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EC slaps 24-hour ban on Mamata

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

The EC said, "In fact, it is a matter of deep regret that a media narrative was sought to be weaved hour after hour to misguide the biggest stakeholder which is the voters by a candidate who also happens to be the CM of the State. At least this should have been appreciated that the sideshow was fraught with immense potential to have adverse impact on law and order across West Bengal and may be some other States. And all this was being done when the election process was/is on. There could not have been a greater misdemeanour," it said.

Lashing out at the EC order, Mamata said she would stage a dharna in the city on Tuesday in protest. The TMC questioned why only Mamata has been punished and BJP leaders left off hook

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

India's daily rise outnumbers US-Brazil total

India records over 1.6 lakh new cases; total count increases 20 fold since Feb 1

A mid horror stories of dead bodies piling up in hospitres running out of beds and ventilators, India's Covid-19 count grew by over 1.6 lakh, going past the US and Brazil combined. India now has the second-highest number of cases in the world with the total crossing 1.36 crore, behind the US which has reported 3 crore cases so far.

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

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

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

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

bling and tripling at an alarm-Continued on Page 2 | ing speed. From 8,579 cases on



woman to test for Covid-19 at a hospital in Hyderabad on Monday AP

February 1, it has taken just ten weeks for the country to see a 20-time spike in the daily number of cases, a record of sorts across the world. Meanwhile, on the second

day of countrywide Tika Utsav (vaccination festival), India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage went past the 10.50 crore mark on Monday. Eight States account for 60.13 per cent of the total doses given so far in the country, according to the Union Health Ministry data. The first day of Tika Utsav on Sunday saw the administration of 30 lakh vaccination doses at 63,800 Covid Vaccination

Centres across the country. Continued on Page 2

TOTAL CASES: 1,36,86,073 (+1,60,694) DEATHS: 1,71,089 (+880) **RECOVERED:**

1,22,50,440 (+96,727)

ACTIVE: 12,58,906 MAHARASHTRA: 34,58,996

KERALA: 11,72,883

KARNATAKA: 10,74,869

TAMIL NADU: 9,40,145

DELHI: 7,36,688 (+11,491)

14 hospitals in Delhi turned into **Covid facilities**

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

Sputnik V gets DCGI expert panel approval

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

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

Government said that the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the DCGI on Monday took up the application of Dr Reddy's Laboratories seeking emer-

gency use authorisation for Sputnik V. The DCGI will take a final call on the recommen-

dation. The vaccine would be imported from Russia for emergency use in the country, the sources said. The DCGI has already given the emergency use authorisation for two Covid19

vaccines — Covaxin of Bharat Biotech and Covishield of Oxford-AstraZeneca manufactured by Serum Institute of India in Pune.

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Night curfew imposed on Haryana

Chandigarh: The Haryana Government on Monday imposed night curfew on the State amid a surge in coronavirus cases. "Night curfew between 9 pm and 5 am will be imposed from tonight and will remain in force till further orders," Haryana Health Minister Anil Vii said

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

Lucknow: UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed officials to be on their toes to control the exponential spread of Covid-19 across the State. The CM made it clear that neither his Government will impose another lockdown nor let the people die in misery.

SC rejects plea of **Shia Waqf ex-chief** on Quran's verses, imposes ₹50K fine

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday termed as "absolutely frivolous" a petition filed by former UP Shia Waqf Board chairman Waseem Rizvi es from the holy Quran and dismissed it with a cost of ₹50,000.

A Bench of Justices RF Nariman BR Gavai and Hrishikesh Roy rejected the petition in which Rizvi alleged that these 26 verses of Quran promoted terrorism. In his plea, Rizvi has stated

that Islam is based on the concepts of equity, equality, forgiveness and tolerance but due to extreme interpretations of the said verses of the holy book, the religion has been drifting away from the basic tenets.

The plea of Rizvi has drawn massive backlash with several Muslim outfits and Islamic clerics

Last month, an FIR was registered in Bareilly against Rizvi for allegedly hurting religious sentiments of Muslims with his petition in the top

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

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

PNS NEW DELHI

Spooked by the grim Covid-19 scenario and slashing down of India's growth outlook by multiple rating agencies, investors on Monday went for heavy selling of equity in banking, finance, and auto counters, triggering a huge collapse which saw Sensex crashing by over 1,707 points.

In more bad news on the economic front, India's retail inflation rose to a four-month high of 5.52 per cent in March as food prices soared, according to the Government data released on Monday. The consumer price index (CPI)-based inflation was 5.03 per cent in the previous month (February 2021) and was 5.91 per cent in the same month last year



Food inflation accelerated to 4.94 per cent in March, as compared to 3.87 per cent in February. Inflation in "fuel and light" category remained elevated at 4.50 per cent during March compared to 3.53 per cent in February

At the same time, the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) contracted 3.6 per cent for February 2021, showed data released by the Ministry of



Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

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

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

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

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

n in the state.

Announcing this,

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

Varsha said keeping in mind the schedule of entrance exams for professional courses, Class 12 exams will be held by end of May, while Class 10 exams will be in June. "We're closely monitoring the health situation. Fresh dates for these exams will be announced

No meals in less than 2 hours flight: **Aviation Ministry**

To minimise risk of Covid infection

PNS NEW DELHI

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

However, there are no restrictions on serving meals on international flights as of now. Airlines are permitted to serve only pre-packed snacks, meals, and pre-packed beverages on flights that have duration of more than two hours.

The airline operating flights on domestic sectors may provide meal services onboard, wherein the flight duration is two hours or more..." MoCA's Joint Secretary Usha Padhee said in an office accordingly," she said.

Continued on Page 2 memorandum on Monday, which marked to the memorandum on Monday,



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

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

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

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

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

On March 24, the Centre had said 50 persons chosen by the Waqf board can be allowed to pray at the mosque during the 'shab-e-barat" holiday. Advocate Rajat Nair, appearing for the Centre, told the court on Monday that offering of prayers at the mosque during Ramzan should be subject to the guidelines issued by the Delhi Disaster Management Authority with regard to social distancing and other Covid precautions.

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CAPSULE

HOLD POLLS FOR 3 RS SEATS IN KERALA: HC **Kochi:** The Kerala High Court on Monday Directed the Election Commission to hold the biennia election to the three Raiva Sabha seats from Kerala from the present State Assembly

SUSHIL CHANDRA APPOINTED CEC New Delhi: Election

Commissioner Sushil Chandra was on Monday appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner, the Law Ministry said. Chandra will assume charge on April 13.

CBI CALLS DESHMUKH FOR

QUESTIONING TOMORROW New Delhi: The CBI has called former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh for questioning on Wednesday in

connection with allegations of corruption levelled against him by former Mumbai Police commissioner Param Bir Singh and suspended officer Sachin Waze, officials said

Despite Covid fear, Kumbh Shahi Snan retains its charm At 31 lakh taking holy dip, number falls by two-thirds

on such occasion

PNS HARIDWAR

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m ore\ than\ 31\ lakh\ devotees\ from}$ reached Haridwar on Monday to take a holy dip in the river Ganga at various ghats in the city on the occasion of Somvati Amavasya

It is the second Shahi Snan of Maha Kumbh which is being organised here after 12 years

While Har Ki Pauri, considered the holiest of the ghats, was reserved exclusively for the Akhadas from 7 am onwards, common people also took the holy dip on the other ghats of the Ganga, revered by millions as a god-

The seers of different Akhadas, led Shahi Snan. Due to implementation of by their Mahamandaleshwaras, took the Covid standard operating proce-

out grand Shobha Yatras through the main thoroughfare of the pilgrimage city to gather at Brahma Kund.

As per the sequence set by the Akhil Bharatiya Akhada Parishad (ABAP), Sadhus of the Niranjani Akhada reached Har Ki Pauri first for the holy dip. They were also accompanied by members of the Anand Akhada.

The last king of Nepal, Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah too took a holy dip along with Sadhus of the Niranjani Akhada. This was followed by the Juna Akhada along with Sadhus of the Agni and Ahwahan Akhadas who were also accompanied by members of the Kinnar Akhada. This was followed by the Juna Akhada along with Sadhus of the Agni and Ahwahan Akhadas who were also accompanied by members of the Kinnar Akhada. The procession of the Akhadas was

directed via the highway to Har Ki

Pauri amidst tight security. Being Covid positive, the ABAP head

Narendra Giri was unable to attend the

around 1 crore devotees.

masks or observing social distancing, the seers took a dip in the river as they were showered with flower petals from helicopters flying above on behalf of the Uttarakhand Government. Meanwhile, the authorities had

ings from where 262 shuttle buses were At the ghats, the police acted on the principle of 'Teen Dubki-Ek Snan' (three dips- one bath) in order to manage the crowds of devotees. At the same

devotees at the Haridwar border with 26 of these coming out positive. At the same time, 2,758 people and 357 vehicles were turned back in absence of Covid test reports.

dures (SOPs), the number of devotees was less compared to past Kumbhs where such occasions would attract Marching barefoot to their destination with many of them not wearing

directed the vehicles to various park-

time, challans were issued to about 83 people for not following the Covid guidelines in the Mela area.

Till 3 pm the authorities had conducted 9,678 Covid tests on arriving



Devotees take a holy dip in the Ganga during Kumbh Mela in Haridwar on Monday

VP, PM to interact with **Guv** tomorrow

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with Governors of various states on April 14 on the COVID-19 situation, sources said on Monday.

It would be the first meeting of this kind during the pandemic and has been convened amid the Centre looking to push for stronger adherence to the pandemic protocols among across

The development comes days after Modi in a virtual

Judge who gave

'Up-lokayukta'

appointed

Babri case verdict

Lucknow: Retired judge

Surendra Kumar Yadav, who

gave the verdict in the high-

profile Babri mosque demoli-

tion case, took oath as an 'up-

lokayukta in Uttar Pradesh on

Monday.

"Yadav was appointed as third 'up-lokayukta' by the

Governor on April 6. On

Monday, Yadav was adminis-

tered oath by Lokayukta Sanjay

Mishra in the presence of other

senior officers," an official

watchdog comprises the

Lokayukta and three 'up-

court, Yadav gave the verdict in

the Babri mosque demolition

case on Sep 30, 2020, acquitting

all the accused including BJP

veterans LK Advani, MM Joshi,

Uma Bharti and Kalyan Singh

non-political background and

functions as a statutory author-

ity probing into cases primar-

ily related to corruption, gov-

ernment mismanagement, or

abuse of power by public ser-

vants or ministers.

The Lokayukta is from a

The anti-corruption

As a judge of special CBI

statement said here.

lokayuktas'.

had called for the involvement of governors in handling the pandemic and also of person-alities from different fields to push compliance with COVIDappropriate behaviour and pandemic management guidelines, including for providing vaccination to eligible people.

The meeting comes amid a surge in COVID-10 cases across the country. India hit a new coronavirus infection record with 1,68,912 cases, taking the total tally of cases to 1,35,27,717, according to the health ministry data updated

2 children run

home, traced

Erode (TN):Two children, who

ran away from their house

here as they were not allowed

by their grandfather to step out

for fear of contracting coron-

avirus, were traced within 12

hours, police said on Monday.

The boy (7) and his sister (12) - children of working par-

ents packed their clothes and

left home on Saturday after-

noon. They ran away while the

father and mother were at

orphans in search of jobs in petty

half kilometres, they went to an

old woman's house and asked

the two remained there and

the two, after returning from

work, found them missing and

footage and enquiry, the police

traced the children to the aged

woman's house on Sunday and

handed over the boy and girl to their parents.

slept, the police said.

sought police help.

ops and tea stalls, they said.

After walking three-and-a-

She gave them food and

Meanwhile, the parents of

With the help of CCTV

The two said they were

work, the police said.

in 12 hours

away from

Consider setting up

he Nagpur Bench of

The Nagpur Benefit Court on Monday asked the

Maharashtra Government to

consider setting up a unit or plant for production of oxy-gen at Nagpur for Covid-19

A division Bench of Justices Z A Haq and A B

Borkar was hearing a public

interest litigation taken up suo

motu (on its own) last year on

the availability of medicines

and Remdivisir injections in

Nagpur amid the ĆOVID-19

matter urgently now looking

at the situation prevailing

today and we are trying to

find out solutions with the

help of different authorities,"

appointed by the court for

assistance, raised the issue of

shortage of oxygen cylinders which was refuted by the

Advocate S P Bhandarkar,

unit of the Food and

Administration

"We are taking up this

oxygen plant in

HC to Maha

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patients

pandemic.

Nagpur

state's

Drugs

Nagpur: Bombay

Maha Covid cases drop by 11,500, records 51,751 cases, deaths fall from 349 to 258

people discharged from the

hospitals since the second week

of March last year went up to

28,34,473. The recovery rate in

the state for the first time in

several days increased from

81.65 per cent to 8.94 per cent.

