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Taliban face Afghans' resilience

Taliban fighters open fire on protesters waving national flag on I-Day

AP ■ KABUL

Afghan protesters defied the Taliban for a second day Thursday, waving their national flag in scattered demonstrations, and the fighters again responded violently as they faced down growing challenges to their rule.

A UN official warned of dire food shortages and experts said the country was severely in need of cash while noting the Taliban are unlikely to enjoy the generous international aid that the civilian Government they dethroned did.

In light of these challenges, the Taliban have moved quickly to suppress any dissent, despite their promises that they have become more moderate since they last ruled Afghanistan with draconian laws. Many fear they will succeed in erasing two decades of efforts to expand women's and human rights and remake the country.

On Thursday, a procession of cars and people near Kabul's airport carried long black, red and green banners in honour of the Afghan flag — a banner that is becoming a symbol of defiance. At another protest in Nangarhar province, video posted online showed a bleeding demonstrator with a gunshot wound. Onlookers tried to carry him away.

In Khost province, Taliban



Afghans celebrate their 102nd Independence Day with the national flag in Kabul on Thursday

authorities clamped a 24-hour curfew on Thursday after violently breaking up another protest, according to information obtained by journalists monitoring from abroad. The authorities did not immediately acknowledge the demonstration or the curfew.

Protesters also took the streets in Kunar province,

according to witnesses and social media videos that lined up with reporting by *The Associated Press*.

The demonstrations — which come as Afghans celebrated Independence Day and some commemorated the Shia Ashoura festival — were a remarkable show of defiance after the Taliban fighters vio-

lently dispersed a protest on Wednesday. At that rally, in the eastern city of Jalalabad, demonstrators lowered the Taliban's flag and replace it with Afghanistan's tricolour. At least one person was killed.

Meanwhile, opposition figures gathering in the last area of the country not under Taliban rule talked of launch-

ing an armed resistance under the banner of the Northern Alliance, which allied with the US during the 2001 invasion.

It was not clear how serious a threat they posed given that Taliban fighters overran nearly the entire country in a matter of days with little resistance from Afghan forces.

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India's historical relationship with Afghans will guide our thoughts, outlook: Jaishankar

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said that India has a historical relationship with the Afghan people and that will continue to guide its thoughts and outlook as he spoke on the volatile situation in the war-torn country at the UN Security Council.

Jaishankar, addressing reporters at the UN Security Council stakeout after chairing a high-level United Nations Security Council briefing on 'Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts' held under India's current presidency of the UNSC, said that the focus is on the safe return of Indian nationals who are there in the country.

"We have a historical relationship with the Afghan people and I think that relationship will continue to guide our thoughts and outlook," he said.

On another question, he said, "We're working with international partners in this regard, especially the US, as it controls the airport". He emphasised that repatriation of Indian nationals from Afghanistan remained its top priority.

India on Tuesday rushed back home its ambassador Rudrendra Tandon and staff from the embassy in Kabul in a military transport aircraft following escalating tension, fear and uncertainty gripping the Afghan capital after the Taliban insurgents seized the Afghan capital on Sunday.

Setback for Didi, CBI to probe post-poll violence

HC orders Govt to compensate affected people

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a major embarrassment for the Mamata Banerjee Government, the Calcutta High Court on Thursday ordered Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and SIT probes into the post-poll violence in Bengal — a charge the State Government and the ruling Trinamool Congress have vehemently denied.

While the CBI would investigate the graver offences like murder, rape and other human and women's rights violations, the Special Investigating Team headed by Kolkata Police Commissioner Somen Mitra — and comprising other IPS officers Suman Bala Sahoo, and Ranbir Kumar — would look into the other offences, the court said. The SIT probe would be monitored by a retired Supreme Court Judge, the court directed. Both the agencies were asked to submit their reports within six weeks.

In the damaging verdict delivered by a five-judge bench presided over by acting Chief Justice Rajesh Bindal and comprising justices Indra Prasanna



Mukerji, Harish Tandon, Soumen Sen and Subrata Talukdar, the court also directed the State to immediately compensate the people affected in the violence.

An intervention petition filed on behalf of Bengal Minister Jyoti Priya Mullick was summarily rejected by the court. Mullick was named among 50 "notorious criminals" by a seven-member team of the National Human Rights Commission that was earlier directed by the court to enquire into the reports of post-poll violence.

Incidentally the Trinamool Congress, the Left and the Congress had alleged that the NHRC had selectively visited the violence torn areas alleging the commission had acted in a partisan manner by not examining the victims of their parties.

The court also threw out the State Government's con-

tention that whatever violence that took place was when the Election Commission was controlling the police force, saying ECI's having authority over the police did not mean that the police would stop discharging their normal duties of controlling law and order situation.

The court, however, rejected the NHRC recommendations for a trial "outside Bengal" but directed that trials should be conducted in fast-track courts, with special public prosecutors and with a witness protection scheme in place.

While there was no comment from Mamata, senior Trinamool leader Saugato Roy said he is "not impressed" by the order as "law and order is the responsibility of the State Government and the CBI's intervention will tantamount to interfering within the State's jurisdiction."

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CAPSULE

DELHI RECORDS MAX TEMP OF 36.5 DEG C

New Delhi: The national Capital recorded a maximum temperature of 36.5 degrees Celsius on Thursday, three notches above season's average, the IMD said.

APURVA CHANDRA APPOINTED I&B SECY

New Delhi: Senior bureaucrat Apurva Chandra has been appointed Information and Broadcasting secretary, a Personnel Ministry order said on Thursday. Chandra, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, is currently Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Chandra, the Personnel Ministry's order said.

DELHI RECORDS 25 FRESH CASES, TWO FATALITIES

New Delhi: Delhi registered 25 fresh Covid-19 cases, the lowest since April 15 last year, and two more deaths due to the coronavirus on Thursday, while the positivity rate dipped to 0.04 per cent, according to data shared by the city health department. The death toll due to the coronavirus infection has risen to 25,079 in the national Capital.



Shia Muslims attend a procession to mark Ashoura, in Karachi on Thursday

AP ■ MULTAN (PAKISTAN)

A powerful roadside bomb exploded among a procession of Shia Muslims in central Pakistan on Thursday, killing at least three and wounding over 50 people, local police said.

Videos circulating on social media showed police and ambulances rushing toward the site of the explosion. Several wounded people were seen waiting for help along a road in the deeply conservative city of Bahawalnagar in the eastern Punjab province, where the attack took place.

City police officer Mohammad Asad and Shiite leader Khawar Shafqat confirmed the bombing. Witnesses said tensions are now high in the city, with Shia protesting the attack and demanding retribution.

Shafqat said the explosion went off while the procession was passing through a congested neighborhood known as Muhajir Colony. He condemned the attack and urged the Government to further step up security at such processions, which are ongoing in other parts of the country as well.

Communications in the area were difficult, as authorities had suspended mobile phone service across the country a day ago ahead of the Shiite Ashoura festival. The annual commemoration mourns the 7th century death of Prophet Muhammad's grandson Hussein, one of Shiite Islam's most beloved saints.

For Shia, the remembrance of Hussein is an emotional event that sees many believers weep over his death at the Battle of Karbala.

MHA for CBI to probe graft in purchase of 1K buses in Delhi

Kejriwal Govt refutes corruption charges, says it is harassment

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Setting the stage for another round of confrontation between the Delhi Government and the Centre, the Ministry of Home Affairs on Thursday recommended a preliminary enquiry by the CBI into procurement of 1,000 low-floor buses by the Arvind Kejriwal Government.

Responding to the development, the Delhi Government refuted allegations "of corruption in bus procurement and accused the BJP-led Central Government of harassing it by using the CBI.

The matter of "corruption" in annual maintenance contract (AMC) of the bus procurement by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) was raised by BJP MLA Vjendra Gupta in Delhi Assembly in March.



A three-member committee formed by Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal in June had found procedural "flaws" in the AMC and recommended scrapping it. The L-G had referred the matter to the MHA in July for its consideration, the officials said.

The Delhi Government was informed about the CBI probe in a letter written to Chief Secretary Vijay Dev by MHA Additional Secretary (Union Territory) Govind Mohan on August 16.

"I am writing this in connection with the purchase of

1,000 low-floor buses by the Delhi Government and the report submitted by the three-member committee constituted by the Government of NCT of Delhi for a detailed enquiry into the matter.

"The matter has been examined in this Ministry and with the approval of competent authority, the DoPT has been requested to take necessary action for undertaking Preliminary Enquiry in the matter by the Central Bureau of Investigation," said the MHA letter.

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Army JCO martyred, terrorist killed in Rajouri encounter

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) of the Indian Army on Thursday sacrificed his life in the line of duty, while a joint team of the security forces gunned down an "unidentified" terrorist during a fierce gunfight in Thanamandi area of Rajouri.

Defence spokesman in Jammu Lt-Col Devender Anand said during an encounter with terrorists in Thanamandi area of Rajouri, one JCO of Rashtriya Rifles suffered bullet injuries.

The JCO was immediately evacuated to a nearest medical facility but he succumbed to his injuries. The JCO has been identified as Subedar Ram Singh of Pauri Garhwal in Uttarakhand.

One AK rifle, a pistol and ammunition were recovered from the encounter site by the security forces. This is the third encounter which took



place in the frontier district in the last one month.

In Kashmir valley, another political activist currently working with Jammu and Kashmir Apni party was shot dead from a close range by "unidentified" terrorists in Devsar area of South Kashmir's Kulgam district.

He has been identified as Ghulam Hassan Lone. He was previously associated with the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and had recently switched over the sides and joined J&K Apni party.

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Ancient temple remains found on Bhargavi riverbed

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A four-member team of the Rediscover Lost Heritage group has stumbled upon the possible ruins of an ancient temple near the mouth of the Bhargavi river at Balanga of Puri district. The group, which is listing the archaeological monuments of the Ratnachira River Valley, found the ruins in the middle of the river, just one km upstream from the source of the Ratnachira.

According to locals, many such large stone blocks were discovered in the previous years, which were moved up the steep bank and kept in the premises of the nearby Akhandalamani temple. The team found carved stone panels, broken images, pillars, doorjambes and a multitude of minor broken artifacts. Some of the carved stone panels have been affixed in the sides of existing temple, which was made about a century ago.

3 Services chiefs to visit NDA to review infra for women cadets

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The three Services chiefs will visit the National Defence Academy (NDA) on Friday to review infrastructure for women cadets.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court order allowed women candidates to appear for the entrance examination for the NDA in September. It will be the first time that women will appear for the NDA examination. The SC also questioned the "mindset" of the Army and said "do not force" judicial intervention all the time.

Sources said the visit is pre-scheduled but it will take into account the new development regarding the entry of women into the NDA fold.

They said additional infrastructure for women cadets will come up in a time-bound manner and added that induction of women through the



NDA has found support among the leadership of the Armed forces.

Sources said the visit has been planned for August 20 and it will also review the training and administrative arrangements for women.

Founded in 1954 in Khadakvasala near Pune, the NDA has so far trained only men for the three services. The institution is the cradle for grooming officers for the Army, the Navy and the IAF. It is the only tri-service training institution in the world.

The visit by the three services chiefs — Army chief General MM Naravane, Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh and IAF chief RK S Bhadauria — was scheduled even before the apex court's landmark interim order came on Wednesday, sources said.

They also said plans were already in place to expand the NDA and its annual intake of military cadets will be progressively increased by around 400 to cater to the shortfall of officers in the armed forces.

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Over 3.8 cr have missed their 2nd dose of Covid jab within stipulated time: RTI

2nd scheduled dose must for full benefit of vax, says Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government may have been recommending inoculation of both the doses of vaccine within the stipulated time for realising the full benefit of vaccination, but an RTI reply has said that over 3.86 crore people have failed to get their second dose of anti-Covid vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin — within the scheduled period.

India's nationwide vaccination drive completed eight months this week.

According to information on the CoWIN portal, as of



A health worker administers Covid vaccine in Mumbai on Thursday

Thursday afternoon, 44,22,85,854 people have received their first dose, while 12,59,07,443 have taken their second, indicating that the overall pace of vaccination is picking up slowly but not fast enough to cover roughly 94 crore adults by the end of this year.

Activist Raman Sharma had filed a query under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, seeking to know from the Government the number of people who had received the first dose of vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin — but did not take the second within the stipulated time period.

In response to the query, the Covid-19 Vaccine Administration Cell of the Union Health Ministry said it recommended the second dose of Covishield be taken within 84-112 days after the first, while in case of Covaxin the gap should be between 28-42 days.

"The total number of vaccines (beneficiaries) who got their first dose of Covishield vaccine but did not get their second dose within stipulated period of time as prescribed by the Govt of India as per the due report of Co-WIN portal is 3,40,72,993 (data as on 17th August 2021)," the response said.

It further said the total number of beneficiaries who got their first dose of Covaxin but did not get their second within the stipulated period of time is 46,78,406 (data as on 17th August 2021).

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Aravalli squatters to be removed soon

500 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON FOREST LAND IDENTIFIED, NOTICE TO 100

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

In a major step against illegal structures built on forest land, the Gurugram forest department has identified 500 such buildings and has also served notice to 100 owners.

This comes after the Gurugram forest department started a survey with drones to identify illegal structures on Aravalli forest land.

This move comes weeks after the Supreme Court ordered the removal of all illegal construction from the forest land in the Aravalli region.

The Gurugram district Sohna area has many colonies in the forest area attached to the foothills of the Aravalli.

Of these, more than a 1,000 houses and shops have been



built. People have been living here for more than five

decades. In six days, more than 500 buildings have been

identified as illegal constructions. Hundreds of people have

also been served notices.

The Forest Department has surveyed the houses built at many places including ITI Colony, Pahar Colony, Pir Colony, Gujar Ghati, Devilal Road, Thakurwada. The Forest Department is identifying these structures based on its land records and maps. Most of the houses in these colonies were built in the forest area in 2004.

“People have illegally occupied several acres of land in being surveyed. Possession of illegal land will be removed,” said a Forest Department official requesting anonymity.

According to officials, the department has surveyed more than 1,700 hectares to ascertain how many illegal constructions are present in the Aravallis.

CM to inaugurate city’s first smog tower today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will inaugurate the country’s first smog tower on Friday. The smog tower which has been built at a cost of Rs 20 crore will help in reducing the concentration of harmful Particulate Matters (PMs) in the atmosphere.

The first smog tower is being installed at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place. The tower will work with full force after the monsoon season. A team of scientists from the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPPC) will monitor and assess its functioning and submit a monthly report.

Environment Minister Gopal Rai thoroughly inspected the progress of the project on the ground on Thursday



Environment Minister Gopal Rai inspects the country's first smog tower construction site at Connaught Place, Baba Kharak Singh Marg in New Delhi on Thursday

and said that the performance and impact of the smog tower will be assessed by the experts who will submit a report to the Government. The Delhi Government will establish similar towers throughout the national Capital if the performance of the tower is impres-

sive. The smog tower will clean 1,000 cubic metres of air every second and reduce PM 2.5, PM 10 levels in Delhi. Rai said, “The efficiency and impact of this smog tower will be very crucial for Delhi region. I am confident that the smog tower will yield positive results for us.”

Woman raped, two arrested

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 35-year-old woman, who was lured on the pretext of providing a job, was allegedly raped by two men inside a car in northeast Delhi’s Shastri Park area. Police said that they have arrested the accused, who are residents of Surajpur in Uttar Pradesh’s Noida. According to a senior police official, the woman was brought to the city on August 16 by the men on the pretext of providing her a job. She reported the incident to the police and based on her complaint, the two men were arrested on the same day. “The victim’s statement has been recorded and she has undergone medical examination as well as counseling,” said a senior police official. “Based on the woman’s complaint and her medical examination report, a case has been registered under Sections 376 D (gangrape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and investigation was taken up,” he said. “During inquiry, the woman named one of the accused and gave police the registration number of the car. On the basis of the car’s registration number, a police team traced the men and arrested them.”

SDMC’s online module to sanction layout plans

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has developed an online module for sanctioning layout plans under the ‘Ease of Doing Business’ (EoDB) initiatives.

The move will not only streamline the system but it will also bring transparency in the entire process of sanctioning layout plans. A senior SDMC official said that the move will also reduce manual interference as the applicants will get their layout plans sanctioned without visiting offices or getting interacted with the concerned officers.

“Now, sanctioning of layout plans will be processed online only. In order to ensure uniformity in the process of online approval of layout plans, the online module will be applicable under the jurisdiction of all three Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCDs),” he said.

