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4L daily Covid cases by Apr end likely

At current rate, deaths could go up to 200/day; Whopping 19.5K cases in Delhi in 24 hrs

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the current rate of the daily surge, India's Covid-19 cases could reach anywhere between 3.5 and 4 lakh by the end of April. Going by the current death rate of around 0.5 per cent, India could see a daily fatality of around 175 to 200 per day by month-end. On Friday, India recorded over 2.33 lakh new cases and 1,338 deaths, compared to 2.17 lakh cases and 1,185 deaths the previous day.

The country's average daily Covid-19 growth during the last two weeks is around 5.2 to 6 per cent, or 12,000 to 15,000 a day. Even in the case of a highly optimistic scenario where the cases stabilise around an average of 10,000 per day, the country total should go easily past 3.5 lakh in the remaining two weeks of this month.

The most worrying part is the fact that the number of new cases is rising alarmingly in States other than Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, which bore the brunt of the onset of the second wave of the Covid-19.

On Friday, Maharashtra recorded its single-day high of 63,729 cases and 398 deaths. Delhi also recorded its single day of 19,486 cases and a

Haryana shuts schools till Apr 30

Chandigarh: The Haryana Government on Friday announced consolidated guidelines to contain the spread of Covid-19, ordering closure of schools, colleges and coaching institutes till April 30 and capping number of attendees at gatherings and passengers in vehicles.

CAPSULE

CBI EX-DIRECTOR RANJIT SINHA DIES OF COVID-19

New Delhi: Former CBI director Ranjit Sinha died on Friday morning in what is believed to be a Covid-19 related death, senior officials said. He was 68.

'DIALOGUE CAN SOLVE INDIA-NEPAL ISSUES'

Kathmandu: There is no issue between Nepal and India that cannot be resolved through dialogue, Nepalese Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali said on Friday, underlining that the two countries are "friends and not competitors".

COLLECTION OF CHALLAN DUES IN CASH SUSPENDED

New Delhi: The Delhi Traffic Police has suspended the process to collect dues for pending challans in cash in view of a surge in Covid-19 cases here, officials said on Friday.



Passengers stand in a queue outside Anand Vihar Railway Station as they arrive to board train for their native place amid rise in Covid cases in New Delhi on Friday
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record 141 deaths. Chhattisgarh has seen an alarming 131 per cent rise in the number of fresh cases during the last one weeks.

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BSY +ve for 2nd time in 8 months; Javadekar too Covid positive

Bengaluru/New Delhi: Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on Friday tested positive for Covid-19 for the second time in eight months, and has been shifted to a private hospital. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar too tested positive for coronavirus.

CISCE defers Class X, XII Board exams

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) on Friday deferred the board exams for Classes 10 and 12 in view of a rise in Covid-19 cases across the country.

In light of the nationwide surge in coronavirus cases, the Class 10 and 12 exams which were to be held from May 4 have been deferred, CISCE's chief executive and secretary Gerry Arathoon said.

"We will closely monitor the situation and review it in the first week of June to take a final decision on conduct of examination," he said. "While Class 12 exams will be conducted at a later stage, Class 10 students will get an option to either appear in offline exams later or get evaluated on basis of fair and unbiased criteria to be developed by board," Arathoon added.

Earlier this week, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had cancelled its Class 10 board exams and deferred the Class 12 board exams. Several State boards have postponed or cancelled their exams too.

Covid-19 IN INDIA

TOTAL CASES:
1,45,21,683 (+2,33,757)

DEATHS: 1,75,673 (+1,338)

RECOVERED:
1,26,66,889 (+1,22,839)

ACTIVE: 16,73,016

MAHARASHTRA: 37,03,584

KERALA: 12,07,333

KARNATAKA: 11,24,509

TAMIL NADU: 9,71,384

DELHI: 8,03,623 (+19,486)

Covaxin production to double by June, 7 fold by July-Aug

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The current production capacity of Bharat Biotech indigenously developed Covaxin vaccine will be doubled by May-June 2021 and then increased nearly 6-7 fold by July-August 2021, the Government said on Friday.

The Union Ministry of Science and Technology issued a statement in this regard, saying "the current production capacity of indigenously developed Covaxin vaccine will be doubled by May-June 2021 and then increased nearly 6-7 fold by July-August 2021 — that is increasing the production from 1 crore vaccine doses in April 2021 to 6-7 crore vaccine dose by July-August. It is expected to reach nearly 10 crore doses per month by September this year."

It said the Government will provide financial support as a grant to vaccine manufacturing facilities for enhanced production capacities.

Recently, inter-ministerial teams visited the sites of two

Sunday curfew imposed on all UP dists till May 15

₹1,000 fine for no mask; markets to be sanitised on Sundays

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

As corona surge continues, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has ordered "Sunday curfew" across the State and also ordered setting up of 1,000-bed Covid hospitals in Lucknow to meet the demand of shortage of beds.

The State Government also stated that ₹1,000 fine will be charged for not wearing masks and ₹10,000 fine for second time violation. The Sunday curfew will continue till May 15.

In the review meeting, the CM ordered closure of markets, offices and other business establishments on Sunday so as to allow sanitisation of the markets across the State. "There will be a weekly closure in all rural and urban areas of the State on Sunday. Only sanitisation and emergency services will operate during this period. Necessary awareness works



A view of the iconic building of Lucknow, Imambada. ASI protected monuments remained shut for visitors in view of the rising Covid-19 cases in the country, in Lucknow on Friday
PTI

should also be done in this regard. He hinted that even public transport and commutation won't be allowed.

"A 1,000-bed Covid hospital will be established in Lucknow. The venue of the Defence Expo in Vrindavan Colony has been chosen for setting up of this makeshift hospital," the Chief Minister said during a review meeting with divisional commissioners, district magistrates, Chief Medical Officers and members

of the Team-11 (a core team of 11 officers).

Yogi also ordered closure of OPDs in all Government hospitals in the State to control crowds. He also announced that it is compulsory for everyone to wear a mask. "A fine of ₹1,000 would be imposed for the first time caught without a mask. If caught without a mask a second time, a penalty of ₹10,000 would be imposed," he added.

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Ensure sufficient oxygen for emergency care: PM

Modi calls for increase in manufacturing

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the second wave of Covid-19 variant has led to a rapid rise in positive cases across the country and brought health facilities under increasing pressure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday undertook a "comprehensive" review to ensure adequate medical grade oxygen supply in the country and called for stepping up its production.

Oxygen supply has been under pressure with the multiplication of coronavirus cases after it had largely ebbed out by the start of this year.

According to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Modi took a comprehensive review to ensure adequate medical grade oxygen supply in the country.

Inputs from Ministries like health, steel, road transport, and the Department for Promotion of Industry and



Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan.

The PMO said an overview of the district-level situation in these States was presented to the PM.

He was informed that the Centre and States are in regular contact and estimates for projected demand has been shared with states as of April 20, April 25 and April 30, it said.

The PMO said, accordingly, 4,880 MT, 5,619 MT and 6,593 MT have been allocated to these 12 States for meeting their projected demand of medical oxygen as on April 20, April 25 and April 30, respectively.

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Need more research to determine spread of 'double mutant' coronavirus: Scientists

New Delhi: A global mutation tracker on Friday suggested the "double mutant" coronavirus, first identified in Maharashtra, has a cumulative

prevalence of 10 per cent in India, a finding that some scientists here said is based on insufficient data and needs more research.

Monsoon normal this year, predicts IMD

Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, eastern UP, Assam may not get sufficient rainfall

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Barring Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, north-Chhattisgarh, eastern Uttar Pradesh, Meghalaya and Assam, India will probably experience normal monsoon rainfall this year as La Nina or El Nino weather conditions, which impact rain patterns, are likely to be absent.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday predicted overall "normal" monsoon rainfall at 98 per



cent of the Long Period Average (LPA), which has a model error of plus and minus 5 per cent during the June-September period across the country. The LPA of the monsoon is 88 centimetres.

Rainfall between 96-104 per cent of the LPA is considered normal. The IMD said the probability of the 2021 mon-

soon being "normal" was 40% while there was 21% chance of it being "above normal".

While releasing the first Long Range Forecast for the four-month rainfall period from June to September, M Rajeevan, secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, said, quantitatively, the monsoon seasonal rainfall is likely to be 98% of the LPA with a model error of +/- 5 per cent. "It is really good news for the country and will help India have a good agriculture output," he said.

The news augurs well for an economy battered due to the coronavirus pandemic. Large parts of the country rely on the four-month rainfall season for agriculture and also for filling reservoirs.

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UK Home Dept clears Nirav Modi's extradition to India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Home Department of the United Kingdom has cleared the extradition of fugitive diamondaire Nirav Modi, wanted in India connection with a case involving over ₹13,000-crore credit fraud involving Punjab National Bank (PNB).

However, Westminster's court has granted Nirav a window of appeal in the High Court and has up to 14 days to make that application after the Home Secretary cleared the extradition.

Nirav had allegedly perpetrated the fraud in the PNB in collusion with his uncle Mehul Choksi. On February 25, a Westminster Magistrates' Court allowed his extradition. The findings of the court



were sent to the UK Home Department headed by British Home Secretary Priti which cleared the extradition, officials said, according to news agency PTI.

The UK's Westminster Magistrates' Court ruled that the diamond merchant and prime accused in the PNB credit fraud case, Nirav Modi, has a case to answer before Indian courts.

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Dust storm, drizzle cool Delhi but pollute its air

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A strong dust storm travelled through the National capital on Friday, affecting visibility and air quality, while cloudy weather and light rain brought the mercury down slightly, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said.

"A dust storm hit Delhi around 4 pm under the influence of a Western Disturbance affecting the hills. The maximum wind speed was around 70 kilometres per hour," an IMD official said.

Visibility at Palam dropped from 3,000 metres to 500 metres due to the dust storm. At Safdarjung, it was reduced from 2,200 metres to 1,500 metres. Delhi's air quality index (AQI) also deteriorated to 252



A commuter rides a scooter during a dust storm in New Delhi on Friday
PTI

at 6 pm from 238 at 4 pm. An AQI between 201 and 300 is considered "poor".

Very light rain has been recorded in some areas of the city, bringing down mercury. On Thursday, the city had

recorded a maximum temperature of 40.5 degrees Celsius, the highest so far this season. The mercury is predicted to remain below 40 degrees Celsius for the next five to six days, the IMD said.

Pak asks India to appoint lawyer to represent Jadhav

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Friday again urged India to appoint a lawyer to represent death row convict Kulbhushan Jadhav to implement the verdict of the International Court of Justice. The Islamabad High Court, while hearing the case on Thursday, asked the Foreign Office (FO) to approach India about appointing a counsel and clarifying the issue of jurisdiction of the case. FO spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhry, addressing a weekly briefing, said: “We once again urge India to cooperate with the Pakistani courts by inter-alia appointing a lawyer in the Kulbhushan Jadhav case

so that full effect could be given to the ICJ judgment in the case”. Jadhav, the 50-year-old retired Indian Navy officer, was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court on charges of espionage and terrorism in April 2017. India approached the International Court of Justice against Pakistan for denial of consular access to Jadhav and challenging the death sentence. The Hague-based ICJ ruled in July 2019 that Pakistan must undertake an ‘effective review and reconsideration’ of the conviction and sentence of Jadhav and also to grant consular access to India without further delay. The ICJ, in its 2019 verdict,

had asked Pakistan to provide a proper forum for appeal against the sentence. Asked about backchannel contacts with India, Chaudhry said “states have ways and means to communicate with other states which remain available even during wars.” He said Pakistan never shied away from talks with India and has always underscored the need for a ‘meaningful dialogue’ and peaceful resolution of all outstanding disputes, including the core issue of J&K. “We believe durable peace, security and development in the region hinge on peaceful resolution of the long-standing Jammu and Kashmir dispute,” he said.

497 new Covid cases in Gautam Buddh Nagar, death toll reaches 100

PTI ■ NOIDA (UP)

Uttar Pradesh’s Gautam Buddh Nagar on Friday recorded two more fatalities linked to Covid-19 that pushed the district’s death toll to 100, official data showed. The district adjoining Delhi in western Uttar Pradesh also recorded 497 new cases – its highest single-day spike in infections so far – as its overall infection tally rose to 29,425, it showed. The active caseload reached 2,626 from 2,334 the previous day, according to the figures released by the UP Health Department for a 24-hour period. On the brighter side, 203

patients got discharged during the period taking the overall recoveries to 26,699, the fifth highest in the state, it showed. The death toll in Gautam Buddh Nagar stands at 100 and the mortality rate is 0.33 per cent. The recovery rate of patients reached 90.73 per cent, the statistics showed. According to the official data, now 26 of the 75 districts have a death toll of 100 or more in Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, the number of active COVID-19 cases in UP reached 1,50,676 from 1,29,848 the previous day while the overall recoveries climbed to 6,33,461 and the death toll to 9,583 on Friday, the data showed.

Making arrangements to ensure guidelines are followed in Modi’s rallies, says BJP

New Delhi:With Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to address two poll rallies in West Bengal on Saturday, BJP sources said the party has been taking adequate measures to ensure that social distancing is maintained and people attending them wear masks. The sources said that chairs for the rallies’ participants have been placed at adequate distance in every block of the two venues so that social distancing is followed. It will be ensured that everyone entering the rally venues wears a mask, they said. “Our teams have been working to this effect,” a source said. Amid a massive surge in coronavirus cases across the country, the Election Commission (EC) asked political parties on Friday to ensure “absolute” adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in

letter and sprit. “Violations , if any shall be sternly dealt with and action, including criminal action, taken as per extant legal framework,” it said. The EC said it will be the responsibility of the organisers of public meetings, rallies, to provide masks and sanitisers to every person attending these events at their cost “which shall be added and counted within limits of prescribed expenditure.” The COVID-19 tally in West Bengal mounted to 6,43,795 on Friday after the highest- single-day spike of 6,910 new cases was reported in the state, the health department said in a bulletin. The EC also invoked is constitutional powers to put in place restrictions on campaigning by political parties.

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Pokhriyal: NEP aims to make India a global knowledge superpower

PTI ■ PHAGWARA

The National Education Policy is based on equity, quality and accessibility and is aimed at making India a global knowledge superpower, Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ said on Friday. The policy focuses on paving the way for transformational reforms in school and higher education systems to achieve this end, he added. Pokhriyal made the remarks while addressing an international conference digitally at Lovely Professional University (LPU).

Lord Jagannath Temple in Puri to remain closed on weekends

PTI ■ PURI

In view of Covid-19 spike in Odisha, the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Friday said the 12th-century shrine in Puri will remain closed for devotees on Saturdays and Sundays.

The temple will remain closed for public darshan on Saturdays and Sundays as a measure to contain the spread of coronavirus and to sanitise the temple premises, Kumar said. Detailed discussions were held on the implementation of guidelines laid down in the

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for reopening of Shree Jagannath Temple as notified on December 22, 2020, and subsequent orders on January 11, 2021 and April 3, 2021, the SJTA chief administrator said. The new SOP will come to effect from April 19, 2021.

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The DRDO will set up two hospitals of 500 beds and 600 beds in Haj House and Blossoms Height under the direction of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, thus giving a hope to the patients and their relatives who are running helter-skelter for beds. A Government spokesman said within next three to four days, Lucknow will have 2,100 additional beds besides King Georges’ Medical University and Balrampur Hospital will be transformed into fully Covid hospital.

“This is our responsibility to take care of people who are in home isolation. Medical kits containing all types of essential medicines should be made available to such patients. There is no shortage of medicines. This work should be reviewed every day,” the CM said. Yogi added continuous supply of oxygen to Covid hospitals should be maintained. The control room has been set up to monitor smooth supply of medical oxygen and should remain 24x7 active. Adequate availability of medical personnel, Covid beds, medicines, medical equipment and oxygen should always be maintained in every district. Ensure smooth operation of ambulance ser-

VICES. Make the Government aware of any kind of need, he said.

“The Department of Food Safety and Drug Administration should ensure adequate availability of Remdesivir. The availability should be monitored from the Chief Secretary’s office. Additional Remdesivir should be purchased while assessing the situation,” CM said.

The CM maintained that there is no shortage of funds for the work related to Covid management. Quarantine centres should be opened in all districts and these should have proper medical facilities as well as proper arrangements for food. With a view to keeping the spread of infection to a minimum, it is extremely important that the provisions of the containment zone be strictly implemented.

“UP has excellent experience of Covid management. Our policies have received global acclaim. Our victory in this battle is certain. Every citizen of the State has an important role to play in defeating Covid. Compliance of Covid protocol is in everyone’s interest. Masks, sanitisation and physical distance have to be included in our lifestyle,” he said.

EC cuts Bengal campaign time...

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The poll body has also directed the political parties/candidates to provide masks, sanitizers, etc, to the participants and account for the cost in expenditure limits. If Covid 19 norms are flouted at any public meetings and rallies, the district election officers and returning officers can cancel the public meetings and rallies and invoke penal actions.

“It shall be the responsibility of the organisers of public meetings, rallies, etc to provide masks and sanitisers to every person attending these meetings, rallies, etc at their cost which shall be added and counted within limits of prescribed expenditure. Organisers shall also ensure proper usage of masks, sanitisers and also be responsible for maintaining minimum social distance by everyone. District Election Officers and Returning Officers shall take strict measures to enforce Covid guidelines during the campaign. They shall cancel public meetings, rallies, etc. if any violations are observed, in addition to invoking penal sections,” the EC said.

Due to spike in Covid 19 cases, the EC has reduced the maximum number of electors per booth from 1500 to 1000 and marking of six feet distance for the queue outside the polling station to maintain social distancing.

Earlier, at the meeting of the political parties, CEO Ariz Aftab them to strictly follow the COVID-19 protocol of wearing masks and maintain physical distancing while campaigning for the remaining phases. “Wearing a mask, keeping adequate sanitizers have been made mandatory at all political rallies. Any violations of the protocol shall be sternly dealt with. Criminal action will be taken as per the legal framework,” EC officials told the representatives of the political parties. The poll panel called an all-party meeting in Kolkata after the Calcutta High Court sought its response on the actions and steps taken on Covid-19 safety protocols during the poll campaign. Political parties assured their full cooperation to the Election Commission in adhering to Covid-19 protocols.

