years, emitted (greenhouse

is suffering... India is suffering

because of the actions of oth-

ers," he said, adding that his-

torical responsibility is a very

important aspect in climate

(historical responsibility), and

we will not allow anybody to

mon threats, but those who

have polluted will have to act

more, he said adding that they

(developed countries) com-

mitted in Copenhagen, 100

billion dollars per year... but

where is the money. There is no money in sight," he said.

Under the Copenhagen Accord, developed countries

committed to a goal of mobilising 100 billion dollar a year by

2020 to help developing coun-

tries mitigate climate change.

forget it," Javadekar said.

"We cannot just forget it

Everyone is facing com-

What we are suffering

arises, we have the capability and capacity to come together in almost a plug and play mechanism," he said.

The US Navy commander said the Quad has tremendous potential for cooperation, going far beyond the security sphere. "The vaccine approach is a powerful signal to the region that the Quad is working for the common good outside these four countries," he said.

Noting that the Quad has gained momentum, Davidson said, "It's a diamond of democracies in region... We should think about it in broadest possible terms."

He also said China seeks to exploit the current global pandemic with increased military aggression throughout the Indo-Pacific. He added that China's intent is to undermine international law and norms.

Well done, Modi! says Cong after Govt cancels CBSE Class X exams

Soon after the CBSE Class 12 examinations were postponed and Class 10 exams cancelled, the Congress took to social media and mes-

saged "well done Modi ji".

Congress leaders Rahul
Gandhi and his sister
Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had been rallying for putting off the board exams

The decision was taken by the Prime Minister after a meeting with Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and other top officials amid growing demands for cancelling or postponing the board exams as Coronavirus cases have seen an unprecedented surge across the country in a deadly second wave.

"Well done Modi ji, listening to sound advice from Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi and the Congress will go a long way in mending our nation. It is our democratic duty to work together for the betterment of

ego," the Congress tweeted. After announcement, Priyanka

our people. It's good to see

BJP finally put nation over

sion must be taken for Class

"Glad the Government has finally cancelled the 10th standard exams however a final decision must be taken for the 12th grade too. Keeping students under undue pressure until June makes no sense. It's unfair. I urge the Government to decide now," she tweeted.

She had earlier said it would be "downright irresponsible" of boards like the CBSE to force students to sit for the exams in the circumstances. "Board exams either cancelled, rescheduled or arranged in a manner that does not require the physical presence of children at crowded exam centres," she wrote last week to Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank last week.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who had also urged the government to postpone or cancel the exams, also welcomed the move.

"I am glad that the exams have been cancelled/post-poned. This is a great relief for lakhs of students and their parents," he tweeted.

Ambedkar gave a strong base to Independent India: Modi

Paying tribute to the framer of the Indian Constitution Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Ambedkar gave a strong foundation to independent India so that the nation could move forward while strength-

ening its democratic heritage. President Ram Nath Kovind also paid rich tributes to Ambedkar on his 130th birth celebrations. Prime Minister also

released four books related to Bhim Rao Ambedkar, whose birth anniversary falls on April 14. The books are written by Kishor Makwana.

Addressing Association of Indian Universities' 95th annual meet and a national seminar of vicechancellors through video conferencing, Modi said that Babasaheb Ambedkar gave a strong foundation to independent İndia.

"Babasaheb Ambedkar gave a strong foundation to independent India so that the nation could move forward while strengthening its democratic heritage," he said.

The event was hosted by Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad. Paying tributes to Dr Ambedkar, Modi said in a

tweet, "I bow to the great Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar on his birth anniversary. His struggle to bring the deprived sections of the society into the mainstream will continue to be an example for every generation."

'Today, the country is also working to spread the message of Babasaheb to the people. Places associated with Baba Saheb are being developed as Panch Tirtha", said the Prime

On account of the Covid-19 surge, the authorities are keeping the celebrations in a low key.

President Ram Nath Kovind urged fellow citizens to "imbibe his ideals in our lives by learning from his life and ideas and contribute towards building a strong and prosperous India".

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu remembered Ambedkar

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu remembered Ambedkar for bridging the gaps of

for "bridging the gaps of

inequality

Senior BJP leader and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh paid tribute to Ambedar saying Baba Saheb should not just be seen as a Dalit icon. He was a renowned name among

world intellectuals not just in

India, but globally as well. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid floral tribute to Ambedkar saying "Owing to Babasaheb's visions, India progressed at a fast pace after independence that benefitted all fractions of society."

The Centre has announced April 14 as a public holiday for all Central Government offices including industrial units.

India will raise its climate ambitions but not under pressure: Javadekar

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India on Tuesday made it clear that it will raise its climate ambitions but not under pressure and that it was suffering because of the mistakes of others and "is not responsible for climate change that is happening". Environment Union

Minister Prakash Javadekar in his speech after a meeting with French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian at the French Embassy also said that India will not allow anybody to forget their historical responsibil-

French minister le Drian said the consequences will be disastrous if the world is not able to limit global warming to 2 degrees Celsius, or even 1.5 degrees Celsius, compared to

That's why it is absolutely indispensable that all countries increase their climate commitments by the time the COP26 takes place in Glasgow, as required by the Paris

Agreement, he said.
"This increase in ambition must include setting new nationally determined contributions by 2030 and also longterm strategies to achieve carbon neutrality. We must stop building new coal-based power plants and it is essential that we progressively stop this mode of electricity production at a global level," le Drian said.

Javadekar said, "We will complete our commitments, raise our ambitions but not under pressure. And we will also ask countries to provide finance and technological support and about their (climate)

AYUSH manufacturing unit makes record ₹164-crore turnover

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 \mathbf{I}^{n} view of increasing demand for AYUSH products and services by people amid Covid-19 pandemic, the Indian Medicines Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited (IMPCL), a public sector manufacturing unit of the Union Ministry of AYUSH, has recorded its highest-ever turnover of ₹164 crore in 2020-21.

The company has recorded an all-time high profit of approximately ₹12 crore, the Union AYUSH Ministry said in a statement here on Tuesday.
Its previous highest

turnover was ₹97 crore in 2019-

Adding another feather in IMPCI's cap, the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation recommended its 18 Ayurvedic products for WHO-GMP/COPP certification subject to certain observations in The WHO provides

World Health Organization, Good Manufacturing Practices Certificate of Pharmaceutical Product (WHO-GMP/CoPP)" certification to companies after conducting an inspection. This certification is an

endorsement of the quality of IMPCL's products. It will help IMPCL to commence export of quality medicines.

IMPCL is one of the most trusted manufacturers of AYUSH medicines in the country and is known for the authenticity of its formulations.

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, it was able to cater to the needs of the country in the shortest time, probably the first company in the country to provide Immuno boosting medicines as AurakshaImmuno Boosting Kit.

Maldivian Foreign Minister to begin two-day India visit today



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Maldivian foreign minister Abdulla Shahid will begin a two-day India visit on Thursday with a focus on further deepening of ties between

Ministry of External Affairs ther momentum to the close bilateral cooperation.

Minister S Jaishankar on Friday covering bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. "Foreign minister Shahid's

eral cooperation between the two countries," the MEA said in a statement It said Shahid will participate in the Raisina Dialogue in

Growth for All in the Region, the MEA said

Vardhan launches initiative to spread awareness about nutrition



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Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan has launched an initiative aimed at spreading awareness about nutrition and locally available nutritious food, fruits, and vegetables, a statement said on Wednesday

Vijnana Bharati (Vibha), Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats' (GIST) Forum, Vigyan Prasar, and Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRAB-HASS) have come together to launch mission "Aahaar Kranti" with the motto of 'Uttam Aahaar-Uttam Vichaar' (Good Diet-Good Cognition).

Launching the initiative Tuesday, Vardhan said, 'Today, when the country is reeling under the onslaught of

a pandemic like COVID-19, a balanced diet serves as a special tool to reduce the impact of the pandemic. At such a time, the need to create awareness about the importance of a balanced diet has become more vital than ever before."

The statement said the "Aahaar Kranti" movement is designed to address the peculiar problem being faced by India and the world -- hunger and diseases in abundance.

Studies estimate that India produces as much as two times the amount of calories it consumes. However, many in the country are still malnourished. The root cause of this strange phenomenon is the lack of nutritional awareness, it said.

The movement proposes to address the problem by working to rouse the people to the values and richness of India's traditional diet, to the healing powers of local fruits and vegetables, and to the miracles of a balanced diet, it added.

"Aahaar Kranti" will renew the focus on nutritionally balanced diets replete in locally sourced fruits and vegetables.

While Vijnana Bharati (Vibha) and GIST Forum initiated the programme, several other agencies have also joined hands and agreed to pool in their expertise and resources, the statement said.

Besides various central and state government ministries and agencies, the Department of Science and Technology's autonomous body Vigyan Prasar and PRABHASS are a part of this collaborative effort. More organisations will join the mission as it proceeds, it said.

Cong always striving towards achieving Ambedkar's goal: Sonia



ongress president Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday said her party is always striving towards achieving the path shown by Bhim Rao Ambedkar of building a strong nation where every citizen progresses without discrimination.

Paying rich tributes to Ambedkar on his 130th birth anniversary, she said the Congress has always empha-sised on the establishment of an egalitarian society.

'Today, when the thinking of conservatism and discrimination is trying to weaken the society, the Congress party is always conscious that every section of the country should discrimination, we all together build a strong nation. This is the unshakable path of Babasaheb," she said in her

"Congress party is always conscious that every section of the country should progress equally and without discrimination, we all together build a strong nation. This is the unshakable path of Babasaheb," she said.

"In accordance with Baba Saheb's ideals, the Congress party has always emphasised the establishment of an egalitarian society in the country and waged a decisive struggle against centuries of discrimination, untouchability and

inequality. "Today if even the weakest person in the margins of society can reach the highest position of the country in a democratic manner, then this is our biggest achievement in 73 years and is a true tribute to Baba Saheb's dreams and aspira-

tions," the Congress chief said. Ex-Chief Election Commissioner GVG Krishnamurty dies

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Former Chief Election Commissioner Dr GVG Krishnamurty passed away on Wednesday morning due to a prolonged illness. He was 86. He is survived by his wife Padma Murty, son and senior Supreme Court advocate G.V. Rao, and daughter Dr Radha Bodapati.

Mourning the loss of an illustrious former member of ECI family, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra recalled that Dr GVG Krishnamurty made exemplary contribution during his tenure in the Commission as Election Commissioner from 1st October 1993 to 30th September 1996.

Global warming making Indian monsoon seasons stronger, more chaotic: Study

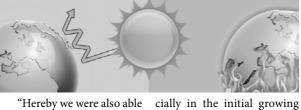
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¬limate change will make ∠summer monsoon rainfall in India stronger and more erratic, according to a study that predicts extremely wet years in the future, with potentially grave consequences for over a billion people's wellbeing, economy, food systems and agriculture.

The study, published in the journal Earth System Dynamics, compared more than 30 state-of-the-art climate models from all around the world.

"We have found robust evidence for an exponential dependence: For every degree Celsius of warming, monsoon rainfalls will likely increase by about 5 per cent," said study lead author Anja Katzenberger from the Potsdam-Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) in Germany.

Greenhouse effect Global warming



to confirm previous studies but find that global warming is increasing monsoon rainfall in India even more than previously thought. It is dominating monsoon dynamics in the 21st century," Katzenberger

The researchers noted that more rainfall is not necessarily a good thing for the farming sector in India and its neighbouring countries.

Crops need water espe-

period, but too much rainfall during other growing states can harm plants — including rice on which the majority of India's population is depending for sustenance," said study co-author Julia Pongratz from Ludwig-Maximilian University (LMU) in

This makes the Indian economy and food system highly sensitive to volatile monsoon patterns," said

the two countries. Announcing the visit, the

It said Shahid will hold talks with External Affairs

visit is expected to lend further momentum to the close bilat-

virtual mode. Maldives is India's key maritime neighbour in the Indian Ocean Region and occupies a central and special place in the prime minister's vision of 'SAGAR' — 'Security and

A look into the past

Starting in the 1950s,

underlines that human behav-

iour is behind the intensifica-

tion of rainfall, according to

human-made forcings have

begun to overtake slow natur-

al changes occurring over

At first, high sun-light blocking aerosol loadings led

to subdued warming and thus

onwards, greenhouse gas-

induced warming has become

the deciding driver for stronger and more erratic

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extremes and their serious

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Access to professional education

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ccess to professional edunot a "Governmental largesse" and state has an affirmative obligation to facilitate its reach at all levels, the Supreme Court has

This obligation assumes far greater importance for students whose background imposes formidable obstacles on their path to access quality education, the apex court A bench of Justices D Y

Chandrachud and M R Shah made these observations in a verdict on separate pleas filed by two students from Ladakh who were not admitted to MBBS degree course in medical colleges here despite due nomination by the Union Territory and in terms of the

seats notified by the Centre. While the right to pursue higher (professional) educa-

a fundamental right in Part III of the Constitution, it bears emphasis that access to professional education is not a governmental largesse. Instead, the state has an affirmative obligation to facilitate access to education, at all levels," the bench said in its judgement delivered on April

"This obligation assumes far greater importance for students whose background (by virtue of such characteristics as caste, class, gender, religion, disability and geographical region) imposes formidable obstacles on their path to accessing quality education," it

While allowing the peti-

tions filed by the two students, the top court directed that the admission formalities be comtion has not been spelt out as pleted immediately and, in any event, within a week. The bench noted that both

the petitioners were nominated by the Ladakh administration for admission to MBBS degree course under the 'central pool' seats set apart by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It noted that one of them

has been allocated seat at Lady Hardinge Medical College while the other has been assigned to Maulana Azad Medical College.

'We have been constrained to take up the issue under Article 32, since the fundamental rights of students from Ladakh to pursue professional education are implicated," it said.

not Govt largesse, says SC

Modi, Didi two sides of same coin: RaGa

 $B_{\text{paign in Bengal for the}}^{\text{eginning his election cam-}}$ Left-Congress-ISF alliance in Bengal Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday launched a massive broadside against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee saying each was complementary to the other insofar as the State's contemporary politics was con-

Attacking Modi for trying to defile Bengal's rich culture by inciting hatred and peddling false dreams of "Sonar Bangla" (golden Bengal) which he called a "mirage" he said the Prime Minister and his party BJP was dividing Bengalis for

votes.
"Like in Assam, Tamil Nadu and elsewhere the BJP is trying to spread hatred amongst the people and divide them" in the name of caste and religion... the people of other states have learnt with experience that the BJP have only hatred and divisive politics to offer in the name of lofty dreams like Sonar Bangla that they are peddling now," Gandhi told a rally at Goalkpokhar in North Dinajpur district of North Bengal.

The so-called Sonar Bangla was a "mirage" which the BJP was selling in every state to hide

Criticising each and every step taken by the Modi Government he said "they promised you unearthing of black money through demonetization but could they do it ... they failed in that ... and ended up bringing hardship to com-

Attacking the Modi Government for "its insensitivity when thousands of people were walking back home hundreds and thousands of kms," the former Congress president said, "those thousands of people from your area know it well how they returned home during the lockdown ... instead of putting money to your pocket to lessen your hardship they were waiving tax burdens on the large corporate houses of Modiji\s choice saying they would create jobs ... but did that happen ... No."

During his first rally in Bengal in this election season, Gandhi took a dig at Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and said his party would never align with the BJP and the RSS, unlike the TMC, which in the past had been an alliance partner of the saffron party-led

Hitting out at Mamata Banerjee he said that the Bengal Chief Minister's remote control was in the hands of Narendra Modi adding they were the two

Attacking Banerjee for being part of the BJP's alliance for many years he said "she was in the BJP's closet for many vears but did the Congress ever made any alliance with the BJP or the RSS ... did the Congress compromise with an ideology that murdered its political Guru (Mahatma Gandhi) ... we will prefer to die than to go with the BJP-RSS."

Trying to distinguish dif-ferentiate between Banerjee's fight against the BJP and the Congress' struggle against it he said "for Mamata Banerjee it is merely a political fight ... but for the Congress it is a battle of ideology on which it cannot

Reminding the BJP's slogan "Congress Mukt Bharat" (Congress-less India) he said, "the slogan was coined because they know that the Congress will never surrender before the ideology of RSS.'

He attacked the TMC for introducing the culture of cut money and extortion in Bengal he said "the people of Bengal gave an opportunity to TMC. But, they failed in every respect... This is the only state where you have to pay cut money to get jobs ... in Bengal there is no industry, no road, no infrastructure ... nothing ... now the people of Bengal have to go to other states for jobs."

BJP 'outsiders' raised | corona cases: Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A pparently putting a new coating to her "outsider" weapon, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said that the "BJP's outsiders" were responsible for the increase in the number of corona cases in Bengal.

Intensifying her tirade against the "BJP's outsiders" she said "in Bengal we had controlled corona ... the cases had been reduced" to negligible numbers but "as the election campaign it start-ed spreading because the BJP's out-

siders brought it from other States."
She said "I have been repeatedly talking against bringing people from outside states to Bengal for campaigning but they did not listen to me and brought them to our State ... these people would not come to Bengal when corona was at its peak ... it was only we who were fighting to contain the disease ... and now when we had controlled it they brought outsiders who brought the disease with them, infected the local people and fled."

Alleging that the State Government had been continuously asking for vaccines from the Centre she said "now they are coming to ask for votes ... but when we asked for vaccines they would not give it to us ... we have deposited the required money for the vaccines but they are still not coming.

With the daily cases rising by more than 10 percent --- the latest figure reaching to about 4,800 on Tuesday --- there has been a huge shortage of vaccine in most Bengal hospitals. According to State health department 3 lakh Covishield vaccines reached

another badge of 2 lakh Covaxin would reach the State by Wednesday

Referring to the Cooch Behar police firing that killed four people in Sitalkuchi constituency of the North Bengal district Baneriee on Wednesday said she would get the matter probed and ensure justice for the kin of the vic-

Banerjee visited Mathabhanga Hospital where the injured were being treated three days after the Election Commission lifted the 72-hour ban on political leaders visiting the district.

"I can assure you that whosoever is guilty will be brought to justice after the elections," Banerjee said adding her Government would support the victims family with all kind of support. Four persons Manirul, Samilul, Hamidul and Nur Alam were killed in the firing. Banerjee also met a distant relative of BJP supporter Ananda Burman who was shot dead on the same day by alleged TMC goons in the same constituency and assured them

"The Government will track every one responsible for the cold-blooded killing and ensure they are punished as per law," Banerjee said reminding how the wife of a victim was pregnant and that of another had a small child."

Four persons were killed as central forces opened fire at alleged hooligans who "attempted to snatch their rifles" at booth number 5/126 during polls on April 10. The clash broke out when the quick response team of the central forces were escorting a group of voters who had been stopped from voting by miscreants to the booth.

Keralites celebrate Vishu amid pandemic fears

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Despite the emergency situation prevailing in the State, Keralites celebrated Vishu (the Malayalam New Year Day), a day which marks the annual agricultural operations with gaiety though in a subdued manner.

Family members woke up early in the mrning to see the Kani(the first sight) made up of a picture of Lord Krishna resplendent with ornaments, grains, seeds, new cloth and a bunch of currency, which assures an year filled with prosperity and happiness.

The eldest member of the family gave away Vishu Kaineettam (a token gift) in the form of a coin and new cloth to members of the family. Nostaligia marked the occasion as 85 year old V B Radha, the patriarch of Perumbavoor's Vembanattu family gave away Kaineettam to her children, grand children and great grand children.