"active cases" total cases in the

state dropped from 5,65,587 to 5,64,746 cases. The fatality

rate in the state dropped from

SC notice to Centre,

others on plea raising

issue of discrimination

New Delhi: The Supreme Court

Monday asked the Centre and

others to reply to a plea seek-

ing directions to establish a welfare board for transgen-

ders and to appoint a commit-tee to promptly probe reports of their alleged gross abuse by

A Bench headed by Chief

Justice S A Bobde agreed to

hear the plea filed by a

Mumbai-based organisation

which has said that transgen-

ders should be treated with the

same dignity and respect as

others while claiming that they

have suffered discrimination

for ages and are deprived of

social and cultural participa-

said the bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V

ducted through video-confer-

encing, advocate C R Jaya

Sukin, who appeared for the

petitioner, said that it is a sen-

sitive matter and the welfare

board for transgenders was

needed to address their social

Ramasubramanian.

welfare issues.

"We are issuing notice,"

During the hearing con-

the police.

against transgenders

1.70 per cent to 1.68 per cent.

With 43 fresh deaths, the

Similarly, the number of

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI:

In some relief to the health Lauthorities in the worst pandemic-hit state of Maharashtra, the number of Covid-19 infections dropped by more than 11,500 cases on Monday, while the daily Coronavirus deaths also came down by 91.

A day after the state logged an all-time high of 63,294 infections and 349 deaths, the number of new cases came down to 51,751, while the daily deaths dropped to 258. The drop in the number of infections is being seen as a fallout of the effective implementation of Covid-19 restrictions across

With 51,751 fresh cases, the

total infections climbed from Covid-19 toll in Mumbai rose 3,40,7245 to 3,45,8996 Similarly, from 12,023 to 12066, while with 258 new deaths, the total the infected cases went up by Covid-19 toll rose from 57,987 6893to trigger a jump in the to 58,245. As 52,312 patients infections from 5,20,498 to were discharged from the hos-While Pune accounted for pitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of

a maximum 1,10,000 "active cases" in the state, Mumbai stood second with 89,125 active cases, followed by Thane (75,683), Nagpur (59,756), Nashik (37,760), Aurangabad Ahmednagar (15542),(13,107), Nanded (11,427), Bhandara (11362), Jalgaon (10694), Latur (10,456) Buldhana (8193), Parbhani (7824), Beed (7472)Nandurbar (7181)Chandrapur (6331) and Gondia (5263).

MP HC grants bail to woman to look after her hospitalised son

Indore: The Madhya Pradesh High Court's Indore Bench on Monday ordered the release of a 23-year-old woman, arrested in connection with an illicit liquor case, on bail to enable her to take care of her eight-month-old son who is currently hospitalised.

The High Court especially sat on a holiday to hear the bail plea of the woman.

While hearing the case, Justice Sujoy Paul of the Indore bench directed to release Khushi Yadav immediately from a local jail on the bail of Rs 30,000 and a surety of the equal amount.

"Considering the fact that applicant has a small child, who is already hospitalised, without expressing any conclusive opinion on the merits of the case, I deem it proper to enlarge the applicant on bail. Accordingly, the bail application is allowed," Justice Paul noted.

India's...

From page 1 As on Monday cumulatively, 10,45,28,565 vaccine doses have been administered through 15.56.361 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 AM. These include 90,13,289 healthcare workers (HCWs) who have taken the 1st dose and 55,24,344 HCWs who have taken the 2nd dose. 99.96.879 frontline workers (FLWs) (1stdose), 47,95,756 FLWs (2nddose), 4,05,30,321 1st dose beneficiaries and 19.42.705 2nd dose beneficiaries more than 60 rs old and 3 20 46 911 /1c dose) and 6,78,360 (2nd dose)

beneficiaries aged 45 to 60.

criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits. Twelve of the 23 (52 per

28% candidates contesting Bengal's phase-6 polls

have declared criminal cases, says ADR report

cent) CPI(M) candidates, 20 of the 43 (47 per cent) BJP candidates, 20 of the 43 (47 per cent) TMC candidates and four of the 12 (33 per cent) Congress candidates analysed have declared serious criminal cases against them-

The report further said 19 candidates have declared cases related to crime against

"Of the 19, one has declared cases related to rape (IPC section 376)," it said.

The report further said criminal cases and 71 (23 per five candidates have declared cases related to murder (IPC section 302) and 22 have declared cases related to attempt to murder (IPC section 307) against themselves.

Twelve of the 43 constituencies that will go to polls in the sixth phase are "red-alert" constituencies.

"Red-alert" constituencies are those where three or more candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.

Of the 306 candidates, 66

candidates have declared (22 per cent) are crorepatis, the report said.

Twenty-eight of the 43 (65 per cent) TMC candidates, 19 of the 43 (44 per cent) BJP candidates, two of the 12 (25 per cent) Congress candidates and four of the 23 (17 per cent) CPI(M) candidates analysed have declared assets valued at more than Rs one crore.

The report also said 129 (42 per cent) candidates have declared their educational qualification to be between the 5th and 12th standards, while 165 (54 per cent) have declared an educational qualification of graduate or above. Four candidates are diploma holders, seven are just literate while one is illiterate.

Eighty-five (28 per cent) candidates have declared their age to be between 25 and 40 years, while 162 (53 per cent) have declared their age to be between 41 and 60 years. There are 59 (19 per cent) candidates who have declared their age to be between 61 and 80 years.

The report said 27 (nine per cent) female candidates are contesting in the sixth phase of the West Bengal Assembly polls.

Sputnik V...

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Of the 306 candidates contesting in the sixth phase

of the West Bengal Assembly

polls, 28 per cent have declared

criminal cases against them-

selves, according to a report by

poll rights group Association

for Democratic Reforms

The West Bengal Election Watch and the ADR have

analysed the self-sworn affi-

davits of all the 306 candidates

in 43 constituencies, who are

contesting in the sixth phase of

the West Bengal polls to be held

(28 per cent) have declared

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criminal cases against them-

ties, 14 of the 23 (61 per cent)

candidates from the

Communist Party of India

(Marxist), 25 of the 43 (58 per

cent) candidates from the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP),

24 of the 43 (56 per cent) can-

didates from the Trinamool

Congress (TMC) and five of

the 12 (42 per cent) Congress

Among the major par-

selves," the ADR said.

Of the 306 candidates, 87

on April 22.

In September last year, Dr Reddy's partnered with the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) to conduct clinical trials of Sputnik V and for its distribution rights in India.

Sputnik V uses two different disarmed strains of the adenovirus, a virus that causes the common cold, as vectors to deliver the vaccine dose. It is 91.6% effective against symptomatic Covid-19 in the interim analysis of phase 3 clinical trial, which included data on 19,866 volunteers in Russia. Following record increase

in Covid cases and in view of the shortage of two vaccines-Covishield and Covaxin which are being administered presently under the nationwide vaccination programme, health experts had been asking the Government to give approval to other shots as well to meet the vaccine need in the coun-

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had exhorted the States to ramp up the vaccination drive against the deadly COVID-19 infection by launching the four-day "Tika Utsav" (vaccination festival) that kicked off on Sunday. PM Modi in his meeting with Chief Ministers and representatives of all States and Union Territories (UTs) had said that India should focus on mass-scale vaccination and micro-containment zones to control the spread of the pandemic.

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Nair also told the court

Nizamuddin Markaz...

that the names of the officebearers and other staff who will be running, managing and dealing with the day-today operational issues of the mosque be given to the Station House Officer (SHO) concerned and these persons would be permitted to be present there throughout the day during the holy month.

Senior advocate Ramesh Gupta and Nair also told the court that a joint inspection would be carried out on Monday itself by the SHO of police station Hazrat Nizamuddin and the office bearers of the mosque.

would be carried out in the presence of advocate Wajeeh

Shafiq, the lawyer for the Waqf board, and a member of the Board — Himal Akhtar. 'The exercise of measur-

ing the area of the mosque where the devotees can offer namaz five times in the day, will be carried out today itself and as per the guidelines issued by the DDMA, keeping the distances required to be maintained, blocks will be made at the place where the prayer mats can be put for the devotees to offer namaz," they told the court.

They also said CCTV cameras would be installed on Tuesday to ensure safety and security of the premises and the persons coming there to offer prayers.

Taking note of these submissions, the court listed the natter for further hearing on

The board, in its plea, has

contended that even after unlock-1 guidelines permitted religious places outside containment zones to be opened, the markaz — comprising the Masjid Bangley Wali, Madarsa Kashif-ul-uloom and attached hostel -- continues to be locked up.

It has further contended that even if the premises was part of any criminal investigation or trial, keeping it under lock as an out of bound area" was a "primitive method" of enquiry process.

An FIR has been regis-

tered under the Epidemic Diseases Act, the Disaster Management Act, Foreigners Act and various provisions of the penal code in connection with the Tablighi Jamaat event held at the markaz and the there during the Covid-19

Paid Online Through

For: Director General of Police M.P.

lockdown.

No meals...

From page 1 "Airlines are permitted to serve only pre-packed snacks, meals and pre-packed beverages on flights that have a duration of more than two hours, subject to the conditions set up, plates and cutlery will be completely disposable with no re-use, or cleaned and disinfected rotables will be used; Used disposable trays/crockery's /cutleries shall not be used; In all classes, tea/coffee/alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverage services will be in disposable cans/containers/bottles glasses and there will be no pouring service. The servicing of in-flight meals must be staggered among the adjacent seats as far as possible," it added. The Ministry asked airlines to inform passengers before the start of catering services by way of passenger announcements. The Ministry noted that

currently three strains of the

SARS-CoV-2, which causes the coronavirus disease, currently in circulation in India have been detected in various countries. "All three variants of the UK, South Africa and Brazil have demonstrated increased transmissibility, as reported by the World Health Organization. Meanwhile in India, the number of Covid-19

India has overtaken Brazil to become the second-most affected country globally in terms of Covid cases, after the USA. India's overall tally reached 1.35 crore, surpassing Brazil's 1.34 crore cases.

When scheduled domestic flights were resumed on May 25 after coronavirus lockdown last year, the Ministry had allowed the airlines to serve inflight meals under certain conditions. Meanwhile, the surge in cases has prompted Air India to opt for 100 per cent pre-flight testing for crew operating nonstops to US, UK, Canada and Australia. Air India has also started postflight testing for crew on flights from UAE, UK and Europe.

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RWS&S Division, Balangir

At. 11.00 Hrs

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Balangir District.

04. Eligible Class of Contractor: - " B & A Class" Contractor.

Identification

01 of 2021-22

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06. Other Details

Sensex...

From page 1 Meanwhile, the power generation grew by 0.1 per cent in February. The stock market remained

in the grips of bears throughout the day. In fact, Sensex before it recovered marginally to settle 1,375.27 points or 4.61 per cent lower at 28,440.32. Similarly, the NSE Nifty fell 379.15 points, or 4.38

percent, to close at 8,281.10. Bajaj Finance was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, tanking nearly 12 per cent, followed by HDFC, Tata Steel, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and Maruti, which shed up to 10.92

per cent. Only six Sensex constituents ended in the green, led by Tech Mahindra (4.94 percent), Nestle (4.49 percent), Axis Bank (2.50 percent) and HUL (2.19 percent). News agency PTI quoted

Narendra Solanki, Head-Equity Research (Fundamental), Anand Rathi, as saying, "Indian markets started the week on a negative note tracking volatile global cues in Asian markets as coronavirus-fuelled volatility gripped global equities and other financial markets, with

oil prices seen plunging," Fitch Solutions slashed its estimate for India's GDP growth in the fiscal starting April 1 to 4.6 per cent due to weaker private consumption and contraction in investment amid the coronavirus outbreak, costing economies around the globe.

India Ratings and Research too revised its FY21 GDP percent from 5.5 percent.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) had on Friday said the world has entered a recession as bad or worse than in 2009.

"As expected, the markets have set aside the stimulus measures announced by the RBI and the Government, and focused on the rising virus infections and its impact on the Indian economy.

"With a global recession already declared by the IMF, the recessionary forces and the general uncertainty are forcing investors, especially the FIIs, to redeem their investments. CPI for Industrial workers is due tomorrow, although it is unlikely to have an effect in the current market scenario," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research Geojit Financial Services.

BSE realty, finance, bankex, auto and telecom indices tumbled up to 7.01 per cent, while healthcare and FMCG ended with gains.

Health is priority! Maha...

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10 and 12 board examinations was taken after consultations with various stakeholders - students, teachers, parents, elected representatives from across parties, academicians & tech giants — in the wake of rising coronavirus cases. "I also thank

tweeted."During the consultations, various alternative assessment options were evaluated keeping the health, well-being and future of our students in mind. Postponing exams seemed to be the most pragmatic solution," the Minister said.

Varsha said the State Government would be writing to the CBSE, ICSE, IB, Cambridge boards, requesting them to reconsider their exams dates. It may be recalled that on April 3, the Maharashtra Government had — as a consequence of the severe Covid-19 that the State is reeling under — announced that all State board students from Class 1 and 8 would be promoted to the next without any examination.

Class 1 to Class 8 will be promoted to the next class without any examinations," she had tweeted.

The Minister said the decision to postpone the Classes

@cmomaharashtra for his guidance & approval," she

"In view of the ongoing situation due to #Covid 19, all State board students across Maharashtra State from

EC slaps 24-hour ban...