The department will accept soft copy of the layout only through online mode at <https://mcdonline.nic.in>. “File will be accepted with certification of zero-error generated through the online software of



the town planning department and the process of the case for sanction will be done only through the online process by concerned officers, he said.

“The approval and release of layout will also be done online. The files of layout plans which are currently under process in the department may be continued as per the present procedure and in case rejected the applicant will have to apply through the online module along with the requisite fee,” he added.

The proposal for categories like private land policy will

continue to be submitted and dealt with in its present form, he said.

Any suggestion and feedback to bring about any improvement in the newly devised overall online system could also be forwarded on the email address of the town planning department which is ctpsdmc@mcd.nic.in.

User manual for general guidance of the staff of the town planning department as well as architects/town planners has been displayed on the website - <https://mcdonline.nic.in>.

Delhi Police Constable dismissed for involvement in organised crime

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has dismissed one Constable from service for allegedly being involved in organised crime in the national Capital.

The Constable identified as Amit was posted at Paharganj police station and he faced the action on Wednesday.

Jasmeet Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district, dismissed constable Amit after he was found indulging in organised crime.

“The action was taken against Amit following a departmental inquiry. The Station House Officer (SHO) of the Paharganj police station was also sent to district lines,” said a senior police official.

A firing incident was reported on Saturday, day before the Independence Day, in Paharganj area between two groups over gambling.



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The infrastructure project was already on since early this year to cater to women cadets in the prestigious institution, sources said.

About 300 cadets are inducted into the NDA every semester after clearing the entrance examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). The interim order of the apex court on Wednesday marked a significant step towards ensuring greater participation of women in the Armed forces.

So far, women candidates appear and qualify for courses in the Officers Training Academy (OTA) of the Army and similar institutions of the IAF and the Navy.

Moreover, they join these institutions after securing the basic graduation degree.

In the case of the NDA, candidates are eligible for the examination conducted by the UPSC after clearing the plus two-stage of the school. The selected candidates then undergo rigorous training for four years before branching out to the specialised institutions of the Army, IAF and the Navy.

Army JCO martyre..

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So far, five persons, including four political leaders and one minor, have been eliminated by the terrorists in these targeted strikes across Jammu and Kashmir.

On Tuesday, a local BJP leader Javed Ahmad Dar was killed mercilessly in Brazloo Jageer area of Kulgam.

J&K Apni party president Syed Altaf Bukhari has condemned the cowardly act of killing Apni party’s prominent political worker Ghulam Hassan Lone. Bukhari termed the incident “barbaric” and conveyed deep anguish over the innocent killings of political activists who lay down their lives for the public welfare. Several other Kashmir valley based leaders, including former Chief Ministers Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti and Chairman of the Peoples Conference Sajad Lone, condemned the political killing of J&K Apni party leader.

MHA for CBI to probe graft.

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Delhi BJP MLA Vijender Gupta, who had raised the matter in the Assembly, alleged there was a “scam” of thousands of crores of rupees in the bus procurement. “The CBI enquiry has begun in the DTC bus procurement scam. The Delhi Transport Minister should be immediately removed and arrested,” Gupta said in a video message. There is “absolutely no truth” to these allegations, said a Delhi Government statement, adding a committee was already set up to investigate the matter thoroughly, which gave a “clean chit” to the Government.

Taliban face Afghans’ resilience

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The Taliban so far have offered no specifics on how they will lead, other than to say they will be guided by Shariah, or Islamic, law. They are in talks with senior officials of previous Afghan governments. But they face an increasingly precarious situation.

“A humanitarian crisis of incredible proportions is unfolding before our eyes,” warned Mary Ellen McGroarty, the head of the U.N.’s World Food Program in Afghanistan.

Beyond the difficulties of bringing in food to the landlocked nation dependent on imports, she said that drought has seen over 40% of the country’s crop lost. Many who fled the Taliban advance now live in parks and open spaces in Kabul. “This is really Afghanistan’s hour of greatest need, and we urge the international community to stand by the Afghan people at this time,” she said. Hafiz Ahmad, a shopkeeper in Kabul, said some food has flowed into the capital, but prices have gone up. He hesitated to pass those costs onto his customers but said he had to. “It is better to have it,” he said. “If there were nothing, then that would be even worse.”

Two of Afghanistan’s key border crossings with Pakistan, Torkham near Jalalabad and Chaman near Spin Boldak, are now open for trade. However, traders still fear insecurity on the roads and confusion over customs duties that could push them to price their goods higher. Amid that uncertainty and concerns that the Taliban will reimpose a brutal rule, which included largely confining women to their homes and holding public executions,

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dation that those who got their first dose of Covid vaccine but did not get the second dose within the stipulated period as prescribed by Government of India should get their first

dose again,” it said.

In the “Frequently Asked Questions” section on the website, the Government recommends that “both doses of vaccine should be taken for realising the full benefit of vaccination.”

6K trees to be moved, cut for NHAI project

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has granted permission to transplant and cut more than 6,600 trees in the capital for the construction of Urban Extension Road (UER)-II in five packages. According to a notification issued by the

Environment Department on Monday, 4,365 trees will be transplanted, and 2,314 cut for the project by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

The project at its completion will intersect three highways across the north-west-south periphery of the national cap-

ital. The five stretches covered under the project are NH-I intersection to Karala-Kanjhawala road; Karala-Kanjhawala road to Nangloi-Najafgarh road; Nangloi-Najafgarh Road to Sector-24, Dwarka; Spur to Sonipat bypass, and Spur to Bahadurgarh bypass.

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Item No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement
1.	Restoration of 450 mm dia settled/damaged defective sewer line by pantode/pipe bursting method from K-223 to K-245 in JJ Colony, Wazirpur ward no. 74-N (Nimri Colony) in Wazirpur Constituency, Ac-17 under EE(NW) III	Item Rate	Tender ID No. 2021_DJB_207183_5 on 17.08.2021 at 4:02 PM	01.09.2021 up to 3.00 pm

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Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 298 for 2021-22.
Letter No. 2920 / Date.17.08.2021

1. Name of the work	-:-	PMGSY Road Work
2. Total No. of work	-:-	04 No.s
3. Estimated Cost	-:-	From Rs. 172.13 lakhs to Rs.236.58 lakhs (Approximately)
4. Eligible Class of Contractor	-:-	'B' & 'A', Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities (as per annexure).
5. Period of Completion	-:-	09 Calendar months.
6. Other details	-:-	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	N.C.B. No. 298	DL21.08.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	DL 06.09.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.	DL04.09.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.	DL07.09.2021 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be Intimated later.

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Setback for Didi, CBI to probe post-poll violence

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He said “the Government has all the opinions of appeal open before it.”

Senior Bengal Minister Firhad Hakim said, “This order is unfortunate—however we will have to accept it because it is a Court’s verdict—rest is with the State Government which has its judicial options open before it.”

Trinamool Congress spokesperson and former MP Kunal Ghosh said, “It was the BJP which was the offender and not the Trinamool because one has to consider the poll time speeches made by their leaders vowing to reach the TMC people to the funeral grounds, threatening to make our supporters shorter by six inches from the top, break their limbs—find out from the media clippings who instigated the violence.”

BJP national leader Gaurav Bhatia said Mamata should remember that in a democracy everyone had a right to vote according to

one’s choice but after the elections the Chief Minister is under the oath to protect the interest of every citizen—irrespective of those who voted for her or against h State BJP president Dilip Ghosh said, “We wanted CBI probe and have finally got it we welcome this judgment—today’s order shows that justice is in the way of being delivered—now the victims who were raped, murdered, maimed and whose properties were looted will get justice.”

CPI (M) central committee member and former MP Sujan Chakrabarty welcomed the order but questioned the Human Rights’s Commission report alleging “the NHRC was fairly partial as it only went to some selected places where the BJP’s people were victimized but they avoided places where the Left and Congress’ men were attacked—was because of any distinctive plan to show that only TMC and BJP prevails in Bengal.”

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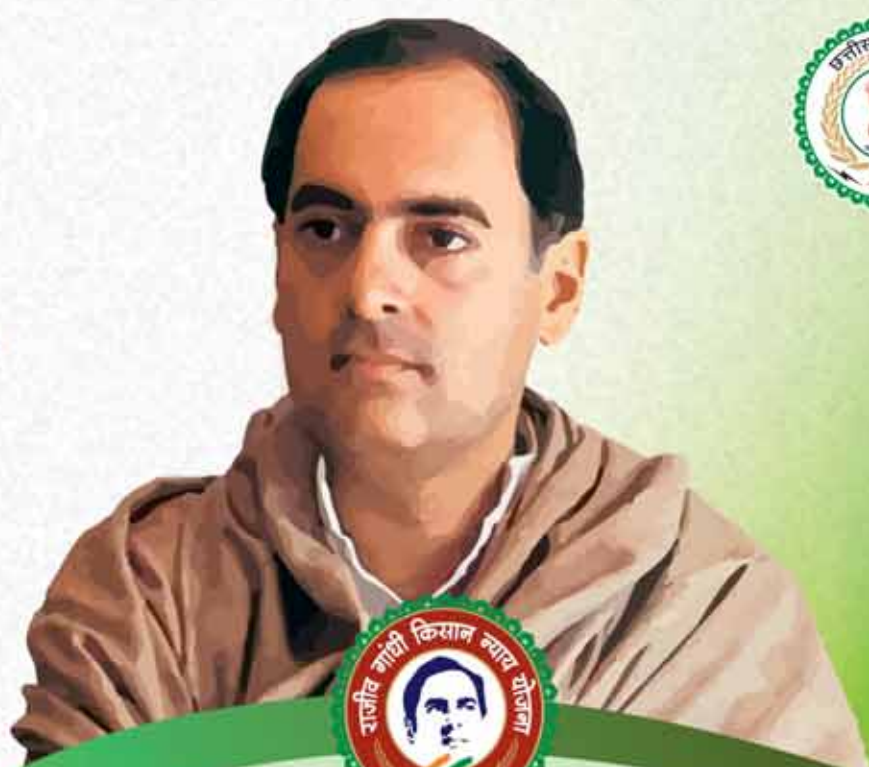
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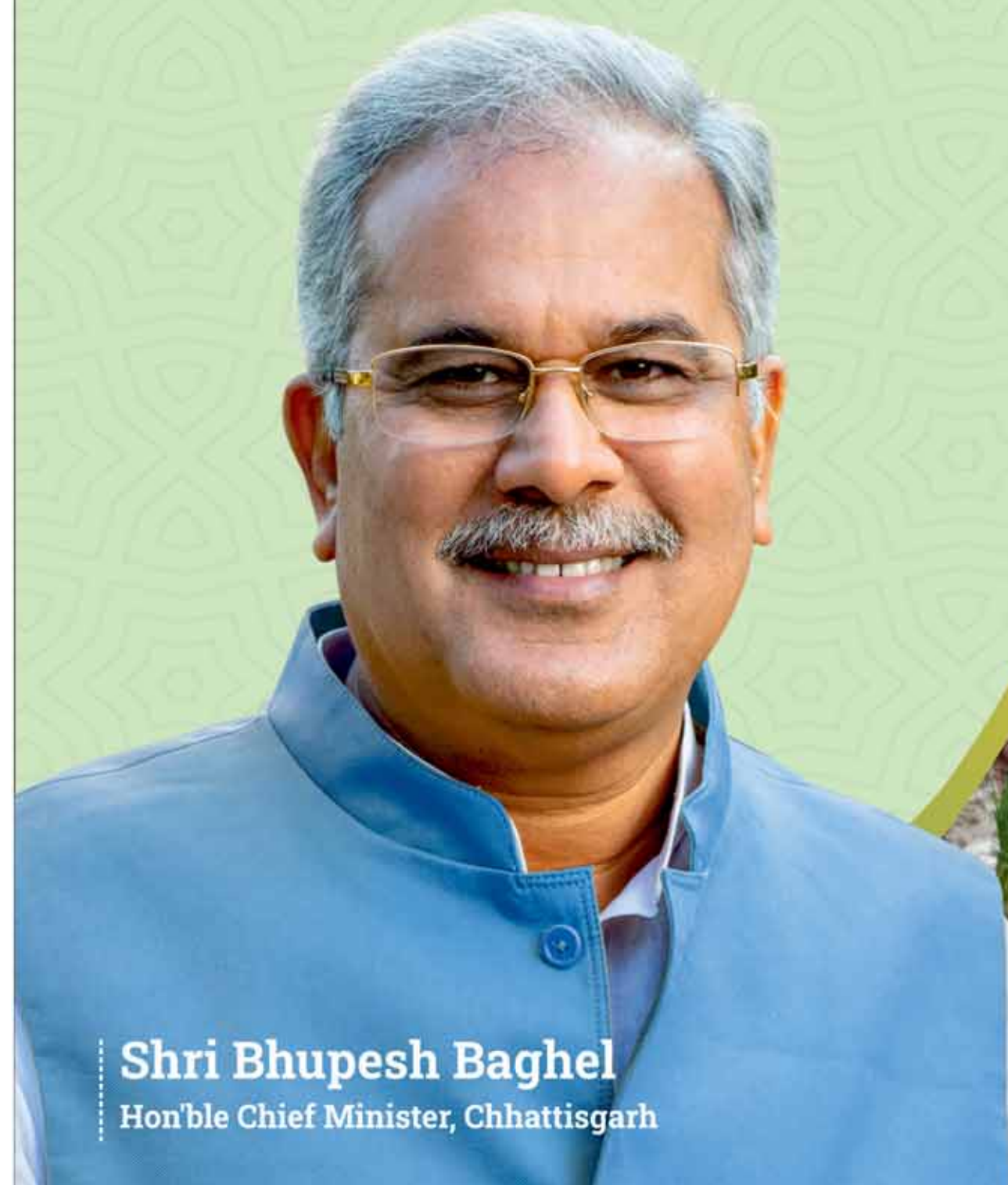
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Good publicity

Taliban and terror go hand in hand; any claim to the contrary is just a sad pretence

Terror is a cross that the Taliban will never shake off its back. No amount of recognition of their regime will erase public knowledge of their links with terrorist groups like al-Qaeda. In fact, both the Taliban and the United States will each face an uncomfortable question as long as terrorism remains a central issue in the southern Asian region. Did the US assume before withdrawing its troops that al-Qaeda, in the Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, would not flex its muscles and possibly plan attacks on foreign lands? Does the Taliban assume that showing a moderate face to the world is enough to brush aside the fact that they have never formally announced that they would sever links with terrorist groups? Since the fall of Kabul, the Taliban have been careful about the kind of image they project before the world. There is a lot of window-dressing in terms of a Taliban leader allowing



himself to be interviewed by a woman anchor of a news network or their leaders insisting at every opportunity that women would be allowed to work where their services are required. In their second brush with power, the least the Taliban want is negative publicity. However, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson let the cat out of the bag when he called a spade a spade: no one wants Afghanistan to become the “breeding ground of terror”. He went a step ahead to warn that he would work with the UN Security Council and Nato countries to stop Afghanistan from “lapsing back into terror”.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the same thing, that “the international community must unite to make sure that Afghanistan is never again used as a platform or safe haven for terrorist organisations”. The Taliban were in talks with the Americans in 2019, even signed the Doha Agreement — that specifically talks about a Taliban promise not to encourage terror groups — but never formally confirmed or denied links with groups like al-Qaeda which they have decades-old links with. They will never live down the fact that they reportedly provided shelter to Osama bin Laden as he planned ‘9/11’. Reports are trickling in that the terror groups based in remote regions of Afghanistan may be breathing easy now that the Taliban are in control and the US is out of the country — that opens up a lot more hiding places for them than earlier. The relations between the two go back to the early 1990s when they shared a tough survival regimen in the hostile terrain and then came close through marriages. Those bonds are permanent. Even now, Ayman al-Zawahiri, the leader of the al-Qaeda, is said to be somewhere in Afghanistan. The worry is if these terrorist groups, exulting in the wake of the American departure, get a wild idea to use Afghanistan as a base to plan attacks abroad. What is the worth of a Taliban guarantee that such a thing would not come to pass?



