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Directorate of Information & Publicity, Government of NCT of Delhi

HOME THEATRE

Great movie on sacrifice & love

SHERSHAAH
Amazon Prime Video
***ing: Siddharth Malhotra, Kiara Advani**
Rated: 6.5/10

Today is Independence Day; so there was bound to be a patriotic film that had to release. This year, there are two. Both have a great story to tell, while one is based on true premise, *Shershaah* is the real life story of Captain Vikram Batra who died fighting for the country during the Kargil War in 1999. Batra, at 24, had led one of the toughest operations in mountain warfare. He was awarded Param Vir Chakra, the country's highest military decoration.

The Kargil War definitely leaves a bitter taste in the mouth. It was definitely a sad day in Indian history and the death of 527 soldiers in defending the country has not gone unnoticed.

Shershaah is definitely a tribute to these heroic soldiers who gave up their lives because they loved their country over and above any other relationship. To see this kind of love unfold on the 70 mm screen gives goosebumps. That Batra decided to die for his country rather than let the enemy win, says a lot about him. His war cry: *Yeh Dil Mange More*, after the capture of Point 5140 is well-remembered.

Siddharth Malhotra essays this role rather well. It is not easy to play a real-life person on reel. But Malhotra has managed to deliver it on-spot. As Batra, he has managed to deliver the love and dedication that the real Batra had for his country and lady love.

It is this real love story here that is somewhat lost in what happened to Batra. The real love story is how his college love Dimple Cheema never married. It is rare to see such love these days. As the credits roll in the end, it will give a sneak peak to where the heroes who survived are. It will also tell you Cheema, now a teacher, remains committed to Batra till date. If this is not true love, one wonders what is!

Shershaah is definitely worth a watch— of bravery, valour, dedication and above all love!

— Shalini Saksena

Good story but execution lets it down

BHUJ: THE PRIDE OF INDIA
Disney+Hotstar
***ing: Ajay Devgn, Sanjay Dutt, Sonakshi Sinha, Sharad Kelkar**
Rated: 5/10

War movies are always interesting to watch especially if it involves India and Pakistan. Of course what adds to the watching experience is to see Pakistan soldiers run away. In that sense, *Bhuj…* is no different. Directed by Abhishek Dudhaiya, the heart is on the right place — honouring unsung heroes.

It is always great to see films where soldiers step up to defend the country at the cost of their lives. The pride that one feels watching such films is like no other. The premise of the story tells us how people step up in crisis. Here it was the Indo-Pak war of 1971. The IAF airstrip at Bhuj was destroyed by the enemy. Around 300 local women, led by IAF squadron leader Vijay Karnik, worked round the clock to reconstruct the airbase. This helped India win the war. What a feat!

As for the film, Dudhaiya ended up with a cartoonish version of this historic event. The shoddy manner in which the movie has been shot makes one want to cry as to why the makers even tried to approach it in the first place. One definitely expected more from Ajay Devgn.

Unfortunately, it is the execution that fails here however close the subject has been for the director. His grandmother was one of the 300 women involved in the construction of the airstrip.

Still there are so many things that don't make sense and are ridiculous from the word go. Take an example. Sonakshi Sinha in the middle of the night with a baby in hand single handedly manages to kill a leopard with a *hasiya*! We understand the need of the director to tell us that the local women of Bhuj were fearless but this is ridiculous.

There there is Sanjay Dutt. He seriously needs to step up or step out. Here he plays Pagi. Of course, he is not going to die — how can he? He just put his *pagri* in the *mandir!* But of course the Army officer RK Nair had to die! The other starcast amble along.

Sadly, a great story lost its way in the lacklustre treatment.

— Shalini Saksena

Plan Your Sunday

Festive Extravaganza by Iris Broadway

What: Flea Market
Where: Iris Broadway Mall, Sector 85, Gurugram, Haryana 122001
When: Till August 22, 2021
Time: 11 am to 9 pm
Entry: Free

Iris Broadway Mall — the best weekend getaway for people residing in and around Gurgaon, has come up with an 18-day flea market which will take place during the festivities of Independence Day and Rakshabandhan. This event will consist of the exhibitors showcasing their specialities & artefacts from Kashmir, Rajasthan, Lucknow, Banaras, and leather products from Kanpur. People will also get to enjoy delicacies from Rajasthan and other regions. Special cuisines from Delhi will add the local flavour to the fiesta

The extravaganza will consist of several fascinating activities on Independence Day. Iris Broadway is ensuring all COVID-19 protocols are strictly followed on the premises.

The shopping arena by Trehan IRIS comes with plenty of multi-national brands like Chaayos, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, KFC, Haldiram's, Puma, Firefox, Reliance Smart, Chroma, Inox, and Funky Island operating since its inception that surely gives you a reason to pay a visit during this festive season. Also, you wouldn't have to worry about the exit post a fun-filled evening, all thanks to their easy accessible ample parking space.

Independence Day offers

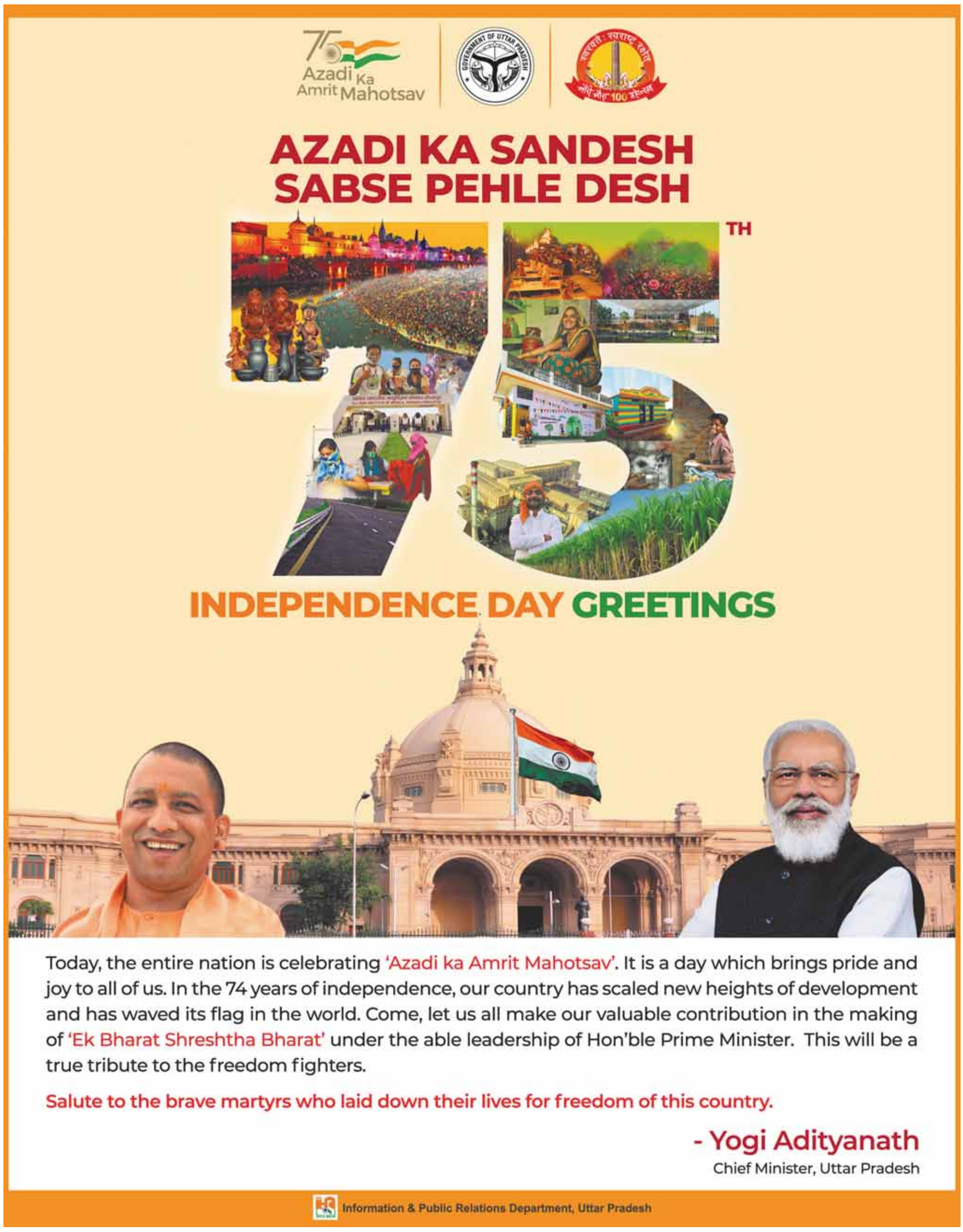
The Body Shop India is holding an Independence Day sale in India, which began August 13 and concludes today.

The Body Shop India is gearing up to lavish its customers with exciting and lucrative deals for both their Online and Offline customers.

During the sale, buyers will get-

- 25 per cent on purchase of three products, and flat 20 per cent on pre-packed gifts (online at *https://www.thebodyshop.in/*)
- 25 per cent on ₹2999 & above (offline)

Not only this, but Myprotein, Europe's leading sports and nutrition brand, is also running its biggest Independence Day Sale. It would be offering a discount of 35 per cent to the Instagram family of Myprotein influencers like Bani J, Sheena Roy, Gaurav Taneja, Mukesh Gahlot, Mumbaikar Nikhil, etc. and a discount of 30 per cent to the Myprotein customers along with some great deals & gifts.



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Taliban's victory march on to capture Af heart

Afghanistan Prez vows not to give up 'achievements'

AP ■ KABUL

The Taliban seized two more provinces on Saturday and approached the outskirts of Afghanistan's capital while also launching a multi-pronged assault on a major northern city defended by former warlords, Afghan officials said.

The insurgents have captured much of northern, western and southern Afghanistan in a breakneck offensive less than three weeks before the United States is set to withdraw its last troops, raising fears of a full militant takeover or another Afghan civil war.

However, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani delivered a televised speech on Saturday, his first public appearance since the recent Taliban gains, in which he vowed not to give up the "achievements" of the 20 years since the US toppled the Taliban following the 9/11 attacks.

The Taliban captured all of Logar province, just south of the capital, Kabul, and detained local officials, said Hoda Ahmadi, a lawmaker from the province. She said the Taliban have reached the Char Asyab district, just 11 kilometers (7 miles) south of Kabul.

Taliban fighters pose on the back of a vehicle in the city of Herat, west of Kabul, Afghanistan on Saturday AP

The insurgents also captured the capital of Paktika, bordering Pakistan, according to Khalid Asad, a lawmaker from the province. He said fighting broke out in Sharana early on Saturday but ended after local elders intervened to negotiate a pullout. He said the Governor and other officials surrendered and were on their way to Kabul.

Sayed Hussan Gerdezi, a lawmaker from the neighbouring Paktia province, said the Taliban seized most of its local capital, Gardez, but that battles with Government forces were still underway. The Taliban said they controlled the city completely.

The Taliban meanwhile attacked the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif from several directions, setting off heavy fighting on its outskirts, according to Munir Ahmad Farhad, a spokesman for the provincial Governor.

The Taliban have made major advances in recent days, including capturing Herat and Kandahar, the country's second and third-largest cities.

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Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

Congress calls Govt's decision 'divisive and diversionary politics'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day before Independence day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said in memory of the struggles and sacrifices of our people, 14th August will be observed as "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day". The Congress was quick to accuse the Prime Minister of playing "divisive and diversionary politics".

"Partition's pains can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and many lost their lives due to mindless hate and violence. In memory of the struggles and sacrifices of our people, 14th August will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day," said Modi in a series of tweets.

The partition of India involved the division of two provinces, Bengal and Punjab based on district-wise non-Muslim or Muslim majorities involving displacement of an estimated 1.5 core people along religious lines. It led to unprecedented violence and refugee crisis in India and Pakistan.

> Partition's pains can never be forgotten. Millions of our sisters and brothers were displaced and many lost their lives due to mindless hate and violence. In memory of the struggles and sacrifices of our people, 14th August will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day —
> PM Narendra Modi

"May the #PartitionHorrorsRemembranceDay keep reminding us of the need to remove the poison of social divisions, disharmony and further strengthen the spirit of oneness, social harmony and human empowerment," the Prime Minister said in his tweet.

The Union Home Ministry soon issued a notification declaring that August 14 will be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day.

In a notification, the Home Ministry said the people of India, while celebrating "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav", will salute those sons and daughters of the country who had to sacrifice their lives during the partition of India.

Denouncing the Prime Minister's move, Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said while on one side the Prime Minister congratulates Pakistan on their Independence Day, on the other side he indulges in Pakistan-bashing the moment elections are near. "The divisive duplicity of the Prime Minister stands exposed," he said in a statement.

"When there are no elections, the Prime Minister exhibits his love for Pakistan and congratulates the neighbouring country on March 22, the day Muslim League passed the 'Partition Resolution' in 1940, and congratulates it on every August 14. But when elections near, he starts diversionary politics at home," Surjewala said.

The Congress leader also shared the Prime Minister's congratulatory letters to Pakistan on August 14 and tweets on March 22.

He said the day will keep reminding the country of the need to remove the poison of social divisions and further strengthen the spirit of oneness. Pakistan's Independence Day falls on August 14. India will celebrate its 75th Independence Day on Sunday.

Twitter India unlocks Rahul, Cong accounts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Twitter on Saturday restored the account of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, alongside those of the party and its other leaders, amid ongoing friction between the social media platform and the party over its members sharing pictures of the family of a rape victim.

The micro-blogging site said it restored Rahul's account after the Congress leader submitted a consent letter from the family of a victim of alleged rape and murder in the city for use of images but continues to withhold the tweets that contain the images saying they violate India's laws.

"Satyameva Jayate (truth alone triumphs)," the Congress tweeted in its first reaction after its official handle was unlocked. Rahul's and Congress' accounts were temporarily suspended last week after he tweeted pictures of the family of the nine-year-old victim of alleged rape and murder in Delhi.

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Punjab bans entry without vax, RT-PCR negative report

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

From Monday onwards, only those who are either fully vaccinated against coronavirus or have a negative RT-PCR report will be allowed to enter Punjab.

The directions, issued after Chief Minister Amarinder Singh held a Covid review meeting here, also said there will be strict monitoring of people coming from Himachal Pradesh and Jammu.

The CM expressed concern about the positivity rate in Himachal Pradesh and other parts of the country, which probably pushed Punjab's positivity rate marginally up to 0.2 per cent in the last week with reproduction number going up to 1.05 per cent. A Cambridge study has predicted that cases are likely to double in the next 64 days, he warned, announcing new restrictions.

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HIV patients protected from Covid-19 after shots: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

People living with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are likely to be protected against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, if these people are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, according to a study published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases.

"Previous research has suggested a suboptimal response to Covid-19 vaccines in people living with HIV; however, these studies did not fully characterise and define that response, both for cellular (where the immune system directly attacks infected cells) and humoral (where the immune system circulates virus-fighting antibodies) immunity," said study senior author Joel Blankson, professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

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Single-shot J&J vaccine likely to be available from Nov: Min

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indians will have to wait a couple of months to get doses of the single-shot vaccine of Johnson & Johnson (J&J) which is likely to be made available in November or December this year. Recently, the DCGI had granted Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) to the foreign Covid-19 vaccine manufacturer.

Similarly, Zydus Cadila's DNA vaccine may get the approval from the drug regulator soon. "We expect two crore doses monthly from Zydus Cadila," said a senior official from the Union Health Ministry.

The vaccine from Biological E is also expected with an initial lot of seven crore doses in one go as the firm is doing at-risk production after the Centre extended it a ₹1,500-crore advance.

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CAPSULE

4 MORE INDIAN SITES ADDED TO RAMSAR LIST

New Delhi: Four more Indian sites — two each from Haryana and Gujarat — have been recognised as wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, taking the number of such sites in the country to 46, the Union Environment Ministry said.

'BREAK MONSOON' PHASE IN DELHI TILL AUGUST 18

New Delhi: The "break monsoon" phase in Delhi and adjoining areas in northwest India is likely to continue till August 18 and "good rainfall" in the last 10 days of the month is expected to cover the precipitation deficit in the capital, weather forecasters said on Saturday.

Delhi to take beauty tips from European roads

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government will redesign and beautify 540 kilometre-long roads in the national Capital according to European standards, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Saturday. Kejriwal visited a pilot project which he said is on the nearly 800-metre-long Chirag Delhi-Sheikh Sarai stretch. He said the stretch will be evaluated and its shortcomings will be rectified.

"We will undertake beautification and redesigning of 540 kms of 100 feet wide roads on the line of European standards under the first phase," Kejriwal said.

On the eve of 75th Independence Day, Kejriwal appealed to Delhi people to give their feedback on the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP's) work. "Inform us of our strengths and shortcomings," he added.

As part of the project, a pilot stretch was developed at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg by redesigning and beautifying the road between Chirag Delhi and Sheikh Sarai.

Kejriwal said, "We have thoroughly inspected the entire pilot stretch and will discuss its shortcomings and strengths."

Kejriwal had visited another sample stretch at Nehru Nagar on April 6, 2021 and announced to develop the roads according to the European standard roads.

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Bombay HC's interim stay on IT rules for digital media

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Saturday granted an interim stay to the operation of parts of the Information Technology Rules, 2021 which require that all online publishers follow a "code of ethics" and norms of conduct.

A bench of Chief Justice Dipankar Datta and Justice GS Kulkarni stayed sub-clauses 1 and 3 of clause 9 of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. It found "prima facie" (on the face of it) that these sub-clauses violated the petitioners' constitutional right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19, the High Court said.

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I-Day: Security scaled up in city

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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Security has been scaled up across the Capital on the occasion of Independence Day with thousands of personnel keeping strict vigil at strategic locations, including the Delhi-borders where farmers have been on a sit-in for over eight months to protest the Centre's new agri laws, officials said on Saturday.

According to the police, a multi-layered security cover has been put at the Red Fort from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the nation on the 75nd Independence Day.

Multi-layered security arrangements are also in place with heavy barricading and extra picket deployments at vital installations across the city, including the Indira Gandhi International Airport, railway stations and bus terminals along with border areas to thwart any untoward incident.

Anti-sabotage checks are being carried out and patrolling has been intensified across the city, including on the Yamuna river where patrolling is being conducted on motor boats by the Delhi Police. Anti-terrorist measures are being carried out in view of threat perception and intelligence inputs, they said.

Chinmoy Biswal, Delhi Police PRO said, "In view of Independence day, elaborate security arrangements have been made in coordination with other security agencies at and around Red Fort in a coordinated manner. Arrangements have been made to combat hostile elements. No aerial objects, balloons are allowed this Independence Day."

At the Mughal-era fort, a security ring, including NSG snipers, elite SWAT commandos and kite catchers, have been placed, while anti drone systems have also been installed there in view of recent terror attack at IAF station in Jammu airport, officials said.

Policemen in civil dress would be deployed at strategic locations across the capital with extra focus in and around the Red Fort.

As part of the anti-terror measures, enhanced police presence, intensive checking at vulnerable points, checking of hotels and guest houses, SIM card and second hand car dealers, sensitisation of cyber cafe owners and verification of tenant and servant drives have been intensively carried out by all the police stations, officials said.

All the vehicles are being thoroughly checked for any suspicious activity especially at the border points, they said.

PCR vans, 'Prakhar' vans and QRT (Quick Reaction Team) vans have been stationed at as part of security deployment along with intensified patrolling by police personnel on motorcycle across the city, police officials said.

The Delhi Traffic Police had also issued an advisory for the Independence Day function at the Red Fort to ensure safe and smooth flow of vehicles across the city.

Looking into requests from Afghan students to facilitate their return to varsity: JNU

New Delhi: Amid a deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan, the Jawaharlal Nehru University on Saturday said it has received requests from some Afghan students to facilitate their return to the campus and has assured them that the matter is being looked into.

This comes after the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) had written to the varsity's vice-chancellor on Friday, asking him to grant Afghan students the necessary permissions for their visa, along with hostel accommodation on an urgent basis and facilitate their return in view of the deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan.

"Some Afghan students of JNU have requested the JNU administration to facilitate their return to the campus.

"As the university has remained closed as per the latest circular issued by DDMA, Govt of NCT, Delhi, this matter is currently being looked into," the varsity's Registrar, Professor Ravikesh, said on Saturday.

The Taliban seized a province just south of Afghanistan's capital and launched a multi-pronged assault early Saturday on a major city in the north defended by powerful former warlords, Afghan officials said.

The insurgents have captured much of northern, western and southern Afghanistan in a breakneck offensive less than three weeks before the United States is set to withdraw its last troops, raising fears of a full militant takeover or another Afghan civil war. The JNUSU had on Friday cited the situation in Afghanistan and said multiple students had reached out to them for assistance on an urgent basis.

"While other universities in Delhi have granted students in similar circumstances the requisite permissions for their student visa, the Jawaharlal Nehru University has not yet given any necessary support to its students from Afghanistan.

"The students in question have also written to the Dean of Students and other officials multiple times but have not yet received any reply at all," it had said. The students' body had said female Afghan students will have to leave their education entirely if they are not provided the requisite documentation on time. **PTI**

Metro operations to be curtailed on Pink Line for more than 3 weeks

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Services on Delhi Metro's Pink Line will be curtailed from night of August 16 to September 10 for the integration of a signalling system between two stations, officials said on Saturday.

In a major boost for Delhi Metro, the small segment of its Pink Line at Trilokpuri, which had proved to be a bottleneck for the DMRC authorities for a long time, was inaugurated on August 6, making it the longest operational corridor of the network.

With this, the 59-km-long Majlis Park-Shiv Vihar corridor or the Pink Line, which spans 38 stations, had become fully linked for the first time.

The DMRC on a statement on Saturday said, to integrate the signalling system between recently-opened Trilokpuri-Sanjay Lake and Mayur Vihar Pocket-1 section of the Pink Line, services are to be curtailed on from August 16 night till September 10.

First train service from both the ends (Majlis Park and Shiv Vihar) will commence at 6.30 am (instead of present 6 am), it said.

Similarly, the last train service from both the ends will start at 10 pm instead of 11 pm.

"On Sundays, services from both the ends will continue to commence from 8 am (as is the present practice) but the last train service from both the ends will start at 10 pm (instead of present 11 pm)," the statement said.

First and last train services with normal schedule from 6 am to 11 pm on Pink Line will resume from September 11, the DMRC said.

The completion of the Pink Line has connected important landmarks of the city, such as the Anand Vihar Railway station, Anand Vihar ISBT, Nizamuddin Railway station, markets in South Extension, INA and Lajpat Nagar.

Capital records 50 new Covid-19 cases, one fatality

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Fifty fresh cases of Covid-19 and one death due to the disease were recorded in Delhi on Saturday, while the positivity rate stood at 0.07 per cent, according to data shared by the city health department.

The death toll due to the coronavirus has reached 25,069 in the national Capital.

No death due to Covid-19 was recorded in Delhi on Friday, the third consecutive day when the daily fatality count was nil, while 50 fresh cases were reported with a positivity rate of 0.07 per cent, according to official data.

That was the ninth time since the starting of the second wave of the pandemic that zero fatality had been logged in a day in Delhi.

On July 18, July 24, July 29, August 2, August 4, August 8, August 11 and August 12 too, no death due to COVID-19 was recorded, official data showed.

On March 2 this year, the national capital had reported zero death due to the virus. On that day, the number of single-day infections stood at 217 and the positivity rate was 0.33 per cent.

