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UP EXPRESSWAYS

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision of constructing expressways as the most important and primary infrastructure to ensure sustainable development has been driving the state's growth for the past four years and a half. To build expressways is not only an economic decision, but also a moral one – a chance to enable last-mile connectivity and boost socio-economic development. Expressways in UP will act as a catalyst for setting up Industrial Corridors, Industrial Training Institute, Educational and Training Institute, Medical Institute etc..

The development of tourism in the project-covered areas will be encouraged and all-round development of these regions will also be possible soon. This is in addition to thrust on development and resurrection of developing industrial corridors across the state adjoining the expressways. These industrial areas and parks are bound to attract new investments for big industries as well as MSMEs that have been the core strength of the state economy.

PURVANCHAL EXPRESSWAY

PM Modi to inaugurate - "UP is Express Pradesh"

The Uttar Pradesh government has doubled down on infrastructure and has allocated 8.2 per cent of its total expenditure for roads and bridges, which is almost double the average allocation by other states at 4.3 per cent (2020-21 budget estimate or BE), as per an analysis by PRS Legislative Research.



THE AMBITIOUS 341-km-long Purvanchal Expressway linking Lucknow with Ghazipur will be complete by the end of August. This greenfield project, built on an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) basis, will pass through nine of the undeveloped districts of eastern UP, including Barabanki, Amethi, Sultanpur, Ayodhya, Ambedkarnagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur, providing these predominantly agricultural tracts seamless connectivity to not just the state capital Lucknow, but also the National Capital Region – through the 302-km-long Agra-Lucknow Expressway and the 165-km-long Agra-Greater Noida Yamuna Expressway.

Despite the blockade caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Yogi's team ensured that the construction of the expressway by the builders of all the packages move at the pre-pandemic progress rate.

Once completed, the Purvanchal Expressway will transform the economy of Uttar Pradesh. It will act as a stimulant to economic development and boost the growth of the agri-

culture, industry, commerce, and tourism sectors. It will serve as an industrial corridor, allowing the products of manufacturing units, development centres and the agricultural units of these areas to be transported seamlessly to the state capital and the national capital. The expressway will also act as a catalyst for setting up of handloom units, food processing units, storage plants, mandis and milk-based industries.

The project monitoring group had last week reviewed the progress of the

project and found that the main carriageway of Purvanchal expressway will be fully completed by the end of the August. The UP Expressway and Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) is also to ensure setting up of public restrooms facilities and petrol pumps along the expressway. Work on signage and road lighting on the expressway will also be finished by the new time frame. It is notable that the Chief Minister has instructed to pay special attention to the quality of construction works while completing

This is also the first time that a small stretch of two of the expressways – Agra-Lucknow and Purvanchal – has been converted into an airstrip, for emergency landing of flights.

them in a time-bound manner.

The much awaited and ambitious 341-kilometre-long expressway scheduled to be opened for common people very soon. It is believed that this expressway will prove to be a milestone for the development of eastern UP. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for it in 2017.

Roads are almost complete

Reviewing the progress of construction work on the project recently, Uttar Pradesh Industrial Development Minister Satish Mahana said the Purvanchal Expressway would facilitate the development of the region by reducing the travel time between Lucknow and Ghazipur by half. It takes seven hours to cover the distance between Ghazipur and Lucknow at present, while it takes 14 hours to reach Delhi from Ghazipur.

Work on development projects in the state has been going on even during the Corona period. Though impacted by the pandemic, this continuity has brought the work on Purvanchal Expressway near completion. As much as Rs. 22,494 crore have been spent in its construction. After its construction, the distance from Ghazipur to state capital Lucknow will be covered in just three and a half hours, which currently takes more than 8 hours. Not only this, the distance between Ghazipur and Delhi would be covered in just 10 hours.

Industrial Corridor

It may be recalled that an industrial corridor has to be developed next to the Purvanchal Expressway. Wherever farmers will be ready, food processing and other industries relating to the agricultural preferences of the area will be established.

Meanwhile, the Gorakhpur Link Expressway that connects Gorakhpur

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with the Purvanchal Expressway is progressing fast. The project monitoring group (PMG) was informed that 27.40% work had been completed till July 31. The main carriageway of Gorakhpur Link Expressway will be opened to traffic by March 2023.

This link expressway, too, is important, keeping in view the industrial development as the Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) has been assigned to establish maximum land banks along this expressway to attract investors for setting up enterprises in the eastern UP.

Transportation of goods from the eastern parts of the state, with a predominantly agrarian economy, to larger markets is not only a time-taking and expensive affair at present but also results in large-scale wastage, especially of agri products such as vegetables, which have a shorter shelf life. Awanish Kumar Awasthi, CEO, UPEIDA points out that along with the three other expressways being built by the state government – the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway, 91-km-long Gorakhpur Link Expressway and 594-km-long Ganga Expressway – the Purvanchal Expressway would provide a much-needed boost to infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state, and help it realise its goal of becoming a \$1-trillion economy by the year 2025.

Bundelkhand Expressway

to be completed in time as 70% work is over

The four-lane Bundelkhand Expressway is likely to be completed by March next year, almost a year before schedule. It will connect the backward districts of the region such as Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah. Work is also underway on the Defence Corridor project, where land is being allotted to defence companies to set up their manufacturing units.



Not only will it bring the remote areas of the region on the expressway network, it will drastically cut down the travel time. For instance, the travel time between Delhi and Chitrakoot district in Bundelkhand will come down to eight hours from 12-14 hours now via the Yamuna, Agra-Lucknow, Purvanchal and Bundelkhand expressways. Currently, there is no direct road link between Delhi and the Bundelkhand region.

THE NEW tool for development of the Bundelkhand region, the Bundelkhand Expressway, is progressing rapidly and almost 70 per cent of the 296.07-km-long expressway has been completed. According to the latest progress report, 702 out of 880 structures in the project have been built. It may be completed ahead of its schedule as the UPEIDA chief has issued instructions to expedite the remaining works of the expressway.

The CEO of UP Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) Awanish Kumar Awasthi had recently conducted a virtual meeting with various agencies involved in the construction of Bundelkhand Expressway and the UPEIDA officials with different responsibilities in the project. During the meeting, officials informed that out of 296.07 km of the expressway, around 213 km of this four-lane expressway had been completed. They apprised the CEO that construction work of all 14 long bridges and 4

railway-over-bridges was progressing as per the schedule. Presiding over virtual meeting, the UPEIDA CEO Awanish Kumar Awasthi instructed officials to expedite construction work of Toll Plazas and toilet blocks along the expressway.

It may be recalled that the foundation of the expressway was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 29 February last year in the Chitrakoot district of Uttar Pradesh. Four firms – Apco Infra, Ashoka Buildcon, Gawar Constructions and Dilip Buildcon – are working on the project subdivided into six packages. Originating near Bharatkoop in the Chitrakoot district, the e-way passes through Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah districts where it joins the Lucknow-Agra Expressway near Kudrail village. The expressway will give Bundelkhand districts quicker access to the National Capital Region through the Lucknow-Agra and Yamuna (Agra-Noida) expressways.

This new infrastructural development has assumed higher importance for development of the drought prone Bundelkhand in southern UP, in view of the Defence Corridor. Two nodes of the Defence Corridor, Jhansi and Chitrakoot, are in Bundelkhand. Connectivity between these and the other corridor nodes – Agra, Lucknow, Kanpur and Aligarh – will improve with its construction. This will go a long way in attracting defence industries to these nodes.