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The PM was briefed about production capacity in the country to meet the rising demand, it said. He suggested increasing oxygen production as per the capacity of each plant. It was discussed that surplus stocks of oxygen supply in steel plants are being offered for medical use, the PMO said. The PM also asked officials to ensure seamless and

free movement of tankers carrying oxygen throughout the country. The Government has exempted all inter-State movement of oxygen tankers from registration of permits to enable easier movement, the PMO’s statement said. Modi was informed that States and transporters have been asked to ensure tankers move round the clock with drivers working in shifts to ensure faster turnaround and adequate capacity to meet the surge in demand.Cylinder filling plants will also be permitted to work for 24 hours with

necessary safeguards, the PMO said.The Government is allowing industrial cylinders to be used for medical oxygen after due purging, it said. Similarly, nitrogen and argon tankers will be automatically allowed to be converted to oxygen tankers to overcome the potential shortage of tankers.During the review, officials also briefed the PM about the efforts being made to import medical grade oxygen, the PMO said. It was reported that a Covid patient in a Delhi Hospital died as a ward boy “switched off” and moved an

oxygen cylinder to another patient in the hospital. India added a record 2,17,353 new coronavirus infections in a day taking the total tally of Covid-19 cases to 1,42,91,917, while active cases surpassed the 15-lakh mark, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday.The West Bengal which has witnessed numerous political rallies over the last two months (with thousands of people in attendance) has crossed the national coronavirus average of 5.2 per cent by registering a Covid positive growth of 6.5 per cent.

Monsoon normal this year...

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The ‘normal’ rainfall means good acreage of Kharif crops (paddy, pulses, oilseeds, and coarse cereals), and adequate water storage in major water bodies across the countries for the next crop season. Better water storage also helps (winter sown) crops, bringing the entire crop year in bumper output phase. This is the first time the IMD has adopted the most advanced and comprehensive system to arrive at its forecast, keeping in view demands from different users and government authorities for forecasts of the spatial distribution of seasonal rainfall along with the regionally averaged rainfall forecasts for better regional level planning of activities. For this specific purpose, Office of Climate Research & Services, IMD, Pune has developed a Multi-Model Ensemble (MME) forecasting system

based on coupled global climate models (CGCMs) from different global climate prediction and research centres including the Monsoon Mission CFS (MMCFs) being used by IMD. According to Rajeevan, the IMD will also issue month-wise forecasts during the next four months. The La Nina and El Nino factors major influences on the Indian monsoon. The former is associated with the cooling of the Pacific waters and brings good rainfall while the latter is linked to the heating of Pacific waters and could lead to deficient precipitation. “There are less chances of formation of an El Nino,” Rajeevan said. He said in the recent years, the year after La Nina has usually seen a normal rainfall season. The Indian Dipole is another major influence on the outcome of the monsoon. A negative IOD is associated with the heating of the Indian

Ocean waters and a positive IOD is linked to the cooling of Indian Ocean waters. The latest global model forecast indicates that neutral ENSO (El Nino Southern Oscillation) conditions are likely to continue over the equatorial Pacific and negative IOD conditions are likely to develop over the Indian Ocean during the ensuing monsoon season, IMD Director General M Mohapatra said. “La-Nina is favoured through March-May with 80 per cent chances of a transition to ENSO-neutral in April-June 2021 and continuing through the fall of 2021,” Rajeevan said, implying these conditions are favourable for a good rainfall season. The IMD’s forecast shows that the 2021 monsoon will be the third consecutive year (2019-2021) of good rainfall. India had earlier three consecutive years of rainfall in 1996,1997 and 1998. However, several experts

say that ‘below-normal rains in East and North-East India are not always harmful as the quantum of rains in these parts and also the daily average is higher than other regions of the country. Recently, private weather forecasting agency, Skymet had also said that the southwest monsoon in 2021 is likely to be ‘normal’ at 103 per cent of the LPA. The Skymet Weather had completely ruled out the possibility of 2021 being the ‘drought’ year, the IMD’s forecast on Friday mentioned 14 percent probability of the ‘deficient’ (drought) monsoon. If both the two forecasts come true, it would mean that for the third consecutive year India will have a normal to above-normal rainfall during the monsoon months. In 2020, actual rainfall across India was 109 percent of LPA, while in 2019, it was 110 per cent of the LPA.

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2. Total No. of works : 01 (One) no
3. Estimated cost : Rs 1254.94 lakh
4. Class of contractor : Special & Super Class
5. Period of completion : 24 (Twenty Four) calendar months
6. Other details :

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FIGHT AGAINST CORONA

Create more facilities, increase Covid beds: CM to officers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has directed officials to create more Covid facilities and to increase the strength of oxygen beds across Delhi.

The Chief Minister also directed the officials to ensure real-time availability of beds of the Delhi Corona app and that the information on the number of beds is exact.

The direction came after a meeting convened by the Chief Minister to review a meeting on Friday on the situation of coronavirus in Delhi. Several steps taken by the Delhi Government to improve the health infrastructure of Delhi were discussed, along with increasing the bed capacity and several other infrastructural requirements in Delhi.

Kejriwal said that there should be multiple assistance numbers in the hospitals and nodal persons should be appointed at every helpline number so that no urgent calls should be missed or turned down. He also said that the health teams must reach out to every patient in home isolation and provide oximeters, the general public should receive every help while they are in home isolation.

Deputy chief minister and



nodal minister Manish Sisodia, Health Minister Satyendar Jain, Additional Chief Secretary, and Health Secretary were also present in the meeting along with health officials.

Kejriwal further said that the focus of the Delhi government is towards increasing the bed capacity, which will ensure adequate treatment for the people who require urgent assistance.

In the meeting, bed management was discussed in detail. CM directed the officials to create more COVID facilities and to increase the strength of oxygen beds across Delhi.

"The bed availability on the

Delhi Corona app should be updated regularly. All the hospitals must be directed to ensure an adequate flow of information on the real-time availability of beds," he said.

The chief minister told the officials to ensure that this data is updated every day and the information should be exact.

"All the helpline numbers of the hospitals, which are also mentioned on the Delhi Corona app should remain fully functional. The hospitals must be directed to make people available 24x7 for providing assistance through the helpline numbers," he said.

Preparedness for weekend curfew reviewed by CP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following the Delhi Government's call for weekend curfew in the city, the Delhi Police Commissioner, SN Shrivastava, on Friday held a meeting with district Deputy Commissioners of Police (DCsP) to review the preparedness and plan of action to follow on ground for strict enforcement of Covid-19 restrictions and Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) order.

"The Delhi Police is again in the frontline as last year to arrest the surge of corona," he said, directing all field officers to maintain tightness in restrictions and prosecute if anyone is found in willful disobedience to the restriction order without a valid ground or exemption.

All Special Commissioners of Police and Joint Commissioners of Police of ranges also attended the meeting. The CP also asked district DCsP to make extensive arrangements of pickets, patrolling and police presence on the ground.



"The covid weekend restrictions will be enforced strictly by Delhi Police like the night curfew. Anyone coming out of home will be definitely checked by the police personnel and questioned. If anyone is found moving without a valid emergency or movement pass for essential services or goods, they would be stopped and a case will be registered against them and they may face arrest too. Medical services, food materials, fruits and vegetables supply needs to go on as usual for normal life," said the CP.

"It is not our purpose to create hindrance in these services. These will operate normally and our personnel will facilitate it. But no one under the garb of these activities can

undertake undue movement to violate the restriction orders," Shrivastava stated, however emphasizing that the genuine needs of people such as people in medical emergencies, vegetable vendors actually moving in streets to sell vegetables will be allowed.

Shrivastava also directed all DCsP to utilize the outside force and PCR for strict enforcement of curfew and take prompt legal action on the violators.

"What needs to be done in such a scenario is known to all. We urge people to follow covid appropriate behaviour and stay home unless exempted under government order. The DDMA orders need to be followed," the CP said.

10 IAS officers appointed as nodal officers for Covid hospitals

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to ensure better functioning of the city hospitals, the Delhi Government on Friday appointed 10 IAS officers as "nodal officers" for Covid-19 hospitals run by it and asked them to work from the health care facility they have been assigned.

"The officers will be overall in-charge of the Covid-19 hospital assigned to them and will exercise general superintendence, directions and control over the functioning of the hospital," an order issued by the health department read.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who has been appointed as the "nodal minister" for COVID-19 management in Delhi, said the step will ensure better patient manage-



ment and quick decision making. "Each officer shall be stationed at their respective hospital and ensure a robust and effective public grievances system also," he tweeted.

The name and phone number of the nodal officer will be displayed at prominent places in the hospital. These Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers can also take assistance of staff from their original office, according to the order.

"The nodal officer will be responsible for efficient and effective handling of telephone lines, call centre and complaint centre pertaining to their hospital," it said..

During the meeting, the DCsP were also asked to ensure that policemen are careful to observe personal safety norms – wearing appropriate masks, social distancing and hand

hygiene. "It is the responsibility of the DCsP and SHOs to take care of the well being of their personnel by following strict covid discipline," stressed Shrivastava.

SDMC makes special arrangement to lift garbage from homes of Covid patients

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has issued helpline numbers to lift bio-medical waste from the homes of Covid-19 patients

Leader of House Narendra Chawla in SDMC said that the civic body has made special arrangements to lift garbage from the homes of Covid-19 positive patients.

Chawla said that the number of Covid-19 positive patients have been increasing day by day hence SDMC has issued helpline numbers for all four zones.

"People can inform about Covid-19 waste by calling these numbers and a team from the concerned zone will reach there for garbage removal," he said.

He further informed that SDMC has specially deployed 53 auto tippers for lifting bio-

medical waste in all four zones. "A system has been developed in such a manner that Covid-19 waste removal and disposal will be done in a scientific manner," he added.

All four zones have made all arrangements in this regard and auto tippers have also been reserved, he said, adding that besides this all safety precautions are being taken to contain spread of Coronavirus during garbage removal.

Gloves, sanitization related items, PPE kits, masks etc are being made available to Safai Sainiks, 'Health Care Workers' and 'Front Line Workers'.

■ Zone	Helpline number
■ Najafgarh Zone	8010863863
■ South Zone	011-40988800
■ West Zone	011-49506548
■ Central Zone	7290041009, 7290041008

DMRC observes Swachchhta Pakhwada, sanitation main focus

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As part of the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' initiative of the Government, the Delhi Metro observed the 'Swachhhta Pakhwada' from April 1st to April 15th under which a host of cleanliness activities were organised to promote cleanliness across all vulnerable locations in its network.

"Each day of the pakhwada was dedicated to specific area(s) viz station premises, depots, residential colonies, site offices and construction sites etc. for carrying out these cleaning and sanitation activities etc," the DMRC said in a statement.

"The main focus this time was on 'Hygiene and Sanitation' particularly keeping



in mind the ongoing pandemic and to reinforce the message of cleanliness amongst public," it said.

In order to make the general public aware about the significance of the Pakhwada and to sensitize about cleanliness and hygiene in and around the metro premises such as ticket

vending machines, ticket counters, security frisking and baggage handling points, passenger movement areas such as entrance, concourse and platforms, toilets especially those meant for Divyang passengers; Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) gate; stairs and handrails; cleaning of lifts,

escalators and metro parking area etc.

During this fortnight, drives were taken for removal of encroachment, beggars/vendors etc in and around metro premises. Moreover, removal of posters, debris, damaged items etc from metro properties, viaducts, station areas were also executed during the period.

The DMRC has always been appreciated for the cleanliness maintained by it at its stations and inside trains. "These steps will help in further improving the travel experience for its commuters and encourage everyone to keep their premises clean and well maintained in the true spirit of the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' of the government," it added.

Metros to run with headway of 15 minutes

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In view of the weekend curfew imposed by the Delhi Government, Metro services will be available with a headway of 15 min across the whole network on the weekend.

The two sections, where there is a bifurcation in the network i.e Noida/Vaishali section of Blue Line and Kirti Nagar/Inderlok section of Green Line, the headway will be available after every 30 minutes in these sections.

Process to collect dues for pending challans in cash suspended

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following the surge in Covid cases in national Capital, the Delhi Traffic Police has suspended the process to collect dues for pending challans in cash. A senior police officer said that the process has been suspended till further orders, following the increasing coronavirus cases. However, people still have the option of e-gateway to pay their challans, police said. Earlier this month, police had issued a circular where they mentioned that cash counters

may be made operational in each circle every Saturday and Sunday between 10 am to 6 pm from April 10.

"It has been observed that many individuals with pending challans are not able to pay their fines through the online payment system for various reasons. "Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) has desired that the cash counter may be established in each circle on every Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm to collect the fine amount for pending challans," the circular had stated.



New Delhi District Administration campaign to create awareness about weekend curfew in Delhi

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Gzb manufacturers asked to halt production of industrial-use oxygen, raise medical one

PTI ■ GHAZIABAD

With the coronavirus surge continuing unabated, the district administration in Ghaziabad on Friday asked manufacturers to halt production of industrial-use oxygen and ramp up the supply for medical purposes, officials said.

District Magistrate Ajay Shankar Pandey said the administration also asked all hospital in the city to not deny treatment to a COVID-19 patients even if they have no beds. He said such hospitals can refer the patient to a dedicated COVID-19 facility after giving them preliminary treat-

ment.

The administration Friday met oxygen manufacturers and suppliers here and issued a slew of instructions to them so that adequate supply is maintained here to meet the high demand.

Pandey told PTI that nodal officer designated for COVID-19 management R K Gupta has been instructed to coordinate with additional chief medical officers to ensure the availability of vaccines, medical equipment and ambulances to face the challenge.

Joint Commissioner, Industries, Virendra Singh has been ordered to monitor the

city's biggest oxygen manufacturing unit, the Inox oxygen plant, to ensure industrial oxygen is not produced and supplied, he said.

Officer or any responsible employee of the company must remain present at the plant to make sure the production of medical-use oxygen round the clock, he said.

Additional Chief Medical Officer Sunil Tyagi has been instructed to monitor bed availability for COVID 19 patients, the DM said.

The state government has already imposed a night curfew in Ghaziabad to curb the rise in cases.

6 of Jathedi-Lawrence gang with ₹3.5L bounty on their head arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Special Cell of Delhi Police has arrested six wanted criminals of Kala Jathedi-Lawrence Bishnoi gang from three different States. Police said that the accused were carrying a cumulative reward of ₹3,50,000 from Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Chandigarh.

The accused have been identified as Ankit alias Ankit Lagarpur (23), Ravi alias Ravi Jagsi (29), Rajan alias Rajan Jaat (24), Sumit alias Cheetah alias Sumit Bichpadi (24), Amit alias Chhota (35), Sudhir Mann (29).

According to Manishi Chandra, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, different teams were formed and dispatched after comprehensive briefing.

"The teams raided three different locations in three states and arrested the accused persons. The first team arrested three persons Rajan, Amit and Sumit from a hideout in Navi Mumbai. The second team busted the Rajasthan module and arrested Ankit and Sudhir Mann when they had come to Delhi to receive a consignment of firearms," said the

DCP.

"The third team busted the Gujarat module with the arrest of Ravi from Ahmadabad. The accused were recently involved in gruesome crimes acting on the directions of gang leaders operating from three different countries," said the DCP.

"Virender Pratap alias Kala Rana, suspected to be operating from Thailand, Satenderjeet Singh alias Goldy Brar, suspected to be operating from Canada and Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi, suspected to have left India to an unknown foreign destination," said the DCP.

"With the arrests, it has been revealed that the masterminds Kala Rana addressed as 'Tiger', Kala Jathedi as 'Alpha' and Goldy Brar as 'Doctor' within the cartel. Tiger is the communication hub amongst all gang members, Doctor manages finances and logistics and Alpha decides the targets to be pursued," said the DCP.

"Ravi Jagsi had supplied the Scorpio car, some weapons and shooters which were used to facilitate the escape of Kuldeep alias Fajja from GTB Hospital. Kuldeep later died in a police action," the DCP said.

3, in bid to rob, held after exchange of fire in Bhajanpura

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested three men after a brief exchange of fire during night curfew for allegedly trying to rob a person on Thursday night in northeast Delhi's Bhajanpura area.

The accused, Sabir (30), Ravi (32) and Zuber (22), all have previous criminal records. Police said that both Sabir and Ravi sustained bullet injuries on their leg during the exchange of fire and were shifted to a hospital for treatment.

According to Sanjay Kumar Sain, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Northeast district, Bhajanpura Station House Officer (SHO), Ashok Sharma along with his team was enforcing night curfew in the area, he noticed that three persons who were on a white scooter trying to rob a person near Kavay

Mandir on 66 Foota Road.

"Sensing police presence, they escaped but were chased by Sharma. When the picket staff tried to stop them, they fired on the police team. While trying to escape, they lost balance of their vehicle and fell on the road. Thereafter, they again fired on the police team while escaping on foot," said the DCP.

"They were being chased by Head Constable Anil and Constable Joginder who retaliated in self defence using their service weapon during which accused Sabir and Ravi received bullet injury on their leg," said the DCP.

"A case was registered and all the three accused have been arrested. A sophisticated pistol along with six live cartridges, a country made pistol with one live round and a used cartridge was seized along with a scooter that was found to be stolen," the DCP said.

Inebriated man rams car into barricade outside Delhi's North Block, held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 22-year-old man, in inebriated condition on Friday morning allegedly rammed his Mercedes car into a barricade near North Block in central Delhi.

A senior police official said that the accused was not in his senses at the time of the incident. It will be ascertained after the medical examination about the substance under the influence he was.

Police said preliminary investigation revealed that the accused was having a party in Dwarka. He disclosed that the car belonged to his uncle.

On Friday around 6 am, he rammed the car at a barricade near North Block. He was caught at the spot.

Man murdered by son over monetary issue in Wazirpur

NEW DELHI: A 70-year-old man was stabbed to death by his son over monetary issue in northwest Delhi's Wazirpur area. The deceased has been identified as Mahendra Pal, a resident of JJ Colony Wazirpur.

Police received information on Thursday that one Mahendra Pal, having knife injury was admitted in Deepchand Bandhu Hospital by his wife Shanti Devi, said police.