The second wave swept the city during April-May period.

On Saturday, one death and 50 fresh cases with a positivity rate of 0.07 per cent were recorded, according to the latest bulletin.

On Thursday, the city had registered 49 cases and zero fatality, while the positivity rate stood at 0.07 per cent, according to official figures.

On Wednesday, the city recorded 37 cases an zero death, while the positivity rate stood at 0.06 per cent.

SHO suspended for abusing subordinate after consuming alcohol

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has suspended Station House Officer (SHO) of Delhi's Rohini, Vijay Vihar police station, for allegedly abusing his subordinate after consuming liquor during duty hours. Police said that on checking, 10 bottles of liquor were found in an SHO's room.

According to a senior police official, a police control room (PCR) call was received at 1 am on Saturday in which Sub-Inspector (SI) Umesh told police that he was performing emergency duty and SHO is abusing him in a drunken condition and that the caller will commit suicide if appropriate action is not taken.

"Following the PCR call, the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Prashant Vihar reached the spot and verified the details. During enquiry it was revealed that the SHO had left the police station without making a GD entry though permission for night rest was obtained by him over telephone at around midnight," he said.

"Public witnesses in the police station informed that SHO was in an inebriated condition and abused the said SI Umesh. The ACP called the SHO to return, but he refused, amounting to gross insubordination," said the senior police official.

"There have been some instances in the past where SHO had been advised about his conduct and performance . The matter was brought to the notice of senior officers in the morning and the SHO has been placed under suspension and directed to report to district lines," the senior police official added.

Three arrested for beating man after tying him to pole

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has detained three men for allegedly beating a man after tying him to a pole on suspicion of vehicle theft in North Delhi's Burari Nagar area .

A purported video of the incident had surfaced online in which a man is seen tied to a pole and being physically assaulted by some people. He was later let off by them after a warning.

The incident took place at around 2.30 pm on Tuesday in Sant Nagar area of Burari area.

"Police have received no police control room (PCR) call in connection with the incident but based on the video received, police initiated an enquiry into the matter the same day," said a senior police official.

"Police teams went to the spot for further verification. Three of the men seen assaulting the man in the purported video were identified and detained in connection with the incident," he said.

"Those detained told police during enquiry that the victim was caught while he was trying to escape after stealing one of their rickshaws. They tied him to a pole and assaulted him in front of people but was let off later after warning him. Since there were incidents of theft in the past, they suspected him to be behind it," said the senior police official.

"Identify the victim in the case is yet to be ascertained and nor has he come forward to register a complaint in the matter yet. A case was registered under sections 232 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (punishment for wrongful restraint) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code and the three men detained were released," said police.

Construction waste yet to be cleared in G'gram

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

Despite an assurance of clearing for construction and demolition (C&D) waste by the officials of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) the debris is yet to be lifted from different locations in Gurugram.

In a recently held MCG house meeting, the councillors had demanded that people are facing huge problems due to the piles of rubble lying at various places in Gurugram which also cause major environmental pollution.

The civic body officials had also ensured at the meeting that the C&D waste will be lifted within 2 days.

Recently, Home and Urban Local Bodies Minister Anil Vij, who arrived in Gurugram Municipal Corporation on a surprise inspection, had given strict instructions to the corporation officials that the MCG councillors are the elected representatives of the public, the officials would work on their every demand. Despite this, the officials are not willing to meet the councillors demands.

The councillors alleged that the officers are not listening to them and are running their dictatorship in every work. Even after ten days of the sitting of the House, the debris is not being lifted in the city.

During the MCG house meeting, the councillors had expressed their displeasure over the non-lifting of the debris and had also sought an answer from the corporation officials as to why the debris was not being lifted. On this, Municipal Commissioner Mukesh Kumar Ahuja had told the councillors that a meeting with the company that is responsible for lifting debris will be organised and the issue will be resolved soon.

"Despite our demands in the MCG house meeting regarding the lifting of piles of rubble lying at various places in the city has not started. The officers are working with their dictatorship, no attention is being paid to the demands of the councillors," Ashwani Sharma, Ward-19 Councilor said.

Single-shot J&J...

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"The firm will soon apply for comparative studies and their data is good," the official further said. Gennova's vaccine is also expected in October.

The Government is focusing on expanding the capacity of Bharat Biotech with its three plants becoming functional now. "In August, we will be getting three crore doses of Covaxin, which will go up to four crore in September and 6-7 crore from October," said the official. Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) will supply nearly 15 crore doses of Covishield every month and is keen to start export of the vaccine. The Government has told the SII that vaccinating Indians is a priority for now.

I, Barun Bhanot have lost a set of property documents executed in the form of a chain of documents for property E-7/12 Ground Floor Rear Side, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi 110017. GPA, Agreement to Sell and Will etc. dated 13.03.1995 executed by Sh.R.C.Goel in favour of Sh. G. D. Gupta and Sh. Vinod Kumar. FIR LR 571644/2021 lodged. If anyone finds these, the same please return to the undersigned.
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NAME OF CHANGE

I, MANISH KUMAR HANSRAJANI s/o Shri Gopi Chand Hansrajani, R/O A-2/95 Rohini Sector 17 Delhi-110085, state that three of the names MANISH KUMAR HANSRAJANI, Manish and Manish Kumar are of the same person and I shall thereafter be known as MANISH KUMAR HANSRAJANI for all future purposes.
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I, Subhash Chander Sharma, S/o S.R. Sharma, R/o B-40 (second floor) Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi 110017, have changed my name to Subbhash Chandar Sharma.
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Taliban's victory...

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They now control 19 of Afghanistan's 34 provinces, leaving the Western-backed government in control of a smattering of provinces in the center and east, as well as Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif.

The US has continued holding peace talks between the government and the Taliban in Qatar this week, and the international community has warned that a Taliban Government brought about by force will not be accepted.

कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद नगीना (बिजनौर)
पत्रांकः– मेमो / न0पा0परि0नगीना / 15 अगस्त / 2021 दिनांकः– 11–08–2021
स्वतन्त्रता दिवस 15 अगस्त 2021 के अवसर पर नगर पालिका परिषद नगीना की ओर से नगरवासियों से अपील की जाती है।
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Twitter India...

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Twitter deemed it violation of its rules.

While the accounts have been unlocked, the contentious pictures and tweets are not visible. "As part of the appeal process, @RahulGandhi (the official Twitter handle of Rahul Gandhi) has submitted a copy of the formal consent/authorisation letter to use the referenced image via our India Grievance Channel," Twitter spokesperson said.

The law provides that identity of a juvenile victim of sexual assault cannot be disclosed. Tweeting pictures of the family violated that and so the accounts were locked. During the period the accounts were locked, the owner could access the account but not allowed to send out new tweets. This was to allow them to delete the contentious tweets. But neither Rahul nor Congress and its leaders did that. Instead they submitted a consent letter from the family of the alleged rape victim for use of their images. "We have followed the necessary due diligence process to review the appeal in order to protect the safety and privacy of the affected individuals," Twitter spokesperson said.

Punjab bans...

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These restrictions will apply to all those entering Punjab by road, rail or air, the Chief Minister said, adding if a person does not fulfill either of the criteria, he/she will have to undergo RAT (rapid antigen test) unless they recently recovered from Covid.

Amid reports of Covid cases from schools, the CM also directed that only fully vaccinated teaching and non-teaching staff, or those recently recovered from Covid, can physically teach in schools and colleges.

Online learning options will remain available to all children, he said. Since August 9, as many as 41 students and one staff member in Government schools have tested positive. He further ordered prioritisation of teachers and non-teaching staff for vaccination, with special camps to be held to ensure that all are covered with the first dose within this month and those due for their second also be given due attention.

The CM also ordered at least 10,000 test samples of students and staff from schools be collected every day. Districts where positivity is above 0.2 per cent have been asked to shut down physical education for up to Class 4 until the situation improves. The CM said that intensive testing has shown that the positivity rate among school students is 0.1 per cent against the overall positivity of 0.2 per cent recorded in the past one week.

Bombay HC's...

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Provisions of clause 9 also went beyond the scope of the substantive law (the Information Technology Act of 2000), it said. The order came on petitions filed by legal news portal The Leaflet and journalist Nikhil Wagle which challenged several provisions of the new IT Rules claiming that they were vague and likely to have a "chilling effect" on a citizen's right to free speech guaranteed by the Constitution.

The Rules went beyond the scope of the main IT Act and also the `reasonable restrictions' on freedom of speech and expression allowed by Article 19 (2) of the Constitution, the petitioners said. The HC, however, refused to stay clause 14 that pertains to the setting up of an inter-ministerial committee with powers to regulate online content and deal with grievances and breach of rules, and clause 16 which is about blocking of online content in case of an emergency. As such a committee was yet to be formed, it did not see any reason to stay clauses 14 and 16 at present, the court said. The HC also did not stay sub-clause (2) of clause 9 which provides for action in case of the contravention of any law in force for the time being. The petitioners had sought an interim stay on the implementation of the new IT Rules till the court gives its final decision in the matter. Senior counsel Darius Khambata, lawyer for The Leaflet, had argued that the new IT Rules were beyond the rule-making power of the Union government.

Delhi to...

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According to the Delhi Government, the above mentioned stretch from Chirag Delhi to Sheikh Sarai on the BRT Road presents glimpses of patriotism along with being a modern designed public space.

The road has been completely modernised on the lines of European cities. Two statues of freedom fighters, Bhagat Singh and Rani Laxmi Bai, have been installed on the roadside to instill patriotism among the people. In addition, two fountains, artwork on the fob, 10 sandstone benches, marble Buddha statue, state of art information board, 10 steel elements, and sandstone art work have been done here.

HIV patients protected from Covid-19...

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"What we found with the widely used Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine was just the opposite, as it induces robust immune responses in people living with HIV compared to those seen in healthy people."

Earlier studies showed that for organ transplant recipients and patients with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, both groups showed lower-than-normal antibody levels to the virus after two doses, and only after a third shot were transplant recipients able to mount an effective defense.

6 Army jawans get Shaurya Chakra for anti-terror ops

Major Arun Kumar Pandey

Major Ravi Kumar Chaudhary

Captain Vikas Khatri

Rifleman Mukesh Kumar

Sepoy Neeraj Ahlawat

Captain Ashutosh Kumar

Sepoy Ahlawat has been conferred the Shaurya Chakra award for showing exceptional gallantry beyond the call of duty

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Six Army personnel were awarded Shaurya Chakra, the third highest peacetime gallantry medal on the occasion of Independence Day. All the six, including one posthumously, were named for the award for their bravery in anti-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir.

The recipients are Major Arun Kumar Pandey, Major Ravi Kumar Chaudhary, Captain Ashutosh Kumar (posthumously), Captain Vikas Khatri, Rifleman Mukesh Kumar and Sepoy Neeraj Ahlawat.

Four Army personnel were conferred the Bar to Sena medal while 116 others were named for the Sena medal on the eve of Independence Day.

Brief narration of the acts of bravery by the Shaurya Chakra awardees are as follows:

Pandey(44th battalion of the Rashtriya Rifles) led an anti-terror operation in a village in Jammu and Kashmir on June 9 and 10 last year and showed "unparalleled courage" while neutralising two hardcore terrorists.

Chaudhary (55th battalion of the Rashtriya Rifles) "exhibited exceptional resoluteness" and fortitude in leading four successful operations by his unit resulting in the elimination of 13 terrorists, the Army said. An operation led by him on June 3 last year was specifically mentioned in his citation.

Captain Kumar (Madras Regiment) has been conferred the Shaurya Chakra award posthumously for displaying "indomitable courage" and professional acumen of "highest order" in saving the life of one of his fellow soldier and eliminating a hardcore terrorist in an operation on November 8 last year.

Captain Vikas Khatri(16th battalion of the Rashtriya Rifles) was deployed as part of a special task of "area domination patrol" in Jammu and Kashmir under the challenging terrain at the height of 12,000 feet on the nights of December 12 and 13 last year. He eliminated one foreign terrorist despite heavy retaliation, showing raw courage and bravery.

Rifleman Mukesh Kumar(ninth battalion of the Rashtriya Rifles) physically wrestled with a terrorist, who was shocked by the ferocity of the assault in spite of sustaining a "gunshot wound" and neutralised the terrorist from point-blank range ensuring no injuries to own troops or the civilians, the Army said.

Sepoy Ahlawat has been conferred the Shaurya Chakra award for showing "exceptional gallantry beyond the call of duty and nerves of steel" during an anti-terror operation in Jammu and Kashmir on June 20 last year, the Army said. One Pakistani terrorist was eliminated in the operation, it said.

The Commanding Officer of a Su-30 MKI Squadron since January 2020, Group Captain Perminder Antil of the IAF, was awarded the Shaurya Chakra for his superior piloting skills ensuring safety of a national asset worth hundreds of crores and precluded possible damage to life and property on ground in case of an ejection from his aircraft on September 21 last year due to black-out conditions.

Gallantry medals for 20 ITBP jawans for display of bravery in Galwan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On the eve of the 75th Independence Day, the Centre on Saturday announced gallantry medals to 20 Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) troopers for valiant display of bravery during stand-offs and clashes with the Chinese PLA in Galwan in eastern Ladakh region last year. The militaries of the two countries were engaged in bitter clashes in eastern Ladakh in May-June.

Among the 23 gallantry medals for the ITBP, twenty are for operations that took place during the May-June 2020 clashes with the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) in Ladakh where the Central paramilitary is deployed shoulder-to-shoulder with the Army as part of its primary mandate to guard the 3,488-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the treacherous Himalayan region.

Out of the 20, eight personnel have been awarded the President's Medal for Gallantry (PMG) for their gallant act, meticulous planning and tactical insightfulness and for defending the motherland in Galwan Nalla on June 15, the ITBP said in a statement.

Six ITBP personnel have been awarded with the PMG for gallant action during violent face off on May 18 in the Finger IV area while the rest six have been decorated with the same medal for their gallant action near Hot Springs in Ladakh on the same day, the statement said.

"This is the highest number of gallantry medals awarded to the force for the bravery of its men in border face offs, skirmishes and border guarding duties," ITBP spokesperson Vivek Kumar Pandey said.

In eastern Ladakh, the ITBP troops not only effectively used shields to protect themselves but also responded fiercely to advancing Chinese PLA troops and brought the situation under control during "fierce" face offs and skirmishes, the statement said.

With the highest order of professional skills, ITBP troops fought shoulder-to-shoulder and also brought the injured (Army) troops to the rear."

Next 3 years will be dry for corrupt men, says Railway Min

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

If there is a corrupt man here, the next three years will be quite dry for him. I have the same feeling towards departmentalism," newly-appointed Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Saturday.

He asserted that he has "zero tolerance" towards corruption, departmentalism and compromise with safety. In his first meeting with top officials of the railways' zonal offices, the minister also noted that he would support their innovations, but would send the corrupt ones to jail, sources in the Ministry said.

Sources also said that the Union minister identified safety, world-class trains, station redevelopment and bullet trains as top priority for the national transporter.

He has also set individual targets in these four areas and is personally reviewing the progress on a daily basis, they said. To improve safety, the railways plans to upgrade the indigenous Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), dubbed 'Kavach', not only for domestic use but exports as well.

The work has also started on building newer versions of coaches, including those of Vistadome, Tejas and Vande Bharat trains, to introduce world-class trains for the new generation.

The aim is to redevelop 150 stations in the next three years and introduce state-of-the-art trains in at least 150-200 cities in the next couple of years, the sources said.

4 CISF staffers get police medal for killing 3 terrorists

RAHUL KUMAR CT(GD)

MUTTAMALA RA CT(GD)

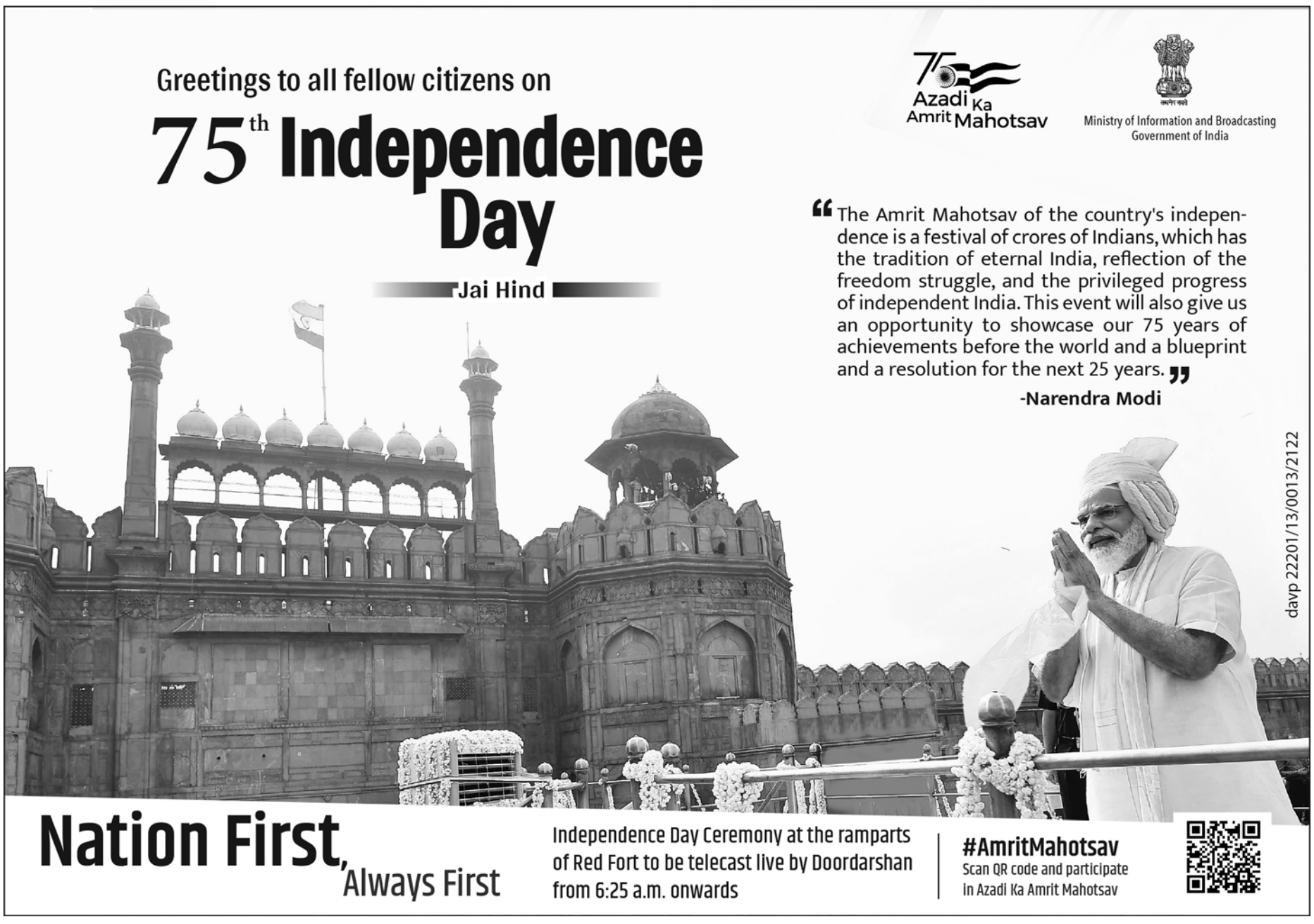
PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Four personnel of the CISF have been awarded the police medal for gallantry for intercepting and killing three terrorists who were trying to sneak into the Kashmir valley by hiding inside a truck.

Constables Rahul Kumar, Muttamala Ravi, Mutum Bikramjit Singh and Anil Lakra displayed courage and engaged the terrorists in a gun battle on January 31 last year at the Ban Toll plaza in Nagrota, Jammu.

The CISF personnel have also been awarded with other prestigious medals like President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Police Medal for Meritorious Service for their outstanding services in various fields.

As per a CISF Press release, the recipients of President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service are Jagbir Singh, Inspector General, R. Balashanmugam, Asstt. Commandant and Mohan Singh Thapa. The recipients of Police Medal for Meritorious Service includes Neeti Mittal, Vipin Kumar Tomar, Sudhir Kumar, Ram Kunwar Singh, Dharmpal Singh Patwal, Ravi Bhushan Sharma, Santosh Kumar P, Ramesh Chand and Rajender Kumar Churiya of the total 23 awardees. The President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished and Meritorious Service are Jaydeep Choudhury, K Ajayan, Suresh Kumar, Sudhir Kumar, Mukesh Chand and Baljit Singh.



J&K Police busts JeM's terror module, arrests 4 ultras

PNS ■ JAMMU

The Jammu & Kashmir Police on Saturday claimed to have busted a terror module of Jaish-e-Mohammad by arresting four terrorists and their associates ahead of the 75th Independence day celebrations in Jammu.

According to police, the JeM terrorists were directed to collect arms (to be dropped by drones) and supply the same to active terrorists in Kashmir valley, plant a vehicle based IED in Jammu and conduct recee of vital targets in other parts of the country.

According to a police spokesman, first of all JeM terrorist Muntazir Manzoor@ Saifulla S/O Manzoor Ahmed Bhat R/O Prichoo Pulwama, was arrested in this chain. Police recovered one pistol, one magazine, eight live rounds and two Chinese hand grenades from his custody. According to police, a truck used for transporting weapons to the Kashmir valley was also seized.

Alert Army soldiers patrolling and keeping strict vigil along LoC ahead of Independence Day celebrations to counter any nefarious design by inimical elements in Poonch and Rajouri Sector in J&K — Defence PRO, Jammu

Following his interrogation police claimed to have arrested three more JeM terrorists

They have been identified as Ijahar khan @ Sonu Khan S/O Intejar Khan R/O Mirdan Mohalla Kandala Shamli (UP),Touseef Ahmed Shah @ Showket & Adnan S/O Ghulam Mohd Shah R/O Jeff, Shopian and Jahangir Ahmed Bhat S/O Musthaq Ahmed Bhat R/O Bandzoo Pulwama.

According to police, Ijahar Khan was directed by a Pakistan based JeM commander Shahid to collect weapons from near Amritsar which would be dropped by a drone. Ijahar Khan ,during his interrogation also revealed that he was directed by the JeM to conduct recee of the Panipat Oil refinery. He claimed after completing the task he shared videos with him.He also claimed he was tasked to conduct recee of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.Before he could do the same he was arrested by the J&K police.

According to police, "to create a safe hideout of terrorists in Jammu and trigger more IED blasts Touseef was tasked by Jaish commander Shahid and another Jaish terrorist by the name Abrar in Pakistan to take up an accommodation in Jammu which he did". He was then asked to procure a second hand motorcycle for causing an IED blast at Jammu.

The IED for this purpose would be dropped by a drone. Touseef was arrested before he could complete this task.

According to police, "Jahangir Ahmed Bhat S/O Musthaq Ahmed Bhat R/O Bandzoo Pulwam, a fruit merchant from Kashmir was constantly in touch with Shahid of Jaish in Pakistan and had introduced Ijahgar Khan to him. He was further doing recruitment for Jaish in Kashmir valley and in the rest of the country.

PM expected to address annual UNGA session in person on Sept 25

United Nations: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to address the annual high-level UN General Assembly session in person on September 25, according to a provisional list of speakers released by the UN.