It is all the more important for the UPEIDA, as it the state government's executing agency for the Defence Corridor project as well. Getting defence firms ready to set up their units in Bundelkhand is part of UPEIDA's responsibilities. The UPEIDA has been successful that front too, as it

recently signed an MoU with the Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), a government of India enterprise under Ministry of Defence, for setting up a manufacturing unit in Jhansi by investing Rs. 400 crore. The BDL will manufacture propulsion systems which will be used for various types of missiles manufactured by it.

The proposed unit in Jhansi is part of the BDL's diversification and expansion plan. BDL is a mini-ratna category-1 company having its registered office in Hyderabad. It is the only public sector company in the defence sector in the country that manufactures missiles and underwater weapons for the armed forces.

BDL will acquire 250 hectares of land in Jhansi under a lease agreement for an initial period of 30 years, which will be extendable up to 90 years. It is expected that MSMEs would also be established as ancillary units, once BDL unit is set up. The BDL is also planning to establish a facility in the Defence Corridor for testing requirements under 'defence testing infrastructure scheme' of the Ministry of Defence.

UP is building 4 expressways – 341-km Purvanchal, 296-km Bundelkhand, 91-km Gorakhpur Link and 594-km Ganga – that are scripting a silent transformation in the state, once notorious for its decrepit road infrastructure.

UP to have maximum cities with metro services

Operations in Kanpur and Agra to start soon



UTTAR PRADESH is all set to become the only state to be operating metro train services in seven cities, as operations are likely to begin in two cities, Kanpur and Agra, very soon while work on setting up metro services as well as the Rapid Rail Transport System (RRTS) in Meerut is on full swing. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has said that in a short while these services shall be introduced in Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Prayagraj and Jhansi. Currently, metro services are available in Ghaziabad, Noida and Lucknow.

As far as Kanpur is concerned, the metro service operations may start before schedule in the city. The feasibility study for the project was done by RITES in June 2015. Later, the government approved two metro corridors in the city. Priority section of corridor-1 is between IIT Kanpur and Motijheel. Elevated viaduct work has begun on this route as more than 400 out of 538 pillars have been constructed and all the 439 double-T-girders have been erected for making the base of the 9 stations of this priority corridor. The pier caps and U girders are being erected and construction work is going on in full swing. The priority section of corridor-1 is expected to be operational from December 2021 onwards, which will become the fastest built and commissioned metro system in the world. In Phase 1, 22 metro stations will be built on first corridor (Red Line) from IIT Kanpur to Naubasta, and 8 metro stations will be built on second corridor (Blue

Line) from Agriculture University to Barra-8, Kanpur.

It may be recalled that the Central Government had approved the Kanpur metro project on 28 February 2019 at an estimated cost of Rs. 11,076.48 crores and a five-year time limit. PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for this metro rail project in March 2019 while civil works were inaugurated by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in November 2019. The UP government had allocated Rs 597 crore for this project in the budget 2021-22. Construction of IIT station, the first metro station on the priority section, was completed in the first week of July while track laying work from IIT to SPM metro station was completed by the third week of July.

In Agra, too, the work is going on in full swing and construction of U girders for elevated track on Agra-Fatehabad road has started. As many as 196 U girders of 28 metres length will be made for all the three stations at the casting yard at Bamrauli Katara.

Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC) MD Kumar Keshav recently asserted that work of metro project in Agra is going on rapidly and elevated section will be completed by December 2022. In Agra, a priority corridor of six stations will be made in the first phase. Meanwhile, a location near Maharshipuram has been identified for installation of power sub-station for metro project.

a way to enable last mile connectivity

UP to become a **BRAHMOS** manufacturing state



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UTTAR PRADESH may soon be the state where the next-generation BRAHMOS (BRAHMOS-NG) and other missiles will be manufactured as the UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) has started taking shape at its six nodes. The state government expressed hopes about BRAHMOS being produced in Lucknow following a meeting of a delegation from BRAHMOS Aerospace with the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, earlier this week. Prior to the meeting with the CM, the BRAHMOS missile system manufacturing joint venture had given a letter to UPEIDA requesting for allotment of 200 acres of land in Lucknow.

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BRAHMOS Aerospace, the joint venture of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) of India and NPO Mashinostroyeniya (NPOM) of Russia, has proposed to set up the modern production facility in Lucknow with an investment of Rs 300 crore. It has assured to start civil construction within three months of getting possession of the land as it is slated to manufacture more than 100 BRAHMOS missiles in the next three years.

BRAHMOS Aerospace Director-General Dr. Sudhir K. Mishra led the delegation to the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and briefed him about the BRAHMOS Weapon System and the JV's ambitious plans about setting up a major facility for production and supply of various systems and missile systems. It is noteworthy that over 200 small, medium and large Indian public and private sector defence enterprises, institutions and laboratories have been associated with the BRAHMOS missile programme. The establishment of such a facility would not only vastly expand Uttar Pradesh's technological base, but would also

generate a multitude of value chain opportunities for MSMEs in the state.

It may be noted that the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath looks the Defence Corridor as a multi-faceted opportunity and has been keen on ensuring that the state emerges as one of the largest and most advanced manufacturing centres for defence equipment in the country. The UP Defence Industrial Corridor is a Greenfield project and the industries coming alongside the six nodes of the corridor can benefit immensely from the scheme by becoming part of the ecosystem.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the Indigenisation Summit on Defence and Aerospace (ISDA) recently, the Chief Minister said that development of roads, electricity, water and boundary walls is underway at Aligarh node and would be inaugurated very soon.

He said that the Central government has earmarked Rs 2,500 crore for promoting investments in the defence corridors. He also said that land banks are being created for zones where there is a greater demand of the land for investment projects. The UPEIDA has already created a land bank of about 1,000 hectares in Jhansi, approximately 100 hectares in Chitrakoot, about 200 hectares in Kanpur and

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"The state government, along with the Ministry of Defence, is also working on establishment of labs under the common facilitation centre, defence testing and infrastructure scheme which will benefit MSMEs and startups in prototyping, technology training as well as design and development. The state government has also established Centres of Excellence at IIT-Kanpur and BHU for a greater engagement between the Indian Navy, industry and academia. The first installment of the grant for research and development at these centres has already been disbursed.

One may recall that the UP Defence Industrial Corridor, one of the two in the country, was initially proposed by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Investor's Summit in February 2018. Then, it was announced that the UP Defence Industrial Corridor would have six nodes at Aligarh, Agra, Jhansi, Chitrakoot, Kanpur and Lucknow. The PM had assured Rs 20,000 crore investments from government defence ventures. Later at a defence investors' meet at Aligarh, a proposal worth more than 3,000 crore were received. Subsequently, domestic and foreign defence manufacturers signed MoUs worth Rs 40,000 crore for investments in the corridor at the Defence Expo held in Lucknow in February 2020.

According to UPEIDA sources, thus far more than 65 defence firms have come up with proposals for setting up their manufacturing units at different nodes of the Corridor. The UPEIDA has so far allotted 74.4 hectare land to 19 different manufacturers there. These firms are investing a total of Rs. 1,245 crore there.

