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# INDIA CROSSES 2-LAKH DAILY COUNT

The emergence of several States as new Covid-19 hotspots besides Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Kerala continued to push the daily count of fresh infections to newer peaks as several States imposed new lockdown like restrictions on Thursday to battle the alarming surge that saw India recording over 2 lakh cases during the last 24 hours.
While Maharashtra's tally

rose marginally from the previous day, ending at 61,695 new cases and 349 deaths, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, and Bihar have seen alarmingly higher spikes on daily basis

After Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh has emerged as the third-highest contributor of new cases on a daily count. The State reported 22,339 new cases and 104 deaths during the last 24 hours. Uttar Pradesh was followed

by Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh. While the southern States reported 14,738 new cases and 66 deaths during the last 24 hours, MP reported 10,166 cases and 53 deaths.

Gujarat recorded 8,152 new cases and 81 deaths, while Tamil Nadu clocked 7,987 cases and 29 deaths.

Meanwhile, in view of the alarming surge in the Covid-19 cases and high occupancy of patients in the Dedicated Covid Hospitals, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)

The decision on Class XII

The decision, taken in the

Punjab School Education

Board (PSEB) exams, which

have already been postponed,

would be taken later by

wake of massive surge in

Covid-19 cases in the State, was

announced by the Chief



A health worker collects swab sample from a man as coronavirus cases surge across the national Capital in New Delhi on Thursday Ranjan Dimri I Pionee

on Thursday converted famed Jaslok Hospital into a dedicated Covid-19 hospital.

#### ASI closes monuments for visitors till May 15

New Delhi: All Centrally protected monuments, museums and sites under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have been closed with immediate effect till May 15 due to the surge in coronavirus cases in the country, the Union Culture Ministry said on Thursday. An order to this effect was issued by the ASI and it was tweeted by Culture Minister Prahlad Patel on Thursday evening.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

**TOTAL CASES:** 1,42,72,484 (+2,01,386) **DEATHS: 1,74,200** (+1,047) **RECOVERED:** 

1,25,31,990 (+1,05,837) **ACTIVE: 15,60,465** 

**MAHARASHTRA: 36,39,855** HARYANA: 3,35,800

PUNJAB: 2,86,816

CHANDIGARH: 32,397 **DELHI: 7,84,137** 

**PNS** ■ CHANDIGARH two each in Hisar, Ambala, Karnal, Bhiwani, Fatehabad Witnessing another day of a huge spike in the number of Covid-19 infections, and one each in Gurugram,

Sonepat,

Yamunanagar, Kaithal. A day before, the State had recorded 5,398 fresh cases and 18 deaths

Kurukshetra,

Gurugram district continued to be the worst affected in the State and recorded the highest number of fresh infections at 1,434 followed by 810 cases in Faridabad and 379 in Hisar.

There were 415 critical Covid-19 patients in the state out of which 342 were on oxygen support while 73 were on

The active cases were recorded at 29,236 till the evening. The worst affected district — Gurugram reported the highest number of active cases at 7,740 followed by 3467 in Faridabad.,

2,743 patients recovered from the virus in the last 24 hours taking the total recoveries to 3,01,948. Over 67.23 lakh samples have been tested till date in Haryana.

The fatality rate was recorded at 0.99 per cent in the State. The Covid positive rate was 5.01 per cent and recovery rate was recorded at 89.92 per cent.



# Punjab registers highest ever 4,333 cases

### 80% cases of UK variant; Mohali records highest 860 cases; Active cases surpassed 30K

PNS CHANDIGARH

The new infections in Punjab are growing by 1.2 per cent every day in the past one week, with the State health authorities blaming it on the UK variant that has been found in about 80 per cent of the State's Covid patients.
On Thursday, the State

Haryana on Thursday report-

ed 5,858 fresh cases, the high-

est-single day record since the

18 more people died due to the virus in the State in the last

29,236 while the total caseload

reached 3,35,800. The death toll

Health Department's bulletin, three people died in Faridabad,

stood at 3,344 in the State.

The active cases jumped to

According to the State's

pandemic began.

24 hours.

registered the steepest-ever single-day spike with 4,333 fresh cases in the past 24 hours, pushing the active cases in the state past the 30,000-mark. SAS Nagar (Mohali), with a whopping 860 fresh cases, recorded the highest-ever figure by any district since the outbreak of the pandemic.

Against the total 34,409

tests conducted in a day, the State on Thursday registered the daily positivity rate of 12.59 per cent. The state's tally now stood at 2,86,816, of which 10.47 per cent (total 30,033) are active cases.

With Punjab's case fatality rate remaining highest in the country at 2.69 per cent, the state reported 51 fatalities in the past 24 hours. Amritsar, with ten deaths, reported the maximum casualties, followed by nine in Hoshiarpur; six each from Gurdaspur and Ludhiana; and five from Patiala. Two deaths each were

reported from Bathinda, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur, and Jalandhar; while one each were reported from Fazilka, Faridkot, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Muktsar, Pathankot, Sangrur,

Reporting the highest ever fresh cases in a single day by any district, Mohali currently has the maximum number of active Punjab, the Mohali district for 17.40 per cent of the total active cases in the State, and 15.44 per cent of the total positive cases in the district.



People, not adhering to Covid-19 norms, walk at the Heritage Street near Golden Temple, in Amritsar, on Thursday

State Health Secretary Hussan Lal on Thursday apprised during the Covid review meeting that against the 8.1 per cent overall positivity in per cent. Along with Jalandhar, Ludhiana, and Patiala, the Mohali district is reporting high transmission.

Besides Mohali, other districts that reported fresh infections in three-digit figure include Ludhiana (482), Jalandhar (399), Amritsar (365), Patiala (353), Bathinda (301) Gurdaepur (194) Taran (186), Hoshiarpur (153), Kapurthala and Ferozepur (127 each), Faridkot (110), and Ropar (104).

### **70% of PGIMER** samples sent to **NCDC** confirm UK variant: Director

PNS CHANDIGARH

PGIMER director Dr Jagat Ram on Thursday said that 70 per cent of the total samples sent to National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC), New Delhi in March, 2021 had UK Variant of Covid-19 while 20 per cent of the samples had 681 H mutant of Covid-19

The Director said, "The Department of Virology, PGIMER, Chandigarh, had sent 60 positive samples of Covid-19 to NCDC, New Delhi in the month of March 2021. It was found that 70 per cent of the samples had UK variants of Covid-19, one sample was found to have double mutation. 681H mutant of Covid-19 was observed in 20 per cent of the samples". Majority of the samples were from Chandigarh.

Dr Jagat Ram added with the Covid-19 cases surging at a rate much faster in the second wave than the first wave, it was being assumed that the UK it could be responsible for this faster rate. The same was amply proved by the latest findings of the PGIMER samples sent to NCDC.

#### The students of Class V, VIII, and X in Punjab will be promoted to the next Amarinder Singh on Thursday during a virtual Covid review basis of Pre-Board examinameeting with top officials and medical experts tions or the internal assessment class "without taking any of the respective schools, the examination". Chief Minister directed the

Punjab to promote Class V, VIII, X students without exams

The decision, taken in the wake of massive surge in Covid-19

cases in the State, was announced by the Chief Minister Capt

Minister Capt Amarinder provided to school children Singh on Thursday during a going for exams. virtual Covid review meeting with top officials and medical

at while the State had closed all educational institutions till April 30, bringing down the positivity in the 11-20 age group, relief was needed to be

For the Class V students. since exams for four out of five subjects have already been The Chief Minister said conducted, results may be the Puniah Education Board (PSEB) on the basis of the marks obtained by the students in respect of four subjects, ignoring the

Results for Classes VIII and X may be declared on the

fifth subject.

Education Department.
The Chief Minister, who had earlier this week written to the Union Education Minister in this regard, also expressed decision to postpone Class XII CBSE exams and cancellation of Class X CBSE exams in view of the pandemic.

and Tarn Taran.

# Covid curfew extended from 8pm to 7am in UP

### **Board exams** postponed, all schools closed till May 15

PNS LUCKNOW

mid the surge in corona A cases and subsequent panic setting in across the State, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has ordered extension of "Covid curfew" from 8 pm to 7 am in districts with more than 2,000 active cases and also announced postponement of the UP Board Exams for Class 10 and 12. The new dates of UP Board examination will be announced later, the CM said and also ordered the closure of all Government and private schools till May 15.

'The corona curfew will be effective from 8 pm to 7 am in all 10 districts with more than 2,000 active cases, including Lucknow, Prayagraj, Varanasi, Kanpur Nagar, Gautam Budh Nagar, Ghaziabad, Meerut and Gorakhpur. This order should be implemented with immediate effect," Yogi said while reviewing the current situation of the State virtually with the Team-11 officials on Thursday.

At present, corona curfew is being enforced in these districts between 9 pm and 6 am.

To prevent the spread of the disease among the children we need to make additional arrangements here. In such a situation, KGMU and and safeguard them from the second wave of coronavirus infection, the CM said schools Balrampur Hospital should be



People stand in queues to cast their votes during local elections in Kunvarpur

prepared as a dedicated Covid up to Class 12 should be closed till May 15. He instructed the Hospital, he said. The Chief Minister officials to make all necessary instructed the officials to conduct this work in a phased arrangements in view of the changing situation every day in all the districts of the State. Yogi assured the State was successful in fighting the first wave of Covid-19 and similarly, this

village in Uttar Pradesh on Thursday

be controlled soon. "For this it is required that all citizens strictly adhere to Covid protocols such as masks, sanitizers and social distancing. Not only this, it is better that people include this protocol in their lifestyle. People should be

time the second wave will also

made aware about this," he said. In a bid to ensure an effective Covid-19 management system, Yogi said inflow of patients from other districts in Lucknow is natural. Therefore,

manner. Also, the non-Covid patients should also be taken care of so that no inconvenience is caused to them. "The TS Mishra Hospital,

Integral and Hind Medical Colleges in Lucknow should be converted into dedicated Covid hospitals. In the next two days additional beds should be provided in these hospitals," said the Chief Minister. Yogi also asked the Team-

11 members to keep a check on the availability of Remdesivir and oxygen for the treatment of Covid patients. The review should be done daily from the office of the Chief Secretary and the CM. It should be ensured that there is no paucity of these medicines in any hospital of the state, he said.

# Weekend lockdown in Delhi

# Fresh Covid cases soar to over 17,000 on Thursday

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

s the Covid-19 situation in Athe national Capital turned grimmer with the number of daily cases rising to staggering over 17,000, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday announced imposition of weekend curfew to break the chain of coronavirus

infection. The Chief Minister announced that weekend curfew will be implemented in Delhi along with a closure of malls, gyms, swimming pools, and auditoriums. The cinema halls will function at 30 per made cent capacity and restaurants will not be allowed to cater to dining — only home delivery and takeaways will be allowed.

The weekly markets will be allowed at one weekly market per-day-per-zone format and the Delhi Government will also monitor crowds at weekly markets and the markets and public places will see stricter implementation of Covid

Kejriwal appealed to the people of Delhi to not insist on getting admitted to a particular hospital as beds will be need to travel during weekdays for work and other essential

made available in other facilities if required as Delhi has more than 5,000 beds vacant.

Addressing the media, he said, "Corona cases are rising in Delhi but the hospital management in Delhi is under control. There is no dearth of beds in Delhi as more than 5,000 beds are available. We met with the Lieutenant Governor and have unanimously decided to put a weekend lockdown in place. Our understanding is that people

in activities; however, weekends are usually reserved for leisure and entertainment activities activities that in the given situation can be curtailed and

> restricted," he said. Keeping in mind the essential nature of work and jobs done during weekdays, the Government has decided to issue curfew passes.
> "We will also monitor

> crowds at weekly markets and release guidelines pertaining to this as well. Dining at restaurants will no longer be allowed, one can avail of the home delivery and takeaway

method for now. Markets, public places etc. will see a stricter implementation of Covid

norms," he added. Kejriwal said, "We have been noticing a callous attitude in terms of wearing masks, observing social distancing, this is not good for safety and

security. Delhi reported 17,282 Covid-19 cases on Wednesday while 104 more people succumbed to the disease. The active cases reached to 50,736 in Delhi and containment zones rose to 7,598 on Wednesday.

# Kumbh sees 0.7% Covid positivity rate

PNS DEHRADUN

onfirming the fears of the Cexperts that the mega reli gious congregation of Kumbh in Haridwar would accelerate the pace Covid-19 infection, the authorities on Thursday confirmed that 1,700 people were tested positive for the disease from April 10 to 14 in the Mela area

The Kumbh Mela which is considered as the biggest religious congregation in the world officially started on April 1.

The medical workers conducted 2,36,751 tests during the five-day period (April 10 to 14) in the Mela area. Out of these 1,701 samples came out positive for Covid-19, that means 0.7 per cent positivity rate. It is learnt that in the

Kumbh area a number of the



Akhadas and sects have been reported positive for the disease. death

Mahamandaleshwar Kapil Dev Dass Naga belonging to the Akhil Bharatiya Nirvani Akhada due to Covid-19 has come as a shock among the members of doesn't have a fever now.

the Akhada. The ascetic belonging to Chitrakoot in Madhya Pradesh was in Haridwar to attend the Kumbh. The ascetic was admitted in a private hospital in Dehradun after he was found positive for Covid-19 in Haridwar on April 12. Meanwhile the condition

of the president of Akhil Bharatiya Akhada Parishad (ABAP), Narendra Giri admitted in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Rishikesh is improving. He was admitted in hospital April 12 after testing positive for Covid-19.

The Public Relations Officer (PRO) of AIIMS Rishikesh Harish Thapliyal said that the condition of Swami Narendra Giri is improving and he is on room air and he

# **Govt postpones NEET-PG** in view of rising Covid cases

In view of a spike in the number of Covid-19 cases, the National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (postgraduate) (NEET-PG), which was scheduled to be held on April 18, has been postponed, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Thursday. The decision was taken

keeping the well-being of the young medical students in mind, he added. "In light of the surge in #Covid19 cases, GoI has decid-

Decision has been taken keeping well-being of our young medical students in mind," Vardhan tweeted. Earlier on Thursday, a group of student doctors

ing for postponement of the NEET-PG medical entrance exams. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India SA Bobde was scheduled to hear the matter on Friday.

## ed to postpone #NEETPG2021 exam which was earlier scheduled to be held on Apr 18. Next date to be decided later.

moved the Supreme Court ask-



# CM MAKES A SERIES OF ANNOUNCEMENTS ON HIMACHAL DAY

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Thursday announced ₹1500 honorarium for all the class III and IV

ward boys, class IV employees, Asha workers among others involved directly in the service of Covid-19 patients for the month of April and May.

several announcements while presiding over the state level Himachal Day function held at Padhar in Drang Vidhan Sabha area of Mandi district. He

gents of Police and Home

He also flagged-off 136 dedicated two wheelers for

occasion of Swarnim Himachal

Providing relief to the tourism industry in wake of the

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NO. HBH/EM/PKL/2021/ 2261

पुत्र बलबीर सिंह नाम दर्ज कर दिया जाएगा **।** जिसके लिए

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ਲਿਆਂਦੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

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Kanhiya Siksha Samiti

चर्चा व निर्णय लेने बारे।

President

Canara Bank, Rajpura.

scheme for three months till June 2021 for the tourism industry. All hotels, tourist lodges, tourism units would be exempted from paying demand charges for two months and they would not have to pay late charges and could pay the same in easy instalments, he said. The Chief Minister said

that demand charges would not be levied from private schools, as they have also been adversely affected due to pandemic.

He also announced an interest subversion scheme for the transport sector so that they could also avail financial facilities. Thakur announced 50 percent concession on SRT on stage carriage for three months from April and also, 50 percent concession on passenger tax for three months on taxis and contract carriage.

He said that the whole world has been suffering from COVID-19 and our state is also no exception. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, with support of people, the government tried to revive the economy of the state by regulating the basic facilities

The Chief Minister said that health information of 70 lakh people was collected at

their doorsteps under the active case-feeding campaign.

He urged the people to strictly follow the guidelines and SOPs of the State Government from time to time. He also urged the people to join the vaccination campaign along with the mantra of 'Dawai Bhi-Kadai Bhi' and should not take any

Earlier, felicitating the people of the state on the auspicious occasion of Himachal Day, he paid his respect to the freedom fighters and great sons of the soil, who strived hard to accord special identity and status to Himachal Pradesh.

He also paid his respect to the first Chief Minister of Himachal, Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar who spearheaded the struggle to accord special identity to the state.

Thakur said that being a

small state, Himachal Pradesh has shown a way to many big states of the country, the credit for which goes to each and every citizen of the state.

Today, there are 38,470 km long roads and 2,226 bridges in the state. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 1,915 km long 283 roads were constructed during the financial year 2020-21, which was highest in all the previous years, he added.

He further said that the ambitious 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana' started by Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has proved a boon in providing road connectivity in rural areas of the state. Atal Tunnel, Rohtang which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3, 2020 is the result of vision of Atal Bihari

Vajpayee, he said.

Cooperation

Department, Dr. Anant

# Classifieds

#### LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying examination certificate of main secondary examination of year 2017, Roll No 2281750 and senior secondary examination of year 2019. Roll no 2763122 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of candidate: Gurinder Singh S/o Surject Singh. Tel.8729030986

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

- I, Sumer Chand S/o Brij Lal R/o Village Shekhpura, Distt. Karnal, Now Residence Gali No.7, Vikas Nagar, Distt. Karnal declare that my son Ankur is out of my control. I disown my son from my moveable and immovable property. In future anybody dealing with responsible for that deal himself.
- I, Anjana Kumari W/o JC-432913H NB SUB Joginder Singh Unit 18 Punjab r/o Village Bassa PO Gohar Tehsil Chachiot Distt Mandi (H.P) 175029 declare that in Army record of my husband, my name is wrongly recorded as Anjna Thakur. My correct name is Anjana Kumari.
- I, Service No. 15481552L Rank DFR Shinde Milinda Keshavrao S/o Keshavrao Namdev Shinde r/o VPO Nimblak Tehsil and Distt Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) PIN-414111 at present of Unit 66 ARMD REGT c/o 56 APO Tibri Cantt Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India have changed my son's name from Tanmay to Tanmay Milind Shinde due to wrong name recorded in my Army service record before Kuljinder Singh Mann, Notary Public Gurdaspur (Pb) dated 15.04.2021.
- L Service No. 15481552L Rank DFR Shinde Milinda Keshavrao S/o Keshavrao Namdev Shinde r/o VPO Tehsil and Dist Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) PIN-414111 at present of Unit 66 ARMD REGT c/o 56 APO Tibri Cantt Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab, India have changed my son's name from Ajinkya to Ajinkya Milind Shinde due to wrong name recorded in my Army service record before Kuljinder Singh Mann, Notary Public Gurdaspur (Pb) dated 15.04.2021.
- We. Nand Lal S/o Shree Om Parkash & Renu W/o Nand Lal R/o Murathkari, SAS Nagar Mohali, declare that my son Govind Kumar and his wife Taniya Mehta are out of my control. So I disown all of them from my moveable/immoveable properties. Anybody dealing with him/them will do so at his/ her own risk.
- I, Balbir Singh S/o Rachpal singh Village Bhroli Kalan Tehsil & District Pathankot, Declare that my Son Pankaj Manhas & his wife Sonia his Daughter Rujvi Manhas is out of my Control therefore I disinherit them from my moveable and immoveable properties. Anybody Daljit Singh Concerned Note. dealing with them at deal their own
- L Hussan Lal S/o Bachana Ram my son Amit alise Sonu and his wife Poonam Rani alise Mamta are out of my control. So I disown them from our moveable/ Immovable property. Anybody dealing with him at own
- I, Ex NK Ajmer Singh (No.1086281Y) S/o Mool Chand resident of VPO Kharkara, Tehsil Meham, Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my minor son name in my Army records from Vikash Singh Ahlawat to Vikash (as per Matric Certificate/Official documents). My son correct name is Vikash for all future purposes. Concerned note and please correct it, vide Affidavit dated 15 April 2021 before Notary Public
- I, Urmila Anand W/o Late Satish Kumar Anand. House 1026-B. Badal Colony, Zirakpur, Distt. Mohali. My son Amit Anand, his wife Shivani Anand out of my control. I Disown them from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk
- I, Shinder Kaur W/o Ashok Kumar, House 1043-D, Dashmesh Nagar, Nayagaon, Distt. Mohali. My R/O Vill. Khusropur, Near New son Amandeep out of my control. I colony, Gas store, Jalandhar cantt have Disown him from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with him at their own Risk.
- H.No. 35, Jaswant Nagar, VPO. Garha, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab-144022 have debar my daughter Nancy from my whole moveable or immoveable properties, due to her disobedientness and misbehaviour. All
- I, Mala W/o Puran Chand R/o House No. 3/11 T.A Line, Ferozepur Cantt declare that my son Rohit is out of my control. So I Disinherit him from all my movable/ immovable properties. Anyone dealing with him will do so on their own risk, I and my family will not be responsible.

Sh. Chajju Ram Singla R/o 21, Fatia Ram r/o Village Bichhian, PO Dhaliwal Colony, Patiala inform in Balbehra, District Kaithal, have general that I disown/disinherit my

- daughter Meenu Singla alias Meenu Goyal and her children Adil Goyal and Delisha Goyal from all my moveable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with them at their own risk. Now I have no relation with them. Further I request all not to allow them to attend rituals/ my last rites after my death.
- I, Bant Singh S/o Santokh Singh, Village Mianpur Changar, Tehsil Kharar (SAS Nagar), disown my Ranjodh Singh, his wife Priyanka from moveable/immoveable property, as both are beyond my control Anybody deals them at own risk/ responsibility, I shall not be
- I. Rajbir S/o Lal Chand R/o Village Sirsama, (Kurukshetra), have disown my daughter Mamta from all my moveable immoveable properties, she is out of my control.
- I, Jagmohan Singh Chauhan Gurbachan Singh R/o Vill.Khudda khurd, Ambala Cantt. Declare that My Son Gurpreet Singh is Out Of My Control, So I Disown him from All My Moveable Immoveable Properties, in future anybody dealing with him at their own risk, I and My Family Members will
- मैं पुष्प शर्मा पुत्र राम प्रकाश व मेरी पत्नी रुबी शर्मा निवासी नज़दीक शिव नाग मंदिर मोहल्ला फ्रेंड्स कॉलोनी,पठानकोट तहसील व ज़िला पठानकोट सूचित करते हैं कि हमारा लड़का रोहित शर्मा बहु दामिनी व पोत्री दिताक्षी शर्मा दमारे कहने से बाहर है। दम सभी को अपनी चल अचल सम्पति से 01.05.2004. बेदञ्चल करते हैं। उनसे लेनदेन करने वाला खुद जिम्मेदार होगा।

#### **CHANGE OF NAME**

- I, Shwani W/o Surinder Kumai Village Khangwari Po Manhota Teh Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) declare that my name written wrongly Shvani Devi in School record of my Son Rohin Kumar Dadhwal. According my Aadhar card my correct name is Shwani be amended in School record of my son.
- I, Shashi Bala W/o Amit Kumar changed my name Shashi Bala to
- I, No. 13766815N Rank Hav Puran Singh S/o Late Sh. Nikka Ram R/o Village Chak Karma, PO Ghanauli, Distt. Ropar (Punjab) declare that in my Army Record my daughter's name wrongly mentioned as Manat. Her correct name is Mannat. Concerned please note and correct it.
- I, Rohde Singh Daljit S/o Nirmal Singh R/o Village Bains Khurd PO Lachowal District Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Rohde Singh Daljit to
- I, Pooja Devi W/o Gaurav Singla R/o Flat No.301, Third Floor, E-Etonia, Exotic Grandeur, Dhakoli, R/o 12/564, Batra Colony, declare that Zirakpur, Distt.SAS Nagar Mohali (Punjab) have changed my name from Pooja Devi to Pooja Singla.
  - I, Mukesh S/o Sh. Chhabil Dass R/o H. No. 99, VPO Kheri Barki Hisar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mukesh to Mukesh Kumar for all future purposes.
  - I, Ritu Kataria W/o Sunil Kataria R/o #657/1 Joginder Nagar, Jind (Harvana) declare that. I want to change my name as Ritu Kataria from Reetu. I be called and known as Ritu Kataria in future.
  - L. Rammehar S/O Subhash R/O I Have Changed My Name Jind Ramehar Bishla.
  - I, Suresh Singh S/O Baru Ram R/O Vpo. Bhola Khalsa Distt. Karnal I Have Changed My Name Suresh Kumar. I, Samsher Kaur W/o Late Sh.