The list and schedule are subject to changes and the presence of world leaders in the United Nations headquarters here for the high-level annual session will significantly depend on the global Covid-19 situation, particularly as the highly transmissible Delta variant rages in the US as well as across other UN member nations.

According to the first provisional list of speakers for the General Debate at the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, Modi is scheduled to speak at the high-level session on the morning of September 25, the first leader listed for the day.

In 2019, Modi travelled to New York for the high-level UN General Assembly session.

Last year, world leaders, including Modi, submitted pre-recorded video statements for the United Nations General Assembly session in September, as heads of state and government could not physically attend the annual gathering due to the coronavirus pandemic.

It was the first time in the UN's 75-year history that the high-level session had gone virtual. This year too, the option has been kept open for the world leaders to send in pre-recorded statements since the pandemic continues to rage across several nations around the world. *PTI*

Underwater search operations continue to trace missing pilots

PNS ■ JAMMU

The search operations for Indian Army pilots and helicopter which had crashed into the Ranjit Sagar Dam on August 3 has intensified with the Submarine Rescue Unit of Indian Navy being flown in to explore digitally located wreckage at depth of approximately 80 - 100 metres.

According to a defence spokesman in Jammu, "Indian Air Force has lifted the heavy equipment from Visakhapatnam to Pathankot for speeding up the underwater search".

The Defence spokesman said, "Indian Army and all other agencies to include Indian Navy, Indian Air Force, NDRF, Ranjit Sagar Dam Authority, District Authorities including the locals are sparing no efforts for bringing the operations to a final conclusion.

Indian, Pak troops exchange sweets along LoC on Pak's I-Day

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Amid increasing incidents of terrorist violence across Jammu & Kashmir the Armies of the two neighbouring countries — India and Pakistan on Saturday resorted to 'sweet diplomacy' to mark Pakistan's Independence Day.

According to a defence spokesman, the Indian army on the occasion of Pakistan's Independence day exchanged sweets and compliments with the Pakistan Army troops in Poonch and Mendhar. A similar ceremony was organised at Teethwal crossing point in North Kashmir's Kupwara district

Indian Army and Pakistan Army exchanged sweets on the latter's I-Day at the Line of Control at Poonch-Rawalakot Crossing Point and Mendhar-Hotspring Crossing Point in Poonch district on Wednesday," said a defence spokesperson.

A senior Border Security Force (BSF) officer said that sweets and pleasantries were exchanged between BSF and Pak Rangers on four meeting points along the 200 km long international border in Jammu region on the occasion of Pakistan's I-Day.

"Today, Pak Rangers and BSF exchanged sweets on the occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day at various border outposts along the 200 km long Indo-Pak international border from Kathua to AKhnoor," said BSF Jammu frontier DIG SPS Sandhu.

Meanwhile, security forces have been directed to remain in a state of high alert across the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir following attempts being made by the terror outfits to disturb peace in the region during the Independence day celebrations.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Ban on sharp synthetic/nylon kite flying thread including popularly known "Chinese Manjha"

This is for the information of the general public that in order to prevent the adverse effects on human beings, cattle population, birds, soil and ecology and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs' Notification No. SO 667 (E), dated 10th September, 1992, **a Notification was issued on 10.01.2017 by order and in the name of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of the NCT of Delhi with the following directions:-**

1. **There shall be complete ban on the sale, production, storage, supply, import, and use of kite flying thread made out of nylon, plastic or any other synthetic material including popularly known as "Chinese manja" and any other kite-flying thread that is sharp or made sharp such as by being laced with glass, metal or any other sharp materials in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.**
2. **Kite flying shall be permissible only with a cotton thread, free from any sharp/ metallic/ glass components/adhesives/thread strengthening materials.**

Any breach of the above directions may be reported to the office of the following:

S. No.	Designation	Email ID	Helpline Number
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2.	The Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD	divcom@nic.in	1077
3.	The Chief Wildlife Warden, GNCTD	ccfgnctd@gmail.com	1800118600
4.	The Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation	commr-northdmc@mcd.nic.in	155304
5.	The Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation	commissioner-sdmc@mcd.nic.in	155305
6.	The Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation	commissioneredmc@gmail.com	155303

Note:-

The violation of directions issued under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, or the rules made thereunder shall be punishable under section 15 of the said Act which includes imprisonment upto five years and/or with fine which may be extended to Rs. One Lac or with both.

The above said NOTIFICATION is available at: www.environment.delhigovt.nic.in

Sd/-
Dr. K.S. Jayachandran
Special Secretary (Env.)

DIP/Shabdarth/0174/21-22

You reap what you sow: Opp leaders' dig at India Inc over criticism by Goyal

New Delhi: Opposition leaders on Saturday latched on to Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's criticism of business practices of Indian industry to attack the Government with some also taking a swipe at India Inc for backing the ruling dispensation, saying "you reap what you sow".

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said he was flabbergasted at Goyal's "unprovoked attacks" on Indian industry.

"First, he ensured Rajya Sabha did not function at all, and now this bizarre tirade! He couldn't be speaking without official sanction, could he?" Ramesh said in a tweet. Speaking at a CII plenary session, Goyal reportedly asserted that the business practices of Indian industry went against national interests. However, sources close to the minister said his comments were represented out of context.

"The thrust of his interaction was on national interest. The minister's heart-felt appeal must be viewed in its entirety and not singled out for slander," a source close to him said.Congress spokesperson Jaiveer Shergill claimed that by making this statement, Goyal has mocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi's slogan "Ease of doing business in India".

Senior Congress leader Manish Tewari said, "You reap what you sow INDIA INC." "Bombay Club 1.0 created NDA/BJP Govt between 2012-2014. Threw collective weight behind one individual and not even one party. And now @PiyushGoyal terms them anti-national," the former Union Minister tweeted.Taking to Twitter, AAP leader Raghav Chadha said, "Dear Corporate India, Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Best wishes. *PNS*

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

(₹ in lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		30.06.2021	30.06.2020	31.03.2021	31.03.2021
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	2,710.64	2,723.63	4,840.73	14,890.68
2	Net Profit for the period before Tax	9.62	57.97	301.74	632.02
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	(0.65)	37.02	199.72	450.80
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(0.55)	37.02	200.14	451.24
5	**Equity Share Capital**	**416.10**	**416.10**	**416.10**	**416.10**
6	Other Equity	-	-	-	3,956.08
7	**Earnings Per Share** (of ₹ 10 each)				
(a)	Basic (₹)	(0.02)	0.89	4.80	10.83
(b)	Diluted (₹)	(0.02)	0.89	4.80	10.83

Notes : -

1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing obligations and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Websites (www .bseindia.com/corporates) and on the Company's website www.cosco.in.

2 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the respective meeting held on August 14, 2021.

By Order of the Board
for Cosco (India) Limited
Devinder Kumar Jain
Managing Director and CEO
DIN : 00191539

Place : Delhi
Date : 14.08.2021

Central team to visit Kerala to take stock of Covid situation

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will lead a delegation of experts to Kerala on August 16 to take stock of the situation arising out of the unabated hike in Covid-19 cases in the State.

As the countdown for Onam, the major festival of Kerala has begun, a grave situation is prevailing all over the State with the transmission of pandemic refusing to show any sign of abatement. On Saturday, the State diagnosed 19,451 new patients afflicted with Covid-19, according to Kerala's Minister of Health Veena George. Onam falls on August 21 and Kerala is in the midst of high pitch shopping activities. All malls and markets are filled with shoppers who have given safety measures a go for the time being.

The Test Positivity Rate continues to be higher at 13.97 per cent. The death till date on account of the pandemic reached 18, 499 on Saturday as 105 patients succumbed to Covid-19 during the last 24 hours.

The central team that toured the State as part of fact finding came across disturbing trends, across union minister of state for foreign affairs V Muraleedharan. "The Union Health Minister's visit to Kerala is to help the State Government to chalk out ways and means to take on the transmission of Covid-19," said Muraleedharan.

According to sources in Kerala Government Medical Officers Association, the Central team came across flaws in the State's Covid-19 protocol. "They pointed out may inadequacies in quarantine, home care and contact tracing," said a senior physician.

The Kerala Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA), an umbrella organization of all Government physicians in the State and the Kerala branch of the Indian Medical Association are on a warpath with the Kerala Government over a number of issues.

Afghan Prez addresses nation amid Taliban blitz

AP ■ KABUL

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani says he will not give up the "achievements" of the last 20 years and that "consultations" are underway.

He delivered a brief and vague televised address on Saturday, his first public appearance in days following a major Taliban advance.

The insurgents have seized most of northern, western and southern Afghanistan and are battling Government forces some 11 kilometers (7 miles) south of Kabul.

The United States is set to withdraw its last forces by Aug. 31, raising questions about the survival of Ghani's Western-backed government.

The U.S. Invaded Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks nearly 20 years ago.

The Taliban seized a province just south of Afghanistan's capital and launched a multi-pronged assault early Saturday on a major city in the north defended by powerful former warlords, Afghan officials said.

The insurgents have captured much of northern, western and southern Afghanistan in a breakneck offensive less than three weeks before the United States is set to withdraw its last troops, raising fears of a full militant takeover or another Afghan civil war.

The Taliban captured all of Logar and detained its provincial officials, Hoda Ahmadi, a lawmaker from the province, said Saturday. She said the Taliban have reached the Char Asyab district, just 11 kilometers (7 miles) south of the capital, Kabul.

The Taliban also attacked the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif from several directions, setting off heavy fighting on its outskirts, according to Munir Ahmad Farhad, a spokesman for the provincial governor.

Rush of troops to Kabul tests Biden's withdrawal deadline

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The last-minute decision to send 3,000 U.S. Troops to Afghanistan to help partially evacuate the U.S. Embassy is calling into question whether President Joe Biden will meet his August 31 deadline for fully withdrawing combat forces.

The vanguard of a Marine contingent arrived in Kabul, the capital, on Friday, and most of the rest of the 3,000 are due by Sunday.

Officials have stressed that the newly arriving troops' mission is limited to assisting the airlift of embassy personnel and Afghan allies, and they expect to complete it by month's end. But they might have to stay longer if the embassy is threatened by a Taliban takeover of Kabul by then.

On Saturday, the Taliban seized two more provinces and approached the outskirts of Kabul while also launching a multi-pronged assault on a major northern city defended by former warlords, Afghan officials said.

"Clearly from their actions, it appears as if they are trying to get Kabul isolated," Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said, referring to the Taliban's speedy and efficient takedown of major provincial capitals this past week.

Biden had given the Pentagon until August 31 to complete the withdrawal of the 2,500 to 3,000 troops that were in Afghanistan when he announced in April that he was ending U.S. Involvement in the war.

Pakistan reopens Chaman-Spin Boldak border crossing after talks with Taliban

Karachi: Pakistan on Saturday reopened the Chaman-Spin Boldak border crossing with Afghanistan, after two rounds of successful negotiations with the Taliban on repatriating stranded individuals, amidst rapid territorial gains by the militant group in the war-ravaged neighbouring country.

In a blitz assault on Thursday and Friday, the Taliban gained control of Afghanistan's main cities Herat and Kandahar, encircling national capital Kabul.

The insurgents are believed to control two-thirds of the country's territory and over half of the 34 provincial capitals.

Speaking to the media, a Pakistani government official in Chaman said the Taliban and Pakistani authorities decided to open the economically-critical border sector after successful negotiations on Friday.

He said two rounds of negotiations were held between the two sides.

The Taliban officials are now running affairs of the Afghan border district of Spin-Boldak, which the group captured last month. All taxes and toll fees in the province are being collected by the Taliban.

The Chaman-Spin Boldak crossing generates huge revenue for both sides. Nearly 1,000 trucks carrying commercial goods cross the border each day during times of peace.

The Chaman-Spin Boldak border was closed last week after the Taliban took control of Spin Boldak.

The Taliban then demanded the Pakistani authorities to allow Afghans stranded in Pakistan to cross the border. *PTI*

Turkey: Flood deaths rise to at least 44 as rescuers push on

Istanbul: The death toll from severe floods and mudslides in coastal Turkey has climbed to at least 44, the country's emergency and disaster agency said Saturday.

Torrential rains that pounded the Black Sea provinces of Bartin, Kastamonu and Sinop on Wednesday caused flooding that demolished homes, severed at least five bridges, swept away cars and rendered numerous roads unpassable.

Turkish disaster agency AFAD said 36 people were killed in Kastamonu, seven in Sinop and one in Bartin.

Nine people remained hospitalized in Sinop, according to the agency. But some residents in Kastamonu said on social media that there are hundreds more missing, a statement also made by an opposition lawmaker.

Rescue teams and sniffer dogs continued the painstaking task of trying to locate residents. AFAD said 5,188 personnel, 27 rescue dogs, 19 helicopters and two search planes were at the disaster spots.

About 2,250 people were evacuated across the region before, during and after the floods, some lifted from rooftops by helicopters. *AP*

US: New Mexico school year off to deadly start amid gun violence

Albuquerque (US): It's only a few days into the new school year, but New Mexico's largest district is reeling from a shooting that left one student dead and landed another in custody.

The gunfire at Washington Middle School during the lunch hour Friday marked the second shooting in Albuquerque in less than 24 hours. With the city on pace to shatter its homicide record this year, top state officials said they were heartbroken by what they described as a scourge.

"These tragedies should never occur. That they do tells us there is more work to be done," Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham said.

Albuquerque Police Deputy Commander Kyle Hartsock described the shooting as an isolated incident between two students who were believed to be about 13 years old. He said a school resource officer ran toward the two boys after gunfire erupted and prevented any other violence while tending to the boy who was shot.

Investigators were trying to determine how the student obtained the gun and what may have prompted the shooting, Hartsock said. Other students were being interviewed as detectives tried to piece together what happened, he said. *AP*

Lanka to import medical O2 from India amid rise in Covid-19 cases

Colombo: Sri Lanka will import 100 metric tonnes of medical grade oxygen from India next week to meet the shortage of supply in hospitals, the Health Minister said on Saturday as WHO experts warned that the number of Covid-19 cases and deaths in the country would spike by mid-October.

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi told reporters that the government will order medical grade oxygen from India to meet the current needs with the rapid increase of Covid-19 cases. She said 100 metric tonnes of oxygen would be imported from India next week and more orders would be placed depending on the need.

A group of Sri Lankan health experts, who make the WHO independent expert group, has said that patients dependent on oxygen significantly increased from 528 last week to 646 by August 12.

"If this trend continues, there could be a serious shortage of oxygen supply and interruption of care," she said.The health experts have warned that the number of Covid-19 cases would increase up to 6,000 per day up to mid September and deaths would peak to 220 per day by mid October. *PTI*

Australia State reports record daily cases

Sydney: Australia's most populous state reported a daily record 466 new locally acquired Covid-19 infections on Saturday and increased fines for breaches of pandemic restrictions.

The previous record tally in New South Wales, home to Sydney, was 390 reported on Friday.

Four people had died overnight, bringing the death toll in New South Wales from an outbreak of the delta variant first detected in Sydney in mid-June to 42.

New South Wales Premier Gladys Berejiklian said fines for breaking pandemic rules such as breaching quarantine orders had been increased from 1,000 Australian dollars to AU$5,000.

Sydney residents will be restricted to within 5 kilometers (3 miles) of home, half the distance they were previously allowed.

The government later announced that all of New South Wales would be locked down from 5 p.M. Until Aug. 22.

Deputy Premier John Barilaro tweeted that the stay-at-home orders were to minimize movement and protect regional communities from the evolving Covid-19 situation in Sydney. *PTI*

UK cuts Covid tests' cost for global travellers, including from India

PTI ■ LONDON

The UK on Saturday reduced the cost of Covid-19 tests for international travellers from Amber list countries like India from 88 pounds to 68 pounds (USD 122 to USD 94), after many representations over the high charges of the mandatory testing.

Passengers returning from Green list countries or Amber list destinations like India, if they are fully vaccinated, will now pay 20 pounds (USD 27) less per Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test.

The test must be taken on or before day two after the traveller arrives in England.

People who have not had both doses of the coronavirus vaccine and are returning from Amber list countries like India will also see the price of the two tests they need fall from 170 pounds to 136 pounds (USD 235 to USD 188). The tests must be taken on days two and eight of their arrival from abroad.

'Won't accept India's denial of role in terror attack in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa'

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

A day after India dismissed as lies Pakistan's allegations of Indian intelligence support to a deadly bus bombing in the restive Pakistani province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa that killed 13 people, including nine Chinese nationals, Islamabad on Saturday said it will not accept New Delhi's denial of its role in the attack.

At least 13 people, including nine Chinese engineers, were killed in the suicide attack in Dasu area of Upper Kohistan district last month following which Pakistan had ordered an investigation into it.

Addressing a press conference here on the completion of the probe, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi accused India's Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) and Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) of carrying out the attack.

Firefighting plane from Russia crashes in southern Turkey

AP ■ ISTANBUL

A firefighting plane that was rented from Russia crashed Saturday in a mountainous area in southern Turkey, Turkish State media reported.

Anadolu news agency said the plane was linked to the General Directory of Forestry. Search and rescue teams were sent to the area in Kahramanmaras.

Private news agency DHA said the plane crashed as it was fighting a forest fire in the inland Bertiz region. It said the cause of the crash had not yet been identified.

Kahramanmaras governor Omer Faruk Coskun told Anadolu that a wildfire had begun after lightning struck trees.

"We had dispatched a plane to the area but we lost communication with the plane a while ago and it crashed. The situation is very new. We dispatched many units to the area where the plane crashed," he said.

Asians are fastest-growing racial group in US: Report

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Asian Americans grew faster than any other minority group in the US in the last decade, rising to 24 million in 2020, according to the first detailed data released from last year"s census.

The growth in the American population over the last decade was driven entirely by minority communities, according to the new data released on Thursday by the US Census Bureau.

The number of white Americans declined for the first time since the nation's founding in 1776.

Non-Hispanic whites make up just under 58 per cent of the American population, the first time since the census was first conducted that they have fallen under the 60 per cent mark.

By contrast, the 2000 census showed non-Hispanic whites made up just over 69 per cent of the population, and 63.7 per cent in 2010.

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संख्याः 63/07/E-02/DR/AG(RO/ARO)/2017-18 दिनाँक :: 14 अगस्त, 2021

विज्ञप्ति

महाधिवक्ता कार्यालय, उत्तराखण्ड, नैनीताल के अन्तर्गत समीक्षा अधिकारी तथा सहायक समीक्षा अधिकारी परीक्षा–2021 के 17 रिक्त पदों पर सीधी भर्ती के माध्यम से चयन हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन पत्र **(Online Application)** आमन्त्रित किये जाते हैं:–

01.	ऑनलाईन विज्ञापन जारी करने की तिथि	15 अगस्त, 2021
02.	ऑनलाईन आवेदन–पत्र जमा किये जाने की अन्तिम तिथि	06 सितम्बर, 2021
03.	कुल पद	17 पद। समीक्षा अधिकारी (12 पद), सहायक समीक्षा अधिकारी (05 पद) (पदवार आरक्षण शासनादेशानुसार)

भर्ती से सम्बन्धित नियम, अर्हता और शर्तें आदि विज्ञापन में उल्लिखित है जोकि आयोग की वेबसाईट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। अभ्यर्थी आवेदन करने से पूर्व विज्ञापन का भली–भाँति अवलोकन करना सुनिश्चित करें।

(कर्मेन्द्र सिंह) सचिव।

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Extract of unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended June 30, 2021

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Particulars	Year Ended 31.03.2021	Quarter Ended 30.06.2021	Quarter Ended 30.06.2020	Quarter Ended 31.03.2021
1	Total income from operations	68.88	7.50	8.34	12.82
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before exceptional items and tax)	38.01	(1.99)	(0.67)	4.30
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	38.01	(1.99)	(0.67)	4.30
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	38.17	(1.99)	(0.67)	4.46
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	38.17	(1.99)	(0.67)	4.46
6	Equity Share Capital	435.85	435.85	435.85	435.85
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
8	Earnings per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
	- Basic	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.10
	- Diluted	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.10

Notes :
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.pioneeragro.co.in

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
(Jagat Mohan Aggarwal)
Managing Director
DIN : 00750120

Place : Pathankot
Dated : August 14, 2021

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice No. 06-2021 (Medical) Date: 13.08.2021

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Add Chief Medical Supdt. North Central Railway, Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "E-Tender" through on line only (E-Tendeing) for the following work:-

1.	Name of work with It's location:	All kind of conservancy work, removal of dead animals, rubbish etc from the dustbins by mechanical transport/ standard size Hydraulic tractor, trolley of Achhnera Jn. Railway colony & station premises to outside railway premises.
2.	Approx. Cost of the work:	₹ 4,43,295.51 (Rupees Four lakh Forty Three thousand Two Hundred Ninty Five point Fifty one paise only)

Note:- • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" upto 12:30 hrs on 03.09.2021. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 912/21 (R)

North central railways @ CPRO NCR

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

(Rs.in lacs)

Sl No	Particulars	Standalone Quarter Ended 30.06.2021 Unaudited	Standalone Quarter Ended 30.06.2020 Unaudited	Standalone Year ended 31.03.2021 Audited	Consolidated Quarter Ended 30.06.2021 Unaudited	Consolidated Quarter Ended 30.06.2020 Unaudited	Consolidated Year ended 31.03.2021 Audited
1	Total Revenue from operations	1,038.84	499.66	7,051.89	1,384.17	617.40	9,235.98
2	Net Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional items and tax	(765.08)	(420.09)	(851.27)	(784.66)	(469.03)	(881.39)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	(768.54)	(422.67)	(873.63)	(788.17)	(471.61)	(903.74)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	(768.54)	(422.67)	(700.69)	(788.17)	(471.61)	(798.72)
5	Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	(768.54)	(422.67)	(691.97)	(788.17)	(471.61)	(790.00)
6	Equity Share Capital	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81
7	Other Equity (Reserves excluding revaluation reserve)	-	-	3,300.95	-	-	2,825.81
8	Earning per share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	(4.00)	(2.20)	(3.60)	(4.10)	(2.46)	(4.11)
	(b) Diluted (in Rs.)	(4.00)	(2.20)	(3.60)	(4.10)	(2.46)	(4.11)

NOTES:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.okplay.in).
2 The above standalone and consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 14th August, 2021.

for OK Play India Limited
Sd/-
RAJAN HANDA
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN - 00194590

Place : New Delhi
Dated : 14th August, 2021

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Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2021

PART I
Statement of Un-Audited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June, 2021

Sr. No.	Particulars	Current quarter ended 30-06-2021 Un-Audited	Previous year quarter ended 30-06-2020 Un-Audited	Current Year Ended 31-03-2021 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Net Profit/Loss for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(7.17)	(1.76)	(7.64)
3	Net Profit/Loss for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(7.17)	(1.76)	(7.64)
4	Net Profit/Loss for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(7.17)	(1.76)	(7.64)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(7.17)	(1.76)	(7.64)
6	Equity Share Capital	296.23	296.23	296.23
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) (as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year)	0	0	0
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	-Basic	(0.24)	(0.06)	(0.26)
	-Diluted	(0.24)	(0.06)	(0.26)

Notes :
1. The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 14th day of August, 2021.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filled with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
3. The full format of the Quarterly Audited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exhange website (www.bseindia.com) and Company's website(www.sidhautomobile.com).