From page 1
"Bengal won't tolerate your arrogance, tolabaaz, cut money syndicate because people want 'asol poribartan' (real change)," he said adding "Didi has been talking about Khela Hobey but the truth is Khela for her is Shesh (ended)... on May 2 Didi Jacchhe (going)," said the PM.

Lapping up a proverbial "full toss" delivery during election times proffered by one of Mamata Banerjee's lieutenants Sujata Mondal Khan who reportedly equated the State's dalits with beggars, the Prime Minister said "Didi's nominees abuse Bengal's dalit people calling them beggars... Nobody thought that such words would be said in Bengal and by someone so close to the Chief Minister," wondering why Banerjee would not apologise for the statement given by one of her lieutenants.

The Prime Minister on Monday held rallies in Nadia and North 24 Parganas districts both of which have overwhelming SC population. In an interview, Sujata Mondal had alleged attacked the SC community saying that, "the SCs here (in Bengal) are beggars by nature. Even after getting so much of service from Mamata Banerjee, they are selling their votes to the BJP." Incidentally the speaker herself is come from the same community. Once again using the "Didi-o-Didi" dig that has been objected to by the TMC leaders as base he asked "is calling anyone Didi o Didi wrong or humiliating ... it is giving honour to someone ... I have seen in the WhatsApp how little children are using the same Didi o Didi

lines these days..."

Saying that the Chief Minister had been "bowled out" from the day elections started from Nandigram, the Prime Minister said the Chief Minister had betrayed the people of Bengal after she came to power with the slogan Maa-Maati Manush (motherly mother land and human beings). He said the voters of Bengal had hit so many fours and sixes that BJP had already completed a century (of seats) in the first 4 phases of Assembly polls. "They have wiped out the Trinamool in half the match (aadhe mein poora saaf)," he said. 'She ruled Bengal in the name of

Maa Maati Manush for 10 years ... and she has done such a mess that now instead of listing her success she is only using the name of Modi, Modi, Modi, he said.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, केन्द्रीय भण्डार, उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान जल भवन, 'बी' ब्लाक, नेहरु कालोनी, देहरादून पत्रांकः- 13/ई-निविदा/2021-22 उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान की ओर से केन्द्रीय भण्डार, देहरादून द्वारा निम्न कार्यों हेतु ई-निविदा, टू-बिड सिस्टम (तकनीकी बिड एवं कार्मिशियल बिड) आधार पर निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं :-निविदा प्रपत्र ईं–निविदा द्वारा निविदा तकनीनी बिंड निविदा प्रि–बिंड मीटिंग डाउनलोड करने की प्रपत्र जमा करने की खोले जाने की की की तिथि विवरण तिथि एवं समय अंतिम तिथि एवं समय तिथि एवं समय বার্ষিক বং সন্মুখন ঘৰ Supply, Installation. Testing and Commissioning (SITC) of AMR mechanical type water meter Domestic and Bulk tamper proof as per standard confirming to IS:779:1994/IS:2373-1981/ISO: 4064/ OIML R 49 with EEC/MID certification mark. with IP68 protection class, strainer and cable including annual maintenance of installed water meter in the remaining zones at pithoragarh. 27.04.2021 28.04.2021 at 11:00 AM upto 5:00 PM 11:00 AM days 11:00 AM अर्हता:— EEC / MID certification license for domestic and bulk water meters as per standard confirming to IS:779:1994/IS:2373-1981/ISO: 4064/OIML/R 49 certificate holder manufacturers or dealers/firm/contractor authorised forthis tender ही निविदा में प्रतिभाग कर सकती हैं। ई–निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारियां व शर्ते उत्तराखण्ड की वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in एवं विभागीय वेबसाइट http://ujs.uk.gov.in पर ऑन लाइन देखी / प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

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14 pvt hospitals turned into Covid facilities in Delhi IS OUR GUIDING PHILOSOPHY

mid the sharp surge of Amid the sharp surge of Covid-19 cases in the Capital, the health department of the Delhi Government declared 14 big private hospitals as fully Covid care centres on Monday.

The decision to convert hospitals into Covid-19 treatment centres came after Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal chaired an emergency meeting in view of Covid -19 situation in the Capital.

As per Directorate General of Health Services, Delhi Government, the occupancy of beds has crossed more than 87 percent in 57 out of 115 private hospitals and has reached almost 100 percent almost in large private hospitals. The occupancy of Covid wards beds crossed more than 85 percent in 32 out of 115 private hospitals and has reached 100 percent in large private hospi-

Those hospitals which are declared as fully Covid hospitals include Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Holy Family Hospital, Maharaja Agarsen Hospital (Punjabi Bagh), Max Hospital (Shalimar Bagh), Fortis Hospital (Shalimar Bagh), Venkateshwar Hospital, Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute, Jaipur Golden Hospital, Mata Chanan Devi Hospital, Pushpawati Singhania Research Institute, Manipal Hospital and Saroj Super Specialty Hospital.

In order to augment the bed capacity for Covid -19



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patients in view of unprecedented surge of Covid cases in past few days, 14 private hospitals are declared as full Covid hospitals and are directed that henceforth these will not admit any non-Covid patients till further order," an order issued by the Delhi government stat-

The Chief Minister also urged the people of Delhi to cooperate with the Government in checking the spread of the infection and urged the people to follow Covid protocols, to not rush to the hospitals unnecessarily and ensure that they get vaccinat-

Taking to twitter, he urged the people of Delhi to cooperate with the Government in checking the spread of the infection and urged the people to follow Covid protocols, to not rush to the hospitals unnecessarily and ensure that they get vaccinated. Health Minister Satyendar

Jain, Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Health Secretary, Health Secretary, and other health officials were present in the meeting. In the meeting, the officials apprised the CM regarding the number of beds available in all the government and private hospitals in Delhi. City reports 72 deaths, 11,491 new Covid cases

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

At least 72 people succumbed to the Covid-19 with fresh 11,491 coronavirus cases recorded in the national capital, the health department of the Delhi Government said on Monday.

The positivity rate stands at 12.44 per cent. The 11491 new infections pushed the tally to 736688, while 687238 patients have recovered from the virus. The active cases reached to 38095 on Monday, according to the health bulletin issued by the health depart-

As per the bulletin, the number of people under home isolation rose to 19354. A total of 92397 tests, including 65564 RT-PCR tests and 26833 Rapid Antigen Test conducted a day ago, the bulletin said.

The containment zones rose to 6175 on Monday, it said. At least 74397 people were vaccinated in the last 24

Amid a rise in coronavirus cases, Additional Chief Secretary (Power)/ Nodal officer (COVID) chaired a meeting through video conferencing to review the status of COVID-19 and progress in COVID-19 vaccination. Delhi Chief Secretary chaired a meeting to review deaths due to COVID-19. Increase beds in Central Govt run hosps, City Govt writes to Centre

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has written to the Centre to again scale up Covid beds in its hospitals run by it in the national Capital amid surge in coronavirus cases.

"We have requested the Centre to increase Covid beds in Central Government hospitals, Currently, 1,090 Covid beds are available at Central Government hospitals, which were more than 4,000 in November 2020," Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain asserted.

Jain while responding to question about the availability of beds in temporary COVID care centres said "There are 5,525 beds in Delhi government's COVID care centre, wherein 190 beds are occupied. This accounts for only two per cent of the total beds while rests are still available."

While talking about the COVID bed increment, Jain said, "We are consistently expanding the number of COVID beds. We have added nearly 5,000 beds in the last week and 50 per cent beds are still available. The numbers of COVID beds are being further increased."

The health minister further said that 1,14,288



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COVID-19 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours. He appealed to people to stay at home and move out only when needed. The Minister reiterated that it was absolutely necessary to wear a mask when stepping out of the house, which would help fight

Jain further said that the government had increased nearly 5,000 beds in the last week and 50 per cent beds are available with the numbers being further escalated. He added that around two per cent of beds in Delhi Government's COVID-19 care centres are occupied while the rest are vacant.

On the issue of rising

COVID-19 cases in Delhi, Jain said, "Delhi recorded 10,774 positive cases with a positivity rate of 9.43 per cent. In the last 24 hours, we have conducted 1,14,288 COVID-19 tests. As per reports, COVID cases have increased exponentially both in India as well as in Delhi."

Talking about the number of ventilators in hospitals, Jain said, "There are only two types of beds -- ICU beds and normal ward beds. A year ago, the issue of the number of ventilators was huge. Now, we have HFNO, Bi-Pap and high-flow oxygen, which are equally good as ventilators..

agency is committed to con-

tain the spread of Corona

hence it has decided to inten-

sify sanitization drive with

immediate effect. "The move

will also help in ensuring san-

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cases are being detected and

will protect their neighbours,"

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Sumulative vaccination at SDMC centres crosses 1 Hospital Kalkaji during the during which awareness drive a total of 37,518 people above Meanwhile, in order to Chawla said that the civic

umulative vaccinations at CSouth Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) 'Covid Vaccination Centres' have crossed 1.03 lakh mark till Monday afternoon

A senior SDMC official said that the civic agency has been observing 'Tika Utsav' from April 11 to April 14

table conference with experts

focussed upon formulating measures to reduce the air

for two days and the theme is

"Measures to be taken to reduce

air pollution in Delhi before

winter 2021". During the con-

ference, Rai said that the Delhi

government does not wish to wait till September when the air

pollution increases in Delhi;

with the help of the experts, we

want to create a long-term

action plan to combat air pollution throughout the year.

experts and organizations, the

Delhi government will formu-

late a long-term action plan to tackle pollution.

He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister

Shri Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi

government has taken several

steps to combat air pollution

wherein various reports have

found significant improvement

in Delhi's air quality, but the

government does not want to

be satisfied with this much, and

wants more improvement. Rai said, "The Delhi gov-

ernment has taken up many

initiatives to curb air pollution

in the state, particularly dust

pollution and continues to try

and come up with new schemes

for the same. Since last October

the government has been

undertaking regular cam-

paigns. The government has

undertaken many schemes to

control vehicular pollution in

the state including the electri-cal vehicles policy, increasing

the number of public transport facilities particularly buses,

campaigns like the red light on car off, bio-decomposer exper-iment to curb pollution com-

ing from outside, banning energy-producing centres in

Delhi that emitted pollution, and those that used harmful

fuels have been asked to shift

to natural gas, tree transplantation policy has been fol-

lowed to increase green cover

in the city, transplanting foreign

He said that based on the suggestions received from

The roundtable meeting is

pollution in Delhi.

Digital round-table

conference held to

curb pollution in city

Delhi Environment taken and a committee mas been formed to monitor the

is being conducted to encourage more and more eligible people for Covid-19 vaccina-

The officials said that out of total vaccination, 24,729 people vaccinated in the last five days (from April 7 to April 11) at these centers set up by

kikar with indigenous plant

species has also been under-

He said, "We now want

your assistance in this process

that has been initiated, because

talking about environmental

pollution during the winter

the age of 60 years have got the vaccine and a total 36,363 people above the age between 45 and 60 years have got the vaccine. At least 23,513 front line workers and 6,210 health care workers have been vaccinated till the same period," he

civic body.

A total of 2,343 people
"Till April 12 (afternoon), have got shot at PSMS

five days period while 1,307 people vaccinated at MCW Ĵanakpuri during the same period. 1,030 people have been vaccinated at MCW Badarpur in the last five days and 1,011 people have been vaccinated at Tilak Nagar Colony Hospital in the last five days, according to data

ensure proper sanitization of houses where cases of Covid-19 are being reported, SDMC has decided to sanitize such

All the district health officers have been directed to sanitize the houses of Covid positive cases for effective control of Covid spread, it

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months, starting from October when the AQI is severe, is not a solution. We need to initiate action throughout the year. We are, in the next few days, going to come up with an action plan to further better the AQI of Delhi. We want the concern of the AQI and solutions to it to take the shape of a mass movement where the people of Delhi are involved. No one knows when the pandemic will continue to rage, therefore it isn't feasible for us to wait for so long.'

Rai said, "We will have to parallely run environmental programmes to ensure that the AQI does not deteriorate any further. We want your suggestions, your feedback to create a positive, effective and popular environment plan for the city. We will continue this discussion tomorrow as well and move ahead in our agenda to create a sustainable and effective action plan."

He said, "I am very thankful to all for making the suggestions and presenting the ideas at this round table conference. I would request you all to submit these presentations to us so that we can study these matters thoroughly and formulate a long-term action plan to combat the air pollution of

Anumita Roy Chowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, Centre for science and environment, Dr Mukesh Sharma of IIT Kanpur, Gufran Beig of Indian Institute Of Tropical Meteorology, Deepak Agarwal of IL and FS, Partha Basu of the environ-mental defence fund, Siddharth Virmani of energy policy Institute at the University of Chicago, Brikesh Singh of Clean Your Collective and Akshima Ghare from Rocky Mountain Institute participated in the conference



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CBI summons ex-Maha Home | IAF Commanders' Minister over graft charges



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

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

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

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



Palande and Kundan, sources

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

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

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

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

alleged that Deshmukh had asked Waze to allegedly extort over ₹100 crore a month from nearly 1,700 bars and restau-

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

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

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

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

meet to discuss tension at LAC, LoC

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

The top brass will review operational readiness to meet any threat from China in the backdrop of the continuing friction points at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. Given the always present threat of a two-front war simultaneously with China and Pakistan, the ÍAF commanders are likely to draw their future strategies in the three-day meet. It will be first bi-annual conclave of the IAF brass this year and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate it.