Gurbachan Singh, Vill. Sanauli

- Dhakauli, SAS Nagar (Mohali) Puniab-160104, declare that Samsher Kaur & Shero is one & the same I, Monika D/O David Masih
- changed my name from Monika to I, Satpal Singh Ghotra S/o
- I, Victor S/o Alias Masih R/o Balkar Singh R/o Village Alampur Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala have changed my Name from Satpal Singh to Satpal Singh Ghotra.

I, Balvinder Kaur Ghotra W/o

- Satpal Singh Ghotra R/o Village Alampur Tehsil Rajpura Distt Patiala have changed my Name from Balvinder Kaur to Balvinder Kaur
- I. Mohit Rathour S/o Surinder Kumar R/o H.No- 568 Husaini Road, Bharampuri Colony ward No-1 Naraingarh Distt Ambala have 15.04.2021 Before changed my name from Mohit to Magistrate Pathankot. Mohit Rathour.

changed my New name to Sunita

- I, Fatia Ram Bangar S/o Bahadur Singh r/o Village Bichhian, PO Balbehra, District Kaithal, have changed my New name to Fatia
- I, Smt, Darshana Kumari W/o No 3964142 Hav Jai Singh R/o Vill. Chathial Kalan PO Garhdiwala Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Darshana Kumari to Darshana Devi vide affidavit dated April 2021 before Notary at Hoshiarpur.
- I, Krishan Kuamr S/o Dharampal R/o VPO Kapro, Hisar (Hry.) declare that I have change my name from Krishan to Krishan Kumar for future purposes.
- I, JC 452884A Naib Sub Parkash S/o Late Shri Kanshi Ram R/o Sunli Rung, Lagdaghat, tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pardesh.Have Changed my Wife Name from Vimla Devi To Bimla
- Singh Service No. JC-432234L Rank Sub R/o 15 Punjab 1st Patiala C/o 56 APO.Have Changed my Name from Parminder Kour To Parminder Kaur & Changed DOB from 28.09.1999 To 13.10.1999. I, Service No. JC-432234L
- Rank Sub Jasbir Singh S/o Balia Ram R/o 15 Punjab 1st Patiala C/o 56 APO. Have Changed my Daughter Name from Neeru To Meeru & Changed DOB from 01.04.2004 To Deepa D/o Babu Lal #
- changed my name Deepa to Salma I, No.10479888 Ex-Hav Amar Nath R/o VPO Ballamagrh Mandwara district Ropar declare that in my army record name of my son is Davender Pal Singh but his correct
- name is Davinder Pal Singh. I. Geeta W/o Late Sh. Rajiv Kumar R/o # 8, Khuda Alisher Chandigarh declare that in some documents my husband name is R/o Ladwa, Distt. Kurukshetra have Raju and Rajiv Kumar both name is one and same person.
  - I, Mithilesh Devi W/o No. 15472043L Rank DFR Ajay Kumar Yadav Unit 94(i) Recce Sqn. C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Mithilesh to Mithilesh Devi in my husband's service records.
  - Lakhwinder Kaur W/o Narinder Singh R/o Village Akbarpur Afganna, Patiala inform that above name belong to one person. That is
  - I, No. 2689253L, Hav, Rupa Singh Rathoo, Unit 19 Grenadiers C/o 56 Apo, Permanent Address at Village Hadagali. L.T.2, PO Hadagali, Tehsil Bijapur, District Bijapur (Karnataka) 586127 declare that my son Vikas Correct Date of birth is 05-06-2000 & Incorrect Date of birth is 05-06-2002.
  - I, No. 2689253L, Hav, Rupa Singh Rathoo, Unit 19 Grenadiers C/o 56 Apo, Permanent Address at Village Hadagali. L.T.2, PO Hadagali, Tehsil Bijapur, District Bijapur (Karnataka) 586127 declare that my daughter Priyanka Correct Date of birth is 08-10-2002 & Incorrect Date of birth is 10-09-
- I, Teena Monga @ Teena Chhabra W/O Pankaj Monga, D/O Vpo. Lodhar, Tehsil Uchana Distt. S.K. Chhabra, working as SR. PRT at D.A.V. Public School, Lawrence Road, Amritsar, have changed my name from Teena Chhabra (old name) to Teena Monga (new name).
  - I No.13756122h Rank Ex Nk Name Vijay Kumar S/O Late Sh Puran Singh R/O Village Kanwan Post Office Parmanand Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab), Have Change The Name Of My Wife From Jyoti Kumari To Jyoti Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2021 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot.
  - I No.13756122h Rank Ex Nk Name Vijay Kumar S/O Late Sh Puran Singh R/O Village Kanwan Post Office Parmanand Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab), Have Change The Name Of My Daughter From Swata Thakur To Shaweta Thakur Vide Affidavit Dated 15.04.2021 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot.
  - I, No14575881k Rank Ex Hav Name Ranjit Singh S/O Sh Mahesh Singh R/O Village Jakror Post Office Chashma Tehsil & Distt Pathankot (Punjab), Have Change The Name Of My Daughter From Diksa Kumari To Diksha And Also Herdate Of Birth From 02.08.1998 To 02.08.1997 Vide Affidavit Dated Executive

I, No.Jc-215885f Ex Sub Kuldip Singh S/O Sh Harbans Singh R/O Vpo Khokhar Faujian Tehsil Batala Disti Gurdaspur State Puniab. Have Changed The Name Of My Daughter Harmit Kaur To Harmeet Kaur.

- L Ex No.2480554k Hay Gurdial Singh S/O Sh. Ajaib Singh R/O Village Rajada Po- Qadian Teh/Distt Gurdaspur (Punjab). Have Changed The Name Of My Son Karanveer Singh To Karanbir Singh.
- I. Neha W/o Janesh Gupta R/o H.No.362, New Satnampura Phagwara, Distt.Kapurthala Have Changed My Name Neha To Neha Gupta After Marriage.
- Ram R/o VPO.Chachoki, Teh Phagwara, Distt.Kapurthala, Punjab Have Change My Name From Jeevan Kumar To Kumar Jeevan. (Kumar as

I, Jeevan Kumar S/o Lambe

- I, Gurdeep Singh S/o Mohan Lal R/o VPO. Bhar Singh Pura, Teh.Phillaur, Distt.Jalandhar, Punjab Have Changed My Name From Gurdeep Singh To Singh Gurdeep (Singh as Surname)
- I Amir Chand Son Of Ratn I, Parminder Kaur D/o Jasbir Ram R/O Vpo. Palli Uchi Tehsil Nawanshahr Distt S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name From Amir Chang
  - I Chanpreet Kaur D/O Gurmeet Singh W/O Navneet Singh R/O House No.112, Gali No.4, Naam Dev Colony Sultanwind Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name As Chanpreet Kaur Eshar.
  - I Gurinder Kaur W/O Harbhajan Singh R/O Bala Chak Tam Taran Have Changed My Name From Gurinder Kaur To Gurdavinder Kaur.
- I Princy Manoj W/O No.JC-2086A, Small Flats, Housing Board 670805M SUB/MT Manoj K.G. R/O Complex, Dhanas, Chandigarh have 515 ASC BN C/O 56 APO Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Princy K.P. To Princy Manoj Vide Affidavi Dated 15-04-2021, Before Amritsa
  - Kumar R/O H.No.-1754/4, Shakti Nagar, Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Rajesh Kuma Goyal. I Sukhdeep Kaur W/O Ram

I Rajesh Kumar S/O Surinder

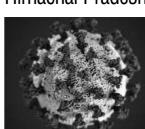
- Cumar R/O Vill. Sadda Singh Wala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name From Rajinder Kaur To Sukhdeep Kaur After Marriage. I Jaspreet Singh S/O Partap
- Singh R/O 1295 Block-D Mode Town Extension Ludhiana Have Changed My Minor Son's Name Gurasses Singh To Gurasees Singh. I Mohinder Singh Sidhu S/O Atma Singh R/O 102-C, Passi Nagar
- Pakhowal Road Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Mohinder I, Sunita Rani W/O Balwinde Singh R/O Ward No-17, Kartar Nagar
- Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Jassdeep Kaur After I, Swarn Lata W/O Jagdisl Kumar R/O H.No-L69, St. No-L1, Gtb Nagar, Lalheri Road, Khanna
- (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Swam Devi. I Smt Charanjit Kaur Wd/O No. 2468077F Late Hav Kanwaljit Singh Resident Vpo. Bandala, Tehsil & Distt: Tarn Taran I Have Change Of My Daughter Name Nawneet Kaur To
- I, Sukhvir Kaur Sidhu W/c Jatinder Singh Grewal R/o Vill: Rajoana Khurd (Ludhiana) changed my name to Sukhvir Kaur Grewal after marriage.
- I Madhu Bala W/O Saniee Kumar R/O Village Rakran Dhahan Tehsil Balachaur District Sbs Nagar Punjab 144526 India Have Changed My Name To Madhu
- I Rai Kumar W/O Krishar Kumar R/O Village Rakran Dhahar Tehsil Balachaur District Sbs Nagar Punjab 144526 India Have Changed My Name To Raj Kumari. I Surject Singh S/o Hakan
- Singh R/o Vill Machhiwala ,Ferozepus Have Changed My Name Surjit Singh. I Sukhmandar Singh S/c
- Pritam Singh R/o Vill-Machhiwara (Ferozepur) have changed my nam Sukhmander Singh.

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Contact : 94174-19351

# 11 fatalities, 1,034 fresh Covid cases reported in



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1 people succumbed to L Covid-19 as 1034 fresh cases were detected in Himachal on Thursday.

in Una, two each in Shimla, Solan and Kangra and one in Sirmaur in the last 24 hours. stated the Himachal's evening health bulletin. The death toll has reached 1146 while the total caseload was 73353 in the state.Of the 1034 fresh cases, a maximum of 197 cases were reported in Kangra district followed by 170 in Solan and 151 in Mandi. The active cases Kangra has the highest number of active cases at 1584 followed by 1358 in Solan and 756 in

589 people recovered from the virus in the last 24 hours

Over 13.64 lakh COVID-19 tests have been conducted in the state till date.

क्षेत्रीय कराधान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, सोनीपत **PUBLIC NOTICE** Date: 15/04/2021 1495, Sector 22-B, Chandigarh.
He has applied to issue NOC to transfe Sub: Transfer of LIG House No. 989, HBC Sec-10, Panchkula, Haryana in the name (s) of Smt. Manju Malhotra, W/o Late Sh. Rajesh Malhotra R/o H.N. 989, Sec-10,

Panchkula. Harvana due to death of original allottee Late Sh. Rajesh Malhotra S/o Sh. Raghunath Malhotra living intestate property.

It is notified for the information of the ntending purchaser. general public and all concerned with the property No. LIG House No 989, HBC

Malhotra S/o Sh. Raghunath Malhotra as per record of this office. It has been reported by the applicant (s) that Late Sh. Rajesh Malhotra S/o Sh Raghunath Malhotra was the owner of this property died on 19-12-2015 Smt. Manju Malhotra W/o Late Sh. Rajesh Malhotra, R/o H.N. 989, Sec-10, Panchkula, Harvana has claimed/applied for the transfer for the intestate death of Late Sh. Rajesh

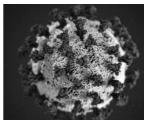
Sec -10, Panchkula, Haryana, which

stands in the name of Late Sh. Raiesh

Malhotra S/o Sh. Raghunath Malhotra. If anybody have any objection for the transfer of the said property in favour of the applicant Smt. Manju Malhotra W/o Late Sh. Rajesh Malhotra, R/o H N. 989, Sec-10. Panchkula, Harvana they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

> Estate Manager Housing Board Haryana Sector 6, Panchkula.

# Himachal Pradesh



Four deaths were reported

taking the total recoveries to 64807.

The Telehos Employees Coop HB First PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of General Public R/o#416. Sector 45-A. Chandigarh have entered into an agreement for purchase of Flat No. 2281 (First Floor), Category B in the Telehos Employees Coop HB First Society Ltd., Sector 50-C, Chandigarh presently owned by Sh. Ishwar Dass Rana S/o Sh. Bharat Ram R/o House No

the above said Flat & execution of Sale Deed. If any has objection against the transfer of above said flat, same may be submitted to the Society, in writing along with supporting documents within 30 days of the publication of this notice e NOC will be issued to the

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public is hereby informed in general that Smt Poonam w/o Shri bhagwan dass and Shr Lokesh Kapoor s/o Shri bhagwar dass has availed loan from Canara Bank Raipura against the property measuring 105 sayds situated at plot no 22 B bhawalpu colony, Dalima Vihar, Rajpura The said property is mortgaged to Canara Bank Rajpura

General Public is informed that if any other heir and party has any objection in the transfer of the above plot in the name of Sh. Kuldeep Singh r/o H.No. 873/5 Uhan Estate Kurukshetra, then he would object to this notice within 30 days of the publication of the notice, it should be submitted in writing to the office of Market Committee Pipli, otherwise it will be presumed that there is no objection in this regard. And same Plot/Shop will be transferred/ registered in the name of Sh. Kuldeep Singh s/o Late Sh. Darshan Singh on basis of registered Will No. 108 dated 30.07.2009. And after that, no other legal heirs and other parties will have any claim in this regard.

Secretary -cum- Executive Officer, Secretary -cum- Executive Officer, Market Committee, Pipli (Kurukshetra)

Lost & Found

I, Manjeet Kaur W/o Sh. Mohinder Singh R/o H.No. 270/9, Kabir Gali, Chakarwarti Mohalla, Thanesar Kurukshetra, declares that Sale Deed No. 10132 dtd 09/08/2011. has been actually lost near Chakarwarti Mohalla, Kurukshetra on dated 01/02/2020, whose Complaint is lodged through DDR No. is 132320772100056. If anybody finds the same please

#### आम सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नई सब्जी मण्डी हांसी (हिसार) में एक वीटा मिल्क बूथ इद्छुक व्यक्ति को दिया जाना है। इद्छुक व्यक्ति नोटिस प्रकाशित होने की तिथि से 1 सप्ताह के अन्दर-अन्दर अपना आवेदन सम्बन्धित दस्तावेजों सहित कार्यालय मार्केट कमेटी हांसी में दाखिल कर सकता है तथा इससे सम्बन्धित जो भी नियम व शर्तें होंगी वह मौके पर बताई जाएंगी।

सचिव एवं कार्यकारी मार्केट कमेटी, हांसी।

अधिकारी, प्रशासक, मार्केट कमेटी, हांसी।

### Haryana CM directs to identify potential investors across world Director General and Secretary,

Foreign

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Prakash Pandey said that the Thursday directed the officers Department is organizing regconcerned to identify potential ular interaction and exchange investors across the world in programmes for ensuring order to establish the State as a strong links with Haryanvi global brand. "Specific country-wise tar-

He further said that the geted activities towards export Department is in process of signing an MoU in the areas of enhancement should also be prepared. Besides this, targetcollaboration on skill developing investors through potential mapping should also be done on a priority basis," the Chief Minister said while presiding over the review meeting of

Haryana Foreign Cooperation Department. During the meeting,

ment with world class organi-While appreciating the work done by the Department, the Chief Minister directed the officers to increase agrobased export and identify

potential trade partners.

# Covid test results within 24 hrs in Punjab

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**D**unjab Chief Secretary Vini directed the Medical Education and Research Department to ensure that the Covid test results reach the concerned person within 24 hours. She also urged the eligible persons to come forward for a jab as vaccine can prevent severity of the virus. Reviewing the Covid situation with the administrative secretaries.

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of Police and SSPs of the state, the Chief Secretary asked the concerned departments to provide a food kit along with Corona PUBLIC NOTICE

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> nation planning," she instruct-The Chief Secretary emphasized that the strict monitoring of home isolated patients should be ensured to keep the case fatality rate (CFR) under check. She also directed the DCs, CPs and SSPs to ensure strict compliance of pre-existing curbs and restrictions to save precious

Commissioners, Commissioners

human lives from the virus. The Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta said that 82 percent police personnel have already been vaccinated, which showed positive results in preventing the severity of Covid.

Gupta said that on the directions of the Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, the police force had undertaken a drive to enforce COVID appropriate behaviour under which over three lakh face mask and COVID norm violators have so far been taken to the testing centres, besides challaning them.

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### AMID SURGE IN COVID CASES

# Haryana CM appeals to farmers to withdraw their agitation

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday appealed to the farmers to withdraw their ongoing agitation on humanitarian grounds.

The appeal was made as the State Government on Thursday tightened restrictions on gathering at indoor and outdoor public functions to 50 and 200, respectively in view of a huge jump in daily infections across Haryana.

Earlier, 500 people at outdoor events and 200 at indoor programmes were permitted by the State Government.

Khattar said that it is the constitutional right of every person to protest and we have no problem with those who protest. However, at this time, due to Covid-19, life may be put in danger, so this is not the right time to protest. "If they (farmers) have to

hold or protest for any of their demands, they can do it when the situation improves," the Chief Minister said while prereview COVID-19 cases and vaccinations in Haryana.

Hundreds of farmers from northern states of Punjab and Haryana have been camping at Delhi border points for over four months now, demanding a repeal of the three agriculture reform laws enacted by the Centre in September last year.
The Chief Minister also

directed the Deputy Commissioners to contact the agitating farmers and try to persuade them to end the

He said that due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in the country and the state, we have to take strict precautions. It has been decided that from now on, not more than 200 people can gather in open spaces during public functions and not more than 50 in indoor functions. Similarly, no more than 20 people will be able to attend funerals, he

He directed all the Deputy Commissioners to issue advisory in their respective districts emonies should be shifted to the day time and the Navratri programmes should also be held during the day.

The state has already imposed night curfew from 10 pm to 5 am to break the chain of infection. The Chief Minister said that this time the spread of COVID-19 has started from educational institutions, so there is a need to be more vigilant, especially there. We also need to reduce crowding in public gatherings etc, he said.

Similarly, we should also include volunteers, ex-servicemen and Saksham Yuva in the task of dealing with COVID-19, he said.

There is proper arrangement of oxygen, ventilators and beds in the state. So people need not panic, he added.

He further directed that the district administration should plan at its level to deal with the situation. All the meetings should be held online or through webinars so that the movement of people can be reduced, he said.

ity had stalled due to the lockdown, which took about six months to get back on track. Therefore, we have to keep in mind that the economic cycle should continue in the state and that no one is adversely affected as well, he added.

DEPLOY TEAMS TO CHECK BLACK MARKET-ING OF REMDESIVIR, SAYS

During the meeting, Home-cum- Health Minister, Anil Vij expressed concern over the black marketing of Remdesivir and said that checking should be done by deploying teams to catch the culprits.

He directed that people living in home isolation must be checked at least once in two days at home. For this, an app has been created, he said.

Vij said that we want the situation to be dealt with strictly instead of imposing lockdown in the state. We can withstand resentment of people by acting strictly but can-

### CLASS X EXAMS CANCELLED, CLASS XII POSTPONED BY BSEH

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) announced on Wednesday that the Board exams for class X stand cancelled and the exams for class XII will be conducted after assessing the situation on June 1, the Board of School Education Haryana (BSEH) on Thursday decided to follow

"The Haryana board class X exams have been cancelled and class XII exams have been deferred. The results of class X students will be

not see people dying. This time, COVID-19 is more aggressive, he added.

Last year, the number of cases increased gradually, but this time it is a matter of serious concern that about five and a half thousand cases are reported in a single day. So we

Chandigarh: After the announced based on internal assessments.

If any student is not satisfied with the marks, he or she will be allowed to sit in formal exams after the situation improves," stated an order issued by Directorate School Education, Haryana. The exams of class XII scheduled for April 22 have been postponed and a decision will be taken after assessing the situation on June 1. Atleast a 15day notice will be given to the students before the conduct of examination, the order stated.

have to create containment and micro containment zones. The beds can also be installed in schools, Dharamshalas if needed, Vij directed. He further said that regular monitoring should be made by the Deputy Commissioner Monitoring Committee.

# Khattar directs to chalk out a policy for regularisation of industries in unauthorised areas

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Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has directed the officers concerned to formulate a policy for regularization of industries running in unauthorised areas in the state and implement it as soon The Chief Minister was

presiding over the meeting of officers of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HSIIDC), Industries, Local Bodies Department, and Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran in this regard

He directed the officers to take forward the work by drafting rules and regulations to avoid any problem at any level.

It was informed in the meeting that so far, industries in Yamunanagar, Faridabad, Panipat and Rohtak have been surveyed.

According to the survey report, there are a total of 4742 industries in

Yamunanagar. Of these, 1413 are in the conforming zone while 3329 are in the non-conforming zone. Of the total 21460 units in Faridabad, 6048 are in the confirming and 15412 in the non-conforming zone. Of the total 10805 units in Panipat, 3318 are located in the confirming and 7487 nonconforming zones, and in Rohtak, 793 out of a total of 4176 units are located in the conforming and 3383 nonconforming zones.

Following the survey report, a five percent random sampling of these industries was directed to the Municipal Commissioner for disposal in the next week.

The industries in the nonconforming zone are classified into green, orange, red, and white according to the terms and conditions of the State Pollution Control Board.

It was further informed that after the physical verification of these industries, regular work will be done on a clus-

## Those eligible but not taking Covid-19 vaccine should be named and shamed: UT adviser

PNS CHANDIGARH

Amid surge in covid-19 Cases in Chandigarh, the UT Adviser Manoj Parida on Thursday said that those eligible for coronavirus vaccine but not taking it should be named and shamed. Chandigarh has been witnessing about 400 Covid-19 cases over the last many days. The positivity rate has been about 12 per cent in the city. Parida further said, "In

other States people are waiting in long queues to get it, while our facilities are underutilised in Chandigarh." "Those who are not taking vaccine will be termed defaulters in Chandigarh. They will be named and shamed," he said in a statement.

Parida said, "Resident Welfare Associations should help the UT administration by persuading eligible residents to take coronavirus vaccine in the city. Defaulters should be named and shamed." UT Adviser further said,

"Any group, association, soci-

ety can approach the administration with a list of 100 eligible persons to take vaccines. We will arrange a special camp near their place. Also, for old disabled eligible persons, our ambulance will pick up for vaccination, if they register with

#### CHANDIGARH REPORTS 412 CASES, 3 DEATHS Chandigarh on Thursday

reported 412 new cases, taking the infection count to 32,397 The death toll reached 407 in the Union Territory with three more fatalities. The number of active cases stood at 3371 according to a bulletin. A total of 409 patients were discharged after they recovered from the infection, taking the number of cured persons to 28,619 in the city. As many as 352,815 samples have been tested for Covid-19 so far. As per the medical bulletin, 4083 beneficiaries were given the Covid-19 vaccine at 55 sites in the city on Thursday, A total of 133,132 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the city so far

# Not even single grain of wheat from outside to be allowed, Says Punjab CS

PNS CHANDIGARH

To ensure smooth, semand hassle-free procure-¬o ensure smooth, seamless ment of wheat, Punjab Chief Secretary, Vini Mahajan, on Thursday instructed the police and other departments concerned to make foolproof arrangements of not allowing even a single grain of wheat from outside the State and deployment of enforcement teams on inter-state borders to check the illegal

She also directed to ensure the lifting of the crop within 72 hours after the procurement from the mandis and timely payment to the farmers.