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED
Sd/-
HARI MOHAN GUPTA
Director
DIN: 03158551

Place: Delhi
Date: 14.08.2021

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

(Fig. in Lacs unless otherwise stated)

Sl No	Particulars	Standalone Quarter Ended 30.06.2021 Unaudited	Standalone Quarter Ended 30.06.2020 Unaudited	Standalone Year ended 31.03.2021 Audited	Consolidated Quarter Ended 30.06.2021 Unaudited	Consolidated Quarter Ended 30.06.2020 Unaudited	Consolidated Year ended 31.03.2021 Audited
1	Revenue from Operations	496.98	171.17	2976.63	2910.14	2658.87	13651.95
2	Other Income	439.11	354.60	941.15	1379.25	1160.41	4059.90
3	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, exceptional items)	379.18	216.29	969.39	3544.61	3034.03	13221.92
4	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	379.18	216.29	969.39	3544.61	3034.03	13221.92
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	320.49	192.10	813.63	2790.09	2253.92	9518.26
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	322.44	192.76	821.43	3584.11	3039.28	12037.56
7	Equity Share Capital (Face value of Rs. 5/- each)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68
8	Other Equity	-	-	19184.45	-	-	91774.58
9	Earning Per Share (Face value of Rs. 5/- each)						
	Basic (Rs.)	2.75	1.65	6.98	24.01	19.42	82.07
	Diluted (Rs.)	2.75	1.65	6.98	24.01	19.42	82.07

NOTES:
1) The above standalone and consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 14 August, 2021 and thereafter, approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 14 August, 2021. These results are as per Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended.
2) The Limited Review Report have been carried out by the statutory auditors of the Company.
3) Figures for the quarter ended 31 March, 2021 represents the balancing figures between the audited figures for the full financial year ended 31 March, 2021 and the published year to date reviewed figures upto the third quarter of the respective year.
4) Figures of the previous period / year have been re grouped / re-arranged and / or re-casted, wherever required.

By order of the Board
Sd/-
(S.C. Jain)
Executive Director]
DIN : 00092079

Place : New Delhi
Dated : 14th August, 2021

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Extract of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the First Quarter Ended June 30, 2021

(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)

PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021 Un-audited	QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021 Audited	YEAR ENDED 31STMARCH 2021 Audited
Total Income from operations	406.42	1211.47	3263.93
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1.45)	106.24	254.85
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1.45)	106.24	254.85
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(1.45)	72.69	183.03
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)	(1.45)	72.69	183.03
Equity Share Capital	355.00	355.00	355.00
Reserves as per Balance Sheet	1980.60	1982.05	1982.05
Earnings Per Share (for continuing and discontinued operation):-			
1. Basic	(0.04)	(2.05)	5.16
2. Diluted	(0.04)	(2.05)	5.16

NOTE:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the First Quarter and Three Months ended June. 30, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Financial Results for the first quarter and three months ended June, 30, 2021 is available on the Stock Exchanges website (www.msei.in) and Company's website (www.rkjewellers.in). 2. Previous year/period figures have been rearranged and regrouped wherever necessary to make them comparable with current period figures. 3. The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 14th August, 2021.4. These Financial Results have been prepared in accordance with Ind-AS notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant amendment thereafter.

Zel Jewellers Limited
Sd/-
Rakesh Sharma
Chairman
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Place: Delhi
Date: 14th August, 2021

Macros power indices' rise; Sensex crosses 55k-mark

IANS ■ MUMBAI

Healthy macro-economic data as well as hopes of a faster economic revival lifted India's key equity market indices' on Friday.

Initially, the two key equity indices had a gap up opening and continued to move higher, however, a late session bout of profit booking capped gains.

Accordingly, the S&P BSE Sensex breached the 55,487.79 points mark, while NSE Nifty50 reached 16,543.60 points.

Globally, Asian stock markets traded mostly lower as traders remained concerned over the recent regulatory crackdown in China and the alarming spread of the highly contagious coronavirus variants in the region.

However, European stocks scaled new highs hitting a record high for the tenth straight session and were on track for their fourth consecutive week of gains on optimism over a strong earnings season and steady recovery from the pandemic-led economic downturn.

On the domestic front, Capital Goods, Telecom and IT sectors rose the most, while Realty and Healthcare fell.

Consequently, the S&P BSE Sensex closed the day's trade at 55,437.29, higher by 593.31 points or 1.08 per cent from its previous close.

The NSE Nifty50 ended the session at 16,529.10, higher by 164.70 points or 1.01 per cent from its previous close.

"Encouraging data points overnight helped as did the hopes of an early relaxations of the balance Covid curbs," Deepak Jasani, Head of Retail Research, HDFC Securities.

"Late profit-taking led to advance decline ratio turning negative from positive early in the day. The broader indices underperformed the larger peers with both the S&P BSE MidCap and S&P BSE SmallCap almost unchanged."

According to Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services: "On domestic front, CPI-based retail inflation came in at a three-month low of 5.6 per cent YoY in July 2021, as against 6.7 per cent YoY in July 2020. With July 2021 inflation data, CPI-based inflation is likely to average around 5.5 per cent in FY22, moderately lower than 5.7 per cent YoY forecast by the RBI."

"This would be within RBI's comfort zone and hence more likely that RBI would maintain its monetary policy stance in the near term as well."

US consumer sentiment falls to decade low

IANS ■ WASHINGTON

US consumer sentiment in early August fell to its lowest level in a decade amid concerns over the spread of the Delta Covid-19 variant, according to a survey released by the University of Michigan.

The preliminary consumer sentiment index fell to 70.2 in the first half of August from a final reading of 81.2 in July, marking the lowest level since 2011, the survey released on Friday revealed.

"Consumers reported a stunning loss of confidence in the first half of August," Richard Curtin, chief economist for the survey, said in a statement, adding the losses were widespread across income, age, and education subgroups and observed across all regions.

"There is little doubt that the pandemic's resurgence due to the Delta variant has been met with a mixture of reason and emotion.

"Consumers have correctly reasoned that the economy's performance will be diminished over the next several months, but the extraordinary surge in negative economic assessments also reflects an emotional response, mainly from dashed hopes that the pandemic would soon end," he added.

The fall in consumer sentiment came as Covid-19 cases, hospitalisations and deaths are rising at a record level across the country.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the seven-day average of new Covid-19 cases in the US have reached about 113,000 per day, a nearly 24 per cent increase from the previous week.

Hospital admissions rose 31 per cent, to an average of 9,700 hospitalisations per day, and fatalities increased to 452 per day, a 22 per cent spike from the prior seven-day period.

As of Saturday morning, the US' overall caseload and death toll stood at 36,592,398 and 621,005, respectively, according to the Johns Hopkins University.

The two tallies are the highest in the world, making the US the worst-hit country.

Till date, 50.3 per cent of the US population have been fully vaccinated against the virus, according to CDC data.

Govt woos US investors to explore opportunities in power, renewable energy sector

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister R K Singh interacted with investors from the US and invited them to explore investment opportunities in the renewable energy and power sector in India.

The Power and New & Renewable Energy Minister also highlighted India's achievement in the sector during his virtual meeting with the business community.

"The meeting provided an opportunity to the business community to interact with Union Minister on various aspects the renewable energy and power sector in India and the associated opportunities available to the global investors," a Power Ministry statement said.

Singh's meeting with the members of the US India Business Council (USIBC) had a theme "Advancing cleaner, more sustainable and affordable energy to mitigate climate change and power India's economic growth". More than 50 industry leaders cutting across various sectors of the economy including information technology, infrastructure developers, renewable energy producers, banking, aviation participated in the event, the statement said.

During the meeting, Singh apprised the business leaders that India is on track to achieve the set renewable energy target of 450 GW by 2030 and said that electricity distribution reforms and the promotion of open access to the electricity grid will enhance the consumption of renewable energy.

Haryana Chief Ministe Manohar Lal meets Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on the eve of Independence Day, at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi The Pioneer

Apparel exports to major markets increasing at healthy pace: AEPC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Apparel exports to major markets such as the US, Europe, UK, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Japan, and Australia are recording healthy growth and the sector would contribute significantly in achieving India's $400 billion exports target for the current fiscal year, AEPC said on Saturday.

Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) Chairman A Sakthivel said apparel exports are picking up in every western market.

"Exports to the US increased by 22 per cent during January-May 2021 as compared to the same period of previous year," he said while addressing the members of the council at the 42nd Annual General Meeting.

The chairman said he has represented the government for fast- tracking free trade pacts with the European Union, UK, US, Australia and Canada.

"India has been facing duty disadvantages against competitors in the major overseas destination. India's exports face a duty disadvantage of 9.6 per cent for exports to EU vis-a-vis exports from other countries like Bangladesh, Cambodia, Turkey, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

NTPC invites EOI to set up pilot project on hydrogen blending with natural gas

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

State-run NTPC has invited global 'expression of interest' to set up a pilot project on hydrogen blending with natural gas in city gas distribution.

The expression of interest (EoI) follows the recent tenders floated by NTPC REL for green hydrogen fuelling station at Leh and NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd (NVVN) for procurement of Fuel Cell Buses. A dedicated 1.25 MW solar plant is also being set up at Leh by NTPC REL to power the hydrogen fuelling station.

"NTPC Limited, India's largest integrated power generating company under Ministry of Power, has floated a global Expression of Interest (EoI) to set up a pilot project on hydrogen blending with natural gas in City Gas Distribution (CGD) Network in India," a company statement said.

This pilot on hydrogen blending with natural gas will be the first of its kind in India and would explore the viability of decarbonising India's natural gas grid.

BPCL launches door-to-door delivery of diesel

Mumbai: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched door-to-door delivery of 'High Speed Diesel' to meet the growing demand.

Celebrating the 'spirit of nationalism', the company on the eve of Independence Day also dedicated 15 mobile bowsers and 9 jerry can facilities in different corners of the Eastern Region.

The initiative of door-to-door delivery through mobile dispensers has resulted in commissioning of 1588 FuelKarts and 129 FuelEnts within a span of about two years across the industry.

"With just in time delivery, complete assurance of quality and quantity, safe and secure product handling and a host of other benefits, FuelKart helps enhance operational efficiency for our customers consistent with the overall philosophy of furthering the cause of ease of doing business," said P S Ravi, Executive Director Retail In-charge, BPCL.

"I'm delighted that on the auspicious occasion of the nation's 75th Independence Day, 15 FuelKarts and 9 BPCL fuel stations with jerry can fuel delivery are being dedicated to our customers across the states in eastern region," he added. *IANS*

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Statement of Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 30th June 2021

(Rs.In Lakhs)

Sr No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter Ended		Year Ended	Quarter Ended		Year Ended
		30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 Audited	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 Audited
1	Income						
	Total Income from Operations (net)	0.15	-	0.29	0.33	-	0.37
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax, Exceptinoal and/or Extraordinary items)	0.00	(0.44)	(1.80)	(0.08)	(0.93)	(3.39)
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after tax, Exceptinoal and/or Extraordinary items)	0.00	(0.44)	(1.80)	(0.08)	(0.93)	(3.39)
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptinoal and/or Extraordinary items and after minority interest)	-	-	-	(0.00)	0.01	-
5	Total Other Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprsing profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	37.98	33.96	26.95	143.48	130.67	112.40
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/- Per Share)	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
7	Earning Per Share (EPS) (not annualised)						
	Basic	0.00	(0.18)	(0.75)	(0.03)	(0.39)	(1.41)
	Diluted	0.00	(0.18)	(0.75)	(0.03)	(0.39)	(1.41)

Notes:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
2 The above results have been prepared in accordance with the principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under Section 133 of Companies Act, 2013.
3 The above Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 13th August, 2021and the Statutory Auditors have expressed an unmodified audit opinion on these results.

For Saneh Industrial Investments Ltd.
Sd/-
Vivek Gupta
(Director)
DIN No. 00035916

Place : New Delhi
Date : 13.08.2021

UNITED TEXTILES LIMITED

Regd. Off:- 7th K.M. Stone, Barwala Road, Hisar
CIN: L17115HR1993PLC032092
EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
	6.30.2021 Unaudited	3.31.2021 Audited	6.30.2020 Audited	31.03.2021 Audited
Total income from operations	198.71	507.41	125.36	1235.43
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax	1.51	(1.61)	0.16	2.83
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	1.13	(7.07)	(0.63)	(5.17)
Other comprehensive income/(loss)	0.10	(2.18)	0.85	0.38
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1.23	(9.25)	0.22	(4.79)
Equity Share Capital	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year				738.82
Earnings per Share (of 2/- each)				
(1) Basic	0.04	(0.31)	0.01	(0.17)
(2) Diluted	0.04	(0.31)	0.01	(0.17)

Note:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange, www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website, www.unitedtextileslimited.com.

Place : Hisar
Date : August 12th, 2021

For United Textile Ltd.
Director
Vivek Aggarwal
DIN No. 07079208

CAPRI GLOBAL CAPITAL LIMITED

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APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of the Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement rules, 2002. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub –section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeemthe secured assets. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CGCL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.

S. N.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Date of Possession
1.	(Loan Account No. **LNCGCCHATL0000005084 of our Chandnichowk Branch)** **Diamond Educational Society** (Borrower) **Dharmendra Sirohi, Renu Sirohi, Jatan Swaroop Sharma** (Co-Borrower)	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY NO. 501, AREA MEASURING 300 SQ. YDS., I.E., 250.83 SQ. MTS., OUT OF KHASRA NO. 6, VILLAGE MOHAMMADPUR DHAEDA, MARUF MOHALLAH, JALALPUR ROAD, MURADNAGAR WARD NO. 9, TEHSIL MODINAGAR, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH – 201206; BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EAST: 30 FT. WIDE ROAD WEST: OTHER'S PROPERTY NORTH: OTHER'S PROPERTY SOUTH: OTHER'S PROPERTY	16-02-2021 Rs. 40,21,506/-	10-08-2021
2.	(Loan Account No. **LNCGCNSPTL0000004639 of our Netajisubhashplace Branch)** (Loan Account No. **LNCGCJKPTL0000003259 Janakpuri Branch)** **Gaurav Sharma** (Borrower) **Sonu Sharma, Preeti Devi, Maharamvati** (Co-Borrower)	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING NO 95, ADMEASURING 83.61 SQUARE METERS, KHASRA NO.111, SITUATED IN THE COLONY OF GIRDHAR ENCLAVE, VILLAGE KADKAD GARDEN, PARGANA LONI, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. BOUNDED AS :- EAST: 25 FT. WIDE ROAD WEST: PLOT NO. 107 NORTH: PLOT NO. 94 SOUTH: PLOT NO. 96	16-02-2021 Rs. 56,33,072/-	11-08-2021
3.	(Loan Account No. **LNMEGZB000019986 of our Ghaziabad Branch)** **Prem Chand Bharti** (Borrower) **Lalita Rani , Mohit Kumar** (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Property No. 1031, Area admeasuring 350 sq yds, khasra No. 470, Village Kadkad Model Pargana Loni Tehsil and District-Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh Alongwith Construction thereon Present and Future both ; BOUNDED AS NORTH: Other Property SOUTH: Other Property EAST: Road WEST: Other Property	28-04-2021 Rs. 61,26,758/-	12-08-2021
4.	(Loan Account No. **LNMEDEL000012355, LNMEDEL000014847 of our Gandhinagar Branch)** **Chaman Lal Sharma** (Borrower) **Amit Vashishtha, M/S Beera Creation, Kavita Sharma** (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Entire Third floor alongwith roof rights of Property No. 624/7, Northern-western portion, area admeasuring 50 sq yds., out of Khasra No. 762, Patel Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	24-05-2021 Rs. 31,14,930/-	10-08-2021
5.	(Loan Account No. **LNBLAZD000051251, LNCGCDELTL0000005667 of our Azadpur Branch)** **K L Canvas Udyog** (Borrower) **Vikas Gupta, Abhay Gupta, Deepika Gupta, Neha Gupta** (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of House No. 411, area admeasuring 897.08 sq yds. Khasra No. 2431, Chandi Mandir Colony, Pilkhuwa, Tehsil & District Hapur, Uttar Pradesh ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	24-05-2021 Rs. 1,73,68,203/-	11-08-2021
6.	(Loan Account No. **LNCGCKKDTL0000003945, LNCGCKKDTL0000005540 of our Karkardooma Branch)** **Thakran Jewellers** (Borrower) **Neeraj Kumar, Sanjay, Raj Singh, Parmeshwari** (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Plot No. 102 and 103, area admeasuring 466 sq yds., Mustatil No. 76, Killa No. 22 also known as Sanjay Nagar Colony, Bawana Extension, Village Bawana, Delhi-110039 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	24-05-2021 Rs. 48,21,555/-	10-08-2021
7.	(Loan Account No. **LNCGCPURTL0000009244, LNCGCJGDTL0000008320, of our Delhi Branch)** **Kapil Dev Gumber** (Borrower) **Veenu Gumber** (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Flat on Third floor (Right hand Side portion) alongwith roof rights area adreasuring 41.8 Sq Mtrs. Built up on property No. 1552-C, Gali No. 15, Khasra no. 93, Govind puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. AND All Piece and Parcel of Flat on Second floor (Right hand Side portion) without roof rights area adreasuring 60 Sq Mtrs. Built up on property No. 1462-B, Gali No. 13, Khasra no. 93, Govind puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	31-05-2021 Rs. 23,79,048/-	12-08-2021
8.	(Loan Account No. **LNCGCAZDTL0000004208, of our Azadpur Branch)** (Loan Account No. **LNCGCJPGTL0000007280, of our Paharganj Branch)** **Kohinoor Textiles** (Borrower) **Mohd. Arsad , Mohd. Arif, Mrs. Anjum Begum** (Co-Borrower)	All Piece and Parcel of Private Shop No. 4 on Ground floor, area admeasuring 133 sq Fts, Part of Municipal Property No. 146 (Old) and 356 (New) , Ward No. II, Situated at Kucha Ghasi Ram, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.	31-05-2021 Rs. 26,48,044/-	11-08-2021

Place : Delhi+NCR Date : 15/08/2021 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) For Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL)

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identity Number: U410PB2010SGC33813
Website: www.pspcl.in, Mobile No.96461-07205

E-Tender Enq. No. 7220/P-1/EMP-11849 **Dated 07-08-2021**

Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2021_POWER_69748_1** for the procurement of Paddy Straw based Pellets for Co-firing in PSPCL thermal power Plants. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **07-08-2021 from 03:30 PM** onwards.
Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.**

RO NO. 76155/12/400/2021/6771 RTP-28/21

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EXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

(Rs in lacs except earning per share)

S. N.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year ended
		30-Jun-21 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-21 (Audited)	30-Jun-20 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-21 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations (gross)	12.88	14.65	13.22	55.41
2	Total income from operations (net)	12.88	14.65	13.22	55.41
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	8.81	5.08	5.59	18.43
4	Net Profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	8.81	5.08	5.59	18.43
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	7.88	3.74	4.07	13.62
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	7.79	4.03	4.00	14.62
7	Equity Share Capital	512.24	512.24	512.24	512.24
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	62.97
9	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	0.15	0.08	0.08	0.29
	Diluted:	0.15	0.08	0.08	0.29
10	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	0.15	0.08	0.08	0.29
	Diluted :	0.15	0.08	0.08	0.29

EXTRACT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

(Rs in lacs except earning per share)

S. N.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year ended
		30-Jun-21 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-21 (Audited)	30-Jun-20 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-21 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations (gross)	12.88	14.65	13.22	55.41
2	Total income from operations (net)	12.88	14.65	13.22	55.41
3	Net Profit for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	8.81	5.08	5.59	18.43
4	Net Profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	8.81	5.08	5.59	18.43
5	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	7.86	3.75	4.05	13.62
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	7.86	3.75	4.05	13.62
7	Equity Share Capital	512.24	512.24	512.24	512.24
8	Other Equity			-	57.19
9	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	0.15	0.07	0.08	0.27
	Diluted:	0.15	0.07	0.08	0.27
10	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)				
	Basic :	0.15	0.07	0.08	0.27
	Diluted :	0.15	0.07	0.08	0.27

Note : The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial results filed with Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the Quarterly results are available on the stock exchange websites i.e. **www.msei.in** and on Company website **www.goldedgeestate.in**

For and on behalf of the Board
For Goldedge Estate and Investment Limited
Sd/-
Jagdish Chand Agrawal
(Chairman)

Place : New Delhi
Date:- 13/08/2020

Office of the Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Pithoragarh

फोन / फैक्स: 05964–224084 ई–मेल: pmpithoragarh@gmail.com

Letter No. 959/NIVIDA/125 **Re-E-Tender Notice** Dated : 14.08.2021

Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Near Hanuman Mandir, Pithoragarh (Pithoragarh) 262501, on behalf of Chairman Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam invites item rate tender on e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. - **http://www.uktenders.gov.in** for following works :-

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost of work	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Documents (in Rs.)	Validity Period	Work Completion period	Contractor Registration
1	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL AT PAIYAPAURI, (BLOCK-DHARCHULA, DIST. PITHORAGARH)	Rs.66.72 Lacs	As per Bid Securing Declaration	Rs 1000/-+GST @ 18%(Rs. 180) Total = Rs 1180/-	02 Month	12 Month	Category "C" (Building Work)

The Tender form and other details can be downloaded from above portal from **14.08.2021 at 17:00 hrs. to 26.08.2021 at 17:00 hrs.** Other details/ Information related to Addendum / Corrigendum letter / Cancellation etc. related to the E-Tender can be seen on the portal **www.uktenders.gov.in**

(Sanjeev Verma)
Project Manager

RATHI BARS LIMITED

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CIN No: L74899DL1993PLC054781

Statement of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2021 (Rs. In Lacs)

	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Year Ended
		30-06-21 (Unaudited)	31-03-21 (Unaudited)	30-06-20 (Unaudited)	31-03-21 (Audited)
1	Total Revenue From operations	10,383.46	10,305.81	4,290.72	32,410.41
2	Net Profit/Loss for the Period (Before Tax)	44.19	61.39	13.69	303.48
3	Net Profit/Loss for the Period (After Tax)				231.10
4	Total Comprehensive Income	44.19	61.39	13.69	231.10
5	Equity Share Capital	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04
6	Reserves(Excluding Revaluation Reserves)				6,859.62
7	Earning Per Share(of Rs. 10 Each)				
	Basic :	0.27	0.38	0.08	1.42
	Diluted :	0.27	0.38	0.08	1.42

* Not Annualised
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterely/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterely/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange's websites i.e. 'www.bseindia.com' and also at the website of the Company at www.rathisteels.com.
2. The Company is in business of Manufacturing of M.S. Bars and other products like M.S. Billets, hence only one reportable operating segment as per Ind-AS 108:
3. The company does not expect any long term adverse impact of Covid-19 on its ability to recover the carrying value of assets and meeting its financial obligations.
4. The Company does not have any Exceptional and Extraordinary item to report during the above periods.
5. The Company has not discontinued any of its operations during the above periods.
6. Tax expenses / Provision for Taxation has been made on annual basis only.
7. The figures of previous year / Quarters have been re-arranged/re-grouped wherever felt necessary.

By order of the Board
For RATHI BARS LIMITED
SD/-,
Uddhav Rathi
(Whole Time Director and CFO)
DIN No: 06604905

Place: New Delhi
Date : 14/08/2021

THIRD DEGREE

The upcoming wave of COVID-19 is expected to hit children largely. While many say that we are prepared to tackle the challenge, who knows what spanners the new wave will throw in the works. MUSBA HASHMI speaks with doctors about whether it is too early to claim that we are all set up and ready

Not too long after the deadly second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic ended, the forthcoming third wave became the talk of the town. Several States started prepping up for the equally dangerous, if not more, third wave, which is expected to hit children big time.