The cattle herds in agricultural family too were in for a treat in the morning itself as they were worshipped with lighted lamps and pictures of Lord Krishna. Farm workers toiling in the paddy fields assembled in the farm lands in the early hours itself to commence symbolic agricultural operations.

It is an age old tradition for the village astrologers to call on families to provide the annual forecast, popularly known as Vishu Phalam. Village astrologers are gone long back and people call on them in the morning hours to know what is in store for them in the coming year. 'Things will not be as bad as it was

in 2021. The Covid-19 pandemic will definitely subside and normalcy would gradually return to the country. There are signs of negativity giving way to opti-



Parappanangadi Unnikrishna Panickar, Sanskrit and Vedic scholar about the coming days.

True to the prediction, it rained heavily in the State on Vishu Day and the chief minister, who was undergoing treatment for Covid-19 at the Kozhikode Medical College Hospital for the last three days returned to his palatial home at Pinarayi in Kannur. Speaker P Sreeramakrishnan, who was in the ICU since he was questioned by the Customs Department in connection with hawala transaction, was moved back to the hospital ward after it was found that he too had defeated the pandemic.

"Vishu is always the beginning of a new dawn. It is a harbinger of happiness and peace. That's why it is being celebrated in unison by all sections of Kerala society," said Prof P G Haridas, eminent historian

Bhangipara: Cold horror stalks villages in Sunderbans

old horror is a small expres-Usion to depict the prevailing tension among the locals in this back-of-beyond village bordering

Outsiders are clearly not welcome at Bhangipara. Such is the fear that not a single soul here would volunteer to talk.

After much cajoling Rani Mondal (name changed) decides to show some courage but on conditions of anonymity. "Babu you will go today ... but tomorrow after the elections if they win they will bomb our houses, attack our children ... kill our old people," she says.

Why would she not talk of the young men? "Beche thakle to bolbo (how can I refer to the young men? Are they alive?) ... they have been killed by the men of Shahjahan" (a local TMC tough) she alleges.

the incident took place she says, "our fault was that the BJP got a lead of 150 votes from this area (though the TMC won the seat) during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections... violence started only after that as their goons came and attacked our men just because they were doing BJP."

Her father Hari (name changed) says "they came like an Amphan (the cyclone is the latest symbol of horror in the locals collective mind), charged bombs ... we along with our women hid on the roof or beneath our beds ... there were gunshots all around. As the men ran towards the Bheris (fish ponds) they were chased... by the evening it was all over ... two bodies were fished out" subsequently.

The two victims were

Sukanto Mondal and Pradip Mondal. A third Devdas Mondal is missing still now. His father says "My son was raising a BJP flag at the shop which irked Even as she walks up to the them ... they were already w th

... in front of my house my son ran away for his life towards the Bheri ... they followed him ... there after we do not know what happened. They later brought two bodies but my son has not returned even today ... almost two years... look at my eyes ... can you find any tears... they have dried up ... he helplessly looks at heavens hurling all his complaints up there."

And then he shows his two grand children and a young dahguter-in-law. "There is no relief. At this old age I have to go out silently to work and manage some food for these little ones and the daughter-in-law. I cannot look at their eyes ... they have no hope ... no pleasure," he says relating the worst part of it all.

"And what is worse is the CID that is probing the case does nothing ... often we are told that the police is pressured by the TMC to harass us and even arrest us ... what have we done ... this was not like that in the were not so cruel." He would not reveal whether the family did CPI(M) earlier or not.

Padma Mondal the wife of a victim and now a BJP leader shows courage saying "we will not let the culprits go unpunished ... the people cannot speak up out of fear ... but tomorrow they will The alleged perpetrator of the

crime Shahjehan however would rubbish the allegations as "false and baseless ... they have their land slipping beneath their feet and now they are blaming the TMC." When told to explain his meteoric rise from rags to riches he says "we have been doing business for so many years." Cut to the nearby village

where the family of Abdul Kayum Mollah, have a different tale to tell. "It is the BJP men who attacked us and killed the man here ... he was chased and shot dead because he was a TMC," say the victim's family members asking in a hushed tone "Dada BJP

BJP really coming). When asked about the source

of the family's earning they say "we do odd work like farming, fishing or sometimes construction labourers..." When reminded that there is

no material difference between the earthly condition of the two sides, both being poor Asfaq Sk a relative of the victim says "Dada jani to ... agey to erokom chilo na ... ekhon hoi (we know it ... earlier it was not like that ... today it is like that)."

When asked about their real problems both the sides have similar things to say: lack of income, lack of education and health facilities, lack of job and corruption. "I went for Asha Karmi ... they asked for Rs one lakh" says Ámeena Khatoon adding the job still eludes her as she could not pay the amount.

And what will they do on the polling day April 17. "God knows babu ... will we be allowed to vote?" That is another common

₹50cr-worth drugs seized in narco-terror module bust in J&K's Tangdhar sector

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Proops guarding the line of control in ■ North Kashmir's Tangdhar sector late Tuesday night foiled a major smuggling bid by recovering a drugs consignment worth ₹50 crores. According to defence sources, troops initially foiled an infiltration bid in the forward area and also recovered a 10 kg of narco consignment worth 50 crores (approximately). According to a Srinagar based Defence

Spokesman Lt Col Emron Musavi, "late Tuesday night smugglers were spotted carrying the narcotics along the Line of Control. Indian Army & BSF troops detected a suspicious movement and challenged the smugglers probably accompanied by Pak based terrorists".

He said, "the contact was near the LoC fence about 500m from the LoC. A brief exchange of fire took place in which one JCO of Indian Army sustained minor

to recovery of the narcotics haul. The infiltrators managed to escape", he added. Defence Spokesman said, "this is the

second consecutive busting of 'Pak Sponsored Narco Terror Model' in the past one week in the valley." Incidentally, he said, a 10 KG heroin consignment was recovered from the

same general area a week ago in a joint operation. However, he said, this time smugglers were spotted carrying the narcotics along the LoC. Narco and terrorist infiltration are known to be carried out through the

Tangdhar bowl. The police are carrying out investigations to identify and arrest the network involved in the smuggling and infiltration attempt.

The Defence spokesman said, "security forces, police and intelligence agencies continue to carry out synergised actions to counter any effort to carry out infiltration or smuggling of weapons and contraband

Goa to extend 'Tika Utsav' by 10-12 days: CM

Panaji: The Goa government will extend the Covid-19 vaccination drive, 'Tika Utsav', by 10-12 days, said Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Wednesday, urging people above the age of 45 years to take advantage of the vaccination outreach pro-

"'Tika Utsav' will continue for 10-12 days so that those who are eligible get themselves vaccinated. Lockdown is not the solution for Covid-19 but vaccination, maintaining social distancing, wearing face masks is. We should avoid public meetings and unnecessary gatherings," added Sawant while speaking at an event organised by the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services.

'Get tested immediately if you have COVID-19 signs and symptoms and maintain home isolation. If we need to contain the spread of the infection, then people will have to cooperate. The government will not lag behind when it comes to hospitalisation or providing Covid-19 care kits. Early treatment is the

key," said the Goa Chief Minister. The 'Tika Utsav' programme was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a four-day mass vaccination campaign for inoculation of people above the age of 45 years from April 11 to

Sawant said that while the neighbouring state of Maharashtra had gone into lockdown, a similar fate should not "befall" Goa, urging people to maintain social distancing and adhere to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Gujarat CM to meet religious | Andhra logs 4K more Covid cases, leaders on Covid situation

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat Chief Minister, Vijay Rupani on Wednesday evening, will hold a virtual meeting with various religious leaders of the state on the prevailing situation of Corona infection in the state.

The CM will hold discussions with them and request cooperation from every

community in the fight against the virus. Vijay Kupani will have a virtual meeting with many religious leaders of the state at 4

p.m. in the evening on Wednesday. Many dignitaries from various religious communities like Ratnasundarji Maharaj

Saheb, Namramuni Maharaj Saheb, Vraj RajKumar, Dwarkesh Lalji, Brahmavihari Swami, Sant swami of Vadtal Temple, Tyagvallabh swami, Shernath Bapu, Avichaldasji Maharaj, Dilipdasji Maharaj, Shambhu Prasad Tundiya, Maulana Lukman Tarapuri and Right Reverend Silvance Christian will participate in the

The CM will have discussions with them regarding the current Covid situation in the state, and their role in the fight against the pandemic.

Have recover raising the raising the pandemic.

active cases cross 28,000 mark

Wednesday reported 4,157 new Covid-19 cases, taking the tally to over 9.37 lakh, while active cases reached 28,383.

The state, which was logging over 2,000 cases for some days, has now the tally double to over 4,000 cases. There were also 18 more deaths, in the past 24 hours, pushing the toll to 7,339.

Meanwhile, 1,606 more persons have recovered in the last 24 hours. raising the number of recoveries

the highest number of cases at 617, followed by Srikakulam (522), Chittoor (517), Visakhapatnam (417), Kurnool (386), Anantapur (297), Nellore (276), Prakasam (230), Vizianagaram (154), Krishna (135), Kadapa (112) and West Godavari (60). East Godavari's tally has crossed 1.27 lakh, the highest among all the districts, while the state's positivity rate rose to 6.03 per the national average of 5.32 per

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Renaming Harijans as Dalits sabotaged Gandhi's dream: Acharya Kunjhol

KOCHI: On the occasion of the 130th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, the chief Constitution, a vedic scholar of repute has called for the abolition of the word Dalit once and for ever and to bring back the name Harijan used to denote the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

"Harijan is the most sanguine word which accorded respect, sanctity and beauty to the depressed and oppressed communities. The word was introduced by Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. He even named the world famous magazine he launched as Harijan. But certain vested interests sabotaged Gandhi's dream and renamed the communities as Dalit, a term which has no Indianness in it," said Acharya M K Kunjhol, the chief patron of Kerala State Harijan Samajam, a 64 year old organisation working for the upliftment of



the Harijans.

Kunjhol, Kerala's living Mahatma, who has been honoured with Padma Sri by the President of India for the selfless and dedicated work he is doing among the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes for the last 70 years, attributed to a deep rooted conspiracy by anti-national elements in getting the name Harijan replaced with Dalit.

When Mahatma Gandho took up the agitation to get the practice of untouchability ameliorated and eradicate caste discrimination, he asked the people to propose a common nomenclature for the scheduled castes and tribes who were being treated as untouchables.

Migrant workers from Bihar relieved after return but worried about work **Patna:** After the recent surge in the number of Covid cases in nearly all

parts of the country amid the second wave of the pandemic, the people living outside Bihar are now returning to their native State. The Indian Railways have also run special trains to facilitate their return. The migrant workers who have returned to Bihar have now begun to worry about finding work here. Some are thinking about doing farming while many people are thinking about engaging in contractual labour.

Hundreds of people from Mokama, adjoining Bihar's state capital Patna, earned their livelihood working in other states. Many such people have returned to their native villages. Anand Kumar, a resident of Ghoswari village, says that dozens of people from his village had gone to other states to earn money and have now returned home or are preparing to return to their native place fearing a lockdown.

He said he had also come back

to his native place when the lock-

down was imposed last year in view

of the pandemic. He was left with-

out work after the lockdown was lifted following which he again returned to Bihar. Now once again due to the lockdown people are forced to return to their native Subedar Rai, a resident of a vil-

lage near Ghoswari, used to work as a security guard in Mumbai. His whole family was infected with coronavirus and his wife died of the infection. Following this, he left Mumbai and returned to his native village. He said nobody cares in big cities. "I have returned to my native village facing a lot of trouble. Now come what may, I will not leave Bihar. I will work in the fields," he added.

Ram Surat, a labourer who works in a Pune factory, has also returned to Bihar. He had returned home last year when the situation due to the pandemic had worsened. When the situation improved, the factory owner called him back to work, but now everybody has returned to their homes. He has a family in Bihar. "I will stay in Bihar for a few days and when the situation improves, then I will return to work." He is relieved that he has

returned to his native state. However, asked how will he get employment here, he says that he could survive for some days but if the situation due to the pandemic persists for a long time, then it

would become difficult. Ramnandan, who lives in Chanka village of Purnia district, does not want to leave Bihar now. He said he returned home last year and is now doing farming. What is the use in moving out of Bihar. Advising other people, he says that one should search for work in Bihar. He said the state government is also working towards giving work to people.

People from Bihar travel in search of work to most parts of the country. Due to the surge in Covid-19 cases, factories and businesses are being shut down in many states, due to which people are returning to their native states. However, the number of infected cases is also rapidly increasing in Bihar. The people who have returned to their states are relieved that at least they have returned to their villages.

Maha logs 58,952 new corona cases, 278 deaths

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Notwithstanding a marginal drop in the number of Covid-19 cases, the pandemic situation continued to be grim in Maharashtra on Wednesday, as the state recorded 58,952 fresh cases and 278

On a day when the Maharashtra government began to enforce stringent restrictions, including a ban on the movement of people in public places without a valid reason, prohibitory orders under section 144 of CR.PC and night curfew for 15 days, the number of infections dropped from Tuesday's tally of 60,212 to 58,952, while deaths came down from 281 to 278 in various parts of the state.

With 58952 fresh cases, the total infections climbed from 35,19,208 to 35,78,160. Similarly, with 258 new deaths, the total Covid-19 toll rose from 58,526 to 58,804.

As 39,624 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March last year went up to 29,05,721. The recovery rate in the state for the first time in several days

dropped from 81.44 per cent to 81.21

The number of "active cases" total cases in the state rose from 5,93,042 to 6,12,070. The fatality rate in the state dropped from 1.66 per cent to 1.64 per

With 54 fresh deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai rose from 12,023 to 12066, while the infected cases went up by 9931 to trigger a jump in the infections from 5,35,264 to 5,45,195.

While Pune accounted for a maxi-

mum 1,12,213 "active cases" in the state, Mumbai stood second with 86,635 active cases, followed by Thane (84,098), Nagpur (65,368), Nashik (44,880), Aurangabad (14,680), Ahmednagar (17,937), Nanded (13,917), Bhandara (12993), Jalgaon (12126), Latur (13622) Buldhana (4849), Parbhani (8847), Beed (8517), Nandurbar (7158), Chandrapur (7898) and Gondia (6536).

laboratories, 35,78,160 have tested positive (15.86 per cent) for COVID-19 until Wednesday.

Of the 2,28,02,200 samples sent to

Currently, 34, 55,206 people are in home quarantine while 28,494 people are in institutional quarantine.

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Going all out

The Govt's decision to procure COVID jabs from abroad should be welcomed for a variety of reasons

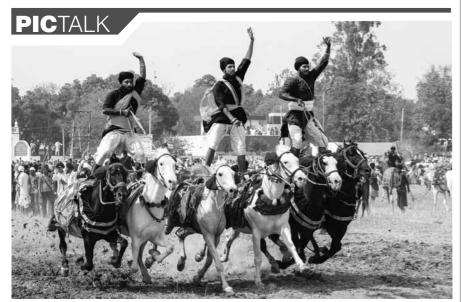
The Indian Government's "vaccine *maîtri*" may have earned it laurels among the nations that received the approximately 6.45 crore COVID shots, but it has left it clutching at straws and getting the flak in its own backvard. With the Coronavirus cases rising exponentially across India and with more deaths being recorded due to its new strains, the Centre is facing criticism that in its enthusiasm to earn global brownie points it put its own citizens at risk by distributing the shots to other nations instead of ensuring that all its citizens were inoculated first. As the second wave of infections tears across the country, there are calls for opening up the inoculation process for everyone as the new strain is not sparing children and the youth this time around.



Hence, faced with a shortage of the COVID jabs the Centre first gave the nod for the use of Russiamade Sputnik Vaccine for emergency use and moves are now afoot to enlarge the COVID-19 vaccine basket by giving approval to the shots manufactured in the US, the UK and Japan. The National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for COVID-19 (NEGVAC) has recommended that shots being manufactured abroad as well as those which have already received approval for "restricted use by the USFDA, EMA, UK MHRA, PMDA Japan may be granted emergency use approval in India". It is understood that the "vaccines, which

are listed in the World Health Organisation's emergency use listing, may also be granted emergency use approval in India".

The decision has come at the right time as it would encourage imports of bulk drug material and help in optimal utilisation of domestic fill-and-finish capacity which will, in turn, provide a fillip to our vaccine manufacturing capacity and total jab availability for domestic use. The Centre, trying its best to calm the citizens, has assured them that there is no vaccine shortage and over 1.67 crore doses are still available. While there is some strength in the argument that the Government should have catered to its citizens first, the fact remains that the healthcare authorities and the public, too, is to a certain extent responsible for the state we are in today. First of all, given the fact that vaccines are direly needed at this time, how do we explain the criminal average wastage of 6.5 per cent in India? Plus, if people had listened to the Government, got inoculated in massive numbers and observed the Corona protocols diligently, there would not have been such a surge in cases. When the number of infections dipped after the first wave, had we shunned vaccine hesitancy, things would have moved with assembly-line precision and a large part of the population would have had the shots by now. However, it's not too late and the Centre is doing its bit to provide succour to its citizens. We need to calm down, behave like responsible citizens and help the Government in its endeavour in any way we can. After all, this is a situation that none of us had ever faced before.



Nihangs show their horse-riding skills on the last day of Baisakhi Mela in Bathinda district

Double whammy

Our insouciance is responsible for the alarming

B oth the pandemic and the pollution have made life miserable for the residents of Delhi. It's a double whammy this year — unlike last year when Delhi. It's a found to be some relief during the Community of the community of the of Delhi. It's a double whammy this year — unlike last year when Delhiites had some relief during the Coronavirus-induced lockdown as the level of pollutants fell drastically, thanks to the restriction on vehicular movement and the ban on indus-



trial activity. However, this relief was short-lived since the Capital's air quality started to deteriorate with the lifting of curbs. As the COVID-19 cases surge towards another peak, Delhi is witnessing the worst air quality since 2018. As the country is fighting the pandemic with indigenous vaccines (now with the imported ones, too), masks, social distancing and the "Test-Track-Treat" methodology, it must also think of cutting down on pollution. We must remember that one's immunity plays a vital role in fighting the virus and pollution certainly doesn't help it. Hence, lowering the pollution level will only aid our fight against the contagion. The Particulate Matter (PM) is the biggest contributor to Delhi's pollution and

the main factors behind the increase in its concentration include vehicular emissions,

biomass and garbage burning and industrial smoke effluents.

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a meeting with the Chief Ministers stressed that there is no need for another lockdown as the country now has enough infrastructure to control the infection. But unfortunately the Governments have failed to control the pollution in Delhi — which is ranked the world's most polluted Capital and 10th most polluted city across the globe in the World Air Quality Report 2020 by a Swiss air technology company, IQAir — and the only solution in sight to control the PM levels in the Capital is another lockdown. But it's not right to blame only the Governments as the citizens also are no less responsible for this pathetic situation. Actions like car pooling, switching off the ignition at stop signals, using public transport, use of electric vehicles, and so on, are far from being our habit. Similarly, simple things like wearing masks properly, maintaining social distance, sanitising hands regularly and strictly adhering to the COVID-appropriate behaviour are not followed, which helps the infection spread. Until we mend our ways, we are doomed to lose both battles, against the pandemic and the pollution.