Noida Airport at Jewar reaches construction stage, PM to lay foundation stone soon



THE DEVELOPING industrial hub in national capital region (NCR) of received yet another boost with the Noida International Airport at Jewar arriving at the construction phase. Formalizing the transfer of 1,334 hectares land for the construction of the Jewar Airport, the state government signed a license memorandum, first week of August in presence of the Chief minister Yogi Adityanath. With this, all formalities for the handover of the land from the Noida International Airport Limited (NIAL) to the Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd, a 100% subsidiary of Zurich Airport International, will execute the project.

The agreement entitles NIAL to hold a golden share in YIAPL, along with the right to nominate to the board two directors. It also states that the state government would establish as well as continuously improve the conditions of surface access to the airport, and also establish and expand the utilities like water, electricity and wastewater that are needed to run the airport. Apart from this, maintenance of law and order, including airport's monitoring, along with grant of required clearances are also areas in which the UP government would support the entities.

All this could be possible due to CM Yogi Adityanath attaching high importance to the project. It may be recalled that the proposed Jewar airport kept hanging fire during earlier regimes, but the present state government interacted and coordinated with the farmers of villages under the project area and acquired

the 1,336 hectares of land earmarked for the first phase of the project without any dispute.

It may be mentioned that the Jewar airport would be connected with high speed rail while the Indira Gandhi Airport would be connected to it by road and metro rail. Necessary site clearances from the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation, approval for immigration services from the Ministry of Home Affairs and NOC from the Ministry of Environment have already been taken.

The CM Adityanath who wants to make the new airport the benchmark for an airport in India hoped that it would not only lead to job creation in the state, but would also quicken the industrial infrastructure development, promote exports, provide a boost to tourism and ease the air traffic.

It is worth recalling that the civil aviation sector in the state has seen a significant improvement over the past four and a half years. In 2017, the state had only four airports with only Lucknow and Varanasi operating regularly. Now, though, the state has seven fully functional airports. Jewar will be the state's eighth airport when completed in 2024. Also the number of destinations from all the four airports in 2017 was 25, and this figure has now almost tripled. The work on the Kushinagar international airport is almost complete and it may start international flights any time.

The Greenfield Jewar airport, estimated to be developed at a cost of Rs 29,560 crore, will have the ability to handle 1.2 crore passengers annually after the first phase of construction.

A quarter of works on Gorakhpur Link Expressway completed!

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ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES in the Gorakhpur region are likely to get a big boost with 27% work on Gorakhpur Link Expressway, connecting Gorakhpur to the Poorvanchal Expressway, having been completed. The government is making all efforts to get the work expedited so that people could start using it before March 2023. Recently, the CEO of UPEIDA Awanish Kumar Awasthi directed the companies involved in the construction of the Expressway to ensure quality.

Reviewing the construction of the bridge over River Ghaghra in the alignment of expressway, he said that construction should be expedited while taking special care of the construction quality of the bridge. Awasthi also instructed to expedite utility shifting and finishing the remaining works of power transmission lines. The UPEIDA chief

also instructed the officials involved with land acquisition for the expressway to resolve any kind of problem as soon as possible.

Believing in the immense possibilities of Gorakhpur, the Chief Minister of UP Yogi Adityanath had recently said, "Gorakhpur is the most important centre of health education, trade and employment. Better connectivity is needed to bring prosperity to the lives of such a large population."

The upcoming Gorakhpur Link Expressway is a planned, 91-kilometre-long four-lane, fully access-controlled expressway being built at a cost of Rs. 5,876.67 crore. To ensure even more economic progress, the Gorakhpur Industrial Development Authority (GIDA) has been assigned to develop industrial parks along the expressway. The alignment of this expressway is through Gorakhpur, Sant Kabir Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar and Azamgarh districts of the state. The project is being implemented on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode. Currently, the construction of the expressway is ongoing and the required land had been acquired. In fact, 98% Clearing and Grubbing (C&G) operations for the Expressway has been completed. The work on the expressway is divided into two packages, and the state has selected Apco Infratech and Dilip Buildcon to build it.

Reiterating his commitment for the development of the state, the Chief Minister had recently said, "In the last three years, the administration has performed proactively to create a favourable environment for investment and many effective steps have also been taken in this regard." The State Government firmly believes that once its ambitious expressway projects are completed, it will usher in a new era of economic prosperity in the state.

UTTAR PRADESH is all set to embark on construction of the 594-KM Ganga Expressway between Meerut in the northwest and Prayagraj in the southeast of the state. It will be the second-longest expressway in the country. The project with an estimated cost of Rs. 36,230 crore will start from September this year and will also link the western part of the state to eastern Uttar Pradesh. Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) is preparing to issue tenders for the project as more than 92 percent land for the project has been acquired in various districts. The expressway passing through 519 villages across 12 districts may be extended till Varanasi in the future.

6-lane Project (Expandable upto 8 lane)

This 6-lane project is expected to finish within the next 36 months. According to plan, the expressway will begin at Bijauli village on NH-334 in Meerut, and end at Judapur Dandu village on NH-19 in Prayagraj. The expressway project has been divided into 12 packages to make sure the work is completed in time. It will have 14 major bridges, 126 minor bridges, eight road overbridges and 18 flyovers. Districts through which it will pass include Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Badaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rai Bareilly, Pratapgarh, and Prayagraj.

UPEIDA has planned to keep expressway fully access-controlled. Vehicles will only be permitted to enter or exit the expressway via specific toll plazas. There will be two main toll plazas at both ends in Meerut and Prayagraj. Along the way, there will be 15 ramp toll plazas.

The top speed of the expressway has been set at 120 kmph which is the highest permissible speed in India. This expressway will initially be of 06 lanes (expandable up to 08 lanes) and

Ganga Expressway

to be India's second longest expressway



all the structures will be constructed of 08 lane width. An airstrip will also be constructed on the expressway in Sultanpur district which will enable Indian Air Force planes to make emergency landings.

The process of purchasing land for the Ganga Expressway is going on in full swing as 92% of 7,322 hectares had been purchased. In order to arrange resources for the project, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has moved towards Monetization of Infrastructure assets and has received securitisation-based Loan of Rs. 5100.00 Crore from Punjab National Bank. The loan is based on toll revenue securitisation from Agra-Lucknow Expressway. The arrangement takes forward the concept of "National Infrastructure Pipeline" and "National Monetization Pipeline" proposed by

the Union Finance Minister in Union Budget 2021-22.

Under this arrangement, UPEIDA, which is a Government-incorporated authority for the construction of expressways in the State, has received the sanction letter for loan amount of Rs. 5100.00 crore from Punjab National Bank CEO S.S. Mallikarjun Rao at a meeting on August 21. During the currency of this loan, the Expressway will continue to be owned and operated by UPEIDA. This is the first innovative attempt to monetize public infrastructure assets in the whole of northern India. The project, which is to be built on a build-operate-transfer (BoT) basis, will have a 30 years concession period. Once the expressway is operational, the travel time between Delhi and Prayagraj is expected to be cut short from the

present 10-11 hours to just 6-7 hours.