The statement of complainant Shanti Devi was recorded where she alleged that a quarrel took place between her husband and son Anil (40) on the issue of money, a senior police official said. **SR**

Chief of Bharat Mata Vahini group, associate held for trying to stop Friday namaaz in G'gram

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM :

The Gurugram Police on Friday arrested the chief of "Bharat Mata Vahini Group" and one of his associates for disruption of Jumma Namaz and inciting communal disharmony at a local park located in Sector 46 in Gurugram.

The complaint in this regard was filed by Abdul Habis of Gandhi colony, Sector-39 in Gurugram, the police said.

The Bharat Mata Vahini group was demanding that offering prayers in public parks and spaces should be stopped.

The complainant said that the chief of Bharat Mata Vahini, Dinesh Bharti and his associate Sudhir Kumar, had come in a Maruti Gypsy to sector 46 where Jumma Namaz was being held on Friday.

"The duo, who reached the spot had threatened those praying and incited communal disharmony and spread enmity among the 2 communities. They tried to stop the prayers and asked the Namazis to leave and vacate the place," the complainant told the police.

"The two have previously created disturbance on previous Friday prayers held at Sec-39 and Sec-40 where Namaz had to be stopped due to their objections. These repeated action are promoting feeling of enmity and ill will between the two peaceful communities. We ask you to urgently register a complaint against these two," the complainant stated to the police.

Former CBI chief Ranjit Sinha dies of Covid-19



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former CBI Director Ranjit Sinha died here on Friday morning reportedly due to Covid-19.

Sinha, 68, was confirmed positive for novel coronavirus infection on Thursday night and succumbed to the disease early on Friday, officials said.

An IPS officer of the 1974-batch (Bihar cadre), Sinha took over as the Director of CBI on December 3, 2012 and retired on December 2, 2014. He was the 26th Director of CBI after its formation in 1963.

Prior to joining as Director, CBI, Sinha was Director General of ITBP. He had earlier held several important positions in CBI including the post of Joint Director and DIG. Sinha served as Superintendent of Police of Madhubani, Saharsa and Railway (Patna). He had also served as DIG, Magadh Range, Gaya. He had served in CRPF as Inspector General (Operations) at Srinagar, IG (Personnel) at Directorate General and ADG in ITBP.

Sinha, a Post Graduate in Science from Patna University, had an M.Phil from IIPA, New Delhi and a Diploma in HR Management from Wollongong University, Australia. He was decorated with the Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 1991

Ensure smooth passage to vehicles carrying oxygen: Centre tells States

Centre takes stock of Covid status in UP, Chhattisgarh

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday directed the States to ensure uninterrupted movement of medical oxygen carrying vehicles along their borders, and said they must not impose any curb on production and supply of the essential public health commodity anywhere. Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla's communication to chief secretaries of all States and Union Territories came in the wake of reports of shortage of the medical oxygen for Covid-19 patients in different parts of the country in the last few days.

The Home Secretary along with his Health counterpart Rajesh Bhushan chaired high-level meetings to review status of Covid-19 in Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh and the public health measures taken for containment and management of Covid-19 by the State health authorities. Dr V K Paul, Member (Health), NITI



Aayog, Dr. Balram Bhargava, DG ICMR, Dr (Prof) Sunil Kumar, DGHS were also present along with Chief Secretaries, DGs of State Police and Health Secretaries of both States.

"Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh along with Maharashtra are the only three States in the country which have more than one lakh active cases. Both Chhattisgarh and Uttar Pradesh are reporting very high number of daily new Covid-19 cases and high deaths caused by Covid-19. Chhattisgarh has reported nearly 6.2% increase in weekly new Covid cases based on

7 day moving average. In last two weeks, the State has seen almost 131% increase in weekly new cases. 22 districts in Chhattisgarh have crossed their reported highest cases in the last 30 days; Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon and Bilaspur are the most affected districts. In contrast to the week 17th-23rd March 2021, in the week of 7th-13th April 2021, RT-PCR tests have decreased to 28% (from 34%) while the Antigen Tests have increased to 62% (from 53%).

"Uttar Pradesh has reported a growth rate of 19.25% in daily new cases. 46 districts in Uttar Pradesh have crossed their reported highest cases in

the last 30 days; Lucknow, Kanpur, Varanasi and Prayagraj are the most affected districts. In contrast to the week 17th-23rd March 2021, in the week of 7th-13th April 2021, RT-PCR tests have decreased to 46% (from 48%) while Antigen tests have increased to 53% (from 51%)," said the Home Ministry in a statement.

The Home Secretary emphasised that medical oxygen is an essential public health commodity and any impediment in its supply in the country may critically impact the management of patients suffering from COVID-19 disease in other parts of the country. "Therefore, you are requested to ensure that no such restriction is imposed on the movement of medical oxygen between the states and UTs, and transport authorities shall be instructed to accordingly allow free inter-state movement of oxygen carrying vehicles," the letter said.

Bhalla told the states that no curb shall be imposed on oxygen manufacturers and suppliers to limit the oxygen supplies only to the hospitals of the state in which they are located and there shall be free movement of oxygen carrying vehicles into the cities, without any restriction of timings, while also enabling inter-city supply without restriction.

India may witness 2,320 Covid deaths per day by June: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India may witness 1,750 coronavirus-related deaths per day, surging to around 2,320 daily by the first week of June while in financial terms, the country may need to expend over \$7.8 billion on testing and \$1.7 billion on healthcare usage because of infections by September 2021, according to a report of the Lancet Covid-19 Commission by India Task Force members.

The report, titled "Managing India's second COVID-19 wave: Urgent steps", underlines the key elements of the second COVID-19 wave. It also suggests measures like ramping up vaccine production, vaccination to the needy, quarantine and ban on assembly of groups of over 10 that should be taken to help mitigate the spread of infection.

As per the preliminary review of the report, "while the pandemic has spread, the geographic contours of the second wave closely mirror those of the first wave, though with a deeper penetration into tier-2 and tier-3 cities." The study also indicates that the second wave has been more geographically bundled so far.

The tally of districts constituting the top 50% of the cases has fallen from over 40



at the time of the first peak to less than 20 presently, it said pointing out that at the time of the first surge of the novel coronavirus cases during August-September 2020, the count of districts contributing to 75% of the total COVID-19 cases was 60-100, whereas it has been approx. 20-40 districts during the second wave. It took 40 days to go from 10K-80K in COVID-19 second wave

The second wave is unlike the first in two significant ways. Firstly, the rate of increase in fresh coronavirus cases is substantially higher. Secondly, more coronavirus cases are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic, causing relatively low rates of hospitalisation and mortality.

The overall Case Fatality Ratio (CFR) since the outset of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 has been

reported to be around 1.3%. The CFR among Covid-19 patients who have contracted the infection since the beginning of 2021 is considerably less at 0.87%.

The report also recommended solutions such as vaccination including all adults, comprising those below 45, with severe comorbidities into the priority group, enhancing jab production, widening jab basket including Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson besides addressing vaccine hesitancy.

The report also doesn't propose a blanket national or state lockdown. Indicating that economic closures are most disruptive to the poorest sections of society, it proposes a middle-ground approach in India, comprising phased, localised closures or curbs.

Rahul takes potshots at Centre's 'Tughlaqi' 'ring-a-bell' strategy

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the menace of Covid-19 getting scarier by the day, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Friday said the Centre's strategy to fight the pandemic consisted of imposing a 'Tughlaqi lockdown, ringing bells and singing praises to the Lord. Rahul said one year later, the country continues to suffer and infrastructure have crumbled while the Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) continues to turn away from his responsibilities.

The Congress-led Opposition has been criticising the Government over its handling of the pandemic and the vaccination drive, while the Centre has maintained that its timely steps have been instrumental in fighting Covid-19. "The Central government's Covid-19 strategy — Stage 1- Impose a Tughlaqi lockdown, Stage 2- Ring bells, Stage 3- Sing praises to the Lord," Rahul tweeted.

Later, on Instagram, the Gandhi scion posted a video for his remarks to the media on this day last year when he had talked about lockdown



providing time for ramping up health infrastructure and contrasted it with a video report of how there is a massive shortage of resources to fight the pandemic currently.

"One year later, our people continue to suffer, our infrastructure continues to crumble and our Prime Minister continues to turn away from his responsibilities," he said in his post.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra appealed to the people to follow COVID-appropriate behaviour such as wearing masks and taking other precautions. "We have to win this battle together with caution and compassion," she said in a tweet in Hindi.

The grand old party in the past also has compared some of the government's decisions to those taken by Delhi Sultanate ruler Muhammad bin Tughlaq, to allege that they were arbitrary and not well thought out.

Amid Covid surge, security forces witness 5-fold jump in cases in last 10 days

AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

Paramilitary forces have almost witnessed five-fold increase in active Covid-19 cases in the last 10 days. On April 5, jawans who had tested positive for the virus in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) were 522 while now the tally goes up to 2,915. Apart from this, the total infected jawans who were tested positive in last 24 hours have also increased more than five times.

Fifty seven jawans were tested positive on April 5, which now increased to 301 on the 10th day (Thursday). According to the data, Central Reserve Police Force and Border Security Force have seen the highest spike in number of COVID cases. The BSF, which had only 20 cases on April 5 has seen a massive spike and on April 15 it witnessed 117 cases in the last 24 hours. The total number of active cases in BSF stands at 1,850 which was 166 on 10 days back. Similarly, CRPF which were witnessing four to five cases per day in first week of April has seen massive spike.

On April 5, 97 jawans had been tested positive for the virus. The total active cases in CRPF has almost doubled.

ITBP spruces up its facilities to defend personnel against Covid

PNS/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has "activated" all its hospitals and operationalised a Covid care centre in Delhi for serving and retired personnel of the force in view of the spurt in coronavirus infections across the country.

ITBP director general S S Deswal issued a message in this regard to around 90,000 personnel and an estimated 20,000 retired and dependents of the force that was raised in 1962 after the Chinese aggression. "All our hospitals have been activated to treat our 'Himveers' (braves of the mountains) and their families. Our doctors are highly motivated and committed to take care of you. A helpline is being started in this regard. A COVID care centre has been made functional at Chhawla (south-west Delhi) campus and it is fully equipped," a statement issued by the force quoting the DG said.

"We are always concerned and committed to take care of our veterans and their families. These facilities are available to our veterans also," it added.

Deswal said it was again "challenging times for the country in view of the second



The ITBP is primarily tasked to guard the 3,488-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China apart from rendering a variety of duties in the internal security domain of the country

assault by COVID-19."

"Most of you have been vaccinated as per priority given to us by the government. We are warriors, and will fight it out by following the

COVID-19 safety protocols," the message said.

The ITBP chief asked the personnel not to take any chances.

"Himveers have to save other citizens also by rendering all help. Be a sincere follower of COVID-19 safety protocol. Protect yourself, families, and near and dear ones," the message said.

The ITBP is primarily tasked to guard the 3,488-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China apart from rendering a variety of duties in the internal security domain of the country.

As per official data published on April 14, various central armed police forces (CAPFs) are also witnessing a jump in coronavirus infections as the country is witnessing a surge in recent times.

कार्यालय नगर पालिक निगम, भोपाल

विद्युत शाखा

क्र. 294/वि.शा./2021

भोपाल, दिनांक 16.04.2021

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विद्युत शाखा द्वारा दिनांक 15.04.2021 के निविदा क्र. 293/विद्युत शाखा/2021 (नि.क्र. 44/021/022) से जारी निविदा भोपाल जिले में कोविड-19 को आपात परिस्थितियों के दृष्टिगत ऑक्सीजन सप्लाई निर्बाध रूप से बनाए रखने के लिए पं. खुशीलाल आयुर्वेदिक चिकित्सालय, भोपाल हेतु 1300 LPM के ऑक्सीजन प्लांट स्थापित एवं सप्लाई करने के लिए निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। इच्छुक निविदाकर्ता दिनांक 22.04.2021 को सायं 05.00 बजे तक अपनी निविदा/ऑफर इस कार्यालय की ई-मेल आई.डी. commoffice@bmcnline.gov.in पर प्रेषित कर सकते हैं। निविदा 22.04.2021 को सायंकाल 05.30 बजे आई.एस.बी.टी. स्थित निगम की विद्युत शाखा में खोली जायेगी। 20 दिन में प्लांट स्थापित न होने पर निविदा शून्यत्व मानी जावेगी। निविदा के विरुद्ध भुगतान प्लांट स्थापन करने के उपरति किया जावेगा।

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Serial No.	Online Tender No.	Name of Work	Portable Amount (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Tender Cost (in Rs.)	Completion Period (in months)
01.	2021 UAD _140005_1	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing & Commissioning with 5 year CMC of 1300 LPM PSA (PRESSURE SWING ADSORPTION) Oxygen Generator Plant at Pt. Khushilal Ayurvedic Hospital Bhopal	1,30,00,000/-	1,30,000/-	12,500/-	1 Month

नियम व शर्तें :-

- निविदा प्रपत्र को निर्धारित राशि एवं धरोहर राशि एवं अन्य आवश्यक दस्तावेज ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत करने होंगे अन्य समस्त विस्तृत जानकारी www.mptenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।
- ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रपत्र जमा करने की समावधि दिनांक 16.04.2021 सायं 6 बजे से 24.04.2021 सायं 05.30 बजे तक है। ऑनलाईन प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से दिनांक 26.04.2021 सायं 05.30 बजे अधोस्ताक्षर कार्यालय में नियमानुसार निविदा खोली जावेगी।
- किसी भी निविदा को स्वीकार अथवा अस्वीकार करने का अधिकार विभाग के पास सुरक्षित होगा।

अधीक्षक यंत्री (वि.)
नगर निगम, भोपाल

SC's directive for speedy disposal of cheque bounce cases

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday came out with a slew of directions to ensure speedy disposal of cheque bounce cases and asked the Centre to amend laws to ensure clubbing of trials in cases which are lodged within one year against a person relating to the same transaction.

The apex court directed all the high courts across the country to issue guidelines for trial courts to deal with cheque bounce cases.

A five-judge bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde further said that the evidence in cheque dishonour cases can now be tendered by filing affidavits and there would be no need to examine witnesses physically.

The bench, also comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao,

B R Gavai, A S Bopanna and S Ravindra Bhat, asked the Centre to make "suitable amendments" in the Negotiable Instruments Act to ensure that trials in cheque bounce cases lodged in 12 months against a person can be clubbed together into one consolidated case.

It reiterated the earlier decision and held that trial courts have no "inherent power" to reconsider their decisions to summon persons to face trials in the cheque bounce cases.

The apex court said the issues which have not been dealt by it would be considered by a committee headed by Justice R C Chavan, former judge of the Bombay High Court.

On March 10, the top court had constituted the committee

to submit a report in three months specifying the steps to be taken for early disposal of cheque bounce cases across the country.

It said a three-judge bench would now take up the suo motu matter on ensuring early disposal of cheque bounce cases after eight weeks. It had earlier termed the pendency of over 35 lakhs cheque bounce cases as "grotesque" and suggested to the Centre to come up with a law to create additional courts for a particular period of time to deal with such cases.

On March 5 last year, the top court had registered a suo motu case and decided to evolve a "concerted" and "coordinated" mechanism for expeditious disposal of such cases. PNS

SC appoints special public prosecutors for multi-crore coal scam

New Delhi: The Supreme Court has appointed former Additional Solicitor General Maninder Singh and advocate Rajesh Batra as special public prosecutors (SPPs) for trial of multi-crore coal scam cases filed by the Enforcement Directorate.

Senior advocate R S Cheema, who was appointed SPP in 2014 by the top court, has sought permission to be relieved of the responsibility citing his age and shortage of law officers assisting him.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde said that though there was no consensus on the names of individuals, the counsel appearing on all sides unanimously agreed that the apex court should appoint

a seasoned trial court lawyer of impeccable integrity and a designated senior advocate to guide him and conduct the proceedings.

"Taking into account the above said criteria, we hereby appoint (i) Shri Maninder Singh, Senior Advocate and former Additional solicitor General of India; and (ii) Shri Rajesh Batra, Advocate as Special Public Prosecutors in the place of R S Cheema.

"R S Cheema, may get relieved upon the newly appointed Prosecutors taking charge. This Court records appreciation for the services rendered by R S Cheema," said the bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian. PNS

BJP says Mamata planned riots over firing, releases audio tape

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Even as Mamata Banerjee continued to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi for importing corona in Bengal in his bid to win elections, the BJP on Friday released an audio-tape showing a conversation between the State Chief Minister and Cooch Behar district Trinamool Congress president Pratha Pratim Roy where she was allegedly instructing him to make preparations for taking out a rally with the corpse of people killed in Sitalkuchi police firing last Saturday.

This, BJP leadership claimed was planned by the Chief Minister to stoke communal riots in order to polarise the Muslim voters. A timely banning of politicians — including the Chief Minister — by the Election Commission of India from entering Cooch Behar till last Tuesday however till foiled her “criminal designs to fan riots in order

to win elections.” BJP leader Amit Malavya said.

Four persons were killed when the CPF opened fired after an alleged crowd of 300-350 men tried to attack the booth number 126 during the fourth phase of polling.

In the purported audio-tape featuring Banerjee and Roy who is also the TMC candidate from Sitalkuchi the Chief Minister also directed him to make arrangements for lodging an FIR against those who opened fire and implicating in that document the district SP and the local Circle Inspector, the BJP leader said adding Roy was asked get the FIR drawn by professional so as to frame not only the central forces but also the district SP and the local circle inspector.

At a time when she should have stood with the law-enforcing agencies the Chief Minister was seen standing by the law-breakers, Malavya said. “Imagine had this rally been allowed to take place

what would have been the situation of Bengal what kind of communal disturbance it would have ignited,” he said.

“This betrays the criminal mindset of the Chief Minister who has no problem with playing politics with the death of people ... she was trying to reap political dividends with dead bodies,” Malavya said adding how Banerjee had been trying to instigate people saying the BJP would invoke National Population Register to victimize its opponents in the name of pushing out alleged infiltrators.

“There is no plans of brining NPR now and neither there is any proposal of raising detention camps,” Malavya said claiming how the Chief Minister has been spreading false stories in the election rallies to create a mass panic and reap political dividends. “This she is doing as a last resort because she knows that she is going out of power.”