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

This strategic partnership project is worth over ten billion

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of a balanced diet. It will

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locally sourced fruits and veg-

on training teachers, who, in

turn, will pass on the message

to the multitudes of students,

and through them to their

families and finally the soci-

alliance. The Communist

party also blamed Modi

Government for weak stand

"Communist Party of India

The programme will focus

The movement proposes

India has the unique

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

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

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

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

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



PNS NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday said several parts of the country are likely to receive rainfall in the next five days due to different cyclonic circula-

According to the National Weather Forecasting Centre of the IMD, under the influence of trough and cyclonic circulations over the south peninsula, scattered to fairly widespread rainfall with a thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds of 30-40 kilometres per hour are very likely over southwest peninsular India in the next five days.

The IMD said isolated heavy rainfall is also likely over

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

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

The IMD said a fresh active western disturbance is very likely to affect the western Himalayan region during April 14-17 and adjoining

plains during April 15-17. It is very likely to cause scattered to fairly widespread rainfall with a thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) during April 14-17 over the western Himalayan region, and light, isolated to scattered rainfall with a thunderstorm, lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) over adjoining

plains during April 15-17. Isolated hailstorms are also likely over Jammu, Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan and Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh on

Thunderstorm/dust storms at isolated places are also likely over west Rajasthan on April 14 and 15, it added.

Now, Aahaar Kranti in India for balanced diet

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

Now, to spread the mes-

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Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 OA No. 585/19 Date 24-02-2021

Defendant

1. Smt. Praveen Khan W/o Sh. Aslam Khan

2. Sh. Aslam Khan S/o Sh. Peer Bakas
Both at: R/o B-1/15, Nand Nagri, Delhi-93
Also at: Flat No. GF-2, Ground Floor, LIG Built
on The Property No. 124, Vikram Enclave,
Pasonda Loni, Ghaziabad,
3. Sh. Gul Mohammad Mansuri S/o Sh. Ismail Khan
R/o B-1/34, S-2, DLF Colony, Sahibabad, Gnaziabad, UP

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 18,03,904. Rupese Eighteen Lakh Three Thousand Nine Hundred & Eight only) against you & whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal Hatl It is not possible to serve you in ordnary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make opearance in the Tribunal on 30-04-2021 At 10.30

A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard & determined in your absence.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL

For Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby stated that the origina conveyance deed dated 23-01-2003 registered vide registration no. 13026 in favour of Gillette India Limited, in respect of the following property, which was subsequently sold to Texmaco Infrastructure & Holdings Ltd, have been lost / misplaced somewhere and are not

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Ranjan Sharma Legal Department Texmaco Infrastructure & Holdings Ltd. Birla Mill Complex, Near Amba Cinema, GT Road Kamla Nagar, Delhi-110007 Contact no. 011-30140314



also in the context of the cur-

rent Covid-19 pandemic. A

healthy body would be able to

handle the infection much

better with greater immunity

and higher resilience," said a

statement from the Science

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Cognition').

Vijnana Bharati (Vibha)

The United Nations has

also declared 2021 as the

International Year of Fruits

and Vegetables, which vibes

very well with Aahaar Kranti.

Fruits and vegetables make a

large part of a balanced diet.

Further, UN sustainable goal

3 that emphasises on human

well-being reads, "Ensure

healthy lives and promote

well-being for all at all ages."

This goal too makes Aahaar

Diet-Good

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

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE 06TH JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE FIRST CLASS, and Global Indian Scientists' ULHASNAGAR AT ULHASNAGAR and Technocrats' Forum Dist: Thane Maharashtra State (GIST) have come together to D.V. No. 370 Of 2019 conceptualize the mission (arising Out Of An Application U/s. 12 Of The with the motto of Uttam Aahaar Uttam Vichaar

Protection Of Women From Domestic Violence Act, 2005 R/w. The Protection Of Women From Domestic Violence Rules 2006 (as Amended Up To Date, Rw The Code Of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (as Amended Unto Date) Which Falls Within The Jurisdiction Of Cops Attached To Badlapur (west) And Mangolpuri Police Station, New Delhi

MS. SHALKI D/O. BRIJVEER SINGH @ MRS. SHALKI W/O. GULSHAN KUMAR Aged About: 26 years old, Occ: Housewife ddress:1: House No. 38. Shubh Enclave Opp. KIIT World School, Pitampura, Northwest, Delhi - 110 034 B-503, Mohan Valley, Near Bharat College Hendrepada, Badlapur (West), Dist. Thane - 421 503, Maharashtra State Cell: +919594289699 E-mail: shalkisingh1309@gmail.com...

.MR. GULSHAN S/O. AZAD KUMAR Aged about 30 years old, Occ: Service, R/o. House No. 38, Shubh Enclave, Opp. KIIT World School, Pitampura, Northwest elhi - 110 034 Cell: +918375074007 2.MR. AZAD SINGH CHAUHAN

Aged about 60 years old, Occ: Retired, R/o. House No. 38, Shubh Enclave, Opp. KIIT World School, Pitampura, Northwest Delhi - 110 034 3.MRS. ANITA AZAD SINGH CHAUHAN

Aged about: 57 years old, Occ: Housewife, R/o. House No. 38, Shubh Enclave, Opp. KIIT World School, Pitampura, Northwest 4.MRS. SAMTA WIO. MADHU KUMAR

Aged about: 32 years old, Occ: Housewife R/o Village Tigrana, Dist. Bhiwani, Haryana) - 127 031. S.MR. MADHUKUMAR S/O. BEER

SINGH TANWAR Aged about: 35 years old, Occ: Service, R/o.) Village Tigrana, Dist. Bhiwani, Haryana - 127 031 S.MS. RAJNI TANWAR W/O. CAP

PRATAP SINGH CHAUHAN Aged about: 38 years old, Occ: Housew R/o. Flat No. 504, 'C' Wing, Gayatri Sankul CHS Ltd., Sector-20, Plot No. 38, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai - 410 210.Respondents

Applicant has filed an application under u/s 12 of the protection of women from domesti iolence act, 2005, therefore to answer the said application you may remain present or 30/04/2021 at 0230 p.m. without fail, the copies of the application are with the office of the Hon'ble Court that you may take, i you failed to remain present the application will be decided ex parte that you may please BY ORDER

Magistrate Court Ulhasnaga

PNS NEW DELHI Amid a massive surge Covid-19 cases in the mid a massive surge in the

country once again, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Monday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighting certain issues and suggested some points to take into consideration to curb the spread of virus.

triggers charge of 'lobbying'

The ruling BJP, however, accused the grand old party for "lobbying" for a particular pharmaceutical company.

Sonia, in her letter which

comes after her virtual meeting with the Chief Ministers of Congress-ruled States, underlined three issues for PM's consideration and appropriate

"I have had a detailed interaction with the Chief Ministers of States ruled by the Congress Party and Ministers from States where the Congress is in alliance the most disturbing Covid-19 situation," Sonia said in her let-

Speaking on vaccinations, she said, "Vaccines are our foremost hope. Sadly, most of the states, are left with a stock of just 3 to 5 days. While it will be necessary on one hand to substantially ramp up our domestic production capacity. It will also be prudent to allow emergency use authorities of all the vaccine candidates that have the required clearances without any further delay."

BJP's national general secretary BL Santosh countered the calls for approval to all vaccines and said, "Sputnik V had been approved for emergency use in India after bridge study by Dr ety at large, said the statement.

warship's blatant intrusion

into India's Exclusive

Economic Zone (EEZ)

waters off the coast of

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Reddy's. All who are advocating approval to Pfizer without bridge studies in India as part of a lobby should understand that Indian lives also matter and you cannot bully the Narendra Modi Sonia in her letter to PM

also sought expansion of vaccination based on need and exposure rather than age and GST exemption for life-saving drugs and equipment. The numbers allocated to

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

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

"I appeal to you to put into place the much-needed scheme of minimum monthly guaranteed income in place and transfer an amount of Rs 6.000 in every eligible citizen's account," she said.

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

Sonia's letter to PM on Covid Vice President calls for ending gender discrimination

PNS NEW DELHI

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday called for ending every form of gender discrimination in the society and to ensure equal rights to women in every field of activity.

Releasing a
Commemorative Postage Stamp in memory of the for-mer chief of the Brahma Kumaris, Rajyogini Dadi Janki, Naidu praised the Brahma Kumaris for being a women led organisation. He said that this worldwide movement has been an exemplary champion of empowerment and independence of women, demonstrating the fact that spiritual attain-

Referring to Gargi and Maitreyi - two renowned women scholars of Vedic times,

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

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

Assistant sanitary inspector in CBI net for bribery

he CBI on Monday arrestl ed an Assistant Sanitary Inspector and a temporary staff of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in a bribery case and recovered ₹38 lakh cash from another Sanitary Inspector during searches.

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

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

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

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

salary, the agency said.

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

allegedly negotiated, it said.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the Assistant Sanitary Inspector and a temporary staff of MCD, Delhi while demanding and accepting the said bribe amount from the complainant. During the search at the office of the accused, several incriminating documents including blank signed cheques and ATM cards were recovered.

serious concern about the violating international law must withdraw from Quad PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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iting the recent trespass

of US Navy ships into

Lakshadweep region, CPI

on Monday said that India

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arrogance.

India must withdraw from Quad alliance: CPM

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

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Kapil Mann/ Preeti Gahlot LBDEL00002363899 Block C10, Rohini, Delhi 9th April 2021 The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

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statement of the Seventh exposes intentions not to respect the long-standing

"Moreover, the arrogant

American Seventh Fleet and the sovereignty of our

maritime claims. At the same time the response of the Indian government is very weak.

It shows once again in name strengthening its role in the Indo-Pacific, it became a junior partner to the US and serving the American interests in Indo-Pacific by joining the Quad alliance," CPI National Secretariat in a statement.

Communist Party of India strongly demands that safeguard sovereignty and self-respect it should come out from the Quad alliance, added the statement, urging Modi Government to maintain India's sovereignty and self

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public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Complexion: Blonde, **Height:** 5'5", **Age:** 25-30 years, Face: Long, Built: Medium, was wearing Blue colour Jeans and Black T-Shirt, was found dead near Sai Nath Apartment, Sector-28, in the

area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 57A, dated 05.04.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about

the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi DP/961/ON/2021 Ph. No.: 011-27822207, 27821047

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EC fixes April 30 to elect 3 **RS** members from Kerala

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

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

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

Will neither impose

a lockdown nor let the people die of misery.

ing here on Monday.

ity of RTPCR to 70 percent.

any sort of negligence in this fight."

die in misery, says Yogi

Lucknow: Asking officials to be on their toes to control the expo-

nential spread of Covid-19 disease across the State, Chief Minister

Yogi Adityanath clarified that neither his Government will impose

no shortage of hospital beds for the patients. The people should

get all facilities and there should be no shortage of essential items

in the market," CM said while addressing officials in the meet-

ple by charging more than the prescribed rate, he directed offi-

cials to take action against them. He said that nobody will be

bilities. Instructions have been given to increase the test capac-

to stop the spread of Covid-19. We will have to fight the pan-

demic vigorously with full preparation as there is no scope for

SUV PLANTING-HIRAN MURDER CASES

He said: "Our priority is to implement an effective strategy

allowed to take advantage of the helplessness of the people.

Expressing anger over private hospitals and labs fleecing peo-

"Stop it strictly. Incorrect information will result in harsh

"It is the responsibility of the officers to ensure that there is

leader, challenging the ECI decision to defer the polls to Rajya Sabha said it was for the present House to elect the three members in lieu of the vacancies to be caused by the April 21 retirement of three members.

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

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

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

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

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

8 killed, 4 hurt in road accident lockdown, nor let people in J&K's Doda

IANS ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

The ill-fated mini bus was on its way

Meanwhile, an IAF helicopter from Jammu city was pressed into action for the rescue of critically injured passengers

Authorities are ascertaining the exact number of passengers who were

Navratri celebrations in J&K to be low-key affair amid rise in corona cases

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

The nine day long Navratra festival which starts from Tuesday is expected to remain a low key affair due to a spike in Ćovid-19 cases.

For the last couple of days the overall footfall at the

cave shrine is already witnessing a declining trend.
At present the Union Territory administration has fixed the upper limit of 25,000 pilgrims who can perform darshan inside the sanctum sanctorum on a daily basis but close to 14,000 or less pilgrims are undertaking the yatra for the last couple of days

During the Navratra festival the shrine board authorities are expecting a marginal increase but compared to previous years the mood in the katra township is

The virus has spread in the Katra town affecting a large number of local residents/members of the business

On its part the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board authorities have decorated the cave shrine with ornamental flowers to attract the pilgrims but closer look at the yatra statistics clearly revealed rising number of coronavirus cases is expected to cast its shadow on the nine day long festival. The businessmen in Katra including hoteliers, tour operators and those running dry fruit/handicraft businesses are already a worried lot as they are staring at a bleak future ahead.