Meanwhile, in an important development, the National Highways Authority of India (NHA) has prepared a plan to link the Ganga Expressway and Delhi-Meerut Expressway. This link has been in principle approved by the ministry and land acquisition and construction process will start shortly. The proposed link with ease the traffic pressure on NH-334, and NH-24 as in absence of this connection, vehicle coming towards Delhi via the Ganga Expressway would have to use NH-334 and NH-24. This two-kilometre long link will be 8-lane wide connecting the Meerut-Delhi expressway with termination point of Ganga Expressway in Bijauli village in Meerut district.

Sood named brand ambassador of AAP Govt's 'Desh ka Mentor'

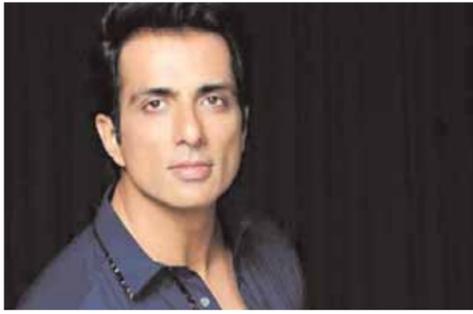
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Actor Sonu Sood will be the brand ambassador of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government's "Desh ka Mentor" programme aimed at providing guidance to students on career choices, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Friday.

The announcement was made after a live interaction with Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia.

"Worked very hard to transform Delhi Government schools; want to make education a people's revolution," Kejriwal said.

The programme will help students of Delhi Government-run schools find a mentor who will help them unlock their potential. Children will find answers to their career-related questions through mentors who sign up to be a part of the



programme.

Under the "Desh Ke Mentor" initiative, a mentor will have to take out 10 minutes every week to guide students.

"We have worked very hard to transform Delhi Government's schools. Now we want to make education a people's revolution. When young people across the country join our education revolution, no one

will be able to stop India from becoming a global leader. We are delighted to have on board Sonu Sood who has inspired lakhs of youth across the country with his selfless services to the nation," Kejriwal said.

Sood has appealed to citizens across the country to step forward and support children's education and take the nation to a brighter tomorrow.

Govt to develop hostel facility at Chhatrasal for sports players: Sisodia

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Aiming to provide better facilities for sports players, Delhi Government will develop a hostel at the Chhatrasal stadium at a cost of ₹ 20.92 for the project.

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Manish Sisodia, said the stadium has become a guarantee for sports across the nation. "Thanks to the performance of our players," he added.

Sisodia said that Delhi Government is committed to provide better sports facilities to the players, and will never let any player's dreams be crushed due to lack of money.

64 rooms will be made for



the players and their coaches in this five-story hostel being built at a cost of ₹ 20.92 crore.

The hostel will be equipped with a 2 mat wrestling hall, medical room, physiotherapy center, gym, steam bath along

with other state-of-the-art facilities and construction work of the hostel will be completed in about 16 months.

"Players will be benefitted by the construction of hostels and they will be able to con-

centrate on their sports and training while staying in the stadium." "Chhatrasal Stadium has so far given 5 Olympic medals to the country in wrestling. With these modern facilities, hostels and coaching, the stadium will further prepare world class wrestlers for the country," said Sisodia while honoring players.

Ensuring all assistance to sports and aspirants, Sisodia, said, "Players who have the potential to rise in Sports are being supported by Delhi Government's 'Play and Progress' and 'Mission Excellence' program. Under this, financial assistance is given for excellent training and coaching and sports equip-

ment so that dreams of our players do not stop due to paucity of money. Under the 'Play and Progress' program, the Delhi Government provides assistance of up to Rs 3 lakh to the players at the junior level. Under the 'Mission Excellence' program, players above 17 years of age are given assistance of up to Rs 16 lakh during their training. So that the players can get the best training."

Sarthak Bhambrani who represented India in 4x400m relay in Tokyo Olympics, said, "With the construction of a hostel in Chhatrasal Stadium, the players will be benefited a lot and they will be able to concentrate on their training better while staying in the stadium."

HC refuses interim protection to Hindu group head in hate speech case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Friday refused to grant interim protection from arrest to president of Hindu Raksha Dal, Bhupinder Tomar, who is accused of raising communal slogans and inciting the youth to propagate against a particular religion at a rally at Jantar Mantar on August 8.

Justice Mukta Gupta issued notice on Tomar's anticipatory bail application and sought status report from Delhi Police. "Prima facie, there are all kinds of slogans and speeches being given. Let the status report be given," said the judge as the matter was listed for further hearing on September 13.

Tomar's counsel submitted that his client was granted interim protection by the trial court and that he was not the one who was shouting the objectionable slogans.

"I want to know where you were (at the time of sloganeering). You were not present at all?.. Let me have the complete status

report," the court responded. Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for Tomar, also said that his client was not the organiser of the event who has already been granted bail in the case. Prosecution counsel Tarang Srivastava informed that he has already shared the video and the transcript of the allegedly objectionable sloganeering to the court.

Earlier this month, a sessions court here had dismissed Bhupinder Tomar alias Pinki Chaudhary's anticipatory bail application, saying, "we are not a Taliban State".

Additional Sessions Judge Anil Antil said that in the past such incidents have flared communal tensions leading to riots and loss of life and property.

"We are not Taliban State. Rule of law is the sacrosanct governing principle in our plural and multi cultural society. While the whole of India is celebrating 'azadi ka amrut mahotsav' there are some minds still chained with intolerant and self centric beliefs", the judge had said in the order passed on August 21.

R-DAY INCIDENT, RIOTS CASES

HC seeks LG's reply on city Govt plea challenging decision to appoint police chosen SPPs

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Friday sought the Lieutenant Governor's reply on a plea by the AAP Government challenging the decision to allow police chosen lawyers as special public prosecutors (SPP) for cases related to this year's Republic Day violence and last year's riots on the grounds that it will not be in the interest of "fair trial".

The Delhi Government also said the 'appointment of SPPs' is a routine matter and not an exceptional one for which reference to the President can be made and that the LG had no sound reason for referring the matter to the President when the government had agreed to appoint independent SPPs.

A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh issued notice and asked the LG and the Centre to file response to the petition as well as an application seeking stay on the decision. The court listed the matter for further hearing on October 21.

The Delhi government has challenged the LG's decision allowing Delhi Police chosen lawyers as SPPs to appear and conduct prosecution in cases relating to violence during the farmers' tractor rally on January 26 this year and north-east Delhi riots cases of February 2020. It said these SPPs have been chosen by the Delhi Police and thus have a serious conflict of interest.

"The irony is that SPPs appointed by us are independent persons. You can't have SPPs which are part of the investigating arm, that is, Delhi Police... In Devangana Kalitha's case, the court has already

judicially criticized the shoddy police conduct," Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing the Delhi government, argued.

The petition has challenged the July 23 order of the LG by which SPPs have been appointed for prosecuting the cases relating to farmers' agitation and Delhi riots/ Anti-CAA protests. It said the SPPs are taking charge of the matters by displacing the regular public prosecutors and therefore, urgent directions are required from the court to enable them to continue so as to not jeopardise fair trial in the cases.

The Delhi government has challenged the LG's July 23 order by which he has invoked the proviso to Article 239-AA(4) of the Constitution to refer to the President the matter of appointment of Delhi Police's chosen advocates as SPPs in cases related to the farmers' agitation and February 2020 riots in North-East Delhi, which the decision of the President is pending.

The petition has also challenged the July 26 notification appointing the SPPs to conduct the cases and also the Centre's August 4 order endorsing the LG's view and approving the appointments.