Clubbing last 3 phase polls into 1 against democratic spirits: BJP

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Opposing Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee’s suggestions that the 8-phase elections be effectively reduced to six phases so to say, the BJP on Friday said it was against clubbing the last three phases of elections into a single-day polling saying the exercise would go against democratic spirit putting the voters and candidates into a position of disadvantage.

Bengal goes to the fifth phase of polling on April 17 that is Saturday. Senior BJP leader and its candidate from Tarakeshwar seat in Hooghly Swapan Dasgupta, said after emerging from the all-party meeting called by the Election Commission of India “we have said our party will abide by all protocols put in place by the Election Commission, and urged that no steps be taken that discriminates those voting in the next phases from those who have already exercised their franchise. We have not said anything about clubbing (of phases),... we feel that the elections will be held in eight phases.”

Fifth phase of polling today

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Considering the firing deaths in the fourth phase of Assembly elections in Bengal last Saturday the Election Commission of India have made massive arrangements for the fifth phase which would be held on Saturday.

More than a crore voters of 45 Assembly constituencies would exercise their franchise deciding the fate of 342 candidates on when 45 seats would go to polls in the fifth phase.

According to sources the ECI would deploy about 853 companies of central forces to ensure free and fair voting. Voting will be held at 15,789 polling stations in 16 seats in North 24 Parganas, eight each in Bardhaman East and Nadia, seven in Jalpaiguri, five in Darjeeling and one in Kalimpong district.

Rajya Sabha election: CPM fields John Brittas

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

John Brittas, the ideological consultant to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan , has been nominated as the CPI(M) representative to the Rajya Sabha from Kerala. Brittas, who is presently the managing director and chief executive officer of the CPI(M)-owned Kairali TV channel was one of the close advisors to Pinarayi Vijayan along with Raman Srivastava, the former director general of Kerala Police.

The CPI(M) has also nominated V Sivadasan, a former president of the party’s student wing SFI as its second nominee. Based on the strength of the party in the current legislature, the CPI(M) can win two seats out of the three at stake. The Muslim League has nominated NRI businessman P V Abdul Wahab as its candidate for the April 30 election.

The names of Brittas and Shivadasn were announced after

the State Committee of the party met on Friday at the imposing AKG Centre at Thiruvananthapuram. A release issued by the party head quarters after the meeting claimed that the CPI(M)-led LDF would win 80 to 100 seats in the just concluded assembly election to Kerala. “Kerala will see for the first time the demolition of the anti-government feeling and the ruling party coming back to power with more seats,” said the release.

The nomination of Brittas is being seen as the CPI(M)’s move to cobble up a grand alliance before the 2024 Lok Sabha election which the party hopes to win comfortably based on the recent farm agitation and other people movements headed by the party. “Brittas enjoys considerable clout with many opposition politicians in New Delhi, his second home turf from where he controlled Deshabhimani, the CPI(M)’s official mouth piece.

BMC to use 175 Jaslok Hospital beds for Covid patients, 52 for non-Covid critical patients

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Taking cognisance of the fact that as many as 30 critical patients were undergoing cancer treatment and another 22 critical patients were being treated for cardiac/nephro ailments, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Friday made some changes in its earlier decision to convert Mumbai’s famed Jaslok Hospital in south Mumbai into a dedicated Covid-19 hospital.

A day after it announced its decision to convert Jaslok Hospital into a dedicated Covid-19 hospital, the BMC amended its earlier move and decided not to convert the private medical facility into a fully dedicated Covid-19 hospital, saying that it did “not want to risk the lives of these 52 critical non-COVID patients, presently admitted in Jaslok hospital”.

In a revised order issued on Friday, the BMC said that it had conveyed its Thursday’s decision to the Jaslok Hospital management. “However, it has been brought to the notice of MCGM by the said management that presently 30 critical patients undergoing cancer treatment and another 22 critical patients undergoing cardiac/nephro treatment are already admitted in the hospital and considering their medical condition, shifting them to other hospital at this juncture may prove fatal,” Mumbai Municipal Commissioner I S Chahal

said in his revised order.

“Hence, it is imperative on part of MCGM not to risk the lives of these 52 critical non-COVID patients, presently admitted in Jaslok hospital. Presently, 227 activated beds exist in Jaslok hospital,” Chahal said.

Making amendments in his earlier order, Chahal said “Of the total 227 beds in Jaslok Hospital, 175 beds will function as COVID beds. Of these 175 Covid beds, 29 will be ICU beds”

Chahal said that the remaining 52 beds catering to above mentioned critical patients shall continue to be non-COVID beds. “Rest of the conditions in our earlier will remain unchanged,” he said. In effect, the BMC will utilise 175 out of 227 beds to treat Covid-10 patients.

Meanwhile, the BMC has instructed the hospital management to discharge all the non-cancer and cardiac/nephro patients undergoing treatment in speciality wards, to shift all such patients requiring non-Covid tertiary care to nearby tertiary hospitals in 48 hours and to discharge all patients admitted for elective treatments by postponing their surgeries.

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

NCB busts gang cultivating cannabis in Thane flat

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a major breakthrough in a sensational case involving international ramifications, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has smashed a gang engaged in the cultivation of cannabis inside a two bed room-Hall-Kitchen (BHK) flat at Dombivli in neighboring Thane district.

Announcing the busting of the cannabis growing gang that would purchase seeds from Netherland and sell the drugs in cash and crypto currencies like Bitcoins, NCB’s zonal director Sameer Wankhede said here on Friday : “This is indeed a big case. We are investigating the entire network that was involved in cultivation of Cannabis by hydroponic technique”.

Hydroponics is an effective method for growing plants that places the plants in a water solution that’s rich in nutrients. Instead of using soil to grow the plants, the roots of the plants come into direct contact with the nutrient-rich solution.

Acting on intelligence inputs, the NCB carried out the raids at a 2 BHK flat at Dombivli’s Palava City, where the investigators found Cannabis being cultivated.

The NCB identified the two arrested persons as Javed Jahangir Sheikh and Arshad Khatri. “We are trying to find out their antecedents and links,” Wankhede said.

“During our raids, we found that Cannabis was being cultivated there through Hydroponic techniques. From the site we have recovered cultivation setup, PH regulators, plant nutrients, clay pebbles , water pumps, air circulation systems, CO2 gas cylinders, photosynthesis lighting systems,” Wankhede said.

The cannabis cultivation was being done clandestinely in the flat owned by one Rehan Khan who is away in Saudi Arabia. Khan is suspected to be financing the illegal cannabis cultivation. While nArshad is an expert in hydroponic cultivation, Javed used to manage distribution of harvest.

“The two were procuring seeds from Amsterdam in the Netherlands through the dark web. The yield was sold to mediums size peddlers of Mumbai and Pune at the rate of 2,500 per gram for retail,” Wankhede said.

Aligarh cops start jail bharo movement

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Aligarh Police has started ‘Jail Bharo Andolan’ with Operation Prahar to crack down on criminals. Along with this, two other special operations have also been conducted, in which more than one thousand criminals have been arrested within 15 days. On an average, 50 people are being interrogated every day.

The ‘Jail Bharo Andolan’ was started by the new SSP Kalanidhi Naithani. SSP took over the district on 27 March. Three days later, on March 30, Operation Awara started. It was a screw up on those who drink on the road. Under this, action has been taken against 987 people . After this, the operation, ‘unarmed’ in the district started on April 2. It tightened up those people who are illegally possessing weapons. So far, reports have been sent to the DM to suspend the actual license of 120 people in this operation. After this, Operation Prahar was started from 10 April. Under this, the wanted and the warrants were attacked. In five days, 177 miscreants have been arrested. In the 10 days before April 10, about a hundred criminals were caught.

Tamil Nadu’s knitwear sector hit hard amid Covid surge

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

When Europe gets cold Tamil Nadu sneezes. The adage has been proved again as countries like Germany, France and Britain announced lock down due to Covid-19 pandemic leaving nearly one thousand knitwear units in Tirupur gasping for breath.

Despite the Centre’s announcements about various financial packages as part of the Atmanirbhar schemes for the resuscitation of the gloomy industrial sector in the State, the knitwear exporters are yet to come out of the abyss to which they have fallen since the breaking out of the pandemic all over the world. The textile materials manufactured in Tirupur stand out in the global market because of quality and craftsmanship. But that has not been successful in reviving the cash liquidity faced by the European end users of Tirupur’s knitwear products, according to Raja M Shanmugham, president, Tirupur Exporters’ Association (TEA).

Shanmugham, a real Raja of the knitwear industry, says the fortunes of the industry could be turned for the better by a few measures which could be ordered by Nirmala Sitaraman, the country’s finance minister. “The second lockdown promulgated in major countries like Germany, France and UK from November, has

lead us, mainly MSMEs into a liquidity crisis. In addition to this we are facing another shock in the form of ever increasing price of yarn, our important raw material due to business dynamics. These factors have eroded the competitiveness of the knitwear industry,” Shanmugham, known for his fighting spirits, told The Pioneer with uncertainty written all over his face.

He said measures like Interest Equalisation Scheme which was announced for a brief period of three months , if extended to a period of two years would help in soothing the pain being suffered by the industry. “This will help us to tide over the financial crunch we are facing due to lock down and high yarn prices and also in sustaining the global competitiveness of Brand Tirupur,” said the TEA president.

The TEA in a memorandum to the minister has pointed out that the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RODTEP) announced in January 2021 to replace the ROSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies) has not been operationalised which has put the exporters and MSMEs between deep sea and devil.

“The MSMEs are not receiving the reimbursement of the embedded taxes including electricity tax, Mandi tax, GST on petro-products. The non-disbursement of RODTEP is causing severe liquidity crisis,” said the TEA plea.

Maha logs 63,729 new cases

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra breached another grim Covid-19 landmark on Friday, as it recorded a staggering 63,729 infections thus crossing a total of 37 lakh infections, even as alarming 398 more people succumbed to the pandemic in various parts of the state.

A day after the pandemic claimed 349 lives and left 61,695 more infected in the state, the daily tally of infections rose by 2034 while the daily Covid-19 went up 49.

With 63729 fresh cases, the total infections climbed from 36,39,855 to 36,03,584. Similarly, with 398 new deaths, the total Covid-19 toll rose from 59,153 to 59,551.

As 45,335 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March last year went up to 39,04,391. The recovery rate in the state for the first time in several days dropped from 81.3 per cent to 81.12 per cent.

The number of “active cases” total cases in the state rose from 6,20,060 to 6,38,034. The fatality rate in the state dropped from 1.63 per cent to 1.61 per cent.

With 53 fresh deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai rose from 12,197 to 12,250, while the infected cases went up by 8803 to trigger a jump in the infections from 5,53,404 to 5,62,207.

While Pune accounted for a maximum 1,16,665 “active cases” in the state, Mumbai stood second with 84,378 active cases, followed

by Thane (84038), Nagpur (71539), Nashik (49,925), Aurangabad (13,630), Ahmednagar (18,049), Nanded (13,134), Bhandara (13987), Jalgaon (11,570), Latur (14033), Solapur (11051), Satara (10551), Parbhani (10,336), Beed (7922), Nandurbar (7330), Chandrapur (10,144) and Gondia (7336).

3 MVA Mins indicate fresh curbs

Mumbai: With the continued surge in the Covid-19 cases in Maharashtra, three Ministers in the MVA Government on Friday indicated that the State Government would enforce more stringent restrictions to break the chain of fast spreading infections.

Talking separately to media persons, State Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil, public health and family welfare minister Rajesh Tope and relief and rehabilitation minister Vijay Wadetiwar said that the state government was looking at ways to make the Covid-19 protocols more stringent in view of the increasing number of infections and deaths across the state.

“If people do not cooperate with the government in implementing the Covid-19 norms, we may have to strengthen the restrictions,” Walse-Patil said. Wadetiwar said that to save the lives of people the government might have to announce new curbs. “The state may announce curbs on supply of fuel (petrol and diesel)...people are still using local trains even though they are not in essential services,” he said.

10,031 new cases in Kerala, 8,449 in TN

KOCHI/CHENNAI: Kerala, once claimed as inaccessible to the pandemic by political masters, tested 10,031 new Covid-19 patients in the 12 hours that ended at 6 PM on Friday. The State also registered 21 deaths and a Test Positivity Ratio of 14.8 which has accorded the status of Covid-19 epicenter to Kerala, according to a Department of Health physician in Ernakulam.

Situation is alarming in neighboring Tamil Nadu which diagnosed 8,449 new cases and recorded 33 deaths by Friday evening. The figures in both the States are likely to see a surge for the next few weeks, according to doctors in the Government doctors. V P Joy, chief secretary of Kerala, made it clear that the impact of the restrictions announced on Thursday would be known only after ten days.

Though the Kerala Government had declared that more than 2.5 lakh persons would be tested on Friday and Saturday, as part of its test, track and isolate mission, the State has tested only 67,000 persons till Friday 5 pm.

Released by Maoists, CRPF commando gets heroic welcome on return

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A CRPF CoBRA Commando Rakeshwar Singh Manhas, abducted and later released by the Maoists in Bijapur area of Chhattisgarh last week, received a hero’s welcome on his arrival here in Jammu on Friday.

Accompanied by social workers who played a key role towards ensuring his safe release from the custody of Maoists on April 8, Manhas landed at Jammu airport where his five year daughter received him along with her mother and cheerful relatives amid patriotic chants hailing ‘Mother India’.

From the airport Manhas was escorted in a cavalcade to a famous resort where he was accorded a red carpet welcome too. He was warmly hugged by his family members and close friends at the main entrance of the resort. His mother and Wife along with hundreds of close relatives and well



wishers garlanded him and performed special prayers before escorting him inside the hall.


“I am very happy today. I hugged my father and kissed him when he took me in his arms after landing at the Jammu airport”, the five year old daughter told reporters wearing a big smile on her face.

Meenu Chib, wife of Rakeshwar Singh Manhas was jubilant after meeting her husband. “I am very happy. All our prayers were answered and every one in the government at all levels played their role at the centre and state level to ensure safe release

of my husband”. “I also thank CRPF officials and the entire media fraternity for all their support and help” she added.

Rakeshwar Singh in his brief interaction told large gathering of reporters, “I am feeling happy in the company of my family”. He said all the jawans who were part of the operation in Bijapur fought bravely before attaining martyrdom. He said, “when i was in their captivity i had no clue what was happening as i had no tools of communication available with me”. He once again thanked all those social activists and local media persons from Chhattisgarh who ensured his safe return.

Uncle of Rakeshwar Singh Manhas, on behalf of the family made a brief statement thanking all those involved and responsible for ensuring safe return of the CRPF commando. The family also paid rich tributes in the memory of CRPF jawans martyred in the Maoist attack in Bijapur area of Chhattisgarh.



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This is for Notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of Navodaya Jantantrik Party. The office of the party is located at Kh No-31/23,24&49/3/1, Gupta Niwas, Gali No-45, B-Block, Kaushik Enclave, Burari Delhi-84. This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951 Name/address of the office-bearers of the party are as follows:
Convenor- Avinash Kumar, Add-R10-C51, 1704, Superitech capetown,sec-74, Noida U.P.
General Secretary : Satyadev, Add-Dhanpatgani, Lohangli, Dist-Sultanpur, U.P.-228121.
Secretary : Virendra Kumar, Add-Kh No-31/23,24&49/3/1, Gupta Niwas, Gali No-45, B-Block, Kaushik Enclave, Burari Delhi-84
Treasurer : Sandeep Kumar, Add-vill- Rahika, P.O.-Daiyakharwar, Anchal-Lakhnau, Via-Jhannarpur, Dist-Madhubani, bihar-847403. If any one has any objection to the registration of Navodaya Jantantrik Party they may send their objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.



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Bumpy road ahead

To avoid having a comatose economy now, we must bear the cross of our earlier negligence

India is hunkering down again to battle the second and more virulent wave of the Coronavirus outbreak. It would have been much better for us had we sincerely stuck to the COVID-19 protocols when the numbers were down and, who knows, we might have been rid of this pesky virus by now! While the average citizen decided that it was “okay” to return to the crowded restaurants, malls, airports and bus and railway stations without masks or social distancing, our short-sighted politicians postponed the all-important Board exams but considered it imperative to hold political rallies and road shows brimming with nonchalant people ahead of the Assembly elections, because their future depended on it. The religious leaders found it exigent for us to wash away our sins by bathing in the millions in the holy Ganga. Now, here’s the result of our collective endeavours: The Coronavirus cases across the country hit a record 2,17,353 fresh infections in the last 24 hours, the eighth record daily increase in the last nine days. In the same period, 1,185 people lost their lives due to the viral disease. The numbers coming out of the Health Ministry say that India registered a steady increase in the number of active Corona cases for the 36th day in a row. Now, we are scrambling to control the damage. The Home Ministry has asked its officers up to the level of Under-Secretary to avail the WFH

option while the Deputy Secretary and above-ranking officials have been asked to attend office regularly with the option to stagger timings between 9 AM and 10 AM.

Various States, including the Capital, have also come up with local-level restrictions — ranging from shutting of malls, gyms, swimming pools and auditoriums, prohibiting dining at restaurants, besides imposing a weekend lockdown and night curfew. The Government has assured the citizenry that the “test, trace, treat” and vaccination drive will continue unabated and that the national drug controller will take just three days to process applications of the foreign-made vaccines once they’ve been approved for emergency use in India. One can only hope that this time around, the Government grits its teeth and stands by the Prime Minister’s words that “we must learn to live with the virus”. No matter how many restrictions are placed on recreation and how many weekends are spent imprisoned indoors, the nation’s economy must not be shut down again. The first wave gave us many lessons on how to identify hotspots, impose local lockdowns and create containment zones in order to keep the wheels of the industry churning. We have to ensure that our march towards a self-reliant, New India continues; our ailing economy that was just beginning to revive cannot be delivered another body blow in the form of a hard lockdown. Else, we risk having a comatose economy in our hands. So, the nation would do well to gird up its loins and prepare for a bumpy road ahead, but the wheels of the economy cannot stop, no matter what.