The district administration in Reasi has also geared up its entire machinery to strictly enforce SOP's at the Katra base camp and has also advised the Shrine Board Authorities to follow all the guidelines to prevent spread of Coronavirus at the cave shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi.

Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer of the Shrine Board Monday visited Bhawan and various other locations on the track and on spot reviewed these arrangements. He also took stock of the arrangements at Yatra Registration Counters at Katra and, besides, at Darshani Deodi, Banganga, Adhkuwari, Tarakote Marg, Sanjichhat, Himkoti Marg, Bhawan, Bhairon Complex and at other locations enroute Katra to Bhawan with Deputy CEOs and others.

Giving details of these arrangements, the CEO said that like in the past, the Bhawan of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji, Atka and the area surrounding it have been beautifully decorated with exquisite flowers. Likewise, the illumination of the Bhawan area with attractive and colourful lights has also been done.

He added that as was done in the last year's Shardiya Navratras, there will be bhajan and bhaint performances by the renowned artistes during Morning and Evening Atka Aarti during these Navratras also. Other special features of these arrangements include organising of Shat Chandi Maha Yagya at the Holy Shrine of Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji during the Navratras for peace, prosperity and health of humanity. The Shat Chandi Maha Yagya will be telecast live from 10.30 am to noon daily during the

action against the guilty," he said and directed officials to takeover such hospitals. "Investigation report should not be delayed and from Doda to Chilli village. this should be communicated to the labs," he said. He has emphasized on the expansion of lab and testing capa-

a defence ministry spokesman said

travelling in the mini bus when the accident happened.

Army chief attends closing ceremony of multi-lateral counterterrorism exercise in B'desh

Gen MM Naravane on Monday attended the closing ceremony of the 10-day-long multilateral UN-mandated counterterrorism exercise held in Bangladesh and praised the members of the Army contingent from India who participated in the drills.

"General MM Naravane attended the #COAS #ClosingCeremony Éxercise Multinational #ShantirOgrosena2021 and addressed the participants of

Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADG PI) tweeted. During the Shantir Ogrosena 2021 (Frontrunners of Peace) exercise, he also interacted with the members of the Indian Army contingent and lauded them for their high standards of training and professionalism, according to another tweet. There were 30 personnel in the Indian Army contingent. Bangladesh Prime

the exercise," the Indian Army's

The counterterrorism exercise, which commenced on April 4, was participated by the Armed Forces of India, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Sri Lanka along with observers from the US, UK, Turkey, Kuwait, Singapore and Saudi Arabia. The aim of the exercise was to strengthen the procedures and enhance interoperability amongst neighbourhood countries to ensure Minister Sheikh Hasina was the Chief Guest of the ceremony, tions in the region.

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Govt, of NCT of Delhi **Department of Social Welfare** GLNS Complex, Delhi Gate, New Delhi-110002

Name- Smt. Joshuman Fatima W/o Lt. Sh. Maksudan, Age- 60 years, Height- 5 ft., Face- Flat, Colour* Black, Body-Medium, She was admitted in the Institution on the direction of the Hon'ble Karkardooma Court.

Description



Name- Smt. Unknown alias Anita, Age-65 years. Height- 5 ft. 2 inch, Colour -Black, Face- Long. She tells her district-Murshidabad and Police station- Baharmpur. She was admitted in the Institution on the direction of Delhi Women Commission.

Name- Smt. Unknown alias Divya W/o Sh. Sanjay, Age- 60 years, Height- 5 ft. 7 inch, Colour - Fair, Face- Long. She tells about her sons named 1) Vijay, 2) Ravi. She tells her address Barodra. She was admitted in the Institution on the direction of the Hon'ble Saket Court.

Age- 70 years, Height- 4 It. 7 inch, Colour - Fair, Face- Long, Body- Thin. She tells her District- Devariya and Post office-Pathardeva. She was admitted in the Institution by the Jaffarpur Kalan Police Station.

Name- Smt. Kanta, Height- 5 ft. Colour - Fair, Face- Round. She tells her father's name Sh. Mohan Singh. Age-64 years. She tells her address Kota, Bundi, Rajasthan. She was admitted in the Institution by the Punjabi Bagh Police Station.

Name- Smt. Rampyari, Height- 5 ft., Colour - Fair, I Face- Long. Body-Medium. She is unable to tell her 1 address and her age is 63 years. She was admitted in the Institution on the direction of the Hon'ble Tis Hazari Court.

Name- Smt. Unknown alias Sheela, Height- 4 ft. 6 inch, Age- 83 years, Colour - Fair, Face- Round. She is unable to tell her address. She was admitted in the Institution by the Kapashera Police Station.

Name- Smt. Shanti W/o Sh. Ram Pal, Age- 72 years, Colour -Fair, Face- Long, Body-Thin. She is mentally weak and unable to tell her address. She was admitted in the Institution by the Baba Haridas Nagar Police Station.

Name- Smt. Naresh Kumari, Age- 61 years, Colour - Fair, Height- 5 ft., Face - Flat. She tells her father's name- Sh. Kishan Chand Aggarwal and Mother's name- Krishna Vati and Brother's name- Darshan Kumar. She tells her address- H.No. 626, Gali No.- 05 & 06, Block-9, Devnagar, Delhi. She was

admitted in the Institution by the Rajendra Nagar Police Station.

Name- Smt. Musmat Tara W/o Sh. Girja Thaker, Age- 78 years, Height- 4 ft. 8 inch, Colour - Black, Face- Round. She tells about her son named Anant. She tells her address Khojkalan, Patna. She was admitted in the Institution by the Vijay Vihar Police

Name- Sh. Sita Ram, Age- 73 years, Height- 5 t. 11 inch, Colour - Fair, Face- Round. He tells iis Father's name Late Sh. Sardare Nath and Mother's name Smt. Krishna. He tells his address District- Ambala, Haryana, Brara. He was admitted in the Institution by the Uttam Nagai 3olice Station.

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Long, Height- 5 ft 6 inch. He tells iis address Village-Shayam Nagar, Police Station krishnaganj, District- Nadiya, West Bangol. He wai admitted in the Institution by the Tilak Nagar Polic Station.

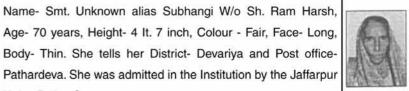
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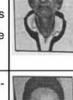














In respect of above Women and Men relatives may contact to Superintendent of Old Age Home, Pocket-4, Bindapur, Near Shiv Mandir, New Delhi-110059, Ph. No. 011-25639463.

the CIU last month.

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

TN RAGHUNATHAN MUMBAI

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

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

Mumbai Police suspends Vaze's former colleague API Kazi Crime Branch-CID of Mumbai Police. Kazi was shunted out of

Mansukh Huran.

March 5.

ing allegedly at the behest of Vaze, Kazi might destroyed evidence in the case and procured fake vehicle number

Sources said that Kazi was

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

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

The NIA suspects that actplates number plates

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

er from the shop.

Kazi is the fourth accused to be arrested in the SUV Manshukh Hiran murder cases. Vaze was the first accused to have been arrested by the NIA which registered an FIR in the explosive-laden SUV recovery case on March 8. Vaze, who was arrested on March 13 in connection with the gelatine sticks laden Scorpion recovery case, was earlier booked under sections 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) 286 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive sub-

stance), 465 (forgery) 473

video recorder and a comput-

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

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

take over the investigations into the murder of Hiran.

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

The investigations by the ATs have revealed that Shinde and helped the latter in his

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

Girl who was assumed dead by family, found in jail

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

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

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

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

Christian leader's call for Hindu nation jolts Kerala politics KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

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

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

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

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

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

tion and assessment. The only way to save India from this predicament is to declare the country as a Hindu Republic," said George devote Catholic.

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

Kevin Peter, who heads the Christian Association for Social Action (CASA), an umbrella organisation for the entire Christian sects in the country said the demand by George has to be noted seriously. "It is the indifference of the Congressled UDF and the CPI(M) led LDF towards the genuine grievances of the Christian community that made George come out with a demand like it. Though the Christian community is

also a minority like the Muslims, the latter is allocated 80 per cent of the funds meant for minority welfare while the Christians have to content with just 20 per cent of the funds. This is nothing but gross injustice," The CASA leader said that though the

community representatives have been alerting the unprecedented increase in the number of Christian girls ending up as victims to the evil designs of Love Jihadis, no action has been taken by either of the fronts. "It was not CASA or P C George who alerted the nation about Love Jihad

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

Lucknow: Muslim clerics and organisations on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court's decision of rejecting a plea seeking removal of 26 verses from the Quran, saying this proves that religious books are treated with honour in the country.

The apex court termed as

"absolutely frivolous" the petition filed by former Ûttar Pradesh Shia Waqf Board chairman Waseem Rizvi and dismissed it with a cost of ₹50,000. "We welcome the decision of the Supreme Court. This proves that religious books are

being treated with honour in the country. It will increase the confidence of Muslims in the Constitution and in the judiciary," All India Muslim Personal Law Board member Mulana Khalid Rashid Farangi Mahali told PTI. He also demanded that the government take strict action against Rizvi so that "no one can raise questions on religious books in the future".

All India Shia Personal Law Board spokesperson Maulana Yasoob Abbas said that they congratulate Muslims of the country on this verdict. "We trust our judiciary and it will continue to give justice in the future too so that no one can raise a finger on Islam or any other religion," he said. PTI

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No golden rule

Armed Forces personnel react differently to different life-threatening situations

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



However, what is more unfortunate is the blame game politics taking place between the BJP and the TMC. While Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee termed the incident "genocide", Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that her exhortation to gherao the Central forces had instigated the people to attack the CISF. Sceptics argue that the deaths could have been averted had the CISF jawans fired on their legs with the intention of dispersing the mob and not killing anybody — an argument echoed by Mamata. However, such suggestions are solely being made based on politicisation of the issue and are far from being practical; these people know nothing about what is required to be done by a professional force under such circum-

stances and have no idea of how fast things develop on the ground.

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



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

Tikait flexes muscles

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

t appears that Bharatiya Kisan Union leader and Samyukt Kisan Morcha linchpin Rakesh Tikait has returned to the protest theatre with renewed vigour after his sabbatical, a period he had advised his comrades to utilise harvesting the season's crop till next month. Freshly back after attending to their domestic chores and famil-



ial duties, the cultivators sitting on dharna since November 2020 along the Capital's borders already made their presence felt last weekend when they blocked the Ghazipur border in what they said was a "warning to the Government". Thousands among these protesters have come from Haryana, Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh, even though there now is a nationwide wave in support of their cause the repeal of the three agriculture legislations that, they say, have been enacted to benefit certain corporates. But now, it seems, the farmer leaders have opted to flexing their muscles even though they well realise that no important political decisions at the national level would be taken in earnest till the results

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

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

Nepal staring at political disquiet-



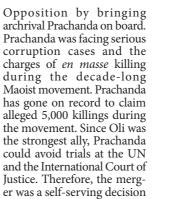
The Nepal top court's decision not favouring Oli has come as a surprise and now his political survival hangs by a fine thread

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

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

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

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



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

by the duo against the wide-

spread belief that they had

shown political maturity in the

interest of their people. Hence,

the fallout was inevitable.

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

tim" country.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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TIME TO REDEFINE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

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

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

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

MAMATA BANERJEE IS LIKE LAKSHMI BAI

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

CAPFs inept in handling law & order



t seems that the personnel of the central security forces deployed in election duties are not adequately trained to defuse a threat created by a violent mob without resorting to firing to kill. What happened in West Bengal's Cooch Behar has proved their incompetence in handling the law and order situation. The perception that the central forces deployed in the State are not as politically neutral as they should be is not far from reality and it erodes their institutional credibility. Further, the Election Commission (EC) is supposed to

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

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

G David Milton | *Tamil Nadu*

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

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

NEED TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON COVID

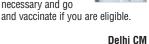
Sir — It is unfortunate to note that the scourge of COVID-19 is still continuing worldwide. Right now, there has been unnecessary panic among the people despite all the serious efforts to fight the virus. As a result, my family members

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

People must understand that prevention is always better than cure. The WHO should take immediate steps to explain the latest status on COVID and vaccines. P Senthil | Mumbai

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I urge everyone to cooperate and follow the COVID protocols and don't rush to hospital unless necessary and go



- Arvind Kejriwal



The struggle against Iran and its proxies and Iranian armament is a huge task. The situation that

exists today is not necessarily the one that will exist tomorrow

> Israeli Prime Minister — Benjamin Netanyahu

want to play Hitler as like the complexity of his character. In

Bhool Bhulaiya 2, play a *pandit* who helps the family when they feel the existence of ghosts

— Govind Namdev



so effortlessly and timing the ball so nicely. He went through a bad

patch earlier and has come back as a champion.