It contended that the appointed is contrary to established legal principles and violates the constitutional guarantee of a fair trial. "On the issue which certainly cannot fit the description of exceptional situation to protect national interest... When there is appointment of PPs, the LG is referring to the President. Your Lordships cannot allow the escape route of the proviso... It affects Federalism," Singhvi submitted.

Maha Panchayat across nation soon to protest against BJP, AAP's apathy towards Dalits, says Cong

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Congress on Friday alleged the BJP and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of being ignorant towards the plights of Dalit community, saying that soon a 'Maha Panchayat' will be organised across the country to protest against apathy of both the Centre and the State Governments in taking action against the perpetrators.

Delhi Congress unit president Anil Kumar said that Congress has always stood by the Dalit community and will continue to stand by in their struggles.

Addressing the media, party vice-president Jaikishan said that the dalit community will boycott the AAP and the BJP MLAs as no one raising their voice against crime par-

ticularly cases of sexual assaults happened with dalit girls.

Citing an incident, Jaikishan said that a 14-year-old girl from Sultanpuri was kidnapped three months ago, but despite filing an FIR against the criminal involved in the crime, police did not take any action.

The Congress leader further alleged that AAP MLA from Sultanpur Mazra shielded rapists and forced a Gujarati Dalit girl, who was "raped" by his PSO Irfan to withdraw her complaint.

The Congress leader also said that the police detained her in the police station for over five hours, though an FIR has been filed against Irfan. Jaikishan said that assaults on women have gone up manifold ever since the Kejriwal Government came to power in Delhi.

HC seeks Centre's response on plea on non-issuance of Covid job certificate

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has sought response from the Central Government and Delhi Government on a petition concerning non-issuance of final vaccination certificate to a 64-year-old lawyer in spite of having received the two dosages of Covishield vaccine against Covid-19. Justice Rekha Palli issued notice to the two Governments and the Unique Identification-Authority of India, and sought their counter affidavits in ten days.

"Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within ten days. Rejoinder thereto be filed within one week thereafter," the judge said in her order dated August 23.

In his petition, Visheshwar Shrivastav has said that despite being administered the second dose of Covishield in April, he is yet to receive his final vaccination certificate which is urgently required by him to undertake work-related travel out of the city.

"Woe of the Petitioner is that despite having got his two dosages of vaccine is shown to be partially vaccinated at the website/portal of Respondent no 1," the petition states.

The petition informs that since the first dose was administered in early March, the petitioner got the second dose of Covishield in terms of the prescribed time period after he made attempts to rectify the partial vaccination certificate which stated the wrong vaccine i.e. Covaxin as well as the hospital name.

In July, the petitioner claims to have received a call that he was "yet to get the second dose of the vaccine" and discovered that the partial vaccination certificate had been corrected. PTI

Train to prevent mosquito breeding along railway tracks



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A special train which will help in preventing mosquito breeding along the railway tracks in Delhi was jointly flagged off by the Northern Railway and North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) on Friday.

The 'Mosquito Terminator on Wheels' will spray larvicides through a truck mounted with power spray placed on a mosquito terminator train.

A senior SDMC officials said that the train will cover areas under the railway lines of Old Delhi, Sadar Bazar, Sabzi Mandi Station, Azadpur, Badli and Narela.

While flagging off the train from New Delhi Railway Station, Mayor of North Delhi Raja Iqbal Singh said that the NMC in collaboration with Northern Railways has the drive to eliminate the menace of dengue, malaria and chikungunya.

Mayor said that during rainy days, water gets accumulated in the pits around the railway line which increases the possibility of mosquito breeding.

He said that this precautionary measure will save thousands of people living near the railway line from diseases like dengue, malaria and chikungunya. Mayor thanked the railway authorities for their support for the mosquito terminator action train.

2 held for duping people on pretext of high returns in share market

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested two men for allegedly duping people in the national Capital on the pretext of investing their money in the share market and other places for high returns.

The accused have been identified as Sandeep Bhatia, a resident of Ambala Cantt, and Sachin Kumar of Adarsh Nagar here.

According to a senior police official, a complaint was received in which the complainant Ashim Sikka stated that he was approached online by one Arman Thapa, who introduced himself as an investment broker.

"Thapa induced him to invest Rs 2 lakh with a promise to pay Rs 48,000 per day for one month. The complainant agreed to invest Rs 1 lakh for assured return of Rs 24,000 per day for 30 days. However, the accused told Sikka that his amount had been sent into the scheme of Rs 2 lakh by mistake and requested to pay Rs 1 lakh more," said the senior police official.

"When complainant asked for return of one day, accused paid Rs 24,000 to gain his trust. After getting Rs 24,000, Sikka paid Rs 1 lakh more to the accused. Later, the accused switched his phone off," he said.

"During the investigation, police analysed the data and money trail and found that the main accused was in Ambala. Police arrested Bhatia from Ambala on Thursday and Kumar from Delhi on Friday," said the senior police official.

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Public Notice - 30th Annual General Meeting

This is to inform that, the 30th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Himalaya Food International Limited ("the Company") will be held on Thursday, 30th September, 2021 at 9:30 a.m., through video conferencing (VC)/ other audio visual means (OAVM) in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder, read with Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) circular date M11/CIR/P/4 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020 and 02/2021 dated 8th April 2020, 13th April, 2020, 5th May 2020 and 13th January 2021 respectively issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular Nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CIR/P/2020/79 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated 12th May 2020 and 15th January 2021 respectively issued by the SEBI, to transact the business as set out in the notice of AGM which will be sent in due course of time.

Members may further note that in pursuance of above stated circulars and in furtherance of Go-Green initiative of the government, the Notice of the 30th AGM and Annual Report for the financial year 2020-21, will be sent through electronic mode only to those members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / Depository Participant/ Registrar and Transfer Agent ("RTA"). The members attending the meeting through VC or OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of quorum under section 103 of the Act. The Company is also providing e-voting and remote e-voting facility to all its Members similar to earlier practices.

The e-copy of the notice of the 30th AGM along with the Annual Report for the FY 2020-21 of the Company will be available on the website of the Company at www.himalayafoodcompany.com and also be available on the website of the BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, in due course of time.

The Members can attend and participate in the AGM through VC/OAVM only, detailed instructions for joining the AGM will be provided in the Notice of 30th AGM. Accordingly, please note that no provision has been made to attend and participate in the AGM of the Company in person, to ensure compliance with the directives issued by the government authorities with respect to Covid-19 pandemic.

In case the email address is not registered with the Company / Depository Participant / RTA, please follow the process of registering the same as mentioned below:

Physical Holding Send a request to Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, BEETAL Financial & Computer Services Pvt Ltd, at beetalra@gmail.com providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (Front and Back), PAN (Self attested scanned copy of PAN Card), AADHAR (Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address.
 Please send your bank detail with original cancelled cheque to our RTA (i.e. BEETAL Financial & Computer Services Pvt Ltd, BEETAL HOUSE, 3rd Floor, 99, Madangir, Behind LSC, New Delhi-110062 alongwith letter mentioning folio no. If not registered already).

Demat Holding Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address as per the process advised by DP. Please also update your bank detail with your DP for dividend payment by NACH if declare by company.