PICTALK



Smoke billows from a forest fire at the Ketti area in Shimla

PTI

Good omen

It’s time for the CJI’s wish for a woman judge to head the nation’s top court to come true

Chief Justice of India SA Bobde deserves nothing less than the nation’s applause and compliments for recently stating unequivocally that the time has come when a woman should head the top court. Hinting that the apex court was already moving along the right path on the issue, he underscored that there was “no need for a change of attitude” of the Collegium to ensure greater representation of women in the judiciary. Hearing a plea by a women lawyers’ body seeking consideration of the “meritorious” lot among them for appointment as judges in the High Courts, a Bench comprising Chief Justice Bobde and Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Surya Kant said: “Why only higher judiciary? We think the time has come when a woman should be the Chief Justice of India.” At this juncture, it would be pertinent to mention that currently there are only 81 female judges in the 25 High Courts across the country against 1,078 male judges. Among them, the Madras High Court tops the list with 13 female judges, followed by Punjab and Haryana with 11, and the Delhi and Bombay High Courts have eight women judges each.

Interestingly, while the Supreme Court’s emphasis on gender issues is to be lauded, it would truly have credibility and value if its own actions were consistent on this subject. Consider this: There is only one female judge among the 34 positions that currently constitute the Supreme Court. With Justice Indu Malhotra’s retirement last month, the Collegium is considering a few women judges for elevation. The nation’s top court has had only eight women judges since it came into existence on January 26, 1950. The first one, Fathima Beevi, made it to the elite club only as late as in October 1989. Not a single woman judge has figured in the list of 48 CJIs since its inception. It would perhaps not be out of the context here to mention that the Supreme Court had recently pointed to the delay in giving women permanent commission in the military, blaming it on the “systemic bias” within the Ministry of Defence. While there certainly seems to be some truth in what it said, it is a complicated issue, especially the impact of women in combat roles. That said, in either case, there’s no denying that women are up to performing any professional job with panache while balancing with finesse their roles as mother, daughter, sister, wife and homemaker.

India’s flaming forests play havoc

Natural causes and human intervention are to blame for the rising number of conflagrations not only in India, but the world over

The surge of forest fires in Uttarakhand once again underlines the growing incidence of the phenomenon in India. There has been a series of these this year in Himachal Pradesh, the Nagaland-Manipur border, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. According to the *India State of Forest Report 2019* (ISFR) — the latest in the line of such reports — released by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, over 30,000 forest fires were reported in the country in 2019. The report identified nearly 21.67 per cent (7,12,249 sq km) of the country’s land area as forested. Another 2.89 per cent (95,027 sq km) was under tree cover.

The report identified 2,77,758 forest fire points across the country, and stated that about 21.40 per cent of India’s forests are prone to fires. Of this, 3.89 per cent belonged to the category of extremely fire-prone, 6.01 per cent very highly fire-prone and 11.50 per cent highly fire-prone.

The forests in Assam, Mizoram and Tripura are “extremely prone” to conflagrations. According to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) annual report for 2020-21, the States with large forest areas and falling under the “very highly fire-prone” category — including Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Maharashtra, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh — were turning into “extremely fire-prone” hotspots; so were regions like western Maharashtra, southern Chhattisgarh and areas of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, along with central Odisha. Areas under the “highly prone” and “moderately prone” categories make up about 26.2 per cent of the total forest cover — a staggering 1,72,374 sq km.

A State prone to forest fires is Haryana which suffered at least 540 of these from 2016 to 2020. Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh are witness to the most frequent forest fires annually. According to the National Forest Inventory under the MoEFCC, the fires severely affect almost 10



per cent of the country’s forest area while mildly affecting about 54 per cent, which makes about two-third of India’s forests vulnerable to fires.

The question is: Why is it so? Lightning is the most important natural cause. Another is the spontaneous combustion of dried-up leaves and sticks. The one that has been an increasingly potent factor, and is set to become even more so, is global warming. It dries up the leaves and shrubbery on the ground, making them highly inflammable. It also dries up the soil. Thus, the lack of soil moisture as a result of rainfall deficiency during monsoons — less than 18 per cent and 20 per cent in 2019 and 2020, respectively — has been an important factor in this year’s Uttarakhand fires. In fact, it has been a cause not only in many other parts of India but the entire world — the blazes bedevilling Australia, California in the US and the Amazon rainforests in Brazil are examples.

Human activity, however, is responsible for the overwhelming majority of forest fires the world over. In India, these blazes are mainly caused by the slash-and-burn method of shifting agriculture, known



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as *jhum* in Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura and Assam, where it is practised over about 15,000 sq km of forest land. The blazes are also set off to clear the ground for mining, timber felling and the construction of human settlements and industrial units, besides warding off the wild animals.

People burn dry leaves and shrubbery on forest grounds, believing that it would lead to the sprouting of new and healthier grass. Poachers light fires on three sides to corner fleeing wild animals in one area as their concentrated presence helps killing. People visiting forests are often careless and leave behind lighted butts of cigarettes or *bidis*, besides inflammable material.

Things are made worse by the fact that it is difficult to extinguish forest fires. The absence of roads prevents fire tenders from reaching the sites and high winds carry the sparks to new areas. Helicopters are pressed into service — as in Uttarakhand recently where two Indian Air Force helicopters, each with a 5,000-litre water tank, were deployed. There are, however, limits to the number of helicopters that can be used

and the availability of large lakes or rivers from which these can draw water.

Forest fires wreak havoc in India every year. They destroy forests, cause pollution, turn streams dry or adversely affect their water quality, damage soil nutrients and increase the risk of soil erosion. They kill wildlife and insects, including endangered species, and destroy their habitats, damage national parks and sanctuaries, driving the wild animals like tigers, leopards and elephants towards human settlements, thus aggravating the human-animal conflict. And, of course, they kill humans and destroy their property.

The question is: What is to be done? Forest fires are as old as forests and will continue to occur as long as forests exist. One, however, can limit their incidence by firmly dealing with the timber, builder and mining mafia, and the poachers, and simultaneously enlightening people not to carelessly leave incendiary material in forests. The Central and State Governments will have to launch sustained campaigns to this end. The consequences of not doing so will be severe.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NEGLECTED RESPONSIBLE FOR SITUATION

Sir — Instead of getting stunned by the rising number of COVID cases in the country, we must admit the fact that we are not moving towards a second wave but are actually in its grip. As the demand for Remdesivir surges, the Centre has fast-tracked applications from companies to manufacture the critical anti-viral drug in order to ensure its smooth availability. Night curfews and partial lockdowns are being imposed in many parts of the country as a measure to control the deadly virus. Amid the rising cases, the Centre has announced the cancellation of the CBSE Board exams for Class 10 and has deferred Class 12 exams.

On the other hand, lakhs of devotees have been taking a holy dip in the Ganga on the occasion of the Kumbh Mela in Haridwar, flouting the COVID norms. It is however ironic that while the Government has no compunction about cancelling the Board examinations, elections in the country are continuing as if nothing has happened. These fears have been magnified all the more with the dismal disregard shown by various State Governments to clamping down on mass public events and gatherings. While a proactive approach to control and manage the crowds when it comes to stonewalling the widely contagious virus, is a remedy to the problem, the complete disregard shown towards the basic safety precautions is indeed perplexing!

Pachu Menon | Goa

TROOP WITHDRAWAL WILL CREATE VACUUM

Sir — The US’ decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan is not good at the present moment as the situation on the ground is far from satisfactory. The Taliban is still controlling parts of Afghanistan and there is considerable influence of Pakistan and support from China, too. The chances of disintegration of Afghanistan are quite high. The withdrawal of the US troops might create a vacuum which, if acquired by the disruptive forces, will push the country into turmoil. President Joe Biden has said the US troops will be withdrawn from

Politicisation of vaccines



Politics over the anti-Coronavirus vaccine started the day Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced free jabs to the people of Bihar in the run-up to the Assembly elections in October-November last year. The vaccine policy suffered from the play of politics and one-upmanship. Besides, appalling naivety in assessing the demand during the second wave, differing norms for affording authorisation for use, inertia in augmenting in-house capacity, exports as a policy and imports in fetters together impacted the availability of vaccines in the country. After the

Afghanistan beginning May 1 and the process will be completed by September 11. For his part, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said he spoke to Biden and that his country respects the US decision.

Maybe the US troops might be shifted to some other regions of the world. The US is also facing domestic problems and is ravaged by the COVID pandemic. Washington needs a war to run its economy. The weapons industry needs insecurity among the countries to sell weapons and make profits. In my opinion, the US troops will be shifted to another war. Let’s wait and watch till the withdrawal in September.

Sunil Pradhan | Odisha

BAN SUPER-SPREADER EVENTS

Sir — It refers to the editorial ‘Matters of faith’ (April 16). At a time when the Government has done away with bridging trials for foreign-made vaccines for

authorisation of the Oxford-assisted Covishield and the indigenously-developed Covaxin for emergency use, the authorities soft-pedalled on giving authorisation and import/production licence(s) to other popular vaccine candidates in the world. According to the *Lancet*, Russia’s vaccine Sputnik V had the efficacy of 91.6 per cent. While the chronic shortage was being felt, the Government allowed the exports to showcase India as a powerhouse of vaccines. To draw an analogy, the US has accumulated stocks which could vaccinate its entire population.

In fact, the possibility of a furious second wave was overlooked. India’s daily COVID count has crossed 2 lakh now. This surge must be viewed against the overloaded hospitals, shortage in oxygen supply, inadequacy in life-saving ventilators and shortfalls in vaccines and medicines. There is an urgent need to reassess the situation carefully and honestly to mount a multipronged action to crush the climbing curve and augment treatment facilities.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

COVID-19 to facilitate acceleration in vaccination, it should seriously think about banning religious events like the Kumbh Mela which has become a super-spreader. In just five days, 1,701 people have tested positive for COVID-19 in the Kumbh Mela area. The Uttarakhand Police was unable to impose the standard operating procedures (SOPs) on the seers of *akhadas* and the ash-smeared ascetics crowding the Har Ki Pauri on the two *shahi snans* because of time constraints. Now Niranjani *Akhada*, one of the 13 *akhadas* of seers participating in the Kumbh, has decided to return from the event in the wake of the deteriorating COVID-19 situation. But it is too late as the damage has already been done.

Bal Govind | Noida

SOUNDBITE

Being a tourist State, if we impose night curfew, it will create a spin-off effect. People should remain alert. We have issued an advisory. We are continuing to create awareness.

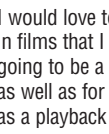


Goa Chief Minister — Pramod Sawant



If we were to lift the border restrictions, you would see these cases increase and Australians would have to become used to dealing with 1,000 cases or more a week.

Australian Prime Minister — Scott Morrison



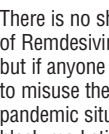
I would love to sing in films that I am going to be a part of, as well as for others, as a playback singer.

Actor — Adarsh Gourav



He is not the MS Dhoni which he used to be probably four or five years back, where he could just come in and start taking on the bowlers from the word go.

Former cricketer — Gautam Gambhir



There is no shortage of Remdesivir drug but if anyone is trying to misuse the pandemic situation by black-marketing, then all those will be punished severely.

Karnataka Home Minister — Basavaraj Bommai

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FIRST COLUMN

THE NEW REALTY FOR INDIANS



SONAM CHANDWANI

The pall of gloom over the real estate industry on account of the COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light several unconventional methods being applied to keep the dreams of property buyers alive, while developers strive to stay afloat. A growing number of Indians are acquiring slices of rent-yielding residential and commercial properties in a way that is comparable to investing in the stocks of a company. Fractional real estate, as the concept is known, allows investors to buy, say, one per cent of a vacation home for a minimum amount and use it whenever they want, while earning rental income, too. While weekend properties are neither essential nor urgent, the outbreak has changed this perception. Such a realty ownership concept has arisen predominantly from the Work-From-Home (WFH) culture and the work-vacation culture, attracting NRIs and domestic buyers alike. Such a property acts like an asset, attracting a plethora of investors, in the end becoming a potential Special Purpose Vehicle-related investment. From the taxation standpoint, the fractional ownership of a property opens up such owners to a plethora of taxable liabilities, when comparing the yearly taxation related costs of such interests, prospective buyers or their counsel/advisors need to be sure of the usage arrangement, location, ownership size, basic amenities and other items.

A unicorn investment refers to a startup avenue/venture, occupying less than \$1 billion of the industry share. Considering the fact that this sort of timeshare arrangement is a novel arena of investment for Indians, the value of such investment could possibly render the whole idea as a potential cash cow for real estate developers adapting to such forms of investment. With the pandemic having rendered the traditional and conventional real estate an under-yielding area of investment in the markets currently, fractional ownership might just pave way for a steady boom in the real estate sector. While fractional ownership may appear to be an inexpensive mode of investment to potential investors, it has its pros and cons. Procedures involving the investment in such ventures could involve detailed due diligences and legal red-tapism. Not paying attention to such procedures could end up putting stressed properties in the hands of lesser advised investors.

Moreover, expenses considering maintenance and management of the property and any such costs could essentially tip the scales against the owners should they not be able to actually utilise the property within their arrangements. Having said that, the benefits accruing out of part ownership of vacation properties, while not accounting monumentally in financial terms, are manifold where it comes to utilisation. Such a property allows the investors to change their workspace surroundings and choose rather inexpensive modes of vacation and even earn some money out of renting it out to other vacationers. Though fractional ownership could lead to a real estate investment boom the sector so gravely yearns for, the legal procedures involved might turn off a certain class of investors. Moreover, a relatively-new arena of investment always ends up taking a lot more time in yielding benefits, even if the time-value of money is rather unaccountable, since the property provides more leisurely than commercial benefits. Timeshare investments, while popular in the West, are considered to be a nascent area of investment, particularly while fractional ownership is considered. However, given the correct legal framework and taxation incentives, the current status of such investment could be elevated to providing the work-vacation culture the stability that the recent short-lived boom is testament to.

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Time to turn Nocebo to Placebo in India

We must widely propagate the positives of getting inoculated, underplay the negatives and whole-heartedly support the Govt’s initiatives towards massive vaccination drives



DEEPIKA BHASKAR

The pandemic and its prevalence have taught us many lessons in perseverance and patience. We have raced from one decision to the next, hoping that the latest one will make everything normal again. While the scientists have been working relentlessly to understand the virus and come up with increasingly promising vaccine candidates, the virus has been playing truant and evolving in new forms to ditch human efforts and survive as more robust variants. In the wake of the ever-changing variants, efficacy statistics and reported side effects, the so-called ultimate solution to end the pandemic, the anti-Corona vaccine, doesn't appear to be so attractive anymore. People are hesitant to take the shot, confirming the 'Nocebo Effect' to the perceived solution of the pandemic that doesn't seem to be getting anywhere close to its end. The hesitancy is spread across the globe. Some think they will never get the disease while others believe the virus is on its way out. Social media has been most instrumental in spreading the hesitancy due to varied opinions of people who have wide social media presence and have contributed to turning the solution from placebo to nocebo.

Understanding and addressing vaccine hesitancy has become very important in the drive towards normalising life, avoiding deaths and allowing the economy to run to its full capacity. These were the very reasons why a COVID-19 vaccine was needed in the first place. What made the long wait for a solution turn into vaccine hesitancy needs serious thought. As per the World Health Organisation (WHO), vaccine hesitancy is the delay in acceptance or refusal of vaccines despite their availability. Medical practitioners and scientists have been making all out efforts to discuss and address the common causes of concern. Fear and hesitancy come from the unknown, hence the awareness needs to rise. This has led to a negative mindset against the vaccine. The hesitancy has also been triggered by the side effects reported in some cases as a result of administering the vaccine. The directions to continue with the safety measures and stay with COVID-appropriate behaviour along with reporting of positive cases in some vaccinated individuals have amplified the vaccine hesitancy.

With many cases of blood clotting reported as a side effect of the AstraZeneca jab and discontinuation of the vaccine thereafter in at least a dozen European countries before resuming them again, doubts have grown more than ever. The latest news that Denmark has totally stopped the use of the AstraZeneca jab in its inoculation drive is not helping the cause and instilling confidence in people.

While Governments across the globe have rolled out the vaccine and invited people to get vaccinated at the earliest, the vaccination centres report a different story. Dealing with vaccine hesitancy has become the next big challenge, even in a country like India, which is now the second-most badly hit nation in the world after the US.

In order to build trust and confidence in the jab, a multi-pronged strategy is required with transparent communication as the key. With the second wave already in full swing and numerous variants of the original virus here, the danger is far from over. Herd immunity, as it was being perceived, is nowhere in sight as there are people who have reported a second infection. The diversity of the disease is unfathomable.



WHILE THE RUSSIAN VACCINE SPUTNIK V HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GO AHEAD AND WILL HIT THE MARKET SOON AFTER SHORT TRIALS HERE, THE CENTRE IS ALSO LOOKING AT FAST APPROVALS FOR VACCINES FROM OTHER NATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE WHO FOR EMERGENCY USE. IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME AND THE SHORTAGE WILL BE A THING OF THE PAST. BUT THE BIG QUESTION IS WILL VACCINE HESITANCY, TOO, BE GONE SOON?

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Attitudes towards the COVID-19 vaccines have changed overtime and varied greatly. The theory of developing antibodies on being infected has also led to a decrease in the relevance of the vaccine. Infected individuals feel they have developed antibodies and are immunised against the disease, so they do not need a shot. However, the protective abilities of antibodies in sero-surveys is unknown and their effectiveness in preventing reinfection is still to be studied. The belief that the vaccine is rushed and has not been tested properly is another setback.

That some of the scientists have been supporting this belief has also given boost to hesitancy. It is also assumed that the efficacy of the vaccine is being underplayed so that people do not become lax in observing COVID-appropriate behaviour. Another view being expressed is that the immunity after vaccination lasts for only six months, which wrongly implies that the shot is not effective. People also think that if the survival and recovery rate is 99.6 per cent, why even bother getting a jab.

All these supposed opinions and views have stopped people from getting vaccinated. Giving compensation for getting vaccinated has always backfired as people think that they are being paid because there is something to hide. The only groups that have justifiable concerns are the elderly, people with co-morbidities, pregnant women and those with high allergic reactions to vaccines. Also,

there is no vaccine to protect our children, as of now. Though getting vaccinated is a personal choice, the most successful inoculation drives have been built on knowledge exchange, accessibility and successful stories of those getting vaccinated.