However, a matter of discussion is what preparation are we even doing, for who knew the first wave will result in COVID pneumonia in the patients and that the second will become synonymous to oxygen scarcity. Hence, the question remains what does the third wave hold for us, especially the children?

Will there be neurological problems or a whole lot of digestive issues or a totally new set of complications and symptoms? While this may sound too unrealistic, given the continuous mutations of the virus, it can happen sooner than expected.

But, Dr Sumit Gupta, Senior Consultant, Paediatrics, Columbia Asia Hospital, Ghaziabad, has a different take and believes that in the coming days, COVID-19 may start behaving like any other common cold virus.

"In the next few days, COVID-19 may behave like other common cold coronaviruses and mostly young children may be at risk who have not yet been vaccinated or exposed to the virus. Also, there is no concrete evidence yet showing that children with the COVID-19 infection will have severe disease in the third wave. However, in the absence of a vaccine for children, we can protect them by making them aware and asking them to follow all COVID appropriate behaviour. But, this doesn't mean that the rest of us can put our guards down," says Gupta.

The infection, he says, may happen in the form of cold. "Even now, we have been seeing about 15 kids every week with symptoms like cold, fever or chills, shortness of breath and body or muscle ache," says Gupta.

Dr Shuchin Bajaj, Founder-Director, Ujala Cygnus Group of Hospitals, says that the rising number of cases in Kerala continue to be a stress for all of us because that points towards a trend that the third wave may hit us towards the end of August or early September as it has been feared.

"Our only hope is that with the high zero positivity rate already present in North India, and with the increasing pace of vaccinations, we may be spared of a lethal or a very high morbidity wave and we may see a mild wave like in the UK. However, we may see a variety of symptoms including gastrointestinal, conjunctivitis, headache, fatigue, loss of appetite, in addition to the symptoms that we have seen in the previous year. So we should be careful and we should watch out for any such symptoms, especially symptoms like diarrhoea and vomiting," says Bajaj.

Dr Abha, Paediatrician, Sharda Hospital, says that fortunately, children have been relatively less affected so far due to several factors. The most important being the less expression of specific receptors to which this virus binds to the host and also their immune system. "A very small percentage of infected children may develop moderate to severe disease in the third wave. But, if there is a massive increase in the overall numbers of infected individuals, a larger number of children with moderate to severe disease may be seen. It is very difficult to comment on which presentations would predominate in children because so far we have seen variable symptoms and complications in children that include the involvement of gastrointestinal, respiratory and neurological system," she says.

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Another entity known as Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C) may also be seen due to immune dysregulation and some of these cases may also turn severe. "However, the silver lining is that it's a treatable condition with a good outcome, if diagnosed early," Abha tells you.

Dr Nidhi Rawal, Senior Consultant, Paediatric Gastroenterologist, Madhukar Rainbow Children's Hospital, agrees with Abha and says that so far, a lot of varied symptoms were seen in children.

"They can range from mild flu-like illness with fever and cough to severe complications such as MISC. So we as doctors and healthcare providers will have to have a low threshold to evaluate and treat a child for COVID-19, if standardised treatment approach fails," says Rawal.

She adds that children tend to have more digestive tract symptoms such as abdominal pain, bloating, nausea and diarrhoea. "GI symptoms are seen in 20-30 per cent of children and are usually mild but can persist for about three months after the patient has tested negative for COVID. It usually requires supportive care with some diet modification and use of probiotics and most kids recover well," opines Rawal.

In such a scenario, where doctors believe it is not incorrect to look for other treatments if standardised approach fails in the third wave, is it right to say we are all-prepared?

"All efforts are underway to make sure that our children are and will be safe. All major hospitals in the country are putting in place the required infrastructure in case the third wave affects children drastically. We have also set up paediatric intensive care units (PICUs) at our hospital," Gupta tells you.

EXPERIENCE MATTERS

With that being said, it is a no-brainer that the experience of handling the first and second wave will help the healthcare providers fight the virus more effectively.

"We all know that the second wave posed a big challenge and there were many fatalities due to the deadly infection as authorities failed to prepare adequately. We cannot predict the challenges or consequences of third wave clearly but strong measures and the experience of first and second waves will help in avoiding fatalities," says Gupta.

Dr Garima, Paediatrician, Sharda Hospital, too believes that the doctors, during the first and second wave, has learned a lot about COVID-19 illness from our shared experiences in adult medicine. And as for children, various guidelines on the management of COVID are in place.

"The paediatricians have been sensitized and trained on COVID management. We are ready for a more significant number of patients seeking consultations and will work towards educating the parents regarding the illness and warning signs on different platforms, and also arranging more COVID wards for children with more special wards such as high and intensive care units (ICU). high dependency units (HDU)," she tells you.

Rawal says that while the previous experiences of understanding the effects of COVID-19 virus on our body as well as new devised treatment plans will definitely help us managing children and adults in the third wave, but we have to understand that children are affected differently than adults. "Hence, they might require a completely different treatment and guidelines," opines Rawal.

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THESE WILL COME IN HANDY

- Sanitise all the surfaces at home frequently
- Avoid sending your child outdoors unnecessarily
- Maintain a healthy diet. Green and leafy vegetables are a must
- Increase your child's intake of fluids
- Avoid visitors at home
- Parents should make sure they are following COVID appropriate behaviour when out in the public, since they are the ones who can bring the virus home
- In case of a possible COVID-19 symptom, consult the doctor immediately

LACK OF VACCINE BIG CHALLENGE

SARS-CoV-2 virus continues mutating and a new variant that could be worse than Delta can emerge. In such a scenario, there is no vaccine for children yet and this sets alarm bells ringing over their safety during the upcoming third wave. A lot of schools are reopening as parents and the Government are also concerned about the future of children and there is no solid proof, yet that third wave will specifically target children. The lack of vaccine is, of course, a big challenge and schools and colleges can avoid the risk by opting for online classes and ask students to follow all COVID protocols in case they need to come in person. Children in primary classes should ideally stay at home, advises Gupta.

Bajaj agrees with Gupta and mentions that lack of vaccine for children is a red alert. "It goes without saying that vaccine stays important for both adults and children. The reason why many experts are predicting that the third wave will hit children is because of the lack of a vaccine for them. The complications might differ, there can be several mutations, but we need to have a vaccine for the younger population as soon as possible. Several companies, including Pfizer, are conducting vaccine trials on children below the age of 12 and the data will be available by the end of this year, most probably. So, until then, we would like to again emphasize on the fact that masks, sanitiser and social distancing are here to stay, at least for this year, to say the least. Whether the cases are low or high, make sure that you and your children are following COVID appropriate behaviour at all times. With that being said, vaccine or no vaccine, don't put your guards down already," he concludes.

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

Root remains unbeaten on 180 as Poms take 27-run 1st innings lead

PTI ■ LONDON

England captain Joe Root continued his dream run with an artistic 22nd hundred to ensure a morale boosting first innings lead as the second Test against India is poised for an interesting finish in the next couple of days.

Root (180 not out), who scored his second successive hundred of this series, took England from a position of weakness to strength with the first innings total of 391 after India scored 364 in their first essay.

More than the quantum of lead which stands at 27 currently, it is the psychological advantage that England gained after a poor first day which will put them in good stead as their bowlers would go flat out to dismiss the low on confidence Indian middle order cheaply on the fourth day.

En route his 321-ball knock, Root became the first England captain to hit five hundreds in a season and also complete a personal milestone of 9000 Test runs while clinically annihilating the Indian attack which has till now failed to crack the 'Root Code'.

If these records were not enough, he is also now the first English captain with six 150 plus scores, a testimony to his knack of hitting 'Daddy Hundreds'.

His sequence of scores now reads 64, 109, 180* in this series. What makes him more special is the fact that he had made an attack, which otherwise gave a decent account of themselves, look pedestrian with his counter-punches that included 18 boundaries.

Mohammed Siraj (30-7-94-4) had the most number of wickets but bowled too many boundary balls in that first session along with Mohammed Shami (26-3-94-2), who would like to forget this innings in a hurry.

Old workhorse Ishant Sharma (24-4-69-3) once again did his part but at times looked tired in his later spells although the in-cutter that cleaned up Jos Buttler (23) would be any pacer's dream.

But England batting was all about Root and how he controlled the narrative with superb technique and the sublime range of strokes on the off-side.

Unlike India's tour of 2018, Root has now a reduced backfoot trigger movement and the front-foot rather than going across the off-stump moves a shade towards middle-stump. This slight tweak gives more chance of playing the drives through the off-side.

Jonny Bairstow (57 off 107 balls) did help him with a 121 run stand for the fourth wicket as the first session was a virtual nightmare for Indian bowlers.

Root's gameplan actually upset India's strategy as the first hour on third morning produced 54 runs with a flurry off boundaries coming off Siraj and Shami.

Kohli's decision to not start with Ishant or Bumrah first-up didn't help the cause as runs leaked easily in the form of cover and square drives and along with the whip through mid-wicket region.

It did help that the pitch was best for batting on the third day and Root wasn't going to let the chance of making merry go abegging on a sunny Saturday.

As many as 97 and 98 runs were scored in first two sessions, signalling the plight of the Indian bowling attack.

Root started the first session with a square drive off Siraj to reach his third successive fifty plus score in the series.

After a wicketless first session, India did enjoy some good moments when Siraj got Bairstow with a bumper and Ishant bowled Buttler but Moeen Ali was again given loose balls on platter as England closed in on the lead.

From 341 for 5, there was another lower-order slump which had England at 358 for 8 before Root played a flick off Siraj to give his team the lead.

And as if to celebrate, he played a reverse ramp shot off Siraj and then smote over mid-wicket to increase India's miseries.

England's Joe Root celebrates after scoring hundred against India during the third day of the 2nd Test at Lord's AP

BOTTLE CORK THROWN AT KL

A bottle cork was hurled at India's first-innings centurion K L Rahul from the spectators stand during the pre-lunch session while an English fan dressed in India kit entered the field before tea, in two separate incidents on the third day of the second Test.

Rahul, who scored a sublime 129 in the first innings, was seen with an object that looked like a champagne bottle cork during the 69th over, bowled by Shami.

It was after the fourth delivery of Shami's over that Rahul, who was fielding near the boundary ropes, was targeted.

Indian skipper Virat Kohli wasn't pleased with the incident and instructed Rahul to throw it outside.

In another incident which many Indian players found amusing, a burly English fan, with 'Jarvo' printed on the back of his jersey, entered the field of play.

When the security officials intercepted, he pointed at the BCCI logo on his jersey and made gestures of trying to set the field, much to the amusement of Mohammed Siraj, who had a hearty laugh.

The security did get hold of him before he was ejected out of the venue. It couldn't be confirmed whether he was in an inebriated state considering beer is allowed in English and Australian grounds.

Shaw, SKY join Indian team at Lord's

London: Young opener Prithvi Shaw and flamboyant batsman Suryakumar Yadav, who were included in the Test squad for the ongoing England tour, have joined the Indian team at the Lord's. "Prithvi Shaw and Suryakumar Yadav have completed their quarantine period and have joined the team at Lord's," the BCCI's media team stated. **PTI**

Fit-again Iyer lands in Dubai

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's middle-order batsman Shreyas Iyer on Saturday reached Dubai to train and be ready for the upcoming phase two of the Indian Premier League, starting September 19.

Iyer, who led the Delhi Capitals to the title clash in the 2020 season, is making a comeback after nearly five months of intense rehabilitation.

He had undergone a shoulder surgery on April 8 after a horrific on-field injury during an ODI in Pune.

"Yes, Shreyas has already reached Dubai and will start training after completion of all the quarantine protocols," a senior official close to DC said.

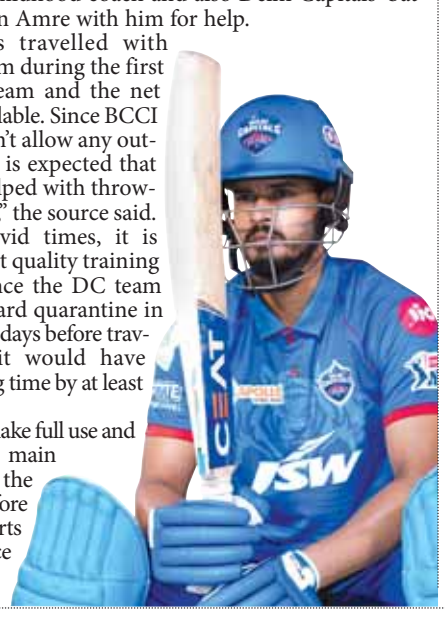
"The Delhi Capitals team is arriving by the end of this month but Shreyas wants to start training and be on level terms by the time he touches base with the squad."

Iyer has his childhood coach and also Delhi Capitals' batting coach Praveen Amre with him for help.

"Praveen has travelled with Shreyas to help him during the first week when the team and the net bowlers aren't available. Since BCCI SOP protocols don't allow any outside net bowler, it is expected that Shreyas will be helped with throwdowns by Praveen," the source said.

"In these Covid times, it is very difficult to get quality training time in India. Since the DC team would be doing hard quarantine in India for five to six days before travelling to UAE, it would have delayed his training time by at least 10 days.

"He can now make full use and integrate into the main squad and train the last three weeks before the tournament starts with DC," the source added.



Ponting backs Aussies for IPL to 'get their groove back'

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Batting legend Ricky Ponting has backed Australian players to feature in the rescheduled Indian Premier League in the UAE, saying it would be an ideal preparation ahead of T20 World Cup in October.

The IPL will squeeze its remaining 31 games between September 19 and October 15 while the T20 World Cup will be held just after that from October 17 to November 14. Both tournaments will be held in the UAE.

"Those guys that haven't played for three or four months now, they need to get back into the groove of playing high-quality cricket against the best players in the world," Ponting was quoted by *cricket.com.au* as telling Australia Test captain Tim Paine in a conversation on *SEN* radio.

"No doubt it's their best preparation to be in those exact conditions, playing in probably the strongest domestic T20 tournament in the world," said Ponting, who will head to Dubai as head coach of IPL side Delhi Capitals.

Fast bowler Pat Cummins, who skipped the West Indies and Bangladesh tours to spend time with his pregnant fiance, is not expected to return to the IPL with his first child due in the middle of the rescheduled tournament.

"For second half of this season it's going to be really tough to get over there," Cummins said in a vlog on his *YouTube* channel.

"We'll see how it plays out but at this stage it might be a bit too hard, but with the World Cup straight after that, I'm hoping to be good to go for that."

Riley Meredith, Dan Christian, Moises Henriques, Mitchell Marsh, Adam Zampa, Andrew Tye and Josh Philippe were all part of the side that toured the Caribbean and Bangladesh, and all hold IPL deals.

Marsh and Philippe had opted out of the first stage of the IPL tournament that was held in India.

Unmukt inks multi-year deal with MLC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India U-19 World Cup-winning captain Unmukt Chand has signed a deal with Silicon Valley Strikers for the 2021 season of the Minor League Cricket (MLC) in USA.

The 28-year-old, who announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on Friday, will make his debut for the Strikers against the Socal Lashings at the Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports Complex in a Toyota Minor League Cricket Championship on Saturday.

Chand has relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area and signed a multi-year agreement with Major League Cricket to support the development of the game in the United States by playing with and mentoring the next generation of American cricketers, according to the league's website.

"I'm delighted to take the next step in my cricket career by being part of the long-term growth of American cricket and the launch of Major League Cricket," said Chand.

Neeraj has fever but tested Covid -ve

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has developed high fever over the past few days after returning to the country to a rousing welcome following his historic feat at the Tokyo Games, but he has tested negative for Covid-19.

The 23-year-old became the toast of the country after he clinched the elusive athletics Gold medal in the Olympics to become only the second Indian to win an individual yellow metal at the Games.

But a couple days after returning home on Monday, he developed high fever and underwent a Covid-19 test on the advice of doctors.

"He has tested negative for Covid-19. But we have put all his engagements on hold for the time being," a source privy to the development said.

The Government felicitated Chopra and all other medallists on Monday, before the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) did the same the next day.

Chopra skipped both the felicitation functions organised by Punjab and Haryana Governments on Thursday and Friday respectively.

It remains to be seen whether he turns up for the felicitation function organised by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Sunday.

Entire country proud of Indian Olympics contingent: Prez Kovind

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday said India's performance in the Tokyo Olympics was outstanding and the entire country is proud of the contingent.

Kovind has hosted a 'high tea' at the Rashtrapati Bhavan cultural centre for the Indian contingent that participated in the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

While interacting with the Indian contingent, the President said the entire country is proud of them for bringing glory to the nation, according to a Rashtrapati Bhavan statement.

This team has won the highest number of medals in the history of our participation in Olympics so far, Kovind said.

Their achievements have inspired the youth to take part in sports, he said, adding that a positive attitude towards sports has also been created among the parents.

The President said India's performance in the Tokyo Olympics was outstanding not only in terms of achievements but also in terms of potential. **PTI**

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
Office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE, Ground Water Division,Sgr.
Gist of e-Tender.
NIT No: -PHE/GWDS 33 of 08/2021 Dated: -08-2021

For and on behalf of lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, e tenders are invited in two cover system with 60 meters depth from registered Water Well Drillers/Contractors as per the details given in tender document.

S.No 1. Name of work :- Construction Of 125mm Dia Machine Drilled Hand Pump Wells At 05 No. Gram Panchayts & 08 No. Community Health Centres In The Jurisdiction Of PHE Division Handwara Of District Kupwara
No. of Hand Pump Wells :- 13 No, **Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs :-** Rs. 42.25 Lacs, **Cost of Tender Document :-** Rs.1000/- **Time of completion :-** 45 Days, **Class of Contract :-** Registered for Drilling 125 mm dia Machine Drilled Hand Pump Wells, **Programme :-** JJM

S.No 2. Name of work :- Construction Of 14 No. 125mm Dia Machine Drilled Hand Pump Wells At Community Health Centres In The Jurisdiction Of PHE Division Handwara Of District Kupwara
No. of Hand Pump Wells :- 14 No, **Est. Cost Rs. in Lacs :-** Rs. 45.50 Lacs, **Cost of Tender Document :-** Rs.1000/- **Time of completion :-** 45 Days, **Class of Contract :-** Registered for Drilling 125 mm dia Machine Drilled Hand Pump Wells, **Programme :-** JJM

Critical Dates / Information.
1. Publishing Date :- 13-08-2021 (02.00PM)
2. Period of Downloading of Bids :- 13-08-2021 (02:00 P.M) to 23-08-2021 (2:00 P.M)
3. Period of Submission of bids :- 13-08-2021 (02:00 P.M) to 23-08-2021 (2:00 P.M)
4. Date of opening of Tender. :- 24-08-2021 at (03:00 P.M)
5. Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer, (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Srinagar Kashmir- 190011.
6. Document Cost : Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt deposited to **Account Head 0215** in favour of Executive Engineer (Jal Shakti) PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar (at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) *(The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)*
7. Bid Validity Period: 180 Days
8. The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on **www.Jktenders.gov.in**
9. The bids of only those agencies shall be accepted who posses valid registration certificate of construction of 125mm dia machine drilled Hand pump wells. However due to Pandemic the renewal Registration for **2021-22** is waived off for a period of 6 months from **01-04-2021 to 30-09-2021.**
10. Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish **"Bid Security Declaration"**, format of the declaration is mentioned in the Bid Document

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division, Srinagar.
No. DIPK-6563/21 Dated: 13-08-2021

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER REW DIVISION REASI
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For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K for the below mentioned works under **Capex(P.R.IB.D.C& D.D.C)** scheme in respect of Block Mahore for the year 2021-22:-

S.No. 1 Name of Work :- Const. of T/road from Sheru Morh to Khalota Peer Mohalla in Pyt. Shikari Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 8.29, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 2 Name of Work :- Const. of T/road via PS lower kalwa Gref road to PMGSY road in Pyt. Mullas Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 7.99, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 3 Name of Work :- Const. of T/road from Chittabass to Jamia Masjid in Pyt. Bathoie-C Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 5.29, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 4 Name of Work :- Const. of Tractor road from Jamllan pull to SouhDalwali Block Mahore in Pyt. Sarh Upp. A Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 1.89, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 5 Name of Work :- Const. of Water Tank at KallaJamlan NHO Atta Mohd in Jamlan Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 0.45, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 6 Name of Work :- Const. of Troad from Gref road Seela to MS Seela in Pyt. Shajroo-B Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 4.29, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 7 Name of Work :- Const. Of R/wall at Bandi NHO Mohd Ayoub in Pyt. Mahore-B Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 1.99, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 8 Name of Work :- Const. of Play ground at HS Tukson Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 0.95, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 9 Name of Work :- Const. of Play ground at HS Tukson Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 0.94, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 10 Name of Work :- Construction of Protection Wall/Development of play Ground at Govt. MS Marakanna in Pyt. Dubri Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 0.89, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 11 Name of Work :- Const. of Mallan Market to Kotewali in Pyt. Bathoie- C. Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 1.44, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 12 Name of Work :- Const. Of P/work at seela NHO Maneer Hussain in Pyt. Shajroo-B Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 2.00, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 13 Name of Work :- Const. of B/Path Pmgsy Rd Bathoi Kalain to HS Bathoie in Pyt. Bathoie- B Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 1.44, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 14 Name of Work :- Construction of Pacca footpath from Suna to Jama Masjid Lower Dubri Ward No 3 in Pyt. Dubri Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 1.00, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 15 Name of Work :- Const. of Tractor Road from Chak Ganjote to Dogian in Pyt. Mahore B. Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 0.95, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 16 Name of Work :- Const. Of Tcomplex at Upper Randi w.no 03 in Pyt. Mulass Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 2.50, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 17 Name of Work :- Construction of PWork at Khalka Bharneli in Bharneli Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 0.49, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 18 Name of Work :- Const. Of P/path from PMGSY road to NHO Bashir Ahmed in Pyt. Shajroo-A Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 2.49, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

S.No. 19 Name of Work :- Const. of tractor road from Lohar Mohalla to Sohab in Pyt. Jamlan Block Mahore and District Reasi (1st Call)
Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 2.99, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

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Adv. Cost (in lacs):- 4.99, Cost of document (in) :- 600, Time Allowed for completion :- 02 month, Time & date of opening of tender :- 26-08-2021, Class of Contractor :- A,B,C & D

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Note:-After opening of the tender, if the rates quoted by the lowest bidder is found to the high and value of work is more than the Adv. Amount he /she is advised to negotiate his/her quoted rates with the department / offer his /her consent within 05 days after opening of the tenders, failing which the work shall be put to fresh tender as no allotment shall be made beyond the Adv. Amount.

Position of funds :- Accorded
Position of AAA :- Accorded

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **http://jktenders.gov.in** as per below schedule :

1. Date of Issue of Tender Notice :- 07-08-2021
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents :- 09-08-2021 to 26-08-2021 upto 1500 Hrs.
3. Bid submission Start Date :- 09-08-2021
4. Bid Submission End Date :- 26-08-2021 up to 1500 Hrs.
5. Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online) in case of holiday on said date, the bid shall be opened on next day. :- 26-08-2021 on or after 1500 Hrs.
6. Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online) (Of only successful technical bidders) :- To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of **name of work duly crediting to J&K Bank Account Number 0029010200002045 (J&K Bank Main Branch Bus Stand Reasi) favouring Executive Engineer REW, Division, Reasi uploading a copy of e challan/receipt. Bid securing declaration form as per format enclosed.** The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of **L1** be submitted to the **Executive Engineer REW, Reasi** at the time of allotment.
2. Bidders can resubmit/withdraw the bids as specified.
3. The bids for the works shall remain **valid for a period of 45 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.**
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a) Any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
b) In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 07 days after fixation of contract.