Chairing a virtual meeting to review the ongoing wheat procurement operations in the state, the Chief Secretary said the Punjab Government has made elaborate arrangements with the ample availability of

Soaps, foot-operator washbasins and face masks besides — lakh bales were available

holding vaccination camps while strictly following the Covid protocols in the mandis to accomplish the challenging task of grain purchase amid the

virus surge.

The ACS Development Anirudh Tewari apprised the Chief Secretary that the state government has designated 4,000 purchase centres across the state for procurement of wheat at minimum support price from the farmers and Punjab Mandi Board has issued over 4.48 lakh passes to the farmers through arthiyas (commission agents) to ensure the staggered arrival of crop in the mandis in view of the Covid crisis.

Allaying the fears of short-age of bardana (gunny bags), the Principal Secretary Food and Civil Supplies KAP Sinha informed the meeting that sufficient bardana was available in the state and there was no need

Presently, as many as 2.6

Sh. Manohar Lal

Chief Minister, Haryana

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**Wear Mask** 

**Properly** 

Wash hands

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Maintain 2 Gaj Social Distance



In case of any symptoms get Tested for Covid-19 and **Immediately isolate** yourself



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# Haryana's Nuh district lags | Punjab sets 2 lakh/day | Reforms for in Covid vaccination drive

### STATE ROPES IN RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO BOOST THE DRIVE

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NISHU MAHAJAN CHANDIGARH

As the race to vaccinate Haryana's population against Covid-19 shifts into high gear amid the record spike in fresh infections, Nuh which has the dubious distinction of country's most backward district, continues to lag behind its inoculation goals.

While the Government administered over 6.37 lakh Covid-19 vaccine doses across Haryana during the much-hyped 'Tikka Utsav from April 11 to 14, Nuh district continues with its poor performance in the vaccination

Nuh is the only district in the state where not even a single citizen aged 60 years and above has received the second dose of vaccine.

Only 4047 persons aged 60 years and above, lowest among all districts, have received the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine since March 1 in the district. Not only this, just 57 frontline workers of government departments, again lowest in the state, have so far received the second dose of vaccine in

the state's Health Department till April 14. Apart from Nuh, other

districts where the vaccination pace has been sluggish are Charkhi Dadri, Kaithal and Fatehabad. However, Gururgam, which is the worst affected district due to the COVID-19, tops the list in vaccination drive.

Haryana Additional Chief Secretary, Health, Rajiv Arora, while talking to The Pioneer said the Department is facing problems in Nuh due to some doubts in the minds of people against COVID vaccination hence religious leaders have been roped in the district to improve the vaccination rate.

We are hopeful that with the help of religious leaders, the Department will be able to motivate people to come forward for vaccination in Nuh, he

About the ongoing vaccination drive, Arora said that our target is to cover all people aged above 45 years in the state. We are expecting to receive another stock of vaccine doses between April 15-19 after which another four-day mega

Nuh, according to the data of vaccination drive will be conducted in the state, he added.

As per the data of Health Department, a total of 33879 vaccine jabs have been administered to the people of Nuh district out of total over 29.91 lakh jabs administered till April 14 in the state. The total 26381 jabs administered till April 11 increased to 33879 till April 14 after 'Tikka Utsav' in Nuh yet the district remains at the bottom in the state in terms of suc-

cess rate in vaccine drive. Nuh, Haryana's only Muslim dominated district is included in 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme aimed at effectively transforming the backward districts of the country.

Among other poor per-forming districts in vaccine drive include Charkhi Dadri, where 64644 doses of vaccine is administered, Kaithal with 74801 number of cumulative doses administered and Fatehabad with 76364

4540 doses of vaccine, the lowest in the state, have been administered to healthcare workers in Charkhi Dadri while it is in Nuh.

# vaccine target to cover all 45+ by April end

To cover all 45-plus population by April-end, the Punjab Government on Thursday set a target of two lakh vaccination per day. At the same time, the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh has asked the Centre to allow vaccination of under-45 persons in high-risk areas.

Amidst massive surge in Covid-19 cases in Punjab, the CM has also ordered strict enforcement of curbs with directions to set up a special control room for effective inperson monitoring of home isolation cases. Although the CM noted with satisfaction that the COVID numbers in the State appeared to have plateaued, Capt Singh ordered strict enforcement of COVID appropriate protocols to prevent any super spread events, along with an increase in daily vaccination doses to two lakh.

#### RESTRICTIONS NEED TO **IMPLEMENTED** STRICTLY, ESPECIALLY **MOHALI**

Citing figures on mortality and positivity, the CM said that the restrictions currently in place are showing results, and the same needed to be implemented strictly, particularly in Mohali and other big cities showing high rates of transmission and positivity. He pointed out that the state's positivity rate stands at 8.1 percent, even though positivity in the age group of less than 40 years had come down from 54 percent (September 2020) to 50 percent (March 2021).

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ALLOW VACCINATION OF UNDER-45 IN HIGH-RISK **AREAS** 

CM ORDERS STRICT **ENFORCEMENT OF CURBS** 

SETS UP SPECIAL CONTROL ROOM FOR HOME ISOLATION MONITORING

demand that the Centre should allow vaccination for under 45 in areas with more cases, since the UK variant was infecting younger people more. The CM directed the Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan to pursue the matter with the Central Government, while Dr KK Talwar, Medical Adviser to Punjab Government, stressed that the patients of kidney and liver disease, who are under 45 years, should at least be allowed

to be vaccinated. The Chief Minister was chairing a virtual meeting with several ministers, including Health Minister Balbir Sidhu, Education Minister Vijay Inder Singla, and Medical Education Minister OP Soni, along with senior administrative and police officials as well as medical or health experts to review the COVID and vaccine situation in the State.

#### SCALE UP VACCINATION On the vaccination front,

the CM directed the Health Dept to further scale up vaccination efforts to vaccinate the entire eligible population within this month, along with auditing of any deaths taking place after vaccination.

# MSME sector initiated in Punjab

PNS CHANDIGARH

Punjab Government on Thursday said it has initiated a set of reforms to further reduce regulatory burden on MSMEs through rationalisation and digitalisation, aiming to enable entrepreneurs to focus on expanding their operations amid Covid-19 pandemic.

The reforms on building flexibility and reducing oversight in the labour rules, and pursuing a data driven assessment of service delivery delays are all centered around making entrepreneurship easier in Punjab, said Chief Minister Capt Amarinder

He underlined his government's commitment to reduce time, risk, and cost associated with compliance significantly, freeing up entrepreneurs to focus on growth.

The chief minister said with these reforms, commitments had been set for future changes, including rationalising trade license with Shops and Establishments Act and removing imprisonment terms from 100 low risk provisions in nonlabour related rules.

Besides, he announced that the number of labour registers will be reduced, requiring an entrepreneur to maintain from 60 to less than 14, and flexibility enhanced in hiring women employees. Discretionary powers of inspectors are being removed with regard to deductions related to absence or leave.

To ensure timely delivery of key licenses and permits, the government has begun a monthly data driven assessment mechanism under the Chief Secretary to make sure not a single license or permit is delayed beyond the stipulated

# India foiled Chinese bid to change status quo at LAC: CDS Rawat

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Despite China adopting shove and push" tactics, India foiled these bids and prevented a change in status quo at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat said here on

Making this assertion in his lecture at the Raisina Dialogue, he also said the country proved it will not get pushed under any pressure in apparent reference to the nearly ten-month long stand-offs in Eastern Ladakh. He also said China is using its military might and conveying the message it is "my way or no

Rawat said China felt that it will be able to compel nations to give in to its demands by doing a little bit of "shove and push" as it has superior armed forces because of technological

"But, I think India stood firm on the northern borders and we have proven that we will not get pushed," he said at the virtual conference.

He said India was able to get support of the international community by standing firm in preventing the attempt of changing the status quo in the

region.
"They tried to ensure that they can change the status quo by the use of disruptive technologies without using force...They thought that India, as a nation, will succumb to the pressures that they have been putting on us because of the technological advantage that they have," he said, adding

## **RAISINA DIALOGUE**



that did not happen.

The CDS said the international community came to India's support to say that "yes there is an international baserule order which every nation must follow. That is what we have been able to achieve."

His remarks came in the backdrop of face-offs at severfriction points in Eastern Ladakh since May last year. The tension mounted after a violent brawl in June in the Galwan valley between the troops of India and China leaving 20 Indian soldiers including the commanding officer dead. More than 40 Chinese soldiers were also killed but China is yet to officially make public the number of

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, India and China completed withdrawal of troops and weapons from the North and South banks of Pangong lake in February. The two sides are now engaged in talks to extend the disengagement process to the

remaining friction points.
Rawat said "They feel that they have arrived and they have a superior armed force because of the technological advantage that they have," He also said "They have been able to create disruptive technologies which can paralyse systems of the adversary, and therefore, they feel that just by doing a little bit of shove and push, they will be able to compel nations to give in to their demands."

Referring to modernisation of the armed forces, the CDS described the F-35 fighter jets of the US as a state of the art platform but added that he was not sure whether the US will share the technology with

"What they have offered us is a lower version in the Fseries," he said.

At the conference, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff of Japan Self Defence Forces, General Koji Yamazaki said China is attempting to unilaterally change the international order, and that it is necessary for cooperation among like-minded countries in areas of disruptive technologies and counter the "grey zone tac-

He said China does not recognise the legitimate interests of Japan and other countries in the region and such an approach will heighten tension, adding rules-based order is necessary for stability in the Indo-Pacific region. Yamazaki also noted that any probable contingency in Taiwan directly impacts the defence of Japan. Chief of Defence Force of

Australia General Angus Campbell said the "grey zone tactics" are a way to nibble away at territory. "We see this in the South China Sea. It is very challenging to respond without

# Indo-Pacific epicentre of strategic contest: Oz PM

 $W_{\text{cle in the Indo-Pacific}}^{\text{ith China flexing its muscle in the Indo-Pacific region and objecting to the} \\$ Quad nations presence there, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said here on Thursday the region has become the epicentre of strategic competition.

Making this observation in the ongoing Raisina Dialogue here, he said in this backdrop like-minded nations need to act more consistently and cohesively to protect their shared interests in the face of multiple challenges.

His remarks came as the Quad nations including India, US, Japan and Australia some months back conducted the Malabar series of naval exercises off the Indian coast. China has objected to it saying the Quad will lead to militarisation of the Indo-Pacific

Without mentioning any country, the Australian Prime Minister also referred to the growing tensions over territo-

breaching the line that leads to

coupled with geo-economics, is

seeking to reshape the rules that govern the world order and that

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Rawat said geo-politics,

open conflict," he said.

rial claims and the unprece-

dented pace of military modernisation in the region. Democratic sovereign

nations are being threatened and coerced by foreign interference. Cyber attacks are becoming more sophisticated, including from State-sponsored actors," he said at the virtual conference.

Economic coercion is being employed as a tool of statecraft. Liberal rules and norms are under assault and there is a great polarisation that our world is at risk of moving towards," Morrison said. He said a polarisation is

taking place between authoritarian regimes and liberal democracies, adding that a liberal democracy and a liberal set of values underpin the global order that has delivered so much to the world.

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depend on their own law and

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ulations, try and change the sta-

tus quo. These kinds of things

do lead to conflict situations and

that is what we are witnessing

on our northern borders," he

He said like-minded nations need to act more consistently and cohesively in protecting their shared interests. The Indo-Pacific is the region that will shape our prosperity, our security and our destiny, individually and collectively, Morrison said. "The Indo-Pacific is the epicentre of strategic competition," he added.

Morrison also said the corona pandemic has provided a fresh perspective in creating new opportunities to build a durable strategic balance in the Indo-Pacific region.

Incidentally, on Wednesday Indian Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh underlined the high level of synergy amongst the navies of Quadrilateral

countries and said these forces can come together in a plug and play mechanism in case of a military need in the Indio-Pacific region.

Participating in the Dialogue inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, Admiral Philip Scot Davidson, Commander of the

The CDS said the world is

becoming "fragile" on account

of threat from high-technology

warfare. "Nations feel that they

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US 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 like-minded 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 1992.

conflict being employed by clever use of disruptive tech-

nologies could paralyse networks causing breakdown of systems like banking, power

grids, transportation and com-

munication to name a few," he

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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 vears. "So if an opportunity 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

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.

think-tank, in partnership with

the Ministry of External

Affairs(MEA), Raisina Dialogue

is India's premier conference on

geopolitics and geo-economics,

and its sixth edition is being

held from April 13 to 16. Prime

Minister Narendra Modi inau-

gurated the high-profile event

# Make plans to counter future challenges, IAF told

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday urged the IAF to draw long-term plans to counter any threat and appreciated the role of the Service in prompt, timely and befitting response during the stand-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh.

Making this observation while inaugurating the first bi-annual IAF Commanders Conference of the year here, Rainath asked the IAF brass to fashion strategies for capability enhancement to counter future threats. He appreciated reorienting for the future.

Speaking about the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the Minister appreciated the role played by the IAF in assisting



Referring to changing international geopolitics, he observed that the perceptible shift of focus from Trans-Atlantic to Trans-Pacific has become more obvious in the

Changing dimensions of war would now include advanced technologies, asymmetric capabilities and infodominance, and it was very important that the IAF's

preparations for the future must include these aspects, he

Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Self Reliance,' Rainath stressed on the need to promote infrastructure.

He added the IAF's order for Tejas Light Combat Aircraft(LCA) would result in a substantial boost to the domestic defence industry and

will be a game changer from the indigenisation perspective. The order for the LCA to be manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited(HAL) is more than Rs 50,000 crores for 100 jets.

urged Commanders to continue their efforts for achieving even greater results in the field of indigenous defence production and aircraft maintenance.

He added that national security and economic development are complementary aspects of national policy.

Rajnath stressed on the need to continue to work proactively towards the integration process currently the joint logistics plan and to enhance synergy in areas of joint planning and operations.

assured Commanders of the wholehearted support from the Ministry of Defence in achieving the goal of being a potent Strategic Aerospace Force. The Commanders' Conference will conclude on April 16.

The status of strengthening current combat capabilities and the action plan for making IAF a future-ready combat force would be examined. Issues pertaining to systems, reforms and restructuring for ensuring more efficient processes across all

domains and optimised operational training will also be

NGT prepones 2021

summer vacation

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The National Green Tribunal

**▲** on Thursday preponed its

summer vacation for 2021 in

the light of exponential surge in

the NGT authorities said that

the earlier notified summer

vacation from June 1, 2021, to

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## SC asks CBI to conduct further probe into role of erring cops in ISRO espionage case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Supreme Court ■ Thursday ordered that the report of a high-level committee on the role of erring police officials in 1994 espionage case relating to ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan be given to the CBI and directed the agency to conduct further investigation on the

The apex court said the CBI may treat the panel's findings as part of preliminary investigation and asked the agency to submit its report to the court within three months.

A bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said the report headed by former top court judge Justice (retd) D K Jain, be kept in a sealed cover and it should not be published.

The top court rejected the submission of former DGP Siby Mathews, who was then heading the SIT probe team, that he was not heard by the committee while Narayanan was heard. The bench, also comprising

Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Krishna Murari, said the committee was not to adjudicate the matter but it had to go through circumstantial evidence and form a prima facie view on the acts of omission and commission of erring offi-

The apex court was hearing the Centre's plea seeking con-

sideration of the report filed by the committee regarding the role of erring police officials in espionage case relating to Narayanan, who had been acquitted and was eventually awarded Rs 50 lakh compen-

On April 5, the Centre had moved the top court seeking urgent hearing and consideration of the panel's report terming it as a "national issue".

sation by the top court.

The apex court had appointed the panel on September 14, 2018 while directing the Kerala government to cough up Rs 50 lakh compensation for compelling Narayanan to undergo

It had ordered setting up of the committee to take appropriate steps against the erring officials for causing "tremendous harassment" and "immeasurable anguish" to Narayanan and had directed the Centre and state government to nominate one officer each in the

Terming the police action against the ex-scientist of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as a "psycho-pathological treatment", the apex court had in September 2018 said that his "liberty and dignity", basic to his human rights, were jeopardised as he was taken into custody and, eventually, despite all the glory of the past, was compelled to face "cynical abhorrence".

### Govt relaxes rules for renewal of OCI cards

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday Leased out many conditions related to the re-issue of OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) cards. Union Home Ministry relaxed the mandatory renewal of OCI card along with the issue of new passport renewal of other countries. The government also relaxed norms of renewal of OCI card to a person who attained the age of 20 vears also.

Presently, the OCI card is required to be re-issued each time a new passport is issued up to 20 years of age and once after completing 50 years of changes in the face of the applicant. With a view to facilitating the OCI cardholders, it has now been decided by the Government of India to dispense with this requirement.

A person who has got registration as an OCI cardholder prior to attaining the age of 20 years will have to get the OCI card re-issued only once when a new passport is issued after his/her completing 20 years of age, so as to capture his/ her facial features on attaining adulthood. If a person has obtained registration as an OCI cardholder after attaining the age of 20 years, there will be no requirement of re-issue of an OCI

### Exposure to higher levels of air pollution likely to increase severity of Covid

PNS NEW DELHI

on Tuesday.

Exposure to higher levels of air pollution is likely to increase the severity of Covid-19 among people suffering from respiratory conditions such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a study has warned.

Researchers from the University of Cincinnati in the US found that a one-unit increase in particulate matter 2.5 was associated with a 60 per cent higher chance of hospitalisation for Covid-19 patients with pre-

existing respiratory disease. Particulate matter less or to a mixture of tiny particles and droplets in the air that are twoand-one half microns or less in

For patients without respiratory disease, no association was observed, revealed the find-

ings published online in the scholarly journal Respiratory "Particulate matter is very small, small enough to be inhaled deep into the lungs, they cross into the blood and also affect other organ systems. Air

pollution as a result of emissions from automobiles, factories or other sources is a generator of particulate matter," Angelico Mendy, MD, Assistant Professor of environmental and public health sciences, at the varsity's College of Medicine.

# Some allegations against judges are shockingly false, says SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said some of the allegations made against judges are so "shockingly false" that if there had been no security of tenure, they could have been easily "knocked

The top court favoured

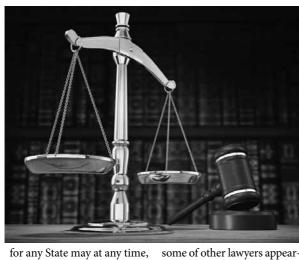
fixed tenure of two or more years for ad-hoc judges if they are appointed in high courts to reduce the backlog of pending cases. A special bench headed by

Chief Justice S A Bobde said, "Position of judge has to be made secure. I tell you, we have seen allegations against judges which are shockingly false. Yes, some of them are shockingly false. You can easily knock out a judge if there is no security. There has to be security of tenure for

ad-hoc judges".

A bench, also comprising
Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Surva Kant, which was hearing arguments on the modalities of appointments of ad-hoc judges, reserved verdict on a plea filed by NGO Lok Prahari seeking appointment of additional judges in the high courts under Article 224A of the Constitution in order to reduce the pendency

Article 224-A Constitution says that "the ed the submission of senior Chief Justice of a High Court advocate Vikas Singh and



with the previous consent of the President, request any person who has held the office of a Judge of that Court or of any other High Court to sit and act as a Judge of the High Court for that State".

Justice Kaul said he concurs with the views of the CJI as every time a judge is appointed, frivolous complaints are made and the court cannot put the entire system of appointment

of ad-hoc judges in question. "Ad-hoc judges cannot be made vulnerable," the bench said, adding that too much fine-tuning may lead to losing the objective behind the appointment process. The top court also reject-

ing in the matter that many of the former judges may not be interested in taking the job as they may be more interested in other lucrative fields like arbitration. "We think this decision should be left to the former

judges. We cannot decide for them. The chief justice will definitely discuss with the retired judge which is proposed to be appointed as ad-hoc judge. If the retired judge thinks that he has something better to do, then he can very well say no to the appointment," the bench said.
The CJI also brushed

and exponential surge in COVID-19 cases, the compeaside the argument that high tent authority has pleased to court chief justices may not modify the calendar with be able to hear important respect to summer vacations to matters, if ad-hoc judges are be observed by all the benches of the National Green

#### India, France sign agreement for cooperation on Gaganyaan mission PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Space agencies of India and France on Thursday signed an agreement for cooperation for the former's first human space mission, Gaganyaan, a move that will enable Indian flight physicians to train at French facil-

French space agency CNES said under the agreement, equipment developed by it, tested and still operating aboard the International Space Station (ISS) will be made available to Indian crews. The CNES will also be

supplying fireproof carry bags made in France to shield equipment from shocks and radiation, it said.

The agreement was announced during French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian's visit to the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) headquarters in Bengaluru.

#### Centre urged to restart distribution of free food grains PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Following the second wave of Covid-19, a few State Governments including Rajasthan, Kerala and Uttarakhand as well as MPs from NCP, TMC, CPI and CPI-M have urged the Centre to restart distribution of free food grains to 810 million

poor people under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY), which was launched last year during the first wave of the pandemic. Under the scheme, the Centre distributed 5 kg rice or wheat per person and one kg of pulses per family covered under the National Food Security Act from April-

With various States imposing partial lockdowns and curfews due to a sharp rise in cases in the second wave of the pandemic, the need for providing food security to the poor is being felt again by some State

November 2020.

# Ample stock of oxygen available in country to tackle Covid: Centre

Amid growing demands for medical oxygen in the country, the Centre on Thursday assured that sufficient stocks of oxygen are available in the country even as it has started the mapping of sources for supply of medical oxygen to the affected States to ensure its uninterrupted supply.

The States with greater needs of oxygen are Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Chhattisgarh. Besides, there is more consumption of medical oxygen in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, and Rajasthan. The Union Health

Ministry said that the present oxygen stocks are more than 50 thousand metric tonnes in the country. In a statement here, it said that the country's daily

is more than seven thousand metric tonnes and the production capacity has further scaled The Central Government

has asked the States to make rational use of medical oxygen and avoid wastage to fulfill the growing demands. An Empowered Group in

this regard has also initiated action to ensure the sufficient availability of medical oxygen. The Government assured that the surplus oxygen available with the steel plants is also being utilised as per the need. States have also been asked to set up Control Rooms to ensure a smooth supply of oxygen to

The Government has initiated several measures to ensure the supply of medical oxygen to various affected

the districts.

# **TMC** men urinate in BJP leader's mouth: Sources

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

With reports of electoral violence breaking records with each passing phase the latest one came from East Midnapore where alleged Trinamool Congress cadres urinated in the mouth of a block BIP leader Shvamsundar Das, BIP sources said adding the victim was beat-

Das has been hospitalised at Mecheda town, sources in the saffron party said. The TMC however denied the involvement of its party men. Elsewhere at violence-torn Nanoor constituency in Birbhum district local Trinamool leader Nurman Sheikh on Wednesday evening openly threatened CPI(M) candidate Shyamali Pradhan with chopping of the hands of Left voters. Pradhan is a sitting MLA too.

Nurman accosted Pradhan at Agartar village in Agartar village in Nanoor constituency when she went their campaigning. "Why have come here... you cannot campaign here ... there is no CPI(M) here ... we will not allow them (Left voters) to go and vote ... and if they do their hands will be chopped off," he was heard telling the Left candidate.