Elections in the time of COVID



With half the phases in the Bengal polls remaining, the virus management measures appear to be missing on the ground

he Congress candidate from the Srivilliputhur Assembly constituency, 63-year-old PSW Madhava Rao, passed away of COVID-19 complications five days after the Tamil Nadu election concluded on April 6. If he wins the election posthumously, the constituency will head for a by-election. Tamil Nadu is one of the 16 States in India experiencing a significant surge in fresh Coronavirus infections. However, the pictures of bulging election rallies/road shows there capture only people's indifference towards the virus. The wearing of masks seems to be a luxury rather than a compulsory practice.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has laid down strict COVID-19 protocols for the elections in five States. It forms a part of the February 26 announcement of the poll schedule. The guidelines remain virtually unchanged since the Bihar Legislative Assembly election in October-November 2020. However, they seem to be honoured more in the breach than in observance, at least with regard to campaigning.

The instruction is that the District Election Officer (DEO, who is mostly the District Magistrate) should identify dedicated grounds for public gatherings with clearly marked entry and exit points, put markers to ensure social distancing norms by the attendees, and the nodal district health officer should ensure that the COVID-related guidelines are adhered to by everyone in the district. The DEÓ and the District Superintendent of Police should ensure that the number of attendees does not exceed the limit prescribed by the State Disaster Management Authority for public gatherings. However, the swelling crowds at the rallies/road shows seem to throw these protocols out of the

While elections in Tamil Nadu, Keraia, Puducherry and Assam were over by April 6, those in the State of West Bengal

only four of the eight phases have been completed until now. The elections are already scarred by violence, and the media is fully fixated on it. By contrast, the large-scale flouting of the pandemic norms has not engaged the media's attention sufficiently.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi repeatedly exhorts people to wear masks and maintain physical distancing norms in public. He is emphatic that nobody should be lax about the COVID-19 protocols. These are indeed meant for the people's own safety, and tens of millions of ordinary Indians like me follow his advice in letter and spirit. However, does he follow his own advice at the mammoth rallies that he has been addressing frequently in West Bengal? The crowd strength at his rallies is so oppressive that there is hardly any place to stand. There was palpable fear of a stampede at his rally in Kolkata's Brigade Parade Ground on March 7.

As the camera zooms in on different segments in the crowds at the Prime Minister's numerous railies, it is easy to spot that masks are a rarity. Does Modi demand will continue till April 29. There, that those not wearing masks



AHEAD OF THE FOURTH GENERAL **ELECTIONS IN** 1967, THE CHIEF MINISTERS OF TAMIL NADU AND WEST BENGAL SHOWED THE WAY FOR DEVELOPING A CODE OF CONDUCT THROUGH ALL-PARTY MEETINGS. THE ELECTION **COMMISSION OF** INDIA OFFICIALLY ADOPTED IT

or flouting the social distancing norms should leave immediately? Far from it, the Prime Minister seems to be oblivious of the subject as he vigorously launches a broadside on Mamata Banerjee's "misrule". The official candidates of his party — who otherwise pretend to follow Modi religiously — throw their masks (read caution, please) to the wind while going to file their nomination papers or campaigning.

None of the political parties seem to behave responsibly against the threat of COVID-19. Their delinquency is punishable under Sections 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code as specified in Order No 40-3/2020-DMI (A) of November 25, 2020, by the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, there are hardly any publicised incidents of punishment on this account until now.

With respect to the Coronavirus, no political party can evade moral responsibility. They should have by themselves appointed nodal officebearers for ensuring COVIDappropriate arrangements. If expressed are personal.)

elected to govern, they themselves will have to deal with the pandemic upsurge. It is shameful that their behaviour should be COVID-inappropriate in public while seeking votes. The battle against the virus cannot be wholly dependent on vaccinations. Experience has shown that even those vaccinated can contract COVID-19.

The second wave of the pandemic has gripped India even as half the phases in the West Bengal election remain. It devolves upon all political parties to come together and take recognisable measures so that the poll campaign does not aggravate the situation. It might involve curtailing big rallies/road shows featuring star campaigners. One is reminded how ahead of the Fourth General Elections in 1967, the Chief Ministers of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal showed the way for developing a Code of Conduct through all-party meetings. The ECI officially adopted it in 1968. Such all-party meetings on the COVID-19 situation are the need of the hour.

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WE ARE NOT PREPARED AT ALL

Sir — This refers to the editorial 'Double mutant strikes' (April 14). Your article is right on the money when it says that this variant multiplies quickly. You rightly raised the point about the lack of data and studies that is peer-reviewed — it does not give the guarantee that these vaccines would work. One does need to be an Einstein to know that if things keep spiralling downwards, the day is not far when we surge past the US in becoming the worst-hit country.

We are importing vaccines but the recent halt in the rollout of Johnson & Johnson's vaccine in the US is also concerning as blood clots have been reported in patients who took this jab. It is bizarre that a country producing top doctors and scientists cannot figure out how this virus operates. The health briefings are an elephant dart to the public's face as all it does is present a rosy picture. It seems that our pandemic response is absolutely misguided and an absolute disgrace.

Sadly, our people could not refrain from going to events like the Kumbh Mela. Even the politicians are busy holding rallies as their priority is to win elections rather than to control the virus. All this has led to pandemic fatigue as people have been following the rules for long, for something that isn't even their fault. It's too late in the day to wish for this pandemic to have never afflicted humankind. The only thing to do now is to just mask up and stay home!

Sean Colin Young | New Delhi

EXERCISE CAUTION WHILE CAMPAIGNING Sir - It doesn't behove Prime Minister Narendra Modi to speak insultingly of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and repeatedly call her "Didi o Didi". Such words belittle the dignity of a women and the Election Commission must take note of it. Mamata was right in saying that the way the PM is cracking jokes on her, it sounds like a young man making a pass at a local woman. This is certainly below standard. "I know many things about you, Modi and Shah. But I have the dignity not to stoop so low," she said. She targeted Modi, saying that

Punish vaccine hoarders



mid the current surge in the number of Coronavirus cases, several States have reported the shortage of anti-viral drug Remdesivir. It is surprising that Gujarat BJP chief CR Patil has announced that 5,000 doses of Remdesivir would be made available free of cost by the party in Surat. But he didn't explain how he managed to get the stock despite the Government mandating that not more than six doses of medicine will be sold without a doctor's prescription.

The Government must respond and explain that when people are unable to get the

only someone who did not give due recognition to the women in his life can crack such jokes. However, Mamata also has crossed her limits several times in past.

Our political leaders must exercise caution while speaking in public. The common people follow the politicians blindly and such statements set a wrong precedent in politics. There are politicians like Uttar Pradesh's former Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav and Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan who have made insulting remarks against women. The politicos should maintain dignity and decorum in public life.

G David Milton | Tamil Nadu

STOP THE HATE SPEECHES Sir — The overzealous campaign of the BJP's Suvendu Adhikari, with the choicest of abuses for our Islamic brethren, follows the culture of his new political masters. Sadly, such

injection despite standing in queues for hours, how did 5,000 injections reach Patil? Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani's innocent response was that he is unaware of Patil's claim. "I don't know. Ask Patil," said Rupani. This response is careless and is not expected from a CM. It is a blatant case of corruption and a CBI inquiry must be initiated to find out how he managed to stockpile the Remdesivir injection. Worse still, this is the situation despite the Gujarat

High Court pulling up the State Government

over the worsening Coronavirus situation. The COVID-19 patients are experiencing unimaginable difficulties due to the shortage of beds, oxygen and medicine supply and lack of proper testing and tracing. Though Prime Minister Narendra Modi claims that India has "walked the talk" on helping the world counter the pandemic despite its "limited resources", much is needed to be done to effectively deal with the rising COVID cases at home. Nailing the corrupt politicians who stockpile or hoard the vaccine is one such step.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

leaders vouch for the constitutional ethos and cry "India first" at every possible opportunity! Despite the rampant abuse of religion and attempts to create a rift among communities, these leaders surprisingly are not prosecuted. Hate speeches have become

the order of the day in elections. These things work in elections since the people are still not educated or wellinformed enough and fall into the trap of the political leaders. We will never have good and accountable governance unless and until we vote for those who are secular in the real sense and do not create rift among people. Else, we cannot continue to blame the politicians for our plight as we only vote them to power and give them the opportunity to

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Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant



that has been overwhelmingly important in bringing down infections and

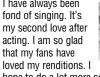
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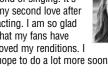
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It is the lockdown

deaths. It has not been achieved by the vaccination programme.

I have always been





- Sara Khan

I'm very happy with the progress of the team over the last 18 months. If we continue to build on this. I am sure we can defeat any team.

> Indian hockey captain Manpreet Singh

The UP Government is playing not with statistics, but with the lives of people. The situation in the State



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If we want real integration. North Indians must study the history and literature of South India, too, right from school



MARKANDEY KATJU

Il Indians, including those from the South, have read about the Agreat Mauryan Empire, the Gupta Empire, and so on in their school hisgreat Mauryan Empire, the Gupta Empire, the Empire of tory books. But, how many North Indians have heard of Krishnadeva Raya of the Vijayanagara Empire (whose statue along with his two queens, still stands in the Tirupati temple), or of the great Chola and Pandya kings? Regrettably, very few North Indians would be aware of these great kings from the South. Most Indians have read the 'Ramayan' and the 'Mahabharata', which are epics about North Indian kings, and most Indians have read the works of Surdas, Tulsidas, Kabir, and the stories of Munshi Premchand. But how many North Indians have read the great Tamil epics 'Silappathikaram', 'Manimekalai', or the great Tamil treatise 'Tirukkural' by Tiruvalluvar, about whom the great Tamil poet Subramania Bharati wrote: "Tamil Nadu is known throughout the world because of Tirukkural." How many have heard the 'Tiruppavai' by the poet saint Andal, which is sung in the month of January all over Tamil Nadu, or the great poetry of Subramania Bharati who wrote powerful verses for women's emancipation around 1910 much before anyone dared to do so in the country? Very few.



North Indians know of Hindustani music but how many know of Carnatic music, and its trinity of Tyagaraj, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Shyama Shastri? Hardly any. How many North Indians have heard of the great Keralite social reformer Narayan Guru, who belonged to the low-caste Ezhava community and fearlessly criticised and campaigned against the inhuman caste system? Practically none. For long, North Indians have regarded South India as a dark land populated by uncivilised people and are blissfully unaware of the South's great achievements in various fields. Indeed in the 'Ramayan', Kishkindha, which is believed to be in the present State of Karnataka, was regarded to be a land populated by monkeys from whom Lord Rama raised a 'vaanar sena (monkey army)' to invade Sri Lanka. Regrettably, even today, many North Indians look down on South Indians due to their ignorance of the culture and achievements of the South. For instance, South Indian temples are massive and unbelievably beautiful. They reveal the high level of knowledge of architecture and geometry of the ancient and medieval South Indians. For example, the Brihadishvara temple of Tanjore is simply astounding and one wonders how the builders could use such huge stones to create it. In fact, it reminds one of the Egyptian pyramids. The gigantic rock relief 'Descent of the Ganges' in the ancient port city of Mahabalipuram, capital of the Pallav Empire, is truly amazing

The large number of Roman coins found in South India show the extensive trade between it and ancient Rome from the time of Emperor Augustus (who reigned from 27 BC to 14 AD). This indicates how highly developed the economy in ancient and medieval South India was as they, unlike North Indians, were seafaring people, with extensive commercial contacts in Southeast Asia. The Chola king Rajendra Chola is believed to have executed military campaigns in Southeast Asia (Sri Lanka, Sumatra, and so on), which could only have been possible with the aid of a powerful navy. In llango's epic 'Silappathikaram' one comes across these lines: "May the Pandya king prosper, who ruled over the South, after conquering the Ganga and the Himalayas in the north." At first I thought this was only poetic exaggeration, however, later I read of credible accounts of a South Indian king (perhaps Rajendra Chola) leading a Napoleonic invasion of north India up to the Ganga and even beyond (apart from invading Sri Lanka, the Malaya peninsula, southern Thailand and so on.) If we want real integration of India, North Indians must study the history, culture and literature of South India, too, right from school and give the South Indians the respect they deserve.

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Irreconcilable differences?



While India insists on de-escalation in Eastern Ladakh, the Chinese prefer the status quo. As it appears, both sides are unwilling to relent

→ the 11th round of India-China military talks to defuse tension in Eastern Ladakh, that was held after a gap of nearly two months, has again ended without any major breakthrough. The marathon talks lasted 13 hours as has been the trend in the past, but the Chinese side this time was rigid and uncompromising. Ever since the successful disengagement of troops from the lake area and the Kailash Range in February this year, a stalemate exists as far as further disengagement is concerned from the areas of Hot Springs, Gogra, Demchok and over stopping of Indian patrols in

Immediately after the disengagement was completed, the 10th round of talks was held between the military commanders of the two nations. But it failed to arrive at any consensus as far as further disengagement from the remaining areas was concerned. However, the talks were dubbed as "constructive" and both sides hoped for a fruitful outcome. A joint statement issued by the two countries after the talks positively appraised the disengagement from the lake area, terming it a significant step that would provide a good basis for resolution of other remaining issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western

Though the much-awaited 11th round has once again ended in a stalemate, there are two noticeable differences. Unlike in the past, no joint statement has been issued by the two nations. In another first, the Chinese side has responded with a statement from the People's Liberation Army (PLA) with the Press statement issued by the spokesperson of its Western Theatre Command instead of its Defence Ministry. The statement issued by the PLA was full of rhetoric and laced with diplomatic niceties, indicating that it may have been drafted at the Ministry level but was issued by the PLA. This indicates some sort of unhappiness or disagreement which may need intervention at the highest level.

The PLA's statement said, "We hope India can treasure the current positive situation of de-escalation in the China-India border regions, abide by related agreements reached by the two countries and the two militaries in previous meetings, meet China halfway and safeguard peace and stability in the border regions together"; once again reiterating the "half-way" offer rejected outrightly by India in the past. What's the point of talking about de-escalation when the Chinese have not even completed the promised disengagement?

A couple of weeks earlier, General Naravane, the Indian Chief of the Army Staff, had observed that the threat in Eastern Ladakh has "not gone away altogether" since the PLA was still maintaining its considerable troop strength in the "rear areas" as before. "De-escalation will take place only when these elements go back to their garrisons,"

eludes both sides. While the Indian side insisted on complete disengagement from Hot Springs, Gogra, Kongka La and Demchok, including the lingering issue of Depsang, the Chinese did not concede to troop pullback from these friction sites as earlier agreed to, leave alone discussing Depsang. The disengagement from the Depsang plains is believed to be the bone of contention since it is not directly relat-



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ed to last year's aggression. Hectic diplomatic activity had preceded the 11th round of talks for "maintaining peace and tranquillity and providing conditions for the progress of bilateral relations." The Indian Foreign Minister, in a telephonic conversation with his Chinese counterpart, had insisted on "early resolution of remaining issues along the LAC and disengagement at all friction points.

In a virtual meeting of the Working Mechanism of Consultation and Coordination on India China Border Affairs (WMCC), held in the last week of March, it was decided to hold the 11th round of talks between the Corps Commanders as early as possible in order "to further ease the situation on the ground and jointly safeguard the hard-won peace and stability in the border areas."

All eyes were thus set on the 11th round of negotiations, hoping not only for disengagement from the remaining areas but also for the resolution of the Depsang imbroglio. So, the big question is, why are the Chinese so sensitive about this area and unwilling to concede? The Depsang plains are sandwiched between the Aksai Chin and Siachen glacier. Located at the height of 16,000-17,000 feet above sea level, the area provides good mobility to the armoured vehicles. The Karakoram Pass and the Sasser Law Pass, both strategically important to India and located within its territory, are on its flanks.

Much of these plains had been moved beyond that till the perceived

under Chinese control since the mid-1950s. Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO) is also located adjacent to the plains. In 1962, the Chinese occupied much of the Depsang plains west of the DBO, with India left with a small bulge. The new road built by us to connect the DBO with the Shyok area and beyond is under the observation of the Chinese and remains vulnerable to its artillery fire. The area is strategically important because China and Pakistan can jointly threaten India with a pincer movement in a strategic collusion and cut off the vital area from the rest of Ladakh. Conversely, India can threaten Aksai Chin and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), though a build-up for any large-scale offensive would pose serious challenges.

Apart from the varying perception of the LAC, another peculiar factor in the area is the Limit of Patrol (LOP). India and China differ on the alignment of the LOP as well. The Chinese perception of the LOP is almost 20 km beyond our perception inside our territory. The tensions in this area are not recent. The Chinese had intruded in the area in 2013 and again in 2015 during the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping and then during the 2017 Doklam crisis.

The crux of the problem lies in both sides denying each other access to the Patrolling Points (PPs) located on the LOP. Earlier Indian troops had been patrolling up to PP 11, 12, 12A and 13 and had not

LAC. But lately, the PLA has been preventing Indian troops from even patrolling till these PPs and the phenomenon has become more pronounced after the Doklam stand-off. Unlike the Chinese incursions in the Fingers Area (between Finger foureight), the Chinese did not physically move into the area.

The Indian patrols can move in vehicles only up to an area called "Bottleneck" beyond which their movement is on foot. A kilometre or so beyond the bottleneck is "Y-Junction" where the route bifurcates, with one fork leading to PP10 to 12 and the other fork leading to PP13. When Indian patrols approach Y-Junction, the PLA troops come in vehicles from a nearby post and stop them from going further up to the LOP. In a quid pro quo, the Indian troops prevent the PLA's men from going ahead of the "Bottleneck" area to their perceived LOP.

To ward off any threat in the area, India has also built up a strong force there, including armoured vehicles. The logistics of sustenance of such a large force and keeping the armoured fleet functional in such extreme cold weather conditions is a Herculean task. vv niie india insists on de-escaiation in this area simultaneously with the others, the Chinese prefer the status quo. As it appears, both sides are unwilling to relent. Indian troops are still in possession of a feature in the lake area that can prove as a "trump card" for hard bargaining with the Chinese to secure our interests in the Depsang plains.

IN THE ELECTION, THE CONSCIOUS PEOPLE OF BENGAL HIT SO MANY FOURS AND SIXES THAT THE SEATS OF THE BJP HAVE BECOME CENTURIES.

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I CAN SAY THAT AFTER THE ELECTIONS ARE OVER, THE BJP WILL NOT EVEN GET 70 OUT OF THE TOTAL 294 SEATS. —WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER MAMATA BANERJEE

Time to bridge the healthcare gap and tap indigenous potential

There has to be support from the Government for medical Research and Development activities towards advanced health solutions

¬he COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the disparity among the haves and have-nots in access to healthcare in the country. However, everyone should have working and living conditions that are conducive to good health. The collaboration of various stakeholders in the health sector, who must work as a team as well as individually, is essential to achieve a fairer and healthier world in which all members of society have access to quality healthcare services irrespective of

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their socio-economic status. The first step towards achieving universal access to affordable health services is to have uniform, unbiased and economical healthcare facilities available for all. This will help in early detection and treatment of various diseases and infections. Preventive healthcare measures are of



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utmost importance in ensuring the overall health of a com-

While we have a plethora of health schemes in India like 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)' to cater to the health of our citizens, it's the execution part of such schemes that we lack in. Efforts are required to ensure that people are enrolled, databases are updated regularly and citizens avail the benefits of the scheme.

The Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model can help in achieving the goal of accessible healthcare and realising the targets in the field. Private and Government entities need to collaborate and work in consonance, supplementing each other's effort. They have to come up with specific strategies for various the poverty line.

It is imperative to monitor health inequities and help provide better access to affordable and quality healthcare. Many people in our country struggle to avail primary healthcare services. It is important that the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in every State cater to the healthcare needs of migrant workers who are from varied backgrounds.