A police officer checks out a weapon at the 'International Police Expo-2021', in New Delhi Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Capital shame

Yet another rape in Delhi, now in a moving car, raises serious questions about women’s safety

Yet another rape has shocked the Capital. Despite an “efficient” Government at the Centre and a “sensitive” Government in the State, women continue to remain unsafe. Delhi can be dubbed as the ‘rape capital’ of the country. In the latest shocker, a 35-year-old Ghaziabad resident was raped in a moving car in Northeast Delhi on August 16, the day after Independence Day; a rerun of the Nirbhaya and many other cases. The perpetrators had lured the woman on the pretext of giving her a job. They drove her around the Shastri Park area and raped her in the moving car. The two accused have been arrested as the woman remembered the car number. However, this isn’t an isolated incident. A few weeks back, a minor Dalit girl was raped and murdered in Delhi. Women’s safety in the Capital remains a big question mark despite lip-service from all political parties. After Nirbhaya, several measures were announced but not executed. The police barricades, that we all are accustomed to, do not deter criminals. The police are under the Ministry



of Home Affairs and they should be held accountable for any security lapse.

But the Arvind Kejriwal-led State Government must also own up responsibility. His commitment to providing street lighting in all nooks and corners of the city has fallen short of target. Similarly, the CCTVs installation work hasn’t been completed yet. The tall claims made by the AAP Government do not match its performance. Besides, the policing of the outer areas of the Capital is not up to the mark. A large number of police personnel are deployed for VVIP security, leaving little manpower for deployment in the city. Many other reasons can be attributed to the crimes against women in general and rape in particular. The easy availability of porn and a conservative society puts adolescents in a confused mindspace. Despite a pressing need for sex education, it is virtually absent in the country. The feudal mindset, coupled with the notion that you can get away with it, seems to embolden the perpetrators. The conviction rate in such cases remains dismally low. No doubt women’s safety cannot be achieved in a day. But a beginning can be made not only by strengthening the policing and providing women-friendly facilities in the city but also by changing the mindset with right education and sensitising the society at large.

Farmers’ movement emerges stronger

The recent *Kisan Sansad* at Jantar Mantar broke fresh ground in support of the movement and in highlighting the Union Government’s failure

It’s quiet and peaceful once again as you take Tolstoy Marg walking past Imperial Hotel toward Jantar Mantar. Fewer khaki shirts patrol the area. No more communal sloganeering or protests. But the dozens of yellow police barricades kept on the one side did tell a tale, something happened here.

From July 22 to August 9, the farmers’ revolution leaders had organised a *Kisan Sansad* (Farmers’ Parliament) at Jantar Mantar. It ran parallel to Indian Parliament’s monsoon session. Each day, 200 farmers’ representatives deliberated on farm laws and other issues like “MSP as a legal right”, the “Swaminathan Report” and even introduced a “no-confidence motion” against the Modi Government.

But what did this symbolic *Sansad* achieve? First things first, with the *Sansad*, the farmers’ revolution has entered Delhi’s heart. And it showed the nation that farmers can also conduct a parliament. The voices from farmers’ camps now roared inside Delhi and Indian democracy’s rudder seemed to turn. Now whether the farmers got police permission as Balaji Shrivastava’s (Delhi Police ex-Commissioner) farewell gift to Modi or their leaders’ astute politicking can be debated upon. But definitely, the Government was on the back foot.

Why would one infer that? The security measures were the first indicator. There were five security personnel for every farmer representative. The media was often segregated, freelance journalists denied entry, and one day many were barred from re-entry, all done unofficially, of course.

Some things fell in the farmers’ favour, too, starting with a stormy monsoon session. Pegasus had rocked the House and yet the Government was in no mood to discuss snooping or farm laws. While crores were wasted in Parliament, the *Kisan Sansad* held debates and discussion each day. New faces participated in these sessions. Renowned agri experts like Devinder Sharma and Ranjit Singh Ghuman also lent a hand. Former bureaucrats, singers and an actress, too, participated in the proceedings.



The *Kisan Sansad* was successful in becoming the melting pot and new coalition for political actions. When the representatives introduced a no-confidence motion, to everyone’s awe over 60 MPs from the Opposition parties led by Rahul Gandhi sat in the visitors’ gallery, giving tacit support to the revolution. This event has given a new platform to political fringe groups, too, and many of us were reminded of the JP movement days.

Speaking of political fringe groups, the *Kisan Sansad* gave a platform to women’s issues. For two days, it transformed into an all-women affair. Issues of essential commodities Act, women’s reservation and security were discussed during these days. The farmer leaders gave special importance to women and have been successful in garnering their support.

Apart from being a great PR campaign against the Modi Government, the *Kisan Sansad* played an important role in galvanising its own cadre. The hardest part of the long-drawn movement or war is attrition. The *Kisan Sansad*, with the help of vernacular online media, kept the morale high. Jantar Mantar gives the farmers a new hope. Alarmed by the farmers’ success, anti-



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social elements inexplicably evaded the police cordon and entered the area on August 8, chanting communal slogans. This may seem as a direct challenge to the farmers but, instead of demoralising them, it spread more distrust among them for the Modi Government. It has also exposed the doublespeak on COVID and the police’s intentions, too.

Even the splinter group led by VM Singh failed again to have a negative impact. The *Kisan Sansad*’s message reverberated even inside the splinter groups’ meetings. The overall motivation in the camps and hinterland is strengthened.

But the biggest achievement is that the farmers have started a purely political process. From a grassroots movement about fair prices and agrarian issues, the revolution has evolved into a budding political movement. It has also given the farmers a taste of parliamentary sessions and democracy. The tacit message sent across the country is that the farmers need to get ready to enter Parliament.

During the late 1990s, VP Singh had clearly predicted: “Till the farmers don’t become a political class, no one will lis-

ten to them. They must enter politics themselves.” Today, the *Kisan Sansad* is a stepping stone. Farmers’ revolution has already started to organise farmers across the country as one political class and, in the process, even laying the foundation stone for ‘Green Politics’. Naturally the movement is stronger in Punjab, Haryana, UP and parts of Rajasthan but other States are being added to the list.

Despite the farmer leaders saying otherwise, “Mission UP” is highly political. It starts with a mega farmers’ rally on September 5. The leaders themselves have revealed that campaigns will begin in all 18 sub-regions to bolster the anti-BJP wave. The farmer leaders previously travelled to West Bengal and aided Mamata’s victory in the State. UP will be the final test; if successful, the farmers’ revolution will have a major impact on Indian politics. Whether the BJP wins or loses, the *Kisan Sansad* and revolution herald a new age for farmers’ movement and agrarian politics in India.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VILIFICATION MUST END NOW

Sir — Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has finally been cleared of all charges framed against him in connection with the death of his wife, Sunanda Pushkar. The Delhi court’s verdict is a slap in the face of all those who had unleashed a vilification campaign against Tharoor. The charges of “cruelty” and “abetment to suicide” under Sections 498A and 306 turned out to be just a figment of the police’s imagination. Tharoor is owed an apology by the Delhi Police for filing the charges against him without any material evidence.

Everyone is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty. But in Tharoor’s case, the reverse was true; he was presumed guilty until the court pronounced him innocent. The verdict should be a salutary lesson for those who seek to thrive on conducting media trials and sensationalising high-profile cases to exercise self-control, show sensitivity and be fair. It is also a stinging rebuke to those who imputed the death to Tharoor. The leader may have drawn great strength and comfort from his re-election to the Lok Sabha from Thiruvananthapuram in 2014 and 2019 despite the sinister attempts made to implicate him in his wife’s death, about which we felt terribly sad.

G David Milton | Tamil Nadu

BWARE OF RELIGIOUS FANATICS

Sir — How is it that, contrary to expectations, the Taliban were able to capture Kabul within a few weeks? The most plausible answer to the million-dollar question is that most people in Afghanistan, particularly those in the rural areas, have fallen victim to the brainwashing by the Taliban fundamentalists in the name of serving the religion. Of course, the sudden decision of the United States to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan came as an added advantage to the Taliban.

Though the marauders have assured the citizens that they will show restraint in all matters, particularly in respect of women, only time will tell whether the fundamentalists really mean what they said. The development in Afghanistan

Still a long way to go



This has reference to ‘Building a new India at 75’ (August 18). We have achieved progress but much more needs to be done to ameliorate the living conditions of the poor, the marginalised and women in general. Peace, harmony and coexistence still remain a myth. More than 70 per cent of the population was poor in 1947 but, even after 75 years, the situation has not changed much. The nation’s wealth and resources are concentrated among only five per cent people; malnutrition among children and starvation deaths still take place. The crimes against women are growing unabated. Sexual abuse at workplace is common; every 10 minutes, a rape occurs. The conviction rate is not com-

mensurate to the number of crimes. Industrialisation still awaits augmentation. Industrial development cries out for immediate attention. Due to two continuous years of pandemic, many have lost employment. Getting a job has become difficult for our youth. Industries and factories should be established on a large scale to generate employment.

Rural development has taken a back seat. Many villages even now have no proper roads, potable water or electricity. Professional and medical education has become the property of a few. Economic progress must be made inclusive of the poorest of the poor, too. Then there’s the reservation policy; education and jobs are given on the basis of caste which defeats the very purpose of equality of opportunity as enshrined in the Constitution.

Last but not the least, the politicians need to be made accountable. Apart from the criminal-politician nexus, several of our elected representatives are facing criminal cases. We have a long way to go to be really free.

Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

must serve as an eye-opener to all the peace-loving people of other countries across the globe. People should never allow themselves to be brainwashed by religious fundamentalists and other communal-minded hardcore elements.

Tharcus S Fernando | Chennai

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IS THE KEY

Sir — It is important to build good communication skills as it creates a healthier workplace environment and better relationships. Those who know effective communication will see better productivity and improved relationships. Listening carefully and offering quality feedback helps people feel heard and understood. How one communicates can be a make-or-break factor in securing a job or maintaining happiness and success.

Being open and approachable to differing perspectives, ideas and opinions are imperative to effective communication.

Being honest about your mistakes is an essential part of healthy communication because it brings about a sincere dialogue about possible solutions and learning opportunities. Effective communication fosters trust. On the other hand, poor communication creates bad relationships, and bad relationships create a toxic environment. Ineffective communication can create missed opportunities, misunderstandings, conflicts, the dissemination of misinformation and mistrust.

Clear and open communication ensures that misunderstandings don’t arise between two people. The ability to communicate effectively plays a major role in resolving conflicts and preventing potential ones from arising. These are the benefits of healthy communication.

Princy Carol Gonsalves | Goa

SOUND BITE

We are going to win in Tripura. There is no law and order in the State and we want all the people there to get all the benefits.

West Bengal Chief Minister — Mamata Banerjee

President Ashraf Ghani’s escape was a betrayal of the State and the nation...He has taken \$169 million with him.

Afghan Ambassador to Tajikistan — Mohammad Zahir Aghbar

The cherry on the cake was meeting Salman Khan sir who had dropped by to meet Mahesh ji. He was warm and friendly.

Indian Idol 12 winner — Pawandeep Rajan

David Malan deserves his opportunity in the Test arena. He has a lot of experience across all formats.

England head coach — Chris Silverwood

The Pegasus issue has cropped up now; however, we have been saying for the last five years that phones are tapped and hence people are afraid.

Rajasthan Chief Minister — Ashok Gehlot



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FIRST COLUMN

THE TALIBAN CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN

The manner in which India manoeuvres its role on the Afghanistan issue in UNSC is critical



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

World television and social media channels were flooded with images of a nation being taken down one infrastructure at a time, as the takeover of Afghanistan by Taliban is underway. Hundreds of Afghans desperate to latch on to an aeroplane taking off from Kabul. A silent prayer for hundreds of young girls whose teachers bid them a tearful adieu as they may never have a chance of a formal education in Afghanistan. These are some of the images which will define the US President's career path and the emergence of China and conduit-state Pakistan acting as the external affairs division of any Taliban-led government. It does impact India in a big way, opening the country to a whole bunch of threats on the north west frontier boundaries, and casting a long shadow of terrorist activities inland. The Taliban takeover has played out to Pakistan's rulebook, or, better still, Pakistan's deep state script crafted perhaps in the military headquarters of Rawalpindi. It would be unwise to think that Taliban



will immediately start threatening and pushing out Hindu and Sikh minorities or train their terror divisions towards India. What is likely to happen is Pakistan playing a key role in shaping the global narrative on the new Taliban government by acting as its international mouthpiece and lobbyist. This fulfills Pakistan's multiple strategic targets including its one upmanship on Kashmir. Pakistan's deep state is sure to leverage the long-standing relationship it has with Taliban to use non-state actors in its military actions in Indian territories including Kashmir, while trying to find peace with Pakistan Taliban and thereby bringing a temporary truce in some of its troubled districts. China, a key sponsor of Pakistan, will likely have far more access in Afghanistan which would need money to establish its sovereignty. This could be more than what China could have wished for, as an unhindered access to a war-torn country needing huge investments in critical infrastructure and rich in natural resources. It fits in well with its Belt and Road Initiative. Coming at time when the US is seen as having failed in the region, it can always project itself as the superpower, peace maker and humanitarian, thereby having a greater say in the world's geo-political stage. Add to this China's ally Pakistan shadow-controlling the Taliban government and their shared deep hatred for India, the entire Indian border comes under a direct threat from multiple aggressive regimes. Unofficially it is also being said that the hasty retreat of the US from Afghanistan has left a bounty of sophisticated military and surveillance equipment in the hands of people with selfish motives in the region. Pakistan and China, with sophisticated equipment accessible, can unleash a reign of terror in India, with intelligent inputs from some of the Indian Islamic fundamentalists, who till last week were languishing in prisons before the Taliban took over Kabul. One cannot forget the role of Russia is likely to play in the region, as like China it has also maintained its embassy operations in the troubled country and has unofficially given a green signal to the new government. The way the debate on Afghanistan moves in the UNSC, where India is currently the president, will be a crucial platform to watch out. Any consensus to legitimize the Taliban regime with careful maneuvering from India could define India's moment in the UNSC. It has lots of groundwork to do, though. India has many strategic infrastructure investments in Afghanistanas well. India has to balance its approach in the region and find new regional allies who can influence the Taliban in a way beneficial to Indian interests.

(The writer is a policy analyst. The views expresses are personal.)

Is pornography an industry in the real sense?

Women are impacted by abuse and violence for a lifetime. Their families, children and entire communities are submerged in its aftermath

The core issue in the sex work industry is who should be prosecuted. Is the volunteer sex worker being exploited, abused if she was initially manipulated into sex work?

As a social worker in training, I worked early on with women in the Kamathipura red light district in Mumbai. De-legitimising their work made it tough on them. They were locked up over the weekends, with young children at home and no outlet for getting bail. None of the 20 or so women that I daily interacted with chose their occupation. Some were sold, some were raped, some were born into homes where this was the profession. Later, it became a way of life for them.



SHWETA SINGH

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Their trade paid for their children's boarding and their mothers' medical needs and of course, rent. Needless to say, none of the sex workers was rich or middle class. They had no family to provide for them. They were from rural areas of Andhra and Odisha — this was 25 years back. They affected my world view.

They made me an advocate for the removal of laws like IPTA. They also made me want to see a stronger system for the rescue of younger women and prosecution of the criminal contractors, sensitization of police towards the women and their trade, and so on.

Does work need to have a higher calling? Why should there be a justification to meet our idea of morality?



This is a question California-based groups that defend porn, always ask. Their question is misleading. It glosses over the how and why of anyone subjecting themselves to the transgression of their body space. What aim is worth the dignity of a human being? Think of the 'me too' movement and the conviction of 'Harvey Weinsteins' of Hollywood. Did aspiring to be a Hollywood actress mean being ready to go through a casting couch and exploitation

of their bodies?

In India too, the aspirational identity is tangible, especially for young women. Also, real is the intentional influencing that occurs of young minds, designed to blur lines of ethics, morality, and undesirable actions and their consequences. But women are impacted by experiences of abuse and violence for a lifetime. Their families, their children, their entire communities are submerged in its aftermath. It includes psychological dysfunction, physical trauma, and remains undiagnosed and untreated because of the associated stigma.

A review of the porn industry in the US can help make us Indians even more cautious. The compulsions of

modernity are visible in American society; as are a commitment to the market economy, neoliberal culture, dominance of well-funded lobby groups and drawbacks in the policy formation process.

The porn industry in the US is estimated to contribute \$20 billion a year to the economy. It is a frequently debated topic but only for political posturing. Influential libertarian groups advocate for choice and freedom as core justification of the industry.

In the US, the issue is only prosecutable if the parties involved are minors. Multiple stakeholders with varying power differentials have a role to play in this policy and practice. Even though, several studies document that actu-

al abuse and violence against women is what leads to the creation of pornographic materials. And there is plenty of research on violence and abuse being caused by the consumption of pornography. And it feeds into crimes of human trafficking and child pornography.