Members may also note that if your e-mail id is registered with the Company/Depository Participant/RTA, the login credentials for remote e-voting / e-voting during the AGM will be sent on the registered e-mail address along with the notice of 30th AGM. However members who have not registered their email-id can follow the procedure for registering e-mail id as mentioned above. Members may note that the detailed procedure for remote e-voting/e-voting during the AGM is also mentioned in the notice of AGM.

The above information is being issued for the information and benefit of all the members of the Company and is in compliance with the MCA Circular(s) and the SEBI Circular.

For Himalaya Food International Ltd
 Sd/-
 Surabhi Maheshwari
 Company Secretary

Date: August 27, 2021
 Place: Delhi

BSES BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi

TENDER NOTICE Date: 28.08.2021

Sealed tenders under two parts (Un priced & priced) are invited for the supply of following materials from all bidders:-

Sl. No.	Brief Item Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
1	SUPPLY OF TRAFU, DISTR, DISTR; 1600KVA; 11KV; 0.433KV IN BRPL	13.50 Crores	13,50,000/-	17.09.2021 15:30 HRS	17.09.2021 16:00 HRS

Cost of each Tender Document :- ₹ 1180/-

For any query call on 011-49107235 or e-mail on Brpl.Eauction@relianceada.com
 For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/ submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com

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Letter No. 1936 /E-Tender notice/2021-22 Date : 26.08.2021

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING e - Tender Notice

On behalf of the Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Dehradun online tenders in **Two Bid System**, on item rate contract basis (inclusive of all materials & taxes) are invited for the following works in District Dehradun (Uttarakhand) under **Jal Jeevan Mission** from technically and financially capable bidders, registered with Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan/ Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam in appropriate class & category up to prescribed date & time on the portal as mentioned in terms and conditions.

Bid No.	Name of Work	Bid Security (Earnest Money)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rs)	Period of completion of works
01	Construction of Thano Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete.	As Per GoUK Order No-121(1)/XXVII(7)/21-32/2007 टीसीसी निम्नंक 29-04-2021 Bidder have to submit Bid Security declaration	₹ 4000.00 + GST	09 months
02	Construction of Bhitari Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Source work, Gravity Main & Distribution System, Construction of Clear Water Reservoir all appurtenance works etc complete.		₹ 4000.00 + GST	09 months
03	Construction of Mohammadpur Badkali Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	09 months

The tender time schedule (Key Dates) is as follows :-

S. No.	Description	Time Schedule (Key Dates)
1	Date of Online Publication	03.09.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
2	Document download : Start Date	04.09.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
3	Pre-Bid Meeting : Date	10.09.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
4	Bid Submission : Start date	14.09.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
5	Bid Submission : End date	22.09.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs
6	Offline Submission of Documents (Cost of bidding Document, Bid Security, Original affidavits and all supporting Document in support of qualification).	23.09.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs
7	Date of Bid Opening	24.09.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
8	Date of Financial Bid Opening	To be intimated later

"जल संचय-जीवन संचय" Executive Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of **Matrubhoomi Sewa Party**. The office of the party is located at A-118, Durga Vihar Near Devil New Delhi- 110062.

This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951- Names/address of the office bearers of the Party are as follows :-

Chairman : Sudhir Negi
 General Secretary : Mahavir Singh Farswan
 Treasurer : Dayal Singh

If any one has any objection to the registration of **Matrubhoomi Sewa Party**, they may send their objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party), Election Commission of India, Nirvanangan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 within 30 days from this notice in the Residential Department of Noida Authority.

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E-Tender Notice NO. 01 UBL 2021-22, Dated: 9.08.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders (IREPS) for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Approx. Value
1	Hubballi Division: [Rs. 40,65,993.00/-] Fabrication of C.C. Cribs for SSE/RO/Hubballi.	
2	Hubballi Division: [Rs. 96,39,257.26/-] Special Repairs to Girder Bridges and Steel Structures under SSE/Bridges/Hubballi.	
3	Hubballi Division: [Rs. 34,53,015.00/-] Special Repairs/ Maintenance to Girder Bridges and Steel Structures under SSE/Bridges/Belagavi Section in Hubballi Division.	
4	Hubballi Division: [Rs. 13,53,618.66/-] Providing inspection platform arrangements for all spans of Bridge no. 16 (1x18.30+12.20) at km 11/100-200 in Alnavar-Ambewadi Section, Br. No 109 (2x12.20m) at km 648/400-500, Br No 119A (1x18.30) at km 658/300-400, Br No 128, 129 (1x12.20m) at km 666/300-400 and Br No 208 (1x12.20m) at km 734/600-700 in Londa-Miraj Section.	

Last date for submission of bids: Up to 11:00 hrs. of 21.09.2021

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Alert US fears more attacks

Biden vows to avenge deaths; flights out of Af resume

AP ■ KABUL

US forces helping to evacuate Afghan nationals and American citizens desperate to flee Afghanistan were on alert for more attacks on Friday after the toll in Thursday's ISIS fidayeen attack went up to 169 including 13 US soldiers outside the gates of Kabul airport. In the wake of the attacks, General Frank McKenzie, the US Central Command chief overseeing the evacuation, warned that more strikes were possible, and American commanders were working with the Taliban to prevent them. Sweden's Foreign Minister also said there was a threat, but offered no details even as flights resumed. An enraged US President Joe Biden vowed to



Taliban fighters stand guard outside the airport after deadly attacks outside the airport in Kabul, Afghanistan on Friday

complete the evacuation of American citizens and others from Afghanistan despite the deadly suicide bomb attack at the Kabul airport. He promised to avenge the deaths of 13 US

Service members killed in the attack, declaring to the extremists responsible: "We will hunt you down and make you pay."

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Most Indians evacuated from Afghanistan: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after an all-party meeting was assured that the top priority was to evacuate all Indian citizens from strife-torn Afghanistan, the Government on Friday said it has managed to bring out nearly all Indians willing to return. The question of whether to recognise the Taliban rule in Afghanistan or not comes later. Given the fluid situation there, it will be "jumping the gun" in recognising the Taliban dispensation, it clarified.



Stressing these points here, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, Arindam Bagchi said, "Besides Indian citizens, we were able to bring out some Afghan nationals as well as nationals from other countries."

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Sept 1: It is back to offline studies for city scholars

Schools, colleges to be reopened in a phased manner in Delhi: DDMA

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Schools in Delhi will reopen in a phased manner from September 1, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) decided on Friday. Colleges, universities and coaching institutes in the Capital will also reopen beginning next month.

Soon after the DDMA meeting, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "Amid decreasing cases of Covid, Delhi schools are being opened gradually with full precautions. Along with the education of children, their health will also be taken care of."

As per the Delhi Government, the offline classes for students of standard nine to 12 will start from September 1, and the offline classes for grade six to eight will begin on September 8.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said it has been decided to resume schools, colleges and coaching activities in Delhi with all precautionary measures, in a phased manner.



"From September 1, Classes 9 to 12 in all schools, their coaching classes, as well as colleges and universities will be permitted to reopen," Sisodia said. He also holds the portfolio of education in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government.

He said social distancing should be strictly followed and no students will be forced to come to the school. "Consent of parents will be essential for students to come. If parents do not permit, then students will not be forced to come. They will not be considered absent either," he told the media in an online briefing.

"There has been a massive loss of learning in the last 1.5 years. It is a matter of fact that online education cannot replace physical education, and our children have missed out on years of proper learning. Experts agree that online education cannot replace education that is attained in a classroom with a conducive environment," Sisodia said.