Fostering and nurturing indigenous technology is extremely important in building affordable healthcare infrastructure in India. There has to be support from the Government for medical Research and Development (R&D) activities towards advanced health solutions.

As far as possible, bureaucratic hurdles must be removed so that innovators and scientists are able to avail sections, such as those below the benefits of various policy industry-wide push to make wide gap in the supply and



initiatives. There has to be some provision for financial support and tax benefits so as to encourage these R&D entities. For instance, if a patient needs a heart valve replace-ment, Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) is an alternative to conventional heart surgery but the longlasting results of it are still in

question. It seems that there is an

these procedures popular, without really thinking about the long-term results. Currently, these valves are highly expensive in India (approximately ₹22.5 lakh) owing to which a majority of the people cannot afford it. Even the cost of conventional valve replacement (approximately ₹3 lakh) is also out of reach for many. The solution is indigenisation. The Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) using Nitinol stents developed by the National Aeronautical Lab (NAL) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is promising in this respect. Unfortunately, there has been no support

from any Central Government We all know that several organs are received only from human donors and there is a

demand. Today, science has reached a stage where these organs could be manufactured using one's own cells through the 3D printing technology or by using a biological scaffold — like a shark fin on which it could be grown. Shark skin is another potential tissue substrate to create biological tissue in view of its inherent tensile strength and durability. The Governments, both Central and States, as well as financial institutions mainly banks, should support these initiatives.

Unfortunately, due to ignorance on the part of regulatory bodies and other law enforcing agencies, even the licence for producing or manufacturing these has been poorly formulated and prioritised. Another important area is the realm of stem cell research with its tremendous regenerative potential, but we face too many hurdles in manufacturing and commercial production. Further, it's critical to cre-

ate awareness about various health issues in regional languages that people understand. Plus, there is a pressing need to emphasise upon the importance of nutrition and immunity development in maintaining individual health.

Vaccination can help in keeping vaccine-preventable diseases away but there are new viruses and strains that are being discovered every day. Recently, we have witnessed how the second wave of the COVID-19 virus has taken the country by storm. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that our population has a fairly strong immune system, along with affordable healthcare and indigenous R&D in medical

Iran Prez calls 60% enrichment an answer to 'evilness'

Dubai: Iran's President on Wednesday called his country's decision to dramatically increase its uranium enrichment after saboteurs attacked a nuclear site "an answer to your evilness," saying Israel hoped to derail ongoing talks aimed at reviving Tehran's tat-tered nuclear deal with world

This weekend's sabotage at the Natanz nuclear facility appears to be part of an escalating shadow war between the two countries. Israeli authorities have not commented on the attack, but are carried it out.

Tuesday it would increase uranium enrichment up to 60%, its highest level ever, in response to the attack. That could draw further retaliation as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed never to allow Tehran to obtain a nuclear weapon. While Iran's move keeps enrichment below weapons-grade levels of 90%, it is a short step away.

Speaking to his Cabinet, an impassioned President Hassan Rouhani said the first-genera-

widely suspected of having tion IR-1 centrifuges that were damaged in the attack would be Iran announced on replaced by advanced IR-6 centrifuges that enrich uranium much faster.

"You wanted to make our hands empty during the talks but our hands are full, Rouhani said.

He was referring to ongoing talks in Vienna that are aimed at finding a way for the United States to re-enter Tehran's nuclear agreement with world powers and have Iran comply again with its limits. The accord, which former President Donald Trump withprevented Iran from stockpiling enough high-enriched uranium to be able to pursue a nuclear weapon in exchange for the lifting of economic sanc-

Rouhani added: "60% enrichment is an answer to your evilness. ... We cut off both of your hands, one with IR-6 centrifuges and another one with 60% Rouhani also accused

Israel of being behind the Natanz attack

"Apparently this is a crime by the Zionists. If the Zionists

take an action against our nation, we will respond," he said, without elaborating.

In Jerusalem at a Memorial commemoration, Netanyahu appeared to reference Iran. "We must never remain

apathetic to the threats of war and extermination of those who seek to eliminate us," he Rouhani in his comments

Wednesday insisted Iran is still hoping that the Vienna talks lead to a negotiated settlement over its program — and the accompanying lifting of pun-

ishing sanctions.

France, Germany and the United Kingdom, all parties to the nuclear deal, issued a joint statement Wednesday expressing their "grave concern" over Iran's decision to increase enrichment.

"This is a serious development since the production of highly enriched uranium constitutes an important step in the production of a nuclear weapon," the countries said. "Iran has no credible civilian need for enrichment at this

Saudi Arabia, a

regional rival to Iran, similarly issued a statement, saying enriching at that level "could not be considered a program intended for peaceful purpos-

"The kingdom calls on Iran to avoid escalation and not to subject the security and stability of the region to more tension, and to engage seriously in the current negotiations," Saudi Arabia said.

Iran insists its nuclear program is peaceful, though the West and the International Atomic Energy Agency says Tehran had an organized mil-

itary nuclear program up until the end of 2003. An annual US intelligence report released Tuesday maintained the American assessment that 'Iran is not currently undertaking the key nuclear weapons-development activities that we judge would be necessary to produce a nuclear

Iran previously had said it could use uranium enriched up to 60 per cent for nuclear-powered ships. However, the Islamic Republic currently has no such ships in its navy.

TERROR RE-EMERGES IN BALOCHISTAN

Quetta: Pakistan's Balochistan continues to keep the country's security forces under constant check from different parts of the province. carrying out terror attacks, targeted killings, kidnappings and bomb blasts, performance of the security forces and sending fear down the spines of the

RISE IN AFGHAN CIVILIAN CASUALTIES: REPORT

Kabul: A UN report on Wednesday showed that at least 573 civilians were killed and 1,210 others wounded in the first three months of 2021, which is a 29 per cent increase as compared to the same period last year.

GLOBAL COVID CASELOAD TOPS 137.2 MILLION Washington: The overall global Covid-19 caseload has topped 137.2 million, while the deaths have surged to more

than 2.95 million, according to the

Johns Hopkins University.

Nancy invites Biden to address joint session of **US Congress**

Washington: US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi has invited President Ioe Biden to address a joint session of Congress on April 28.

This would be President Biden's maiden address to a Joint Session of Congress.

"Nearly 100 days ago, when you took the oath of office, you pledged in a spirit of great hope that 'Help Is On The Way'. Now, because of your historic and transformative leadership, Help Is Here!" Pelosi wrote in a let-

"In that spirit, I am writing to invite you to address a Joint Session of Congress on April 28, to share your vision for addressing the challenges and opportunities of this historic moment," she said.

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Hong Kong's delayed legislative elections set for December

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Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam has said that the semi autonomous Chinese territory's legislative elections will take place in December, more than a year after they were post-poned by authorities citing public health risks from the coronavirus pandemic.

Lam also said on Tuesday that laws will be amended so that inciting voters not to vote or to cast blank or invalid votes will be made illegal, although voters themselves are free to boycott voting or cast votes as they wish.

"When a person willfully obstructs or prevents any person from voting at an election, we will consider it corrupt conduct," said Lam.

Lam said that the elections will take place on December 19. The elections were initially slated to be held last September.

Lam was speaking a day ahead of the first reading of draft amendments to various laws in the city's legislature, to accommodate Beijing's planned changes to the city's electoral

announced changes to Hong Kong's electoral system, expanding the number of seats in the legislature while reducing the number of directlyelected seats from 35 to 20.

The move is part of a twophase effort to rein in political and opposition in Hong

Kong, which is part of China but has had a more liberal political sys-

tem as a former British colony. China imposed a national security law on Hong Kong last year and is fol-

lowing up this year with a revamp of the electoral process.

The crackdown comes in the wake of months of pro-democracy protests in 2019 that brought hundreds of thousands to the streets and turned violent as the government resisted the movement's

In the current 70-member legislature, voters elect half the members and the other half are chosen by constituencies representing various professions and interest groups.

Myanmar charges doctors over civil disobedience protests

Yangon: Myanmar's ruling junta has charged at least 19 medical doctors for participating in civil disobedience protests against the military's February 1 coup, a state-run newspaper reported on Wednesday.

Doctors, nurses and medical students have marched and joined strikes to show their opposition to the military takeover that ousted Aung San Suu Kyi's democratically elected government and put a halt to the progress Myanmar had made toward greater democratization after five decades of military rule.

The doctors charged are accused of supporting and participating in the civil disobedience movement "with the aim of deteriorating the state administrative machinery," the

Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper wrote.

The military government has already issued arrest warrants for 100 people active in the fields of literature, film, theater arts, music and journalism on charges of spreading information that undermines the stability of the country and the rule of law.

This isn't the first time doctors have been targeted. Earlier this month in Mandalay, the country's second-biggest city, security forces used stun grenades and fired guns to break up a march by medical workers protesting the army's takeover. The online news site The Irrawaddy reported that four doctors were arrested.

Protests continued Wednesday across Myanmar even as people boycotted the

Thingyan, the country's traditional New Year, usually a time for family reunions and merry-In leaflets and social media

posts last week, people were asked not to hold any Thingyan celebrations, saying it would be disrespectful to "fallen martyrs" to enjoy the festival. The government's violent response to anti-coup demon-

strations has seen 714 people killed by security officials, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners. Last week, at least 82 people were killed in one day in a crackdown by security forces

on protesters, according to

reports from independent local media and AAPP.

US President to present on Wednesday details of plan to withdraw all troops from Afghan

Washington: US President Joe Biden plans to present on Wednesday the details of his plans to have all American troops out of war-torn Afghanistan by September 11 this year, the 20th anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attack on the twin towers in New York.

Ahead of a formal announcement, a senior official said Biden has decided to draw down the remaining US troops from Afghanistan and finally end the US war there after 20 years. There are currently 2,500 ÚS troops in Afghanistan.

"The president will deliver remarks tomorrow on the way forward in Afghanistan, including plans and timeline for withdrawing US troops in close coordination with our partners, allies and the Afghan government, also his commitment to focusing on threats and opportunities we face around the world," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said on Tuesday. According to an official,

Biden has reached a conclusion

that the United States will complete its drawdown and remove its forces from Afghan before September 11. 'We will begin an orderly drawdown of the remaining forces before May 1 and plan to

have all US troops out of the country before the 20th anniversary of 9/11," the official said. He said the withdrawal of troops is not conditions-based. "The president has judged that a conditions-based

approach, which has been the case in the past two decades, is a recipe for staying in Afghanistan forever," said the senior official.

EU to negotiate major vaccine contract extension with Pfizer

Brussels: EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen announced plans Wednesday for a major contract extension

accines with Pfizer stretch-

In a sign of confidence in company that has been a mainstay of Europe's vaccination drive so far, von der Leyen said the EU will start negotiat-

ing to buy 1.8 billion doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine

full confidence in the technol-

through 2023. Von der Leyen expressed

ogy used for the Pfizer-

BioNTech vaccine, which is different from the one used for the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine. "We need to focus on the

technologies that have proven

their worth," von der Leyen

European Commission currently has a portfolio of 2.3 billion doses from a half dozen companies and is negotiating more contracts.

'China-India border tensions 'remain high' despite some force pullbacks'

der tensions "remain high" despite some force pullbacks multi-billion-dollar Belt and this year, the US intelligence Road Initiative (BRI) to expand community has told Congress, its economic, political and milasserting that Beijing seeks to itary presence abroad, while ernment tools to demonstrate its growing strength and compel regional neighbours to acquiesce to its preferences, including its claims over dis-

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associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

"China-India border tensions remain high, despite some force pullbacks this year. China's occupation since May 2020 of contested border areas decades and led to the first lethal border clash between the two countries since 1975," the report said.

"Âs of mid-February, after multiple rounds of talks, both sides were pulling back forces and equipment from some sites along the disputed border," it

New Zealand bans live cow exports due to

Wellington: New Zealand announced Wednesday it is banning the export of live cows and other farm animals by sea due to welfare concerns.

welfare concerns

Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor said the ban would take up to two years to be fully enforced to give those who had invested in the business a chance to transition out.

The country temporarily suspended such exports last year after a ship carrying 5,800 cattle that was bound for China sank in stormy weather near Japan, killing more than 40 crew members and the animals. Officials had already begun a review of live exports the previous year.

Ex-US officials visit Taiwan amid China tensions

Taipei: A former US senator and two ex-State Department officials arrived in Taiwan on Wednesday for talks with the island's leaders at a time of tense relations with China.

senator from Connecticut from 1981 to 2011, was accompanied by two former deputy secretaries of state, James Steinberg from the Democratic Obama administration and Richard Armitage, who served under Republican President George W Bush.

The delegation will meet President Tsai Ing-wen on Thursday and exchange views with other government departments during their three-day visit, the Foreign Ministry said.

The US has repeatedly expressed concern about Chinese military activity near Taiwan including frequent military flights.

Taiwan Foreign Ministry

spokesperson Joanne Ou said the government welcomed the delegation from President Joe Biden's administration, whose visit "conveys the US's firm friendship and support for

China proposes unification with Taiwan under the "one country, two systems" model it has enforced in the former British colony of Hong Kong, virtually eliminating political opposition and strongly restricting freedom of speech. A large majority of Taiwanese favor the current system of de facto independence while maintaining close

economic ties with China. The US has only unofficial relations with Taiwan but is bound under American law to ensure the island can defend itself from attacks and to treat all threats against it as a matter of "grave concern."

Putin gets second Covid vaccine shot

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday he got his second Covid-19 vaccine shot, three weeks after getting the first announced getting the jab, which was kept out of the public eye, at a session of the Geographical Russian Society, in which he took part via video link.

"Right now, before entering this hall, I have also gotten the second jab. I hope everything will be fine. I don't even hope as much as I'm sure of it," Putin said. The president told

reporters after the event that he didn't experience any adverse effects after the second shot. "As you see, everything is normal, no side effects," Putin said, adding that doctors told him he developed "a good immune response" after the first shot.

Putin got his first coronavirus shot on March 23, also out of sight of the cameras, and the Kremlin wouldn't reveal which of the three vaccines cur-

Russia the president has taken. The Russian leader's vaccination comes several months after widespread immunization against Covid-19 started in Russia — a delay that puzzled many, with some critics arguing that it was contributing to the already existing public hes-

itancy about the vaccine. Russian authorities have given regulatory approval to three domestically developed shots — Sputnik EpiVacCorona and CoviVac. All three received authorization before completing advanced trials experts say are necessary to ensure their safety and effectiveness in line with estab-

Lanka bans 11 extremist groups, including ISIS, al-Qaeda

Colombo: Sri Lanka has banned 11 hardline Islamist organisations, including the Islamic State (ISIS) and al-Qaeda, for their links to extremist activities in the country, according to an official announcement.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa under a special gazette notification issued on Tuesday proscribed the radical groups under the Prevention of Terrorism (temporary) Provisions Act.

The notification specifies

contravention or conspires to act would be sentenced to prison terms between 20 and 10 years. Among the banned organ-

that any person who acts in

isations are local Muslim groups, including the Sri Lanka Islamic Students Movement. In the immediate after-

math of the 2019 Easter Sunday suicide bomb attacks, Sri Lanka had banned the local Jihadi group National Thowheeth Jamaath (NTJ) and two other

The NTJ suicide bomb attacks on churches and luxury hotels here had killed 270 people while injuring 500 oth-

A special probe panel appointed in 2019 by former President Maithripala Sirisena had recommended the banning of Muslim extremist organisations who advocate radicalism in the Buddhist-majority coun-

The report also asked for the banning of an extremist Buddhist group, BBS or the

Forces of Buddhist Power. The panel said that the BBS' actions had contributed to the radi-

lished scientific protocol. AP

calisation of Muslims. The gazette, however, has excluded the Buddhist group.

The panel report was rejected by all political parties despite the head of the local Catholic church Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith urging the implementation of its recommendations which he said

would give some justice to the victims of the bombings.

Baron Parker has been in place

as the new Lord Chamberlain

since April 1 and will be in

overall charge of Saturday's

Queen returns to royal duties after husband death A royal official said mem-Former MI5 spy chief

London: Britain's Queen ed her former royal aide's wand Elizabeth II has returned to roval duties, four days after her husband Prince Philip - the Duke of Edinburgh's death last

The 94-year-old monarch hosted an audience with Earl Peel for his retirement as he formally stepped down as Lord and office insignia. "Earl Peel had an audience

According to their official of The Queen today, delivered up his Wand and Insignia of Office as Lord Chamberlain and the Badge of Chancellor of the Royal Victorian Order and While the UK's national took leave upon relinquishing mourning after the passing of his appointment as Lord Prince Philip on April 9 will

official events attended by the Queen and the royal family.

website, the royal family carries out more than 2,000 official engagements throughout the UK and overseas every year.

seen the funeral arrangements

cumstances" Over the weekend, Prince Andrew – the Queen's son, said his father's death had left a

bers of the family would con-

tinue to undertake engage-

ments "appropriate to the cir-

"huge void" in his mother's life. Earl Peel would have overfuneral. Coronavirus lockdown measures mean only 30 people

are able to attend the Royal Ceremonial event, which will include the Queen's close family. Inside the chapel, the royal family will wear face masks and keep to social distancing rules.

NORTHERN RAILWAY Chamberlain, in charge of Chamberlain, when Her run until the morning after his organising royal ceremonies. Majesty invested him with the funeral at St George's Chapel in - referred to as Operation Your Convenience - Our Concern During a private in-person event held at Windsor Castle Royal Victorian Chain," read Windsor Castle on Saturday, Forth Bridge - before handing Visit us at : www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in the details in the Court the royal family is observing responsibility to his successor "SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE" on Tuesday, the Queen accept-Circular, a daily list of the a week before his death. two weeks of mourning.

Hiring to grow by 7% in Apr-June: Report

¬he intent to hire in the current quarter is likely to rise by 7 per cent over the previous three months if further lockdowns and workplace operating rules are not enforced, mainly driven by demand in healthcare, pharmaceuticals, educational services, ecommerce and technology start-ups and IT, according to a report.

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tors reviewed, more than 8 sectors will witness a 9-11 per cent rise in their intent to hire in the current quarter, TeamLease Employment Outlook Report has revealed.

"Indian economy has been regaining the lost ground and the same was reflecting in hiring as well. Be it the IMF, OECD or Fitch, all have been positive and this was bolstering the business sentiment and

we resort to lockdowns it will derail and further delay the

"In fact, it will impact the scope of growth in employment negatively. If we continue with our efforts and not opt for lockdown, the business optimism will remain intact and so the

The intent to hire will grow from 27 per cent point in January-March to 34 per cent in the current quarter," TeamLease Services co-founder and executive vice president Rituparna Chakraborty said.

The report is based on a survey among 712 small, medium and large companies across the 21 sectors pan-India from January to June.

The report further revealed that healthcare, pharmaceuticals, educational services, ecommerce and technology

nology are the key sectors, who are likely to ramp up their talent pool.

In fact, more than 58 per cent of the corporates in healthcare

and pharmaceuticals sectors, which is nearly 11 per cent higher than the January-March period, are keen on hiring tal-

Educational services, ecommerce and technology start-ups and IT have also indicated similar enthusiasm with 55 per cent, 51 per cent and 50 per cent the companies, respectively, expressing intent to hire.

According to the report, while there is an overall posiivity, power and energy, BPO/ITeS, media and entertainment, consulting, marketing and advertising, travel and hospitality may take more time

hire enthusiasm that the other sectors are expressing.