India is currently debating the prosecution of a celebrity generating pornography from unwilling and unknown young women. That there is a debate is indicative of how the complexity of the issue is lost on most urbane mindsets. Several evolved handles on social media platforms have offered the occupational-choice argument. This is like dismissing the 'me too' problems.

Powerful social influ-

encers make a certain lifestyle or an unfettered ambitious identity appear a virtue. They are by default also pushing the argument that all pathways to this are legitimate and desirable. They also do not have the intellectual capacity or the compass of social justice to see the vulnerability of the potential victims.

Ultimately, the issue is of class. Our lens as we assess criminality and victimization must be based on social justice and class equity. Why are those who make pornographic videos rich and powerful men? Why are the victims of abuse middle-class or poor women? And the state must not guess its commitments. It must always err on the side of those victimized and lean towards their protection.

Enforcing the right to education

All minorities, whether based on religion or language, have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice



DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL

In a sorry state of affairs when Parliament ceases to be a forum of enlightening debate and discussion, it is propitious that the recommendation of the National Commission of Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to bring all minority-run schools under the purview of Right to Education Act (RTE Act) and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), has generated a new debate.

The NCPCR also backed reservation for students from minority communities in such schools. The report finds a surge in the number of schools securing Minority Status after the 93rd Constitution Amendment, with more than 85 per cent of the total schools securing the certificate in the years 2005-2009. A second surge was seen in 2010-14, after the 2014 judgement of the Supreme Court in Pramati Educational & Cultural Trust v. Union of India making the RTE Act inapplicable to minority schools.

The NCPCR has recommended bringing all minority schools, including Madrasas, under the purview of the RTE Act and SSA and also recommended reservations for students from minority communities in such schools in view of its findings. The report also points that many schools have registered as minority institutions to thwart implementation of the RTE Act. The limited question is whether bringing the minority run educational institutions with in the ambit of RTE Act would impinge on the Cultural and Educational Rights of the Minorities? Can the minorities, permitted to run educational institutions under the protective umbrella of Article 30, contravene Article 21(A) which protects a child's fundamental right to education? Another cause for serious worry is after the Pramati judgement, placing minority schools outside the purview of the RTE Act.

All minorities, whether based on religion or language, have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. Article 29 protects the interests of the minorities by making a provision that any section of citizens, residing in the territory of India, having a distinct language, script or culture have the right to conserve the same. Article 30 guarantees the right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. But Article 21A inserted vide Eighty-sixth Constitution Amendment, makes it incumbent that the State shall provide free and compulsory education to all children of the age of six to fourteen years. The amendment also substituted Article 45 which now reads, 'The State shall endeavour to provide early childhood care and education for all children until they complete the age of six years'. Besides, clause (k), Article 51A casts an obligation on the parent or guardian to "provide opportunities for education to his child or ward between the age of six and fourteen years." The 93rd Amendment added clause (5) to Article 15, which enables the State to make any spe-



IN THE LIGHT OF A SERIES OF THE SUPREME COURT JUDGMENTS, MINORITY INSTITUTIONS CANNOT IGNORE OR CONTRAVENE THE REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE STATE WHICH AIM TO STRENGTHEN THE REACH AND QUALITY EDUCATION TO ALL CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN BELONG TO THE STATE AND IT IS THE PARAMOUNT OBLIGATION OF THE STATE TO STRIVE TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION TO ALL CHILDREN

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cial provision, by law, for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or for the Scheduled Castes or the Scheduled Tribes in so far as such special provisions relate to their admission to educational institutions including private educational institutions, whether aided or unaided by the State, other than the minority educational institutions referred to in clause (1) of Article 30. In order to give effect to the constitutional provisions, the Parliament enacted the RTE Act.

The expression 'minorities' in Article 30 is not defined in the Constitution. However, Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 notifies Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Jain and Zoroastrians (Parsis) as minority communities defines minorities. The question is, if these schools are brought under the ambit of RTE Act and the SSA, will it erode the Cultural and Educational Rights of the minorities. Education, being a Concurrent field of legislation, the Act casts an obligation on the appropriate Governments and local authorities to provide and ensure admission, attendance and completion of elementary education by all children in the 6-14 age group. The Act also requires all private schools to reserve 25 per cent of seats for children of weaker sections whose stipulated fee would be reimbursed by the State. The SSA, launched in 2002-2003, aims to provide education for all. It is a flagship programme for the achievement of Universalisation of Elementary Education in a time-bound manner.

The Pramati judgment failed to notice that besides the 25 per cent admission quota for children of weaker sections, the RTE Act also has provisions on infrastructural norms, pupil-teacher ratio, prohibition on screening tests and capitation fee and ban on corporal punishment, etc. These provisions benefit both the students and the minority community. All regulative measures which are not destructive of the character of the institution established by the minority, have been held valid by the judiciary. In Ahmedabad St. Xavier's College case (AIR1975), Ray C.J. observed, "This right implies the obligation and duty of the minority institutions to render the very best to the students [...] checks and balances in the shape of regulatory measures are required to ensure the appointment of good teachers and their conditions of service." According to Khanna, J., "The regulations have necessarily to be made in the interest of the institution [.....]. They have to be so designed as to make it an effective vehicle for imparting education", and "Regulations made in the true interests of efficiency of instruction, discipline, health, sanitation, morality, public order and the like may undoubtedly be imposed." Justice Khanna also cautioned, "The minority institutions cannot be allowed to fall below the standards of excellence expected of educational institutions, or under the guise of exclusive right of management... Balance has, therefore, to be kept between the two objectives, that of ensuring the standard of excellence of the institution and that of preserving the right of the

minorities to establish and administer their educational institutions". These observations were concurred in by the Supreme Court in their judgement in Sk Md. Rafique vs Managing Committee in January, 2020, upholding the West Bengal Madrasas Service Commission Act, 2008. The Supreme Court held that the State has the right to introduce a regulatory regime in the national interest to provide minority educational institutions with well-qualified teachers to achieve excellence in education. In the light of a series of judgments of the apex court, minority institutions cannot ignore or contravene the regulations issued by the State which aim to strengthen the reach and quality education to all children. The children belong to the State and it is the paramount constitutional obligation of the State to strive incessantly to provide universal access to quality education to all children regardless of their religion, gender or community.

The RTE Act does not bar the minority-run institutions from choosing their own managements, appointing teachers and staff subject to their fulfilling the necessary norms and standards of education, admitting eligible students, having a reasonable fee structure and using their properties and assets for their institutional benefit subject to the laws of the land. The provisions of the Constitution have to be construed harmoniously. The barriers of community or gender cannot thwart the aims and objects of the legislature. It is time to review the Pramati Judgment.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAS MADE OUR JOB DIFFICULT BY ISSUING OIL BONDS... I AM PAYING THROUGH MY NOSE FOR THE OIL BONDS.
— FINANCE MINISTER
NIRMALA SITHARAMAN



THE FINANCE MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT SERVICING OIL BONDS STANDS IN THE WAY OF GIVING RELIEF ON PETROL AND DIESEL PRICES IS ASTONISHING.
— FORMER FINANCE MINISTER
P CHIDAMBARAM

UK Min: Taliban takeover will inspire terrorists

London: The Taliban takeover of Afghanistan will inspire terrorists and trigger an “explosion” of extremism and security challenges for the world, UK Defence Secretary Ben Wallace warned on Thursday.

Speaking to the BBC, the Cabinet minister said he feared that terror groups like Al Qaeda would view the Taliban advance as an “opportunity” and it was important for the West to gear up against such a prospect.

“It’s pretty straightforward. Failed states lead to an explosion of poverty and usually an explosion of extremism or security challenges. That’s why we have invested in capabilities to take action from outside a country,” Wallace said.

“One of the things I felt was wrong about where we were with this deal — you’ve heard me call it a rotten deal — is that around the world Islamists will see what they view as a victory. That will inspire other terrorists,” he said.

“Al-Qaeda is potentially going to look at this as an opportunity. We will have to gear up, tool up,” he added.

The minister, overseeing the evacuation of British nationals from Afghanistan, also dismissed some media reports claiming that planes were flying out of the region half empty. Wallace said seven to 10 Royal Air Force (RAF) packed planes were taking off every day. The passengers on the flights out of Afghanistan this week have included British government personnel, British citizens, media and human rights staff and Afghans who had worked for the UK. *PTI*

Was Biden handcuffed by Trump’s Taliban deal in Doha?

Washington: After President Donald Trump signed a peace deal with the Taliban in February 2020, he optimistically proclaimed that “we think we’ll be successful in the end.” His secretary of state, Mike Pompeo, asserted that the administration was “seizing the best opportunity for peace in a generation.”

Eighteen months later, President Joe Biden is pointing to the agreement signed in Doha, Qatar, as he tries to deflect blame for the Taliban overrunning Afghanistan in a blitz. He says it bound him to withdraw US troops, setting the stage for the chaos engulfing the country.

But Biden can go only so far in claiming the agreement boxed him in. It had an escape clause: The US could have withdrawn from the accord if Afghan peace talks failed. They did, but Biden chose to stay in it, although he delayed the complete pullout from May to September.

Chris Miller, acting defence secretary in the final months of the Trump administration, chafed at the idea that Biden was handcuffed by the agreement. *AP*

Biden admin suspends all arms sales to Af Govt

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration has suspended all arms sales to the Government of Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover of the country. In a notice to defence contractors posted on Wednesday, the State Department's Political/Military Affairs Bureau said pending or undelivered arms transfers to Afghanistan had been put under review.

“In light of rapidly evolving circumstances in Afghanistan, the Directorate of Defense Sales Controls is reviewing all pending and issued export licenses and other approvals to determine their suitability in furthering world peace, national security and the foreign policy of the United States,” it said.

Taliban more ‘clear eyed and rational’ than before: China

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Thursday said it is in talks with the Taliban and called for an “objective judgement” on their actions after it seized power in Afghanistan, saying the militant group appears to be more “clear eyed and rational” and hoped that it will deliver on its promises, including protection of women’s rights.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said that although the situation hasn’t cleared up completely, it is believed that the “Afghan Taliban will not repeat the history of the past and now they are clear-eyed and rational” compared to their last rule.

Biden says ‘Taliban now in ‘existential crisis’

Washington: President Joe Biden says the Taliban have not changed but are going through an “existential crisis” about whether they want legitimacy on the global stage as they’ve taken over Afghanistan.

In an interview on ABC’s “Good Morning America,” Biden said that he’s “not sure” the Taliban want to be “recognized by the international community as being a legitimate government.”

He also said that the threat from al-Qaida and their affiliate organizations is “greater in other parts of the world than it is in Afghanistan, adding that it’s “not rational” to ignore the “looming problems” posed by al-Qaida affiliates in Syria or East Africa, where he said the threat to the US is “significantly greater.” “We should be focusing on where the threat is the greatest,” Biden said, in defense of the US withdrawal from Afghanistan. *AP*

New Taliban Govt in Af will not be allowed to access loans: IMF

Washington: The International Monetary Fund says that the new Taliban Government in Afghanistan will not at the current time be allowed to access loans or other resources from the 190-nation lending organisation.

In a statement Wednesday, the IMF said it would be guided by the views of the international community.

The statement said, “There is currently a lack of clarity within the international community regarding recognition of a Government in Afghanistan, as a consequence of which the country cannot access SDRs or other IMF resources.” *AP*

Pakistani human smugglers business boom as thousands of Afghans attempt to leave

Karachi: Pakistani human smugglers operating in areas bordering Afghanistan are raking in money as thousands of Afghans try to exit their country by clandestine means following the fall of Kabul to the Taliban. Thousands of Afghans are fleeing Afghanistan to escape the new Taliban regime and seek asylum in different nations, including the US and many

European nations, in quest of a better living environment.

“Business has been booming even before the Taliban entered Kabul. We have smuggled in around 1,000 people from across the border since last week and business is booming,” Hameed Gul, who operates from a small town near the Chaman-Spin Boldak border with Afghanistan, told PTI . *PTI*

Ethnic health care systems strained in Myanmar amid pandemic

Jakarta: When February’s military takeover of Myanmar led to the collapse of the central health care system, independent ethnic organizations that had operated for decades on the Southeast Asian country’s borders stepped in. They provided basic medical services, treated Covid-19-patients and occasionally even tended to injuries from armed skirmishes. *AP*

Nepal’s largest communist party officially splits

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal’s main Opposition CPN-UML, the largest communist party of the country, has officially split, with one of its factions led by dissident leader Madhav Kumar Nepal applying for registering a new political party, after the government backed a controversial ordinance to make it easier for political parties to split.

Nepal on Wednesday submitted an application at the Election Commission (EC), for registering a new political party named CPN-UML (Socialist).

Earlier on Wednesday, on the recommendation of the Council of Ministers, President Bidya Devi Bhandari issued an ordinance to amend the Political Parties Act 2071, aimed at easing the procedure for political parties to split.

The amendment ordinance stipulates that 20 per cent or more members of the parliamentary party and the central committee of a political party can split their mother party.

Report: HK activists plead guilty to protest charges

Hong Kong: Seven Hong Kong pro-democracy activists pleaded guilty on Thursday to organizing and inciting others to take part in an unauthorized assembly held in 2019, local media reported.

The seven activists appearing in court included Raphael Wong, the former chairman of the League of Social Democrats political party, and Figo Chan, who led the Civil Human Rights Front, a now disbanded group that organized protests.

“I was protesting based on the principle of civil disobedience. One of the key elements of civil disobedience is to accept the charges. So that is what we are going to do later, to plead guilty,” Wong said Thursday ahead of the proceedings. “Another key element is that the people carrying out civil disobedience actions know being jailed is just part of the process,” he said. “We are not worried about being jailed. Instead, we hope we can achieve democracy after this process.” *AP*

GLOBE TROTTER

JAPAN REPORTS DAILY RECORD FOR NEW CASES
Tokyo: Japan has reported a new record for daily coronavirus cases at more than 25,000, which is likely an undercount in a nation where coronavirus testing hasn’t been widespread. The Health Ministry on Thursday gave the total as 25,141, of which 1,223 cases were still being confirmed. Japanese media gave different tallies, but all surpassing 25,000.

NO SEVERE SYMPTOMS OF JABS IN PREGNANCY
Washington: Pregnant and lactating women who receive the Covid-19 vaccine do not experience symptoms any more severe than their non-pregnant counterparts, according to a survey over 17,000 individuals. The study, published in the journal JAMA Network Open, enrolled pregnant or lactating women and those who were neither pregnant nor lactating in January 2021.

DOZENS OF HOMES BURN AS CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE ON Grizzly Flats (US): A small wildfire swept through a mobile home park, leaving dozens of homes in ashes, the latest in a series of explosive blazes propelled by gusts that have torn through Northern California mountains and forests. The drought-parched region was expected to see red flag warnings for dangerously high winds and hot, dry weather through Thursday.


RUSSIA BACKS FIGHTERS REMOVAL FROM LIBYA
Moscow: Russia’s top diplomat assured his Libyan counterpart on Thursday that Moscow supports the withdrawal of all foreign fighters from the North African country and is prepared to help work out the details with other countries. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said after the talks in Moscow with Najla Mangoush that the Libyan leadership “is forming a consultative mechanism ... To formulate the concrete parameters” under which the foreign forces will leave.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is known to all that Allottee of residential Plot No. L-73, Sector-11, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, (U.P.), Smt. Suninder Gandhi W/o Sh. Ashok Gandhi R/o 3181A, Mohindra Park, Ram Bagh, New Delhi, has sold the above said plot on GPA basis.

1. G.P.A. was executed on 05/01/2001 in favour of Sh. Rajendra Sharma S/o Sh. J.P. Sharma R/o L-73, Sector-11, Near Metro Hospital, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar (U.P.), which is registered in the office of sub Registrar Office, Gautam Budh Nagar & the agreement to sell was not executed.

2. Because the Agreement to sell written in para 1 is not registered so with the help of this notice it is informed that the transfer of the above flat on the basis of GPA goes in favour of Smt. Mitlesh Kumar W/o Sh. Rajendra Sharma R/o L-73, Sector-11, Near Metro Hospital, Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar (U.P.). If anyone has any objection, he/she can submit his/her objection in the residential department of NOIDA Authority within 30 days of publication of this notice.



THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD.

APPENDIX IV-A SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVEABLE POROPERTY

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of The Hongkong And Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd, secured creditor, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is” and “Whatever there is” on **23rd Sep 2021**, for recovery of **₹ 19,18,427.86/- (Rupees Nineteen Lac Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven and Eighty Six paise Only)** as on 5th Aug 2021, due to **THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LIMITED**, secured creditor, from **MR. KAILASH CHANDRA NAHAK AND MS. SUJATA NAYAK**.