Incidentally barely a day before a similar threat came from Birbhum TMC president Anubrata Mondal who referred to earlier incidents of violence and murder saying "you are trying to stop me but there is no point doing so ... murders had taken place in 2011, 2014, 2019 ... murders will take place this time also."

He was referring to a showcause notice issued to him by the Election Commission to explain his conduct regarding an earlier threat issued to BJP saying "they will be beaten away from this area."

Meanwhile, hours after coming out of 48-hour ban from campaigning for using violent languages BJP candidate from Bongaon Rahul Sinha seemed to return to his elements on Thursday referring once again to the Cooch Behar police firing and threatening there will be more such firing to ensure peaceful voting.

Quoting Police Observer Vivek Dubey he said, "I will once again say that the central forces should resort to firing if there anyone tries to capture booths ... in the firing death is not a big question ... the point is you have to ensure free and fair election.

# Political differences make friends foes in Bengal TN logs

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ BAGULA/NADIA

Tehanara Khatoon and Alpana Biswas are two great friends. Their husbands are not. While Jehenara's husband Kamran is a committed Trinamool Congress worker, Biswas' husband Aroop is a "comrade-turned-pracharak."

Such is the intensity of their hatred that one suspects that Kamran had a hand in Biswas' tank being poisoned last December killing fishes worth about a lakh of rupees. All for political rivalry.

Whereas till a few years ago the two families had great dealings. "Both belonged to the Left and both were happy... After Mamata Banerjee came to power her men bought over the minority people here with posts and other facilities ... Kamran joined the TMC. As the rivalry began the orga-

nizational base of CPI(M) shrank "not because we were disliked by the people but because they would not allow us to work politically ... if you join a rally they will fine you often in lakhs ... insult your sis-

ally the Left workers were immobilized as the TMC had a field day

... "Still we gave a fight in 2013 panchayat elections and even 2016 Assembly polls ... but they would not let our men vote ... we would sit back home and they would cast our votes ... as the CPI(M) faded the vacuum that was filled by the BJP which came with leaders like Dilip Ghosh who prescribed eye-for-an-eye ... that the people lapped up and the whole village became BJP," Biswas a member of the Matua community says, adding the TMC has filled the area with corruption, cut money and crime.

Curiously "both the TMC and the BJP are vying for Matua votes but when it comes to the ground level minorities are preferred to the Matuas because they vote in block," says Swapan Bhowmick a social worker adding how "communalization of Bengal has taken place in the past 5-10

At Hatishala village Naresh Mandal a local says, "For my sister's marriage I had to take loan of Rs 2 lakh from a bank at Bagula (a nearby panchayat). The local TMC leader managed it for me and took a whopping Rs 75,000 out of that."

Ipshita a school teacher from Mayurhat says how she had to shell out Rs 5 lakh for the job adding her sister a nurse had to give Rs 2 lakh for a temporary job at a hospital at Ranaghat.

Abdul Karim a local from Maidia savs he has job card but is seldom given work in the 100days work scheme. "If they get me to sign there for 50 days, they will give me payment for 10 days ... rest will be appropriated by their men," he says. And what if he takes it up with the BDO. "Babu then you will not be there to be seen the next day... even the BDO Saheb does not have a say... they have the power to make him do sit-ups in public."

Ānimā a 75-year-old widow from Shahpur says how she had to give Rs 10,000 for a room and a bathroom to be made under Indira Awas scheme. "When I refused to give that money they stopped my widow allowance ... on the one hand they had to show the list of constructed houses on and there they took that from helpless people like us ..." asked," says she adding she has not voted since 2011. "My husband was a CPI(M) voter and so was I. But after 2011 we could not vote because they would not let us vote," she says adding "who wants to get hurt ... if I die it is good but if I get a fractured leg then who will look after me ... I have nobody." The helplessness is writ

At Hatishala and Ghosh Para

large on her face.

there are numerous such families that have shifted allegiance from the Red to BJP. "I am a born Leftist within, I joined the Brigade (Parade Ground) rally in Kolkata but I am working for the BJP locally because CPI(M) cannot handle the TMC's money and muscle power ... the BJP matches them in every respect .. besides they are in power in the Centre and can put their big leaders in jail for numerous scams if they cross their limits which the CPI(M) cannot do," says Tapash Ghosh from Ghosh Para in Ranaghat North-East constituen-

# 7,987 fresh corona cases

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■

ovid-19 situation turned Grave in Tamil Nadu on Thursday as the State diag-Inursday as the State diagnosed 7,987 new patients and registered 29 deaths, which experts like Dr C V Krishnaswamy describing as a 'tidal wave of pandemic'.

Chennai topped the table of districts with the highest num-

districts with the highest number of new cases on a single day. The Metropolis tested 2,558 new cases of Covid-19 till 6 pm on Thursday. Chengalpet, the neighbouring district that hosts institutions like SRM University and automobile giant Ford tested 685 new cases.

Though the Univesrity is silent about the number of cases in its campus as well as in residential areas, there is total panic in staff quarters as many faculty members were tested

## Kerala takes fresh measures to control Covid

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

With the Centre terming Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan as a COVIDIOT because of his alleged violation of pandemic protocols and the number of new persons tested positive for Covid-19 nearing 8,300 on Thursday, the State administration tightened the rules to prevent further spreading of the disease.

Earlier in the day the Ŭnion Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and External Affairs said Vijayan should be addressed as COVID-IOT because of his reckless behaviour on the day of polling (April 6) and in the subsequent days when he threw to the winds all norms specified by medical experts.

Vijayan had been admitted to the Medical College Hospital from where he was discharged on Wednesday. He is back in his palatial residence at Pinarayi where he would be recuperating for the next ten days.

The Chief Minister reportedly held a virtual meeting with other ministers and bureaucrats on Thursday where it was decided to take drastic steps to prevent the spread of the pandemic but without causing any inconvenience to the

A Government Order issued after the meeting said that crowding during public and private functions would be brought under strict control. Marriages, house warming func-

tions and other private ceremonies should be intimated to the local authorities well in advance, said the order.

Addressing the media later in the day, V P Joy, chief secretary, said all front line workers and people above the age of 45 would be checked on Friday and Saturday as part of the massive testing ordered for the next two days,

He said there was no shortage of vaccines in the State as alleged by certain people. "We have stock of more than 7 lakh doses of vaccines and the Centre has assured us that we will be given more than two lakh doses in the nest two days," said the Chief Secretary

He ruled out the possibilities of total lock down and pointed out that malls and hotels have been instructed to down the shutters by 9

Joy also disclosed that there were 1.15 crore persons in the State who are of in the age group of 45 and above. "We will vaccinate this entire category of people and also vaccinate those below the age of 45. It has been found that persons below the age of 45 are the main carriers of the pandemic," he said.

The chief secretary said that the top priority of the Government was to hold the public examinations for students and he requested the general public to postpone unimportant meetings and gatherings to later dates considering the gravity of the situation.

### Govt only indulging in sham of Covid 'vaccine festival': RaGa

New Delhi: Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Thursday attacked the Government over the handling of the Covid-19 situation and alleged that it is only indulging in a "sham" of a 'vaccine festival'. He also alleged that there is no testing, no beds in hospitals, neither ventilators nor oxygen and vaccine is also not available. His sister and party's general secretary Priyanka Gandhi asked the Uttar Pradesh government to take concrete steps to prevent the spread of coronavirus and asserted that it is "futile" to invest time and resources in 'hiding" this tragedy.

Rahul Gandhi also took a jibe asking what PM-CARES is doing, as huge donations were given to the fund for handling COVID-19 situation. "There are no tests or beds in hospitals. There are no ventilators or oxygen. The vaccine is also not there. But there is a sham of a

His attack came after the government celebrated the 'Tika Utsay' (vaccine festival) from

April 11 to 14. Taking to Twitter, Priyanka tagged a video purportedly showing Baikunth Dham crematorium in Lucknow being covered by opaque screens. "There is a request to the government of Uttar Pradesh: It is futile to invest time, resources and energy into hiding, sup-pressing this tragedy," Priyanka Gandhi said in a tweet in

"Take concrete steps to stop the pandemic, save lives, and prevent the spread of infection. This is the need of the hour," she said. The Congress leader had on Wednesday accused the Uttar Pradesh government of hiding coronavirus numbers and said had they been cautious from day one, people would not have witnessed such times.

# **Alarmed by Covid surge, J&K** admin defers summer Darbar

Jammu: Taking note of the alarming surge in Covid-19 cases, the Union Territory Government on Thursday decided to defer the summer Darbar move 2021 and reinforce its resources towards the containment of the pandemic.

It was also decided that the civil secretariat will continue to function through its e-office in both the capital cities of Jammu and Srinagar so that the public at large is not inconvenienced at either capital. As part of the biannual

darbar move and the civil secretariat's shift, other move offices and the Raj Bhavan were scheduled to close in Jammu on April 30 to May 1 and set to begin functioning in the summer capital from May

Last year also the government had delayed the shifting of Darbar move offices to **PNS** | Srinagar till June 15 in the wake

of Covid-19 pandemic.

The functioning of the dual-secretariat will ensure uninterrupted functioning of the UT administration while reducing the need for long-distance travel of the public. During a high-level meet-

ing chaired by LG Manoj Sinha it was observed that a complete shift of Darbar offices to Srinagar from 30th April can jeopardize COVID-control efforts in Jammu and Kashmir. As elsewhere in the country, the number of COVID cases in the Union territory is at an all-time high and requires uninterrupted attention for effective monitoring and control.

The Government also directed the Administrative Secretaries to put in place a robust mechanism for holding virtual offices through e-office and use online/electronic/video conferencing/other modes of communication at the two cap-

J&K Secretariat has already switched over to a paperless office by rolling out the prestigious e-office project. As such, most of the official record is available on the web cloud which can be easily accessed and retrieved by the authenticated employees' accounts anywhere, anytime.

It was also decided that GAD will issue orders regarding 'move' HoDs, all of whom will also need to shift to eoffice. This will apply to all HoDs, barring a few.

Meanwhile, the UT government also decided to postpone the class XII J&k board exams till further orders and cancelled ongoing class X

The Union Territory recorded 1141 fresh cases of coronavirus with Jammu division accounting for 434 and Kashmir 707 cases.

### Covid-19 surge: ASI monuments closed for visitors till May 15



New Delhi: All centrally protected monuments, museums sites under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have been closed with immediate effect till May 15 due to the surge in coronavirus cases in the country, the Union culture ministry said on Thursday.An order to this effect was issued by the ASI and it was tweeted by Culture Minister Prahlad Patel this evening. "Due to the prevailing COVID situation, it has been decided to close all centrally protected monuments, sites and museums under the ASI with immediate effect and till May 15 or until further orders," the ASI said.

These include 3,693 monuments and 50 museums. In live monuments like Puri

Jagannath Temple and

Somnath Temple, daily 'puja' will be conducted but no public gathering will be allowed, said Nitin Tripathi, the ministry's media advisor. Last year, too, all monuments

and sites maintained by the ASI were closed due to the coronavirus pandemic on March 17. They reopened in July with strict restrictions like mandatory wearing of masks, cap on the number of visitors and social distancing. The curbs were relaxed later in the year. India's daily COVID-19 cases surged to a record high of 2,00,739 on Thursday, taking the country's cumulative tally to 1,40,74,564, according to Union health ministry data. The death toll climbed to 1,73,123 with 1,038 new fatalities, the highest since October 3, the data stated.

### NIA organises BRICS seminar on 'misuse of internet by terrorists'

posed by the misuse of the internet ov terrorists can be effectively tackled by international cooperation and sharing of good practices, delegates

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) organised the two-day online event here of the BRICS nations that includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa on April 13-14.

The seminar on the theme Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes and Role of Digital Forensics in Terrorist Investigations' was inaugurated by Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Tuesday. The NIA organised the seminar as India is holding the BRICS chair for the vear 2021.

"The delegates at the seminar appreciated the fact that in the current milieu of breakneck technological innovations and ever-evolving digital landscape, the challenges pertaining to prevention, control and prosecution of the terrorist misuse of Internet are immense," the NIA said in a statement.

"It was emphasised that it is only through expedient international cooperation and seamless sharing of good practices in tackling this menace that we can create a safer and secure environment for citizens of

New Delhi: The immense challenges BRICS member states as well as the whole world," it said.

A number of technical sessions were held during the seminar like 'exploitation of social media as an underscored at a BRICS seminar arsenal', 'dark web and anonymisers', intelligence', 'crypto currency and virtual assets: vulnerability of privacy and online stealth', equipping law enforcement agencies: counter-terrorist investigations and digital forensics. In the seminar, as many as 40 experts from the five member countries deliberated upon these technical sessions.

Two panel discussions on engaging multiple stakeholders from both public and private sectors to tackle the misuse of the Internet and enhancing international cooperation to effectively tackle the exploitation of the Internet by terrorists for their nefarious activities were also held, the statement said.

BRICS member states in 3rd Counter Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) at White River, South Africa had agreed to establish five sub working groups dedicated to enhance debates over specific challenges on counter-terrorism front. Thereafter, at the 4th CTWG meeting at Brasilia, India was given the Presidency of the sub-working group on "Misuse of Internet for Terrorist Purposes" for one year, it added.

# Remdesivir vials 'at very high rates'

mid news reports that it pur-Amid news reports that I have their rates 2.5 times more for than their actual cost, the Brihanmumbai Thursday debunked the "perception" sought to be created by a section of the media that it had purchased Remdesivir vials "at very high rates",

by saying that it "is not correct at all".

"There is a perception created by a section of the media that the BMC has purchased Injection Remdesivir at very high rates which is not correct at all. We reiterate that BMC shall always strive to give the best services to Mumbaikars. Team Media must support BMC in these extremely critical times to decisively and effectively defeat the Covid pandemic," the BMC said in a statement issued here.

Explaining the circumstances leading to BMC purchasing 2,00,000 at Rs 1.568 per vial Remdesivir injections, the BMC said: There is an acute shortage of Remdesivir vaccine in the entire country. On 1st April 2021 Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. paced orders for 57,100 yials of Remdesivir at the rate of Rs. 665/- per vial. However, it is a fact that till today the said order has not been entertained by the supplier". On April 5, the BMC floated a bid

for purchase of 2,00,000 vials of

Remdesivir which was due on April 7. Only one bid was received from Mylan till April 7 at 4.00 pm. The BMC's stock position on April 7 happened to be 10,471 vials which would have been sufficient for 3 to 4 days

BMC debunks perception that it purchased

ily.
"On April 7 morning BMC spoke to Cipla and explored the possibilities of getting supplies of around 10,000 vials. However, Cipla expressed its inability to supply any vial immediately. Due to supply constraints, no other company showed interest in this bid," the statement said

"The only bidder, namely Mylan refused to reduce the bid price of Rs. 1,568/- inclusive of GST. The scarcity is not only in Maharashtra but all over the country. It was vital to make available Remdesivir to critical patients in MCGM without fail. As seen from different media reports on April 7 various States and cities were trying to procure Remdesivir to protect their citizens," the statement said.

"It was imperative to act fast and decisively to procure Remdesivir on April 7 or BMC would have faced a huge crisis to treat patients. Any delay would have resulted in Remdesivir going out to other cities/States of India in this scarcity time bringing bad name to BMC specially when Mumbai is the financial capital of India. Between money and human lives, BMC opted to save all possible human lives even if it meant spending an extra amount of money for securing 2,00,000 vials of Remdesivir," the BMC said. On April 7, more than 17,431 beds

were occupied by covid patients under the bullet and order was placed on April 7 2021 itself to procure 2,00,000 Remdesivir out of which 25,000 vials were received immediately," the BMC said. "In sharp contrast to this prompt delivery of Remdesivir vaccine to BMC by the vendor, Haffkine Bio-Pharmaceutical Corporation Ltd's order of 57,100 vials of Remdesivir at the rate of Rs.665/-, is still not entertained with no supplies made till date,"

the BMC said. The BMC also said that around the time it placed an order on Mylan for purchase of Remdesivir injections, organisations like the Surat Municipal Corporation, District Hospital, Satara, Commissioner of Medical Education, MP, Mission Director, NHM, Assam, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMC) and Gujarat Medical Services Corporations Limited placed similar orders on

"BMC has taken the lead in placing the order at the earliest keeping in view the interest of Mumbaikars and at prices comparable with various other cities of India," the civic body said in its statement

# BMC converts Mumbai's Jaslok hospital into dedicated Covid-19 hospital

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{n}}$  a view of the alarming surge in the Covid-19 cases and high occupancy of patients in the Dedicated Covid Hospitals (DCHs), the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Thursday converted Mumbai's famed Jaslok Hospital in south Mumbai into a dedicated Covid-19 hospital.

Announcing this here, Municipal Mumbai Commissioner I S Chahal said: "Additional 250 Covid beds in JASLOK Hospital will come on BMC's online dashboard by Saturday morning to help needy patients. Of the 250 beds, 40 will be ICU beds".

In two more major announcements aimed at increasing Covid-19 beds across the metropolis, the Mumbai civic chief said that

1500 additional beds (mostly oxygenated) will be added to NÉSCO Jumbo Covid-19 facility in seven days, while 30 more ICU beds were being added to Seven Hills Hospital At Andheri (East) in north Mumbai on Thursday. "Given that the current

surge in the pandemic cases and high occupancy of beds in DCHs - especially in private hospitals is very high, it is necessary to increase the number of beds with advance critical care in Mumbai," Chahal "Joslok has served as a

DCH hospital with advanced critical care since the beginning of the pandemic and has been treating the Covid019 excellently. In view of the current need, we have decided to convert the Jaslok Hospital into a dedicated Covid-19 hospital. It will no longer admit nonCovid patients," the Mumbai civic chief said.

Following its decision to convert Jaslok Hospital into a dedicated Covid hospital, the BMC has instructed the hospital management to discharge all the existing "stable" undergoing treatment in speciality wards, to shift all such patients requiring non-Covid tertiary care to nearby tertiary hospitals in 48 hours and to discharge all patients admitted for elective treatments by postponing their surgeries.

The BMC has also asked the Jaslok Hospital management to augment suspected/ holding area for suspected Covid-19 cases, if required and follow all protocols and guidelines laid down for dedicated Covid hospitals as earlier.

Located on upmarket Peddar Road in south Mumbai, Jaslok Hospital and Research

Centre – better known as Joslok Hospital – is private hospital founded by founded by philanthropist Seth Lokoomal

Chanrai along with surgeon 1970s when Jayaprakash Shantilal Jamnadas Mehta.

Narayan was admitted for treat-Set up in 1973, Jaslok ment of kidney failure by the Hospital shot to fame in late nephrologist M. K. Mani

#### BMC TO SET UP 'STEP-DOWN' FACILITIES IN 4-5 STAR HOTELS TO ACCOMMODATE PATIENTS WHO NEED MINIMAL MEDICAL INTERVENTION

Mumbai: In its effort to make available Covid-19 beds to patients without much of a time lag, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and major hospitals in the metropolis have decided to jointly identify four-star and five-star hotels in their neighbourhood to set up step-down facilities to accommodate patients who need minimal medical intervention.

Announcing the setting up of stre-down facilities at four/five-star hotels located in the vicinity of major hospitals in the metropolis, Mumbai Municipal Commissioner I S Chahal said: "We have observed that many beds in private hospitals are occupied by patients who do not require emergency medical intervention and can be effectively managed at isolation facili-

ties such as CCC-2 or step-down facilities". "if such patients are shifted to a step down

facility where minimum medical intervention is required, more number of oxygenated/ICU. Ventilator beds can be made available to patients in need of such beds. These beds will help treatment on time and reduce the fatality rate," he said. The Mumbai civic chief said that the

BMC intended to set up step-down facilities with active participation of major private hospitals, as an "integral part of these hospitals. Among the guidelines that the BMC has

issued to facilitate linkages between the major hospitals and four star/five star hotels include identification of hotels, need for a proper understanding between private hospitals and hotels, hotels should be able spare at least 20 of its rooms and that the step-down facilities shall be an extension of private hospitals

#### Youth found hanging from tree, family cries murder PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH young man a lot. But could not

The body of a youth from ■ Suratgarh village was found hanging on a tree near the village. The relatives who reached the spot have accused for murder of the youth and hanging him on tree. The police, who reached the same spot, took the body hanging on the tree and called the forensic team to the spot and collected the evidence and sent the body to the district headquarters for postmortem. There was chaos in the family with the death of the young man.

Gulab Singh (26) son of Pransukh, resident of village Suratgarh, was missing from home late Wednesday evening. Late in the night, when the young man did not reach home, the relatives searched the

fields early in the morning on Thursday morning noticed that Gulab Singh's body is hanging on a Babool tree near the vil-Whose information was given by the farmers to the

find him. Farmers going to the

police along with their relatives. After receiving the information, the family and police reached the spot. The family created an uproar by accusing unknown

people of killing the young man and hanging the body on the tree. On this, the police pacified explaining to the family and called the forensic team from the district headquarters on the spot. The team collected evidence related to the death of the young man from the www.dailypioneer.com

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# Walk the talk

Only lip service won't do, the *neta*s must follow COVID-appropriate behaviour at all times

he pandemic has upended all the notions of life, as we knew it, from personal hygiene to societal behaviour to health to economy, but the one bulwark it has failed to burst through is the way our politicians think and act. There should be no double standards in dealing with the raging contagion but unfortunately this duality is a trait quintessential to our politicos. Though the Government is fastidiously dealing with the rising COVID-19 cases, it has literally turned a blind eye to the situation in the States currently undergoing polls, where the COVID-appropriate behaviour is a disregarded casualty. During their public rallies, road shows and campaigns, almost all political leaders and their minions overlook measures like wear-



ing masks, maintaining social distance and other protocols. For these power-hungry politicians, the vote of any individual is more important than his/her life — hence, they have scant concerns if the COVID protocols stand in the way of their votes. Despite repeated warnings by the Election Commission, the ground condition hasn't ameliorated. But there are good examples to be had from most of the politicians abroad who - discounting the likes of ousted US President Donald Trump and Brazil's strongman President Jair Bolsonaro — aren't dyed in the same wool. For instance, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson earlier this year

put off his India visit, where he was to be the chief guest at this year's Republic Day parade, because the number of COVID-19 infections in his home country shot up exponentially and he chose to stay with his constituents to alleviate their fears. Now, again, Johnson has decided to curtail his India trip later this month because of the virus situation in England.

Johnson said the rapid drop in the COVID-19 deaths in the UK was because of the three-month lockdown and not so much because of the vaccination. We don't know whether he has any empirical evidence to back his claim, but the fact remains that the condition in his country has steadily improved while India has consistently been climbing the chart of the worst-hit countries, lagging behind only the US at the number two position, for now. Our leaders, therefore, should be ashamed of facing the electorate, for whatever it is worth, rather than milling with them to garner votes. God forbid, but if they do contract the virus — as has become the lot of a host of them — they immediately quarantine themselves in the best of medical institutes and access the best of medical care, of course at the cost of the taxpayers' money. But what about the fate of the poor masses that they leave behind, afflicted? It is for several similar reasons that after almost winning the war against COVID, we are again pinned down on the mat; thanks partly to our insouciance and largely to our political leaders. All the festivals, including the celebration of democracy, can be cherished in the real sense only when the nation's people remain healthy and enjoy their basic right to life.



Preparations to showcase a heritage engine, on the eve of the 168th anniversary of the first train run in India, in Thane

# **Matters of faith**

Can devotion alone, in the absence of precautions, protect one from deadly contagions like COVID-19?