Cricketer — Shikhar Dhawan

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



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REMEMBERING THE 'GREATEST INDIAN'

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



RATTAN LAL KATARIA

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



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

The values of dialogue, constitutional struggle and constant coordination are now playing an important role in making the present system more effective. Badasaned had also made similar efforts in the process of nation building. Just as the Government is working to reestablish India as the "Vishwa Guru", Ambedkar, too, constantly strived for a global stature for Bharat. He was opposed to the prominence of competitive allegiance of religion, culture, caste and language. He believed that this made it difficult to cultivate Indianness and loyalty to India. He said, "I want people to be Indian first and to be Indian

till the end, nothing but Indian.

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

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Nix sovereign guarantee clause for the NaBFID



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



OTHER HAND, IF **PREREQUISITES** ARE LACKING, RESULTING IN SHORTFALL IN CASH FLOWS, THEN EVEN THE OFFER OF SOVEREIGN GUARANTEE WON'T PROVIDE MUCH COMFORT EVEN AS THE NABFID. TOO, WILL END UP BEING A DRAIN ON THE EXCHEQUER JUST AS THE ERSTWHILE IDBI



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

way of budgetary support.

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

In this backdrop, and with the

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

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

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

However, problems begin to creep when we look at this: "The Act empowers the GOI to extend sovereign guarantee in case of a default." The guarantees cover a wide range like any liabilities of its own subsidiaries, joint ventures, branches and other similar arrangements; letters of comfort, or letters of credit for loans or bonds and debentures issued by any DFI funding infrastructure projects in India; and guarantee of the NaBFID's bonds, debentures, loans and borrowings from multilateral institutions, sovereign wealth funds (SWFs), and other foreign institutions. To bail out an entity majorityowned and controlled by private parties using the taxpayers' funds is a bad idea. Furthermore, to do this when the Government is not even exercising any external oversight makes it abhorrent. The FM's defence that "an audited report would be placed in Parliament every year, besides the erstwhile IDBI.

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

confidence. One shudders to fathom the contingent liabilities emanating from the above open-ended guarantees provided under the Act and their impact on the fiscal deficit (FD). Already, the FD for 2021-22 is put at 6.8 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product which is almost double of what is permitted under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management. For 2025-26, the FM puts it at 4.5 per cent. The NaBFID Act would result in spiralling of these numbers.

Team Modi needs to take a relook at the "sovereign guarantee" clause in the NaBFID Act. It should be deleted. As for giving comfort to investors, if only project proponents can generate the desired cash flows (this would require transparency and efficiency in project execution, simplified processes, enforcement of contracts, freedom from bureaucratic red tape and above all, realistic pricing of services shorn of popassured.

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

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

—WEST BENGAL CM **MAMATA BANERJEE**





EVERY DEATH IS SAD BUT WHY IS IT THAT MAMATA DIDI HAS TO PLAY POLITICS OF APPEASEMENT WITH EVERY DEATH? —UNION HOME MINISTER **AMIT SHAH**

Playing politics over vaccines will not help the cause

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

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

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

worked in tandem. The pandemic helped the Governments focus on the



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

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

Government. Now, after one year, with

second wave, politics seems to have taken over. When things go wrong, it is politics that comes to the fore. Now, there are vaccine shortages and there was an

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

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



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

Former CM of Uttar Pradesh Akhilesh Yadav has declared that he would not take the "BJP vaccine". Others have questioned the efficacy

ly the promise of vaccine avalibility made to the people in poll-bound States by the

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

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

The current wave of infections will test the counof the vaccines and rightful- try's health infrastructure and

improvements in it since last year. Maharashtra was the worst-hit State during both the significant surges of COVID-19 cases. As of April 8, almost 24 million doses were in stock and another 19 million were in the pipeline. Some 3-3.5 million doses have been administered on an everyday basis, according to data made available by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

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

COVID-19 pandemic." However, this is not the

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

The Opposition parties should play their role as an institutional watchdog and develop credible policy alternatives instead of blaming the Government. The Modi Government should be transparent in distributing the vaccines and in addressing the concerns of the CMs of the Opposition-ruled States. All the sides should realise that this is an unprecedented crisis, and playing politics will

The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed

Iran blames Israel for Natanz incident

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

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

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

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

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in border dispute with Israel



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

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

At an earlier news conference at Israel's Nevatim air base, Austin declined to say whether the Natanz attack could impede the Biden administration's efforts to re-

formally extend Lebanon's

claims by 1,430 square kilo-

Lebanon is likely to anger

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meters (550 square miles).

Those efforts will continue," Austin said. The previous American administration under Donald Trump had pulled out of the nuclear deal with world powers, leading Iran to begin abandoning the limits on its atomic program set by the accord. But German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas expressed concern that it could affect the talks. "All of what we are hearing from Tehran is not a positive contribution to this," Maas told reporters.

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

White House issuing reports on states' infra

AP ■ WASHINGTON

expected to recognise Beirut's The Biden White House is amplifying the push for its extension of the disputed area. Lebanon and Israel began indirect talks with Ŭ.S. Mediation in October to reach a deal over the disputed area that is believed to be rich with oil and natural gas deposits.

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

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

Drawn from an array of bridges in need of repair.

needs

\$2.3 trillion infrastructure package with the release of state-by-state breakdowns that show the dire shape of roads, bridges, the power grid and housing affordability.

The figures in the state

stituents.

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



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COVID LOCKDOWN EASES IN ENGLAND

'Behave responsibly', urges Boris

Prime Minister Boris PJohnson urged people to continue to "behave responsibly" as shops, hairdressers, restaurants, pubs and gyms reopen their doors on Monday in the latest stage of the coro-navirus lockdown easing in

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

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

Thimpu: When plotted on a

graph, the curve of Bhutan's

Covid-19 vaccination drive

shoots upwards from the very

first day, crossing Israel, United States, Bahrain and other coun-

tries known for vaccinating

people rapidly.

Those countries took

months to reach where they

are, painstakingly strengthen-

ing their vaccination cam-

paigns in the face of rising

coronavirus cases. But the story

of Bhutan's vaccination cam-

paign is nearly finished — just

dom wedged between India

and China has vaccinated near-

ly 93 per cent of its adult pop-

ulation since March 27. Overall,

The tiny Himalayan king-

16 days after it began.



Customers sit outside a restaurant in Liverpool on Monday

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

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

the country has vaccinated 62

per cent of its 800,000 people.

The rapid rollout of the vaccine

puts the tiny nation just behind

Seychelles, which has given jabs

to 66 per cent of its population

of nearly 100,000 people. Its small population helped Bhutan

move fast, but its success has

also been attributed to its ded-

icated citizen volunteers, known

as "desuups," and established

cold chain storage used during

Bhutan received its first 150,000 doses of the

AstraZeneca vaccine from

neighbouring India in January,

but the shots were distributed

beginning in late March to

coincide with auspicious dates

in Buddhist astrology.

earlier vaccination drives.

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

aims to unify

Berlin: The German govern-

ment aims to agree on a bill

Tuesday that would shift more

powers from state to federal

authorities to set pandemic

political system has resulted in

an often confusing patchwork

of rules and regulations to

reduce coronavirus infections

in Germany's 16 states.

Government spokesperson

Steffen Seibert told reporters on

Monday that the goal of the bill

is to have a single nationwide

rule for all areas where there are

more than 100 new weekly

cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

The country's decentralised

restrictions.

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Germany

Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, who passed away on Friday.

Under this stage of the lockdown easing roadmap laid out by the government, public buildings such as libraries and community centres can reopen. Most outdoor attractions including zoos, theme parks, and socially-distanced drive-in performances can reopen.

Some smaller outdoor events such as fetes, literary fairs, and fairgrounds can take place; weddings, civil partnership ceremonies, wakes and other commemorative events can take place for up to 15 people. People are not allowed to visit each other's homes and socialising indoors remains prohibited outside of houseĥolds and support bubbles.

The Metropolitan Police

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

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

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

Chilly weather doesn't dampen UK joy at lockdown easing

 $P_{\text{to shed shaggy locks and}}^{\text{eople across Britain flocked}}$ browse for clothes, books and other "non-essential" items as shops, gyms, hairdressers, restaurant patios and beer gardens reopened Monday after months of lockdown.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson urged people to "behave responsibly" as the country that has had Europe's deadliest coronavirus outbreak took a big step on its roadmap toward a resumption of nor-Monday brought the eas-

ing of restrictions that have

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

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

Helen Dickinson, chief

xecutive of the British Retail Consortium, said businesses that have endured months of

enforced closure were "excited and desperate" to welcome

Muslims navigate restrictions in the 2nd pandemic Ramadan

Small but quick: Bhutan

vaccinates 93% of adults

Cairo: For Ramadan this year, Magdy Hafez has been longing to reclaim a cherished ritual: performing the nighttime group prayers called taraweeh

at the mosque once again. Last year, the coronavirus upended the 68-year-old Egyptian's routine of going to the mosque to perform those prayers, traditional during

The pandemic had disrupted Islamic worship the world over, including in Egypt where mosques were closed to

worshippers last Ramadan. "I have been going to the mosque for 40 years so it was definitely a very, very, difficult thing," he said. "But our religion orders us to protect one other feeling, and the spirituality in Ramadan is like nothing else."

Egypt has since allowed most mosques to reopen for Friday communal prayers and for this Ramadan it will let them hold taraweeh, also with precautions, including shortening its duration.

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

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Daunte Wright death in Minnesota traffic stop sparks unrest

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

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



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

Speaking before the confrontation in Brooklyn Center between protesters and law enforcement, Daunte's mother, Katie Wright, attempted to

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"All the violence, if it keeps going it's only going to be about the violence. We need it to be about why my son got shot for no reason," she said to a crowd near the shooting

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Remain watchful of evolving situation: RBI Guv to banks

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

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

Das touched upon the

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

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

Among other matters,

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

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

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

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

Industrial production contracts 3.6% in Feb

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Chowing sluggishness in the Seconomy amid the pandemic, industrial production contracted for the second straight month by 3.6 per cent in February due to poor per-formance of manufacturing and mining sectors, official data showed on Monday.

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

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

Sebi norms on reporting formats for mutual funds

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

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

remained in the negative zone In a circular, Sebi said the compliance certificate to be submitted by an AMC to the With the resumption of economic activities, factory trustees on a bi-monthly basis and half-yearly basis would be cent in September. The IIP had discontinued. grown by 4.5 per cent in The contents of both these

reports have been incorporated in the quarterly report by AMC to trustees, it added.

With regard to quarterly report on activities of mutual

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

the quarter. For schemes which have been wound up, Sebi said details of payout should be provided during each quarter till the last payout for such schemes. Details of close-ended schemes rolled-over, schemes that underwent fundamental attribute change, clearance received from Sebi to launch new schemes and details of Assets Under Management (AUM) need to be provided in ₹ plunges to 9-month low of 75.05 against \$

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

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

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

DoT extends network gear purchase restriction to satellite services

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

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

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

month."In pursuance of condition 5.1, chapter 1 the licensor hereby amends the provision and operation of satellite based services using gateway installed in India under "suigeneris" licence agreement...' DoT said in the amendment to the licence agreement for pro-curement of telecom equip-

The amendment was done

As per the new norms, satellite service operators will from NCSC for upgradation of existing networks, utilising the telecom equipment not designated as trusted products.

The amendment is in line with the National Security

Telecommunication Sector which mandates all telecom

To, be known to all that my client, SMT. VINAY KUMARI W/O LATE SH. P. SINGH, NO ELAÍ NO. 29, SEXOND FLOOR, RAISWAN, GREATER KAILASH-I, NEW DELHH-I 10044, SI HE OWNER OF DOA STS FLAT NO. 29, ON SECOND FLOOR, STUATED AT KAILASH KUNI, GREATER KAILASH-I, NEW DELHH-I 10048. Vide DDA File NO. F.21(5)82/SFS/GK/II, and my client have applied for Conversion of leasehold to freehold in respect of said flat. The original document Lie. ALLOTIMENT COM DETIMAL LITTER, POSSESSION LETTER, SITE POSSESSION SUP AND NOC FOR WATER PERFORMENT COMMENTAL OF THE PASSESSION LETTER. SITE POSSESSION OF THE AND NOC FOR MATERIAL PROPERTY.

POSSESSION SLIP AND HOLD FOR WAIRE ELECTRICITY CONVENTION SLIP AND HOLD FOR WAIRE ELECTRICITY CONVENTION OF the above said property have been lost or misplaced by my client and is not traceable inspite of his best efforts. An F.I.R./N.CR to this effect has been lodged in the Polics Station, Crime Branch, Delhi (I.R. No.310872/2021) dated 12 04 2021. Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may writer contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 999892613 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 (Ab (Housing) or Director (Housing), Vias Sadan, New Delhi.