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CAPSULE

SENSEX CLOSES ABOVE 56K FOR FIRST TIME

Mumbai: Equity benchmark Sensex climbed 175 points to close above the 56,000-mark for the first time on Friday, driven by strong buying in infrastructure, finance and pharma stocks despite lacklustre global cues. A strengthening rupee, which surged 53 paise against the US dollar, traders said.

FORMER-IPS OFFICER THAKUR HELD IN UP

Lucknow: Within hours of announcing his plans to float a political outfit ahead of the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, former IPS officer Amitabh Thakur was arrested from his residence in Lucknow on Friday on serious charges, including abetment of suicide of a rape victim and her friend in Delhi recently.

INDIA ADMINISTERS OVER 1 CORE SHOTS IN A DAY

New Delhi: India administered more than one crore Covid-19 vaccine doses on Friday, the highest ever in a day, the Union Health Ministry said. According to the CoWIN portal, the Covid-19 vaccination coverage in the country has crossed 62,17,06,882 doses. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed those behind the vaccination drive and also praised people getting inoculated.

BIMAN B'DESH PILOT HAS HEART ATTACK MID-AIR

Nagpur/New Delhi: A Biman Bangladesh plane going from Muscat to Dhaka made an emergency landing at Nagpur on Friday after the pilot suffered a heart attack, an official said.

Sidhu's adviser Mali quits after row over his remarks

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Amid an intense power struggle within the Punjab Congress, Malvinder Singh Mali quit as Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu's adviser after his controversial remarks created a major row and the party threatened to dismiss him if Sidhu failed to remove him.

Mali had invited the ire of

the State party affairs' general secretary in-charge Harish Rawat as well as the Congress high command over his views on Article 370 and Kashmir, and a sketch of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi terming her a "tormentor".

After he refused to withdraw the posts, Sidhu was advised by Rawat to sack Mali. Sidhu had, however, dug his heels in. *Continued on Page 8*

Crisis in C'garh Cong deepens as Deo sticks to his CM removal demand

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The crisis in Chhattisgarh Congress Government deepened on Friday with State Cabinet Minister TS Singh Deo persistent on his demand for replacing Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

Baghel met former party chief Rahul Gandhi in Delhi on Friday but the issues remained



unresolved. Rahul is expected to visit the State next week to find a solution to the crisis.

While Baghel had to rush to Delhi to meet Rahul Gandhi, several MLAs of the warring factions also landed in Delhi to express their solidarity with either of them.

After meeting Rahul and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi, the Chief Minister said Rahul Gandhi would visit Chhattisgarh next week.

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Grateful Nation Pays Heartfelt Tribute to the Martyrs of Jallianwala Bagh

Renovated Complex of Jallianwala Bagh Smarak

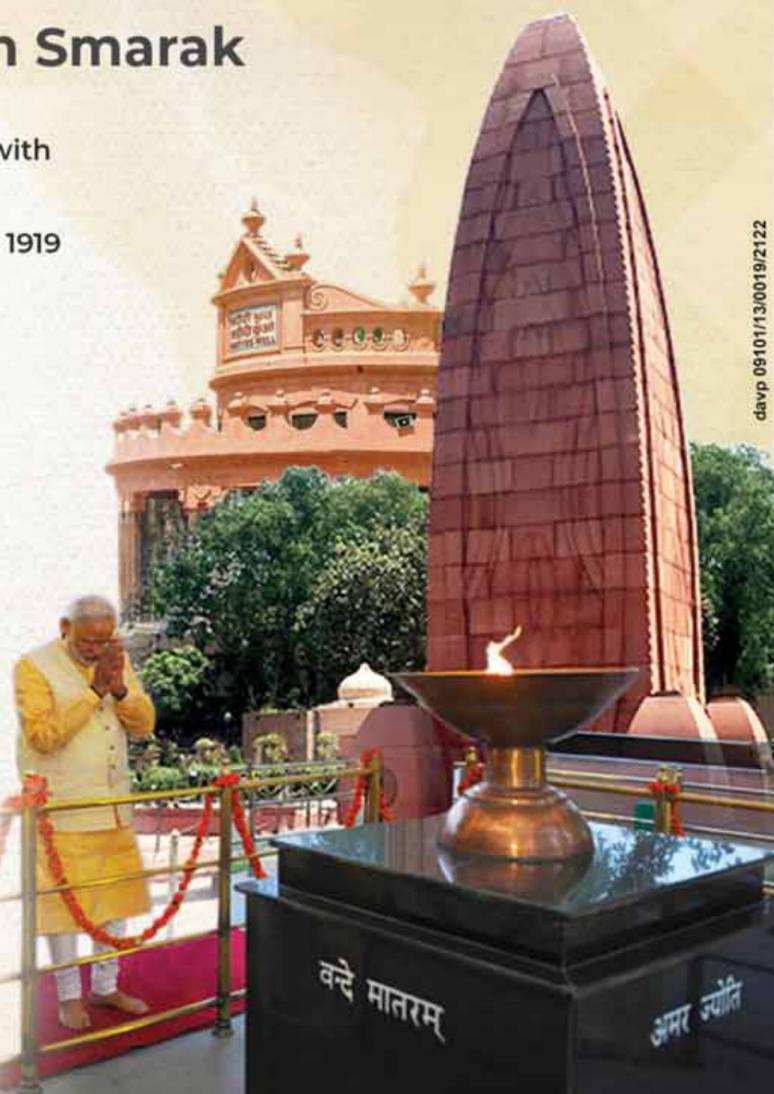
- Four Audio Visual Museum galleries featuring the events related to the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre in Hindi, Punjabi and English languages created with 3D representation & Art and Sculptural installations
- Tech-enabled 180° Sound & Light show to display the occurrences on 13th April, 1919
- Audio Nodes installed throughout the garden
- Development of area around Salvation Ground, Amar Jyot and Flag Mast
- Shaheedi well, Flame Monument restored
- Water body rejuvenated as lily pond and the pathways made broader for better navigability
- Illumination of strategic spots to beautify the premises

Dedication to the Nation by
Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Through Video Conferencing
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I bow to those martyrs who were killed mercilessly in Jallianwala Bagh. We will never forget their courage and sacrifice. Their valour continues to inspire every Indian. - Narendra Modi

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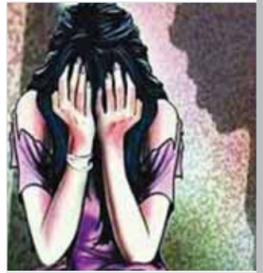
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Fair law?

Irrespective of court judgments, women still need to fight for justice and are often denied it

Offences against women show no signs of abating and they sometimes get no relief even from the courts. The latest instance is of the Chhattisgarh High Court discharging a man from the charge of marital rape because the court relied upon an exception under Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code that "sexual intercourse or sexual act by a man with his own wife, the wife not being under 15 years of age, is not rape". Marital rape has been criminalised by over 150 countries but India is not among them. Some women NGOs term marital rape as the single biggest crime women face with "one in three men admitting to raping their wives, and one Indian woman raped by her husband every three seconds". The Centre argued in 2017 that "what may appear to be marital rape to an individual wife, it may not appear so to others". Former CJ Dipak Mishra in April 2019 went on record defending it "because it will create absolute anarchy in families and our country is sustaining itself because of the family platform which upholds family values". Not all courts, however, have backed this view. In a 2018 judgment of the Gujarat High Court, a single Bench of Justice JB Pardiwala said: "I wonder how BR Ambedkar would have seen the present-day scenario when no one is willing to even discuss to reform the criminalisation of marital rape. A law that does not give married and unmarried women equal protection creates conditions that lead to the marital rape."