■ven as lakhs of devotees throng the Kumbh Mela venue every day in Haridwar, with practically non-existent observation of the COVID-appropriate behaviour including face masks and social distancing, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat kicked up another controversy by saying that the Coronavirus won't infect the



pilgrims. The corollary to his logic: The devotees are "our own people" (read Indians) spread over a "vast open area" and "Ma Ganga's blessings will ensure the devotees' well-being". His reasoning flies in the face of all expert warnings and empirical evidence — the authorities detected 1,701 COVID-19 cases between April 10 and 14 at the congregation. Rawat's pearls of wisdom sprang forth when some sceptics dared to compare the largest human gathering in India to the Jamaat at the Nizamuddin Markaz, which was tainted in April last year as the "hotspot" and "epicentre" of the COVID-19 cases in Delhi and across India. He said the Kumbh was different because the Tablighi event was organised

in a small enclosure, with several overseas attendees and when the Markaz was held, neither was there much awareness about Corona nor were any guidelines.

Coming from a Chief Minister who had tested positive for the viral infection on March 22 before winning the battle against it in early April, it seems that some people, and unsurprisingly the politicians, have so thick a skin that they don't learn any lessons from even personal experiences. India is currently being battered by a rapidly spreading second wave of the pernicious virus and here we are, throwing all sense and caution to the winds amid a sea of humans. One shudders to think of what may happen at the Kumbh if the virus spreads like wildfire and when these lakhs of asymptomatic devotees head back to their homes all across India and unknowingly become the delivery agents of the contagion. Experts have already warned that such a large gathering in the midst of a raging pandemic can prove to be catastrophic and severely impede India's fight against the deadly disease that has claimed millions of lives globally. Yes, Mr Chief Minister, the matters of faith can't and shouldn't be ignored but can these be subservient to the right to life and the joys of good health? That really is the question.

# Socio-economic divides in 2021



## As a nation, we must tear down all the obstacles that impede the participation of women in the economy, even those of the mind

long expected lines, the post-COVID economic data point to a widening of three preexisting divides: The gender divide, increasing asymmetries between the incomes of the rich and the poor, and an increasing rural-urban digital divide. As each of these inequalities are subjects that need targeted policy interventions, the focus in this post is on the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Report 2021, wherein India has slipped to the 112th ranking among 153 countries.

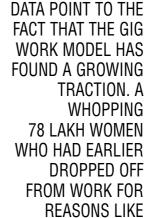
India, home to 0.65 billion women, has widened its gender gap from 66.8 per cent a year ago to 62.5 per cent this year. The decline is seen on multiple subindex parameters, like the labour force participation falling from 24.8 per cent to 22.3 per cent; the share of women in senior managerial positions being as low as 14.6 per cent; estimated earnings being one-fifth of men; the political empowerment index has regressed by 13 per cent wherein ministerial berths for women have declined from 23.1 per cent in 2019 to 9.1 per cent.

Gender equality is a basic human right enshrined in our Constitution and its achievement has multiplier socio-economic benefits. India is committed to the timelines of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations which place gender parity at the heart of bringing a gender perspective to all development initiatives. However, the COVID-triggered economic stress will defer the timelines for achieving the SDGs by 2030.

The post-pandemic policy initiatives require increased gender-specific budgeting and recovery strategies: The Modi Government's flagship schemes that positively impacted women during the first term are an outcome of closely aligning with the Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) norms of the 'UN Women'. The GRB is a globallyiollowed best practice among nations which allocates fiscal expenditure with specific gender perspectives. Though the Magna

Carta of Women (1999) required that the Governments allocate at least five per cent of the GDP to address gender issues, the amount allocated towards women's welfare has stagnated in recent years. The Union Government releases the 'Gender Budgeting Statement' consisting of two parts. The first part reflects women-specific schemes in which 100 per cent allocation is only for women. The second part reflects pro-women schemes in which 30 per cent of the allocation is for women.

In the recent years, while some schemes have achieved transversal benefits like the Jan Dhan Yojana, DBT and MNRE-GA, specific gender-targeted schemes have made significant improvements in the socioeconomic living conditions of women. However, the funds allocated for the GRB are limited to less than five per cent of the public expenditure, and shrink to about one per cent of the GDP, making it necessary to significantly increase these budgetary outlays. The NITI Aayog estimates that India will have to increase its gender-specific spend by an additional 6.2 per cent to comply with the SDG targets. Upskilling women to



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adapt to the changing nature of jobs: The job market has undergone a tectonic shift since COVID, so the nine-to-five model is no longer the future. Deloitte's research shows that economic contraction is nudging companies towards hiring experienced freelancers. Data point to the fact that

this gig work model has found a growing traction, with 78 lakh women who had earlier dropped off from work have sought to revive their careers as the WFH concept has opened the floodgates for those who hold professional degrees combined with robust work experience. Therefore, while automation will displace many jobs, it will also create 90 million flexi-jobs in the next 10 years, according to the Boston Consulting Group.

Second, as self-employment and micro-entrepreneurship is expected to grow at an annual rate of 17 per cent and projected to reach \$455 billion by 2023, State and cooperative banks must readjust their models to disburse loans at lower rates for priority sector lending to women because the data snow tnat women nave stronger saving habits and lower nonperforming loans than men. As most women lack collateral and

credit history to access formal lending, we need innovative ways to build credit history.

How much has gender inequality stunted India's economic progress? The lack of equal ownership of land, access to formal credit, the unfamiliarity of women with the latest technologies, high educational dropout rates as well as inequitable household and unpaid workload distribution have impeded Indian

women's economic prosperity. Gender inequality has, therefore, translated into enormous notional capital losses for India. The economic impact of achieving optimum levels of gender equality in India is estimated to be \$700 billion of the added GDP by 2025. The IMF estimates that equal participation of women in the workforce will increase India's GDP by 27 per cent.

There is clear evidence: When women do better, economies do better. That means we must tear down all obstacles that impede the participation of women in the economy, even the subconscious obstacles of the mind."

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#### **GOOD DECISION TO CANCEL BOARD EXAMS**

Sir — It would ease the minds of students and their parents that the CBSE exams for Class 10 have been cancelled and those for Class 12 were postponed to minimise the risk of infection. It was a wise and welcome move needed at this point in time when we are fighting a second wave. It reflects the priority given to the health and safety of students and keeping them out of harm's way.

The exams by State or other boards, now in progress or scheduled to be held in the coming weeks and months, too should be either cancelled or put off for the simple reason that it will aid in mitigating the pandemic and minimising morbidity and mortality. A picture can be drawn only if there is a canvas or a wall. The preservation of life is of paramount importance. The considerations of safety override all other concerns. It is true that education is vital for students to be able to unlock their potential but treating examinations as the be-all-and-end-all of students' existence is not done.

The "real exam" the mankind is currently taking is the continuing pandemic. We cannot afford to do badly in this life-anddeath exam. The sole question that bears on our existence and is far from academics is how best we can respond to the once-in-alifetime global public health crisis and get through it. Our handling of the COVID-19 pandemic must be based on strategies defining how best we can adapt by modifying our behaviour and way of life and availing the benefit of vaccination to achieve population immunity in order to survive

G David Milton | Tamil Nadu

#### **SERVE THE GREATER GOOD**

Sir — Do we need to be "Faster - Higher -Stronger", the Olympic motto, or should we just try to be okay and healthy? The Olympics may yet be cancelled completely after having been delayed a year, says Toshihiro Nikai, the secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party.

The 2020 Olympics were postponed because of the CÓVID pandemic and the 2021 version will have few people in the stands as overseas spectators have been

# **Respect our jawans**



he Cooch Behar violence may or may not have been fomented by the TMC but West Bengal Chief Minister and party chief Mamata Banerjee has created a flutter by accusing the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) of wrongdoing — that the security force intentionally shot down four people is her serious allegation. Over and above, she has put the blame at the doorstep of the BJP and Home Minister Amit Shah by charging him with "genocide"

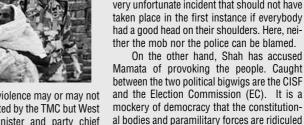
The CISF personnel were apparently targeted by a rampaging mob of over 500 men,

banned and many of the local citizens aren't interested or actually want it cancelled. Any spectators who would attend will only be allowed to clap and not cheer which seems a rather sad, paler version of the event. The first priority for most countries is to get citizens vaccinated, stop the spread of the virus and then start on an economic recovery rather than watching two weeks of Olympians and para- Olympians doing the best they can. Considering how many have already died and will still die, it is probably best to commit all resources to the medical world and stay safe at home. I know a number of Olympics competitors will miss their one opportunity but that may be the cost they have to pay for the safety of the

Dennis Fitzgerald | Australia

STICK TO COVID PROTOCOL Sir — The second wave of COVID-19 is rav-

incensed by a rumour that a boy of theirs was shot dead by the police, so goes the common version. It is said that when things went out of control, the CISF men fired at the mob. A very unfortunate incident that should not have



Mamata of provoking the people. Caught between the two political bigwigs are the CISF and the Election Commission (EC). It is a mockery of democracy that the constitutional bodies and paramilitary forces are ridiculed and berated by politicians every now and then. Our paramilitary personnel are steadfast on their duties but our politicos have scant respect for them. Let us face the truth — these entities work against all odds. The security forces have a thankless job — no encomiums for doing a thing right. But one mistake, even if inadvertent, can turn things topsy-turvy. Ditto

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

aging India, making the lives of poor, daily wagers and migrant labourers very difficult. One of the main reasons for the fast spread of the pandemic is the elections being held in five States where COVID protocols are not being adhered to by the public or lead-

Adding to the woes are the large congregations of people at religious events and places. It is advisable that after the completion of elections there should be no more elections, to local bodies or other bodies as these will only aggravate the situation. We all must act responsibly at this stage; else we will lose our battle against Coronavirus. The cases are risisng exorbitantly and taking precaution is the only thing that is in our hands. CK Ramani | Mumbai

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play an important role with the involvement of the Red Cross volunteers and others in creating awareness among the people on the COVID- appropriate behaviour.

> **Prime Minister** — Narendra Modi

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years, we've been reducing our military presence in Afghanistan from a high of over 1,500 personnel to around 80

Scott Morrison

Australian Prime Minister

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There are your own challenges and weaknesses. You have to overpower them

Actor — Fatima Sana Shaikh



It's nice to have batters behind you, you have the freedom with AB to come and it's a very similar role I have in the Australian

cricket team.

Cricketer - Glenn Maxwel

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# **AN INVESTMENT FOR PEACE**

It is exactly in a moment of crisis that art consoles us with hope and reminds us that we are not alone



SNEHA GAUTAM

rt can serve as an excellent means of self-expression. Curating An art collection that reflects one is personally an extremely fulfilling experience. When one looks at an artwork from a vantage point, beyond its financial aspect, s/he tends to delve deeper and reflect upon its inherent attributes of mystery and philosophy. This, in turn, will help achieve further clarity and give one the confidence to keep adding art works to one's collection. The World Art Day is observed on April 15 to make people realise that one of the most important roles of art is its ability to trigger introspection and the mirror it holds up to society at any given point of time. Acquiring and being in the presence of art is also about breaking one's perception and engaging with the work of visionary artists. The art one chooses to display at home or the workplace will most likely be a topic of discussion, so it makes sense to carefully pick and select the work that resonates with one's mind and aligns with one's philosophical ethos. The pandemic and the subsequent lockdown also have a positive side when looked at from the aspect of being in the presence of art and the effectiveness of creative expression in our daily lives.



Before the pandemic brought most of the world to a standstill, the World Health Organisation had published a report enlisting the various beneficial effects of art on the health and well-being of individuals. This report encouraged many firms to use art as a medium to boost the morale of their employees during the pandemic. With movements and social interactions largely restricted, art gave countless people a way to look inwards and thus proved to be a means of cathartic relief and helped people in staying optimistic during these tumultuous times. It is exactly in a moment of crisis that art consoles us with hope and reminds us that we are not alone. It's a proven fact that looking at art triggers the human brain to release the feel-good hormone, Dopamine, and initiates a chemical reaction within that is similar to the feeling of euphoria. Hence, one can easily imagine the far-reaching and therapeutic effects of art. Carefully, surrounding oneself with hand-picked creations can play a deciding role in influencing our mood and have a calming effect. It is widely known that colours affect us and certain hues are largely associated with catalysing the onset of different moods. Thus, inevitably, the colour composition of an artwork a person selects will affect him/her. The advantages of being around art are so well-established that a complete art therapy field has been recognised. It helps individuals explore their creative side, arm their perceptions with the thought of the artists, process and present their ideas in a unique way. The fact that museums display artworks as a visual treat for visitors reflects the fact that Governments have recognised these benefits and thus they promote art. People invest good sums in masterpieces made by various renowned artists so as to broaden their horizons and increase their joy.

If these reasons are not convincing enough for someone to actively collect art work, then the originality factor would definitely inpsire him/her to do so. This way, one can be assured that the artwork s/he has decided to collect or which is already in one's possession will be uniquely his or hers. Another important aspect while collecting art is the connections one can forge within the art world with like-minded people. Collecting artwork is a passion for many and certainly adds value to one's life. Currently, technology has definitely eased how enthusiasts can learn and explore the techniques of seminal artists from the past and contemporary ones, too. Virtual exhibitions and online auctions are also tools that can help one make decisions regarding acquiring artwork that will add a soothing presence to one's mental space.

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# Engineering a better future for humankind



In this age of unprecedented technological revolution, genetic engineering is fast occupying the centre stage

n this age of unprecedented technological revolution, genetic engineering is fast occupying the centre stage. Susan Hockfield, a Professor of Neuroscience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), says that viruspowered batteries, protein-based water filters, cancer-detecting nanoparticles, mind-reading bionic limbs, computer-engineered crops, and so on, have the potential to overcome some of the greatest humanitarian, medical and environmental challenges of our time. These are going to be next generation products that have the potential to reshape our lives. For instance, the discovery of products like aquaporin to purify water for our use that functions like a parking lot that permits only cars identified with a specific transponder to enter, is nature's marvel. All these frontier technologies have inputs of genet-

Genetic engineering has come a long way since 1971, when two scientists, Berg and Jackson, created the first molecules of a recombinant DNA. Many milestones have been accomplished since then to make genetic engineering almost child's play in the hands of a molecular biologist. But gene therapy, which genetic engineering promised, has been fraught with pitfalls despite a multitude of methodologies. As a result, inherited disorders resulting from aberrations in one's genes could not be treated by replacing or correcting a faulty gene. Correcting the gene in its specific location was an issue and when this was overcome by employing viruses, our immune system would play the spoilsport apart from other issues that sprung up. Ever since the failure of the Jesse Gelsinger trial for the cure of a rare metabolic disorder called ornithine transcarbamylase defi-ciency syndrome, (OTCD) in 1998, gene therapy was left gasping for breath amid stringent regulations. This is where a serendipitous observation of bacteria having the ability to specifically target the DNA of viruses to inactivate the invader, provided the breakthrough to overcome many of the pitfalls of the earlier methodologies.

**CRISPR** and GENE editing: CRISPR technology is a simple yet powerful tool for editing genomes. It allows researchers to easily alter DNA sequences and modify gene function. Its many potential applications include correcting genetic defects, treating and preventing the spread of diseases and improving crops. The CRISPR-Cas9 can do the job easily and precisely as CRISPR is a part of the bacterial immune system and germs, too, can get sick from viruses. Bacteria fight them by chopping their DNA or RNA with CRISPR sequences and then remember them by pasting their DNA bits into their own genome, allowing to ward off any future infections. These genetic scissors, whose use for targeted modification of genomic DNA was perfected by Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier, have given a new life to genetic engineering and gene therapy. Both these scientists were the recipients of the Nobel

Prize in Chemistry in 2020. The use of CRISPR-Cas9: Many diseases that were incurable through traditional means can now be treated easily, thanks to genetic engineering. There are ongoing clinical trials using



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THE FUTURE



CRISPR-based approaches to treat monogenic inherited diseases such as sickle cell anemia, childhood blindness and so on. It holds the promise to treat many other diseases such as cancer, autoimmune disorders and polygenic genetic disorders in future.

Apart from medical applications, it is being used to genetically modifying crops to make them resistant to viruses, make leaner pigs, help yeast make better beer, make mosquitoes infertile and so on. It is also possible to recreate an extinct species, so a 'Jurassic Park' could actually be a reality in the

Research is also underway for the use of CRISPR gene editing that could make us less vulnerable to pandemics, cancer, Alzheimer's and other diseases. Mammals have a gene known as p53 that encodes the proteins that suppress the growth of cancerous tumours. Humans and most other mammals have only one copy of this gene, whereas elephants have 20 copies, and they almost never get cancer. Hence, research is ongoing to double this gene in human beings.

Up till 2020, over a dozen clinical trials were underway for a disease called acute myeloid leukemia, super-high cholesterol and baldness. The thrust of the ongoing research is to study how bacteria developed an immune response to ward off new viruses.

Coronavirus: COVID-19 jabs, like many modern vaccines, have

also gained from the advancements in genetic engineering.

Bits of the SARS-CoV2 genes have been pasted onto the adenoviral DNA backbone, some of whose own genes have been knocked off to accommodate the foreign gene. When this vaccine is delivered, the adenovirus carrying the SARS-CoV2 will enter the human cell, it will pretend that it produces the SARS-CoV2 protein but will itself be unable to replicate and make a person sick. This creates a temporary SARS-CoV2 protein factory in our bodies to prime our immune system and prepare it to tackle any infection with the real SARS-CoV2 virus.

Hopes and pitfalls: Ever since Herbert Boyer and Stanley Cohen patented the recombinant DNA technology that they developed in 1972, and Boyer co-founded Genentech, the world's first biotechnology company in 1976, genetic engineering has been the subject of intense debate beyond the scientific arena, involving lawyers, journalists, politicians and the public at large.

Since then, genetic engineering has come through the moral issue of man playing God, with a pos-sibility to determine the fate of the evolution of all species on planet Earth. It is generally agreed that genetically engineered organisms will not be released into the environment. Many countries, including India, have put in place ethical committees at various levels

that oversee and approve research that involves the use of genetic engineering. Even routine laboratory experiments which only aim to demonstrate cloning experi-ments to students in biology laboratories also need mandatory approvals of the institutional ethical committees or relevant boards. Though there are already products of genetic engineering in the market like vaccines, pest-resistant crops and genetically-engineered mosquitoes, debate continues on the ethical and moral issues surrounding genetic engineering and gene therapy. Thankfully, its fruits are slowly blossoming for larger public good.

Fortunately for humankind, in 2015 at the NAPA international conference, a consensus quickly developed that it would be bad to completely ban germ line gene editing.

The CRISPR inventor, Jennifer Doudna, herself summed it up: We wanted the scientific community to hit the pause button until the social, ethical, ecological and philosophical implications of germ line editing could be properly and thoroughly discussed ideally at the global level."

It was concluded at the conference that though it was too early to do germ line editing safely, but someday it would happen and the goal should be to provide prudent guidelines. This holds the key to the future of this marvelous inven-

THE POOR PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH COME TO INDIA AS EVEN NOW THEY DO NOT GET ENOUGH TO EAT IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

**—UNION HOME MINISTER** 

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# Arrest the COVID wave as lockdown is not an option

Any congregation, be it election rallies, religious or social gatherings, must be immediately banned if the pandemic is to be controlled

¬here is a familiar sense of dread in the air and a feeling of déjà vu. That is because, what we are witnessing right now is a rerun of last year and at vastly alarming proportions than before. The new strain of the Coronavirus is creating havoc across the country and straining the existing healthcare system once

Railway stations and bus depots are getting packed once again with migrant workers trying to catch a public transport back home. Once gain, we can see motley groups of migrant workers silently trudging back home with all their worldly belongings on their drooping shoulders. Thankfully, this time the exoshoulders. dus on foot does not seem to be as major as the last time because the trains and buses

are still running. Messages of total lock-



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down are constantly being shared by State-level Ministers, even as the Centre is maintaining that localised containment is the best solution to effectively bring the pandemic under control

The only fact emerging from this second wave sweeping the nation is that India has failed to take lessons from the total lockdown and the first COVID wave that hit it last year. As the experts rightly point out, somewhere towards the beginning of this year, when the active cases across the country started to come down drastically, the Government and citizens alike, threw caution to the winds. The best example of this was the number of weddings which took place in the last couple of months or the long queues outside restaurants for a seat at the

table. People, tired of being

stuck in the house for almost

a year, forgot that masks and social distancing are going to be a part of our everyday existence for a long time to come. From weekly bazaars to shopping malls or airports, not to forget the recent festival of Holi and the Maha Kumbh in Uttarakhand, everywhere there is a massive crowd to be seen.

It was only a matter of time before the contagion started spreading exponentially. This explosion of cases that we are witnessing now was imminent and new studies suggest that the virus strain is much more infectious, even though the mortality rate could be

What, therefore, needs to be done before India shuts down again for business and a year of irreparable economic damage is registered? First, as the Prime Minister has been saying, "track, trace and isolate." India, in the last two



weeks, has again got back to ramping up its testing infrastructure to identify the patients. However, the strategy should not have been discarded or taken lightly in the first instance. It took a while to set up centres testing for COVID across the country and there were instances of mandatory negative reports before anyone was allowed free movement across borders. The creation of microcontainment zones to stop the spread of infections was also an

effective tool, thereby leaving the larger area open for economic activities. It is time to revisit these lessons learnt last

Any congregation, be it election rallies, religious or social gatherings, must be immediately banned if the pandemic is to be controlled in any manner. It is a mockery of the citizens' patience and persistence if local lockdowns are imposed in some cities or districts thereby curtailing free movement, while thousands congregate to celebrate the festival of democracy, or mammoth religious events like the Kumbh Mela. There has to be political will cutting across party lines to immediately priorities public health and prevent the spread of the contagion by voluntarily calling off any public rallies in the remaining phases of elections.

cities, bringing with them mortality rates are still within unknown variants of the virus. control. India was one of the largest suppliers of vaccines to Any mass spread of the pandemic in rural belts and smaller towns may cripple the backbone of India. Any amount of night curfew or complete lockdown may not be able to contain the spread of the disease if a sizeable chunk gets infect-India has achieved a great feat by vaccinating over 10 crore people in 86 days since the exercise began. However, vaccine shortages are being reported from across the country. First the Central Government should ensure that all States, down to the last

district, get the appropriate number of vaccines and are prepared to face any life-threatening conditions due to the iab. It is an established fact now The migrants have already that the new variant of the

started to trickle back into their

towns and villages from the big

the world and it is time the focus shifts to domestic use. As we read this, there are five more vaccines awaiting the Government's nod in order to be introduced into the market. Speedy approval and speedier delivery of the Sputnik V vaccine in India could go a long way in saving lives. The Government needs to rethink its vaccine strategy and provide financial support to private players to ramp up production. Plus, based on vaccine availability they should allow every willing person to start taking the jab. All the facets of this deadly disease are still unknown, however, last year's knowledge and the preventive shield of the vaccine are always reliable options.

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# 'US troops pulling out of Af worrying for India'

**PTI** ■ WASHINGTON

fter the withdrawal of the AUS and NATO troops from Afghanistan by September 11, India will have tremendous concern on the resurgence of the Taliban and the war-torn country being used as a safe haven for terrorists, according to experts here.

ÛS President Joe Biden on Wednesday announced that all American troops would be withdrawn from Afghanistan by September 11 this year to end the country's longest war. Following suit, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) said it will also pull out its troops from Afghanistan.

Biden said his administration will ask other countries in the region to do more to support Afghanistan, especially Pakistan, as well as Russia, China, India, and Turkey. "They all have a significant stake in the stable future for Afghanistan," Biden said.