Naveen Aggarwai (Advocate)
Ch.No. M-7, Near SBI, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

on March 11 but updated on DoT website on Monday.

with effect from June 15, such be required to take permission

service providers to install equipment from only government-approved vendors and

राजस्थान राज्य पथ परिवहन निगम

निगम द्वारा निम्न कार्य हेतु ई—बोली के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ऑन लाइन बोलिय आमंत्रित की जाती है। बोली से संबन्धित विस्तत विवरण वेबसाइर www.rsrtc.rajasthan.gov.in एवं http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in व स्टेट पोर्टल (SPPF

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वि०सं० 13/2021-22 उप महा प्रबन्धक (प्रशासन) **PUBLIC NOTICE**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 32 UBL 2021 Dated : 09 04 2021 The undersigned, on behalf o President of India invites E-tenders (IREPS) for the following works.

SI Name of Works | Approx. Value Rs. 66,14,087.04/-1. Annual contract for 34 IPS systems of M/s. Statcon Power Control Systems Pvt. Ltd, Make installed over Hubballi Division.

Rs. 11,93,076.55/-2. Minchinal Station: Proposed modification of Electronic Interlocking System at Minchinal Station in view of closure of LC No: 92 at km 209/790 between Minchinal - Nimbal stations in Gadag -Hotgi section over Hubballi Division in lieu of LHS work.

3. Hubballi Division: Rs. 58,08,158/-Sub Work I: Providing track machine siding at Vvasa Colony Yard in Senior Divisional Engineer / East Jurisdiction (PID No .14.02.31.19.6.00.003) Sub Work II : TWR(ECW) - 193.124 km (184 SEJ). (PID No. 14.02.31.20.1.51. 009) Sub Work III: TTR (P) on bridge and approaches 7.11 km in patches

(PID No. 14.02.31.2 0.1.51, 001) Sub Work IV: TTR (P) with 60 kg rails from km 208/3-211/200 between Hosapete Ballari (up Line) section for a length of 2.90 km (PID No.14.02.31.19 .6.51.004) Sub work V: Chikjajur Hubballi Section : TFTR without TBR between Gudageri - Saunshi station from km 431.900- 438.300 for a length of 6.4 km (Gudageri Station) (PID No. 14.03.31.18.6.52.023 Sub work VI Chikjajur - Hubballi Section : TFTR without TBR between Kundgol Hubballi South station from km 453.6-458.3 for a length of 4.7 km (Kundgol Station) (PID No. - 14.03.31.18.6. 52. 031) Sub work VII : Chikjajur Hubballi Section: TFTR without TBR between Gudageri - Kundgol station from km 444.200- 448.900 for a length of 4.7 km. (Saunshi Station) (PID No. 14.03.31.18.6.52.027) Sub work VIII: Chikjajur - Hubballi Section : TFTR without TBR between Yalvigi Gudageri station from km 422.300-427.100 for a length of 4.8 km (Yalvigi Station) (PID No.14.03.31.18.06. 52. 020) Sub work IX : Hubballi - Miraj

Last date of submission of bids: Up to 11:00 hrs of 07.05.2021 For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager

CTR (P) for a length of 31.3 km in

patches. Total length of 31.3 km (PID

No.14.02.31.20.01.51.003)

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

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

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

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

5G

work access for the border defence troops, the website

Online appointment must to visit DDA

However, power

generation grew marginally by

0.1 per cent in the month

5.2 per cent in February 2020.

had plunged 18.7 per cent in March last year following the

COVID-19 outbreak and

output posted a rise of one per

October. In November 2020,

the factory output fell 1.6 per

cent, while it again entered the

positive territory by growing 1.6 per cent in December 2020.

The index had grown by

The industrial production

under review.

till August 2020.

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

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

URL for the online appointment https://citzservices.dda.org.in/

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

the quarterly report.

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

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

Icra Ratings in a report said with revival in demand for

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

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

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

of around 2.7 per cent as on December 31, 2020 as compared to reported GNPA of 2.4 per cent as on March 31, 2020.

The asset quality indicators

could be further impacted in Q4 FY2021, he said. He sees GNPAs of HFCs for FY2021 to be higher by 50-

100 basis points, compared to FY2020, and the same to remain elevated in FY2022 as Notwithstanding the

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

Dr Reddy's shares jump 5 per cent

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

In September last year, the company had partnered with

Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) to conduct clinical trials of Sputnik V and for its distribution rights in India. The stock gained 4.83 per

cent to close at Rs 4,989.20 on the BSE. During the day, it zoomed 7.57 per cent to Rs 5,119,90.

On the National Stock

per cent to close at Rs 4,996.95. It was the biggest gainer on

The company's market val-uation gained Rs 3,817.36 crore

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

a lady namely Neha, W/o Avinash, R/o

RZE-146, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi,

Age: 26 years, Height: 5'

Complexion: Wheatish, Face:

Round, Wearing: Unknown has been

missing/ kidnapped from the area of

P.S. Nihal Vihar since 06.03.2021. In

this regard a Vide DD No. 183A dated

06.03.2021 has been registered at

in Kerala comes forward for Cancer treatment of lesser privileged M^G George Muthoot (1949-2021), Group

MG George Muthoot Cancer Centre"

Chairman of The Muthoot Group of Companies spent all his life relentlessly striving to ensure that millions of marginalised people across the length and breadth of our country benefitted from Financial Inclusion. His unparalleled philanthropic and CSR initiatives coupled with hugely popular and affordable products & services provided count-less Indians with the benefits of a formal financial system, transforming their dreams into productive reality.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



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

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/786/OD/2021

PS Paschim Vihar, West Delhi Ph.: 011-25268394, 25280980

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED General Public is hereby informed that

Sputnik V.



Neha

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.nic.in Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/767/OD/2021

SHO P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

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



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

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

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

UJVN Limited HO "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephones: 0135-2763808 Fax- 0135- 2763508

CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Date Extension

Due to unavoidable reason dates in Tender No. 25/EE(Maint.)/Khodri. 2020-21 - Under water inspection of draft tube gates and associated structure of Khodri power station shall be read as below, all other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged Last date for submission of bid: 21-04-2021 (upto 16:00 Hrs) Date of opening of bid: 22-04-2021(11:00 Hrs.)

For downloading tender documents and other details, Kindly visit our

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

SEARCH FOR MISSING

portal "https:/www.ujvnl.com" Executive Engineer(Maintenance)

General public is hereby informed that a

person (depicted in the photo), Namely

NB. SUB. Shashi Bhushan Verma S/o Shri

महिला सशक्तिकरण एवं बाल विकास विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड नेकट नन्दा की चौकी, सुद्धोवाला विकासनगर रोड़, देहरादू दूरभाष नं0 0135-2775813-2775814, ईक्मेल-dir.icds.ua@gmail.com ई-निविदा संशोधन सूचना

निदेशालय पत्र संख्या 56 / अनुपूरक पोषाहार / 2021–22 दिनांक 08 अप्रैल, 2021 के द्वारा अनुपूरक पोषाहार के अन्तर्गत होम राशन (THR) की आपूर्ति हेत् ई-निविदा आमंत्रित किये जाने की सूचना प्रकाशित की गयी थी। जिसमें वेबसाईट पर बिड उपलब्ध होने की तिथि 12 अप्रैल, 2021 सांय 04:00 के स्थान पर संशोधित तिथि 20 अप्रैल, 2021 सांय 04:00 की जाती है।

उप निदेशक

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Alam, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 40 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish Sex: Male, Face: Round, Built: Medium, ID Mark: Old scar mark between both eyebrow. Wearing: Purple colour shirt, coca cola colour pant, yellow and red colour linedar towel bare foot was found at opposite shop no 3018, Gali No.1 Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj, dt. 09.04.2021 Delhi. In this regard, a DD No. 38, dated

09.04.2021 has been lodged at PS Pahar Ganj, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved at LHMC Hospital Mortuary, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information

Any, person having any information or clue about this person

Ph.: 011-23524746 23520787

ICICI Bank PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak

Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005

DP/964/ON/2021

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest

(Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is",

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Earnest	Time of	Date & Time of Auction	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	
1.	Mr. Saket Satyam (Borrower), Sushil Kumar Shrivastava (Co- Borrower), Kumar Abhishek Verma (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002376035	Flat No 32, LIG Block B18 Pkt 5 Sec-35, 2nd Floor Rohini, Delhi, 110085 Area 285 sq. ft	Rs. 15,47, 391.5 (as on 6th Apr 2021)	Rs. 11,10, 000/- Rs.1,11, 000/-	May 10, 2021 From 12 Noon To 1:00 PM	May 28, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards	

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till May 27, 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 FloorShal 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 27, 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 27, 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 Date: April 13, 2021 Place: Delhi/NCR **Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited**

011-24368638, 24368641 Ph. No. 011-25891181, 25892010, Fax No. 011-24368639 Signal &Telecommunication, Hubballi 8750871122, 9718838396 DP/397/WD/2021

NB. SUB. SHASHI **BHUSHAN VERMA**

Raj Gir Singh R/o 505, Army Base Workshop, C/o 56 APO, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi has been missing from 505, Army Base Workshop, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi since 31.03.2021. In this regard a GD No. 45A dated 02.04.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Naraina, New Delhi. His physical description is as under:-Age: 41 Years, Height: 5'9", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black colour Army

dress and black colour shoes in feet. Any person having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Naraina, New Delhi at E-mail Id cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in P.S. Naraina, New Delhi

West Distt., Delhi

Delhi for 72 hours about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

P.S., Pahar Ganj, Delhi

DP/758/CD/2021

to solve the difficulty of net-

The stable and high-speed 5G signal enables the soldiers

in the deep mountains to keep up with the information society, leaving the monotonous and boring life on the border,

both the indices.

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

AntioxidantsHelp

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



DOCYARD

DR PARESH DOSHI

Director of Neurosurgery

JASLOK HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE, MUMBAI



Look out for tremors



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

tion of the symptoms of the patient.

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

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

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Some patients present with alteration in the gait. This is a pill rolling tremor, it $\stackrel{ ext{m}}{ ext{m}}$

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looks like as if the Parkinson Disease affecting patients above 60 years of age. person is There gait becomes slow and rolling pills shuffling. Many times, this gets attributed to old age and hence there is a delay in the diagno-

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

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

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

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

SUMMERCOOLERS

WATERMELON: summers, and watermelon makes it to your priority list. A refreshing and low summer calories fruit, it makes watermelon all more

important to have in the season. It is made up of around

90 per cent water, which makes the fruit useful for staying hydrated. It can also satisfy a sweet tooth with its

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

species, from the body. The body produces free radicals during natural processes, such as metabolism. They can

lution, stress, and other environmental pressures. The high water content in watermelon and other

nutrients help promote a healthy gut by preventing constipation and promoting regu-

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

also develop through smoking, air pol-

> Peak sun hours are from 10 am to 4 pm. Try and avoid going out during this

tle of water with

Onions are great to prevent a heatstroke. Eat them in any form, though raw would be

The juice of coriander

Eat more fruits that are high in water content. Drink at least two

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

cine can affect its efficacy; howev-

er, it can increase pain, swelling and

reduce the range of motion in that

area," he says.

VACCINE STILL BEST BET

The growing cases of COVID-19, with people who have

been fully vaccinated also testing positive, has raised an

the reasons behind it and why it is still the best option

alarm. MUSBA HASHMI speaks with doctors who talk about

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

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

"One shouldn't be apprehensive about getting the vaccination done. While it doesn't provide 100 per cent efficacy, it is still the best bet. Keeping in mind the current situation, it is imperative that we must be on optimum guard. Even after One shouldn't be apprehensive about getting the vaccination done. While it doesn't provide 100 per cent efficacy, it is stil the best bet. **Keeping in mind** the current situation, it is

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

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

getting the vaccination done, one

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

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

YOUNG ONES STAY INDOORS

The new wave of COVID-19 is wrecking havoc, especially among children, as more and more test positive.

SHALINI SAKSENA speaks to doctors to tell you more

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

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

"However, they are issues specific 15

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

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

'Many vaccines have already completed trials in adolescents (above 12 years) and have generated safety and efficacy profile of the vaccine, similar to over18 years' age group. However, the trials in special populations including younger age group is on its way. Pregnancy and lactation are other categories for which data regarding vaccine use is lagging. The solution to this situation bears no shortcuts," Moni tells you.

Another plus is that while more children are getting infected and becoming symptomatic as compared to the first wave, the number requiring intensive care is Dr Rachna Sharma, senior consultant,

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

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

Dadi Ka Kehna

oon after the reports of doctors getting COVID positive

even after receiving both the

vaccine shots made head-

lines, the efficacy of the vaccine

came under question. With people

wondering why to get vaccinated if one can anyway get infected with Coronavirus, doctors believe it is

"It is not correct to think that getting vaccinated will prevent one from catching the infection. A fully

vaccinated person can still be infect-

ed but the viral load of such a per-

son will be far less than someone

who is not vaccinated or partially

duced by the vaccine helps in fight-

ing off the virus, which in turn,

reduces the chances of that person

transmitting the virus to other

people," Dr Deepak Verma, Internal

Medicine, Columbia Asia Hospital,

administering the jab at the right

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With rising temperature, it is essential to keep oneself hydrated at all times. ROSHANI DEVI shares home concoctions that can help keep your body



Drink coconut water a Drinking plenty of water is the golden rule here. If the couple of times in a day. nature of your work keeps Wear light fabrics that allow your body to breathe you outdoors, which one should avoid at all costs can keep you cool. Cotton is keeping in mind the rising the best options. COVID cases, carry a bot-Lighter shades do not

absorb heat and helps to keep the body

Wear loose fitting clothes. E a t healthy. Yogurt is a great cooling food

to digest. glasses of buttermilk.