Sherita Hill Golden, vice-president, chief diversity officer and a Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins Medicine talks of 12 things you need to know in the wake of the current vaccine hesitancy. The facts and insights into making a personal choice to get inoculated include the following: Getting vaccinated can protect you from getting COVID as your body will be ready to fight the Coronavirus if you are exposed to it; the people of colour are especially vulnerable to severe COVID-19 and its risk factors; getting inoculated helps others in the community, more so when people have chronic medical conditions; more vaccinations mean a chance to return to normal after having to experience closures, cancellations and postponements; though the vaccine development was fast, no steps were skipped while testing for safety and efficacy; diversity in vaccine testing helped assess safety and effectiveness; side effects of the COVID-19 vaccine are sparse and temporary, mainly limited to a sore arm, mild fever or body aches; it is possible to get the shot despite allergies except if you have severe allergic reactions to vaccines; the vaccine is safe for breastfeeding mothers, though pregnant women

should discuss it with their doctors as the vaccine have not been tested in pregnant women; the jab can give you extra protection, if you already had COVID-19; waiting too long allows the virus to spread in the community, hence, time is of the essence for the vaccine; the pandemic can only be shortened if the vaccine is well-received.

Hence, people have been advised to do their own research from reliable sources and take an informed decision regarding getting vaccinated. Where the issue of the shortage of the vaccine in the country is concerned, the Government is doing all it can to ensure that the needs of the people are met at the earliest. While the Russian vaccine Sputnik V has been given the go ahead and will hit the market soon after short trials here, the Centre is also looking at fast approvals for vaccines from other nations that have been approved by the WHO for emergency use. It is only a matter of time and the shortage will be a thing of the past. But the big question is will vaccine hesitancy, too, be gone soon?

It is time to put resolve into widely propagating the positives of getting vaccinated, underplaying the sparse negatives and whole-heartedly supporting the Government's initiatives towards massive vaccination drives so that the pandemic situation can be controlled, the economic downturn can be lifted and normalcy restored. Its time we turned this nocebo to a placebo and support humanity.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IF CENTRAL ARMED FORCES ARE ATTACKED THEN SHOTS SHOULD BE FIRED. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO DIES OR LIVES. —BJP LEADER RAHUL SINHA



HE HAS UNMASKED THE TRUE FACE OF THE BJP. PEOPLE WILL GIVE THEM A BEFITTING REPLY. —TMC SPOKESPERSON KUNAL GHOSH

The Maha Kumbh of COVID and environmental risks

The Govt is not ignorant of the health costs of these events during the ongoing second wave of the outbreak but populist measures are the top priority during elections

The Kumbh Mela was first mentioned in the accounts of Hsien Tsang, the famous Chinese traveller who visited India in the seventh century. The grand event, with a 2,000-year-old history, commenced this year in January and will continue till the end of April. Currently, at over two lakh new cases, India accounts for one in six of all new COVID infections globally. But these rather grim facts did not deter nearly 13.5 lakh devotees, including the members of the 13 Akharas from taking the holy dip or the *Shahi Snan* on April 13.

The consequences of the ongoing Maha Kumbh upon public health have been devastating, to say the least. In the last 24 hours, Haridwar has reported over 1,000 fresh Corona positive cases. With the Indian Railways running



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25 special trains to ferry the pilgrims across the country, the Maha Kumbh is all set to become a "Maha COVID-19 super-spreader." The situation looks hopeless unless either the event is immediately terminated or social distancing norms are strictly adhered to. But nothing significant seems to have been done by the Government regarding it.

Health risks aside, the Kumbh Mela is also not something that is known for environment friendliness. The Maha Kumbh is held at four locations — Nashik, Haridwar, Prayagraj and Ujjain — on a rotational basis after an interval of 12 years.

While the Kumbh, in general, is celebrated four times over the course of 12 years, with the site of the observance rotating between

four pilgrimage places on the four sacred rivers, namely, at Haridwar on the Ganga, at Ujjain on the Shipra, at Nashik on the Godavari and at Prayagraj at the confluence of the Ganga, the Jamuna, and the mythical Sarasvati.

The Nashik Kumbh Mela held in 2015 resulted in 25,000 tonnes of solid waste and faecal sludge that crept into the groundwater table from 33,000 hastily set-up mobile toilets without any effective waste disposal mechanism. It took an international outcry triggered by media coverage and the eventual intervention of the Bombay High Court to clean up the Nashik Kumbh Mela mess and rescue the environment. The event also caused a spike in river pollution making it unfit for bathing and other purposes. The



maximum permissible Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) for safe bathing is 3.0 milligrams (mg) per litre but it ranged between 3.4-8.5 mg per litre during the event. Meanwhile bacterial coliform ranged between 3,300 and 39,000 Most Probable Number (MPN) per 100 ml while the permissible limit is 500 MNP per 100 ml for human

bathing. The Maha Kumbh at Haridwar, too, is no different either in terms of the colossal health risk it poses or the ecological collateral damage it brings.

In the run-up to the Haridwar Maha Kumbh, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has been working tirelessly to prevent ecological damage and as a part of its efforts, the NMCG has diverted one of the biggest local sewage drains — the Kassawan nullah — to a sewage treatment plant. But it should have been done a year ago. This nullah has emptied its effluents into the Ganga for years.

A recent study by the Doon University on the pollution levels in the Ganga establishes that in the stretch from Rishikesh to Haridwar the river was high on pollutants due to the pilgrim

bathing load and urban waste effluent flow.

The study also revealed that the overall concentration of Polypropylene Copolymer (PPCP), a form of plastic pollutant in the Ganga was found to be up to 1,104.84 nanograms per litre. Further, the presence of chemicals was also found to be high in the river water samples.

The election season, too, symbolised by huge political rallies, coupled with unrestrained religious gatherings are in total defiance of COVID-appropriate behaviour and protocol. Surely the Government is not ignorant of the health costs of these unabated events during the ongoing second wave of the Coronavirus pandemic, but populist measures and appeasement tactics are the top priorities during elections and they seem to score over

environmental and health concerns.

This is not surprising, but what is unfortunately startling is the inaction on the behalf of the judiciary which could have taken a *suo motu* initiative to shorten the duration of the Kumbh Mela, thereby, saving lives and the environment. In the absence of this, the Non-Government Organisations working in the field of environment protection and other individuals could have filed a Public Interest Litigation to this effect, but unfortunately, that also did not happen yet.

It is a classic case of who will bell the cat? Sadly, the reluctance of people to take on what is obviously a communally-sensitive issue will cost the environment and the health and economy of the country dearly. Where are the true nationalists now?

Myanmar coup foes tout minority-backed shadow Govt



Police security forces stand by inside a police vehicle and on the sidewalk of Hledan Road in Kamayut township in Yangon, Myanmar on Friday

AP ■ YANGON

Opponents of Myanmar's ruling junta went on the political offensive on Friday, declaring they have formed an interim national unity Government with members of Aung San Suu Kyi's ousted Cabinet and major ethnic minority groups.

The move comes on the eve of a diplomatic initiative to solve Myanmar's crisis by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which is expected to hold a summit next week.

A violent crackdown by the junta has failed to stem Opposition to the coup, and as the Army has spread the fight to ethnic minorities in border areas, some ASEAN members believe the crisis threatens regional stability.

Opponents of the coup have been seeking an alliance with ethnic minority groups as a way of strengthening their resistance. The minorities for decades have kept up on-again, off-again armed struggles for



A woman lights a candle while others flash the three-fingered sign of resistance during a candlelight vigil to remember those who died in the military junta's violent response to anti-coup demonstrations in Yangon, Myanmar on Friday

greater autonomy in the borderlands.

While it was not clear if the minority political organisations had formally joined an alliance, the appointment of prominent personalities from their ranks showed a commitment to a joint struggle against the military, which is certain to boost morale to the anti-coup

The National Unity Government is nominally an upgrade from what had been called the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, which was formed shortly after the coup by elected lawmakers who were barred by the army from taking their seats.

The CRPH sought international recognition as Myanmar's sole legitimate government body, but won only popular support from those opposed to military rule.

The junta declared the CRPH an illegal organisation, and issued arrest warrants for its leading members.

A video posted Friday on social media showed veteran activist Min Ko Naing announcing the formation of the new body. He was a leader of the failed 1988 uprising against a previous military dictatorship and is one of the country's most respected political figures aside from Suu Kyi. He went quickly underground after the coup and

apparently has been active in political organizing against the junta since then.

"Please support the National Unity Government for the future of our citizens and our younger generation," he said. "The people are the decision makers and the people will fight the final battle. Victory is coming. We must win our revolution."

More details were provided in a statement on social media by Dr. Sasa, a physician and philanthropist who though in hiding has been the online public face of the CRPH..

"Today, at the end of Thingyan on the eve of Myanmar's new year, we are proud to announce the formation of a new National Unity Government and the dawn of a new era for the people of Myanmar," said Sasa.

"For the first time in our history, Myanmar has a unity government that will reflect one of our nation's greatest strengths — the diversity of our people."

AFTER SLAPPING SANCTIONS Joe Biden proposes strategic stability dialogue with Russia

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Hours after expelling 10 Russian diplomats in connection with interference in last year's US presidential elections, President Joe Biden has proposed a strategic stability dialogue with Moscow, as officials of the two countries discussed the possibility of a summit meeting in Europe this summer.

The US on Thursday announced the expulsion of 10 Russian diplomats and slapped sanctions on over 30 individuals and key financial institutions as it held Kremlin accountable for interference in last year's presidential election and the hacking of American federal agencies.

Hours after signing the executive order imposing sanctions on its erstwhile cold war rival, Biden told reporters at the White House that during a telephonic conversation with his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, he had proposed that they meet in person this summer in Europe for a summit to address a range of issues facing both the countries.



"Our teams are discussing that possibility right now. And if that summit were to occur, and I believe it will, the United States and Russia could launch a strategic stability dialogue to pursue cooperation in arms control and security," Biden said.

"We can address critical global challenges that require Russia and the United States to work together, including reining in nuclear threats from Iran and North Korea, ending this pandemic globally, and meeting the existential crisis of climate change," he said.

During the phone call, Biden said he expressed concern on Russia's military build up on the Ukraine border and in Crimea.

Russia to expel 10 US diplomats in response to Washington

Moscow: Russia on Friday responded in kind to a barrage of new US sanctions, saying it would expel 10 US diplomats and take other retaliatory moves in a tense showdown with Washington.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov also said Moscow will add eight US officials to its sanctions list and move to restrict and stop the activities of US nongovernment organizations from interfering in Russia's politics.

He said the Kremlin suggested that U.S. Ambassador John Sullivan follow the example of his Russian counterpart and head home for consultations. Russia will also move to deny the U.S. Embassy the possibility to hire personnel from Russia and third countries as support staff.

The moves follow the sanctions on Russia announced this week by the Biden administration. While the U.S. Wields the power to cripple the Russian economy, Moscow lacks levers to respond in kind, although it potentially could hurt American interests in many other ways around the globe.

Lavrov noted that while Russia could take "painful measures" against American business

interests in Russia, it wouldn't immediately move to do that.

Russia has denied interfering in the 2020 U.S. Presidential election and involvement in the SolarWind hack of federal agencies — the activities punished by the latest U.S. Sanctions. The Russian Foreign Ministry warned of an "inevitable" retaliation, charging that "Washington should realize that it will have to pay a price for the degradation of bilateral ties."

The U.S. On Thursday ordered 10 Russian diplomats expelled, targeted dozens of companies and people, and imposed new curbs on Russia's ability to borrow money. Pundits had predicted that while Moscow would respond in kind to the expulsions, it would refrain from any other significant moves to avoid a further escalation.

Russia's economic potential and its global reach are limited compared with the Soviet Union that competed with the U.S for international influence during the Cold War. Still, Russia's nuclear arsenal and its leverage in many parts of the world make it a power that Washington needs to reckon with.

US says Russia was given Trump campaign polling data in 2016

Washington: It was one of the more tantalizing, yet unresolved, questions of the investigation into possible connections between Russia and Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign: Why was a business associate of campaign chairman Paul Manafort given internal polling data — and what did he do with it?

A Treasury Department statement Thursday offered a potentially significant clue, asserting that Konstantin Kilimnik, a Russian and Ukrainian political consultant, had shared sensitive campaign and polling information with Russian intelligence services.

Kilimnik has long been alleged by U.S. officials to have ties to Russian intelligence. But the statement in a broader Treasury Department sanctions announcement was the first time the U.S. government had so directly drawn a connection from the Trump campaign to the Kremlin's intelligence services.

The revelation was all the more startling because it went beyond any allegation made in either special counsel Robert Mueller's 2019 report or in an even more damning and detailed document released last year by the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Pak suspends services of social media platforms

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Friday temporarily suspended the services of social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook and WhatsApp to stop their use to organise demonstrations following violent protests by a radical religious group that has now been banned by the Government.

The Government banned Tehreek-i-Labaik Pakistan (TLP) on Thursday following three days of violent protest by it to force the government to expel the French ambassador over a blasphemous caricature published in France last year.

The TLP had launched the country-wide protest on Monday after the arrest of its chief Saad Hussain Rizvi.

The TLP supporters clashed with the law enforcement agencies in several towns and cities earlier this week, leaving seven persons dead and over 300 policemen injured.

To stop the protests after Friday prayers, the Interior Ministry directed the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to suspend social media services for four hours from 11 am to 3 pm.

The PTA said in a notification



Supporters of Tehreek-e-Labaik Pakistan, a radical Islamist political party, chant slogans during a sit-in protest against the arrest of their party leader Saad Rizvi and demanding to expel the French envoy from the country, in Lahore on Friday

that "complete access to social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube and Telegram) may be blocked".

The reason for the suspension of the services was not stated by the PTA but official sources said that it was feared that protesters could use social media to organise demonstrations.

Suspension of internet and mobile phone services is a common practice in Pakistan to forestall protests and acts of terrorism.

But this time only social media has been particularly targeted as the TLP was reportedly using it effectively against the government action.

On Thursday, Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed warned the TLP against using YouTube to upload propaganda videos. The TLP came to prominence in November 2017 when it staged a sit-in at the Faizabad interchange near Islamabad and cut off the capital from the old international airport.

US to continue to push Pak on backing diplomatic efforts to ensure peace in Af: Burns

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US will continue to push Pakistan hard on supporting the diplomatic efforts to ensure peace in Afghanistan as it has an interest over the longer term in avoiding insecurity and instability in the war-torn neighbouring country that can spill over and affect its own interest, CIA Director William Burns has said. Burns was responding to a question from Congressman Adam Schiff, who is the Chairman of the powerful House Intelligence Committee.

"Our withdrawal from Afghanistan, what impact do you think that will have on the Pakistani relationship with the Taliban, the Pakistani intelligence, ISI

relationship with the Haqqani network or others? How do you see that changing without a US military presence there?" Schiff asked during the meeting on Thursday.

"Pakistan today is playing a constructive role in support of the diplomatic efforts, at least that the United States and other countries are making to try to bridge what is, at the moment, a pretty severe gap between the government of Afghanistan and the Taliban," Burns responded.

The CIA Director told lawmakers that Pakistan has an interest over the longer term in avoiding the kind of insecurity and instability in Afghanistan that can spill over and affect its own interest.

China poses single biggest geopolitical test for US in 21st century: CIA Director

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

China poses the single biggest geopolitical test for the US in the 21st century, CIA Director William Burns has said, stressing that this threat is more serious than those from Russia during the Cold War.

Burns made the remarks to members of the House Select Committee on Intelligence during a Congressional hearing on worldwide threats on Thursday.

"I think China poses the single biggest geopolitical test for the United States as far out into the 21st century as I can see," Burns said.

"What distinguishes that challenge from an increasingly adversarial Chinese Communist Party from, for example, the challenge we faced with the Soviet Union during the Cold War, is that this challenge unfolds across a whole range of areas from military to ideological in terms of our values, economic and especially at its core competition and technology as well," Burns said.

The US and China are at odds over a range of issues from trade to human rights in Tibet, Hong Kong and China's western Xinjiang region, as well as over Taiwan, Beijing's assertiveness in the South China Sea and the coronavirus pandemic.

Beijing says US 'too negative' toward China

AP ■ BEIJING

A top Chinese diplomat said Friday that US policy toward China is "too negative" and that cooperation could be critically important as the Biden administration focuses on combating Covid-19 and promoting economic recovery.

The US appears to be highlighting confrontation and playing down cooperation, Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng said in a wide-ranging interview with *The Associated Press*.

Hong Kong democracy leaders given jail terms amid crackdown

AP ■ HONG KONG

A Hong Kong court on Friday sentenced five leading pro-democracy advocates, including media tycoon Jimmy Lai, to up to 18 months in prison for organising and participating in a massive march during 2019 anti-government protests that triggered an overwhelming crackdown from Beijing.

A total of nine advocates were given jail terms, but four of them, including 82-year-old lawyer and former lawmaker Martin Lee, had their sentences suspended after their age and accomplishments were taken into consideration.

They were found guilty earlier this month of organising and participating in a massive protest in August 2019, where an estimated 1.7 million people marched in opposition to a bill that would have allowed suspects to be extradited to mainland China. The march was not authorized by the police.

Their convictions and sentencing are another blow to the city's flagging democracy movement, which is facing an unprecedented crackdown by Beijing and Hong Kong authorities. The sentences were swiftly met with international criticism.

The court suspended the 11-month prison sentence of Lee, who is known for his advocacy for human rights and democracy, for two years because of his age.

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1 Dhoomkhera GOV W/S Scheme	Rs. 80.96 Lakh	06 months
2 Pipaliya GOV W/S Scheme	Rs. 86.82 Lakh	06 months
3 Kumrah GOV W/S Scheme	Rs. 80.38 Lakh	06 months

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4 Date of Online Publication	17.04.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
5 Document Download : Start Date	18.04.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
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8 Bid Submission : Start Date	18.04.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
9 Bid Submission : End Date	01.05.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
10 Offline Submission of Document (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification)	02.05.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.
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12 Date of Financial Bid Opening	To be announced Later
13 Details of tender, corrigendum or cancellation etc. may be obtained at web site: www.uktenders.gov.in	Superintending Engineer

Iran starts enriching uranium to 60%, its highest level ever

AP ■ DUBAI

Iran began enriching uranium Friday to its highest level ever, edging closer to weapons-grade levels to pressure talks in Vienna aimed at restoring its nuclear deal with world powers after an attack on its main atomic site.