"We will not conduct a hasty rush to the exit. We'll do it responsibly, deliberately, and safely. And we will do it in full coordination with our allies and partners, who now have more forces in Afghanistan than we do," he said.



But, US experts said regional countries, especially India will view the complete withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan with tremendous concern and the role of pull out of the Western forces from the war-torn country.

"Regional countries, especially India, will have tremendous concerns about the US pullout from Afghanistan and the likelihood of a Taliban resurgence in the country," Lisa Čurtis, who was Deputy Assistant to the President and NSC Senior Director for South and Central Asia from 2017-2021 under the previous Donald Trump administration,

#### Oz to withdraw last 80 troops from Afghanistan

the Taliban militants after the Canberra: Australia would complete its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan in September in line with the United States and other allies, the prime minister said Thursday. Australia's contribution to the NATO-led mission had once exceeded 15,000 personnel, but only 80 remain.

"In line with the United States and other allies and partners, the last remaining Australian troops will depart Afghanistan in September," Prime Minister Scott Morrison said, without nominating a day.

Blinken in Afghanistan to sell Biden troop withdrawal

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken made an unannounced visit to Afghanistan on Thursday to sell Afghan leaders and a wary public on President Ioe Biden's decision to withdraw all American troops from the country and end America's longest war.

Blinken sought to assure

senior Afghan politicians that the United States remains committed to the country despite Biden's announcement a day earlier that the 2,500 US soldiers remaining in the country would be coming home by the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that led to the US invasion in 2001.

"I wanted to demonstrate with my visit the ongoing to commitment of the United States to the Islamic Republic and the people of Afghanistan," Blinken told Afghan President Ashraf Ghani as they met at the presidential palace in Kabul.



Abdullah Abdullah, Chairman of the High Council for National Reconciliation, right, meets with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, centre, and their delegations, at the Sapidar Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan on Thursday

The partnership is changing, but the partnership itself is enduring." "We respect the decision and are adjusting our priorities," Ghani told Blinken, expressing gratitude for the sacrifices of US troops.

the National Reconciliation Council, Blinken repeated his message, saying that "we have a new chapter, but it is a new chapter that we're writing together." "We are grateful to your

Later, in a meeting with Abdullah Abdullah, who heads administration," Abdullah said.



Myanmar's ambassador to the United Kingdom, Kyaw Zwar Minn, speaks to the media outside his residence in London on Thursday

## **Ousted Myanmar envoy** appeals for UK Govt help

London: The ousted Myanmar ambassador to Britain has appealed to the British government to help him as he faced eviction from his London

Kyaw Zwar Minn had to spend a night in his car last week after his country's military attache barred him from the embassy in central London.

He told reporters from behind the padlocked gates of his residence in northwest London on Thursday that he is "not going to go today" and intends to stay despite orders from his former staff that he has to move out.

The former diplomat had called for the release of former elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who was detained after the military took power in a coup

Asked what he would do

replied: "Who can tell? The last time they seized the embassy without warning, so I need to He did not elaborate on

over the next few days, he

what kind of help he wanted from the British government. Britain Foreign Secretary

Dominic Raab said last week he condemned the "bullying actions of the Myanmar military regime in London." AP

# 'Terrorist forces' may take advantage: China

Beijing: China on Thursday voiced concern over America's decision to withdraw all its troops from Afghanistan by September, saying the US should accommodate the legitimate security concerns of the regional countries to prevent "terrorist forces" from taking advantage of the chaos in the war-torn country.

Beijing also slammed Washington for linking the

withdrawal of the US troops from Afghanistan to focus more on the threats posed by China, saying the fight against terrorism is in the common interest of all parties, including the two countries.

"The current security situation in Afghanistan is still complex and grim and the problem of terrorism is far from being solved. Foreign troops stationed in Afghanistan

should withdraw in a responsible and orderly manner to ensure a smooth transition in Afghanistan and to avoid terrorist forces from taking advantage of chaos," Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here while responding to questions on US troops pullout plan.

"The US is the biggest external factor affecting the issue of Afghanistan... It must take full responsibility for preserving the outcomes of Afghanistan's peaceful construction and reconstruction and accommodate legitimate security concerns of the countries in the region," he said. To a question that the US

is linking its troops withdrawal to focus on China, Zhao said, "the US side links its withdrawal from Afghanistan to China's challenge.

### Top associate of Navalny convicted of trespassing in Russia Moscow: A top associate of Corruption Foundation, guilty

Russia's imprisoned opposition leader Alexei Navalny was convicted of trespassing Thursday and handed a suspended sentence of one year community service after she tried to doorstep an alleged security operative believed to be involved in Navalny's poisoning with a Soviet-era nerve agent.

A court in Moscow found Lyubov Sobol, a politician and **PTI** | a key figure in Navalny's Antiof forcing her way into the apartment of a relative of the alleged operative whom Navalny had previously duped into revealing details of his supposed poisoning. Sobol condemned the ver-

dict as "shame and disgrace" and vowed to appeal.

"In the meantime, a (criminal) case into the attempt upon Navalny's life hasn't been

even opened," she said in a

Navalny, Russian President Vladimir Putin's fiercest critic, fell sick during an August 20 flight in Russia and was flown to Berlin while still in a coma for treatment two days later.

Labs in Germany, France and Sweden, and tests by the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, established that he was exposed to a Soviet-era Novichok nerve agent.

The 44-year-old politician has blamed the poisoning on the Kremlin, accusations Russian officials have rejected.

In December, while still convalescing in Germany, Navalny released a recording of a phone call he said he made to man he identified as Konstantin Kudryavtsev and described as an alleged member of a group of officers of the Federal Security Service, or FSB, who purportedly poi-

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ICICI Bank Limited vs Munna Lal Kumawat, Case No-OA 656 OF 2018	Vehicle No-RJ32PA0653, Make and Model- TATA LPO 1618, Manu Yr-2017	1195000	119500		
ICICI Bank Limited vs Niroz Insulations Private Limited, Case No-O.A. NO. 902 OF 2018	Vehicle No-RJ20GB5360, Make and Model- AL 2518, Manu Yr-2018	1225000	122500		

Auction Date: 01.05.2021 from 11 am to 2 pm

Place of auction: https://auctions.cardekho.com/ EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank Limited payable at Delhi.

Manager: Mr. Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Mr. Jitendra. Kumar (7304914763)

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and

knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to submit original DD/PO of EMD amount along with self-attested KYC proofs to participate in the online auction on or before April 30, 2021.

The intending bidders may call us for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicles.

# US expels Russian diplomats, imposes new round of sanctions

**AP** ■ WASHINGTON

 $T^{\text{he Biden administration}}_{\text{ on Thursday announced}}_{\text{the expulsion of 10 Russian}}$ diplomats and sanctions against nearly three dozen people and companies as it moved to hold the Kremlin accountable for interference in last vear's presidential election and the hacking of federal agencies.

The actions, foreshadowed tion, represent the first retaliatory measures announced against the Kremlin for the hack, familiarly known as the SolarWinds breach.

In that intrusion, Russian hackers are believed to have infected widely used software with malicious code, enabling them to access the networks of at least nine agencies in what US officials believe was an intelligence-gathering operation aimed at mining government secrets.

Besides that hack, US officials last month alleged that Russian President Vladimir Putin authorized influence operations to help Donald Trump in his unsuccessful bid for reelection as president, though there's no evidence

Russia or anyone else changed votes or manipulated the out-

The measures announced Thursday include sanctions on six Russian companies that support the country's cyber activities, in addition to sanctions on 32 individuals and entities accused of attempting to interfere in last year's presidential election, including by spreading disinformation.

expelled include representatives of Russian intelligence services, the White House said.

The White House also said Biden was using diplomatic, military and intelligence channels to respond to reports that Russia encouraged the Taliban to attack US and allied troops in Afghanistan based on the "best assessments" of the intelligence community.

Reports of alleged "bounties" surfaced last year, with the Trump administration coming under fire for not raising the issue directly with Russia. The White House did not publicly confirm the reports. "The safety and well-being of U.S. Military personnel, and that of our allies and partners, is an absolute priority of the United

States," the White House said Thursday.

It was not immediately clear what, if any, other actions might be planned against Russia. Officials had previously said they expected to take actions both seen and unseen. The sanctions, presumably

intended to send a clear retributive message to Russia and to deter similar acts in the future, are certain to exacerbate between the U.S. And Russia. President Joe Biden told

Putin this week in their second call to "de-escalate tensions" following a Russian military buildup on Ukraine's border, and said the U.S. Would "act firmly in defense of its national interests" regarding Russian intrusions and election interference. In a television interview last month, Biden replied "I do" when asked if he thought Putin was a "killer." He said the days of the

U.S. "rolling over" to Putin were done. Putin later recalled his ambassador to the US and pointed at the US history of slavery and slaughtering Native Americans and the atomic bombing of Japan in World

# **France urges its nationals** in Pak to leave country after violent protests

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

The French embassy here on Thursday advised all French nationals in Pakistan to temporarily leave the country after violent protests by a radical religious group that has now been banned by the government.

Pakistan (TLP) took to streets on Monday to launch violent protests to force the government to expel the French ambassador over blasphemous caricatures published last year.

Though no French citizen was reportedly targeted so far but the embassy has urged all the French citizens to leave Pakistan, apparently as a precautionary measure.

"Due to the serious threats to French interests in Pakistan, French nationals and French companies are advised to temporarily leave the country," the embassy said in an email message to its citizens in Pakistan.

It said that the departures will be carried out by existing commercial airlines.

Interior minister Sheikh

Rashid announced on Wednesday to ban the TLP and officials said that Prime Minister Imran Khan and his cabinet endorsed the summa-

outlaw the group. The trouble began after police arrested the TLP chief Saad Rizvi on Monday ahead of group to expel the French ambassador.

ry by the interior ministry to

The issue of expulsion of the ambassador was linked to an agreement between the TLP and the government when the former in November last year postponed its protest against publication of blasphemous

Initially the government had agreed that it would take action to fulfill the demand of expulsion of the French ambassador by February but later on the two sides agreed to set April

20 as the new deadline. However, when Rizvi was arrested the TLP in coordinated protests blocked main roads in all major cities and the protests turned violent when

police tried to remove them.

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### सार्वजनिक सूचना

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Tender No.286

# **UJVN LIMITED**

Date: 15.04.2021

Tender Notice Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M-II, LWR), Vyasi Project Dakpathar, UJVN Ltd. invites sealed tenders from interested party's Brief summary of tender is given below Tender No: 01/EE(E&M-II, LWR)VP/2021-22

Name of the work : Work related to Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Sirens at Vvasi Project

Estimated Cost: Rs. 23,23,450/- (Plus GST extra) Date of availability of bid document :16 -04- 2021 15:30 Hrs on website

Last date for submission of tender: 08-05-2021 up to 15:30 Hrs For fuller & further details kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's web site "www.ujvnl.com"

> Executive Engineer (E&M-II, LWR) "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

PUBLIC NOTICE Inis to inform to all concerned that MH. VUAY TALWAR Son of Sh. K.B. Talwar R/o 67/5344, Regarpura, Karol Bagh, New Delhi had sold residential LIG Flat No. 89, Block-G. Sector-56, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP on Genera Power of Attorney basis to the following person(s). General Power of Attorney was executed on 14-09-1994 in favour of TAHSEEN AHMED son of Mehboob Ullah Resident of C-6/140, SETOR-31,

NOIDA duly registered in Sub registrar Delhi on dated 14-09-1994 and Agreement to Sell was not registered., so it is informed to all concerned that the said residential LIG Flat No. 89, Block-G, Sector-56, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP is going to be transferred in favour of SHOAIB AHMED Son of Tahseen Ahmed R/o Flat No. 89, Block-G, Sector 56, Noida, Distt. GautamBudh Nagar, UP If anyone has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Housing Department (H) of the Noida Authority within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Sd/-TAHSEEN AHMED Updesh Kumar (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform to all concerned that my mother SMT. PREM SETHI Wife of Late Shri Janak Raj Sethi R/o D-83, Sector-30, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP had executed a will deed on dated 23 01.2021 in respect of Plot No. D-83, Sector-30, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP passed away on 05th March 2019. Late SMT. PREM SETHI had executed at registered WILL in favour of her sen Not Not Matric 2015. Late Shirt Fire Har Set In Revealed at registered WILL in favour of her sor DEEPU SETHI S/o Late Shri Janak Raj Sethi R/o D-83, Sector-30, Nolda, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar UP. The WILL is duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Delhi, vide Book No. 3, Volume No. 1258 on pages 193 to 195 as Document No. 71, on 23-01-221

So it is informed to all concerned that said property Plot No. D-83, Sector-30, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP is going to transferred in favour of DEEPL SETHL S/o Late Shri Janak Raj Sethi R/o D-83 Sector-30, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP. I anyone has/have any concern/objection he/she ma Tile his/her written objection along with the sufficient proof in the RESIDENTIAL PLOT DEPARTMENT  $\sigma$  NODIA AUTHORITY with in 30 days from the date  $\sigma$ blication of this notice.

DEEPU SETHI S/o Late Shri Janak Raj Seth R/o D-83, Sector-30, Noida, Disti. Gautam Budh Naga UPDESH KUMAR (Advocate

#### **GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE** AMOUNT / EMD **OPENING DATE** WEBSITE OF THE NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER NO CONSTRUCTION OF 4 NOS ROOOMS NEW CAR & BIKE SHED IN HARYANA 01746-222282 1 PWD B&R, KAITHAL 51.61 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in ROADWAYS BUS STAND AT KAITHAL IN KAITHAL DISTT. + 1 OTHER WORK 29.04.2021 pwd-eepd-kaithal@hry.nic.in TP-23 KAITHAL KHANOURI ROAD NEAR PUNJAB BORDER IN KAITHAL CLOSING DATE 01746-222282 2 PWD B&R, KAITHAL 7 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in pwd-eepd-kaithal@hry.nic.in DISTT.FOR MONTHS EIGHTEEN MONTHS 05.05.2021 CONSTRUCTION OF LANDSCAPING PLAYGROUND, UNDERGROUND WATER 15.04.2021 3 PWD B&R, HISAR 24.71 LACS pwd-eepd3-hissar@hry.nic.in https://etenders.hry.nic.in TANK AND PREMIX CARPET ON ROAD IN GOVT WOMEN COLLEGE AT HISAR 28.04.2021 SPECIAL REPAIR OF JAKHOD KHERA TO MIGNI KHERA ROAD RD 0.00 TO 20.04.2021 9812306111 pwd-eepd1-PWD B&R, HISAR 89.70 LACS https://etenders.hrv.nic.in 0.600 IN HISAR DISTT (ROAD ID 4899) 03.05.2021 IMPROVEMENT BY WIDENING AND STRENGTHENING OF LINK ROAD MAJRI JATTAN IN PANCHKULA DISTT. +1 OTHER WORK 15.04.2021 04.05.2021 0172-2618279 PWD B&R, CHANDIGARH 43.83 LACS wd-eecd-chandigarh@hry.nic.in 13.04.2021 9896697784 PWD B&R, HISAR SPECIAL REPAIR OF MEDIA CENTER AT SIRSA (PDG. E.I INTERNAL ONLY). 1.95 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 20.04.2021 15.04.2021 23.04.2021 07146234748 PANCHAYATI RAJ, KAITHAL 73.75 LACS CONST. OF BIO GAS PROJECT AT VILLAGE BHAINI MAJRA prexeeng.ktl@hry.nic.in CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTER WITH E.I AND P.H WORK AT VILLAGE LADANA CHAKKU , BLOCK SIWAN $\pm$ 2 OTHER WORKS 15.04.2021 29.04.2021 07146234748 PANCHAYATI RAJ, KAITHAL 342.45 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in prexeeng.ktl@hry.nic.in **IRRIGATION & WATER** (1) MAKING LEFT SIDE SERVICE ROAD JEEPABLE FROM KM 18.935 TO KM CLOSING DATE 01267-271271 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT 32.20 UJINA DIVERSION DRAIN (2) RENOVATION/REPAIRING OF OFFICE 5.99 LACS 19.04.2021 HARYANA, NUH BUILDING OF PUNHANA SUB DIVISION REPAIRING OF BRIDGES AT RD 7000 & 21063 OF BADSIKRI MINOR, RD **IRRIGATION & WATER** CLOSING DATE 3000 KHERI SHERKHA MINOR AND RD 8000 OF MATOUR MINOR + 4 5.57 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in xen-wsnrw.irr@gov.in 21.04.2021 HARYANA, NARWANA OTHER WORKS SHKM GOVT MEDICAL OUTSOURCING OF KITCHEN AND DIETARY SERVICES FOR PATIENT AT CLOSING DATE 8818042997 COLLEGE NALHAR NUH SHKM GOVT MEDICAL COLLEGE NAIHAR AS DESCRIBED IN SCOPE OF WORK 2 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in SHKM GOVT MEDICAL TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF MEDICAL BOOKS FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY AT CLOSING DATE 8818042997 1 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.ir

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# **WPI** inflation spikes to over 8-year high of 7.39% in Mar

The wholesale price-based I inflation shot up to over 8year high of 7.39 per cent in March on rising crude oil and metal prices.

Also, the low base of March last year, when the data was computed with a low response rate due to the nationwide lockdown, contributed to the spike in inflation in March

The WPI inflation was 4.17 per cent in February 2021 and 0.42 per cent in March

This is the third straight month of up-tick seen in the wholesale price index (WPI)

'The annual rate of inflation stood at 7.39 per cent (provisional) for the month of March 2021 over March 2020," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said.

Such a high level of WPI was last recorded in October 2012, when inflation was 7.4 per cent. Inflation in food articles in

March was 3.24 per cent as prices of pulses, fruits and paddy hardened.

In pulses, it was 13.14 per cent in March, while in fruits and paddy, inflation was 16.33 per cent and 1.38 per cent, respectively.

In vegetables, the rate of

price rise softened to (-) 5.19

per cent, against (-) 2.90 per cent in the previous month. Inflation in the fuel and power basket was 10.25 per cent in March, against 0.58 per cent in February on higher fuel prices. In manufactured products, inflation was 7.34 per cent.

The prices of crude oil, petroleum products and basic metal substantially increased in March 2021 as compared to the corresponding month of last year. Also, due to nationwide lockdown, the WPI index for the month of March 2020 was computed with a relatively low response rate," the ministry said while releasing the WPI

## Citi to exit consumer banking biz in India, to focus on institutional segment

American banking major Citibank on Thursday announced exiting the high visibility consumer banking business in India as part of a global strategy.

The consumer banking business comprises credit cards, retail banking, home loans and wealth management. The bank will be exiting the segment in India after more than three decades.

The bank has 35 branches in the country and employs approximately 4,000 people in the consumer banking busi-

On Thursday, the bank announced exiting from the consumer banking businesses in 13 countries, with its glob-

the decision to an absence of scale to compete in these geo-Contours of the exit were

not immediately known and the proposed exit from the consumer banking business will also need regulatory approvals. "There is no immediate change to our operations and no immediate impact to our colleagues as a result of this

In the interim, we will continue to serve our clients with the same care, empathy and dedication that we do today," Citi India's Chief Executive Ashu Khullar said.

announcement.

... the sharpened strategy announced today will strengthen our ability to bring the full global power of Citi to

al CEO Jane Fraser attributing our institutional clients, reinforcing our leading positions across corporate, commercial and investment banking, treasury and trade solutions, as well as markets securities services," he added.

Citi had entered India in 1902 and started the consumer banking business in 1985.

From a social perspective, the consumer bank had extended loans of Rs 27,911 crore to agriculture, affordable housing, renewable and MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) as of March 2020.

Of that amount, Rs 4,975 crore was extended to weaker sections as part of Citibank India's priority sector lending obligations, as per a release issued by the bank last year.

to 2nd day as banks, financial stocks rally TCS topped the Sensex **PTI** ■ MUMBAI gainers' chart, climbing 3.67 Sensex and Nifty closed in the green after a volatile session per cent, followed by ONGC,

**Markets extend gains** 

ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Dr Reddy's, HDFC, Axis Bank and HCL Tech. on Thursday as investors accumulated banking, finance and On the other hand, Infosys select IT counters despite an unabated rise in COVID-19 was the biggest loser, dropping

2.65 per cent after its March 2021 quarter earnings missed A recovering rupee and positive global cues also market expectations.
The IT services major had propped up the bourses, traders After gyrating 877 points

on Wednesday posted a 17.5 per cent rise in net profit to Rs 5,076 crore for the March quarter, and announced up to Rs 9,200 crore buyback offer at a maximum price of Rs 1,750 per

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# RBI sets up RRA to streamline regulations and reduce compliance

and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder

**PTI** ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on ■ Thursday set up the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0) with a view to streamlining regulations and reducing compliance burden of regulated entities.

Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao has been appointed as the Regulations Review Authority, the central bank said in a state-

The RBI had set up a

Regulations Review Authority (RRA) initially for a period of one year from April 1, 1999, for reviewing regulations,

circulars, reporting systms, based on the feedback from public, banks and financial institutions. The recommendations of the RRA enabled streamlining and increasing

the effectiveness of several procedures, simplifying regulatory prescriptions, paved the way for issuance of master circular and reduced reporting burden on regulated entities.

Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financia Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the

below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession o which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is"

Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any

### Amazon announces \$250 mln fund for small, medium businesses in India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

E-commerce giant Amazon
Thursday announced a USD 250 million (about Rs 1,873 crore) fund that will focus on digitising small and medium businesses, and driving innovation in the areas of agri-tech and health-tech in

"Small and medium sized businesses are often the engine and the lifeblood of economies and I think it's true in India as well. And we are very passionate about trying to enable

Date and Time of Property Inspection

acceleration of SMBs in fuelling innovation and the economy in India," Amazon Web Services CEO Andrew Jassy said.

Building on last year's announcement, Amazon is announcing a new USD 250 million Amazon Smbhav Venture Fund, Jassy, who will take over as the CEO of Amazon Inc later this year, said during the second Amazon Smbhav event.

He noted that Amazon intends to help inspire more SMBs to be able to build brand new businesses.

#### Private equity inflow in India realty up 19% in FY21

Mumbai:Bucking the pandemic private equity investments into the India real estate sector rose around 19 per cent in FY 2020-21 to over \$6.27 billion, according to an Anarock report.During the previous financial year, PE investments into the realty sector stood at \$5.8 billion.Indian real estate recorded its highest-ever private equity investments since in the last fiscal, since FY16, noted the Anarock Capital's 'Flux - FY20-21 Market Monitor for Capital Flows'.

### India's March merchandise exports rises by over 60% YoY

New Delhi:Base effect, along with healthy demand conditions abroad, pushed India's merchandise exports higher by 60.29 per cent on a year on year basis in March 2021, official data showed on Thursday.

The country's merchandise exports during the month under review increased to \$34.45 billion as compared to \$21.49 billion in March 2020.

during the day, the 30-share

BSE Sensex ended 259.62

points or 0.53 per cent higher

Nifty advanced 76.65 points or

0.53 per cent to 14,581.45.

Similarly, the broader NSE

at 48,803.68.

#### **BRIEFS**

Jayanta Das, SGM, ITPO pays floral tribute to Bharat Ratna Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on his birth Anniversary (14th April 1891 - 6th December 1956) on 15th April, 2021 at Pragati Maidan, New



#### VIT-AP & AKS IAS ACADEMY SIGN MOU The signing ceremony of the

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between VIT-AP University and AKS IAS Academy was held at VIT-AP University's Admin Office at Hyderabad on Thursday, 15th April, 2021. Dr. S V Kota Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, VIT-AP University after signing the MoU with AKS IAS

Academy said that "this collaboration of VIT-AP and AKS IAS Academy will be beneficial to students who are looking for a career based graduation programme from us. Along with the Dual Degree of BA & MA in Public Services students will be trained for IAS preparation, so that they are ready for the civil services and allied positions by the time they graduate from VIT-AP."

lower investment yield and muted growth owing to economy affected by Covid-19 pandemic. The 34-member Indian general insurance industry closed last fiscal with 5.2 per cent growth with a premium of Rs 198,734.68 crore up from Rs 188,916.61 crore

logged in FY20. The uncertainty is high owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. The consumer sen-

timent is negative.