No:-EE/REWR/T/2021-22/1214-20Dated :- 07-08-2021
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Executive Engineer REW Reasi
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BIGGIES START WITH BANG

Liverpool, Man Utd, Chelsea display Premier League title credentials with dream starts

AFP ■ MANCHESTER/LONDON

Bruno Fernandes celebrates with his Manchester United teammate Paul Pogba after he scores his side's fourth goal against Leeds United on Saturday @ManUtd

Liverpool got their season off to the best possible start as they beat newly-promoted Norwich 3-0 at Carrow Road on Saturday.

An even start to the game saw both sides enjoy spells of possession but it was Liverpool who went closest to scoring as Diogo Jota had his header tipped over the bar by Tim Krul.

The Canaries were clearly up for a fight though and almost got a goal of their own soon after as Teemu Pukki's effort was saved by Allison.

Liverpool pushed forward again however and did get their goal on 26 minutes as Jota pounced on a poor Mohamed Salah touch and poked home.

After the break Jürgen Klopp's men almost doubled their advantage as Sadio Mané went close but had his effort blocked by Ben Gibson.

They did eventually get their second however as Salah squared to Roberto Firmino who tapped into an empty net and then grabbed a third through the Egyptian soon after.

Earlier, Manchester United enjoyed a dream start to the Premier League season as Bruno Fernandes scored a hat-trick in a 5-1 thrashing of Leeds in front of 73,000 at Old Trafford, while Chelsea swept aside Crystal Palace 3-0.

Over 300,000 fans are expected to attend the opening weekend of the season with full crowds restored following the easing of coronavirus restrictions.

United were inspired by a raucous atmosphere as Fernandes and Paul Pogba combined to blow away Marcelo Bielsa's men.

Fernandes walked away with the match ball, but Pogba was just as impressive as the Frenchman produced four assists for the Portuguese's first two goals and second-half strikes from Mason Greenwood and Fred.

"I can't remember the last time that happened," said Solskjaer on Pogba's quartet of assists.

"Paul's got that quality and, when you've got runners willing to make runs and create space for others, it opens up."

Luke Ayling's stunning strike early in the second-half briefly brought Leeds level, but it was another Old Trafford trip to forget for them after also being thrashed 6-2 last season.

"To have lost the way we lost cannot be described as just a blip," said Bielsa.

CHELSEA CRUISE

After seeing United display their title credentials, European champions Chelsea dispatched Palace in Patrick Vieira's first match in charge of the Eagles with ease to make their own case.

Marcos Alonso's free-kick and Christian Pulisic's scuffed finish gave Thomas Tuchel's men a commanding 2-0 lead before half-time.

Centre-back Trevoh Chalobah then marked his Premier League debut with a long-range strike to round off the scoring.

Elsewhere, Rafael Benitez went a long way to quieting his doubters at Everton as the Toffees came from behind to beat Southampton 3-1.

Adam Armstrong's opener on his debut for the Saints saw Benitez's men booed off at half-time at Goodison Park with many of the home fans still unhappy at the appointment of the former Liverpool manager.

Marcos Alonso celebrates after he scores Chelsea's opening goal @ChelseaFC

But the mood was lifted straight after half-time by Richarlison's equaliser before Abdoulaye Doucoure and Dominic Calvert-Lewin ensured Benitez got off to a winning start.

Leicester also secured all three points as Jamie Vardy's deft flick proved the difference in a 1-0 win over Wolves.

The FA Cup winners are once again seen as the biggest threat to the established top four of champions Manchester City, United, Chelsea and Liverpool for a place in the Champions League next season and were worthy winners despite two big missed chances from Adama Traore in Bruno Lage's first game in charge of Wolves.

Life for Aston Villa without Jack Grealish got off to a terrible start as Watford celebrated their return to the top flight with a 3-2 win at Vicarage Road.

Goals from Emmanuel Dennis, Ismaila Sarr and Cucho Hernandez had the Hornets cruising towards victory.

John McGinn pulled a goal back and Danny Ings netted from the penalty spot on his debut, but it was too little, too late for Villa.

Brighton bounced back from conceding inside two minutes at Burnley to win 2-1 at Turf Moor thanks to second-half goals from Neal Maupay and Alexis MacAllister.

Bayern draw Bundesliga season opener at Gladbach

AFP ■ MÖNCHENGLADBACH

Robert Lewandowski equalised as defending champions Bayern Munich were held to a 1-1 draw at Borussia Moenchengladbach in a hard-fought opening game of the new Bundesliga season on Friday.

Gladbach deservedly took the lead when French striker Alassane Plea fired past Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer with just ten minutes gone.

Lewandowski levelled just before the break from a corner, but both sides wasted second-half chances to grab the winner.

Only superb saves from home goalkeeper Yann Sommer repeatedly denied Lewandowski and the Bayern attack.

WINNING START

On Saturday, Marco Rose's Borussia Dortmund tenure got off to an impressive start as his side hammered Eintracht Frankfurt.

Dortmund took the lead midway through the first half, when Erling Haaland raced away from the Frankfurt defence before teeing up Marco Reus to score his 100th Bundesliga goal for the club.

But their lead lasted just a few minutes, with Felix Passlack's challenge on Rafael Santos Borré trickling agonisingly past goalkeeper Gregor Kobel for an unfortunate own goal.

BVB soon went back in front, however. Haaland was again the provider as he set up Thorgan Hazard to fire past Kevin Trapp into the roof of the net.

Provider then turned scorer when Haaland opened his account for the season to make it 3-1 after being one-on-one with Trapp.

The fourth goal did soon come in the second half, when Haaland's effort deflected into the path of Giovanni Reyna to scramble the ball home.

Haaland then bagged his second of the game to make it 5-1 with 20 minutes remaining after being played in by Reyna.

Substitute Jens Petter Hauge scored a late consolation goal on his Frankfurt debut, and 5-2 was how it finished.

Varane joins Man Utd

Manchester: Raphael Varane was paraded as a new Manchester United player ahead of Saturday's Premier League opener against Leeds after signing a four-year contract with the Red Devils on Saturday.

"Manchester United is delighted to announce the signing of Raphael Varane, keeping him at the club until June 2025," United said in a statement.

He was given a huge ovation by the 76,000 crowd inside Old Trafford as he entered the field minutes before kick-off. "Manchester United is one of the most iconic clubs in world football and the chance to come here and play in the Premier League is something I couldn't turn down," said Varane.

"There is a lot more that I want to achieve in my career and I know I'm joining a squad full of great players who will all have the same determination to win matches and trophies." A World Cup winner with France in 2018, Varane won four Champions League and three La Liga titles with Real Madrid during 10 years in the Spanish capital. **AFP**

Vinesh sends apology to WFI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Suspended wrestler Vinesh Phogat has sent her apology to the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), which had barred her from competitions on grounds of indiscipline during the Tokyo Olympics but the parent body may still not allow her to compete in the upcoming World Championship.

Vinesh, who exited from the Tokyo Games following her shock quarterfinal defeat, was suspended by the WFI for not staying and training with her Indian teammates and for sporting the name of her personal sponsor on her singlet instead of the official sponsor of the Indian contingent.

A day after her suspension, Vinesh had revealed her physical and mental struggle during the Games where she did not have the services of her personal physio.

The 26-year-old on Friday replied to the notice sent to her by the WFI.

"WFI has received the reply and Vinesh has apologised," a source, aware of the developments, said. "But it is very much possible that despite apology, she may not still be allowed to travel to the World Championship," the sources added.

The WFI is not pleased with the way private sports NGOs like OGQ and JSW, who sponsor many Indian athletes, are handling the Indian wrestlers as it feels they are 'spoiling' them.

The WFI has said that it will not allow them to interfere in the affairs of the senior wrestlers in future.

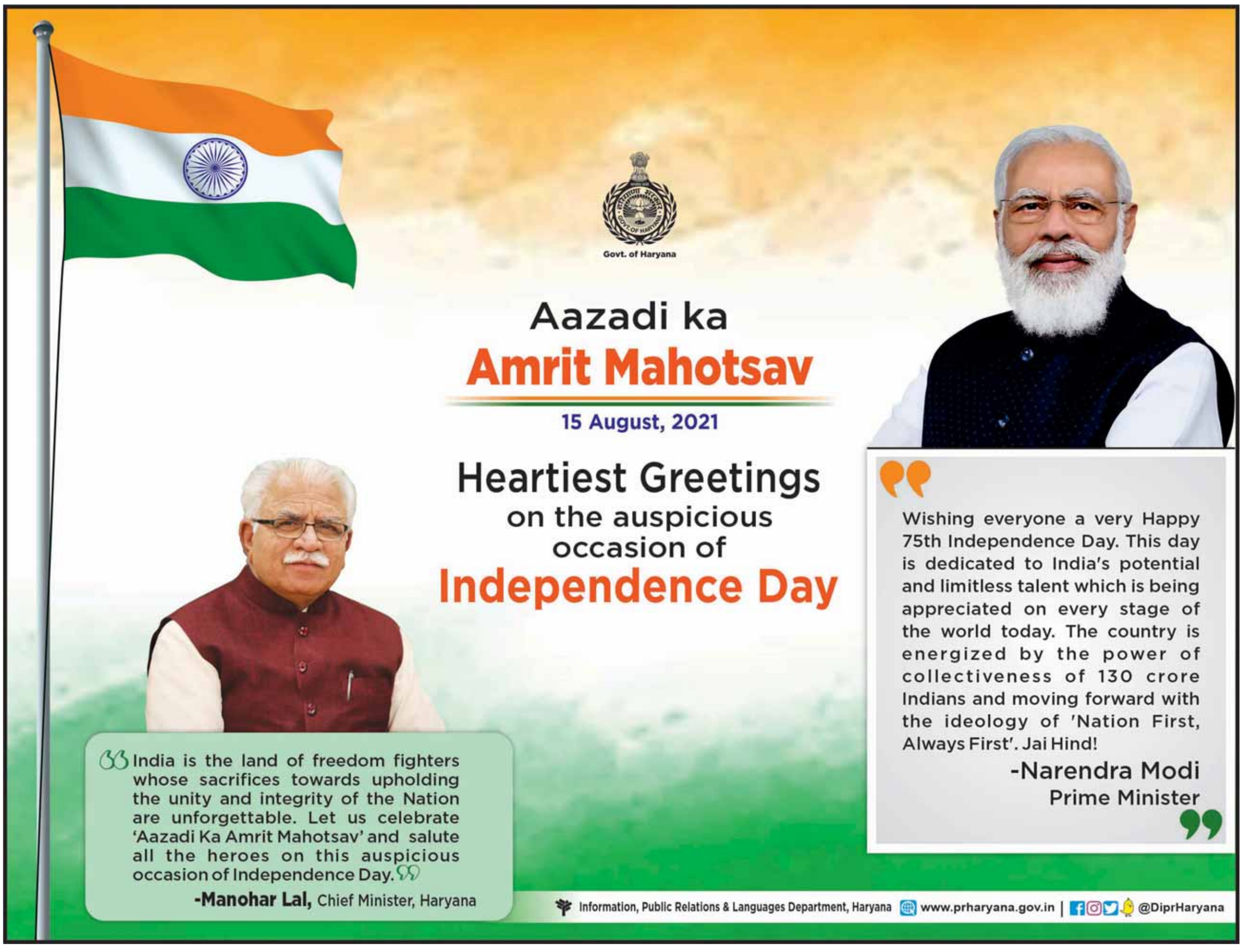
Vinesh is supported by OGQ while Bajrang Punia gets support from JSW.

It has also been learnt that Sonam Malik, who has apologised for her misconduct, may also be barred from appearing in the trials for the World Championship, scheduled to be held in Norway from October 2-10.

The trials are expected to be held in the last week of this month.

The source also added that Divya Kakran, who was also served a notice for misconduct three months back, may also be barred from appearing in the trials. She competes in the 68kg category.

The WFI will decide on the fate of the three wrestlers either on Monday or Tuesday.



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GULSHAN GROVER

The Bad Man of yesteryears, who was last seen in Oye Mamu, *speaks with* Shalini Saksena *about why he chose to do this film, upcoming projects, how the quintessential villain has disappeared and under the new normal OTT is no longer an alternative but is complementary to cinema halls*

'EVERYONE WANTS TO SEE THE RETURN OF BAD MAN'

What is Oye Mamu about?

It is a fun-filled film that has plenty of laugh moments. It ha a quirky sense of humour that I am sure those who have watched it have loved it. It has Ruslaan Mumtaz, Kulraj Randhawa, Brijendra Kala, Asrani, Tiku Talsania and Mohan Kapoor. I had a lot of fun being part of this movie.

How did you come on board for the project?

The producers of the project approached me and offered me the role of a villain; I play Pinky *bhaiyya*. He is one person who is not to be messed with. When you do these kind of roles, you walk a razor's edge. It is a comedy and I play the villain. I had to ensure that I played the goon to the hilt and without missing out on the laughter quotient.

What made you do this comedy film?

When I was approached for the role, I loved the narration of my character. Pinky *bhaiyya* is the bad guy here. However, it is a comedy film. I loved how I had to maintain a straight face and yet be funny and be villainous at the same time. Comedy is a tough genre to tackle. You can really mess it up. We have done our best to make sure that the audience had plenty of laughs. Then there is my look. I had to put on a lot of weight for this role.

Has the quintessential villain has vanished?

Yes, definitely. But there is a reason for this. Today, the quintessential villain no longer exits in real life too. Gone are the days when the villain was totally black. Back then, the hero was white and the villain was all black. He had no shades of grey. Today, the society has changed. The villains of today have shades to them. Just like in real life, even a normal person has shades to his personality. People are no longer absolutely good. Films are a reflection of what the society is. If the yesteryear villain has disappeared how can our films continue to have such a character. If you see, today's films have shades; each character is neither good nor bad. The bad man has disappeared. However, there is an exception. *Sooryavanshi*, sees the return of the bad man.

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You play Usmani in this movie. What's your character like?

Like I said, the movie sees the return of the bad man. People have been waiting for his return for a long time. I play the main opposition to Akshay Kumar's character in the film here. Then there is Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh and Katrina Kaif. It will be interesting film to watch. He doesn't see that what he is doing is wrong. For him, what he is doing is correct.

Has it been tough to reinvent yourself?

Every actor who wants to work in the industry has to change with times. If you can't change, you won't last for very long here. Change is inevitable. Everybody has to change. You can't get stuck in the past and lament about what had happened. You have live in the present and and see how you can remain relevant in the future. This is true not just for people who work in the industry.

How tough has it been to work with all the COVID restrictions?

It has been extremely difficult. The last one-and-a-half-years has been tough for all why just actors. The whole idea of maintaining social distancing and staying safe has take a toll of everyone of us. It has not been easy. There is fear and anxiety among the people the minute they step out. It is difficult to survive under this new normal. But humans are resilient.

Do you think releasing movies on the digital platform is now the normal?

Definitely. I would say that OTT is no longer the alternative. One has to have a mix — that of movies being aired in theatres and those that are releasing in the digital space. From here on, it has to be a combination of both. Earlier,, people released movies on the OTT because they felt it was a good option. Today, it is a necessity. In the future as well, digital space and cinema halls will have to work hand-in-hand. But now Akshay Kumar's *Bell Bottom* is releasing in theatres later this week (August 19). I am sure that people will return to cinemas to watch this one.

What next?

Besides *Sooryavanshi*, there are a couple of projects. There is *Indian 2* with Kamal Hasan. There are a few more but it is too early to talk about them.

Bolly World

Toughly trained

Actor Pranay Pachauri plays the role of rifleman Yashpaul Sharma, the youngest member of Captain Vikram Batra's team, in the biopic *Shershaah* released recently. The actor recalls training with NSG commandos for the film.

The actor marked his acting debut in the digital space with *Time Out* and went on to do *Tere liye bro, Trip 2, Tathaastu,* and many other web series.

Talking about bagging the role in *Shershaah,* Pranay said: "Well it was pretty much an audition that bagged me the role. I got a call from Jogi, the casting director, he wanted me to audition for the role of Yashpaul Sharma. Two weeks later I was locked for the role."

Pranay and other actors got their training from actual Army officers for the film. Talking about the intense training, he said, "We had to shoot at 12,000-13,000 feet in Kargil and for that, we had to be mentally and physically fit. We were trained for a month with NSG commandos, so you can understand the level at which we were trained, from 4 am to 9 am we were at it, working on our physical strength to our mental strength." *IANS*

'I miss performing on I-Day events'

Actress Mahika Sharma says she misses performing on Independence Day event celebrations as the day has become like just another holiday.

She says: "Due to COVID-19 restrictions since last year there are no events happening. And it has resulted in no bookings for the dance performances. I am now missing my dance performances and stage shows. Since my school days I used to perform and later I started doing it professionally. It was a source of earning for many celebrities."

The actress, known for featuring in shows like *Ramayana, Police Factory* and *F.I.R,* says today the day is nothing more than a holiday. "Today the day is marked as just one of the holidays. We have become busy with our work lives, August 15 is merely seen as another holiday. Some people plan a vacation trip, while other people may have lined up some pending work to finish on this day." *IANS*

Masterstroke

Not everyone has the luxury to have a designated room for every requirement. If you have a spare room it can be converted into a multipurpose room i.e. if you'd love a den for lounging but also need a home office, you can have both in the same space. Wondering how to make it work? Here are a few tips.

Make use of all the four walls in a room: One wall for the TV panel which can also be a combination of TV panel and study, one wall for bar counter or stand alone wall mounted unit with an in built fridge. One wall for a comfortable couch that is opposite to the TV panel and one for loose sitting i.e chairs, been bag or ottomans.

Coffee table with storage: Don't forget to include a coffee table which doubles up as a casual dining table and a storage unit at the same time. A space where you can have your drinks and snacks on and at the same time store everything in it will save you a lot of time and energy.

— Interior Designer Amardeep Gulri, Deco-arte

NatureTalk

English Ivy look pretty and while it may look that it is an easy plant to look after, it is not the case. Like any other plant, this plant too will rot and its leaves will turn brown if you over water them. Before you water it, check the soil. If it is moist, don't water it. Make sure that the soil is loose and is kept in a well-drained pot.

The plant grows in bright light but it is away from direct sunlight. It is a beautiful plant that can be kept inside the home; potting it is a hanging basket is an excellent way to to enjoy the beauty of this plant.

Call for celebration

To celebrate the spirit of Independence Day, here is a list of five local seasonal foods that help boost immunity

This Independence Day, let's take advantage of these local seasonal foods to revitalise our body and our daily routine as recommended by celebrity nutritionist and #vocalforlocal advocate Rujuta Diwekar in her latest audiobook titled *Eating in the Age of Dieting* available on Audible.in.

MANGO

According to the nutritionist, this seasonal delicacy and king of fruits rides the summer-monsoon waves. Apart from just being great in taste, soaking mangoes in water for a good 20 to 30 minutes make them a quick and effective cleanser of the entire system.

In her own words Rujuta says "to look like a queen you will need to keep good company of this king of fruits."

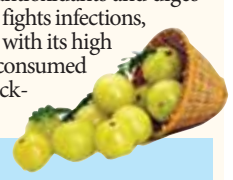
CASHEW APPLE

"Five times richer in Vitamin C than an orange", says Diwekar in her latest audiobook. Cashew Apple is a summer conical fruit that makes for the "perfect tangy drink with just a single bite". Being rich in carbohydrates, this fruit has excellent antitumor and antimicrobial properties - that's exactly why even the global food giants are interested in it.

GAJAR HALWA

Loved by everyone, this staple dessert usually finds its way to every celebration due to its gooey goodness. Overloaded with flavours, *Gajar halwa* is never really considered good for one's health. But Diwekar busts this common myth around this seasonal delicacy and states, "*Gajar halwa,* that is cooked with love, warmth and joy in your kitchen can be and in fact, always is 100 times healthier than cereals".

AMLA



"Amla ka dose har roze" says Diwekar. Being the answer to flaky scalps, scaly skin and ailing the body to restore moisture; Amla, "The Wonder fruit" is a great fix to several issues. Its iron, magnesium and vitamin B soothes the nerves during winter and is key to counter ageing with its phytonutrients, antioxidants and digestive enzymes. The king of winter fights infections, and even headaches or dizziness with its high levels of vitamin C. Amla can be consumed as is or had as chyavanprash, pickle, sharbat or even *murabba*.

TILGUL

This is a winter delicacy, with essential fatty acids to "add *char chand* on to the celebrations" yet can be eaten year round. *Til* is the richest non-dairy source of calcium and is also rich in essential fats, copper, magnesium and zinc. A perfect answer for painful joints with its unique taste and nutritional properties. That's exactly why food containing til should be consumed. It has all it takes to keep your bones, tendons, joints and ligaments well-nourished, lubricated, supple and pain-free."

FREEDOM OVER EVERYTHING

It's 2021 and an increasing number of millennials in India are uninhibited about expressing themselves and what they want when it comes to their lives and love. As a serious dating app that truly understands what millennials want, users on OkCupid have also been upfront about their views around the various nuances of freedom. An advocate of finding one's own kind of love, OkCupid has always been a platform where users can openly express themselves and their beliefs, thoughts, feelings and quirks while they search for matches that share the same values. On the occasion of India's 75th anniversary of Independence from foreign rule, OkCupid sheds light on what Indian millennials feel about freedom, how they choose to express it, and its importance in their lives.

OkCupid asked its users what they find most liberating and data collected based on users' responses to in-app questions suggests that 39% users find financial freedom to be the most liberating, closely followed by 'Travel' (30%), 'Sexuality' (22%) and Art (9%). Clearly, millennials value the freedom and liberty to share their views with 73% users agreeing that they are independent individuals - who think, speak, and support themselves on their own. When posed with a choice between 'Freedom' and 'Money', 65% users opted for more freedom, while 35% chose money, indicating that while most millennials value their own independence, some rank money over the former. When it comes to matters of the heart and financial independence in a relationship, 68% users strongly believe in allowing their partners their freedom in a relationship and 73% of users also want their own independent bank accounts to enjoy their financial freedom in a long-term relationship, as per responses to questions on the app. This is as opposed to 27% users who would not mind having a joint bank account with their partner.

To further understand how OkCupid's users view freedom in different aspects of their lives, and how these beliefs can impact their search for love, the platform also posed the following questions for its millennial daters:

Freedom of Press is: Important or not important

Millennials have always been viewed as the Leaders of Change in India - always at the forefront of social and political activism, actively advocating to bring about positive change in our nation. To support this, OkCupid found that 90% of users on the app feel 'Freedom of Press' is important.

Do you believe that there should be laws to explicitly protect freedom of religion?

Being a generation that believes in 'Live and Let Live', Indian millennials have also been vocal about matters of religious freedom where 76% of users said that there should be laws to explicitly protect the same.

What's more important — Freedom or Safety?