Further, from a geography perspective, while metro and tier I cities (32 per cent) take the lead in terms of overall intent to hire, tier-III cities are not far behind.

Delving deep into cities barring for Kochi, Coimbatore, Nagpur and Kolkata most of the towns have expressed a growth in keenness to hire. Meanwhile, with regard to

functional areas similar to the previous quarter, sales (41 per cent) and marketing (34 per cent) continues to be the most sought after functional roles. However, when it comes to

hierarchy the preferences seem to have changed substantially as the intent to hire senior-level talent has dropped by 4 per cent point over January-March,

70% employers resume hiring for blue collar jobs: Survey

Mumbai: With the vaccination

drive in full swing in the country and high optimism on the economic recovery, the hiring of blue collar workers is resurging as 70% of employers polled in a survey said they have resumed recruitment. Of the 70 % employers polled in the second edition of OLX People Survey, nearly 16% said they are hiring 100 per cent of capacity, while 54% are hiring up to 50% of capacity. About 60% of employers stated that they have faced no challenges in availability of talent, despite the fact that a large number of gig workers had preferred to return to their native place at the height of the pandemic.

Recruitment activity logs 2% drop in March over previous month: Report

The recruitment activity saw a drop of 2 per cent in March 2021 over the previous month, mainly dragged by a decline in job postings in sectors including banking/financial services, insurance, production and manufacturing, according to a report.

The overall data indicate that there was a slight decline in job posting activity in March, according to Monster Employment Index, a job report Monster.Com, a Quess

Markets undeterred by Covid, fundraising

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Despite the uncertainty prevailing in FY 2020-21 owing to Covid-19 pandemic, fundraising in FY 2020-21 was better than that in FY 2019-20 for both Public Issues and Rights Issues, the finance ministry said in a statement on Wednesday.

During FY 2020-21, ₹46,029.71 crore and ₹ 64,058.61 crore were raised through Public Issues and Rights Issue respectively, as against ₹21,382.35 crore and ₹55,669.79 crore raised last year. This is an increase of 115 per cent and 15 per cent respectively in FY 2020-21 as compared to last year. In FY21, in all 56 public issues were launched, including 55 initial public offers

public offer (FPO). The number of rights issue was also a high of 21.A finance ministry tweet said that last year around 2003 issues of Corporate Bonds for an amount of ₹7,82,427.39 crore also happened, surpassing the amount raised (₹6,89,686.19 crore) through 1,821 issues for the fiscal year 2019-20. Thus, while the number of issues increased by 10 per cent in FY 2020-21, the amount raised increased by 13.5 per cent as compared to the previous financial year.

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With regard to mutual funds, the finance ministry said that Indian capital market has shown its resilience to withstand the ripples caused by exogenous shocks like the pan-

Tech stocks turn attractive for mutual funds amid pandemic

IANS ■ MUMBAI

 $T_{among\ the\ favoured\ stocks}$ among mutual funds amid the pandemic.

Technology sector saw a massive rise in weightage in FY21 to 11.9 per cent (up 300 bps YoY). The sector is now the second in terms of sectoral allocation by MFs, said a Motilal Oswal Financial Services Report. A year ago, it was in the third position.

In terms of value increase on a month-on-month increase in March, three of the top five stocks were from technology Infosys (up Rs 7,000 crore) TCS (up Rs 3,960 crore), and HCL Tech (up Rs 1,690 crore).

Stocks that saw a maximum decline in value MoM were of Reliance Industries, SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Bharti Airtel, Coal India, HDFC, Vedanta, and Info Edge.

The Fund Folio report also said that the year saw a notable change in the sector and stock allocation of funds. The weightage of domestic cyclicals increased by 160 basis points to 58 per cent, led by an increase in the weightage of automobiles, NBFCs, cement, real estate, chemicals, and infra-

Weightage of defensive stocks decreased 100 basis points to 32.5 per cent, led by consumer, utilities, and telecom. Global cyclicals' weightage, too, fell 60 basis points to per cent.

The consumer sector slipped to fourth place from second place a year ago, with a 240 bps decreased in weightage to 7.4 per cent. Metals improved its posi-

tion to 14 from 16 a year ago, with the weightage increasing by 80 bps to 2.6 per cent. Assets under management

(AUM) of the mutual fund industry witnessed a growth of 41 per cent in the last financial year to touch a new high of Rs 31.4 lakh crore. The growth was primarily led by an increase in AUM of equity funds (Rs 4.09 lakh crore), income funds (Rs 2.39 trillion) and other ETFs (Rs 1.29 lakh crore), the report said. Equity AUM, including ELSS and index funds, of domestic mutual funds reached new highs of Rs 10.2 lakh crore (up 67 per cent YoY) in FY21, led by a rise in market indices.

Global stocks follow Wall St higher after US inflation rises

lobal stock markets and Wall Street futures rose Wednesday after traders shrugged off higher US inflation and a decline in Japanese machinery orders.

London and Paris opened higher while Shanghai, Hong Kong and Seoul rose. Tokyo was off less than 0.5%. On Tuesday, Wall Street's

benchmark S&P 500 index climbed 0.3% to a new high, propelled by tech and consumer stocks on optimism the vaccine rollout will allow business activity to return to normal. Johnson & amp; Johnson fell 1.3% after US regulators suspended use of its single-dose vaccine to investigate possibly dangerous blood clots.

The US government reported consumer prices increased by a stronger-thanexpected 0.6% in March, the fastest rate since 2012. Higher inflation normally fuels fears interest rates might be raised to keep prices stable, but the Federal Reserve has said the economy will be allowed to "run hot" to ensure a recovery

telegraphed inflation pick-up' in stride," Stephen Innes of Axi said in a report. Markets also are "seemingly unfazed" by the J&J suspension.

FTSE 100 was up less than 0.1% at 6,896.64. Frankfurt's DAX declined less than 0.1% to 15,222.10 while the CAC 40 in Paris gained 0.2% to 6,196.15.

for the S&P 500 index was up less than 0.1% while that for the Dow Jones Industrial Average was unchanged. The Dow, which includes J&J, fell 0.2% on Tuesday. The Nasdaq, with more technology stocks, gained

0.6% to 3,416.72 and the Hang Seng in Hong Kong added 1.3% to 28,855.83.The Nikkei 225 in Tokyo shed 0.4% to 29,620.99 after government data showed February machinery orders fell by an unexpectedly wide margin of 8.5% from the previous month, adding to concern about the country's

Land value within 500 metre of upcoming metro corridors to rise 10-15%

s several cities add metro As several cities and -port facilities or extend their existing networks, a JLL report said that land value within 500 metre of upcoming metro corridors is expected to increase by 10-15 per cent, according to a JLL report.

Noting that India was introduced to the metro rail as an alternative mode of transport three decades, the report said: "Since then, the advantages of the metro rail system have increased many-folds. Primarily it has been the enhanced connectivity to the suburbs of the city, thus enabling distribution of the city population to a larger extent of land resulting to congestion reduction in the city."

Covering a total of 760.62 km across India with another 578.34 km under construction, the past two decades has seen a tremendous growth of the metro rail.

Cities_including Kochi, Chennai, Bengaluru, Nagpur and Nashik have seen significant expansion of new metro lines, which was highlighted by the Finance Minister in the Union Budget hearing in January 2021. Further, two new tech-

nologies including MetroLite and MetroNeoare are being planned to provide affordable connectivity options in tier II cities and peripheral parts of tier I cities. "The real estate market

has seen a steady growth along the metro corridors, owing to increase in developments alongside the routes. Furthermore, on an average, the land value within 500 metre of metro corridors has increased by 15-20 per cent, especially in residential and commercial areas," said A. Shankar, Head - Strategic Consulting and Valuation Advisory, India, JLL. He further said that it has

been observed that appreciation in land value has been on a rise after the metro operation and increase by 2-5 per cent annually over other locations, compared to the construction and planning phase. The deployment of metro corridor directly impacts the real estate sector as it increases the land value, land use change and densification alongside the metro

SIP collections drop to ₹96,000 cr in FY21 amid pandemic-led disruptions

The Mutual fund industry ■ saw its collections through SIPs dropping 4 per cent to Rs 96,000 crore in the 2020-21 fiscal, as COVID-19 induced lockdowns led to income uncertainty.

Going forward, success of the vaccination drive, better than expected economic scenario and higher incomes can be the factors that will have an impact on systematic investment plan or SIP flows, Gopal Kavalireddi, Head of research, FYERS, said.

While a few of the economic indicators like GST collections, auto and housing sales look positive, IIP and inflation data along with intermittent lockdowns can affect the economic progress in the ongoing fiscal, he added. A total of Rs 96,080 crore

was collected through SIP in just concluded fiscal, lower than Rs 1,00,084 crore garnered in 2019-20, as per the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). Inflows into SIPs have aver-

aged about Rs 8,000 crore for the 12 months till March this Systematic investment

plans or SIPs have been the the preferred route for retail investors to invest in mutual funds as it helps them reduce market timing risk. The mutual fund SIP con-

tribution has increased steadily over the years. From Rs 43,921 crore col-

lected in 2016-17, Rs 67,190 crore in 2017-18, Rs 92,693 crore in 2018-19, the SIP contribution hit the Rs 1 lakh crore mark in 2019-20. Quantum Mutual Fund

Chief Executive Jimmy Patel attributed the decline in SIP numbers to coronavirus-induced lockdown as several investors chose to stop their SIPs.
"With the coronavirus pan-

demic resulting in lockdowns in March 2020 and raising income uncertainty, many investors opted to pause their SIPs. This was evident from the decrease in SIP inflows post

March 2020. From a high of Rs 8,641 crore the contribution decreased for 11 consecutive months, before it could breach the previous highs," FYERS' Kavalireddi said.

Bharti Airtel restructures its corporate structure

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

 $B^{\text{harti Airtel on Wednesday}}_{\text{announced a new corporate}}$ structure with focus on four verticals - Digital, India, International Infrastructure. The new structure envis-

ages Airtel Digital Ltd folding into listed entity, Bharti Airtel. This will now house all of the digital assets spanning Wynk Music, Airtel X stream, Airtel Thanks, Mitra Payments platform used by a million retailers, Airtel Ads, Airtel IQ, Airtel Secure, Airtel Cloud and all future digital products and services, the company said in a statement. The telecom business of the company will be housed in a newly-created entity, Airtel Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Bharti Airtel. Bharti Telemedia, the 100 per cent arm operating DTH services, will sit alongside Airtel Ltd for now.

There is need for positive regulatory framework for internet cos: Facebook India head

 $F_{\text{Mohan said there is a need}}^{\text{acebook India Head Ajit}}$ for a "forward-looking and positive regulatory framework" for internet companies, and that organisations also need to be more transparent about how they use customer data.

The executive noted that India has seen an "explosive shift" in terms of access to the internet and this expanded access gas-driven the emergence of entirely new models, a feat that no other country has managed to do so much in such a short period of time.

"We absolutely do believe that the internet needs new rules, not just in India but around the world. We operated for a very long time with not enough clarity on the traffic lights. And this is the moment when we should think especially in democratic societies, think about how we navigate complex issues where there are competing trade-offs. I'm hoping that we can emerge with a very forward-looking and positive regulatory framework," he said at the Raisina

Managing Director, Facebook India, said that there are a few areas that the regulations can focus on.

"One is transparency mandates. Make it the company's to be more transparent about how data is used. Second, there's a lot of concern about algorithms, and how machines are controlling people's lives. I think we would be very keen to lean in and say how do we protect user agency where people have the opportunity to make explicit choices that drive algorithms," he said.

Mohan added that a lot of the conversation has been about how large tech companies benefit from large sets of

"I think we have been very forward in saying we are open to creating frameworks that still protect the interests of privacy and safety when data moves around, but make it easier for users to move data between competing platforms. I do believe that we are a partner in this. But I agree with the framework that we need rules and we hope those will be forwardlooking and positive," he said.

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No. 117-S-Sales-Auction Programme- 2021-22

Dated. 12.04.2021

Condemned Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Scrap Rail and other scrap P Way material. Used lead Acid Batteries/Used oil/Refused oil will be sold only to recyclers registered with State Pollution Control Board. Auction programme is as under.

e-AUCTION DATES FOR 'June, 2021.

S. No	Depot conducting auction	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	4 [™] round
1	Alambagh/Lucknow 0522-2451257	1	8	15	22
2	Shakurbasti 011-27015387	2	9	16	23
3	Jagadhari 01732-252388	7	14	21	28
4	Sr.DMM/LKO 0522-2234756	7	14	21	28
5	Sr.DMM/FZR 01632-244154	3	10	17	24
6	Sr.DMM/UMB 0171-2611203	2	9	16	23
7	Sr.DMM/MB 0591-2413141	3	10	17	24
8	Sr.DMM/DLI 011-23365311	1	8	15	22
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E-Auction will be held from 10:00 AM on wards as per above programme

1. The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at www.ireps.gov.in. 2. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during working

hours at nominated locations.

3. To participate in e-auction, purchasers need to get themselves registered with The details on last sold rates in auctions are available at www.railnet.gov.in.

4. ireps. For further details regarding registration and other conditions of e-auction, please visit Railway website 'www.ireps.gov.in'.

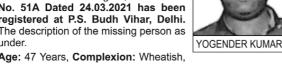
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Yogender Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Anand Swaroop Gupta R/o H.No.2, Pkt-16, Sec-24, Rohini, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS: Budh Vihar, Delhi since 24.03.2021. In this regard, a case DD No. 51A Dated 24.03.2021 has been registered at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing person as



Height: 6', Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue colour shirt & jeans and black colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped person then please inform P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- S.H.O. PS: Budh Vihar, Delhi Ph: 011-27052772/73

General public is hereby informed that lady Namely

Rajeshwari W/o Sonpal R/o E-82, Prem Nagar-I, Kirari, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from her house since dated 16.03.2021 with her 8 years old son namely Sooraj S/o Sonal, Height 3



6" Face: Round. In this regard, a case DD NO. 46A dt. 18.03.2021 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. The description o the missing lady is as under Age: 35 Years Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5', Face: Round

Wearing: White Colour Saaree. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. I anyone has any information about the missing/Kidnapped lady and her son then please inform P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Sd/- SHO Fax No. 011-24368639 PS: Prem Nagar, Delhi PH.: 9315164042, 9850870322 DP/783/RD/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client HDFC Ltd. who had disburse a Loan to Mrs. Kusum and Mr. Nitin aring No. A-1006, 10th Floor, Triden Embassy, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. has come to the notice that the original property documents viz Agreement to sell dated 29 12 2017 executed between M/s. HT Media Ltd and Mrs.Kusum and Mr. Nitir Arora is not traceable. It is hereby appealed to the general public that whosoever finds the document mentioned hereinabove may kindly return the same to the HDFC Ltd., The Capital Court, Munirka, Outer Ring Road, Olof Palme Marg, New Delhi-

Karnail Singh, Advocate Saket New Delh

It is for information of general public that the original Sale Deed of Upper Ground Floor of Property No. C-40, situated in hashi Garden, Mavur Vihar-1, Delhi 110091, jointly owned by Sh. Vikrant

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vikram Singh and Sh. Uttam Kumar, by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered as document no. 2778. addl. book no. 1, volume no. 5263, pages 125 to 130, dated 15-02-2011, sub-Registrar-VIII, Delhi, has been lost/misplaced. anybody has any right, title or interest in the said property and/or has any type of objection in the same, may approach to the above noted owners withing 10 days

from the date of publication of this notice Naqi Asad (Advocate) 214/4,New Lahore, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110031, Enrl. No. D-761/200

Retail Asset Centre, Delhi: Lower Ground Floor and Upper Ground Floor, Himalaya House, K.G. Marg, Delhi-110001.

128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301

Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006 POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. 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 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) Mortgagor(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in

exercise of powers conferred on him/ here under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates.

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in genera are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of

sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets Description of Property 1.Date of Demand Name of Borrower / Co-borrower Date of Possession

		Notice
1.Mr. Hitesh Agarwal S/O Mr. Ramesh Chand Agarwal	Immovable Asset: Residential Ground Floor Dwelling Unit	2.Date of Possession 3.Amount in Demand
U-23/35 Ground Floor, Pink Town House,	called 'Town House' having its	Notice (Rs.)
Price Water House & Co. Chartered Accountants LLP Building 8, 7th & 8th Floor, Tower-B, DLF Cyber City,	prorate share of land in Plot No. 35, Road No. U-23, measuring 125.07 Sq. Mtrs. In the Residential Colony Known as DLF City, Phase-III, (Earlier known as DLF Qutub Enclave	1.23-09-2019
Gurgaon-122002,Haryana 2. Mrs. Khushboo Garg	Complex), situated in and around Village Nathupur,	
M/o Mr. Litoph Approval 11 22/25 Cround	Tobeil & Diett Gurason	1

Phase-III, Gurgaon-122022, Haryana Also At Mrs. Khushboo Garg W/o Mr. Hitesh Agarwal Shastri Nagar Colony, Aimer Road Kekri West: Property No. U-23/34 ner Raiasthan-305404 North Road frs. Khushboo Garg W/o Mr. Hitesh Agarwal 28A Deepali Jeevan Jyoti Nagar, Kishangarh, Madanganj, Ajmer, Rajasthan-305801

Floor, Pink Town House, U Block, DLF

South: Property No. U-22/19

The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) are hereby given a

30 days' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 31 days' from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 o Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: 15-04-2021

(Haryana)

Authorized Officer

DP/782/RD/2021

Ram Devi

Ph.: 011-27061294, 27061295

SEARCH FOR MISSING LADY General public is hereby informed that one lady namely Ram Devi, W/o Sh. Shiv Dayal, R/o H.No. H-2/5 Budh Vihar, Phase-I, Delhi. Age about 40 yrs., Height 5', Wheatish Complexion, Long face, Medium Built wearing dark blue colour suit-salwar and chappal in feet has been missing since 22.03.2021 from the area of PS Vijay Vihar, Delhi.

In this regard a case DD No. 61-A

Any person having any information or clue about this missing lady may kindly inform to the following. E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 Ph.: 011-23014046 011-23015218 S.H.O.

Dt. 22.03.2021 has been lodged at PS Vijay 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

PS Vijay Vihar, Delhi

DP/770/RD/2021

Traders "took the well-In early trading, London's

On Wall Street, the future

In Asia, the Shanghai Composite Index advanced

NORTHERN RAILWAY

e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. June/2021 E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc Scrap

S. No	Depot conducting auction	1 st round	2 nd round	3 rd round	4 th roun
1	Alambagh/Lucknow 0522-2451257	1	8	15	22
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One out of five students face the indecision of whether they should study in India or abroad. ASHISH FERNANDO shares six factors that can help you decide



ne out of every five students face the indecision of whether they should study in India or abroad. Here are six factors that can help you have a bet-

Every student planning their higher education faces many choices. Some of the most important decisions to make range from choosing the right course, a good university and even the right country. Where you choose to pursue your education can drastically change your future. Most students who decide between their country options, compare the pros and cons with the same burning questions:

☐How does the cost of education differ?

Depending upon the course you choose, studying in India can be cheaper than studying in a university abroad. India has some of the world's most affordable higher education options. Thus, Indian universities also attract a lot of European and African countries.

However, that does not mean that studying abroad cannot be affordable. Students from all financial and academic backgrounds study abroad. If you seek hard enough, you are bound to find an institution that has education costs similar to what you would pay in India. The cost of your education also includes your cost of living, of course. It's important to consider that while living abroad may provide a global outlook on things, staying with your families might be more cost-effective. So, if you're still confused, it's better we consider the next factor.