The health insurance portfolio will continue to do well. The motor insurance business should do well if the economy doesn't deteriorate further. Some sport utility vehicles (SUV) have waiting periods," Roopam Asthana, CEO and the Whole Time Director, Liberty General Insurance

Ltd told IANS.

#### (B) (F) (G) (E) 1. Ram Dass (Borrower No 25, 1st Floor Block- E-2, May 17, 2021 From May 31 2021 From Rs. 17,44,677/ Rs. 11,40, Indra (Co-Borrower), Kar (Co-Borrower) Pocket-3 Lig Sector 34 Rohini Delhi,110085, Area: 12 Noon 11:00 AM To 1:00 PM Rs.1,14 -000/-The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agenc

M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till May 29, 2021 before 05:00 P.M else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column

E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005 and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website onlyon or before May 29, 2021 before 05:00 P.M along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, incase prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documentsmay be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi- 110005 on or before May 29, 2021 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of

tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 8657476284 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/9810029926/01244233933 Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Augeo Asset

Management Pvt Ltd 3. Props AMC. have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

### NITI Aayog to finalise names of 2 public sector banks for privatisation soon this respect is going on, sources

New Delhi:Govt think-tank NITI Aayog, in consultation with the Finance Ministry, has started deliberations to finalise the names of two public sector banks that will be privatised in the current fiscal as part of the disinvestment process.

NITI Aayog has been entrusted with the task of selection of names of two public sector banks and one general insurance company for the privatisation as announced in the Budget 2021-22. The work in

It is further notified that he shall have no legal right, title, interest, right of inheritance etc on any of the movable and immovable properties of our client. Our client also serve all social ties with him. She shall not be responsible for any act and/or omission of any nature, whatsoever, committed by him and further she existed that the shall not be responsible to any person dealing with him in future. Any person dealing with him shall be doing so at his/her own risks, to which, our client shall not be responsible in any manner. Any other person related to him also, shall stand to be disowned by our client from her all moveable and immoveable assets.

ROHIT YADAV ADVOCATE

said, adding, a couple of meetings have been convened by the NITI Aayog on the subject. There are various aspects

that have to be looked into including regulatory issues, HR management, financial health etc before reaching a conclusion, sources added. Once NITI Aayog makes

its recommendations, it will be vetted by the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment headed by Cabinet Secretary.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

To be known to all that my client, SH. SANDEEF CHAWLA, S/O LATE SH. NARINDER KUMAR CHAWLA, R/O FLAT NO. 86-A, IN BLOCK-A POCKET-D, SHALIMAR BAGH, DELHI-110088 has

applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold vide File No. F.98(506)1981/ HBM// LIG in DDA. The original documents i.e. Demand /

LIG in DDA. The original documents i.e. Demand / alothernt Letter, PoSsession Letter, NDC to water and Electric and site Possession Silp of the above said lath has been lost. An NCR/LR NO. 315029/2021 dated 3/04/2021 to this effect has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delh. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 9810098120 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAB) H or Director (H), D Block, 3°Floor, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi.

Naveen Aggarwal (Advocate)

# DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M)-HP-I HAIDERPUR WATER WORKS, DELHI-110085

STOP CORONA: WEAR MASK, MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE

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	S. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value based on Schedule of rates/item rates/lump Sum (Rs in lacs)		Fee		Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution	
	1.	Removal of floating materia manually by labour at different bar screens installed at Twin Main Point under HPWW-I.  Tender ID: 2021_DJB_202941_1	Item rate	59000/-	500/-	15.04.2021	23.01.2021	

Further details in this regard can be seen at https://delhi.govtprocurement.com

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 31 (2021-22)

### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

It is known to all that Allottee of residential Flat/Kothi No. A-71, Sector-31, Noida, Sushil Kumar Kalra S/o Ram Kishore Kalra R/o DD-62, Amar Colony, Delhi, Present Add, 52/4/3. Kaila Bhatta, Ghaziabad (U.P.), has sold the above said flat/kothi on GPA

1. A GPA was executed 31.12.2019 in favour of Mohd. Umair Ansari S/o Mohd. Salim Ansari R/o G-227, Sector-63, Noida Present Add. 129, Ansriyan Sikandrabad, Bulandshahr, U.P. which is registered in the office of Sub Registrar Office V. Ghaziabad the agreement to sell was no executed.

2. Because the Agreement to sell written in para 1 is not registered so with the help of this notice it is informed that the transfer of the above flat/Kothi on the basis of GPA goes in favor of M/s Crossways Vertical Solutions Private Limited Regd. Office 405, Fie, First Floor, Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi-110092 through its authorize Mr. Sunil Kumar Gupta (Director). If anyone has any objection, he/she can submit his/her objection in the residential plot department of NOIDA Authority within 30 days of publication of this notice.

It is known to all that Allottee of Residential Gurpal Kaur Bajwa, Miss Gurpal kaur Bajwa D/o S. Sadhy Singh Baiwa R/o H.No. 27, Sant Nagar Near East of Kailash has sold the labove said Plot on GPA basis.

Ifavour of Raiender Sharma S/o J.P. Sharma IR/o L-73. Sector-11. Near Metro Hospital. Noida which is registered in the office of sub Registrar Office, Seelampur Delhi & the agreement to sell was not executed.

Because the Agreement to sell written in para 1 is not registered so with the help of this notice it is informed that the transfer of the above plot on the basis of GPA goes in favor of Mr. Avikalp Sharma S/o Jagdish Prasad Sharma R/o L-73, Sector-11, Noida, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.). If anyone has any objection, he/she can submit his/her objection in the residential department of NOIDA Authority within 30 days of publication

> S/o J.P. Sharma Res.: L-73, Sector-11, Noida

### SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is here by informed that these girls (depicted in the photo) namely: (1) Sonam D/o Late Sh. Ashok R/o Village Antola, PS Ayana, Distt. Oriaya, UP & (2) Nasreen D/o Md. Shamim H.No. 4, Plot No. 15, Mata Chowki, Shivaji Nagar, Mumbai has been missing/ kidnapped from Katyani Balika Ashram, Mandir

to trace out the girls but no clue has come to light so far. Their physical description is as under:-

Name: Nasreen, Age: 13 years, Height: 5'2" ft, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Red T-shirt and Black Jeans.

Website:http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23366730, 23364100 Mob. No.: 8750870522 DP/253/NDD/2021

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



DP/405/WD/2021

General public is hereby informed that one male namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown. Age about 55 years, Height about 5'7", Complexion wheatish, Built thin, Face long, Hair black & white wearing checkdar shirt was found dead on Patri under Janakpuri East Metro Station, Main Najafgarh Road, Tilak Nagar, Delhi on 12.04.2021 at about 11:05

hrs. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary DDU Hospital, Hari Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 37-A dated 13.04.2021 has been lodged at PS Tilak Nagar, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this deceased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

> PS Tilak Nagar, Delhi Ph. 011-25407800, 25409290

**WANTED SEARCH FOR ACCUSED/SUSPECTED PERSON** 



in photo) Name: Unknown, is Suspicious against FIR No. 35/19 dated-12/03/2019 u/s 379 IPC P.S.-NDRS. He is wanted in above case registered at PS New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about above person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about above person may kindly inform New PS Delhi Railway Station(GRP) to the following. SHO

P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi Ph. No. 011-23744073 DP/114/RLY/2021 Mob. No- 8750871305

#### **ଓCSBBank**

Palam Branch located at RZ 11-D, Yadav Towers, Infront of Palam Metro Station Gate No.3, Puran Nagar, Palam Colony, South West Delhi, New Delhi-110045

#### **GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**

CSB Bank Limited, Palam branch had granted gold loan against pledge of gold ornaments to the belo entioned borrower/s. Notice has been issued to him/them demanding repayment of the amount with nterest and charges thereon. Since they have failed to repay the balance outstanding in the respective

coountly, we are constrained to recover the amount by sale of gold ornaments in public auction and if the function does not fetch required amount, bank will proceed with the sale by private treaties/contract. Bank reserves its right to change/extend the date and venue of auction without assigning any reason SI Name of Gross Weight of Overdue Gold Loan Amount (as on 14.04.2021) (in grams) 0459-04185195-000001 67500 Manju Rawat 19.64 Kabir Bagga 59.84 0459-04224772-000001 206000 217196

	Deepika Arora	705.44	0459-03123514-000002	2500000	2478193		
	Deepika Arora	115.84	0459-03123514-000003	210000	217215		
	Vicky	195.7	0459-07292149-000001	710000	716287		
	Madhu	266.31	0459-07311891-000001	931000	933888		
	Neetu verma	306.13	0459-07315467-000002	11,50,000	1,101,255.50		
ı	auction will be conducted at the premises of CSB Bank Limited, Palam branch premises situated at 11-D, Yadav Towers, Infront of Palam Metro Station Gate No.3, Puran Nagar, Palam Colony, South t Delhi, New Delhi-110045 on 23.04.2021. Interested parties may contact the Branch Manager in the						

The a bove address. Participants should attend the auction along with copy of Pan Card, passport size photo

Branch Manager

#### Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

Avenue, New Delhi.

come to light so far.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. North Avenue, New Delhi Ph. 011-23093040, 23093294 DP/260/NDD/2021

SEARCH FOR SUSPECTED PERSON

25.12.2020, U/s 379 IPC has been registered at P.S. North

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out

information about this suspected person but no clue has

Any person having any information or clue about this

suspected person kindly inform to the following.

General public is hereby informed that one

suspected person Namely: Unknown, S/o

Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: about 20-25

Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion:

Wheatish, Face: Long, Hair: Black, Built:

Thin, Wearing: Shirt & Pant, has been

involved in case e-FIR No. 64/2020 dated

G.P.A. was executed on 09.01.2001 in

of this notice. Rajendra Sharma



In this regard FIR No. 66/18 dated 20.07.2018 has been lodged at PS Mandir Marg, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police

Name: Sonam, Age: 15 years, Height: 5'1" ft, Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink Frock & Blue Payajam

Any person is having information or clue about these missing/ kidnapped girls may kindly inform to the following:-SHO

Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Fax No.: 011-24368639

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely Prakash Ranaram Purohit S/o Rana Ram Purohit R/o H.No. B-1091, 4th Floor, Near Jain Mandir, Mor Wali Gali, Shastri Nagar, Delhi, Permanent Address- 107, Shyam Sunder Building, 1st Floor, KK Marg, Nav Jiwan Sociaty, Mumbai Maharatra, Aged-27 Years has been reported missing since 08.04.2021 at 1:00 PM from Shop No. 08, Ground Floor, World Mobile Plaza 13/22, WEA Karol Bagh, Delhi vide DD No. 58-A Dated 12.04.2021

DP/760/CD/2021



lodged at Police Station Karol Bagh, Delhi. His physical description

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'5", Face: Oval, Built: Medium Wearing: Maroon coloured t-shirt, brown coloured pant and blue coloured slipper in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this

missing boy, may inform SHO, Karol Bagh, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Karol Bagh, Delhi FAX No.: 011-24368639

Tel.: 011-25726870 28721115

#### General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Unknown S/o

Unknown R/O Unknown, who was depicted in the photo is WANTED and suspected in the case of FIR No. 158/18 dated 26.12.2018 U/s -379 IPC at PS: New Delhi Railway Station. Full 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 this suspected/accused boy then please inform P.S. New Delhi Railway Station (GRP), Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

Fax No. 011-24368639 Sd/- S.H.O. DP/115/RLY/2021 P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi

Phone: 23744073/2336363622/9212733576

# https://www.dailypioneer.com/vivacity/

HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY

### Urgent travel plans amid the pandemic? Here are a few things to keep in mind while booking your tickets

beauty is by experiencing a train ride. As soon as you enter a train station, you are greeted by the site of multiple vendors selling their products, different types of trains entering and leaving the platforms and people running back & forth to drop/receive their relatives. To match the needs of modern times, trains in India are equipped with CCTV cameras, biotoilets and internet connectivity, ensuring the highest level of comfort to passengers. Though all this may excite you to hop on the train right away, much of the train travel experience has changed due to COVID-19.

With the pandemic not willing to take a beating, Indian Railways had to come up with a certain set of rules to promote social distancing and keep a check on the spread of infection. Because of this, the glam and charm of the train journeys are not what they used to be. That means a ban on entry of hawkers selling food, fewer pit-stops in between to take a joy ride, etc, are the new normal. Even after knowing all this, if you have urgent travel plans and have chosen 'train' as vour medium for the ride, there are a few things you need to do or know while booking your ticket.

#### PLAN YOUR TRAVEL AHEAD OF

TIME
COVID is not a hoax and shouldn't be considered otherwise. If you wish to stay at a hotel in your chosen destination, you should scan through the COVID protocols and go with the safest option. It's also recommended to go for off-season dates (weekdays) to avoid mixing with the heavy crowd. Further, you should map the places you wish to visit and be prepared to tackle the infection like a champ.

#### NO MORE 'UNRESERVED TRAVEL' FOR YOU

To avoid overcrowded trains and minimise the spread of infection,

T ndia is a land of varied culture and one of the best ways to explore its only way to board the trains without security saying 'no entry' to your face. So, make sure you have a confirmed train ticket to travel to your destina-

#### GO THROUGH THE COVID PRO-

To ensure the safety of its citizens and passengers, several state governments have updated their COVID rotocols. For instance, the Tamil Nadu government has made it mandatory for train passengers from several Indian territories to register online a few days before coming to the state. You should check all the guidelines listed by your chosen destination to avoid breaking any rules and spoiling your journey.

#### SHARE YOUR COMPLETE **ADDRESS**

Earlier, there was no need to share your address details while booking train tickets. But now with COVID hovering over our heads, the risk of an outbreak/new red zone is quite imminent, even on trains. So, passengers have to provide their correct and complete address details to the Indian Railways so that they can trace them when needed

#### GET YOUR RT-PCR TEST DONE

As more and more COVID+ cases surround our country, Indian Railways have requested passengers to get their RT-PCR tests done within 72-96 hours of boarding the train, which guarantees that a person is safe to travel (after getting a negative result), without posing a health risk to other passengers. The listed timeline varies from one Indian state to another. It's recommended that a passenger gets familiar with the rules laid by the chosen destination to avoid any trouble.

The COVID pandemic has indeed introduced a few roadblocks in the train travel industry. But as we try to overcome these and prepare for a posttrains no longer allow unreserved COVID world, passengers have to





carefully follow the rules laid down by the government. So, whether you are

make sure to remember the above details while booking your train ticktravelling for work or pleasure, just et to experience a safe journey ahead.

(The writer, Dinesh Kumar Kotha, is the co-founder and CEO of



# 'Busy exploring shades of myself'

#### Actor KRITI SANON shares that no set or film is like the other

Kriti Sanon is the busiest bee of tinsel town currently with more than six films in her kitty. What makes these even more interesting is the range of her films in terms of their genres. From a horror comedy to an action film, the actor will be seen leading multiple genre films.

Talking about having so many different genres in her lineup Kriti says, "My work is so exciting because no set, no film is like the other. Doing such varied genres is helping me explore different shades of myself as an actor." She adds, "From Bhediya being a horror comedy to action in Ganpath, mythology in Adipurush and an enter-

tainer like Bachchan Pandey, I have many genres that I am working on right now which makes all the work even more exciting and interesting. It does also keep me on Sanon has a bag of big budget films in her lineup

for which she has been shooting non-stop for a while with all safety measures being taken as per government guidelines. She has been shooting in Arunachal Pradesh for Bhediya with Varun Dhawan, which is a horror com-

She will be seen playing Sita in Om Raut's mythological drama Adipurush with Prabhas. She has also signed an entertainer film Bachchan Pandey with Akshay Kumar and the drama - Mimi, which will star her as the solo lead. The actor also has a quirky comedy, Hum Do Hamare Do with Rajkummar Rao and her first action film, Ganpath.

### Hollywood action super-star Vin Diesel has opened up about what makes his *Fast* & Furious franchise so popular globally. He also spoke of the biggest difference between the first film, which was released in 2001, and the ninth installment that is all set to

ence is when the first film these characters were. You had no idea what world you were entering when you came into the theatres to see this movie. Now, people feel that they have grown up with this saga. People feel like this is their franchise," said he.

Fast & Furious 9: The Fast Saga also stars John Cena, Michelle Rodriguez and Dwayne Johnson. The film is directed by Justin Lin. Diesel stressed that each time the makers embark on a new chapter they always thought of how to reach higher.

"How do we dazzle the

audience or engage the audience even more? As John (Cena) articulated these are characters that are very familiar to the moviegoer, and the moviegoer has their own relationship with this family of characters that live in the saga. I will just say there is a familiarity," said Diesel.
He added: "I remember

when the cast members used to say the release of Fast And Furious is like a holiday the world expects to see it every two years.' Fast & Furious 9 is the

penultimate film in the franchise, and the next part will be done in two films. As of now, it has been decided the two-

# 'I am proud'

VIN DIESEL opens up about what makes his *Fast & Furious* franchise so popular globally. He says that people feel they've "I think the greatest differ- grown up with the saga



part tenth film would wrap up the series.

"When my daughter heard that ten would be the last, broken into two films, she started crying and I can't tell you how bad I felt. I tried to console her but she just didn't want to hear that this world saga could finally have a finale," Diesel, whose real name is Mark Sinclair, said.

He finds it incredible that the fans can finally have a look at the ninth installment.

He said: "It feels incredible to be a part of something that will bring the world together again. There is something I think we as society never antic-

ipated we'd be losing by not being able to be entertained together as a community."

"There is something special that happens when people see Fast And Furious in a packed audience with your family, friends and your loved ones, and you can feel the rumble of excitement and you can feel the emotions in the theatre building," he said.

"To be a part of the return to the theatrical experience is something so right, and I feel so proud of. To do it with my family that has been doing it for two decades is a dream come true," he concluded.



KUSHAN

Recently, I got my hands on the refreshed BMW 6-series, it takes this very nice sportback sedan to another level of refinement. Driving it in the 630i M Sport trim is extremely two-litre turbocharged petrol engine with the 30i moniker and 250 horsepower. This particular one, running the longer-wheelbase variant of the 5-series platform, will go up against the recently refreshed E-Class sedan from Mercedes-Benz. Honestly, in this segment, the Mercedes wins out, not because it is the better vehicle but because of the badge value. The E-Class is the standard luxury sedan of choice for the companies and governments alike. It is the car, once you hit a certain age, that you want to be seen

cap super-sedans that all the German ality among all the luxury car manufacturers. I experienced this system over a decade ago, there has been a consistency to the way it functions.

There has been no sudden dramatthat I first experienced on the E65 7-



But, as the title of this piece suggests, I have a preference for BMWs. While I am not alone among automotive writers here because other than a few dastardly misses with exterior design, they are all very engaging to drive, and we will not get into the madcompanies put out. But sitting behind the wheel of the 6-series, I realised why I really enjoy driving a BMW even bumper-to-bumper traffic in the city. I love BMW's 'iDrive' system, and one major reason is because it has been most consistent in terms of function-

ic change between generations of the iDrive system. Although it has come a long way from the very basic system



Why I like BMWs More than performance, BMW has always been on the ball when it comes to their infotainment system — the fabled iDrive

series years ago, the fact that the click-wheel, despite touchpads and touchscreens being added over the years, and the button layout on the centre console added in the third iteration of the system, remain the same. Of all the infotainment and car control systems of any manufacturer, I can find my way around the iDrive system just by feel. While it was called 'iDrive' because the 'i' was then in vogue, thanks to Apple. I must admit that the system, like iOS, has evolved without drama over the years.

On top of that, BMW's integration with iOS is among the most compre-

maker to have wireless connectivity for Apple CarPlay. And initially working one's way through the menus to connect an iPhone through CarPlay could take a reasonable amount of time even if you knew your way around the system. On cars like the 6-series that run the eighth-generation iDrive system, it takes under 30 seconds. Honestly for the life of me I do not understand why other luxury carmakers haven't done wireless connectivity as yet, particularly since every new iPhone or even midspec Chinese Android phone has wireless inductive charging and all cars

come with a wireless changing bay. There are many good reasons to choose a BMW, after all, they are great to drive like this 630i is. And while the large kidney grilles on some of the latest cars such as the X7 and the forthcoming 4-series may not be to your aesthetic choices (they do look better in real life than on the wide-angle handout photos), BMW's iDrive system is strangely enough, becoming a top reason to choose the car, because just like the driving, it really does bring a smile to your face.

# TREND B

#### DON'T BELIEVE IN A B&W WORLD: VIDYA

Actor VIDYA BALAN shared a monochrome picture on social media, saying she does not believe in a black and white world except for a picture.

Vidya posted the picture on Instagram, where she is seen sitting on a chair dressed in a black outfit. She completed her look by leaving her long hair open with a middle parting.

"I don't believe in a black and white world, except for a picture maybe," she wrote as the caption.



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'Every day you go through your own journey of asking questions to yourself. There are your own challenges and weaknesses. You have to overpower and overcome them. You'd cross those and then you have more challenges and insecurities. That is a constant journey. Everyday, there is a new mindset.



'India is a diverse nation and lately many festivals of different cultures and religions happened to be on the same day. Some parts of the country celebrated Ugadi, while others had Navratri. But amid all the festivals, I request everyone to be safe and follow all the precautions to avoid COVID-19.

#### JLO AND ALEX RODRIGUEZ BREAK UP Singer JENNIFER LOPEZ and baseball star

**ALEX RODRIGUEZ** have officially ended their relationship. The two called off their engagement.

"We have realised we are better as friends and look forward to remaining so. We will continue to work together and support each other on our shared businesses and projects," they jointly said in the statement.

They said they "wish the best for each other and one another's children."



# TIME TO DETOX

Fasting is an effective way to get rid of accumulated toxins from the body. AISHWARYA DWIVEDI shares a few tried and tested weight loss techniques which you can try this Navratri

Be it any religion or any ritual, they always have a logic behind it. Navratri usually falls on the time of season change, when our immunity is low and we are most likely to fall sick. This time is best for detox and fasting is an effective way to get rid of accumulated toxins from the body and mind. So here are a few tried and tested weight loss and detox technique, which you can try this

#### STAY HYDRATED

To achieve a healthy weight loss, keeping yourself hydrated is must. Also, water plays a key role in suppressing your appetite. One must drink at least three to four litres of water. This really works if you are trying to lose fat off your belly. Other ways to stay hydrated during Navratri is to have coconut water, more of waterbased vegetables and fruits like muskmelon, watermelon, cucumber, etc.

One interesting recipe you can try is trying the latest trend: Nature's natural cereal. In a bowl, combine all your favourite fruits like watermelon, papaya,



pineapple, pomegranate, grapes and add coconut water into it. Top with ice and chia seeds (optional). Avoid including bananas and mangos.

Another drink which can be included is by taking one bowl of your favourite cut fruit like strawberry, watermelon, mango with one bowl of ice and half bowl of milk, water or voghurt whichever is appropriate as per the fruit and making a slush or frappe. Sounds tempting, isn't

Tip: Avoid packaged fruit juice or coconut water as they contain sugar. Try opting for natural things.