The reserve price will be ₹ 13,56,000 (Rupees Thirteen Lac Fifty Six Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be ₹ 1,35,600/- (Rupees One Lac Fifty Six Thousand Only)

Short Description of Immoveable Property
DDA BUILT UP FREE HOLD LIG FLAT BEARING NO. 52, 1ST FLOOR, POCKET-C, BLOCK-A, LOKNAYAK PURAM BAKKARWALA, NEW DELHI- 110041

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer HSBC website / E Auction house website

Date: 20th Aug 2021
Place: Delhi

The Authorised Officer

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E –AUCTION SALE

- The property will be sold in “As is where is” “As is what is” and “Whatever there is” condition, including unknown encumbrances, if any.
- E Auction Sale Notice issued by the bank is an invitation to general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Bank. Interest bidders are advised to inspect the copies of titles deeds/ Property with the bank and conduct own independent enquiries / due diligence before submission of bids.
- Notice is hereby given that the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through “Online Electronic Bidding” through the website <https://www.bankeauctions.com> (E Auction house website) on **23rd Sep 2021 between 11:00 am to 12:00 pm with extensions of 5 minutes’ duration after 12:00 pm, if required.**
- The bidders must hold valid e mail address and may participate in e –auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Bank/ service provider shall not be held responsible for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash, own power failure.
- For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider **Contact Person Vinod Chauhan, Mobile No. 9813887931**, Email Id : delhi@c1india.com (contact details of E Auction House with the details of contact person)
- Interested bidders may inspect the property and copy of List of documents on **9th Sep 2021 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**
- The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is **₹ 13,56,000 /-(Rupees Thirteen Lac Fifty Six Thousand Only)** in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule of property and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is **₹ 1,35,600/- (Rupees One Lac Thirty Five Thousand Six Hundred Only)** in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule of the property.
- Interested bidder(s) have to get themselves self-registered on the Web Portal and upload a copy documents i.e., Bidder form, KYC documents etc. At the same time, they will have to initiate the payment of the EMD amount and upload the EMD Amount Receipt as well. The interested bidder(s) are then also required to mandatorily submit/dispatch these physical documents (inclusive of EMD receipt) to the HSBC Branch.
- Details for making online EMD:- A/C Number – 010-909968-042, Beneficiary Name : E-Auction EMD Suspense account number, IFSC Code: HSBC 0400002
- The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price, along with other required documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof etc, along with the EMD in Favour of “THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD etc., latest by 15th Sep 2021 before 3:00 pm shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm on 23rd Sep 2021.
- The bidder(s) may improve their offer in multiples of **₹ 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)** and the Bank may accept the revised offer. Therefore, in case any bidder enhances his bid during the LAST FIVE MINUTES, it is automatically extended for FIVE MINUTES from the closing time and so forth until no further bids/enhancements are received.
- In case either party’s offer / bid is not successful, the said amount towards earnest money shall be refunded, without any additional interest payable thereon by the Bank.
- The successful bidder shall deposit a total of 25 % of bid amount (which shall include the EMD amount paid) within 24 Hours of Acceptance of his/her bid and balance 75% amount on or before 15 days from the date of auction of the property or if the 15th Day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day or thereafter subject to the Bank expressly agreeing for such extension of time. All the payments shall be made by the purchaser by means of the Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring “THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION LTD.
- In the event of default of payment within the prescribed period as mentioned above, the Bank shall be at liberty to forfeit the Earnest Money Deposit and/or any other deposit made by the purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold and the property shall be re sold after issuing the fresh sale notice proceed with re-auction of the property without assigning any reasons.
- The property shall be sold to the successful bidder subject to acceptance of the bid by the Bank. The successful bidder shall in addition to the Bid Amount bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance such as Stamp Duty, Registration Fees, Transfer Fee, Taxes, TDS, etc. as applicable/mandated under the local Laws. The successful bidder shall not be entitled to annul the sale on any ground of whatsoever nature.
- In case where the sale consideration is over and above Rs.50 lacs shall attract a TDS of 1%. The said TDS shall be in addition to the bid amount and the bank will provide the PAN Card number of the borrower to such bidder for making the payment of TDS. The bank shall only after receipt of the TDS challan execute the final sale certificate and shall be registered thereafter.
- All Society or land charges, pending dues or any outstanding with the Society, Municipal Corporation, Electricity Charges or any other authorities would be paid and settled solely by the successful bidder. The Bank will not be in any way responsible for the same.
- Offers not accompanied by the Earnest Money Deposit or received subsequent to the above mentioned stipulated date and time would not be considered as a Valid bid and will be returned back to the bidder along with the earnest money without any interest.
- HSBC Staff/Vendor and their family members are not entitled to apply for Auction Property under any circumstances whatsoever. If the Authorized Officer or the Bank identify any such application by the said persons, the entire Auction shall be cancelled. Bank shall conduct a fresh auction as per its discretion.
- The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be liable and/or responsible for any charge / lien / encumbrance, tax or any other dues payable to the Govt. or any other Authority or person, in respect of the property under Sale.
- The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or adjourn/postpone the sale without assigning any reason thereof. In the event the highest bidder is disqualified for any reason, then the Authorized Officer shall consider the next highest bid and proceed accordingly as per provisions of law
- The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank.
- On receipt of the sale price in full, the Bank will issue a Sale Certificate in favour of the Purchaser and would hand over the possession of the property to the purchaser on AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS.
- The Successful Purchaser shall not have any option for appointment of a nominee or waive any obligations under the Auction. No persons other than the intending bidders/offers themselves, or their duly Authorized Representatives, shall be allowed to participate in the auction/sale proceedings. The Authorised Representatives must carry with themselves letter of authority from the principal bidder with necessary document for identification.
- In case, all the dues together with all cost, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank are tendered by the above named Borrower one working day prior to the date of Auction, then the property will not be sold vide the said Auction and all the bids received from the prospective bidders shall be returned to them without any liability / claim against the Bank.

For further details, please contact officer of the Bank **Mr. Rohit Dutt Tyagi**

Place: Delhi
Dated: 20th Aug 2021

The Authorised Officer

HOUSING BOARD HARYANA SECTOR-23, FARIDABAD
PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for the information of the General Public that Flat No. 591, A/L/GFF, Sector-23 Faridabad was transferred/ allotted in the name of Sh. Diwan Chand Ratna S/o. Gurcharan Lal R/o 20/38, N.I.T. Faridabad vide letter No. 3382 dated 16/05/1986. Now above allottee/transferor/Sale deed holder Sh. Diwan Chand Ratna S/o Gurcharan Lal has expired on 06/04/2019. Now allottee/transferor/Sale deed holder Smt. Banita Ratna W/o Diwan Chand Ratna R/o 20/38, Ward No.11, NIT, N.I.T. Faridabad has submitted the documents for the transfer of the allotment of the above mentioned house due to the death of the allottee / transferee being his/her legal heirs. Now by the present Public Notice, it is informed to all public in General that in case anybody has objection to the above said transfer of allotment of house, in the name of Smt. Banita Ratna W/o Diwan Chand Ratna, he/she can file the objection within 30 days from the publication of the notice after that necessary action for the transfer of the above mentioned house will be taken by this office as per Rules and no objection will be entertained after 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Estate Manager
Housing Board Haryana Sec-23, Faridabad

CHANGE OF NAME
I Nazeya Parveen D/o Umar Shad Khan R/o Flat No 78B, Block U-3, Dhawalgiri Apartment, Sector-11 Noida, Distt. G.B. Nagar (U.P.) I have Changed My name from Nazeya Parveen to Nazia Parveen. In Future I will be known as Nazia Parveen.
-Nazia Parveen**PUBLIC NOTICE**
This is to inform you that the Allottee of a Residential Property No. B-30, Sector-33 Noida, Suresh Kumar S/o Biru R/o A-30, Pocket B, Mayapuri Vihar, Phase II, Delhi had executed a General Power of Attorney in favour of Jagtar Singh S/o Gian Singh R/o B-30, Sector-33 Noida vide GPA Dated 14/02/1996 and the same was duly regd. in the office of Sub-Registrar, Noida and Agreement to Sell is also been executed in favour of Jagtar Singh which is not registered. On the basis of the above said GPA Jagtar Singh wants to transfer the said. Property in favour of Mrs. Manjeet Saini W/o Jagtar Singh R/o B-30, Sector-33 Noida Because the said Agreement to Sell is not registered. So with the help of this notice it is informed that on the transfer of the said Property if any one has/have any objection, he/she will submit his/her objection in the office of O.S.D. (Residential Plot Dept.) Noida Authority along with the proofs within 30 days of the publication of this notice.
Jagtar Singh

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, Northern Railway, Delhi Division, New Delhi invites e-tender for the following work:

1. Name of work with its location	Work of Commercial Advertisement Rights through LED Screens Videowalls at Railway Stations over Delhi Division for a period of five years.	No. of VideoWall
2. Details of railway stations	Extender Notice Number PublicityVideowall 01-2021 to publicityVideowall 21-2021 (Total 21 Tenders)	21 Units New Delhi (2 Units), Delhi (5 Units), Hazrat Nizamuddin (1 Unit), Ghaziabad (1 Unit), Delhi Cantt. (1 Unit), Delhi Sarai Rohilla (1 Unit), Rohtak (2 Units), Faridabad (1 Unit), Faridabad Town (1 Unit), Ballabgarh (1 Unit), Palwal (1 Unit), Karnal (1 Unit), Panipat (1 Unit) (Separate Bids are to be submitted for each unit)
3. Date of Tender Opening	09.09.2021 up to 1500 hrs.	
4. Approximate cost of work	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in	
5. Cost of Tender document including 18% GST	As per NIT on ireps.gov.in	
6. Earnest Money Deposit	www.ireps.gov.in	
7. Website particulars where complete details of tender document can be seen	https://ireps.gov.in/	

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CMC/BR/2021-22/RB/KB/944	SUPPLY, TESTING AND CONFIGURATION OF MODEMS (NB/IOT COMMUNICATION), HEAD END SOFTWARE FOR REMOTE METER READING AND AMC OF THE SYSTEM FOR 5 YEARS IN BRP	2.10 Crores	4,20,000/-	10.09.2021 15:00 HRS	10.09.2021 15:30 HRS

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Incentive for mills exporting sugar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Thursday announced an incentive for sugar mills in the form of an additional domestic sales quota to those that export sugar and divert the commodity towards ethanol making, in the new 2021-22 season starting October. The Government said that sugar mills have contracted for export of seven million tonnes, against the mandatory quota of six million tonnes fixed for the current season ending next month so far in the current 2020-21 season.

Out of this, more than 5.5 million tonnes of sugar was exported till August 16. Exports stood at 5.96 million

tonnes in 2019-20, 3.8 million tonnes in 2018-19, and 6,20,000 tonnes in 2017-18 season. Due to the improvement in liquidity of mills following Government measures, the ministry said ₹ 75,703 crore cane dues of the 2019-20 season were cleared by mills and only ₹142 crore arrears are pending now. In the ongoing 2020-21 season, mills purchased a record sugarcane worth about ₹9,07,872 crore, against which about ₹81,963 crore cane dues have already been paid to farmers, it said.

“Sugar mills have also been asked to take advantage of firm global sugar prices and plan export of raw sugar in advance in the new season (October-September), it said.

This indicates that the government is unlikely to extend the export subsidy from the new season, as it would be easier for domestic mills to sell sugar abroad in view of firm global prices. India, the world’s second-largest sugar-producing country, had to offer export subsidies in the past two years, to reduce surplus stocks and help cash-starved sugar mills clear cane payment to growers.

In a statement, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution said, “Sugar mills which will export sugar and divert sugar to ethanol would also be given incentive in the form of additional monthly domestic quota for sale in the domestic market.”

Retail inflation for farm, rural workers rise marginally in Jul

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Retail inflation for farm workers and rural labourers rise marginally to 3.92 per cent and 4.09 per cent in July, as compared to the previous month.

The numbers in June had stood at 3.83 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively.

“Point-to-point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL (Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers) and CPI-RL (Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers) stood at 3.92 per cent and 4.09 per cent in July 2021, compared to 3.83 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively, in June 2021,” the labour ministry said in a statement.

It added that the inflation based on CPI-AL and CPI-RL during July 2020 had stood at

6.58 per cent and 6.53 per cent, respectively.

Similarly, food inflation based on the indices stood at 2.66 per cent and 2.74 per cent in July 2021.

lower as compared with 2.67 per cent and 2.86 per cent, respectively, in June 2021. They were at 7.83 per cent and 7.89 per cent, respectively, during the corresponding

month of the previous year. All-India CPI-AL and CPI-RL for July 2021 rose four points and five points to stand at 1,061 points and 1,070 points, respectively, as compared to June 2021.

The major contribution towards the rise in general index of agricultural labourers and rural labourers came from food and miscellaneous group with 1.78 points and 1.79 points, and 1.30 and 1.31

points, respectively.

It was mainly due to a rise in prices of vegetables and fruits, onion, meat goat, poultry, chillies-green, and mustard oil, among others.

The rise or fall in the index varied from state to state.

In the case of agricultural labourers, it recorded an increase of 1-13 points in 16 states and a decrease of 1-7 points in 3 states, while the index for Assam remained stationary. Tamil Nadu, with 1,249 points, topped the index table; whereas Himachal Pradesh, with 829 points, stood at the bottom.

In the case of rural labourers, it recorded an increase of 2-14 points in 15 states and a decrease of 1-6 points in three states, while it remained stationary for Assam and Meghalaya.

India looks to work with US on market access issues: Goyal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will look at working with the US on market access issues to promote bilateral trade as Washington has indicated that it is not looking for a new trade agreement as of now, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday.

He also said that Australia has shown significant interest to do an early harvest pact with India and exporters should share areas of their interest with the ministry. An early harvest with countries like Australia will help India engage with others on similar lines, Goyal said.

“The US as of now has kind of indicated that they are not looking for new trade agreements, but we look at working with them for more market access issues on both

the sides and I think that would also be a big relief and a big opportunity opener for our export sector,” he said while addressing the Export Promotion Council leaders in Mumbai. On the proposed free trade pact with the UK, the minister said it is progressing well as both the teams are in talks.

“We are working with line ministries on areas where we can quickly close the deal in terms of an early harvest if possible, so instead of trying to address 11,000 lines (or products), we can look at areas of their immediate interest and our immediate interest,” Goyal said. On the comprehensive trade pact with the European Union, he said discussions have started as the EU is a 27-nation bloc, an agreement with them is a much longer process

FPIs’ investment value in domestic equity surges 7% to \$ 592-bn in Q2

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The value of the foreign portfolio investors (FPI) holdings in the domestic equities reached USD 592 billion in three months ended June 2021, a surge of 7 per cent from the preceding quarter, according to a Morningstar report.

This was largely on the back of robust net inflows from FPIs, coupled with the strong performance of the Indian equity markets.

“As of the quarter ended June 2021, the value of FPI investments in Indian equities stood at USD 592 billion, which was considerably higher than the USD 552 billion recorded in the previous quarter, a spike of around 7 per cent,” the report noted.

As of June 2020, the value of FPI investments in Indian equities had been USD 344 billion. However, overseas investors’ contribution to domestic equity market capitalisation dropped marginally during the quarter under review to 19.1 per cent from 19.9 per cent for the March

quarter.

Offshore mutual funds form an important component of total foreign portfolio investment, apart from other large FPIs, such as offshore insurance companies, hedge funds, and sovereign wealth funds.

For the quarter ended June 2021, FPIs were net buyers to the tune of USD 0.68 billion compared with the net inflow of USD 7.64 billion was recorded during the quarter ended March 2021.

While the second wave of the pandemic prompted overseas investors to turn negative on Indian equities in April and May as they sold net assets worth USD 1.29 billion and USD 0.39 billion, respectively, they came back strongly in June to pump in USD 2.36 billion as the situation turned favorable for them. However, FPIs turned cautious toward Indian equity markets again in July. The U.S. Fed’s hawkish statement that it might raise interest rates much earlier than assumed was the precursor for the change in their stance.

Indian Govt IT spend growth to slow down to 8.6% in 2022: Gartner

Mumbai: The growth in information technology spending by the Government is estimated to slow down to 8.6 per cent to USD 8.3 billion in 2022, against the 13.2 per cent rise expected in the ongoing 2021, a global consultancy said on Thursday.