☐How do we judge the education quality?

The curriculum, the faculty and the scope of research or the subjects taught are the three things every student should look at when judging the education quality of an institution. In India, most institutions fall under a standard government-set curriculum or a private ting into the apex universities like the IITs and IIMs can be highly competitive with an admission rate as low as 7 per cent. However, institutions abroad tend to have coursework that differs slightly for each university. This means that a student who plans to apply for an MBA can choose to do so in STEM specialisations instead of a traditional module. These kinds of niche specialisations and programmes are often unavailable in India. The handpicked faculty members, advanced teaching methods and higher admission rates in universities abroad, often make it a better option for stu-

What about job opportunities?

The intention behind almost the entire higher education journev leads to one destination: A well-paying, satisfactory job. Since the degrees from Indian universities are sometimes more affordable, the return on investment is often considerable. However, foreign

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the same regard as a degree from a prestigious Indian university. This gives students an edge over others applying for similar jobs in India. Applying to one of the numerous jobs overseas also gives you diverse career options and a higher return on investment.

□Where is it safer?

The physical safety concerns are an inevitable issue faced by every institution worldwide. Many students feel a modicum of comfort in studying in your own country. However, there are many others who note the safety protocols in universities abroad and pursue education there. Student concerns are taken very seriously and help is immediate. In times such as the global pandemic when education has largely gone digital, safety is a severe concern. Indian universities have put strict restrictions on campus learning. While many universities abroad have also done the same, most institutions in countries like the USA, the UK,

duced a partial lecture schedule on

□Which option is better for a career profile?

Whether you plan on staying overseas or coming back to India, pursuing education abroad gives you a global outlook on life. It develops your perspective and decision making skills, thus, helping you build a well-rounded career. However, if you plan on choosing a career that has a greater scope and career options in the Indian industries, staying in India might be what you need to

As you might have noticed, all these factors depend upon one major choice — the course. Be it the curriculum, cost, career or even jobs, the decision you make hinges upon the programme of your choice. The only thing to keep in mind is that country choices are never limited, all that matters is a student's preference.

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'A great reference point'

Actor NUSHRRATT BHARUCCHA shares how her househelp enabled her to get a deeper understanding of her character in *Ajeeb Daastaans*

Actor Nushrratt Bharuccha plays a househelp named Meenal in the forthcoming anthology film *Ajeeb Daastaans*. She recalls how her own help at home helped her prepare for the

"I started observing my own househelp to understand her mannerisms and characteristics. She was a great reference point for me and, unknowingly, helped me to get a deeper understanding of my character," the actor

"For three to four hours that she would come, she would make all of us at home happy and 'feel at home' with her fun banter. That is what I wanted my character to portray," she

The segment featuring Nushrratt is titled Khilauna, and it stars Abhishek Banerjee and child star Inayat Verma in pivotal roles. It is directed by Raj Mehta, who shot to fame making the comedy *Good Newwz* in 2019. His segment in *Ajeeb Daastaans*, however, comes with a dark twist.

Ajeeb Daastaans has four segments, with the other stories directed by Shashank Khaitan, Neeraj Ghaywan, and Kayoze Irani. The anthology also stars Fatima Sana Shaikh, Jaideep Ahlawat, Konkona Sen Sharma, Aditi Rao Hydari, Shefali Shah, Manav Kaul and Tota oy Chowdhary.

"Meenal's story is that of an ordinary girl who is struggling to make ends meet, and provide for the best for herself and her sister. I could feel a similarity in Meenal's life and my househelp, who too works hard to provide for her

Dying to collaborate with Mohit again: Arjun

Actor Arjun Kapoor is heading to Goa to start shooting for Ek Villain 2 that also stars John Abraham, Tara Sutaria and Disha Patani. The actor last shot in Goa for his critically acclaimed film Finding Fanny with Deepika Padukone and he is excited to go back to the picturesque locations to reunite with his Half Girlfriend director Mohit Suri.

Arjun says, "I have been dying to collaborate with Mohit again and we had an amazing time during Half Girlfriend, a very different film for me. I really enjoyed myself. He has given me my career's best music. I always say this to my friends and people around me that apart from Aditya Chopra, it is Mohit who has always believed in me so much."

He adds, "He is somebody who I am looking at keeping my head down and learn from again. I really want to get into doing action big time again and



I want to experience working with Mohit on such a big film. To do a sequel, to do a franchise, and to be able to work with an ensemble cast, it's a big one. He, as a director, has been able to bring together John, Me, Tara, Disha, and of course, banging music.

Arjun says he has been a big fan of Mohit since the beginning and is supremely excited about the magic he will make with his music again. He says, "I am a big fan of Mohit Suri. I loved Awarapan. I have to say I have been very fortunate that I have had Ishaqzaade, Two States and Half Girlfriend. I really feel I

have been lucky." He adds, "He is a great guy to collaborate with. He is so young with his thinking and he allows you to be you. So for me, I think that balance is very important. I am looking forward to working with him again and hoping to give something new to the audience."

To keep your car safe... ...here are five anti-theft devices

The announcement of the I vehicle scrappage scheme by the government of India has brought a significant change in the Indian automobile industry and is expected

to generate demand for new vehicles. While buying a new car/vehicle is on a surge, buyers/owners of new cars need to take care of its security. We have shortlisted top anti-theft devices that one should have to secure his/her brand new

SAFE CAMS DASH CAMS: Installation of CCTV security cameras in your neighbourhood or society won't be enough to protect your car from being stolen. A dash cam provides you with a security system for the vehicle. Usually, the dash cameras are used to record the on-road activity



Camera with 64 GB memory

ensuring the security of your car both on-road and in the parking lot.

STEERING WHEEL LOCK: This is one of the oldest and

most widely used theft pre-Cams' SC02 Dual Dash vention devices across the globe. There are many brands and variants available in the would be your best option for

market with different specification. Disklok' Security Wheel Lock is the strongest and the premier wheel immobiliser.

GPS TRACKERS: If all the installed devices failed, a GPS tracker will be there to locate your car in real-time. There

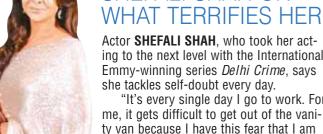
are many trackers available in the market and most of them allow for live tracking and other important features like controlling engine immobilising. LetsTrack is one of the companies that provide 24 hours real-time tracking of your vehicle.

VEHICLE ALARM SYSTEM: Alarm systems are

the first line of defence against theft as they start ringing as soon as something untoward happens with the car. Avital's Omega K-9 1 is one of the top sellers on Amazon. Car alarm with keyless entry vehicle security system with shock

SECURITY TIRE CLAMP: One of the best methods to keep a car safe is to lock its tyre with a tyre security clamp. It is the cheapest of all security devices and can be easily available both online and at car servicing vendors.

TREND:



Actor SHEFALI SHAH, who took her acting to the next level with the International Emmy-winning series Delhi Crime, says

SHEFALI SHAH ON

"It's every single day I go to work. For me, it gets difficult to get out of the vanity van because I have this fear that I am going to stand there dumbfounded when the director says 'action'. Not one day has gone by where I am not terrified. There is a fear that I might just not know," Shefali said.



'I tie up with causes I strongly believe in and, as celebrities, I feel we can make a difference because we have a voice. It should be used to make the world a better place. So, if there is any cause that is for the upliftment and development of society, why not?'



'I feel there is an impact of social media but everyone thinks differently. Social media numbers can get you work. But the process which I follow, it doesn't matter to me. I only cast people on acting skills. If I want to be cast, it also has to be (based) on my work.'

OLLY TO RELEASE HIS 'BEST' SONGS

Singer **OLLY ALEXANDER**, who was part of the band Years & Years with Mikey Goldsworthy and Emre Turkmen, will soon be sharing some unreleased songs.

"Some of the songs I never want to throw them away because they still are my babies and I still like parts of them. Maybe another artist would listen and like it, and want to do something, like their own thing, so I've kept a lot of them just in case. But, to be honest, the ones that are the best ones, I'm going to put them out," he said.



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LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying Examination Certificate no. 0814470 of Main Senior Secondary examination year 2017, marks statement of Secondary examination of year 2015 / Roll No. 5345704 and marks statement of Senior Secondary examination of year 2017 / Roll No 5631300 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the candidate Janyhi Yadav, 130-B Arjun Enclave, Air Force Station, Ambaia Cantt / 8901198650 / 7500132222

PUBLIC NOTICE

- I, Satpal son of Shobha Ram resident of # 2142, Sector 28C, Chandigarh declare that my son Ravi and my daughter in Law Meera are out of my control. So. I disown them from my movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with
- them will do so at his own risk. I, Parshotam Lal S/o Sh. Mulakh Raj R/o H No. 193, Mohalla Jattan Da, Bajri Company Pathankot. Declare that my Son Sanjeev Kumar is in future. out of my Control therefore I disinherit him from my moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with him at
- I, Satinder Dhawan S/o Teg Bahadur, House -464/2, Sector 40, Chandigarh. My son Sahil Dhawan out of my control.

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- I No. 1551387P Ex Hav. Lal Singh S/O Gurdas Singh R/O H.No.-1873 Agwar Gujjran Chungi No.-5 Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Punjab Declare That My Son's Name Spellings Are Bikramjeet Singh Whereas In My Service Documents Spellings Are Vikramiit Singh, Correct And Change The Spellings Of My Son's Name As Bikramjeet Singh From Vikramjit Singh In My Army Record.

I No. 15151387P Ex Hav. Lal Singh S/O Gurdas Singh R/O H.No.-1873 Agwar Gujjran Chungi No.-5 Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Punjab Declare That My Daughter's Name Spellings Are Gurpreet Kaur Whereas In My Service Documents Spellings Are Gurprit Kaur. Correct And Change The Spellings Of My Daughter's Name As Gurpreet Kaur From Gurprit Kaur In My Army

I No. 1551387P Ex Hav. Lal Singh S/O Gurdas Singh R/O H.No.-1873 Agwar Gujjran Chungi No.-5 Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Punjab Declare That My Daughter's Whereas In My Service Documents Spellings Are Harprit Kaur. Correct And Change The Spellings Of My Daughter's Name As Harpreet Kaur From Harprit Kaur In My Army

- I, Surinder Kumar Garg S/o Niranjan Lal, R/o House No. 106, Sector, 19- 1, Huda, Kaithal, Informs that my Son Ashish Garg, his wife Neha Bansal, and Their Son Arav Garg are out of my and my Family's Control. I Disown them all three, from my Movable and Immovable Property. We will not responsible for their any matter
- I, Balwan Singh S/o Preet Singh r/o h.no.32 Uiha Road Shakti Vihar Colony Panipat declared my son Rahul Saini and his wife Anita alias Neeta is my out of control so I disowned to my all property and relationships.
- I. Ishwer Chand, Adhar no. 945664921797 S/o Hirde Ram R/o House No. 39. Gali no. 8. Railway immovable Line Side, Kaithal, Informs that my sons, Dinesh Kumar, Suresh Kumar, Kuldeep, are out of my and my Family's Control. I Disown them all three from my Movable and Immovable Property. We will not responsible of their any matter

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sandeep Kumar S/o Sh. Charan Singh, Village Gurana Tehsil Hansi Distt Hisar (Harvana) declare that My Name is Sandeep changed my daughter's name Kumar instead of Sandeep. In from Talveen Kaur to Tavleen & future, My Name is Sandeep Kumar Surname Kaur. for all purposes.

that After Marriage my Name has Vishavakarma. been changed from Vijay Kumari to Manju Sharma Concerned

Singh Chabba resident of 603, sector 33-B, chandigarh has change my name Kenny alias Karamvir Singh Chabba to Kenny Chabba, All noted.

- I. Abhishek S/o Sh. Suresh Name Spellings Are Harpreet Kaur Kumar Jangra H. No. 300, Gali No. 7, Surya Nagar, Hisar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Abhishek to Abhishek Jangra for all future purposes.
 - I, Suresh Kumar Alias Suresh Jangra S/o Sh. Sundee Lal Jangra H. No. 300, Gali No. 7, Surva Nagar, Hisar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Suresh Kumar Alias Suresh Jangra to Suresh Kumar Jangra for all
 - I, Anita Devi Alias Anita Jangra W/o Sh. Suresh Kumar Jangra H. No. 300, Gali No. 7, Surya Nagar, Hisar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Anita Devi Alias Anita Jangra to Anita Rani for all future

Patil Jvoti is legally wedded spouse and Nok of Patil Deepak Kashinath presently resident at dhangu Road Pathankot. Punjab have change my Name from Patil Jyoti To Jyoti Deepak Patil . My New Name in Army Record. Vide Affidavit Dated 09 April 2021. Before judicial First class Magistrate Pathankot, Punjab.

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Kamaljeet Singh R/o H.No- 145 Jaggi Colony Phase-2, Near Gurudwara Ambala City have changed my name to Manjit &

I, Manjit Kaur W/o Kamaljeet Singh R/o H.No- 145 Jaggi Colony Phase-2, Near Gurudwara Ambala City have

Achharram Sharma Now W/o S/o Shiv Ji, House. No. 205, Arvind Sharma R/o H.No 367, Sadiyapur, Allahabad (UP), have Katcha Toba, Hoshiarpur Declare, changed, my name, Sushil

I, Shiv Kumar S/o Om Parkash Ghai, 8-A, Greenland Apartment. Green Enclave. I, Kenny alias Karamvir Zirakpur (SAS Nagar), changed Singh Chabba S/o Sh. Kanwaljit name from Shiv Kumar to Shiv Kumar Ghai.

> I, Poonam Kaur Dhillon W/o Sukhwinder Singh Dhillon, Ghattianwali Jattan, Fazilka, have changed name Poonam Kaur to Poonam Kaur Dhillon.

- I, Deepa D/o Babu Ram # 2086-A, Small Flat, Housing Board Complex, Dhanas, Chandigarh have changed my name to Salma
- I, Vikram Jeet S/o Tehal Singh R/o Village Bir Amin, Teh. Thanesar, Distt.Kurukshetra have changed my name Vikram Jeet to Vikram Jeet Singh. Note all
- I, Lakhwinder Singh Padda S/O Bakhsis Singh R/O Vpo. Fattu Dhinga Tehsil And District Kapurthala, That I Have Changed My Name Lakhwinder Singh Padda To Lakhwinder Singh.
- I, Gurjeet Singh Samran S/O Surjeet Singh R/O Vpo- Bishankot Tehsil Kalanaur, Distt Gurdaspur. Have Changed My Name To Gurjeet Singh.
- L. Neena Sharma Spouse Of Service No 3989676n Rank Ex-Hony Acp Nb Sub Chanchal Kumar R/O Village Karwal, Po- Darbar Pandori, Tehsil/District-Gurdaspur, Punjab. Pin-143531. Have Changed My Name Neena Sharma Is Wrong. But My Name Veena Kumari Is Correct. Vide Affidavit No. At 763062 Dated 14-04-2021, Before Notary Public Gurdaspur. Punjab.
- I, Sujata Sarjirao spouse of No 15496474W Rank SWR Name Thorave Sachin Kisan R/O vill ganesh. Wadi, PO Aundh, Teh Khatav, Distt Satara, State Maharashtra 415510 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Sujata Sarjirao to Sujata Sachin Thorave vide affidavit before Session court Hisar.

Abhishek Mehta R/o 14/208 C, Ram Colony, Barnala Road, Sirsa have changed my name to Rashmi

- I, Gurbax Singh Gurdiyal Singh R/o Vill.Nagla Nanku P.o. Korwa khurd Tahsil Naraingarh Distt. Ambala (Haryana) have changed my name from Gurbaksh Singh to Gurbax Singh, Concerned note
- I. Rohit Kumar S/o Dheera Ram R/o H.No.92 VPO Khudda Kalan distt. Ambala (Harvana) have changed my name from Rohit to Rohit Kumar. Concerned note.
- I, Karamjeet Singh S/o Jagtar Singh R/o Village Guddar Dhandi, Tehsil Guruharsahai, Distt. Ferozepur declare that my Passport No. U3827830 have wrongly mentioned my Late Wife Name as Harinderjit Kaur but actually her correct Name is Harinderjeet Kaur. Please do it Correct. Concerned to
- I, Ram Moorthi Devi W/o Sh. Suresh Kajal R/o VPO Brichpur Distt. Karnal declare that have changed my name Ram Moorthi Devi to Murti Devi.
- I. Nirmal Kaur Saini W/o Satnam Singh Saini R/o VPO. Khusropur, Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name as Nirmal Kaur.

I, Satnam Singh Saini S/o

Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name to Satnam I, Nain Vishwas S/o Nikhil Kumar R/o W.No. 16 Near Shani

Inder Singh R/o VPO. Khusropur,

- Dev Mandir Samana (Patiala) changed my name to Nayan Kumar. I, Meera W/o Nikhil Kumar W.No. 16 Near Shani Dev Mandir Samana (Patiala) changed
- my name to Meera Bai. I Harnam Singh S/O Baljeet Singh R/O Village Roran Wala Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Harnam

I Meenakshi W/O Kaladhari Gupta R/O Aggarwal Street Opp. Daroga Kanda Factory Road Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Meenakshi

I Gurnam Kaur Alias Balvir Kaur W/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Village Dhab Guru Ki , Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot Have Changed My

I Mahinder Pal Khurana S/O Jagdish Rai R/O H.No.1294, Phase-Urban Estate, Dugri Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Mohinder Pal Khurana S/O Jagdish Lal Khurana

- I, Rameshwari Dhokale, That My Husband Army No15499851m Ald Anilkumar Maruti Dhokale S/O Maruti Dhokale Vill/ Post - Jalgeri Tehshil –Tikota , District-Vijaypur (Karnataka) Pin-586104,India Is Serving In 68 Armd Regt (Indian Army) That My Name May Be Changed From Smt Rameshwari Nalawade To Smt Rameshwari Dhokale In The Army Record Of My
- I, Ex .No. 666187-G ,CPl Satish Kumar Pawar (existing name as per service documents) R/o 551/31, Gohana Road, Chauhan Colony, Sonipat -131001 have changed my name from Satish Kumar Pawar (existing name as per service documents) to Satish Kumar (Proposed/a dopted new name) vide Affidavit Dt 12.04.2021, at Sonipat.
- I. Smt Shila Dixit Spouse Of No.811875x Sub Pravat Chandra Mishra Unit Of 15 Inf Div Fs Section C/O 56 Apo, R/O Matitota (5 Th Line) Nuasahi Puri, Odisha-752001. Have Changed My Dob 12-03-1983 Which Is Wrong. But My Dob 12-03-1982 Which Is Public Gurdaspur Punjab.
- I, Ashwini spouse of No 15572021F Rank Hav Name Balaji Virbhadra Talwade R/O VILL Gurdhal, PO Shirol, Teh Udgir, Distt Latur State Maharashtra 413517 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Ashwini to Ashwin Balaii Talwade vide affidavit dated 10/04/2021 before Session court.

Name Balaji Virbhadra Talwade posted at 114 AER C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed the name of my Daughter from Ritu Ashwini Talwade to Ritu Balaji Talwade vide affidavit dated 10/04/2021 before Session Court.