In a close call for this question, 58% users opted for 'Freedom' while 42% opted for 'Safety' indicating that the scale may tip either way, but a majority of millennials would still prefer to have their freedom over worrying about concerns for their safety.

Should Freedom of speech allow the expression of all viewpoints, even extreme and widely-offensive ones?

Being a generation that is known for speaking their mind unabashedly and unapologetically, 58% users answered 'Yes' to the question, with 42% users opting for 'No' as the answer.

JAHNAVI DHANRAJGIR, who made her digital debut with Broken But Beautiful, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about how she came on board for the project

'I just want to do some great work'

❖ **What is Broken But Beautiful about?**

The series is the story of gloom, unrequited love and heart break and much more. All the things here are relatable. These are things that we see in our day-to-day life and relationships. This is a lovely story about all these things.

❖ **With the change in content, has it ushered in different kind of movies?**

I definitely think so. But it is not just the young audience; it is the viewers in general that has become exposed to different kind of cinema and shows. With OTT coming in the picture, I really love seeing the different characters and the kind of stories being explored and there is room for so much new and exciting things today. I am happy that I am part of this industry in terms of work that is being done now.

❖ **What is your role here and why did you agree for this project?**

I play Sakshi and second lead who comes into Agastya's life. She comes in when he is going through some tough times. She helps him through this phase in his life. Sakshi is a very grounded character and deals with each situation with a lot of maturity. This is what attracted me to this role. She is so different from what has been seen or heard about. It was nice to step into her shoes and walk with her; it is fresh take on a role. I also took it up because I thought it would be a good challenge to essay her given the fact that she goes through so many things in her life.

❖ **How did acting happen?**

I did my major in editing; it was something that I had decided to pursue when I was 15. At the same time, acting was very much a part of my life. I started acting when I was three. It was what I did on the side lines. But I took up professional much later. I did it because I wanted no regrets in life.

❖ **How did you end up assistant editor?**

Media studies was part of my curriculum and learnt editing and loved the entire process. This is where all the magic happens. I got my internship for *Gunday*. Before this, I was in New Zealand as a trainee assistant editor. Here I got my job for the movie and I worked as assistant editor for three years.Then I got *Sultan*.

❖ **Where does your forte lie?**

I love editing and being an actor. Right now, I am concentrating on acting. I can only hope that I get some good work.

❖ **What are your future plans?**

I am in talks for a few projects but it is too soon to talk about them. I just look forward to some good work.

Sound of music

Music is the best medicine. Here are the top 10 songs of the week that will lift your weekend mood

BOLLYWOOD VIBES

Jab Tak (Armaan Malik)
O'Meri Laila (Atif Aslam)
Is Qadar (Tulsi Kumar)
Main Teri Ho Gayi (Millind Gaba)
Tere Bin (Rahat Fateh Ali Khan, Asees Kaur, Tanishk Bagchi)

ENGLISH VINGLISH

Yummy (Justin Bieber)
Save Your Tears (Ariana Grande)
The Box (Roddy Ricch)
Watermelon Sugar (Harry Styles)
Ride It (DJ Regard)

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I can't eradicate poverty, but at least for the people around me, I can help make sure no child is denied a dream
— Priyanka Chopra

FROM THE INSIDE

Meditation helps
Meditation does not eliminate the problems of life, but it makes us look at them from a fresh perspective 2

4 **Existences are interconnected**
All that exists in this Universe, including humans, is nothing but manifestation of nature driven energies, all rooted to a singularity

BORN TO LEAD

Narcissus or Machiavelli? NISHANT UPPAL decodes the leadership styles of imminent Indian prime ministers and discusses policy implications

If Nehru and Modi were contemporaries, who would have more Twitter followers and whose posts would be retweeted a greater number of times? Despite evident dispositional and temperamental differences, what could have been the commonalities among Manmohan Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, and Narendra Modi that made them retain premiership for more than a term. How androgynous Indira would have to be to lead a male dominant team and principally a patriarchal nation? Besides many other reasons, was the attributive inconsistency between India Shining Campaign and Atal Bihari Vajpayee's personality an inconspicuous cause of electoral failure? Why have we forgotten Narsimha Rao despite the radical changes brought to the economy by his government?

According to the late Fred I. Greenstein, professor of Politics at Princeton University and an American political scientist, known for his work on political leadership and the U.S. presidency, "political institutions and processes operate through human agency. The personalities (therefore) of political actors impinge on political affairs in countless ways, often with great consequences.". Correspondingly, numerous researches in past have accurately forecasted effects of leadership styles of various political heads on national policy outcomes and choices. For example, in his seminal research paper titled, "Things I've learned about personality from studying political leaders at a distance on Iraq", D. G. Winter predicted that Bush, in foreign affairs, would endorse more aggressive policies, depending particularly on whether the "hawk" or "dove" faction of his foreign policy advisors came to have the most influence over him. Validly enough, US invaded Iraq.

Beyond US, predictive studies have examined leadership styles of Mugabe (Zimbabwe) and Saddam Hussain (Iraq) and forecasted validly the policy outcomes. An interesting instance emerged about how despotic leadership births or forces sycophantism among followers when Mugabe was declared as the winner of a lottery run by state-operated bank that was open for all its investors for maintaining certain daily balance. Fallot Chawawa, Master of Ceremonies, could hardly "believe his eyes". Why then no such studies are found in Indian context?

Several challenges lay ahead such investigation. Political leaders are physically and socially distant and often unavailable for controlled laboratory-based experimental research. It will be surprising to see Modi or Rahul Gandhi responding to a questionnaire sent by a psychologist without being scrutinised by their vigilant team. Besides such bold and investigative scholarly endeavour requires an unbiased theoretical apparatus that can produce valid and reliable outcomes.

In my book, *Narcissus or Machiavelli?: Learning Leadership from Indian Prime Ministers*, as the name suggests I used Narcissism and Machiavellism as personality traits that are two universal representatives of political leadership styles. Several political leaders ranging from Barrack Obama to Vladimir Putin have been put through these theoretical apparatuses to predict some very valuable and reliable results. Since, political leaders are usually unavailable as respondents for direct experimental researches, in the book, I adopted historiometric approach. Historiometric analysis utilises historiophoty (the representation of history and our thought about it in visual images and filmic discourse) and historiography (the representation of history in verbal images and written discourse) to examine the truth and accuracy presumed to govern the professional (or unprofessional social media governed) practice of psychographic profiling of the subjects in question.

Yet another startling and unresolvable challenge lies before such scholarly industry. These investigations oftentimes produce results and reveal insights which may pose existential threat to certain type of political leaders. It may lessen the ignorance of masses whose unawareness or innocence frequently cause escalations of undeserving (sometimes despotic) individuals to leadership positions. Prospective and contemporary leaders with despotic or demagogic tendencies will naturally distaste and possibly disrupt such investigations. Unlike Nasr Abu Zeid and Mehtab Channa, not many of us are prepared to undergo insufferable exiles and labeled as apostate. This systematic risk in such intellectual pursuit is unavoidable and yet extremely meaningful specially in liberal democracy such as India. Notwithstanding corollary threats, in my book, I investigate leadership styles of imminent Indian prime ministers and showcase policy implications. The study used comparable parameters to reveal several interesting findings. Indicative few are provided below.

AMBITION

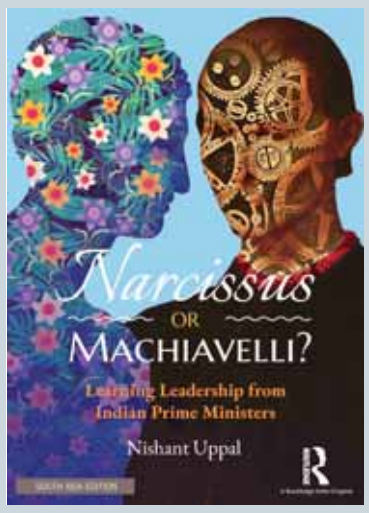
Political ambition for positions of power serves as a clear indicator of several leadership behaviors and subsequent policy decisions. While, Singh's ascent to the position of prime minister was not a result of his personal aspirations or ambitions but a matter of appointment, Rajiv Gandhi ascension was not a very dissimilar case. Both remained aloof and dispassionate about their positions, and uniquely and surprisingly took intermittent vacations. While Rajiv Gandhi towards the end of his tenure showed confidence and boldness and utilised his position to advance some of the most radical decisions with far reaching consequences, Manmohan Singh remained resolutely reluctant.

Whereas, Rao represents the Machiavellian ability to harbor the hope for positions of power but never come out as explicitly ambitious, several instances indicate Nehru's, Indira's Desai's and Modi's political ambitions. Political ambitions have invariably prompted the leaders to adapt desperate measures to sustain the position leading to power indigestion.

MENTOR-PROTEGE RELATIONS

Mentors in addition to serve as ideological guides often shape their protégé's public perception. The Protégé frequently therefore chose their mentors prudently.

Some of the most prominent mentor-protege relationships are Gandhi-Nehru, Nehru-Shastri, Nehru-Indira, Ramanand Tirtha-Rao, and Vajpayee-many. The relationship between Vajpayee-RSS and Modi-RSS can also be seen within a similar framework. The Nehru-Gandhi duo largely had a symbiotic relationship, although there were rare yet circumstantial and ideological dissents. Nonetheless, duo never openly showed signs of departure publicly.



PRIME MINISTERS CAN BE COMPARED BY OBSERVING WHETHER THE DECISION MAKING IS DONE UNILATERALLY, WHETHER DELEGATION OF DUTIES TAKES PLACE APPROPRIATELY, AND WHETHER THE GENERAL STYLE OF ADMINISTRATION IS COLLABORATIVE OR INDIVIDUALISTIC. WHILE, CONSENSUS IS KEY TO ADMINISTRATIVE POST OF PRIME MINISTER, INDIVIDUALISM HAS FOUND ITS WAYS IN SEVERAL KEY DECISIONS THAT WERE TAKEN WITH MINIMAL CONSENT AND AMID VEHEMENT DISSENTS

Similarly, while during his lifetime Nehru acted fervently as mentor to Shastri, Shastri later departed from several Nehruvian principles and established his individual identity. Nehru-Indira mentorship relation was too not an exception where protégé systematically and evidently departed from ideology of the mentor to more contemporarily suited doctrines. Such departure was never so evident or vivid in case of Vajpayee-RSS and Modi-RSS duos. Both toyed with association smartly and contextually. While, there are signs of submission to senior leadership in Manmohan Singh-Sonia Gandhi duo, we may not confidently see it as mentor-protégé relationship due to demonstrable ideologically stark differences.

STYLE OF ADMINISTRATION

Singh's accidental escalation had brought a naïve smile on several laymen's faces in India. As a person of outstanding scholarly record, strong academic inclination, and international reputation, he was supposed to bring great many changes in right directions. Although, his timidity and reluctance were widely acknowledged, history had shown a transition of a *Gungi Gudiya* into fervent Durga. Homeostasis nonetheless won over the situational requirements for agility.

Prime Ministers can be compared by observing whether the decision making is done unilaterally, whether delegation of duties takes place appropriately, and whether the general style of administration is collaborative or individualistic. While, consensus is key to administrative post of Prime Minister, individualism has found its ways in several key decisions that were taken with minimal consent and amid vehement dissents. Nehru administrative style showcases most confusing evidences. His style evolved quickly to suit the contemporary needs. Till his principal freedom-fighter associates were active or alive, Nehru was seen as collaborative leader. However, later he pushed several decisions and agendas (Hindu code bill, foreign relations, Panchsheel agreement to quote a few) independently against popular vote. Such evolutionary instances can be seen in administrative styles of Indira and Rajiv as well where a movement from collectivism to individualism is apparent. Contradictorily, such instances are rarely observed in Vajpayee, Rao, Singh, or Shastri. Possibly, limited time in position, tumultuous coalitions, political and economic instability never allowed them to flex their muscle.

Modi enjoys clear majority and can chose his cabinet ministers more independently than any of his past parallels. It is currently complicated to decipher if the consenting and submissive ministers are chosen a priori or he has godly charisma and prudence to gain consensus easily. We shall see with time.

ULTRA-NATIONALISM

Nationalism is an essential feeling which psychologically as well as sociologically consolidates the collective identity of a nation. National leaders strive and consciously espouse an identity as isomorphic as possible to national identity. At artefact level, it will look terribly awkward if a female national leader is found in modern midi gown in public or on a foreign official visit (or rarely a male political and village leader —*Pradhan* — is seen in formal office blazer and tie). Therefore, national leaders' speeches, attire, and even body gestures are carefully trained to match national (current or desired) identity. Sometimes, to an astronomical extent, fashion experts advise on wearing self-named embroidered suit on foreign visits. These are just trivial examples to showcase the importance of trained isomorphic identity of nation and its leaders.

Nehru, Indira, and Modi are the three prime ministers that stand out in this aspect. Their successes and failures are considered, either through propaganda or genuine efforts, as the successes or failures of the nation (and vice versa). Whether a victory and medal in Olympic or nation's successful military expedition, all are attributed to these Prime Ministers.

While such isomorphic identity is often useful for nation's image, nationalism must not be misconstrued for ultra-nationalism that fascist leaders may deploy as a tool to divide the community into us and them, although the nationalism differs from ultra-nationalism only by a thin line. India's integration has been attributed to systematic and constitutional tolerance, unlike some of our instable neighbours who changed their political philosophy and suffered dreadful civil rights and degenerative dissolutions.

IMAGE CONSCIOUSNESS

Noticeably, Nehru had jacket and *Chacha*ship, Indira was branded Durga and Priyadarshini, Modi has Moditva and Modinomics, others seem to have largely missed the articulate symbolisation.

Nehru's exterior in the visual archives is that of a sharply dressed, well-groomed man, though his choice of clothes evolved across time from freedom struggler to Prime Minister. The same can be said for Indira and Modi who have been seen to constantly fashioning themselves according to the context. Modi changed his appearance and grew a flowing beard and long hair during the Kolkata assembly election campaign. Popular media compared it with Rabindranath Tagore.

While to some extent (not equivalent to previous three) Rajiv Gandhi and Vajpayee both contextualised exteriors, despite the most pivotal and unprecedented changes that were brought in his regime, Rao did not claim complete credit or capitalise on it to enhance his individual public stature.

Freedom is a tricky concept as it allows the entity to sway and be swayed. While, Nehru and Shastri believed in freedom of the press and were not vehemently opposed to criticism from the media, allegedly Indira, Modi, and Rajiv went out of their way to curb the press autonomy. Satirical jokes and cartoons were banned during emergency and now they are excessively scrutinised by government agencies and vigilantes. Rao and Singh also never took any aggressive stand against media and often self-admittedly chose not to react to personal critical attacks and preferred to stay silent.

To sum it up, liberal democracy as a most inclusive form of governance requires leaders with democratic ideals such as collectivism, tolerance, and integrity. While democracy allows for fair selection or rejection of leaders, often it births disbalances created by craft scoundrels and spell-binders with superior quality who deploy demagogic and propagandist approaches to curry favours. Therefore, whereas the deviations are possible, the constitutional checks are implanted to ensure healthy displacements. And interestingly the true democratic leaders themselves create those checks by promoting healthy dissent in their governments. Power and authority are not synonymous in democracy.

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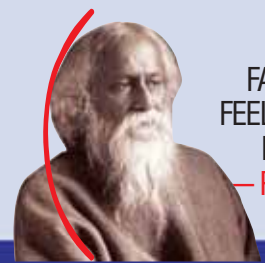

FAITH IS THE BIRD THAT FEELS THE LIGHT WHEN THE DAWN IS STILL DARK
— RABINDRANATH TAGORE

MEDITATION HELPS

Meditation does not eliminate the problems of life, but it makes us look at them from a fresh perspective, writes SANT RAJINDER SINGH

People try a variety of means to escape the pains and disappointments of life. Some try to find happiness by visiting places of entertainment or through engaging in sensual pleasures. Many turn to drugs or alcohol. All these means of escape may provide some momentary or temporary happiness, but they are not cures. We still must return to face the problems of life. Some of these means of escape are even addictive or harmful. In this age of scientific advances, we begin to wonder if there is a way to find lasting happiness in this world. Is fulfilment possible, or is it only a dream?

If we read the writings of saints and mystics through the ages, we find that they discovered that true happiness and peace lies within ourselves. In the past few decades we find more people coming to the same conclusion as did the saints and mystics of the past. People are exploring meditation as a means to find peace and happiness within themselves. Studies in the field of science are confirming that meditation can improve our physical and mental well-being. Besides having a positive effect on our body and mind, it also helps us develop spiritually. Thus, meditation can help us in the physical, mental, and spiritual spheres of our lives.

Doctors and specialists are prescribing meditation as a treatment for a number of stress-related ailments, such as heart disease, breathing difficulties, and stomach problems. Many hospitals and medical centers have begun to offer courses in meditation to help their patients improve their health. Meditation helps the body in several ways. First, it puts us into a relaxed state. While in meditation we forget the body. Our limbs and body become totally relaxed. While fully concentrated in meditation, we even lose awareness of any pain or discomfort in our body. The more time we spend in meditation, the more time our body remains relaxed. It is said that one hour of complete concentration in meditation is equal to four hours of sleep. Thus in our busy life, putting in time for meditation has the effect of several hours rest. We come out of the meditation with renewed strength and vitality.

Meditation is also being used to reduce a variety of problems that affect people mentally and emotionally. We find that people have a host of problems dealing with their interpersonal relationships. They are troubled by anxiety, depression, anger, fear, lack of self-esteem, and a variety of emotional conditions. A large segment of the population takes alcohol and drugs to alleviate their mental and emotional pain. Meditation provides a solution that is safe, effective, and lasting.

In meditation, we come in contact with a divine power. This power manifests itself as a loving light. When we contact this light within ourselves, we experience a profound peace, bliss, and happiness. We are permeated with a divine love that engulfs and fulfils us. There is so much joy within us that we do not want to leave that state. The beauty of meditation is that intoxication remains with us even after we resume our daily activities.

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Meditation does not eliminate the problems of life, but we look at them from a new perspective. The problems begin to dissipate as vaporous bubbles. We carry this inner ecstasy with us and can tap into it anytime we wish. This inner bliss helps us to become oblivious to our pains and sorrows. We realise there is more to life than this physical world. When we realise that our life in this world is but a temporary stay, and that there is a life beyond, a higher reality, the problems of life do not seem to affect as much. We recognise that the little idiosyncrasies of other people, the difficulties that bother us in our jobs, homes, or neighbourhoods, are as passing storms, and we know that there is a realm of blue, clear skies filled with radiant Light shining above the clouds.

On another level, meditation helps us to Increase our powers of concentration and our efficiency in our mundane spheres. By regularly practicing meditation, we become used to controlling our attention. We then can direct our attention to focus on anything we wish, such as our studies, our careers, our sports, our art, or in solving problems. We become used to focusing on one thing at a time. This concentrated effort helps us excel in any area we choose. Thus, besides the physical and mental benefits of meditation, our circumstances improve due to the increased success we gain in our life.

Traditionally, meditation has been the means by which people developed themselves spiritually. Whether it is called concentration, inversion, prayer, or meditation, each religion and philosophy speaks of it as a way to gain knowledge of our soul and of the divine Power within us.

For ages, humanity has wondered about questions such as who we are, from where did we come, to where do we go when we die, and is there God. Both science and religion has sought to answer these questions. The process of meditation is one that gives us an experiential knowledge of the Beyond and answers to these questions.

Meditation helps us attain inner peace. When our soul contacts the Light beyond, we are filled with a total tranquillity and fulfilment. We become at peace with ourselves and are not bothered by problems around us. This peace radiates to all who come in contact with us. Thus, we become a source of joy and inspiration for others, whether it is our family members, our friends and relations, our co-workers, our society, or the world.

One of the benefits of achieving inner peace is that it contributes to outer peace in the world. When we rise above our physical body and experience ourselves as soul, we also see that all other beings are also souls. We see that the same Light that is within us is within everyone else. We start to realise that we are all souls, all part of God. We are all members of one family. When we see our essential unity, we begin to develop love for all. When we love others as if they were members of our own family, we feel a desire to help them. We do not want to see anyone in pain. Thus, we become nonviolent and peaceful. We care about all living things and our environment. We begin to have a positive influence on others in our environment.

If each person attained inner peace through meditation and developed love for all, it would not be long before peace prevailed on our planet. We would live in unity and harmony with each other. In this way, our personal attainment of peace and happiness would contribute to a golden age of peace and happiness on earth.

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HIDDENSOULS
PRAMOD PATHAK

Reinventing India at 75

Independent India is 75. Our tryst with destiny has reached an important milestone. We have celebrated this with a till now best medal tally in the Olympics. And the Gold in Athletics caps it. Amrit Mahotsav, then, has well begun. But the path ahead calls for some rethinking. And sports can offer some valuable lessons. We need to develop sportsman spirit in public life. Learning to work together and gel as a team is something we still find difficult. We need to perform to the best of our ability with the purest of intentions. A lesson that people in politics need to learn. Winning is important but playing fairly is more important. Winning should be an objective but not winning at all costs. There was a time when India was a rich and prosperous civilisation. A world leader in many respects. It was a knowledge society with global centres of excellence like Takshila and Nalanda. We were into global business much before the fancy jargon globalisation was coined. We had the world's first democracy, in Licchavi of Vaishali. Ancient India was a marvel. Where did we go wrong? As we prepare to celebrate the yearlong Amrit Mahotsav, we need to ponder why we faltered. The golden bird lost its shine in the medieval. We need to think why? Our sports persons have done us proud, and the credit goes only to them. What about the rest? Are we playing our game fairly? The question needs to be answered. Finding India's place in the world order is not only about coining slogans or taking credit. Loquaciousness is something we are known for. But talking big doesn't give results. Doing big should be on agenda. It's amazing what you can achieve if you don't care who gets the credit. But we are typically concerned about the credit. Let this be a year of introspection to find what we have done rather than pointing out how others have fared. India has the potential to be the world leader it was. Only we need that same character that we had. Every Indian has to play a role in nation building but for that, his involvement has to be ensured. That is where democracies are important. A system where every citizen thinks he is a part. A democracy is not just about people talking. It is more about governments listening. This motivates people to contribute their best. If a citizen is feels insecure his involvement in nation building will be half-hearted. Over the years we have seen a trust deficit society, low on camaraderie. It reminds of the British days when any disagreement with government was disaffection. As we await Ram temple at Ayodhya let's remember what Lord Ram stood for. The comment of an ordinary citizen made Him send his wife to exile because he thought it was demand of *Raj Dharma*. To take India to the same old glorious heights of Ram *Rajya* days we must first build a values driven society, based on ethical principles rather than personal convenience. A society where right, and not might rules. A society which not only glorifies the victorious but also respects the vanquished. That is the kind of culture we need to build if we want India to be *Vishwa Guru*. To quote Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of modern Olympic games: "Important thing in Olympics is not to win but to take part, the essential thing is not to have conquered but fought well."