“Digitalisation initiatives of Indian Government organisations took a giant leap in 2020 because of the global pandemic. The pandemic forced the Government to shift priorities as supply chains and revenue streams dwindled,” Apeksha Kaushik, senior principal research analyst at Gartner, said. As the vaccination rates increase throughout the country and public health improves, Govts will focus on furthering the digitalisation efforts on concerns such as ‘citizen experience’ and digital inclusion, she added. The growth in spending on software will increase to 24.7 per cent to USD 1.823 billion in 2022, while the data centre spends growth will see one of the sharpest declines to 2.2 per cent from 7.6 per cent in 2021 to USD 507 million in 2022, the report said.

Directorate of Tourism Jammu organises photo exhibition

In connection with World Photography Day, Directorate of Tourism, Jammu organised photo exhibition and live painting competition “Mera Jammu Mere Jharokhe Se” at Octroi Post Suchetgarh. On this occasion Director Tourism Jammu, Sh. Vivekanand Rai, IRS inaugurated the photo exhibition and live painting competition. In the photo exhibition many photographers of Jammu Division displayed their collection of Photographs depicting heritage and scenic spots. The theme of painting competition was based on ancient heritage of Jammu and Kashmir in which students of various institutes and different age groups participated.

The venue for the world photography day was specially chosen with the aim to highlight the Border Tourism of Jammu and bringing it on the Tourism Map of India. The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu has organized many similar programs at the Border in the recent past.

Oil palm sector welcomes Govt’s moves to boost production in India

ANS ■ HYDERABAD

The oil palm industry has welcomed the Central Government’s initiatives to encourage oil palm production in the country.

The Oil Palm Developers and Processors Association (OPDPA) said the slew of measures announced by the Government on Wednesday will make it viable for the industry to operate and ensure the country is self-sufficient in meeting its edible oil requirements. The Union Cabinet on Wednesday cleared the setting up the ₹11,040 crore National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm to boost palm oil production in India and reduce dependence on expensive imports from Southeast Asia.

In the project, the Central government’s share will be ₹8,844 crore, while the states will contribute ₹2,196 crore as their share for the mission. The measures announced by the Centre include price assurance to the oil palm farmers for the fresh fruit bunches (FFB),

a mechanism to fix and regulate FFB prices (MSP), considering the annual average crude palm oil (CPO) price of last five years. This move will protect the farmers from the fluctuations in international CPO prices and also from the price volatility. Welcoming the Union Cabinet decision, Sanjay Goenka, President of OPDPA, said, “OPDPA as the nodal agency has been relentlessly pursuing the government to bring about reforms in the sector to help create a sustainable environment for the farmers and the industry -- be it the pricing mechanism or other subsidy measures towards increasing crop cultivation. “The benefits of the Cabinet announcement will accrue to the farmers -- the most important stakeholder in making widespread oil palm cultivation a reality and whose welfare the association has been fighting for. Today’s announcement by the Govt will have a tremendously positive impact on the sector, and also have a huge impact on foreign exchange savings.”

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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18/06/2021

Boost for cooling industry as India approves Kigali ratification

ANS ■ NEW DELHI

With India ratifying a global treaty that eventually aims to phase out a heat-trapping substance - hydrofluorocarbons or HFCs - and replace them with climate-friendly alternatives, experts on Thursday said this will encourage the air-conditioning and refrigeration industry to develop more efficient cooling technologies faster.

Following seven years of negotiations, the 197 Montreal Protocol parties reached a treaty in October 2016 in Kigali in Rwanda, under which developed countries will start phasing out HFCs by 2019, while the developing countries, including India, will phase them out at a baseline of 2024-2026 and a freeze date of 2028.

The baseline year determines the level at which the HFC consumption in countries is capped.

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18477/18478 Puri-Haridwar-Puri Utkal Express Special	Yog Nagari Rishikesh	
14229/14230 Prayagraj Sangam-Haridwar-Prayagraj Sangam Express Special	Yog Nagari Rishikesh (with increase in frequency from tri-weekly to daily)	

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SEARCH FOR MISSING



Kishan Gopal

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Age: 19 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: thin, Wearing: White Colour full arm Shirt, Black colour Jeans Pant & Blue half nikar and Red Colour Chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing/drowned boy, may inform SHO, Wazirabad, Delhi at E-mail ld-cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

SHO P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi North Distt., Delhi Ph. No. 011-23810069, 23810073

011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1418/N/2021

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown,** was found in gutter, near Gate No.1, Ghazipur Fish Market, Delhi on 16.08.2021 in the area of P.S. Ghazipur, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 32A U/s 174 Cr.P.C. dated 16.08.2021** at P.S. Ghazipur, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age: 45 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'5", Built: Thin, Wearing: Without any cloth. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.**

SHO P.S. Ghazipur, Delhi Ph: 011-22610068, 8750870625 DP/669/ED/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Bhudev

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Bhudev, S/o Sh. Amar Singh @ Dilewer Singh, R/o: H.No.157, P-3 Block, New Roshanpura, Najafgarh, New Delhi** has been missing since **16.07.2021**. In this regard a **DD No. 44-A dated 30.07.2021**, has been registered at P.S. Najafgarh, Delhi. The description of the missing person are as under:- **Age: 31 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue colour T-shirt and khaki colour capri. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.**

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> E-Mail ID - cic@cbi.gov.in Fax No. 011-24368639 Ph. Nos.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/415/DW/2021

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General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead at Baba Kharak Singh Marg Footpath, Dr. RML Hospital near Akshra Theater, New Delhi dated **17.08.2021** at **1:30 hrs**. He was admitted in RML Hospital, New Delhi on MLC No. E171131/21 dated 17.08.2021. He was declared brought dead by doctor on dated 17.08.2021. In this regard a **DD No. 8A**, dated **17.08.2021** has been registered at **P.S. North Avenue, New Delhi**. The dead body has been preserved for identification at Dr. RML Hospital Mortuary, New Delhi for 72 hrs. The description of the person is given as under **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 60 years, Height: 5'6", Built: Strong, Face: Oval, Hair: Small Black & White, Beard : Medium Black & White, Complexion: Sallow, Wearing : White Shirt with Golden Lines, Navy Blue Lower bare footed .**

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

SHO PS North Avenue, New Delhi Ph. : 011-23093294, 23093040, 23093010, 9873432659 DP/314/NDD/2021

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MAHA 2024 ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

‘BJP will return to power’

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra’s former Chief Minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis said on Thursday that with the three-party alliance Government ruling the state and the Shiv Sena no longer its ally, his party can work freely, expand its base and return to power in the State in the 2024 Assembly elections.

Speaking at a function organised to welcome Shiv Sena leader and Pune Zilla Parishad member Asha Buchke and her supporters into the BJP, Fadnavis said that since three major political parties – Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress – joined hands against the BJP, thus reducing their respective political spaces and giving his party an opportunity to expand his base by working for the welfare of the people in the state.

“After the three political parties joined hands and formed the alliance Government, the BJP in the State got a golden opportunity to expand its party



which was not possible when the party was in alliance with the Shiv Sena. Now that the three ruling parties are busy mending their affairs, the BJP can work freely, expand the party and work for the betterment of the people of the State.

The BJP will contest the 2024

Assembly polls on its own strength and come to power in the State,” Fadnavis said.

Fadnavis, who is currently the leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly, said that all the supporters of Asha Buchke, who joined the BJP along with her, would be treated honourably in his party. “Our party does not differentiate between anyone -- an insider or an outsider, old or new. Once a leader comes under the aegis of the party, the party honours and takes care of them”.

State BJP president Chandrakant Patil said that Asha Buchke did not get her due in the Shiv Sena, she would now get her recognition in the BJP.

He said that she would be nominated as the party candidate in the 2024 State Assembly polls.

Expressing her happiness over joining the BJP, Asha Buchke said: “After joining the BJP I truly feel that I can now breathe freely and as a party worker, I will work hard and ensure that we expand the reach of the party to every household.”

Sena purify Bal’s memorial post Rane’s visit

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A major controversy broke out between the ruling Shiv Sena and the principal Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Maharashtra on Thursday evening, as a group of Shiv Sainiks “purified” the Bal Thackeray memorial at Shivaji Park in north-central Mumbai, hours after senior BJP leader and Union Minister Narayan Rane paid homage to the late Sena chief at the memorial before launching “Jan Ashirwad Yatra”.

In a development that brought the Shiv Sena at loggerheads with the Shiv Sena, Rane – who himself was a Shiv Sena leader in the past – visited the Bal Thackeray memorial and paid homage to the late Sena chief in the morning, ahead of his launching the “Jan Ashirwad Yatra” in the state. He was accompanied by leaders of the Opposition in the

State Assembly and Council Devendra Fadnavis and Pravin Darekar respectively, during his visit to the Thackeray edifice.

Appa Patil, the memorial care-taker and Shiv Sena functionary, washed the photo frame of late Balasaheb with “Gomutra”, performed “abhishek” and placed flowers at the memorial.

Several Shiv Sainiks were present when the “purification” ceremony took place at the memorial.

Slamming Rane after “purifying” the Thackeray memorial, Patil said: “After leaving the Shiv Sena, Rane had never come here even once. He called Uddhav Thackeray sahib, who is considered one of the top five Chief Ministers in the country, all kinds of names. We are loyalists of the Thackeray family. We will not tolerate this kind of act by anyone. That’s why we purified the

Thackeray memorial. I come here every day”.

Patil also complained that he had come to the memorial in the morning, but the police did not allow me to go near the memorial. “After that, I became restless. I cannot let anyone commit sacrilege at the memorial. It was for this reason that I performed abhishek with milk and purified the memorial,” he said.

Earlier in the day, after the news of Rane visiting the Thackeray memorial spread in the city, Shiv Sena MP Vinayak Raut had lodged a severe protest saying that the Sena would not let the Union Minister go anywhere near the Thackeray memorial.

“Rane has no moral right to go anywhere near the Thackeray memorial,” Raut had said.

Raut’s threat had sparked speculation that Rane might cancel his visit to the Thackeray

memorial. However, the Union Minister went ahead with his scheduled visit to the memorial, amid tight security arrangements.

Rane— who was the Shiv Sena chief minister for a brief period between February 1 1999 and October 17 1999 during the Sena-BJP alliance rule in Maharashtra between 1995-1999—also visited Hindutva ideologue V D Savarkar’s memorial located in the neighbourhood.

Talking to media persons, Rane said Balasaheb Thackeray might not be alive, but he would bless him to do the good work for the people. “Through my ministry, I will work towards generating employment opportunities. The BJP will win the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation polls next year and the task of ensuring victory in the BMC has been vested with all BJP leaders, including myself”.

Hike in DA, honorariums in UP DMK nips in bud communal trouble bid

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Ahead of the crucial 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced a series of sops in the Vidhan Sabha on Thursday.

He announced a hike in dearness allowance for 16 lakh State employees and 12 lakh pensioners from 17 per cent to 28 per cent, hike in honorarium for Anganwadi workers, Pradesh Raksha Dal jawans, rojgar sevaks and hike in Suraksha Nidhi for the lawyers from ₹1.5 lakh to ₹5 lakh.

Yogi Adityanath also announced the setting up of a special Nidhi (fund) of ₹3,000 crore for assisting the youth participating in competitive examinations, distribution of one crore smartphones and tablets to



diploma and other degree holders.

The chief minister said the youth would be provided financial assistance from the Nidhi for participating in three competitive examinations. A provision of ₹3,000 crore has been made for this in the supplementary grants for the current fiscal 2021-22 passed by the State Assembly on Thursday.

Yogi Adityanath said the Government would also bear the

expenditure for providing digital access to the youth who were beneficiaries of the scheme. He said the government had also roped in corporate houses who would contribute from their corporate social responsibility (CSR) fund to this Nidhi and also the universities and other institutions.

Targeting the Opposition, the Chief Minister said “during the Samajwadi Party rule the youth from UP were forced to hide their native State and they were slapped with fake criminal cases but now the State is riot-free and youth are progressing”.

The State Government had withheld DA revision in 2020 due to financial constraints arising out of Covid-19 curbs. The Yogi Government had said there would not be any DA hike from April 2020 to July 1, 2021.

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ COIMBATORE

The DMK Government in Tamil Nadu led by Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin has nipped in the bud itself an attempt by anti social elements to foment communal trouble in Coimbatore.

A video of a self-proclaimed Dalit leader who was working as a village assistant officer in Annur village office in Coimbatore district has gone viral in the social media as well as TV channels in the State in which the former was seen falling at the feet of a visitor to the office. Muthusamy, the VAO was heard pleading to the visitor, who has been identified as leader of a dominant communi-

ty, to spare his life and not to harm him. The visitor, whose name is Gopinath, stood bewildered as Muthusamy wailed and lamented that he may be apologised for questioning the former.

The entire act that took place on August 6 was recorded and aired in the social media which drew instant condemnation from civil rights groups and leaders of the Dravida Kazhakam much to the dilemma of the State administration.

The district collector ordered an instant probe which brought out the conspiracy behind the video. It turned out that Gopinath, a farmer had gone to the village office with a plea to change the name in the title deed of a plot of

land bequeathed to him by his late father. Though he had submitted all relevant certificates and the fees, the village assistant assaulted him and pushed him down.

Then he started pleading with Gopinath and prostrated before the latter seeking pardon for ‘standing up to a high caste man’. But in the video that went viral Muthusamy is heard alleging that Gopinath had made casteist slur on the former. There was a demand by rights group to initiate criminal proceedings against Gopinath under the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1988.

The stand off resulted in community leader G K Nagaraj and

hundreds of Gounders holding a demonstration in front of the village office demanding action against the perpetrators of the crime.

‘By Tuesday evening’, the unedited version of the video surfaced in which Muthusamy is seen assaulting Gopinath and then falling at the latter’s feet. “This has been the pattern here. There are attempts to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere in the region by certain groups which have to be probed in detail,” said Nagaraj.

The district collector said that both the village administrative officer and assistant have been transferred and posted in another office for their indecent behaviour.

MONEY LAUNDERING CASE

Will appear before ED after the legal process: Deshmukh

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A day after the Supreme Court dismissed his plea seeking to quash the FIR lodged against him by the CBI in the corruption case, Maharashtra’s former Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said here on Thursday that he would appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with its investigations against “after the legal process is completed”.

In a statement issued here, Deshmukh said: “The Supreme Court has permitted me to approach the lower court. That being the case, the legal process is currently on. Once this process is completed, I will myself before the ED and cooperate with the investigating agency fully”.

“In my entire political career, I have practised high standards of ideals,” Deshmukh said.

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court had dismissed a plea of former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh seeking to quash the FIR lodged against him by the CBI in connection with the allegations of corruption made against him by Mumbai’s former Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh.

A SC bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and M R Shah dismissed Deshmukh’s appeal challenging the Bombay High Court of July 22, saying no case for interference with the high court verdict was made out. The Judges said that there was no error in the judgement of the

high court.

Deshmukh skipped the summons by the ED on Wednesday for the fifth consecutive time. In a letter sent to the ED through his lawyer Inderpal Singh. Deshmukh said that the apex court, while refusing him interim relief, granted him liberty to seek appropriate remedy available under the Code of Criminal Procedure. The former Minister said he had, therefore, decided to move the appropriate court in a day or two.

The Bombay High Court had on July 22 refused to quash the FIR filed against him by the CBI under the Prevention of Corruption Act, after holding that Deshmukh’s petition deserved to be “dismissed”.

Hearing a petition filed by Deshmukh, a HC of Justices SS Shinde and NJ Jamadar had held that for reasons cited in the judgement, the plea by the State’s former Minister deserved to be dismissed, and asked the Registrar General to return the investigation papers to the CBI.

Having established a trail for ₹ 4 crore allegedly paid by the 10 bar owners in Mumbai over a period of three months, the ED had conducted raids on the three residences and one property of Deshmukh on June 25.

Among other things, the ED had told the court on June 26 that ₹ 40 lakh was paid by 60 bar owners to the now dismissed and incarcerated Assistant Police Inspector (API) Sachin Waze in December last year. The bar

owners have told the ED that the amount was paid for ‘smooth functioning’ of their establishments and also as ‘good luck money’.

Deshmukh had resigned from his post as the State Home Minister on April 5, within hours after the Bombay High Court ordered a “Preliminary Enquiry” (PE) by the CBI into the serious charges of corruption made against him by Mumbai’s former Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh.