कार्यालय नगर निगम, सोनीपत

नगर निगम, सोनीपत की संपत्तिकर शाखा के रिकॉर्ड

अनुसार प्रॉपर्टी आई.डी. न. 134C164U214 जोकि

कॉलोनी/सेक्टर Tara Nagar चार्ड न. 12 में रिथत है I

संपत्तिकर सर्वे अनुसार संपत्तिकर बिल में करदाता का नाम

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निगम कार्यातय जिम्मेवार नहीं होगा |

I, No 15572021F Rank Hav

I, Nishu spouse of No 15496719F Rank SWR Name Manoj Kumar Pandey R/O VPO Powaya, Teh Raghuraj Nagar, Distt Satna, State M.P. 485666 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Nishu to Neeshu Pandey vide affidavit dated 14/04/2021 before Session court, Hisar

I, Amarvathi Devi mother of No JC 246565N Rank RIS/ SKT Name Naresh Kumar R/O Vill Janaura, Po Balka, Bulandshahr, Distt Bulandshahr, State U.P. 245409 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Amarvathi Devi to Amarvati vide affidavit dated 14/04/2021 before Session court, Hisar.

I, Jaya Pal Singh father of No JC 246565N Rank RIS/ SKT Name Naresh Kumar R/O VILL Janaura, PO Balka, Teh Bulandshahr, Distt Bulandshahr, State U.P. 245409 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Jaya Pal Singh to Jaipal Singh vide affidavit dated 14/04/2021 before Session Court,

I, No 15572021F Rank Hav Name Balaji Virbhadra Talwade posted at 114 AER C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed the name of my son from Amit B Talawade to Amit Balaji Talwade vide affidavit dated 10/04/2021 before Session court, Hisar.

I. No 15572021F Rank Hav Name Balaji Virbhadra Talwade posted at 114 AER C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed Correct, Vide Affidavit No.692071 the name of my son from Sumit B Dated 05-04-2021. Before Notary Talawade to Sumit Balaji Talwade vide affidavit dated 10/04/2021 before Session Court, Hisar.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BEFORE SH. VINAY CHAUDHARY UB-REGISTRAR, U.T., CHANDIGARH ubject: Request of Smt. Poonam Mitta W/o.Sh. Pawan Kumar Mitfal D/o Lafe Sh Satpal Kansal, R/o 352, Ward No. 7 Jawahar Gali, Near Huda Complex, Opp city Police Station, Narwana, Jind aryana for registration of un-registered WILL of Late Smt. Rani Devi W/o Late Sh Kansal D/o Late Sh. Parkash Chand under Section 40 of the Indian Registration Act. 1908

Whereas, Smt. Poonam Mittal W/o Sh Pawan Kumar Mittal D/o Late Sh. Satpal Kansal, R/o 352, Ward No. 7, Jawaha Gali, Near Huda Complex, Opp. City Police Station, Narwana, Jind, Haryana has applied for registration of un registered WILL dated 05.03.2021 xecuted by Late Smt. Rani Devi W/o Late Sh. Satpal Kansal D/o Late Sh. Parkash Chand, who died on 28.03.2021. As pe he WILL, Late Smt. Rani Devi W/o Late Sh. Satpal Kansal D/o Late Sh. Parkash Chand has bequeathed his immovable a movable properties in favour of Smt Poonam Mittal W/o Sh. Pawan Kuma littal D/o Late Sh. Satpal Kansal. R/o 352, Ward No. 7, Jawahar Gali, Near Huda Complex, Opp. City Police Station Narwana, Jind, Harvana,

The General Public is hereby informed through publication of this Notice that if, anyone has any objection or claim regarding the registration of said Will, e/she may file objection(s) in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Chandigarh, within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which the said Will shall be registered under section 40 of the Indian, Registration Act, 1908.

Given under my signature and seal of Sub-Registrar U.T, Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE

ubject:- Request for Transfer of total shares (i.e. 5% shares) of late Sh. Navneet Mittal in favour of is son namely Sh. Shivam Mittal in the property bearing plot no.92. Industrial Area, Phase-Panchkula, measuring 2100 sqm.
It is hereby notified for the information of the general public and all concerned that the Industrial Plot No.92, Industrial Area Phase-I,

Industrial Piot No.92, Industrial Area Phase-I, Panchkula, measuring 2100 sqm. was re-allotted in the name of (i)Smt. Saroj Mittal W/o Sh. Rakesh Mittal (50%), (ii) Sh. Navneet Mittal S/o Sh. Subhash Mittal (25%) (iii) Smt. Raj Bala Mittal W/o Sh. Subhash Mittal (25%) vide re-allotment letter dated 05.09.1995. The corporation has been informed by the surviving legal heirs of deceased Navneet Mittal S/o Sh. Subhash Mittal (crallottee) that the Sh. Navneet Mittal had (co-allottee) that the Sh. Navneet Mittal had expired on 25.09.2020 and submitted death ertificate date 05.10.2020 and approached th orporation for transfer of total shares (i.e 25% Corporation for transfer of total shares (i.e 25% shares) of deceased Sh. Navneet Mittal in favour of his son namely Sh. Shivam Mittal 5/o Late Sh. Navneet Mittal in the property bearing plot no.92, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Panchkula measuring 2100 sqm. NOC from other surviving legal heirs of the deceased/co-allottee have been submitted with the Corporation is in process of considering their

The Corporation is in process of considering their request for transferring the total shares of deceased Sh. Navneet Mittal S/o Sh. Suhash Mittal (25%) in favour of his son namely Sh Shiyam Mittal S/o Late Sh, Nayneet Mittal Through this public notice it is hereby inform that Through this public notice it is hereby inform that, if any person has/have any objection for transfer of 25% shares of Late Sh. Navneet Mittal in the property of plot in favour of Sh. Shivam Mittal, he/she/they submit the objection in writing, if any to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which, the shares of Late Sh. Navneet Mittal in the said Industrial plot shall be transferred in favour his son Sh. Shivam Mittal Sol at 86 Navneet Mittal nivam Mittal S/o Late Sh. Navneet Mittal. **Estate Manager-cum-DGM (E)**

HSIIDC C-13 & 14, Sector-6, Panchkula Ph. 0172-2590481-82-83 Email:- hsiidcpanchkula@gmail.com

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It is informed to General Public that Smt Jusum Rani W/o Sh. Satvanarayan ha lost his previous sale deed no 4663 date 28.06.2006 in favour of Smt. Raj Rani 8 ale deed no 385 dated 13.04.2006 i favour of Smt. Poonam for Property i.e Property I.D No. SRS/B-11/7726, Part o aring, Khewat no. 818, khata no. 942 Khata no. 58, Killa Khajakhera, Hisar. any person has objection then file replie along with proof of ownership within 1 days before the undersigned. Afte apsation of stipulated period no clair ill be accepted regarding the abov said property.

Advocate, Hisa

PUBLIC NOTICE

t is informed to General Public that Smt. Krishna Devi W/o Sh. Madan La has lost his previous sale deed no. 305 dated 18.04.1988 in favour of Sh Madal Lal & sh. Jug lal for Property i.e hop No. 197, measuring 132.22 Sq. Yards situated at old Anai Mandi. Tehs Barwala & distt Hisar. If any person ha: bjection then file replies along with roof of ownership within 14 day efore the undersigned. After lapsation of stipulated period no claim will be ccepted regarding the above sain

Smt. Krishna devi W/o Sh. Madan al Ro Tehsil Barwala & distt Hisa

बेदखली सुचना

मैं, मेवा सिंह पुत्र श्री कोर सिंह निवासी गाांव डाबडा तह० व जिला हिसार, यह ब्यान करता हूं कि मेरा पुत्र पवन मेरे कहने सूनने से बाहर है। मैं अपने पुत्र पवन को अपनी चल अचल सम्पत्ति से बेदखल करता हूं। अगर कोई व्यक्ति उसके साथ किसी प्रकार का लेन देन करता है तो वह स्वयं जिम्मेवार होगा। मेरी व मेरे परिवार की इसमें कोई जिम्मेवारी नही होगी।





Office of **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (MECHANICAL DIVISION)** H.P. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, KULLU-175101 PHONE/FAX: 01902-222052, E.mail.eems-kul-hp@nic.in

(INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB).

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, H.P PWD. Kullu on behalf of Governor Himachal Pradesh invites the items rate bids in electronic tendering system, for construction of following work from the eligible and approved contractor with HP PWD

П	Sr.	Name of Work	Estimated	Bid Security	Document	Period of	
	No.		Cost		Cost	Comp.	
	1	Construction of 25.00 Rmts Steel Truss Foot Bridge at Dhadwal over Luni Khad in Tehsil Padhar District Mandi (HP) (SH: - Launching and other miscellaneous works)	6,27,283.00	12,600.00	350,00	Two months	

2. Key dates:-Date of online publication 21/04/2021 at 11.00 AM 21/04/2021 at 11.00 AM 02/05/2021 till 5:00 PM Document Download start and End date 3. 21/04/2021 at 11.00 AM 02/05/2021 till 5:00 PM Bid submission start and End date Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender 03/05/2021 up to 5.00 PM 4. document 5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of 04/05/2021 at 11.00 AM Technical Bid followed by opening of Financial Bid.

Bidders documents can be downloaded from the Website Http://hptenders.govt.in. The document download from the site should not be tempered, and if any such tempering is detected before or after the opening of bids the bidders shall be penalized and blacklisted Other terms & condition shall remain unchanged same as given in the bid document which can be seen on the

Terms and conditions:-

Scanned copy of Registration / Enlistment with HP PWD Department Scanned copy of Pan /GST No. & Income Tax clearance certificate.

Scanned copy of work done certificate of similar nature work

Scanned copy of Earnest Money and Cost of Form. Scanned copy of Affidavit regarding genuineness and correctness of document attached Tender details:- The tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 cover.

Cover 1: Shall contain scanned copies of all Technical Documents/ Eligibility Criteria Cover 2: Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid" where contractor will quote his rates for each item.

Submission of original documents:- The bidders are required to submit bids in two separate covers Cover 1 (A) Original demand draft towards the cost of bid documents. (B) Original bid security/Earnest Money (EMD) and other technical requirement documents.

Cover 2 Financial bid in the office of Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, HP.PWD. Kullu as specified in key dates at Sr. No. 4 on tender opening date, failing which the bids will be declared non responsive. Bidders should attach the scanned copies of cost of documents, EMD (The earnest money in shape of call deposit of post office or fixed deposits/demand draft of schedule bank duly pledged in favour of undersigned payable at Kullu) and other documents as specified in the tender documents in the online bid. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents and EMD are required to be submitted to the tender inviting author ity on or before the time of opening of bids, falling which the bid will be declared non responsive

The details of cost of documents, EMD specified in the tender documents should be the same as submitted online (Scanned copies) otherwise tender will summarily be rejected.

Bid Opening Details: - The bids shall be open on 04/05/2021 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer Mechanical Division H. P. PWD Kullu by the authorized officers in their interest the tenderers advised to be present along-with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and

The bids for the above work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90/120 days after the deadline date of bid submission

RO NO. 0249/21-22 Dt. 13-04-2021

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure or beyond its control Even though the system will attempt to notice the bidders of any updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender

Mechanical Division **HP PWD Kullu-175101** On behalf of Governor of HP. E-mail: eems-kul-hp@nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Folio No JSW0319983 and Share Certificate No 2465300 for 430 shares bearing Distinctive No. from 2383737791 to 2383738220 standing in the name of Panmeshwari Gova in the books of JSW Steel Ltd. , has been lost misplaced and the advertiser has applied to the Company for issue of duplicate share certificate in lieu thereof. Any persons who have claims on the said shares should lodge such claims with the company's Registra and Transfer Agent Karvy Computersham Private Ltd., Karvy Selenium Tower B, Plo no. 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District Nanakramguda, Hyderabad- 50032 within 15 days from the date of notice failing which the Company will proceed issue duplicate share certificate in respect of the said shares Panmeshwari Goval

Singh Maan

Date : 14th April 2021 Place : Hisa The Silverton Co-operative House Building 1st Society Ltd., Plot No. 3, Sector 48-B, Chandigarh

The Silverton Co-operative House building 151 Cooperative House ame of Original Allottee Transferee Name of Applicant Flat No. Category Remarks Mr. Madan Lal Sachdeva Vishal Joshi Mr. Sameer Pandey & 1281 "A" Divya Pandey

If anybody has any objection upon the transfer upon the transfer of the title, Right or inte entioned flat of the applicant, then, he /she/they may submit the objections in writing alongwith relevan documents to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the ownership of the above said flat shall be transferred in favour of the applicant and no further claim in

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that Shop No 196, New Anaj Mandi, Karnal, stands equally 1/3rd in the name of Nirmal Prakash Sharma, Surender Prakash Sharma & Virender Sharma S/o Hukam Chand as per record. Due to death of Surender Prakash Sharma, Now, Smt. Sarita Sharma has submitted document to get the 1/3rd ownership transferred in her favour which was registered in the name of her husband Surender Prakash Sharma. If any person is having any objection against this transfer, he/she can submit the objection within 15 days from the publication of this notice, otherwise this shop will be transferred in favour of Smt. Sarita Sharma w/o Late Surender Prakash Sharma. After that any objection will not be considered.

Secretary & Executive Officer, Market Committee, Karnal

PUBLIC NOTICE

is brought to the notice of public at large that Smt. Komal Goyal daughter of Sh. Banars Dass has avail loan from AXIS Bank have its branch office at Malhar Road, Ludhians Punjab. That the Original Sale deed bearing vasika no. 51 dated 03.04.1979 in favour Sh. Harbhajan Singh son of Sh. Hari Singh ha een lost. In this regard DDR no. LR N: 127884/2021 Date: 05/04/2021 has bee lodged at PSOC Shimlapuri Ludhiana City Now below mentioned property is going to mortgage with AXIS BANK. If anybody finds the original sale deed or has any objection regarding the mortgage then he may respon or raise objection within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice after the expiry of stipulated period no claim would

DISCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY Plot measuring 125 sq. yards, comprised

Jamabandi for the year 2011-2012, Village Pee rubanda, Locality known as Himatpura/Jujha Nagar, Tehsil & District Ludhiana. Place: Ludhiana Dated this 14th day of April

Khata no. 94/94, Khasra No. 3566/126

First Floor, District Courts, Ludhia Mobile, 981506694 This is to inform and seek objections, if any, from general public that HDFC Bank Ltd. Branch,

Raipura advancing loan against property to M/s Royal Kitchen World located at Raip Lal, Property Shop part of House No. 2659 measuring 26-2/3 sq. yards, situated at Township No. 2, Rajpura Town, Rajpura, Distt. Patiala. As the Earlier sale deed no. 203 dated 20-04-1995 as executed by Saroii D/o Supu Ram and Supu Ram S/o Girdhari Lal in favour of Subhash Chander Bhutani S/o Hans Raj Bhutani, in original of mentioned property were lost. The DDR in respect of same was lodged vide DDR No. SR No 134/2021 dated 10-04-2021, at Police Station PSOC City Raipura, Distt. Patiala. That in case any person having any claim, right, title or interest in the above said property in any manner whatsoever by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange ortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession sement, attachment otherwise howsoever, sha bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence within a which such claim if any, shall be considered to be waived, abandoned and it shall be presumed that no above said land and any subsequent claim shall not be bind our clients or their

Surinder Mohan Singla, Advocate, G-34, Tej Bagh Colony, Patiala 9815337878

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, Ramesh Kumar S/o Sugan Chand, Radhey Sham Garg son of Sh. Puran Chand, Anita Garg wife of Sh.Desh Raj and Brij Bhushan Son of Sugan Chand R/o 13/108B, Main Bazar, Ward No. 13, Taraori, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under: That the deponents have purchased land measuring 43K-9M, Situated at Village Taraori, Tehsil Nilokheri, Karnal vide Sale Deed No.770/1 dated 3.07.1992, registered with the office of Sub-Registrar, Nilokheri District, Karnal now comprised in Khewat No.545, Khatoni No.597, Rect. No.119, Killa No.6(8-0), 71/1/(3-6), 14/2/2(2-2), 15(7-5), 16(0-7), Rect. No.120, Killa No.10(8-0), 11(8-0), 20(3-9), Khewat No.426, Khatoni No.461, Rect. No.119, Killa No.4/2/2(0-16), 5/2(1-2), Rect. No.120, Killa No.1/2(1-2) read with Mutation No.1940 and Mutation No.2468 and the said original Sale Deed is Laminated, the same was got laminated for safe guarding the Sale Deed and the deponents have raised financial assistance since 2013 over their aforesaid property by way of mortgaging their aforesaid Sale Deed No.770/1 dated 3.07.1992 from State Bank of India, Commercial Branch, Karnal, Branch Code.04047, further if any party has any claim towards the said property the same should be lodged with the deponents (Mobile No.9996322001) aforesaid and State Bank of India, Commercial Branch, Karnal, Branch Code.04047, with in fifteen days from publication of this notice. No claim shall be entertained later on.

DIRECTORATE OF PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES

DRAW DATE:14/04/2021

RESULT OF PUNJAB STATE DEAR 100 WEDNESDAY Price Rs 100/- Per Ticket

1379

1st Prize (1)Rs.1 Crore/-(On 5 digits With Series) (Seller ₹5Lakhs + Sub Agent ₹1Lakh Total Prize Amount ₹1.06Crore)

2nd Prize (1)Rs.5 Lakhs/-(On 5 digits With Series) (Seller ₹50,000 + Sub Agent ₹25,000 Total Prize Amount ₹5.75Lakhs)

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3rd Prize (250)Rs.9000/-(On last 4 digits) 4th Prize (250)Rs.7000/-(On last 4 digits) 5th Prize (250)Rs.5000/-(On last 4 digits)

6th Prize (500)Rs.2000/-(On last 4 digits) 0269 0462 0296 0487

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4076 4275 4412 4644 4147 4286 4449 4700 9199 9374 9611 9789 9200 9393 9656 9814 4420 4647 * PRIZE WINNING TICKETS MUST BE CLAIMED WITHIN 30 DAYS FI orate of PUNJAB STATE LOTTERIES

THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF RESULT Check the final result with Gazette Notification



SRH keep RCB down to 149/8

Holder takes 3/30 as Maxwell's first IPL fifty (59) since 2016 helps RCB to reach fighting total

Chopra s/o Sh. Sukhdev Raj Chopra have lost Original sale deed dated 19.12.1990 bearing vasika No. 2990 in favor of Smt. Sharanjit kaur w/o Sh. Gurjit Singh in respect of the Shop measuring 0B-0B-13B, comprised in the Khasra No. 145/1 situated in the village "Ajnali", Tehsil Amloh and Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib which was purchased vide registered sale deed dated 29.11.2017 bearing vasika No. 1485. A DDR dated 12.04.2021 was lodged with P.S. Gobindgarh Mandi, Fatehgarh Sahib, I am availing a loan facility from Axis Bank Ltd. against this property. If anyone has any objection please contact Mr. Sherry Sandhu, Advocate @ 9814493393 within 15 days of the publication of this notice otherwise no claim shall be

Gupta w/o Sh. Happy Gupta have lost Original Sale Deed dated 11.01.2005 bearing vasika No.16687, in favor of Sh. Sawaran Singh s/o Sh. Ratan Singh.in respect of the Land measuring 0B-8B-6B, Comprised in Khasra No. 520min, 520min, 520min, 478, 479, 480 To 477min, 475min, 475min, 475min, 399, Situated in the village "Jugiana", Tehsil & Distt. Ludhiana.. which was purchased vide registered sale deed dated 26.10.2017 bearing vasika No. 2574. A DDR dated 13.04.2021 was lodged with Sanjh Kender PSOC Model Town, LR No. 131059/2021. I am availing a loan facility from IDFC FIRST BANK LTD.. against this property. If anyone has any objection please contact Mr. Sherry Sandhu, Advocate @ 9814493393 within 15 days of the bublication of this notice otherwise no claim shall be entertained

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, Mausumi Acharyya holding more than 10.00% of the paid-up Ordinary Equity Share capital of the Company decided to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Members of Advenio TecnoSys Private Limited (Company) on Thursday, May 06, 2021, at 11.00 a.m. IST at the Premises 1332, 1st Floor, Urban Estate, Kamal 132001, Haryana, to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of the EGM. The Kamal 132001, Haryana, to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of the EGM. The Notice of the EGM has been e-mailed on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 to members at their email addresses in the records with Company. Physical Notice has also been dispatched to the members by Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at addresses available with Company record. Notice of the EGM is available for inspection at the registered office of the Company between 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on any working day upto the date of the Meeting.