DON'T STARVE OR SKIP MEALS

Most people tend to skip meals expecting a faster result. But this lowers metabolism and hampers your digestive system in the longer run. One must have three to four balanced meals even during Navratri. Fruits like apple, watermelons,

dry fruits like almonds and raisins, roasted foxnuts are excellent snacks. Eat them whenever you feel hungry. Cucumber and yoghurt, especially homemade, is a great snacking option as well.

#### EAT SAGO (SABUDANA) KHICHADI

Sago (sabudana) is a rich source of carbohydrates and calories, but if taken in right and small quantity, it is very whole-some, provides energy, prevents digestion issues and aids muscle growth. So here is one such delicious recipe of sabudana

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- □Sabudana (soaked overnight): 100 gm
- □Peanuts: 20 gm □Green chillies (chopped): 3-4 □Coriander (chopped): 20 gm
- □Red chilli as per taste (optional) □Rock salt as per taste
- □Desi ghee: 1-2 tbsp

#### **METHOD**

□In a non-stick pan, heat *desi* ghee. □Now shallow fry peanuts until crispy and keep them aside in a bowl.

□In the same ghee, now add chopped green chillies and saute for one to two minutes. Now add sabudana (washed three to four times after being soaked overnight or minimum for three hours.)

□Saute the *sadudana* for three to five minutes and keep stirring so that they don't turn □Add rock salt as per taste. You can also add

red chillies as per taste. □Finally after cooking for five to seven minutes on low flame, garnish with chopped

coriander and peanuts. □Serve with cucumber salad and fresh yoghurt.

#### **AVOID SUGAR**

The most important thing while considering detox or weight loss is to complete-

ly skip sugar. Honey or jaggery can be used as a substitute when required. Try to avoid sweets as much as possible. So think twice before having lot of *prasad*.

#### TRY SAMAK RICE AND BOTTLE GOURD KHICHADI

Barnyard millet or samak grain is a good source of protein, carbohydrate, fiber and micronutrients (iron and zinc). It also has high content of fibre which helps to keep the body feeling full. This stops the urge to consume more food and avoiding high calorie intake. Bottle gourd aids weight loss, helps in digestion and reduces stress. So here is a delicious one pot recipe combining these powerful ingredients to make a scrumptious

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- □Bottle gourd (small): 1 □Samak rice: 1 cup

⊐Green chilli: 4-5

□Rock salt and red chilli powder as per taste □Coriander

□In a pressure cooker, add *desi* ghee. ☐After ghee heats up, add chopped bottle gourd, green chillies and cook on a medium flame until soft for five to seven minutes approximately.

□Now add salt and red chilli as per taste. □After bottle gourd turns soft, wash samak rice and add. Saute for two to three minutes. □Now add luke warm water and garnish with coriander.

□Pressure cook until one whistle. □Serve with cucumber and *raita*.

Try these above tips and see some good results.

(The writer is the food and lifestyle cre-



Home-made pastries are becoming a new trend in India. It has become a form of expression, a stress relief exercise and most importantly a display of skills. As a beginner, whether you're trying to treat your loved ones after dinner or you want to impress your friends on social media, you can't afford to go wrong with a pretty Before you decide to go into a

kitchen, start with the list of baking tools you must have. We'll help you set up a baking kit for beginners. For those who already own these tools, the list may provide motivation that you need to prepare the yummiest pastries or cakes. Building your essential baking toolbox starts here:

This tool is one of the most important and has uses more than you can realise. It can be used to it, to coat dough with melted butter or egg wash or to paint milk on the top of pie crust. This is a must-

#### MEASURING CUPS

Baking is all about accuracy, so having a full set of measuring cups and spoons is a must. One

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# Bakers gonna bake Whether you're trying to treat your loved ones after dinner or you

want to impress your friends on social media, you can't afford to go wrong with a pretty cake. Here are top 10 pastry tools every home-baker should have

loaf cakes to square tins for brown-

type of cup for measuring isn't enough for baking. You will need both dry and wet measuring cups to precisely measure all the ingredients you're putting in your recipe. Most measuring spoons sets have a tablespoon, ½ teaspoon, and ¼ teaspoon, while most measuring cups come in sets with ½ cup, ½  $1/\bar{3}$  cup and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup.

Whisk is used to beat togethother things too. In particular, it's one of the best to thoroughly mix various ingredients but it is also great for stirring together a homemade custard.

#### **BAKING PAN**

From flat baking trays for cookies and loaf tins for breads and

ies and round tins for classic sponge cake, the baking pans come in different sizes and shapes. Nonstick aluminum baking pan is bet-ter than a glass one. While glass one looks more stylish and presentable, aluminum has high heat conductivity so that you cook

#### STAND MIXER

An electric stand mixer is you'll wonder how did you ever manage without it, especially when you make things like marshmallows, they require beating for 10 or more minutes. It makes your cooking easier, takes off the physical load and saves a lot of time. Most importantly, it gives a better result in the final product.

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#### ICING SPATULA It is needed to evenly spread

the cream all over the cake. It comes in different sizes and is needed as per the size/height of the cake. If you don't have an icing spatula, you can use the back, straight edge of a large knife to smooth your butter cream and then clean up the bottom of your cake plate with a paper towel. Next, take a freezer bag and fill it with your icing. Push the icing into

#### METAL BOWLS

Baking often necessitates frostings, caramels, and creams, which can be finicky if they're not kept at a steady temperature, are too warm. A frosting might not whip properly, for example, if ingredients are too warm. Metal bowls are really helpful as they are a better conductor of heat than glass.

#### SERRATED KNIFE

This is the best knife for cutting a cake in half or thirds. It will help maintain a smooth, precise cut that's perfect for when you want to add a flavourful layer of fruit jam or fluffy buttercream to a pastry or a birthday cake.
PASTRY BAG DECORATING

If you want to decorate your

pastries with rose petals or a basketweave to the top, then you'll need some pastry decorating tools. This kit contains six different shaped tips and two reusable nylon bags, which are more eco-friendly than disposable plastic bags because they can be used over and over again.

#### **GEL-BASED FOOD DYE**

Gel-based food dye is used to create vibrant pastries and cakes. ou should are id water-based dyes found in little tubes at the supermarket as these dyes are so weak they'll produce pastels in place of bold, saturated ones. Natural dye is great too, but don't expect the same results.

(The list is shared by top chefs from the Academy of Pastry & Culinary Arts.)

#### BUCKWHEAT (KUTTU ATTA) KADHI WHAT YOU NEED

- Sour yoghurt: 250 gm
- Buckwheat (kuttu atta): 1
- Curry leaf: 5-6
- Black cardamom: 1-2 Black mustard seeds: ½
- Green chillies (slit down
- the middle): 1-2, Ghee: 1 tbsp
- Himalayan pink salt
- (sendha namak) as per taste

#### **METHOD**

- Hand beat the sour yoghurt and buckwheat flour together ensuring there are no lumps.
- Heat ghee in a kadhai. Once hot, add curry leaves, black mustard seeds, black cardamom and green chillies till the ghee is fragrant.
- Turn off the flame.
- Slowly pour in the yoghurt and buckwheat while whisking continuously. This is done to avoid the yoghurt from splitting.
- Put it back on low heat while continuously whisking. Add salt. Keep whisking till



- bubbles appear, that means the yoghurt has been cooked.
- Cook it till the desired consistency, some like their kadhi thin and runny, while some like it thick. Do keep
- in mind that this will keep getting thicker as it cools down.
- Adjust seasoning and serve hot.
- Courtesy: Chef Udit Maheshwari, cofounder of Pitaara Kitchen.

#### E C NAVRATRA SPECIAL ALOO TIKKI

#### WHAT YOU NEED For tikki:

- Boiled mashed potato: 200 gm
- Chopped green chilli: 1/2
- Chopped ginger: ½ tsp Kuttu ka atta (for
- binding): 3 tbsp Chopped coriander: ½ tsp
- Senda namak to taste
- 0il For saunth:
- Amchoor powder: 50 gm



• jaggery: 80 gm

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- Fennel: ½ tsp
- Roasted cumin: 200 gm
- Black peppercorn

#### crushed: ½ tsp A pinch of senda namak

- For mint chutney:
- Mint: 50 gm
- - Pomegranate seeds: 20

  - Chopped coriander: ½ tsp

potatoes. Add chopped ginger, chillies, seasoning,

#### kuttu ka atta and mix them well to make a mixture.

- Divide the mixture into equal proportion roundles.
- Made the medallion shape (tikki shape) out of the roundles.
- Deep fry them in kadhai till they turn golden brown. Spread some beaten
- yogurt on the plate and place the tikkis over it. • Top with *saunth*, mint
- chutney and beaten yogurt. Garnish with chop coriander, beetroot juliennes

#### PANEER MAKHANI WHAT YOU NEED

- Paneer. 250 gm Tomatoes: 4-5
- Cashews: 3-4 tbsp Fresh cream: 4 tbsp
- Unsalted white butter: 2 tbsp

Oil: 2 tsp

- Cumin seeds: 1 tsp Cinnamon: 1 stick
- Cloves: 4 Green cardamoms: 2
- Black peppercorns: 5-6
- Turmeric powder: ½

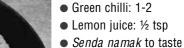
- Kashmiri red chilli powder: 1 tsp Chopped green coriander and ginger: 2
- tbsp Sugar: 2 tsp
- Sendha namak to taste

#### **METHOD**

- Boil water in a saucepan. Add cut tomatoes, ginger and cashew nuts for 10 minutes.
- Make paste of tomatoes using a blender.
  - Heat oil, add the

- cumin seeds, cinnamon, cloves, green cardamom and black peppercorns.
- Make paste of the above spices. Add turmeric powder, kashmiri red chilli powder, sugar, salt and cook the sauce on medium-high flame for
- 10 to 12 minutes. • Cut the *paneer* into cubes and add into it.
- Garnish with fresh cream and chopped coriander leaves.
- Courtesy: Executive chef Arvind Rai at The Ashok Hotel

For garnishing and plating:



Beetroot juliennes: 10

Coriander: 20 gm

- Beaten yogurt: 100 ml
- **METHOD** • In a bowl, take mashed







# Hardik gets promotion Unadkat keeps DC

Pandya finds place in A category of BCCI central contracts; Virat, Rohit, Bumrah remain in top bracket; Kuldeep, Chahal demoted

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

he star trio of India captain Virat Kohli, his white-ball deputy Rohit Sharma and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah retained their top bracket BCCI contracts, worth ₹7 crore each, while allrounder Hardik Pandya earned a promotion despite an injury-plagued

A total of 28 cricketers were awarded central contracts in four cat-At this moment in Indian crick-

et, there are only three certainties across formats and the scenario hasn't changed with Kohli, Rohit and Bumrah being the elite of All-rounder Pandya is one

of the notable promotions to Grade A, which is worth ₹5 crore, despite the fact that he endured a back injury which has prevented him from bowling for much of the last year. He was in Grade B last year. "Hardik is

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**Mukesh Sharma** 

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very much in line to play Test match-England and will be one of important players after our A+ cricketers when we play the T20 World Cup. So Hardik's promotion is about what he brings to the team. That's what the selectors have

LIST OF BCCI'S ANNUAL CONTRACTS (2020-21) GRADE A (₹ 5 CRORE) Virat Kohli

Rohit Sharma Jasprit Bumrah Losers: Kuldeep Yadav (A to C), Bhuvneshwar

Kumar (A to B), Yuzvendra Chahal (B to C) Winners: Hardik Pandya (A from B), Shardul Thakur (B from C).

GRADE C (₹1 CRORE Ravichandran Ashwin Kuldeep Yadav Navdeep Saini Cheteshwar Pujara Deepak Chahar Shubman Gill Hanuma Vihari Axar Patel Mohammed Sham Shreyas Iyer Washington Sundar Yuzvendra Chahal

Hardik Pandya GRADE B (₹3 crore) Wriddhiman Saha Umesh Yadav Bhuvneshwar Kumai Shardul Thakur Mayank Agarwal

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death of Late Sh. Didar Singh. Living intestate property. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the H.No.2823, EWS, HBC, Sector-15, Panchkula which stands in the name of Late Sh. Didar Singh S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh as per record of this office. It has been reported by the applicant that Late Sh. Didar Singh S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh who was the owner of this property died on 14-01-2015. Smt. Tarvinder Kaur W/o Late Sh. Didar Singh R/o H.No.2823, EWS, HBC, Sector-15, Panchkula have claimed/applied for the transfer for the said property in her name on the basis of death of Late Sh. Didar Singh S/o Late Sh. Pritam Singh. If anybody have any objection for the transfer of the said property in favour of the applicant they may furnish their objection in writing in the office of the undersigned within 15 days from the date of the publication of this notice falling which, this property shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

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BCCI official told PTI.

Kedar Jadhav. demotion from A to B comes in the wake of prolonged absences due to different injuries and he is no longer

an all-format regular.

Mohammed Siraj

Patel in Grade C.

New addition: Mohammed

Siraj, Shubman Gill and Axar

Miss out from last year's

list: Manish Pandey and

The biggest setback has come for left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav, who has been pushed down two notches from Grade A to C.

"Kuldeep is slowly slipping down the radar and he should consider himself lucky that he has managed to retain his contract," said the source. However Shikhar Dhawan,

who is now a certainty in only one format (ODI), has managed to remain in category A along with Test specialists Ravichandran Ashwin and Cheteshwar Pujara.

Axar Patel's 27-wicket haul against England at home has also got him back in the central contracts

Rishabh Pant, who is certainly a future A+ candidate, has retained his grade A position after a dream four months where he has singlehandedly won Test matches against Australia and England.

PTI ■ CHENNAI

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SRH on Wednesday), when

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The Australian is also king to shed the

# under check

Jaydev's brilliant spell of 3/15 restricts Delhi to 147 for 8



Rajasthan Royals pacer Jaydev Unadkat celebrates after he takes wicket of DC opener Shikhar Dhawan

PTI MUMBAI

A brilliant three-wicket burst from pacer Jaydev Unadkat helped Rajasthan Royals restrict Delhi Capitals to 147 for eight in their IPL match, here on Thursday.

Unadkat (3/15 off 4 overs) dismissed Prithvi Shaw, Shikhar Dhawan and Ajinkya Rahane to trigger DC's top-order collapse from which they never recovered fully.

Captain Rishabh Pant's blistering 32-ball 51, studded with nine fours, was not enough as DC could only post a modest total after being put in to bat. DC made a disastrous start as they were

two wickets down for 16 runs in the fourth over with Unadkat dismissing the opening duo of Shaw (2) and Dhawan (9) cheaply. Shaw was the first to go in the second over,

caught at backward point before Dhawan perished while attempting a ramp shot with RR captain and wicketkeeper Sanju Samson taking a stunning diving catch to his right.

Ajinkya Rahane's (8) underwhelming IPL 21.

form continued as he offered an easy caught and bowled chance to Unadkat with a slow ball that clocked just 110km per hour.

DC were 36 for 3 at the end of power-play but the slump continued as Marcus Stonis (0), foxed by a Mustafizur Rahman (2/29) delivery, checked his shot at the last minute to offer a running catch to Jos Buttler.

The run rate started increasing once captain Pant came to the crease but still DC were 57 for 4 at the halfway mark.

Once he had a full measure of the pitch, Pant opened up and hit four boundaries, three of which were consecutive, to take 20 runs from the 11th over bowled by Rahul Tewatia.

Pant, in excellent form this year, reached to his fifty off 30 balls in the 12th over, with a four off Mustafizur but he was run out the next over with bowler Riyan Parag's throw crashing onto the stumps.

Delhi were 88 for 5 then.

After Pant's exit, Tom Curran gave some respectability to the DC innings with a 16-ball

posted on their website.

**boundary**meter

**208 6**s 80

**PLAYER** 1. Nitish Rana (KKR)

2. Sanju Samson (RR) 3. Manish Pandey (SRH)

1. Harshal Patel (RCB) 2. Andre Russell (KKR) 6 3. Rashid Khan (SRH)

**RUNS** 

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1. Sanju Samson (RR) 2. Deepak Hooda (PBKS) 3. Nitish Rana (KKR)

### SUMMER SLAM

MOTION PICTURE



SURFING THEIR WAY: Mumbai Indians' foreign recruits Trent Boult, left, and Chris Lynn spend time in Chennai beach on Thursday enjoying water sport

#### **MULANI 1ST COVID BACK-UP**

Delhi Capitals on Thursday roped in young Mumbai leftarm spinner Shams Mulani as IPL's first short term Covid-19 replacement as he was brought in for Axar patel, who is yet to recover from the dreaded virus and is still in a medical care facility. DC also has substituted injured captain Shrevas Iver with Karnataka off-spinner Aniruddha Joshi. Mulani is a left-handed lower middleorder batsman and a slow left-arm orthodox bowler. The 24-year-old has an economy rate of 6.92 in 25 T20 games and a highest score of 73. He will not be permitted to represent another IPL franchise this season once he leaves the Delhi Capitals.

#### **KOHLI REPRIMANDED FOR DISSENT**

RCB captain Virat Kohli has been reprimanded for breaching the IPL's Code of Conduct after he was seen kicking a chair in frustration following his dismissal in the game against SRH. He was not at his fluent best in the game and ended up with 33 off 29 balls.

#### SHAHBAZ JUSTIFIES HIS SELECTION RCB pacer Mohammad Siraj feels that spin bowling all-

rounder Shahbaz Ahmed has justified his selection in the playing eleven, following a match-winning performance against SRH. Ahmed picked up three wickets in an over to stage a remarkable turnaround fo RCB on Wednesday night. "Both Shahbaz Ahmed and Rajat Patidar (who played the last game) have been brilliant in the practice games," Sirai said in the postmatch conference, "Shahbaz, as an all-rounder, gives us that extra ontion with his left-arm spin. The wicket was slow and turning also. Shahbaz Ahmed fitted into it for this game and did the job for us," he added.

**ALL-WIN DAY AT YOUTH WORLDS** 

championships in Kielce, Poland with two from the women's contingent — Poonam (57kg) and Vinka (60kg) advancing to the quarterfinals after clinching dominating triumphs. In the men's draw, Asian youth

KOHLI WISDEN 2010S ODI PLAYER

**LONDON:** India captain Virat Kohli has been named Wisden Almanack's ODI player of the 2010s, while England all-rounder Ben Stokes was declared the 'Cricketer of the Year' for a second successive time by the highly-rated annual publication. Apart from Kohli, Wisden also named Sachin Tendulkar as the ODI Cricketer of the 1990s. India's World Cup winning former captain Kapil Dev too featured on the list when he was named as the ODI Cricketer for the 1980s.

**ALMATY:** Scripting a sensational comeback, an

In the 2020 edition held in the UAE, Maxwell endured a dismal run with then Kings XI Punjab, scoring 108 runs from 13 matches at 15.42.

Katich impressed with mature Maxi

needed some quick runs," said

The 32-year-old, who was also struggled to get the team over the line on many a Punjab franyear's auction.

RCB franchise this season. right time. He has really embraced

chise finally gave up on the Aussie ahead of this But Katich said he has been multi-faceted with "He's been magnificent. He's had a big role for us, first in the field helping Virat out there with field positioning to have the right guys in the right places at the

it," Katich said

in a video

tice, worked with him on that aspect of our game because we know that's an area we have to keep being good and really open up "He's been brilliant there but the big thing is obviously being with the bat. Both the times he's given him-

guys under his wing at fielding prac-

"He's taken a lot of the young

self a chance to get in stick to his The head coach also hailed the

spirit shown by the team in defending the modest total against SRH.

'It's certainly obviously gets tense, but I think spirit with which we played that was fantastic in both games, so regardless of result we're really proud of the way they go about it.

"The fact that we got over the line both times is great. If we hadn't got over the line, then the fact that we fought really hard and stayed in the contest as long as we did, particularly tonight, when Warner and Pandey were putting on a very good partnership, and things were in their favour."

POINTS TABLE							
			Р	W	L	NRR	PTS
1		RCB	2	2	0	+0.175	4
2	-	DC	1	1	0	+0.779	2
3	NOWNE	MI	2	1	1	+0.225	2
4	6	PBKS	1	1	0	+0.200	2
5	à	KKR	2	1	1	+0.000	2
6		RR	1	0	1	-0.200	0
7	*	SRH	2	0	2	-0.400	0
8	10	CSK	1	0	1	-0.779	0

# **short** passes

NEW DELHI: It was a second successive allwin day for Indian boxers at the youth world Silver-medallist Ankit Narwal (64kg), Vishal Gupta (91kg) and Vikas (52kg) also advance.

**SARITA RETAINS TITLE** 

aggressive Sarita Mor reeled off nine straight points in the summit clash to retain her Asian Championship title in 59kg while Seema Bisla (50kg) and Pooja (76kg) settled for Bronze medals at the continental C'ship. Mor lagged 1-7 after a botched up challenge but turned it around with a tremendous fight back. Agencies

# Foden takes Man City to semis **AFP** ■ DORTMUND Manchester City set up a block-buster Champions League

semi-final against Paris Saint-Germain as Phil Foden's second-half winner sealed a 2-1 victory at Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday to send the Premier League leaders through 4-2 on aggregate.

England midfielder Jude Bellingham gave Dortmund an early lead, but a second-half Riyad Mahrez penalty and Foden's powerful strike moved City into the last four of Europe's top club competition for the second time. Having also scored the 90th-

minute winner to give City a 2-1 victorv in last week's first leg in Manchester, England international Foden again broke Dortmund hearts. 'We are finally in the semi-finals

and we're really happy," Guardiola told *Sky* with his team bidding to win four titles this season. 'The guys deserve it because

what they have achieved this season

is incredible. Guardiola was full of praise for Mauricio Pochettino's PSG after they reached the last four by squeez-

Pep Guardiola celebrates with Phil Foden after Manchester City's win in CL semis

ing past holders Bayern Munich on REAL THROUGH

away goals.
"We saw yesterday how strong they (PSG) are, Neymar is an excellent player and they have eliminated the world's best team," said

Guardiola. "It's time to celebrate and drink a lot of wine, then prepare to face Chelsea (in the FA Cup semi-finals

Jurgen Klopp bemoaned

Liverpool's inability to turn dominance into goals as Real Madrid held out for a 0-0 draw at Anfield to progress to the semifinals of the Champions League 3-1 on aggregate. Mohamed Salah and Georginio

Wijnaldum were guilty of wasting glorious opportunities to get Klopps men back into the tie.

### NOTE: 1. It is compulsory for all voters to bring their Society Passbook / other Photo ID. 2. Out of 07 Committee members which has to be elected at least two women members, one S.C. out of these 7 committee members which has to be elected five me

agri. members Sd/- Returning Officer
Assistant Registrar Coop. Societies, Kurukshetra

#### Agri. members and two from non-agri. members Assistant Registrar Coop. Societies, Kurukshetra **ELECTION PROGRAMME** Election programme for The Managing Committee Service Society Ltd., Bodni to be held on 15.05.2021.

Sr. No. **Particulars** Exhibition of the list of voters as 1. Office of A.R.C,S required under Sub para (2) of Rule 35 to 26.04.2021 **2.** At the Regd. Office of the Society 3. Concerned Sale Point of the society 4. Concerned Branch C.B. Inspector Pehowa -II 30.04.2021 In the Office of Assista Hearing of objections on the list of

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para rule (4) of Rule 35 12:00 pm Societies Kurukshetra Filling of Nomination Papers 03.05.2021, 10 am to 2 pm Scrutiny of Nomination Papers 04.05.2021, 10 am to 13:00 pm 04.05.2021, 2:00 pm Display of List of Validly nominated -do-Withdrawals of Nomination Candidates 06.05.2021, 10 am to 2 pm -do-06.05.2021, 3:00 pm to 4 pm -do-Allocation of election symbols Display of list of contesting candidates -do-15.05.2021 08 am to 04 pm Taking of Poll (if necessary)

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