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Beat that unwanted feel

A few changes in your attitude and effort to reach out is what you need to win hearts and make friends, says ANAMIKA YADUVANSHI

Whether your beliefs are true or not, thinking that nobody likes you can feel incredibly lonely and frustrating. To get to the root, you have to find the reason behind it and fix it for all times to come. It could be reflecting upon your behaviour. Making a few changes in your attitude is what you need to do to win hearts. Here are few tips:

- **Focus on the right people:** The hard truth of life is that cannot gel with everyone around us. We may have conflict of interests, opinions or personality may be entirely different. If we focus our energy on them, we may feel depressed and anxious. Try to be in the company of right people, those who make you feel energised, happy and support you. Stick to those you make you feel special when you are with them.
- **Avoid judging others:** It's natural to judge others as our brain is wired that way. However, being judgmental is different. You could be judgmental if you: assume that your assessments of other people are always correct,rather than tentative; Make strong negative judgments about others based on little information; Expect others to do things as per your social values and morals and Make moral judgments about the person than about their behaviour.
- **Demonstrate Empathy and respect:** If you want people to like you, you must understand what they go through. Be empathetic towards those who are having a tough time. They may be misbehaving because something terrible is happening in their lives. Being empathetic builds trust and support in a relationship. People feel loved and respected when they are understood and they do start liking you and you have a made a loyal acquaintance by showing genuine empathy and respect for the other person.
- **Do kind things to other people:** When we are kind to others, we are able to connect with them on a deeper level. Showing kindness can actually pave way to building meaningful relationships as kindness means doing a nice act of help and comforting others. You show your interest in others by being kind and there are strong possibilities that the other person will start liking you .
- **Be the one to take initiative:** If you have found the right kind of people whom you like and wish to be friends with, don't wait for them to come to you. Instead, you take the lead and express your fondness towards them through your actions and gestures.
- **Practice Self love:** If you don't love yourself then how do you expect others to love you . start practicing self love by believing and respecting yourself. As when you have faith in your own identity, it shows in your behavior and your attitude is contagious and people start admiring you for who you are.

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Unintentional hurt

Let us realistically assess our roles and do our bit to avoid hurting others and self, writes AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

Though there is only one world exists in reality, in effect there are two — real (big) world and our own (small). Our small world consists of our bodies, our families, our sources of maintenance, etc. And the big world consists of everything including our small worlds, but is relevant to us in a small way only. Take American troops withdrawal from Afghanistan for example. Does it really concern us? Not directly, but this does not stop us from discussing the topic endlessly.

Coming to our small world. Are we paying attention to our health as we should? In the *Bhagavad Gita*, it is stated that we can reduce our suffering by appropriate eating, recreation, sleeping and striving. (6.17) There is no question of zero suffering for anyone, because we have material bodies and we are living in this miserable material world. (8.15) Neither are our bodies spiritual nor this is a spiritual planet. So what do we do? We ignore this warning about appropriate habits, hoping for the best. But we know in our hearts that there will be repercussions, and we worry. Thus we have added-on mental suffering to the inevitable physical sufferings.

Another aspect of our lives, which we generally mess up quite badly is in our personal relationships. We are just not ready to accept that all of us have faults. Many of these shortcomings are related to our nature. Devotees of God have a better chance of succeeding, because help from God is required to tame the mind, which has been described by Lord Krishna as very difficult to control due to its fickle nature. (6.35) To help us, the Lord has given us the solution — to practice mind control, and be detached.

The third problem is to assume that self is much bigger than what we are. Everyone thinks that others should change, while forgetting that they themselves are unable to do so. Then, can we prevent the material nature's worth, which is right now raging in the form of the current pandemic? It should be apparent to us that we are small and cannot control much, if any. This does not mean that someone is not in control. God is; we have to take His shelter, as He has instructed in the Geeta. (18.62) Then, things will not be tough for us. God is so merciful that He even accompanies His devotees. (6.7)

Let us, therefore, not hurt ourselves and realistically assess our personal roles. We have big roles to play in our small worlds, and a small, if any, role in the big world, just the opposite of what we are inclined to do. Let us be honest about our roles in the big world. A rare person makes some difference in the big world; rest of us make hardly any difference. Both worlds are relevant to us but we have to see to what extent. The big world is relevant to us in an informative way with little or no influence on our lives. Yes, global competition is a factor for businessmen. Similarly, job seekers could be looking for opportunities globally.

Wise persons do not spend countless hours discussing world events; they are more focused on what they can do to improve their lives in their small worlds. We need to act in our small worlds in order to remain healthy as far as possible, improve interpersonal relationships to the extent possible, work on our financial well-being and, most importantly, do what God expects us to do. He will guide and help us in order that our direction becomes proper. Then, we are set, and will not hurt ourselves by default; we will be doing what we should be doing and will avoid what we shouldn't, i.e. talking fruitlessly.

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in Saudi Arabia

Centuries old diverse and multi-faceted Indo-Saudi relationship is set to commemorate 75 years of their diplomatic relations on the event of "The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", which is described by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as an elixir of Independence.

This is a festival of awakening of the nation and global peace and development. The celebration is not confined to the political boundaries of India, its shrillness is resonating in Arab world, particularly in Saudi Arabia. Though Indo-Saudi relations are as old as Indian civilisation, it got momentum after the emergence of Saudi Arabia and India as independent sovereign states.

The bilateral ties between these two countries have evolved substantially over a period of time leading to conferring the highest civilian award of the Kingdom on Modi. The visit of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman to New Delhi in February 2019 added fresh impetus to the bilateral ties.

Ties during pandemic

The Covid-19 second wave outbreak and the deadliest health emergency in India brought the two countries closer and Saudi Arabia stood in solidarity with India as its close friend and shipped around 200 tonnes of liquid oxygen to India as a goodwill gesture, whereas India as the largest manufacturer of vaccine, supplied millions of coronavirus vaccine doses to Saudi Arabia. Such gestures are the clear manifestation of the close friendship between the two nations and their leadership.

Cultural relations

The cultural linkages in the past, in fact, have brought these two regions closer to each other and provided the base to maintain the relationship of similar sort in the contemporary times. It is noteworthy that India, in ancient times, was far ahead of the world in science, philosophy and literature. As a result of age-old relations between India and Arab world, the Arabs became acquainted with some facts of rich intellectual heritage of India. They had a very high opinion of the Indians. After the rise of Islam when Arabs developed a keen sense of intellectual curiosity and a voracious appetite for learning, they were naturally attracted to the intellectual legacy of India which served as a source of knowledge to them, especially in the fields of astronomy, mathematics, medicine, philosophy, wisdom and literature.

Moreover, Indians played a major role in the economic and social life of the Saudi people during pre-oil period onwards. The visits of affluent pilgrims from India on Haj used to be a great source of income for the local people. The relationship is not limited to people to people contact, its cultural relations strengthened at the Government level from time to time. The inauguration of the 32nd edition of "Janaderiyah the National Festival of Heritage and Culture" jointly by King Salman and late Shushma Swaraj, then Indian External Affairs Minister, as Guest of Honour in 2018, and signing of an MoU between Saudi Ministry of Sports and Indian Ministry of Ayush on Yoga cooperation are some recent examples of growing strong Indo-Saudi cultural relations.

Social relations: Indian expatriates are relatively most preferred community

There are about 3-million strong Indian community in Saudi Arabia, which is the largest expatriate community in the Kingdom. They are relatively the most preferred community among the expatriates. The contributions made by the Indian community for the development of Saudi Arabia have always been appreciated by the Saudi Government. During pandemic, the Saudi Government provided instant medical help to the bulk of affected Indian workers. Even some Indian expatriates, having realised the gravity of the situation during the pandemic, created a social media platform named "Indo-Arab Helping Hands" to establish a bridge between the huge Indian diaspora in the Gulf region and India. The forum's main focus is to serve the Indo-Arab communities at large during these critical times. It collected requests for help and shared them with teams active in India to connect the helping hands with the recipients. They worked voluntarily and tirelessly on social media to make available plasma, blood, hospital beds, oxygen cylinders, ambulance and other necessary medicines needed by their countrymen back home and in the Gulf region who have been hit by a massive Covid 19 wave. Their efforts were noticed and appreciated by the mainstream media in India.

Prospects of Indo-Saudi relations

Indo-Saudi economic ties show tremendous growth over the periods of time. According to present data, Saudi Arabia is the fourth largest trading partner of India after China, the USA and Japan. Crude oil and LPG are the two major sources of energy that India imports from Saudi Arabia. India is keenly interested to attract foreign investment, reflected in policies of the Indian Government's "Ease of Business" and FDI.

Gulf countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, could be an attractive strategic partner in developing India's economy by investing in different economic sectors.

On the other hand, India has been and would be the future market for oil. As per the trend and views of economists, the Indian economy would rise over the next couple of decades which will generate the demand for oil, and according to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, this demand is expected to rise by 130 per cent by 2040. Saudi Arabia will be an important market for Indian goods as well, particularly for precious stones, agricultural and pharmaceutical products, etc.

Therefore, the celebration of "The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" in Saudi Arabia and entire Arab world seems to be the manifestation and demonstration of the strong ties of Indo-Arab relations that developed steadily but strongly over the period. The celebrations of continued efforts of strengthening their bilateral relation for 75 years are certainly the new herald of more strong and vigorous Indo-Saudi ties.

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PERSPECTIVE

Afghan women fear return to 'dark days'

It was early evening and Zahra, her mother and three sisters were on their way to dinner at another sister's home when they saw people running and heard gunshots on the street. "The Taliban are here!" people screamed.

In just a few minutes, everything changed for the 26-year-old resident of Herat, Afghanistan's third-largest city.

Zahra grew up in a mostly Taliban-free Afghanistan, where women dared to dream of careers and girls got an education. For the past five years, she has been working with local nonprofit organisations to raise awareness for women and press for gender equality.

Her dreams and ambitions came crashing down on Thursday evening as the Taliban swept into the city, planting their white flags emblazoned with an Islamic proclamation of faith in a central square as people on motorcycles and in cars rushed to their homes.

Like most other residents, Zahra, her parents and five siblings are now hunkering indoors, too scared to go out and worried about the future. T*he Associated Press* chose not to identify her by her full name to avoid making her a target.

"I am in big shock," said Zahra, a round-faced, soft-spoken young woman. "How can it be possible for me as a woman who has worked so hard and tried to learn and advance, to now have to hide myself and stay at home?"

Amid a lightning offensive over the past several days, the Taliban now control more than two-thirds of the country, just two weeks before the US plans to withdraw its last troops. And they are slowly closing in on the capital, Kabul.

The UN refugee agency says nearly 250,000 Afghans have fled their homes since the end of May amid fears the Taliban would reimpose their strict and ruthless interpretation of Islam, all but eliminating women's rights. Eighty per cent of those displaced are women and children.

An internally displaced schoolteacher wearing a burqa from Takhar province, who identified herself by her first name, Nilofar, left, speaks during an interview with the Associated Press inside her tent in a public park in Kabul on August 13, 2021 AP

The fundamentalist group ruled the country for five years until the 2001 US-led invasion. During that time, it forbade girls an education and women the right to work, and refused even to let them travel outside their homes without a male relative to accompany them. The Taliban also carried out public executions, chopped off the hands of thieves and stoned women accused of adultery.

There have been no confirmed reports of such extreme measures in areas the Taliban fighters recently seized. But militants were reported to have taken over some houses and set fire to at least one school.

At a park in Kabul, transformed since last week into a shelter for the displaced, families told the AP on Friday that girls riding home in a motorised rickshaw in the northern Takhar province were stopped and lashed for wearing "revealing sandals."

A schoolteacher from the province said no one was allowed to go out to the market without a male escort. Some 3,000 families mainly from northern provinces recently taken over by the Taliban now live in tents inside the park, some on the sidewalks.

Zahra stopped going to the office about a month ago as the militants approached Herat, and she worked remotely from home. But on Thursday, Taliban fighters broke through the city's defensive lines, and she has been unable to work since.

Her eyes welled up with tears as she considered the possibility that she will not be able to return to work; that her 12-year-old sister will be unable to continue going to school ("She loves learning"); that her older brother will not be able play football; or that she won't be able to freely play the guitar again. The instrument hung on a wall behind her as she spoke.

She listed some of the achievements made by women in the past 20 years since the Taliban's ouster - incremental but meaningful gains in what is still a deeply conservative, male-dominated society: Girls are now in school, and women are in Parliament, government and business.

Marianne O'Grady, Kabul-based deputy country director for CARE International, said the strides made by women over the past two decades have been dramatic, particularly in urban areas, adding she cannot see things going back to the way they were, even with a Taliban takeover.

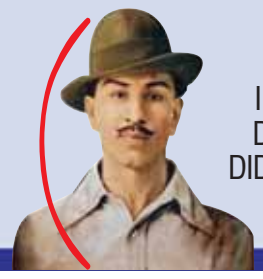
"You can't uneducate millions of people," she said. If women "are back behind walls and not able to go out as much, at least they can now educate their cousins and their neighbors and their own children in ways that couldn't happen 25 years ago."

Still, a sense of dread appears to be omnipresent, particularly among women, as Taliban forces take more territory each day.

"I feel we are like a bird who makes a nest for a living and spends all the time building it, but then suddenly and helplessly watches others destroy it," said Zarmina Kakar, a 26-year-old women's rights activist in Kabul.

Kakar was a year old when the Taliban entered Kabul the first time in 1996, and she recalled a time when her mother took her out to buy her ice cream, back when the Taliban ruled. Her mother was whipped by a Taliban fighter for revealing her face for a couple of minutes.

"Today again, I feel that if Taliban come to power, we will return back to the same dark days," she said. *(AP)*



I NEVER HAD ANY DESIRE TO DEFEND MYSELF, AND NEVER DID I SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT IT
— BHAGAT SINGH

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

MADHU KOTIYA

ARIES March 21-April 19

You may need a medical examination this week. Do not ignore your health. Timely action would be to your advantage. You will be radiating good energy. Share these good energies with the people around you who are feeling low. On the professional front, you are likely to make decisions with your mind than heart and are very disciplined. You are independent in thought and action. For a better understanding of the situation and a person, you like to know the how, what, why, where, when and who of everything. Your relationship is taking a turn this week. Everything was going fine but some sudden changes could change your life. Your spouse or partner starts doubting you or becomes over-demanding.

Lucky number 21
Lucky colour Magenta
Lucky day Wednesday

TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you feel inspired to start a creative project. You feel comfortable with your real identity and what you feel. You are not afraid to express yourself. Stimulating your imagination will allow new talent to unfold. You will enjoy good health. Career-wise this is the time to dream and enjoy the pleasures of life. You are likely to spend more time on your happiness. Executing your ideas to achieve a target will put you in your senior's good books. You are rich financially and by heart too. Your generosity and kindness will nurture relationships. This week you are at ease with yourself and others. You are likely to create a positive environment at home. Trust will give you the strength and confidence to overcome the obstacles in life.

Lucky number 9
Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Saturday

GEMINI May 21-June 20

You will bring a fresh perspective to life and significant positive changes will be made. You will feel rejuvenated. You are likely to go on a deeper spiritual journey that will bring greater meaning and purpose into your life and renew your inner energy. Optimism is reflected in your creations. There is a call of destiny that motivates you to go on. Professionally, you may have to bring changes in your lifestyle and working schedule. If you are not able to meet the demands of your professional responsibilities, think over it. Try to bring about balance and moderation in your life. On the personal front, there will be issues while communicating with your family. It is time to know the importance of family bonding.

Lucky number 3
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Wednesday

CANCER June 21-July 22

This week you will be filled with great amount of energy. Use this energy in creative pursuits and hone your skills. Risk-taking and creative energies will open new areas in your life. Believe in yourself and follow your heart. On the career front, you feel kind towards others and may decide to use abundance in your life for the benefit of others. You are likely to work for welfare schemes or maybe volunteer for a religious organization for your happiness. It will give you immense satisfaction. You may lend money to someone in need. On the personal front, you will experience a spiritual spark and divine feeling will fill you with faith. This is a time when you seek solitude and isolation from others.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Green
Lucky day Friday

LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week you may be tempted to fight every conflict to prove yourself right or to defend yourself. You feel aggressive, annoyed by other people's attitude. Beware as there is a conspiracy against you. Analyse and introspect, you too may be at fault. Stay calm. It is a better way to deal with adversity. On the career front, you are firm towards your goals. You are clear in your communication and straight forward with your colleagues. Avoid being rude and stay away from conflicts. Utilise your strength and reasoning for good cause. If you are at an authoritative position, think about the benefits of your subordinates. On the personal front, your mental stability is your greater strength. Your family needs your support.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Golden
Lucky day Sunday

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Eliminating unwanted emotions will make you feel refreshed. This is a period of self-evaluation and to think about your mistakes. This will help you release the feeling of guilt and sorrow about the past. This is a good time to take fresh decisions. Share your experiences with others. Professionally, you have logical and analytical strength and the courage and intellect to accomplish all that you desire. You need to detach yourself to discover the truth. You need to use your intellect to prove your point and succeed. You can also solve problems through diplomacy. On the personal front, you are filled with unbounded energy. And this energy needs to be balanced with a realisation of responsibility and compassion.

Lucky number 22
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Wednesday

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you feel negative energies at play around you. Food poisoning or other seasonal ailments could make you feel low. Females may feel irritated. Thyroid or hormonal imbalance could make you consult a doctor. On the career front, your logical and analytical approach to things could make you busy. You are an innovator and researcher and would not accept anything without the facts. You follow truth and discipline. You are likely to experience challenges but understand that this is just a phase of your journey to something much more positive. Stay focused on your long-term goals. On the relationship front, a new romance is on the card. You want to start afresh in your relationships. Fun and entertainment with your family are indicated.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Friday

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week there is a sense of fulfilment health-wise. You are in the right place, doing the right thing to be in good health. You are following the strict regime of diet, exercise, and relaxation. The motto of healthy living is reflected in your personality. Overall, you will enjoy the week. On the career front, you are filled with renewed energy and enthusiasm. You have a breakthrough moment is on the card. This week you are likely to embark on a new journey of the self-made person. An idea or passion will inspire and motivate you. On the personal front, you have a crush on an unapproachable person. The danger is hidden in illusions and chances are there that you may face difficulties in the future. To move forward avoid daydreaming.

Lucky number 20
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Tuesday

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week you need to check any sensory pleasures. You must know how to make the best use of everything. You will be healthy, charismatic, and inspiring. People around you will be awestruck by your spontaneity. Be positive and in control. Overconfidence could be harmful. On the career front, you feel more stable and mature in terms of finance as well as emotions. You take situations that come and turn them in your favour. You are more traditional in your way of working and believe in rules and regulations. Enjoy the confidence because of your self-control. You need to take time to meditate and spend some time alone even if you are in a committed relationship. Maintaining your inner balance is equally important.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Monday

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week enjoyment, entertainment and commitment are on the cards. You feel contented both emotionally and physically. Your health will be good. Little carelessness like overeating or over comfort could be harmful. Be careful of your diet and avoid junk food. You are prone to weight, BP and acidity problems. Professionally, the money will come from various sources and you would want to spend lavishly. It is advised to save your income this week and feel happy. This is the time to decide things on financial terms, it would be productive and fruitful in the future. This week your relationship area may suffer. You feel disappointed and want to walk away from everything you have built up so far. Your attitude is the reason for your situation today.

Lucky number 6
Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Friday

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

You need to be careful about your health. More work and no relaxation could be harmful. Your body needs rest. This is a time to create a detailed plan and to follow a schedule. Good time management will pay off and you will enjoy both work and health. Those who are planning a healthy family, need to be persistent and focused. On the career front, you are now headed towards a much better position. Use the opportunities for changing your beliefs about yourself. At some point you feel offensive but stay away from such a situation, this may give you an upper edge in the times to come. On the personal front, romance is on the card and you feel delighted. Trusting your partner will give you the strength and confidence to overcome the obstacles in life.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Tuesday

PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you are full of energy. You are a visionary and dream beyond your limitations and move confidently into new areas. Take this leap of faith to develop the real you. Think big in terms of where you want to be and what you want to discover along the way. On the career front, you feel immense satisfaction once you find your work is on the right path after a long time. All this while despite putting your heart and soul into your work, some hurdles appeared making you frustrated. Now you can bid adieu to the failures and accomplish your tasks. You can start a business that sells items for children this week. This week happy close-knit family and enjoyment in love relations are on the card. You enjoy a happy family life even if you are single.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Blue
Lucky day Thursday

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Existences are interconnected

The energy streams excited during Big-Bang, following a course of progressive evolution, eventually culminated in the manifest plural world with all its enormity and diversity. So, all that exists in this Universe, including human being, is nothing but manifestation of nature driven energies, all rooted to a 'Singularity'. The obvious implication is that all existences in the Universe are interconnected at the root level. Here it is pertinent to make note of an established principle of theoretical physics — the theory of non-location. It states that energy particles rooted to a common source, are in immediate and intimate contact, no matter how distant they are from each other. It implies that in the event of any change in the cosmic order, its echoes will resonate on earth as well.

Kathopanishad, through the simile of an inverted *Asvat* (Banyan) tree explains that the Universe is a unified organism, where no existence has a reality, independent of the whole. *Asvat* tree, with its trunk, branches, twigs and leaves, symbolises the manifest world. The root, directed towards the cosmos, implies that the source of existence lies in an infinite dimension beyond our purview. Break a branch or twig of the tree, it will become lifeless. Try to re-join it with the main tree again, it will not become live. So, there is something more than the tree body that holds the key to life. To sum up, once cut off from the primal-source — the eternal element of consciousness, the organism loses life for ever. We all exist as an inseparable part of the whole, all woven together with the thread of eternal element of consciousness.

The above fact is further corroborated by Australian physicist Paul Davies, who says: "For a novice realist, the world is a collection of objects. But for a quantum physicist, it is an inseparable web of vibrating energy patterns, where no individual component has a reality independent of the entirety, and included in that entirety is the observer."

Coming to the correspondence between happenings in the cosmic world and life cycle on earth, there are enough of scientific and empirical evidences already in hand. The first to note is the finding of renowned Astro Physicist, Fred Hoyle. He in association with a team of scientists led by Nobel Laurette couple established that, "All familiar chemical elements are generated at stellar bodies

and are made available to the Universe in course of intermittent explosions taking place there. Had there been no element such as Carbon, there would have been no life." It implies empathetic connect between happenings in the cosmos and life cycle on earth.

The most obvious example is the high tides in the ocean on a full moon day. Such is the cosmic pull that the whole ocean is in a fury. Incidentally, human body comprises of 65% percent water element, with the same water-salt mix as in the ocean. That makes it difficult to digest that it will have no bearing on human beings, weaklings obviously getting affected the most. It has been a matter of record that most of the admissions in a Lunatic Asylum happens close to full moon day.

On solar eclipse days, birds stop chirping. Animals become afraid. Monkeys always making noise become silent, come down from the trees, and herd together. In 1950, Jiyarji Giardi, developed a new branch of science — Cosmic chemistry. Through scientific experiments he established that that the whole Universe is organically connected. In 1920, a Russian scientist Chezevasky found that every 11 years there is heightened activity at the Sun, what is known as solar flare. Through a study of 700 years history, he established that following the periodical solar flare, the earth becomes subject to disastrous consequences — there is rise in incidents of revolutions and war, epidemics happen. Stalin condemned him to Siberia. He was released only after Stalin's death. Following his release, he lived for a couple of months but he established his theory.

500 years before Christ Era, Pythagoras came out with his concept of planetary harmony. He was of the view that every stellar body releases a particular sound during its travel. And there remains harmony amongst all the stellar bodies. Working on this principle, Swiss doctor, Paraselysus, observed that the stellar position at the time of one's birth makes an imprint on the person. So long as ongoing stellar positions are in harmony with those at the time of one's birth, the person remains healthy. The moment, harmony is disturbed, one becomes sick.

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