BOND FOR LIFE

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

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

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

■What diet and exercise to follow to have a safe and healthy motherhood jour-

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



Senior Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology BirthRight By Rainbow Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital, New Delhi

products are a good source of protein and calcium. Try to have to have three major meals with healthy snacking in between. Exercising in

walk for 30-40 minutes. Stretching exercises and yoga exercises

which are safe in pregnancy and approved by your doctor may be done under supervision. Exercise helps alleviate minor aches and pains of pregnancy and increases your chances of having a natural

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

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

INBRIEF-

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

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TREND BLAZER



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

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



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



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

'PROUD TO BE PART OF MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

Actor MICHELLE MONAGHAN is proud to be part of the Mission: Impossible fran-

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

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





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

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

parents should keep in mind while helping their children:

□Talk to them about the current situation

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

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

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

☐Helping them deal with big and difficult feelings

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



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

□Proactive tools to make your family feel safe

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

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

plan for specific issues or scenar-

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

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

with them or their friends who they would otherwise play with at school. Staying connected with their friends is critical to their happiness, as it gives them companionship and helps maintain good mental health. Make sure to celebrate all the birthdays, anniversaries, holidays like you would otherwise, follow patterns that you would outside of this pandemic. By staying connected with the world around them will help students to have a sense of normality through these tough times.

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

Green Acres Academy.)

Want to do my bit to portray women better: Parineeti

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

Parineeti says, "I strongly feel that

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

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

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

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

Tootaan a dream project for Mrunal

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

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

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

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



guise because there are no eographical barriers here. I'm glad that the film is on Amazon since I love their content. A film like *Toofaan*,

this to motivate people dur-

ing a pandemic."

The film, the inspirational sports drama produced by Ritesh Sidhwani, Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra which is inspirational, is and Farhan Akhtar will premost needed at a time like miere on Amazon Prime Video on May 21.

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CAPTAIN'S CALL



CAPTAIN PUNJAB

KL's 91 trumps Sanju's record-breaking hundred as Kings win final-ball thriller



Punjab Kings skipper KL Rahul congratulates teammate Deepak Hooda after he scores fifty against Rajasthan Royals during IPL match in Mumbai

Kolkata face MI test

PTI MUMBAI

 S_{dred} anju Samson's sensational hundred on his captaincy debut went in vain as young pacer Arshdeep Singh held his nerve in the final over to help Punjab Kings pull off a thrilling four-run win over Rajasthan Royals in a high-scoring IPL game here on Monday.

KL Rahul (91 off 50) and Deepak Hooda (64 off 28) powered Punjab Kings to an imposing 221 for six after being put in to bat on a batting beauty.

Samson almost took RR home with a breathtaking 119 off 63 balls but was caught off the game's final ball with left-arm pacer Arshdeep defending 13 runs in the last over. Samson, who effortlessly struck seven sixes and 12 fours, was so confident of taking his team home that he refused a single to Chris Morris on penultimate ball of the game when Royals needed five runs off two balls. In the end, it was not to be for Royals as Punjab scraped through.

Chasing 222, Rajasthan lost opener Ben Stokes (0) early. Arshdeep then removed Manan Vohra (12) as he lobbed a regulation return catch, leaving Royals in trouble at 25 for two.

Samson and Jos Buttler (25), who struck four successive boundaries off Riley Meredith, tried to take the game deep with a 45-run stand. Pacer Jhye Richardson pegged Rajasthan back by cleaning

Samson, who was dropped twice, completed his fifty with a boundary and kept playing his shots to keep his team in the game despite losing partners at the other end. Royals fetched 26 runs from the 14th and 15th over and then

Murugan Ashwin conceded three sixes in the 16th over, as Royals amassed 20 runs, to bring down the equation to 48 runs from the last

Samson hammered Richardson for two boundaries and a six in the 18th over, in which Royals got 19 runs and took his team on the cusp of a fine win before falling short.

Despite the win, Punjab will be worried that their expensive fast bowling recruits from Australia, Jhye Richardson and Riley Meredith, leaked 55 and 49 runs



Earlier, Rahul smashed seven fours and five sixes while Hooda, playing his first game since the last IPL, plundered six maximums and four boundaries to fire Punjab past

They lost opener Mayank Agarwal (14) early, who edged it back to Samson for IPL debutant Chetan Sakariya's first wicket.

He ended being the pick of the bowlers, conceding only five runs in the 20th over. Rahul, who got his first four

with a glance to the fine-leg fence, and Chris Gayle (40 off 28) gave the team a good start with their 67-run Rahul got a 'life' after Ben Stokes dropped him at the fence in

the seventh over even as Gayle, looked in his elements. The duo then took on Stokes, as Gayle hit his 350th IPL six, a pull

over deep square in the 8th over with Punjab racing to 70 for one. Gayle was dropped by leggie Rahul Tewatia (0/25) off his own bowling and the very next ball, the left-hander smashed a six.

However, in the 10th over, Riyan Parag (1/7) removed Gayle, who was holed out to Stokes in the

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

Hooda then smashed two maximums in the same over and then struck three sixes off Shreyas Gopal (0/40) in the next as Punjab went ballistic. It was Rahul and Hooda's show at the Wankhede that

made the difference to their total as the duo tore into the opposition attack on way to to their 105-run stand.

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2. Deepak Hooda (PBKS) 3. KL Rahul (PBKS)

SUMMER SLAM

MOTION PICTURE



Jos Buttler's wife Louise Buttler and daughter Georgia Rose in stands during IPL match between Rajasthan Royals and Punjab Kings at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai

HARDIK WILL BOWL SOON: ZAHEER Hardik Pandya did not bowl against RCB due to a

shoulder concern but the he will soon contribute in team's cause with ball in his hand, MI's Director of Cricket Operations Zaheer Khan said. "Hardik, as a whole package is always of great value. It was a workload related thing in the previous game. There was a little bit of a shoulder concern but I don't think it is worrisome. You will see him bowl very soon. We are very confident that he will be chipping in with the ball in his hand as well," added Zaheer.

WILLIAMSON NEEDS EXTRA TIME

SRH head coach Trevor Bayliss said Kane Williamson was left out against KKR as he needs more time to be match fit. "We just felt that Kane needed a little bit of extra time to get match fit and a little bit more time in the nets," Bayliss said. "He would have played in place of Bairstow if that had occurred. But we aren't too perturbed about that, Jonny has been in form recently. Kane will obviously come into calculations as the

AVESH TAKES HIS DREAM WICKET

DC pacer Avesh Khan said he fulfilled a long-cherished dream when he got former India skipper MS Dhoni's prized wicket. "Three years ago, I had a chance to take Mahi bhai's wicket, but somebody had dropped the catch. But now my dream of taking Mahi bhai's wicke is fulfilled, so I am very happy about it," Avesh said."

SHAW MADE COMEBACK LIKE CHAMPION

DC opener Shikhar Dhawan heaped praise on his batting partner Prithvi Shaw, who made 72 off 38 balls against CSK. "It was lovely to watch Prithvi bat so effortlessly and timing the ball so nicely. He went through a bad patch earlier and has come back as a

champion. I am so happy to see him perform that well.'

in fact improved now. It's about time," Harbhajan said. "He is putting the same

Lyadav may have struggled to keep a place in the playing eleven of the national team as well as in the Kolkata Knight Riders side but Singh does not see anything wrong with his bowling and said he would come back stronger. Once a vital cog in India and

eft-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep

PTI CHENNAI

KKR's attack, the chinaman bowler has struggled recently and he is not a regular in the playing XI.

"I don't see anything with Kuldeep's bowling. He's been a match-winner for Team India and for KKR. I'm sure he will come good for KKR and also later on for Team India as well," Harbhajan said, strongly backing the fellow KKR spinner.

Last season, Kuldeep returned with just one wicket in five matches, of which he was not given the ball in one. Kuldeep was also a member of the Indian squads in the recent series against Australia and England.

But he played in only one ODI in Australia and one Test and two ODIs against England without any noteworthy performances.

"Kuldeep is a big matchwinner. Nobody told him how to bowl when he first played for India. He still has the same skill-set which has

'Nothing wrong with Kuldeep's bowling'

I know he's a hard worker and he will come back strong. This is part and parcel of a player and has happened with many great bowlers." KKR skipper

Eoin Morgan pressed Harbhajan into action in the very first over to get a match-up with David Warner. "My goal has

always been to play cricket. I was a bit nervous initially and then I told myself to relax myself and bowl the way I've been doing all these years. Glad that I bowled that first over well."

Harbhajan was



ing missed the play-offs in 2019 and 2020. "We have got all the bases covered in terms of batting and bowling. We have got a great setup of youngsters in batting and bowling. I feel we have a great chance, we just need to back ourselves and set standards high," he con-

POINTS TABLE						
		Р	W	L	NRR	P
-	DC	1	1	0	+0.779	2
à	KKR	1	1	0	+0.500	2
6	PBKS	1	1	0	+0.200	2
逐	RCB	1	1	0	+0.050	2

Kolkata Knight Riders will look to set the record straight against nemesis Mumbai Indians in their second match here on

Tuesday. They have won just once in their last 12 games against MI, and have an overall lopsided 6-21 head-to-head record Having missed the last two playoffs, KKR

KEY PLAYERS

KRUNAL PANDYA

PTI ■ CHENNAI

hand or with the bat

 $F^{\text{resh from their clinical display against}}_{\text{Sunrisers Hyderabad, two-time champions}}$

Rana adds value to KKR with

an ability to stabilise the innings

and accelerate when required

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NITISH RANA

looked a completely different unit, in the manner in which they defeated SRH on Sunday. Be it the aggression shown by the toporder or the explosive finish by Dinesh Karthik, KKR's displayed a fearless approach

under skipper Eoin Morgan. The left-right opening combination of Nitish Rana and Shubman Gill started to attack right from the first ball, clearly indicating that the new approach had Morgan's suc-

cess mantra written all over it. But on Tuesday it will all boil down to battle of wits between Morgan and Rohit Sharma,

under whose captaincy MI has won a record fifth IPL title last season in UAE. MI will pose real chal lenge for KKR as the title hoders would be desperate to secure their first win of the season after their two-wicket loss to Challengers

Bangalore in the IPL opener. KRR found it easy

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

Gill's struggle to bat at T20 pace has been concern for KKR

VENUE: CHIDAMBARAM STADIUM, CHENNAI HEAD TO HEAD

Kolkata Knight Riders 06 Mumbai Indians

LAST YEAR'S MATCHES

Mumbai Indians defeated Kolkata Knight Riders by 49 runs at Abu Dhabi

Mumbai Indians beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 8 wickets at Abu Dhabi

954

Shubman Gill who scored 954 runs at an average of 32.89 in 39 innings of 42 matches, needs 44 runs to become 11th batsman to score over 1000 runs for Kolkata Knight Riders in IPL

47

Krunal Pandya who took 47 wickets at an average of 32.61 in 70 innings of 72 matches, needs three wickets to become the sixth bowler to complete a fifty of wickets for Mumbai Indians in IPL

interesting to see the young opener's approach against the finest in the business. In his debut match for MI, Chris Lynn was their topscorer, albeit with some stroke of luck as he survived some edges and now But

Quinton de Kock available for selection, MI may may go back to their preferred leftright opening combination of Rohit and de Kock.

Linde leads SA to series-levelling win



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outh Africa levelled their Sfour-match International series against Pakistan with a comfortable six-wicket win in the second match at the Wanderers in Johannesburg on Monday.

Left-arm spinner George Linde and fast bowler Lizaad Williams took three wickets each as Pakistan were restricted to 140 for nine in their 20

Captain Babar Azam made 50 for Pakistan.

Aiden Markram led an aggressive South African reply, hitting 54 off 30 balls, and the hosts romped to victory with six overs to spare. Stand-in captain Heinrich

Klaasen made 36 not out from 21 balls and added 49 runs for fifth wicket with George Linde (20 off 10 balls, 2 sixes).

The third game of the four-game series is on

Bayern can beat PSG: Kimmich

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m Joshua\ Kimmich\ is\ con-}$ vinced the holders can beat Paris Saint-Germain at the Parc des Princes on Tuesday in their Champions League quarterfinal second leg to reach the last four.

"I believe that we will progress, because we're the better team," Kimmich told the club's website.

Bayern need to overturn a 3-2 defeat from last week's first leg in Munich.

"We were the better team in the first leg, but unfortunately the result didn't correspond to the performance," added Kimmich.

"Nevertheless, I'm confident that we can still turn it around in the second leg.'

Despite peppering the PSG goal with 31 shots, 12 on target,



ened three times and scored three times," said Kimmich. "Apart from that, I don't remember Paris having that

many chances. "Overall, our attack had more possession and more

chances. Now we have to take these chances.