Any person who is a Member of the Company as on the cut-off date i.e., Thursday, April 08, 2021, is eligible to cast vote on all the resolutions set forth in the Notice of EGM using remote e-voting or voting at the EGM. The facility of electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the EGM (remote e-voting) has been provided to the members through an outsourced agency Right2vote and the business may be transacted through such voting. The remote e-voting period commences on Monday, May 03, 2021 (9.00 a.m. IST) and ends

The remote e-voting period commences on Monday, May 03, 2021 (9.00 a.m. IST) and ends on Wednesday, May 05, 2021 (6.00 p.m. IST) for members to cast their vote electronically. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently

change it subsequently. The member eligible to cast vote may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request to Right2vote. For further queries or issues regarding e-voting, write an email to contact@. Right2vote.in. Persons entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, may vote in person or by proxyl through authorized representative, provided that the prescribed form/authorization duly signed by the person entitled to attend and vote at the meeting are deposited at the Registered Office of the Company, not later than 48 hours before the meeting.

Mausumi Acharyya Shareholder Advenio TecnoSys Pvt. Ltd. Date: April 14, 2021 Place: Karnal



Please take notice that M/s Arisudana Industries Ltd. Is availing credit facilities from HDFC Bank Ltd. And the following previous title deeds are not available with them:- Exchange Deed in favor of Sh. Jagpal Singh, Exchange Deed in favor of Sh. Jagpal Singh, Earlier sale deed in favor of Sh. Sukhdeep Pal Singh, Earlier sale deed in favor of Sh Sukhdeep Pal Singh, Earlier sale deed in favor of Smt. Sarabjit Kaur w/o Sh. Jagpal Singh, Earlier sale deed in favor of Sh. Taranjiv Singh s/o Sh. Jasgpal Singh, Earlier sale deed in favor of Sh. Karamdeep Singh s/o Sh. Jagpal Singh Earlier sale deed in favor of Sh Karamdeep Singh s/o Sh. Jagpal Singh in respect of the Property measuring 56K-0M, Comprised in Khasra No. 46//2 9, 12, 19, 22, 34//19-22 Situated in the village "Jaspalon", Tehsil Khanna & Distt. Ludhiana. This property was purchased vide registered sale deed dated 16.05.2017 bearing vasika No. 540, 16.05.2017 bearing vasika No. 541 16.05.2017 bearing vasika No. 542. By way of this notice it is objections are being sought from public at large that I anyone has any objection(s) please contact Mr. Sherry Sandhu, Advocate @ 9814493393 within 15 days of the publication of this notice otherwise no

PTI ■ CHENNAI

lenn Maxwell hit a 41-ball 59 to lift 41-ball 59 to lift Royal Challenger Bangalore to a modest 149 for eight against Sunrisers Hyderabad in an Indian Premier League match here

on Wednesday. SRH bowlers, led by West Indian all-rounder Jason Holder (3/30) and star spinner Rashid Khan (2/18), put up superlative show and picked up wickets at regular intervals.

For RCB, Maxwell was the top scorer, hitting five fours and three maximums with skipper Virat Kohli (33) Shaĥbaz Ahmed (14) and Kyle Jamieson (12) providing valuable contributions. Put in to bat, RCB were

off to a decent start with Kohli and opener Devdutt Padikkal (11) hitting a few

However, Sunrisers didn't have to wait long for their first breakthrough as a back of the length delivery in the third over by Bhuvneshwar Kumar (1/30) spelled the end of Padikkal, who had returned after recovering from COVID-19.

Shahbaz Ahmed was the next to depart after playing a quick cameo, leaving RCB at 47 for two.

At the halfway mark, Maxwell raised the tempo as the big-hitting Australian smashed Shahbaz Nadeem (1/36) for two sixes and a four in the first three balls of the 11th over, with Kohli joining the

party with a boundary.

The two stitched a 44-run

partnership before Jason Holder got rid of the RCB skipper as wickets continued to fall at regular

With AB de Villiers in the middle, SRH captain David Warner introduced spin once again, bringing on versatile leg-spinner Rashid, and the move immediately paid dividends. The dangerous South African slapped the ball straight to Warner at covers with the slow nature of the Chepauk track com-

ing to the fore once again. The Afghan spinner struck once again, getting rid of Washinton Sundar (8). With Dan Christian also gone, Maxwell smashed three fours and a maximum in the last three overs.

PSG kick Bayern Out

AFP PARIS

Paris Saint-Germain knocked holders Bayern Munich out of the Champions League on Tuesday despite Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting scoring against his old club as a 1-0 defeat in the second leg at the Parc des Princes could not prevent the French giants from winning a tremendous quarter-final tie on away goals. Neymar twice hit the woodwork for PSG in the first half and Choupo-Moting then put Bayern in front five minutes before the break. But the reigning European champions could not get the second goal they needed after losing 3-2 at home in the first leg last week. PSG have revenge following their 1-0 defeat in last season's final in Lisbon, and the dream of



remains alive for the Qatar-owned club. Mauricio Pochettino's team, who had already eliminated Barcelona in the last 16, can now look forward to a semi-final against Manchester City or Borussia Dortmund. "I am delighted, despite the defeat. We were facing a great team, the European champions, but we are going back to the semi-finals," Neymar told broadcaster

1. Nitish Rana (KKR) 2. Sanju Samson (RR)

3. Glenn Maxwell (RCB) **PLAYER**

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1. Andre Russell (KKR) 2. Harshal Patel (RCB) 3. Rashid Khan (SRH)

MOST SIXES

1. Sanju Samson (RR) 2. Deepak Hooda (PBKS)

6 3. Nitish Rana (KKR)

SUMMER SLAM

MOTION PICTURE



Chennai Super Kings players Narayan Jagadeesan, R Sai Kishore, Suresh Raina and C Hari Nishaanth don traditional dress on occasion of Tamil New Year

KOHLI FLOATED IDEA OF MAXI JOINING RCB

All-rounder Glenn Maxwell said that RCB captain Virat Kohli had first floated the idea of him joining the franchise during the India's limited overs leg of Australia last year. "We chatted after the ODI and T201 series in Australia. He talked to me about potentially playing for RCB. If I got the opportunity, he said 'we would love to have you'," Maxwell said in a video tweeted by RCB. "He floated the idea back even then. There was a long process in work. Thankfully, I am playing for RCB now," he added.

PANT WILL DO A GOOD JOB: LARA

Brian Lara believes Rishabh Pant has improved a lot in the last few months and will do a good job in leading Delhi Capitals. "I think he has got a team that will support him which is most important. He has grown in the last 4 months and I think he will do a good job

Himachal path of inclusive and balanced development

Special Article on 74th Himachal Day

Jai Ram Thakur Chief Minister

April 15 is a historic and Himachal eadesh. On this very day in 1948, exactly eight months after the independence of the country, our State came into ex- State, istence as a centrally administered 'Chief Commissioner's Province' by merging 30 small and big hilly princely States. N. C. Mehta, Indian Civil Service (ICS) was appointed as the first Chief Commissioner assisted by

his deputy E. Penderal Moon. 26 princely States and the Thakurayi of Shimla Hill States were merged to form Mahasu district which included States of Baghal, Baghat, Balsan, Rampur-Bushahr, Khaneti, Delath, Beja, Bhajji, Darkoti, Dhami, Jubbal, Ravin, Dhadi, Keonthal, Theog, Koti, Ghoond, Madhan, Ratesh. Kumarsain, Kunihar, Kuthar, Mangal, Mahalog, Shangri and Tharoch. Mandi-Suket princely States were merged to form Mandi district. Chamba and Sirmaur were given the status of tricts Chamba, Mahasu, Mandi and Sirmaur had 23 tehsils. The total area of the State was 10,451 sq. km and the population was 11.09 lakh. On 1 July, 1954 part State had not made much devel-'C' State Bilaspur was merged to Himachal, On 1 November 1966, hilly areas of Punjab were rate was merely 31.96 percent. possible support to the state in re- about Rs. 81 crore under this Janjehli is being developed as merged in Himachal as result of There were 4,693 educational inwhich the area of the State increased to 55,673 sq. km which remains same as of now. Pre- facility was also available in sently, the State has 12 districts 3249 villages. The per capita inand as per census 2011, the pop- come was only Rs. 651.

ulation is 68.64 lakh.

The then prominent leaders among the prosperous and pro- and 'Accountable Administra- 1.25 lakh beneficiaries have been Atal Tunnel, Rohtang. Construc- schemes have been approved for Rs. 1000 crore are being impleand activists of Prajamandal gressive States in the country. tion', we have been able to imple- provided free treatment facilities tion of the first phase of the Shiv the financial year 2019-20 and mented in the State. Under the movement and ambitious people The length of roads in the State ment the principle of 'Minimum worth Rs. 129.27 crore. Finan-dham is being done at a cost of 696 for the year 2020-21. So far, Himachal Pushp Kranti Yojana, tant role in establishing Himachal 1,140 villages have been con- ance' enunciated by our visionary from serious diseases are receivas a separate State. 'Dhami Goli- nected with road facility while 99 Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

kand', 'Suket Satyagraha' and percent of the Panchayats have 'Pajhauta Movement' have a spe- been connected by roads and the meeting on the first day after the have been provided to 11,187 cial place in the glorious history of Himachal Pradesh. chal Day, I extend my best institutions has increased to ing old age pension from 80 wishes to all the people of the 15,553 and the literacy rate has State. I also express my sincere reached 82.80 percent. A large gratitude to the founder of Hima- network of 4,320 health institu-

mar and all those great personal-

soldiers of this Veerbhoomi, who to Rs. 1,90,407. have made their supreme sacrifices to protect the country. I Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana' express my special gratitude to started by Bharat Ratna and the hardworking, honest and former Prime Minister Atal Bipeace loving people of this State, hari Vajpayee has proved a boon created special identity of the Hi-rural areas of the State. Atal Tunmachal Pradesh in the country as nel, Rohtang which was inaugu-

We all know that this State, after coming into existence, result of Atal Ji's vision. started its development journey from a scratch. At that time, the literacy rate was only 4.8 percent. State government has a special Educational institutions were limited to urban areas only. There were only 88 health institutions. There were 288 kilometers of roads and clean drinking water inclusive and balanced develfacility was available in few vil- opment. lages. The Electricity facility was separate districts. These four dis-At that time, the per capita income was only Rs. 240.

Even when Himachal attained Statehood in 1971, the opment. In 1971, there were my gratitude to the Center Gov-10,617 km of roads and literacy ernment headed for providing all free treatment facilities worth tination while district Mandi's stitutions and 587 health institutions in the State. Electricity

remaining Panchayats will soon have road facility.

The number of educational chal Pradesh and the first Chief tions in the State is providing memorable day for the people of Minister Dr. Yashwant Singh Par- better medical facilities to the people. Today, electricity is availities, who contributed for the able in all the villages and Himaseparate identity of this hilly chal Pradesh has become a 'Power Surplus State'. The per I also pay tribute to the brave capita income has also increased

The ambitious 'Pradhan whose continuous efforts have in providing road connectivity in Modi on October 3, 2020 is the

> In this development journey, the three year tenure of present significance. During this period, the government has started various new schemes due to which State has touched new heights of The State government is

basic mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas' given by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I, on behalf of all the people of the State, express alizing the dream of taking the scheme. State to the pinnacle of progress.

only preserved its rich cultural heritage but has also given emphasis on modernization. Today, Himachal is reckoned Through the 'Digital Interface'

used to 38,470 km. Total Government, Maximum Govern- cially weak patients suffering Rs. 40 crore in Kangnidhar of

swearing-in ceremony on 27 December 2017, State government reduced the age limit for receivyears to 70 years without any income limit. A sum of Rs. 642.58 crore has been spent on social security pension have been sanc-

200 Jan Manch have been organized in all the Assembly constituencies to establish direct crore has been provided. communication with the public and to resolve peoples grievances Manch have been redressed.

received on Mukhymantri Seva crore has been set up under the rated by Prime Minister Narendra Sankalp Helpline-1100 have also HIM Startup Scheme. been redressed.

vidha Yojana started by the State crore has also been organized. government. Himachal was declared a smoke-free State in De- Manzilein scheme, an amount of working in accordance with the cember, 2019 and has become the Rs. 150 crore has been sancfirst State in the country to tioned to develop unexplored achieve this achievement.

3.34 lakh families have re-

Himachal Pradesh has not people who are not covered are also being developed for tour-

ing Rs. 3000 per month Under In the very first cabinet Sahara scheme and Rs. 13 crore Awas Yojana, 4,417 houses have country, a target has been set to beneficiaries.

Mukhyamantri Swavalamban Yojana has been launched by the State government for youth of 18 to 45 years of the State. On the total project cost of Rs. 60 lakh, a subsidy of 25 percent for men. curity pension in the State and 30 percent for women and 35 1,63,607 new cases of social se- percent for widows is being given. Under the scheme, 2,700 units have been set up, which has given employment to 8,500 persons. A subsidy of about Rs. 70

Under the Chief Minister Startup Scheme, financial assisexpeditiously. More than 91 per- tance of about Rs. 1.70 crore has cent of 48,694 complaints and been provided to 100 beneficiardemands received in these Jan ies. Under the scheme, 25,000 per month are being given to the More than 1.20 lakh griev- youth with new venture for one ances out of 1,51,83 grievances year. A venture fund of Rs. 10

During the Global Investors Free gas connections have Meet held at Dharamshala on 7 been provided to 1.36 lakh fam- and 8 November, 2019, as many ilies by spending an amount of as 703 MoUs worth Rs. 96,721 Rs. 21.76 crore under the Prad- crore were signed. The meet was han Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. Sim- attended by 200 delegates from ilarly, 2.91 lakh women have 36 countries. Subsequently, the been provided free gas connec- first ground breaking ceremony tions under Himachal Grihini Su- of projects worth Rs. 13,656

Under Nai Raahein-Nai

areas of the State for tourism. Bir-Billing of Kangra district is ceived golden cards under the being developed as paragliding Ayushman Bharat Yojana. 77,549 destination, Shimla district's fabeneficiaries have been provided mous Chanshal Valley as ski deseco-tourism destination. Now Himcare has been started Karganu-Ser Jagas and Nohradfrom 1 January, 2019 for the har-Churdhar in Sirmaur district started from August 2019. In the Production of fruits also in-self-reliant Himachal and take it

district Mandi

been constructed on which about provide clean and adequate whole world has been suffering Rs. 60 crore have been spent. As drinking water to all rural house- from Covid-19 and our State is many as 10,000 new houses will holds by the year 2024. Efforts be constructed under various are on to achieve this target in the challenges of Covid-19, with housing schemes in the State.

Under the Medha Protsahan Yojana, training has been im-2019 for online training and spending Rs. 2500 crore.

monitoring of teachers. Under Sashakt Mahila Yo-Sahayta Yojana, 75 percent subsidy is being provided on tools of the year. worth upto Rs. 30,000 to artisans. Under Mukhyamantri Gram Kaushal Yojana, incentive Rs. 7500 to the trainer and Rs. 3000 to the trainee per month is being given.

Mukhyamantri Roshni Yojana, 5,862 beneficiaries have availed electricity concapacity of 326.25 MW have and barbed-wire fencing. been started in the State and 162.29 MW capacity projects are made to promote horticulture. At under construction.

Jal Jeevan Mission has been Ayushman Bharat Yojana. So far, ism activities under the scheme. been approved under the Jal Jee- Himachal Pradesh Horticulture. My heartfelt felicitation to you 4.61 lakh families have been reg- Necessary facilities including he- van Mission, worth about Rs Development Project of Rs. 1134 all again on Himachal Day! istered under the scheme and lipad are being developed around 2,900 crores. After this, 530 crore and HP SHIVA project of

Under the Mukhyamantri Under this mission across the growers.

State by July, 2022. Today, there are 38,470 km long roads and 2,226 bridges in omy of the State by regulating parted to 182 eligible students in the State. In the year 2020-21, the basic facilities smoothly. the year 2019-20. The State has under the Pradhan Mantri Gram received several national level Sadak Yojana, 1,915 km long 283 awards for its excellent perform- roads were constructed, which is ance in the field of education. highest in all the previous years. The State was ranked first in the In the year 2020-21, under the country in the Annual Status of scheme, the State has attained Education Report 2017-18. The first position in the achieved per-State has been awarded the 'Best centage of the target in road con-Performing State Award' in the struction, while Himachal is survey conducted by India Today second in road construction. Disin the year 2019. Himachal has trict Mandi received top position become the first State to distrib- among all districts for constructute free text books to all students ing roads under the scheme of from the first grade to the eighth maximum length in 2020-21. grade. Under Samagra Shiksha, During the last three years, 4,468 the State has received the 'Scotch km of roads have been conorder of Merit award' in the year structed under the scheme, by

The construction of strategically important Atal Tunnel, jana, more than 4.22 crores have Rohtang is a major achievement been spent on women capacity for the country and the State. The building and empowerment. tunnel will provide road connec-Under Mukhyamantri Dastkar tivity to the tribal areas of La- people of the country, facing the haul-Spiti and Leh throughout challenge of the corona epi-

Natural farming is being Yojana and about one lakh Khet Sanrakshan Yojana, 3,873

Special efforts are being present, fruits are being produced first phase, 327 schemes have creased to 8.45 lakh metric tons. to the pinnacle of progress.

provided with tap connections, been provided to 1,134 flower

For the last one year, the also no exception. Despite the support of people, the government tried to revive the econ-Health information of 70 lakh people was collected at their doorsteps under the Active Campaign. Case-Feeding Around 2.50 lakh people of Himachal stuck in other States due to the lockdown were brought back to the State by the govern-

In view of the Covid-19, the State Government started e-Sanjeevani OPD to provide free online medical advice to patients and a team of 16 doctors from various medical colleges of the State has been formed.

We are proud that under the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we have succeeded to a great extent in preventing infection of this pandemic with the support of all the demic. Now the vaccine has also been developed due to the untirdone in 5,595 hectares under ing efforts of our scientists and Prakratik Kheti Khushal Kisan the public has got great relief. We have to join the vaccination farmers have adopted natural campaign along with the mantra farming. Under the Mukhymantri of 'Dawai Bhi-Kadai Bhi' and should not take any risk. Corona farmers were provided benefits is again spreading very fast. We nection. Various projects with a of Rs. 105 crore through solar have to be more vigilant and alert and play the role of a responsible citizen. On this occasion, let us all

> vow that we will do our utmost in an area of 2,33,300 hectares. to make our State a 'vibrant and

Jai Hind-Jai Himachal!