It may be recalled that on March 20, the former commissioner of police had alleged that State Home Minister Deshmukh had asked now arrested and dismissed police officer Sachin Vaze to “collect” a staggering ₹100 crore per month from bars, restaurants and other sources. Deshmukh is being investigated separately by the CBI in connection with a First Information Report (FIR) registered by it on April 24 section 7 of the amended Prevention of Corruption Act and section 120-b (conspiracy) of IPC for an “attempt to obtain undue advantage for important and dishonest performance of the public duty”.

Having prima facie found “cognisance offences” of corruption and conspiracy against him during a Preliminary Enquiry (PE) conducted by it into the allegations made against him by Mumbai’s former Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh, the CBI on April 21 registered a regular case against him and other unknown people.

Kerala’s health workers tired, seek CM’s help

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

As the number of persons getting diagnosed with Covid-19 continues unabated in Kerala, the State’s health infrastructure is tottering, according to health workers including doctors and nurses.

The Kerala Government Medical Officers’ Association (KGMOA), the umbrella organisation of Government doctors, has asked Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to reschedule and rearrange the Covid vaccination programme by taking into account the general and psychological health of all workers in the public health sector even as reports of a Government Hospital nurse who administered vaccination to nearly 900 persons in seven and half hours hogged the limelight.

“The doctors, nurses and other supporting staff who have been working continuously for more than one year since January 2020 are a tired and exhausted lot.

They need a break in between this tiresome process of caring patients afflicted with the pandemic,” said a letter addressed to Vijayan by Dr G S Vijayakrishnan (president) and Dr T N Suresh (General secretary) of the KGMOA.

The KGMOA in its letter has asked the Government to limit the vaccination programme during the Onam holidays to major hospitals where there are sufficient human resource.

“It is better to have a vaccination holiday on the day of Onam,” said the representation.

The veteran doctors point out

that since the vaccination process was going to be a long drawn out programme, it should not come in the way of the hospital staff including doctors from their basic commitments like attending to patients seeking treatment for other diseases.

“The local self-government bodies should have their own Covid-19 vaccination facilities so that the pressure on Government hospitals could be brought down. It is important that doctors and nurses attend to patients suffering from other medical issues,” said Dr Vijayakrishnan and Dr Suresh.

Earlier, the KGMOA had alerted the State administration about the severe shortage of doctors in Government hospitals and had requested the Chief Minister to recruit at least 1,000 doctors on contract basis to lessen the burden of the existing staff.

The alarming scale of shortage of medical staff came out in the open on the Independence Day when K Pushpa Latha, a nurse in Chengannoor District Hospital, singlehandedly vaccinated 893 persons in seven and half hours. Though this is seen as a major feat by Pushpa Latha, doctors expressed their shock over the workload she had been burdened with.

“Since everything went smoothly, we are praising her. Imagine what would have happened had there been an unpleasant incident during the marathon,” said Dr Suresh who underscored the importance of giving break and rest for the staff even during their single shift of seven or eight hours.

UP sets fresh benchmark in Covid-19 testing at 7 crores

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

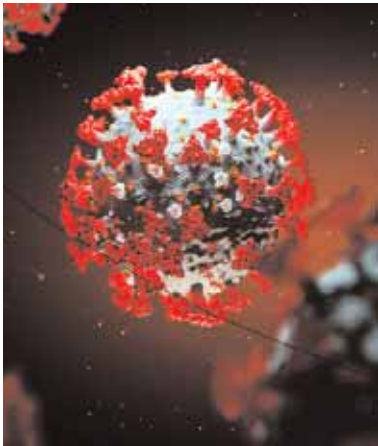
Testing an average three lakh samples daily, Uttar Pradesh became the first State in the country on Thursday in setting yet another benchmark of testing over seven crore samples for novel coronavirus infection.

“Uttar Pradesh has been testing more than three lakh samples for Covid-19 infection per day regularly, which is over ten times more than the prescribed testing protocol for the state by global health body World Health Organisation. Testing protocol set by the WHO for Uttar Pradesh is 32,000 tests per day. However, Covid testing in the state has hovered between 2.5 lakh to 3 lakh daily in recent weeks,” Additional Chief Secretary (Information) Navneet Sehgal said in Lucknow on Thursday.

“From getting the first Covid sample test conducted from the laboratory of National Institute of Virology, Pune in 2020 to breaching the 7-crore test mark, Uttar Pradesh has come a long way.

Despite being the most populous State in the country, UP has outperformed all other States, including Delhi, Maharashtra and Rajasthan, by conducting a total of 1.50 lakh RT-PCR tests on an average per day. Testing is the backbone for containing the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 as it helps timely detection of positive cases and helps in their isolation and contact tracing.

A widely deployed and efficient testing strategy in Uttar Pradesh has helped in limiting the spread of new cases as it significantly reduced the chance of individuals with undetected virus exposure from roaming freely among unexposed individuals,” the senior official said. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has been emphasising on the importance of aggressive testing according to which the state has been following the ‘Trace, Test and Treat’ mantra and is reaching the last



mile to break the coronavirus chain. The state government even further initiated world’s largest house-to-house surveillance of Covid-19 in rural areas to contain transmission by testing people with symptoms, their rapid isolation, disease management and contact tracing.

More than 73,000 surveillance committees constituted by the Yogi government are moving across 97,941 villages in all 75 districts for this activity, which began on May 5, and has been extended to cover 100 per cent rural households. Almost 70 per cent of tests since the second wave of Covid-19 have solely been conducted in rural regions of the state.

Aiming to spread awareness about the importance of early detection and early treatment, surveillance committees have been visiting homes in rural areas to educate the people and have been repeatedly appealing to them to not hide symptoms and rather get themselves tested.

The State’s rural-control strategies, as well as community-based and individual case-based control measures, so far have been overall effective in identifying and treating patients.

‘Self-sacrifice’ by woman in Meerut temple alleged

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In what was termed as a case of ‘self-sacrifice’, the body of a woman with her throat slit was found hanging inside a temple under Kharkhoda police station limits in Meerut on Tuesday evening, sending shock waves in the area. But by the time, the police and senior officers reached the temple to probe the incident, the kin of the deceased cremated her body.

Meerut’s Senior Superintendent of Police Prabhakar Chaudhary visited the spot after police came to know that a woman had allegedly “committed suicide” inside the temple.

As per reports, a 22-year-old post-graduate student used to frequent a local temple at Kharkhaunda regular-

ly. On Monday afternoon, she told her family members that she was going to the temple to perform puja and left home. When she did not return home till late in the night, the family started looking for her.

As some people had seen her going towards the temple, the family members went there to check out and found the temple doors locked from inside. As they somehow entered the temple, they found her blood-soaked body hanging there.

There were blood spots on the idol and earthen lamp below the place where her body was found. Her throat was also slit. The family members later brought her body down and cremated her mortal remains without informing the police.



A Pheasant-tailed Jacana and chicks at a lake in Nadia district on Thursday

Covid situation under control in Rajasthan: Gehlot

Jaipur: Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Thursday said the Covid-19 situation is completely under control in the State with the recovery rate of being above 99 per cent.

“For the last few weeks, the number of new Covid cases in the state has remained around 20. In the month of August, there has not been a single death due to Covid-19 across the State which is quite satisfactory,” Gehlot tweeted. He said at present, there

are only 153 active cases in the state and the recovery rate is more than 99 per cent. “This shows the Covid pandemic is completely under control at present in the State. It is in our hands to keep the situation under control,” he said.

The chief minister said it is necessary to follow the Covid protocol so that the third wave of the pandemic does not come. Meanwhile, 12 coronavirus positive cases were reported in the State on Thursday. **PTI**

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE

The revamped Dhaba, at The Claridges, has the quintessential robust North-Indian flavour which evokes the good times, says KHUSHBU KIRTI

Just once in a while there arrives a time where you reach the right place, at the right time. This was a different situation though, you see, for we were on the lookout for a good place to eat as we were starving. So we made our way to this iconic heritage restaurant, established in the 1950s, which was revamped recently... and in a very good sort of way.

We were welcomed by nothing but the warmth of the 1980s, for the cozy little place inside the magnificent Claridges, reminded one of a rudimentary but sophisticated *dhaba* on the outskirts of a town. Fashioned traditionally, the Dhaba invites one with chairs made of natural-fibre ropes and wooden frames which are used in conventional *charpais*. Food is served in copper and aluminium utensils, which also double up as decor. The walls — embellished with a picturesque false window panel — reminds one very much of *sarso ke khet*, so romanticised by Bollywood, which can lead one to imagine that s/he has been transported to a village in the late 20th century.

Displayed on one of the shelves was a collection of *dabbas* or Indian tiffin boxes through time — an evolution of tiffin-boxes, if I may say so. I was entirely intrigued by the unique concept of the gold-copper tiffin boxes with five layers of bowls that were tightly held together by the lid. The



story behind the display was to remind one of school days and tiffins shared with friends. Evoking a feeling of nothing but pure nostalgia and bringing back fresh memories, the tiffin was a way of sharing food with your special someone, of eating together with your close ones.

The marcom manager, Sukirti Singhal, told us that the vision for the restaurant was to create an impeccable amalgamation of tradition and modernity, enveloped by sophistication, reaching anybody and everybody who craves a good meal.

Chef Mahavir Singh, who is also currently heading Dhaba, shared that although following a very traditional pattern and atmosphere, the team, undoubtedly, added a pinch of modernity to their menu.

The restaurant is farsighted to be well-equipped with effective solutions for a possible third-



wave of COVID-19, too. Dhaba plans to deliver food by special agents who would not only deliver orders but also serve them, after the chefs customise the food according to what is asked, thus,

enabling a very personalised experience.

The team of chefs ensured that our food was customised to our needs — less spicy, no potatoes, more gravy. It felt great to see our



ridiculous demands being fulfilled with utmost sincerity and dedication. The four-course meal started with delectable appetisers which seemed to whisper words of hope to our benumbed, famished

tummies. The string of roasted *Malai chicken*, *Palak kebabs*, *Corn and methi rolls*, and *Amritsari paneer tikka*, was followed by the main course of non-vegetarian and vegetarian *dabbas* or tiffins.

One tiffin comprised five layers, which was adequate for two people. The sumptuous meal spoke to us on a completely different level. Chef Mahavir had already informed us of their signature dish, *Balti meat*. On asking about the speciality, he explicated that the mutton is stoked the prior night and raw water is not used, which makes the gravy thick and wholesome. True to his word, the *balti meat* turned out to be delightful. The specialties at Dhaba also include *Murg highway tikka*, *Seekh kebab* and *Jalandhari meat* in the non-vegetarian platter, and *Baigan ka bharta*, *Punjabi kadhi*, *Tandoori aloo* and more for the vegetarians.

The simple, clean flavours of *Mixed vegetables*, with its fresh-cut tomatoes, ladyfinger, beans and peas made for comfort food. The remaining bowls comprised delicious layers of *Dal makhani*, rice and the finger-licking *Butter chicken*. As we spoke amongst ourselves of who liked what best, we were served with desserts. As we tucked in the *Kulfi*, *Badaam halwa* and *Rasmalai*, not a sound was to be heard except for the clattering of spoons as the flavours mixed and created a fusion of luscious perfection.

As we shared some great conversations, laughed around, and had an excellent culinary experience, I would like to believe that this is what Dhaba wanted us to feel — garnering beautiful memories while sharing our *dabbas* with colleagues and friends.



‘Don’t starve yourself’

Actress and fitness icon MALAIKA ARORA smashes the misconception of Indian food making one fat

Actress and fitness icon Malaika Arora says that it is a myth that Indian food is loaded with fat. She says, “There is a reason why we term an Indian meal as a well-balanced one because it is complete with nutrients, the goodness of vegetables and the rich flavour of Indian spices.”

Arora has recently launched her own food brand called Nude Bowls, the idea behind which is that healthy food can be both tasty and wholesome.

“There is a perception that healthy food is not delicious, or that nutritious food doesn’t taste as good and I wanted to break this myth. Nude Bowls promises the goodness of flavours without compromising on taste and indulgence and guarantees transparency of all ingredients without using artificial flavours and colours,” she adds.

Sharing that food is an integral part of self-care for her, she expresses, “Being mindful of what we eat and what we choose to expose our body to is as important as exercising for our holistic well-being.” The Bollywood star wanted to share what she consumes daily which are simple and nutritious meals that do not contain undisguised flavours but are also delicious. Arora has curated each dish, keeping in mind that it adds all the required nutrients in a single bowl with easy ingredients from the kitchen.

She talks further about the menu which “comprises items created with easily available ingredients to offer wholesome meals without missing out on taste and nutrition. In the near future, I will also expand the menu to seasonal favourites and create new concoctions based on the reactions and feedback I receive.”

Nude Bowls are available to order on EatSure, a food delivery app. When asked if a retail presence could soon be expected of the new brand, she answered, “We were able to launch in 200 locations at one go which helped us reach more customers easily and quickly as compared to dine-in.”

—JANS

An energy boost

RUCHHI PARMAR lists nine anti-fatigue foods to decrease exhaustion

Since Covid infected our environment and subsequently our bodies, we feel lethargic and completely lacking in energy. People are researching about and consuming foods that provide energy to their bodies. Readily available energy drinks are easily available, but on the downside, they boost energy only for a short period.

Below are nine anti-fatigue foods which will help provide energy naturally and last for a longer time:-



Oatmeal

Oatmeal is a superfood that is packed with nutrients like fibre, proteins, and minerals. Oats settle well without making you bloated. Consuming oats for breakfast and pre-workout keeps your energy level high. It does not make you feel exhausted during the workout and provides sufficient energy to the body.

Chia seeds

Although small in size, these seeds act as a powerful punch of nutrients. They absorb easily in water and make for an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acid, calcium and antioxidants. Overall, these are great energy boosters.

Beans

Beans also have plenty of fibre to help



slow digestion. They are rich in magnesium and iron, too. This aids cells in creating energy. These have sufficient protein and carbs and adding them to your meals will help to tackle fatigue and give energy.

Eggs

Eggs are rich in protein and can assist in sustaining energy, without that spike and crash that other sugary foods usually cause. Adding them to your breakfast can be a superb option as it provides enough energy to the body to start your day and escalate efficiency.

Bananas

It provides potassium, magnesium, fibre and complex carbs. Its combination of protein and fibre makes you feel full, while the carbs give you sustained energy. A banana can be your on-the-go meal when you are running low on energy and time. It also is a great food option to choose as your pre-workout meal.

Nuts

Nuts like almonds, pistachio, walnuts are the ultimate energy source for the body. They are rich in nutrients like vitamin E, fibre and protein. They make for a great

snacking option and can be eaten when you are running short on energy. They keep you full for a longer time.

Green tea

Green tea is an amazing combination of L-theanine and caffeine which can help you feel energetic and active. It also aids in weight loss and helps improve your brain function.

Flaxseeds

They are loaded with nutrients like omega-3 fatty acid and lignans, and, thus, produce a great amount of energy. They also help in lowering the blood sugar levels. They can also be mixed with nuts and consumed when travelling. They are good for weight loss, too.

Water

Yes, you read it right. A lot of us tend to underestimate the importance of water and drink less of it or we just forget about it. Water naturally makes us dehydrated and does away with the feeling of exertion. Increasing your water intake is a really simple way to fight fatigue.

(The author is a qualified nutritionist and dietician.)

R E C I P E S

TAWA MITHAI CHAAT RECIPE

WHAT YOU NEED

- Gulab jamuns (mini) : 10-15
- Sugar syrup: 3-4 tbsps
- *Khajoor* mithai: 3-4
- *Kesar badam pista* rolls: 3-4
- Kaju kesar rolls: 3-4
- Readymade jalebi batter: 1 cup
- Orange squash: 1 tbsp
- Rasgullas (mini): 10-15
- Ready-made *rabdi*: 4 tbsps
- Fresh pomegranate kernels: a few
- Pistachios (sliced): a few

METHOD

- Heat sufficient oil in a karahi.
- Pour the jalebi batter in a squeeze bottle and squeeze out sticks and rings in the hot oil. Deep fry till golden and crisp.
- Add the orange squash in the sugar syrup and mix well.
- Cut the *khajoor* mithai into small pieces. Cut the *kesar badam pista* and *kesar pista* rolls into roundels.
- Place the mithai pieces on the corners of a tawa. Place the mini gulab jamuns and mini rasgullas



also alongwith them.

- Soak the jalebi sticks and rings in the orange sugar syrup. Remove onto a plate.
- Place the rabdi in the centre of the tawa and place the jalebi sticks in the rabdi. Sprinkle pomegranate kernels and pistachio slices on top.
- Light a candle inside the stand and place the tawa with the mithai chaat on it.