A top official said only a few grams an hour of uranium gas would be enriched up to 60 per cent purity — triple the level it once did but at a rate far slower than what Tehran could produce. International inspectors already said Iran planned to do so above-ground at its Natanz nuclear site, not deep within its underground halls hardened to withstand airstrikes.

The move is likely to raise tensions even as Iran negotiates in Vienna over a way to allow the US



back into the agreement and lift the crushing economic sanctions it faces. However, its scope also provides Iran with a way to quickly de-escalate if it chose.

The announcement also marks a significant escalation after the attack that damaged centrifuges at Natanz, an attack this past weekend suspected of having been carried out by Israel. While Israel has yet to claim it, it comes amid a long-running shadow war between the two

Mideast rivals.

Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, Iran's parliament speaker, announced the move in a Twitter post later acknowledged by Iranian state television.

"The young and God-believing Iranian scientists managed to achieve a 60 per cent enriched uranium product," Qalibaf said. "I congratulate the brave nation of Islamic Iran on this success. The Iranian nation's willpower is miraculous and can defuse any conspiracy."

The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, the country's civilian nuclear arm, later acknowledged the move to 60 per cent, according to state TV. Ali Akbar Salehi said the centrifuges now produce 9 grams an hour, but that would drop to 5 grams an hour in the coming days.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is here by informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely: **Siddiqua Parveen D/o Md. Istiyak R/o H.No. G-140, Tagore Gali, Jagatpuri, Delhi-51**, has been missing/kidnapped from her shop at A-110/1, Gali No. 9, Jagarpuri, Delhi-51 since 31.03.2021 at 04:15 PM. In this regard DD No. 109A Dated 31.03.2021 has been registered at **PS. Jagatpuri, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, Age: 20 years, Height: 5'1" Ft., Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Injury Mark: An Old Burn Mark on Left Toe, Wearing: Black Colour Suit & Light Blue Jeans, Cream colour Juti in foot.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following:-

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Residential realty get \$234 mn PE investments in Jan-March

IAN S ■ MUMBAI

Amid revival in housing demand, the residential segment witnessed private equity (PE) investments worth \$234 million in Q1 2021 which was 64 per cent of that witnessed during the entire 2020, said a Knight Frank India report.

It noted that in terms of the number of deals, the investment activity touched 100 per cent of 2020 levels and 39 per cent of 2019 levels in the first three months of 2021.

The report titled ‘Investments in Real Estate - Trends in PE Investment (Q1 2021 update)’ said that Indian real estate attracted private equity (debt and equity) investments (\$3.24 billion) across 19 deals in Q1 2021 (January - March) period.

In the first quarter of 2021, the investment in the sector has grown by 16 times compared to \$199 million in Q1 2020.

The investments in Q1 2021 in value terms were 80 per

cent of that witnessed in full year 2020 and 48 per cent of full year 2019. The strong momentum in Q1 2021 was predominantly driven by two major factors, spillover of certain deals from 2020 and the rise in investor confidence due to the drop in Covid-19 infections during early parts of Q1 2021, which had created some ripples of positivity in the economy, it said.

The sustainability of this momentum in investors’ sentiments will therefore depend on how soon the second wave of infection subsides and also the pace of vaccination, as per the Knight Frank India.

Out of the total PE investments in real estate, the office segment attracted 71 per cent share, followed by retail at 15 per cent, residential and warehousing with 7 per cent each respectively.

Shishir Bajjal, Chairman and Managing Director, Knight Frank India said: “The deal street market of Indian real estate witnessed an impressive

surge in both value and volume of private equity investments in the first quarter of 2021, when compared to the entire year of 2020.”

He said that office assets continue to be the preferred segment attracting over 70 per cent of PE investments Q1 2021 as the segment moves towards maturity which includes sustained demand, stability in rental income and change in ownership profile over long-term. Investors are expecting demand to recuperate faster as the pace of vaccination increases.

“While Q1 2021 has been an encouraging quarter for PE investments, however, the upward trajectory can be impacted by the rising second wave of Covid-19 infections in India which started in the month of April 2021. The sustainability of revival in investor sentiments will therefore depend on how soon the second wave of infection subsides and the pace of vaccination,” Bajjal said.

Forex reserves surge by USD 4.34 bn to USD 581.21 bn

PTI ■ MUMBAI

After declining for two consecutive quarters, the country’s foreign exchange (forex) reserves surged by USD 4.34 billion to USD 581.21 billion in the week ended April 9, according to the latest RBI data.

In the previous week ended April 2, the reserves had dipped by USD 2.42 billion to USD 576.28 billion. It had dropped by USD 2.99 billion to USD 579.28 billion in the week ended March 26, 2021.

The reserves had touched a lifetime high of USD 590.18 billion in the week ended January 29, 2021.

In the reporting week ended April 9, 2021, the increase in forex reserves was on account of a rise in foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves.

FCA rose USD 3.02 billion to USD 539.45 billion, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) weekly data showed.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like euro, pound and yen held in the forex reserves.

The gold reserves increased by USD 1.30 billion to USD 35.32 billion in the reporting week, the RBI data showed.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose USD 6 million to USD 1.49 billion in the reporting week.

The country’s reserve position with the IMF rose USD 24 million to USD 4.95 billion in the reporting week, the data showed.

Jet fuel price cut by 1 pc

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Jet fuel price on Friday was cut by 1 per cent, the second reduction in rates this month following softening international crude oil prices.

Aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price was reduced by Rs 568.88 per kilolitre, or 0.9 per cent, to Rs 57,805.28 per kl in the national capital, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. This is the second reduction in rates this month.

Earlier, prices were cut by 3 per cent on April 1.

These price cuts were the first in six months.

Meanwhile, petrol and diesel prices remained unchanged after the fourth reduction in three weeks on Thursday.

Petrol price on Thursday was cut by 16 paise per litre and diesel by 14 paise.

Petrol now costs Rs 90.40 per litre in Delhi, while a litre of diesel comes for Rs 80.73.

‘Govt should regulate cryptocurrencies, not ban them’

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

As government plans to come up with a Cryptocurrency Bill, sector stakeholders have said that the government should regulate the cryptocurrency ecosystem, rather than banning them.

Experts are of the view that India should formulate regulations in the lines of the development countries which regulate these currencies including the US, UK, Japan, Australia among others.

Nischal Shetty, Founder & CEO, WazirX said: “India’s crypto policy should be geared towards fostering innovation, and customer safety. We should be able to prevent bad activities but keep the door to innovation open by allowing everything else to be built.”

He said that so far there is no single regulator in a position to regulate the entire crypto sector.

“It’s like trying to regulate the Internet with one regulator. We can start breaking down crypto based on its classification as currency, asset, utility, security, and let regulators handle the respective crypto. Eventually, it will become necessary to have a dedicated crypto markets regulator,” Shetty said.

He also recommended that the government should ensure that all crypto businesses catering to Indian customers are registered in India and follow KYC and AML policies. “There should also be guidelines for crypto businesses to ensure safety of customer funds,” the WazirX CEO said.

Dev Sharma, Regional Manager (Central Asia) for Paxful also said that at a foundational level, India should regulate so that all companies have to implement KYC and AML processes to protect consumers.” There is nothing about cryptocurrencies that make them more appealing to ‘bad actors’ than fiat currencies. So, cryptocurrencies need to be regulated in similar ways,” he said.

In addition, it would be great to see India develop measures to promote innovation in the sector for example with incubators and start-up funds.

Benchmarks eke out slim gains; close lower for the week

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex and Nifty ticked higher for the third session on the trot on Friday but could not wipe off weekly losses amid a resurgence in Covid-19 cases. A strong recovery in the rupee, which zoomed 58 paise, and a bullish trend in global equities supported the bourses on Friday, traders said.

After a choppy session, the 30-share BSE Sensex closed 28.35 points or 0.06 per cent higher at 48,832.03.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 36.40 points or 0.25 per cent to 14,617.85.

Asian Paints was the top performer among the Sensex components, spurring 3.07 per cent, followed by UltraTech

Cement, ONGC, M&M, Sun Pharma, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra and Nestle India. On the other hand, ICICI Bank, L&T, Bajaj Finance, TCS, SBI, Infosys and Reliance Industries were among the losers, declining up to 1.55 per cent.

During the holiday-truncated week, the Sensex sank 759.29 points or 1.53 per cent, while the Nifty tumbled 217 points or 1.46 per cent.

A continued surge in second wave of COVID-19 cases in the country, which already crossed 2 lakh daily cases, has certainly posed a risk to sustainability of rebound of earnings momentum, said Binod Modi, Head-Strategy at Reliance Securities.

Rupee spurts by 58 paise to over 1-week high on easing US yields

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Friday soared by 58 paise to end more than one-week high of 74.35 against the US dollar on easing US bond yields and positive domestic equities.

A weak dollar overseas and foreign fund inflows also supported the rupee. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 74.76 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.28 and a low of 74.76. It finally ended at 74.35 against the American currency, registering its best single-day gain of 58 paise in more than a month. On Thursday, the rupee had settled at 74.93 against the American currency.

Coal India incorporates two wholly-owned arms

New Delhi:State-owned CIL on Friday announced incorporation of two wholly-owned arms. The two subsidiaries are CIL Solar PV Ltd and CIL Navikarniya Urja Ltd, Coal India Ltd (CIL) said in a filing to BSE. CIL Solar PV Limited has been incorporated for manufacturing in solar value chain (Ingot-wafer-Cell Module) and CIL Navikarniya Urja Limited for renewable energy, the filing said.

SII CEO urges US to lift raw material export ban to ramp up vaccine production

Mumbai:Serum Institute of India (SII) CEO Adar Poonawalla on Friday said the US needs to lift its embargo on raw material exports to help ramp up vaccine production.

SII is currently manufacturing anti-coronavirus vaccine Covishield, developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University. The vaccine is not only being used in India, but exported to a number of countries. Poonawalla had earlier admitted that SII has been facing problems in sending out required number of batches of vaccines due to the bureaucratic and government-related hurdles.

NTPC to raise ₹3,996 cr via bonds next week

New Delhi:State-owned power giant NTPC will raise Rs 3,996 crore through issuance of non-convertible bonds on Tuesday.”NTPC has decided to issue unsecured non-convertible bonds in the nature of debentures of Rs 3,996 crore on 20 April, 2021, through private placement at a coupon of 6.87 per cent per annum with a door-to-door maturity of 15 years 1 day on 21 April, 2036,” a BSE filing said.

The proceeds will be utilized for funding capital expenditure, refinancing of existing loans and other general corporate purposes, it said. **PTI**

IndiGo waives change fees on domestic bookings

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

Airline major IndiGo waived-off change fees on new bookings made from April 17, 2021 till April 30, 2021.

Besides, the airline announced that passengers can now do unlimited changes for new bookings made till April 30, 2021 on regular fares under this offer.

“This offer is in line with our philosophy of providing our customers a hassle-free experience, and giving them much needed flexibility, especially in these times,” said



Sanjay Kumar, Chief Strategy & Revenue Officer, IndiGo.

Other airlines are expected to announce similar relief measures as the resurgence of Covid and imposition of local lockdowns has started to hamper air passenger traffic.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that Smt. Sarfa Devi has claimed to be the owner of Plot no. K-100, Area Measuring 75 sq yds, Mustil No. 88, Killa No. 4, Village Hastalsi Delhi Abadi Uttam Nagar, New Delhi and has agreed to sell to Sh. Manish Bansal and Smt Swati Jindal, who has approached the Magma Housing Finance Limited Ltd for loan against mortgage of above said property, if any person has any right, claim, title or interest in any manner over the said property then intimate within 7 days to Vikas Shokeen, Advocate, A8-18, Mianwali Nagar, Delhi - 110087. Thereafter any kind of claim will not be accepted.

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Tender Notice Date: 16.04.2021

Letter No: 294

Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation), Khodri Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No: 01/EE(Gen)/Khodri/2021-22: Replacement/ Repairing of AC cooling Tower, pipeline, different gate valves with civil works.

Estimated cost: Rs. 910000/- GST extra

Date of availability of bid document on website: 16.04.2021, 17:00 hrs.

Last date for submission of tender : 06.05.2021 up to 16:00 hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam’s website “www.ujvn.com.”

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MODIFICATION IN FORM G INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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In modification to the Form G published on March 31, 2021 in Indian Express (Mumbai, Ahmednagar, Shirdi and Nashik) and Pudhari (Mumbai Edition), Pudhari (Ahmednagar, Shirdi, Nashik, The Pioneer (English and Hindi) (Delhi NCR edition) w.r.t Kopargaon Ahmednagar Tollways (Phase 1) Private Limited, it shall be noted that the last date for submission of Expression of Interest has been extended from April 15, 2021 to April 22, 2021. The revised timelines are mentioned in the modified Form-G uploaded on the website of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.

Notes:

- The dates mentioned above are subject to grant of extension/ exclusion off from the CIRP period by the Adjudicating Authority.
- The RP / COC shall have discretion to change the criteria for the EOI at any point of time.
- RP / COC reserves the right to cancel or modify the process / application without assigning any reason and without any liability whatsoever.
- Detailed invitation for expression of interest specifying criteria, ineligibility norms under section 29A of Code etc. can be requested through email on katpi@sumedhamanagement.com

Sd/-
Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan
Resolution Professional for Kopargaon Ahmednagar Tollways (Phase I) Private Limited IP Registration No. : IBB/IPA-001/IP-P00024/2016-2017/10057
Date: Friday, April 16, 2021, Place: Mumbai

Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board: Name: Mr. Udayraj Patwardhan Address: Sumedha Management Solutions Private Limited, C 703, Marathon Innova, Lower Parel West, Mumbai-400013. Email ID : udayraj_patwardhan@sumedhamanagement.com	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional: Address: Sumedha Management Solutions Private Limited, 809-810, 8th Floor, B Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai-400013 Email id: katpi@sumedhamanagement.com
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SEE SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person (1) **Narendra Singh S/o Kripal Singh (2) Ritu Singh W/o Narendra Singh, Both R/o Baljeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi and (3) Kripal Singh S/o Ram Singh H.No. A-940, 4th Floor, Baba Farid Puri, West Patel Nagar, Delhi** have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 543/14, u/s 498A/406/34 IPC, PS Krishna Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person (1) **Narendra Singh (2) Ritu Singh and (3) Kripal Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) **Narendra Singh (2) Ritu Singh and (3) Kripal Singh**, have absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said (1) **Narendra Singh (2) Ritu Singh and (3) Kripal Singh** of case **FIR No. 543/14, u/s 498A/406/34 IPC, PS Krishna Nagar, Delhi** are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **10.06.2021**.

By order
Ms Shruti Chaudhary
MM, Mahila Court-1,
East District, Court No. 14
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/431/SHD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Gurdeep Singh, S/o Gurcharn Singh, R/o B-3, Gurudwara, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi.** Height 5', Shallow Complexion, Round face, Normal Built wearing blue pant, chocklate Shirt and sport shoes in feet has been missing since **07.04.2021** from his house.

In this regard a case **DD No. 75-A Dt. 07.04.2021** has been lodged at **PS Khyala, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
Ph: 011-23014046
011-23015218

S.H.O., PS Khyala, New Delhi.
Ph.: 8700684171, 9582084096

DP/402/WD/2021

Office of the Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Khatima
Pilibhit Road, Near Allahabad Bank, Khatima (U.S. Nagar) E-mail : eecdkhatima@gmail.com

E-Tendering/Tender Notice

Letter No. 726/Nivida/38 Date : 16.04.2021

Name of Work :- Over Head Tank, Pump House with attendant Room, Boundary Wall and all other Works.

Name of Scheme	Estimated cost	Period of completion of work:
1 Dhumkhara GOV W/S Scheme	Rs. 41.50 Lakh	06 months
2 Pipaliya GOV W/S Scheme	Rs. 34.77 Lakh	06 months
3 Kumrah GOV W/S Scheme	Rs. 36.22 Lakh	06 months

Key Dates-

4 Date of Online Publication	17.04.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
5 Document download : Start Date	18.04.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
6 Document download : End Date	01.05.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
7 Pre Bid Meeting	22.04.2021 at 14:00 hrs.
8 Bid Submission : Start Date	18.04.2021 at 10:00 hrs.
9 Bid Submission : End Date	01.05.2021 at 17:00 hrs.
10 Offline submission of documents (Cost of bidding document, Bid Security, Original Affidavits & all the Supporting Documents in support of qualification).	02.05.2021 upto 17:00 hrs.
11 Date of Technical & Financial Bid Opening	03.05.2021 at 11:00 hrs.
12 Details of tender, corrigendum or cancellation etc. may be obtained at web site:- www.uktenders.gov.in	

Executive Engineer

SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on “**AS IS WHERE IS BASIS**” and “**AS IS WHAT IS BASIS**” for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price	EMD
ICICI Bank Limited vs Shishir Dutt Sharma, Case No-Suit No. 1967/17	Vehicle No-DL8CAK6823, Make and Model- FORD FIGO 1.4 EXI, Manu Yr-2015	350000	35000
ICICI Bank Limited vs Sanjay Kumar Pandit, Case No-Suit No. 933/18	Vehicle No-DL12A7554, Make and Model- HYUNDAI XCENT BASE 1.2, Manu Yr-2016	180000	18000
ICICI Bank Limited vs Kulvinder Singh, Case No-FAO 213/2015	Vehicle No-Unregister, Make and Model- MARUTI ERTIGA, Manu Yr-2013	100000	10000
ICICI Bank Limited vs Mehkar Singh, Case No-CM(M) 549/2020 & CM APPL. 27986/2020	Vehicle No-UP16DT4118, Make and Model- CHEVROLET ENJOY, Manu Yr- 2015	144000	14400
ICICI Bank Limited vs Subodh Kumar, Case No-CM(M) 602/2020 & CM APPL. 30659/2020	Vehicle No-UP14FT6208, Make and Model- RENAULT LODGY RXE, Manu Yr-2016	162000	16200
ICICI Bank Limited vs Jitendra Chaturvedi, Case No-CM (M) 22/2020	Vehicle No-UP14FT7814, Make and Model- CHEVROLET SAIL UVA LT, Manu Yr-2016	54000	5400
ICICI Bank Limited vs Mohd Asif, Case No-CM(M) 178/2021	Vehicle No-UP14DD5260, Make and Model- MARUTI WAGON R, Manu Yr-2017	81000	8100
ICICI Bank Limited vs Archana Raj, Case No-CM(M) 573/2020 & CM APPL.29273/2020	Vehicle No-UP14ET7203, Make and Model- CHEVROLET ENJOY LT, Manu Yr-2015	54000	5400
ICICI Bank Limited vs Mohammad Arif, Case No-CSSCJ:1871/19	Vehicle No-UP14DD2489, Make and Model- WAGON R LXI CNG, Manu Yr-2017	220000	22000
ICICI Bank Limited vs Vijay Gupta, Case No-Suit No. 1088/2018	Vehicle No-HR29AM0548, Make and Model- WAGON R LXI CNG, Manu Yr-2016	120000	12000

Auction Date and time : 01.05.2021; from 11 am to 2 pm.

Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram– 122022.

Contact Person –Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

EMD: DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank Limited, payable at Delhi.

And auction of following vehicles will be done at another yard i.e Shiram Automall, Vill-Mamurpur, Pio Maniyari Road Narela, New Delhi

Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price	EMD
ICICI Bank Limited vs Rahul Yadav, Case No-CM (M) 222/2020	Vehicle No-UP14ET0642, Make and Model- TATA ACE, Manu Yr-2014	70000	7000

Auction Date : 22.04.2021; from 11 am to 1 PM

Venue: AN Motors, Ranukta. Agra (UP)

Contact Person –Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

Terms of Sale

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at site with original DD/PO of EMD amount along with original KYC proofs to participate in the auction.

Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/ demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited.

The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085, for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle.



ART & CULTURE

IMMERSIVE 30 MINUTES

in the comments and see if I got lucky. And just like that, he messaged me that he had an idea and was going to send it over. When I got the scratch, his verse and the hook had been written and he left the second half empty for me. I loved the message of the song, about an independent woman who he's so comfortable with, it goes beyond just a relationship," says Lisa.

CONVERSATION



◆What made you say yes to *Imagine That Season 2*? What's different in this installment?

As you know, I started my relationship with Disney 25 years ago and ever since then, it has been a very fulfilling experience. We have been looking at ways to collaborate with each other for the longest time. So when the channel was kind enough to offer me this show, I grabbed the opportunity. From the time they have announced our collaboration, I have been overwhelmed with the response that I have been receiving from the audience. People are extremely nostalgic with my return and they cannot wait for the show. Besides this, the format of the show intrigued me the most. DIY (Do It Yourself) is an integral part of a lot of kids' lives. It is entertaining and encourages them to grow mentally. In this concept, I connect the audience to the show; I am the voice of the audience through which I aim to bring a lot of joy, laughter and fun and at the same time make sure that the simplest of DIYs to the biggest are amazing.

◆Now people are well-versed with the DIY culture due to easy access to the internet. What new is in it for kids?

For starters, when you normally watch a DIY, there are only said instructions on how to execute it. Whereas, in this show we have got an entire gameplay around it, which has been filled with fun, laughter, entertainment and of course, learning. Besides that, the kind of DIY we are choosing is focussed on the theme of 'upcycling'. We use old material from the previous DIY by upcycling them for the new ones and like that we make sure we do not waste anything. The show is centred on a lot of social relevance that will educate the children and their parents about

I CAN DO IT

Actor and host VISHAL MALHOTRA tells AYUSHI SHARMA that the Season 2 of *Imagine That* will educate children and their parents about the concept of upcycling and being friendly towards the environment along with a good dose of laughter



the concept of upcycling and being friendly towards the environment along with enjoying a good dose of laughter.

◆Why do you think DIY is important? Can we merge the concept with sustainability?

DIYs are extremely important because it encourages a child to think or motivates them to build new creative things. And this is always something that we should be looking for. This show offers encouragement to the parents and their kids to come together and challenge each other's mind and creativity to build something which is

actually going to be useful and is not just a showpiece. Speaking of sustainability — yes! We can merge the concept with DIY. That is exactly what the show is about. The first step to sustainability is no wastage, which is what we absolutely endorse and encourage. We do not waste a single piece of paper, a straw or even a single string. We use every bit again and again and create amazing new things without compromising on the quality of what we are producing.

◆How challenging is it to capture the attention of the children while hosting such shows?

ident that the same resonance will come back again be it with the kids or their parents after watching me on the episodes.

◆Given that things are easily accessible today, how do you think the importance of DIY projects can be explained to kids?

Well, that is something we are striving to do but we should not undermine the intelligence of both parents and children. But yes, you are right — everything is easily available and we do bring that up in the show. Certain times on the show I just say, 'Hey, listen, we got to give somebody a gift. Why don't we just order it online?' However, we teach and encourage the audience to build a DIY. Punching in your card numbers to order a gift online is incomparable to the wholesome emotion. The gratitude and the sense of achievement you feel after creating something by spending those 15-20 minutes on it. That gift is far more truly yours than any purchased kind.

(The show will premiere on Disney Channel at 9.30 am on April 18.)

Ajay, Siddharth to produce *Gobar*

Actor-producer Ajay Devgn has announced his new production, a comic drama named *Gobar* along with Siddharth Roy Kapur. The film is to be directed by ad-filmmaker Sabal Shekhawat, who has also penned the script along with Sambhit Mishra. The film's story is about a veterinary doctor who discovers a tangled web of corruption in his state hospital.

Ajay feels that people will love the story. "The story of *Gobar* is at once unique, relatable and incredibly funny as well as gripping and entertaining to the point that I'm confident it will compel people to go to the theatres," he says.

"We are very clear about the impact we want to make. We want viewers to laugh, relax, perhaps think a little bit and be entertained. The standard that Siddharth observes in content creation and filmmaking makes this collaboration very exciting for us," the

actor-filmmaker adds.

Kapur says that the film centres around the journey of a common man and comes with a simple message. "*Gobar* is a story that chronicles the seemingly pointless but ultimately heroic journey of a simple citizen who deals with corruption in a way that will bring on many laughs, much adventure and ultimately a simple message about the power of the common man," says Kapur.

He adds, "What makes the film entertaining and unique is that it is a situational comedy that sheds light on the inner workings of power. To be collaborating with Ajay, someone I have always respected for his creative choices, and his team at Ajay Devgn Films on bringing this film to life is very exciting."

Writer-director Shekhawat says that the film has been written keeping in mind true events.

"*Gobar* is a film that will take viewers back to the charming days of the nineties and the simple life of small-town living. I wrote this story keeping in mind a few true events that unravelled a gamut of issues, the centre of which is a vet whose love for his cows and animals supersedes everything," says Shekhawat.

"I'm grateful and happy that two esteemed producers like Ajay and Sid showed faith in my vision and offered a sizable canvas to the storyline. Quality cinema has come from both production houses, and I'm sure that the treatment of my directorial will be no different. As a filmmaker, I'm absolutely thrilled!" he says.

Produced under the banners Ajay Devgn Films and Roy Kapur Films, the film will go on floors at the end of the year. The casting of the film is underway.

—IANS



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK
e mail – serw_ctc@yahoo.com

No. Tender Online RWC – 10/21 Letter No.- 1329 Date :- 15.04.2021
e-Procurement NOTICE

1. Name of the work : Construction of Periodical Maintenance road works of Post DLP PMGSY roads in the District of Cuttack and Jagatsinghpur.
2. Class of Contractor : B & A Class
3. Time for Completion : As specified in the Column-6 of the Annexure.
4. Detail Projects : As per Annexure attached
5. Other Details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack	Tender Online RWC - 10/ 21	20.04.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	04.05.2021 to 05.00 P.M.	03.05.2021 up to 02.00 P.M.	05.05.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

OIPR-25097/11/0002/2122 Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
Rural Works Circle, Cuttack

Chola CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: No.2, Dare House, 1st Floor, NSC Bose Road, Chennai – 600 001.
Branch Office: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005. Contact No.98184 60101/98117 47507

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of M/s Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the Physical possession, on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS', 'AS IS WHAT IS BASIS' and 'WHATSOEVER IS THERE IS BASIS'. Particulars of which are given below:-

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Total Loan Outstanding
Loan Account No. X0HEELD00001715572 1.Vijay Prakash Sharma 2.Dinesh Sharma 3.Ekta Sharma 4.Shreya Impex 5.Babli Sharma All are residing at WZ-501, Shri Nagar, Shakurpur Gali, No.1, Delhi - 110 034.	22.07.2019 & Rs. 2,37,91,927.42 as on 16.07.2019	All the part of parcel of mortgaged property bearing N o . W Z - 5 0 1 / 2 8 9 Admeasuring 150 Sq.yds. Part of Mustil No.30 Killa No.16, 15/2 Abadi Known as Gali No.1 Sri Nagar situated in the area of Village Shakurpur Delhi.	Rs. 2,30,25,000/-	Rs. 23,02,500/-	Rs. 3,07,34,037.96 as on 16.04.2021 together with further interest, penal interest, costs & charges thereon till the date of payment.
Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001336639 1.Mr.YOGENDER KUMAR GUPTA, 2.Ms.KAVITA GUPTA Both are residing at 21, 2nd Floor, Jyoti Bagh Apts, Pitam Pura, Saraswati Vihar, New Delhi-110034. Also at :- 1A)Mr. YOGENDER KUMAR GUPTA Flat No.303-D, CAT-MIG, Block-QU, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110 034.	20.06.2018 & Rs. 1,32,34,930.82 as on 20.06.2018	All that part and parcel of mortgaged Property admeasuring 95 Sq.Mtrs., bearing DDA Flat No.303-D, CAT-MIG, Block-QU, Pitampura, New Delhi.	Rs. 80,00,000/-	Rs. 8,00,000/-	Rs. 2,07,89,041.54 as on 16.04.2021 together with further interest, penal interest, costs & charges thereon till the date of payment.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AUCTION PROCESS

1. Date of Auction	25.05.2021	3. Date of Inspection of Property	20-05-2021 and 21-05-2021 (In Business Hours)
2. Place of Submission of Bids and Place of Auction	1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.	Last date for Submission of Bids	24.05.2021 before 5.00 pm

* A bidder may, on his own choice, avail the facility in the auction by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the given office address mentioned hereunder. Sale is strictly subject to terms and conditions incorporated in this advertisement and the prescribed Bid / Tender Document. This notice is also to be treated as a 30 days' notice under Rule 8(5)(c) and 8 (6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002. (Rule 8 and 9)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

- The property is sold on 'As is where is basis' 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis'.
- The Bidder is obliged to exercise full due diligence in all respects, including to inspect each of the details of the property mentioned above on the scheduled date & time.
- Submission of bids to M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited would be construed a deemed acceptance by the bidder that (i) he/she/it has exercised due diligence in all respects; (ii) is satisfied with all details/measurements of property; (iii) Acknowledges full knowledge of terms and conditions that govern the auction and (iv) Waives all his/her/its rights to make any contrary claims against company at any future date.
- The sale is subject to confirmation by the Authorised officer if the borrower/guarantor pays the entire outstanding amount in full before sale, no sale will be conducted.
- The Bidder shall remit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c, along with the bid form in a Sealed Cover addressed to The Authorized Officer, M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited up to 5.00 P.M on 24.05.2021. Please note that, in reference to successful bidder(s), EMD is adjustable against the sale consideration receivable by M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. Also, EMD is refundable to the unsuccessful bidder(s).
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and the balance within 15 days by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c Number.
- In case the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and/or the balance amount, within 15 days the deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited without any prior intimation.
- The charges / fees payable for conveyance such as stamp duty, registration fee, maintenance charges electricity charges etc., shall be borne by the successful bidder. The Authorized Officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, property tax or any other dues to the Government or local body or any other authority in respect of the property under sale.
- The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or adjourn / postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice or assigning any reason therefor.
- The Sale will only be in favour of successful bidder and not his/her nominee.
- The Sale is also to the Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general. The borrower has absolute right for the redemption of property till the confirmation of the sale Process.

M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited are not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As is Where is Basis', 'As is What is Basis' and 'Whatever is There is Basis'. For further details, contact the Authorised Officer, at the above mentioned Office address.

Sd/-
AUTHORISED OFFICER
Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited

Date : 16.04.2021
Place: Delhi

CSB Bank
(New Delhi Branch located at G-36, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110 001)
GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

CSB Bank Limited, New Delhi branch has granted gold loan against pledge of gold ornaments to the below mentioned borrower/s. Notice has been issued to him/her demanding repayment of the amount with interest and charges thereon. Since they have failed to repay the balance outstanding in the respective account/s, we are constrained to recover the amount by sale of gold ornaments in public auction and if the auction does not fetch required amount, bank will proceed with the sale by private treaties/contract. Bank reserves its right to change/extend the date and venue of auction without assigning any reason.

Sl No	Name of borrower	Gross Weight of Pledge Items (in grams)	Overdue Account no.	Gold Loan Amount	Balance as on 31.03.2021
1	Arvind	45.44 grams	0205-04213245-000001	146118/-	1,54,307/-

The auction will be conducted at the premises of CSB Bank Limited, New Delhi branch premises situated at G-36, Outer Circle, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-110 001 on 23.04.2021 Interested parties may contact the Branch Manager in the above address. Participants should attend the auction along with copy of Pan Card, passport size photo, valid identity proof and address proof on the date of auction.

Place: New Delhi
Date : 13-04-2021
BRANCH MANAGER

JOIN ARMY DENTAL CORPS
AS SHORT SERVICE COMMISSIONED OFFICER FOR A PROMISING & CHALLENGING CAREER: 2021

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS IS 18 MAY 2021

सेना हॉटल कोर में अल्पसेवा कमीशन के अनुदान के लिए भारतीय नागरिकों पुरुष और महिला दोनों से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं।

योग्यता: उम्मीदवारों को हॉटल काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया (डीसीआई) द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त कॉलेज / विश्वविद्यालय से बीडीएस / एमडीएस डिग्री धारक होना चाहिए।

आयु सीमा: उम्मीदवार की आयु 31 दिसम्बर 2021 को 45 वर्ष होनी चाहिए।

Online applications are invited from Indian citizens, both male and female, for grant of Short Service Commission in the Army Dental Corps.

QUALIFICATION: Candidates must be BDS/MDS Degree Holder from a College/University recognized by Dental Council of India (DCI).

AGE: The candidate must not have attained 45 yrs of age as on 31 Dec 2021.

अधिक जानकारी के लिए 24 अप्रैल 2021 का Employment News/Rozgar Samachar देखें। पात्रता का विवरण, सर्त, अनुशेष और ऑनलाइन आवेदन 19 अप्रैल 2021 से www.joinindianarmy.nic.in वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध होंगे।

For more information, see Employment News/Rozgar Samachar issue of 24 Apr 2021. Details of Eligibility, Terms & Conditions, Instructions and Online Applications will be available on the website www.joinindianarmy.nic.in from 19 Apr 2021 onwards. * Only those candidates who have ticked 'YES' for SSC in AD Corps option while filling of NEET (MDS)-2021 application from can apply.

davp 10601/11/0002/2122

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a person namely Nepali Prasad, S/o Sh. Khaderan Prasad, R/o D-11, JJ Colony, Sector-24, Rohini, Age: 55 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Red and Black Colour Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Black Chappal in his feet has been missing from the jurisdiction of P.S. Parliament Street, New Delhi since 26.03.2021. In this regard a DD No. 67A dated 28.03.2021 has been registered at PS. Parliament Street, New 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
SHO
P.S. Parliament Street, New Delhi
DP/258/NDD/2021 Ph : 011-23361100, 8750870521

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of female Age : 50-55 years, Height : 5'1", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Round, Build : Medium, wearing red colour printed saree, red colour blouse, red colour peticoat and brown colour hawai chappal in feet, was found dead on 11.04.2021 in train accident at K.M. Pole No. 6/32 UP Line North, near Shahdara Railway Station, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 10-A dated 11.04.2021 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification in the mortuary of GTB Hospital, Delhi.

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

SHO - P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
Tel. No. : 011-23961522, 8010602829

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Sh. Gorang Dixit is owner of Property/Plot No.-II-B/112, area measuring 90.12 sq. mtrs., Situated at Vaishali, Tehsil-Dadri, Distt-Ghaziabad, (U.P.); the said property, by virtue of Sale deed dated 15.06.1996, Registration No. 3111, has lost / misplaced Original Sale Deed, dated 11.04.1996 executed by GDA. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of missing document. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 15 days of the present.

Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)
208, 1st Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Modi Nagar, N. Delhi-15
Ph : 011-41112527-28, mustarassociates.advocates@gmail.com

FORM NO. INC-26
[Pursuant to Rule 30 of Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014] Before the Central Government Northern Region Bench, Delhi

In the matter of sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Companies Act 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 AND In the matter of MIS SHREE PUSHKAR PHOSCHEM PRIVATE LIMITED having its Registered Office at B-105 FF, WELCOME APARTMENT SECTOR-9, ROHINI DELHI, NORTH WEST, DELHI-110085. The Petitioner RAJASTHAN Notice is hereby given to General Public that the company proposes to make the application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act 2013, seeking confirmation of alteration of Memorandum of Companies of the company in term of special resolution passed at Extra ordinary General Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd Day of February, 2021 to enable the company to change its Registered Office from "State of DELHI" to "State of RAJASTHAN". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change, may deliver either on MCA portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be deliver or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and ground of opposition to the Regional Director at the Address: B-2 WING, 2nd FLOOR, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, CGO COMPLEX, NEW DELHI - 110003, within 14 (Fourteen) Days of date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

SHREE PUSHKAR PHOSCHEM PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN : U24233DL2009PTC191249)
B-105 FF, WELCOME APARTMENT SECTOR-9, ROHINI, DELHI, NORTH WEST, DELHI-110085 For and on behalf of SHREE PUSHKAR PHOSCHEM PRIVATE LIMITED Sd/-
AMIT MAKHARIA Director
Date : 17/04/2021
Place: Delhi DIN: 05327974