Courtesy: Chef Sanjeev Kapoor, co-founder of Tinychef



VEGAN CARROT CAKE

WHAT YOU NEED

For cake:

- Almond flour: 95 gm
- Oats flour: 105 gm
- Jaggery powder: 150 gm
- Water: 130 ml
- Oil: 160 ml
- Baking soda: 4 tsp
- Baking powder: 8 tsp
- Carrot: 193 gm
- Cashew nut: 60 gm
- Sunflower seeds: 50 gm
- Vanilla essence: 3 tsp

For coconut sauce:

- Coconut powder: 80 gm
- Water: 60 gm
- Maple syrup: 20 gm

together and keep on the side.

- Take one separate bowl and grate the carrot.
- Add almond flour and oats flour to the grated carrot.
- Add roughly chopped cashew nuts and sunflower seeds.
- Add baking soda, baking powder and cardamom powder.
- Then add all these ingredients in jaggery water and stir well.
- Lastly, add oil and stir well until everything is combined properly.
- Then pour the batter in each mould and set it in the oven to 180° for 45 minutes.
- Serve hot, garnished with coconut sauce.

For coconut sauce:

- Add coconut powder to warm water and whisk it until it forms a sauce, then stain it with maple syrup.

Courtesy: Palak Shah, founder of Plush Cafe, Bandra.

BAKED VEGETABLES

WHAT YOU NEED

- Myints grilled vegetables (thawed): 275 gm

For white sauce/ Bechamel sauce:

- Butter: 25 gm
- Refined flour: 25 gm
- Milk: 300 gm
- Salt: 2 gm
- Crushed black pepper: 1 gm
- Dry parsley: 1 gm
- Processed cheese: 25 gm

For garnish:

- Cheddar cheese: 50 gm
- Parsley (chopped): 10 gm

METHOD

For white sauce:

- Heat butter in a pan and add the refined flour. Cook on slow fire, without browning. It should remain white.

- Remove from the heat and add cold milk into the mixture. Whisk well so that no lumps are formed.



- Cook on slow fire while stirring continuously till it becomes a little thick.
- Add salt, black pepper, dry parsley and grated cheese. Cook for another 2 minutes.

For the final product:

- Take Myints grilled vegetables in an oven-proof dish. Top the vegetables with the white sauce.

- Top it with grated cheese and cook in the air fryer/ OTG preheated to 200° C till the top becomes brownish and starts to bubble.

- Serve hot, garnished with chopped parsley.
- Best served with buttered rice/ any bread of your choice.

Courtesy: Myints

CORNITOS NACHOS BURGER

WHAT YOU NEED

- Cornitos nachos crisp: 1 bag of 30 gm
- Potato patty: 1
- Whole wheat burger bun: 1
- Cheese slice: 1
- Onion (rings): ½
- Capsicum (julienne): ½
- Tomato (round cut): ½
- Mayonnaise: 1 tsp
- Ketchup: 1 tsp
- White sauce/ Béchamel sauce: 1 tsp

METHOD

- Toss the bun on low heat keep it aside, fry/grill/air fry the potato patty.
- Mix mayonnaise with ketchup spread on both the bun sides, place four to five nachos at the bottom, and place a potato patty over nachos.
- Place a slice of cheese over the



tikki and add veggies on top of it. Add white sauce over the veggies.

- Place the lettuce leaf, cover it with another bun. Grill it and serve it. Place chopped bananas on it. Drizzle caramel sauce from the can.
- Top it with whipped cream and garnish with as you like, or chocolate curls. Place in the refrigerator for about half an hour to set the sauce.

Courtesy: Cornitos Nachos Crisps

Aussies' best back for T20 WC

Smith, Warner, Cummins return as uncapped Inglis also find place in 15

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Steve Smith, David Warner and Pat Cummins were on Thursday recalled as Australia named a full strength squad in search of an elusive ICC T20 World Cup title later this year.

The 15-man Australia squad for the showpiece, to be held in Oman and UAE in October, is a mixture of pace, spin and hard-hitters keeping in mind the slow, spin-friendly conditions of the pitches in the UAE.

The trio had opted out of Australia's limited overs tour of the West Indies and Bangladesh recently.

In a major development, Australia has included uncapped Josh Inglis as a backup to wicketkeeper Matthew Wade.

Inglis, who is yet to make his international debut, has been chosen ahead of Alex Carey and Josh Philippe.

Having dominated the ODI World Cup with record five titles and two runner-up finishes, Australia would be eager to break their jinx in the T20 World Cup.

Australia has endured a poor run in the T20 format off late, losing back-to-back series to West Indies and Bangladesh recently.

But the return of Marcus Stoinis, Glenn Maxwell, Warner, Cummins, Smith and Kane



Richardson after opting out of recent white-ball tours of the West Indies and Bangladesh, will add much-needed firepower to Australia's team.

Smith has been included despite his ongoing elbow injury, while limited overs skipper Aaron Finch, who missed the Bangladesh series to undergo knee surgery, is expected to be fit on time for the tournament.

Dan Christian, Nathan Ellis and Daniel Sams have been named as reserves and will be travelling with the team.

Keeping in mind the spin-friendly conditions, Australia has included three frontline spinners in the squad — Ashton Agar, Mitchell Swepson and Adam Zampa.

Mitchell Starc, Cummins, Richardson and Josh Hazlewood

will be in charge of the pace department.

"We are confident this squad has the ability to take the side deep into what will be an extremely competitive tournament," Australia's chief selector George Bailey said.

"We have some of the best players in the world in their respective roles combined with the collective experience to succeed against the very best T20 sides in the world."

Bailey justified Inglis' selection, saying the wicket-keeper-batsman has been

knocking the door for a while now.

"He (Inglis) offers the squad flexibility in the batting order with his adaptability, counterattacking ability and power striking," he said.

"He is a player we are excited about for the future."

The T20 World Cup will feature 16 teams and will be played from October 17 to November 14.

Australia will open its campaign in the Super 12 stage against South Africa on October 23.

Afghanistan can create upsets in World T20: Gambhir

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India opener Gautam Gambhir reckons that India will go into the T20 World Cup as a "far superior" outfit than arch-rivals Pakistan while Afghanistan led by Rashid Khan will be the team to watch out for.

India and Pakistan open their group league campaign on October 24 at the Dubai stadium.

Gambhir, who scored a memorable 75 against Pakistan in the 2007 World T20 final, said that there will be lot of pressure on India's neighbours.

"Expectations are going to be really high from Pakistan as well, and at the moment, if you see, India is far more superior to Pakistan," Gambhir told *Star Sports*.

"In a T20 format, anyone can beat anyone because it is a very individual kind of format, and we should not take any team for granted."

"For example, you should not take Afghanistan for granted. People like Rashid Khan can create upsets. It's the same with Pakistan. But, yes, there will be pressure on Pakistan."

He said Afghanistan's IPL players make them a competitive outfit which can certainly cause a few upsets.

"I have always been a believer that if you want to talk about one team that is going to be a real underdog in this tournament, that must be Afghanistan."



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Additionally, they have got people like Rashid Khan, Mujeeb, and Mohd Nabi, you can't take them players lightly."

The group 1 which comprises Australia, West Indies, England and South Africa is the 'Group of Death' according to Gambhir.

"That's actually the real

group. You have got four teams locked in and playing what, on day one of the T20 World Cup, that's going to be a very exciting Saturday."

Defending champions West Indies have always been a solid team in shortest format.

"West Indies have always been very unpredictable with the kind of firepower they've got, they can go on to win the third time as well."

"England has also got the firepower. They have probably got the most consistent white-ball team over the last couple of years — after winning the 50-over World Cup."

"Australia has literally gone off the radar, probably because a lot of main players are missing, but then again, they can be very dangerous on that particular day."

Osaka battles to beat Gauff, Andreescu knocked out



AFP ■ CINCINNATI

Japan's Naomi Osaka battled back to take a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over American Coco Gauff on Wednesday and advance into the third round of the WTA Cincinnati Masters.

Top seed Ashleigh Barty moved on as well, bouncing back from a Tokyo Olympic first-round loss to start her pre-US Open campaign with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/3) win over Britain's Heather Watson.

Angelique Kerber defeated Elina Svitolina 7-5, 2-6, 6-4 while former US Open winner Bianca Andreescu of Canada lost to Karolina Muchova 6-4, 6-2 in the second round.

Azarenka defeated Alison Riske 6-2, 7-5 while fellow former Grand Slam champions Petra Kvitova and Jelena Ostapenko both won.

Kvitova stopped Veronika Kudermetova 6-2, 6-4 while Ostapenko advanced 6-7 (2/7),

5-4 when American Jennifer Brady retired.

Third seed Aryna Sabalenka and sixth seed Iga Swiatek were also knocked out in the second round, losing to Paula Badosa and Ons Jabeur.

MURRAY EXITS

In the men's section, Olympic champion Alexander Zverev struck Gold with his first victory at the US Open tuneup event in seven attempts.

The German celebrated success with a 7-6 (7/3), 6-2 win over South African Lloyd Harris to break his duck and now goes up against Argentine Guido Pella, a winner over Italy's Fabio Fognini 6-1, 7-5.

Top seed Daniil Medvedev, last week's Toronto champion, also advanced in a no-drama 6-2, 6-2 defeat of American Mackenzie McDonald.

Number two seed Stefanos Tsitsipas fought off Sebastian Korda for a 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 victory

Halep pulls out with thigh injury

Mason: Simona Halep withdrew from her second-round match at the WTA Cincinnati Masters on Wednesday due to a right thigh injury she suffered at the US Open hard-court tuneup event.

The fifth seed was to have faced American Jessica Pegula but pulled out after hurting herself in the previous round in a victory over Poland's Magda Linette. AFP

ry that took the Toronto semifinalist into the third round.

Tsitsipas next plays Italy's Lorenzo Sonego who beat American Tommy Paul 7-6 (11/9), 6-2.

Norway's eighth-seeded Casper Ruud out-aced American Reilly Opelka 21 to 17 on his way to a 6-7 (5/7), 6-0, 7-6 (7/4) victory.

Andy Murray's wild card run ended with a 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 loss to Poland's Hubert Hurkacz.

Olympic Silver medalist Karen Khachanov joined Murray in defeat as the Russian exited 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-4 to Canada's 12th-seeded Felix Auger-Aliassime, who will face Wimbledon finalist Matteo Berrettini for a quarter-final place.

Frenchman Gael Monfils earned the 500th match win of his career as he beat Australian Alex de Minaur 6-3, 7-5.

American John Isner beat Italian 11th seed Jannik Sinner 5-7, 7-6 (7/4), 6-4. Former champion Grigor Dimitrov reached the third round over Kazakh Alexander Bublik 6-3, 7-5.

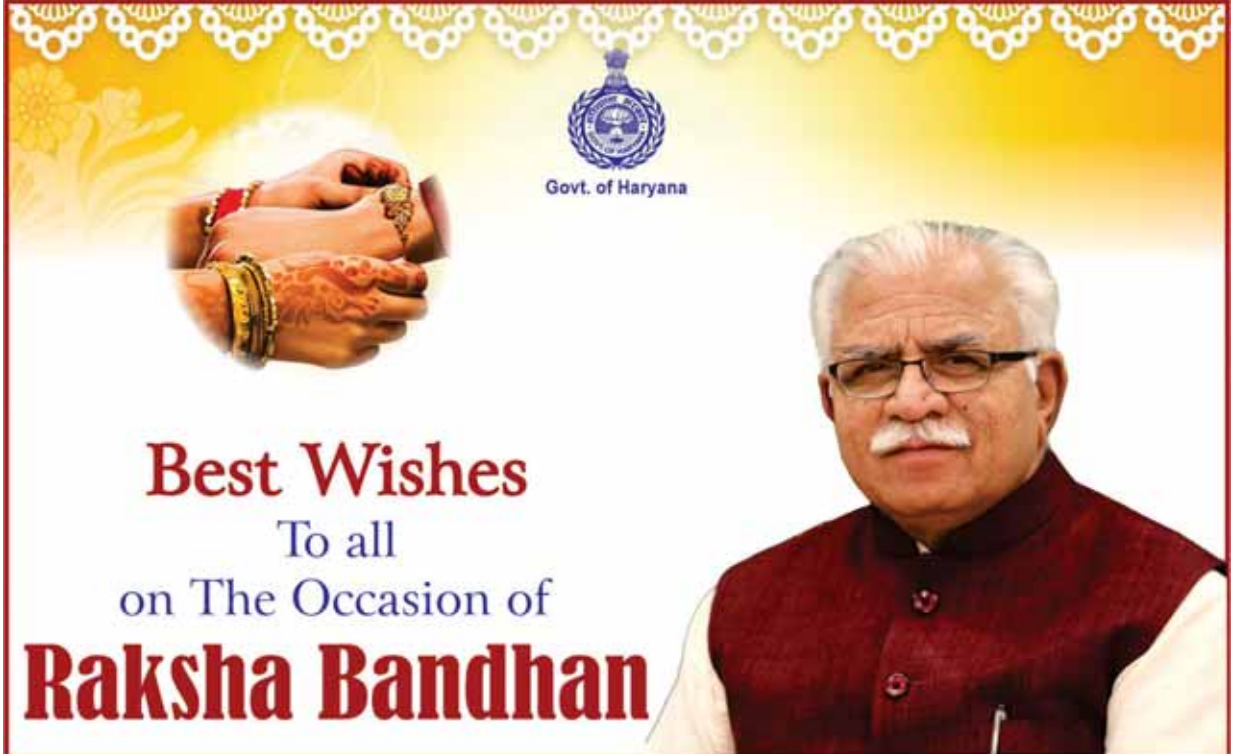
ODI series vs Afghanistan in SL is on: PCB

Karachi: The Pakistan Cricket Board is confident that the political upheaval in Afghanistan will not affect their ODI series and, in fact, the Taliban authorities have given green light to the national team to play the matches in Sri Lanka as scheduled.

A well-informed source in the PCB said that they had got positive signals from their counterparts in Afghanistan about the series.

"The series appears to be on and the indications we have got is that the Taliban authorities have given green light for the series," he said. "We are going ahead with our plans and we will announce our squad as soon as the second Test against the West Indies ends on 24th August," he added. The Afghanistan players have started training in Kabul while the PCB also announced that a training camp would be set up in Lahore from August 21 to 28 for the series.

It is believed that for the new regime in Afghanistan there was no better way to send out a message to the international community about their soft image than allowing the series to go ahead. PTI



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Bipasha settles for Silver

Ufa: Outclassed in the final, Bipasha (76kg) had to be content with a Silver medal but a tenacious Sanju Devi kept her cool and relied on her stamina to secure a place in 62kg title clash at the Junior Wrestling World Championships, here on Thursday.

Simran (50kg) and Sito (55kg) won Bronze medals to add to India's tally but Arju forfeited her 68kg Bronze play-off due to injury. Bhateri also made her way into the 65kg final while Saneh will fight for Bronze after losing her 62kg semifinal.

Bipasha lost her final by technical superiority to America's Kylie Renee Welker, who executed 'fitley' move to finish the bout quickly.

Sanju emerged star of the day for India. She may not look athletic but was quick with her moves and reflexes as she beat Germany's Lusja Schrel 5-2 and then erased a 0-3 deficit to edge past Iva Geric. PTI

Manika in singles semis & mixed doubles final at WTT Contender

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Star Indian paddler Manika Batra reached the women's singles semi-final at the WTT Contender meet after beating country woman Sreeja Akula and then paired up with G Sathiyam to make it to the title round of mixed doubles event, here on Thursday.

In the women's singles quarter-final, Manika beat Sreeja 3-2 with the scoreline reading 7-11, 11-1, 8-11, 13-11, 11-6 in favour of the two-time Olympian.

In the mixed doubles event, Manika and Sathiyam crushed the pairing of Aliaksandr Khanin and Daria Trigolos Belarus by 3-0 margin.

The Indian pair won 11-6, 11-5, 11-4 and will now meet Hungarian pair of Nandor Ecseki and Doria Madarasz.



KAMBLE IN SEMIS

Rohan Kamble gave the Indian contingent reason to smile by making it to the men's 400m hurdles semifinals in the World Athletics U20 Championships in Nariobi on Thursday. He

clocked 55.00 seconds when all he needed to do was finish the race.

He was the only Indian athlete who progressed to the next round a day after the country's 4x400m relay mixed team claimed Bronze.