At a time when women are allowed to take the National Defence Academy examination and a gender balance in the higher judiciary is becoming a reality, the Government and the courts should strive to criminalise marital rape. A woman, irrespective of her married status, has the right to choose the person with whom to have sexual relations and when. There is a bigger issue involved here. It is about a society determined to deny women their rights even though the Constitution guarantees gender equality and neutrality. More often than not, direct intervention by the courts has had to enforce women's rights that are already theirs. There is now a well-endowed gender jurisprudence available to ensure women are not discriminated against. Yet, some court observations defy logic and do not help the women's cause at all. For example, the judgment of the Nagpur Bench that groping a minor girl without "skin to skin, direct physical contact" cannot be categorised as sexual assault. Or, the Gauhati High Court granting bail to a rape accused because he is "a talented, young student and a future asset to the State of Assam". A trial court in Rajasthan in the 1995 Bhanwari Devi case even observed "an upper caste man could not have defiled himself by raping a lower caste woman". These instances force the progressive jurisprudence of the Indian judiciary to regrettably take a step backward.

PICTALK



Battling the Caldor fire, firefighters burn vegetation to create a control line, in California

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Timely step

The collegium and Govt have cleared the names of new SC judges. It would speed up verdicts

At last, the Learned Brothers in the Supreme Court collegium solved the 21-month pending grave issue of non-appointment of judges. In most cases, the blame for the delay in filling vacancies in the High Courts and Supreme Court falls on the Government which is the link between the appointment of authority — the President. But here, the top five judges could not finalise the list of new appointments in their own court and the vacancies rose to 10 in the top court with the total strength of 34 judges. It is known that just-retired Justice Rohinton Nariman was objecting to certain criteria, and the other four judges were opposing his version. Within days of Justice Nariman's retirement, the new collegium approved nine persons to be elevated to the Supreme Court and the Government in no time processed the recommendation. Among the new judges who are taking oath on August 31, there are interesting facts. For the first time, three women judges have been selected to the apex court. Among them, Justice BV Nagarathna is expected to be the first woman Chief Justice of India by September 2027 as per seniority. This will make history.

The current collegium also deserves credit for speeding up the selection process when the country's top court was witnessing several vacancies. Now, the only vacancy is the one created after the new list. We sincerely hope that the collegium keeps up its determination in speeding up the process of filling vacancies coming up in 2022-2023. The vacancies in the top court will only affect the delivery of justice across India. Similar is the case with the vacancies in the High Courts and lower courts. At the end of the day, people suffer due to these vacancies. Here, the only viable solution is the speedy functioning of collegiums of the Supreme Court and High Courts in tandem with the Government's processing mechanism. For the past few weeks, the apex court is seized of the matter of vacancies in tribunals, too. Here, the problem is with the Government which is sitting on issuing appointment papers to judges in tribunals after the courts finish the selection process. Meanwhile, the Government has come up with an amendment Act on the issue. These unwarranted tussles between the judiciary and Government will ultimately delay the delivery of justice, besides policy paralysis.

Doha Agreement and Af's collapse

The Afghan Army feels that it has been let down by the United States and Nato forces in their handling of the Taliban takeover



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

The rapid collapse of the Afghan National Army (ANA) against the Taliban has been attributed to the lack of its capability and will to fight. Trained and built by the United States' Army for about 20 years at a cost of an estimated \$83 billion, it should, *prima facie*, not have lacked either. The argument that corruption, inefficiency and desertions had considerably affected its fighting capability is true to some extent but has certainly not been the defining cause. The American and Nato forces had played little combat role against the Taliban after President Barack Obama announced on May 27, 2014, that the combat role of the US troops would end by the close of that year and the bulk of them would be withdrawn from Afghanistan by the end of 2016. The bulk of the fighting had since then been done by ANA personnel, albeit with air and tactical support by the US and allied forces. And they had done remarkably well on a number of occasions.

The erosion of will began with the Doha Agreement of February 29, 2020, between the US and the Taliban. The US, for its part, agreed on an initial reduction of its force level from 13,000 to 8,600 by July 2020, followed by a full withdrawal in 14 months if the Taliban kept its commitments. It had also agreed to close down five military bases within 135 days and said that it intended to end its economic sanctions against the Taliban by August 27, 2020.

It called for talks between the Afghan Government and the Taliban to begin on March 10, 2020, and, prior to that, the release of 5,000 Taliban prisoners held by the Government and 1,000 from the Government's side held by the Taliban. The two sides, it said, will have the goal of "releasing all the remaining prisoners over the course of the subsequent three months". Also, the US will start diplomatic engagement with other members of the United Nations Security Council and Afghanistan to remove members of the Taliban "from the sanctions list with the aim of



achieving this objective by May 29, 2020..." Further, "The United States and its allies will refrain from the threat or the use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Afghanistan or intervening in its domestic affairs."

The condition on Afghanistan was that it "will not allow any of its members, other individuals or groups, including al-Qaeda, to use the soil of Afghanistan to threaten the security of the US and its allies." The agreement also stated that "the Taliban commits that its released prisoners... will not pose a threat to the security of the US and its allies". The agreement further laid down: "The participants of intra-Afghan negotiations will discuss the date and modalities of a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire, including joint implementation mechanisms, which will be announced along with the completion and agreement over the future political roadmap of Afghanistan."

The Afghan Government, the fate of which was to be fundamentally affected by the accord, was neither a signatory to it nor a participant in the talks leading to it. There was



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no provision about the Taliban honouring the human rights of Afghans, particularly those of women and girls, or of agreeing to having a democratic system of Government in Afghanistan. Understandably, many in Afghanistan, including members of its armed forces, believed that the US has sold them down the river.

A report by Susannah George in *Washington Post*, of August 15, 2021, reads: "The Doha Agreement...left many Afghan forces demoralised, bringing into stark relief the corrupt impulses of many Afghan officials and their tenuous loyalty to the country's central Government." Some police officers complained that they had not been paid in six months or more. "They saw that document as the end," the officer said, referring to the majority of Afghans aligned with the Government. "The day the deal was signed we saw the change. Everyone was just looking out for himself. It was like (the US) left us to fail."

Despair grew with time. A report in the *New York Times* by Thomas Gibbons-Neff, Fahim Abed and Sharrif Hassan of August 13, 2021,

states: "And when the Taliban started building momentum after the United States' announcement of withdrawal, it only increased the belief that fighting in the security forces — fighting for President Ashraf Ghanis Government — wasn't worth dying for. In interview after interview, soldiers and police officers described moments of despair and feelings of abandonment."

George, citing an Afghan officer and a US official said that from early last year, the Taliban were "offering money in exchange for the Government forces to hand over their weapons". Beginning with a series of deals brokered in villages between the militant group and some of the Afghan Government's lowest-ranking officials, the process spread "rapidly on to provincial capitals, culminating in a breathtaking series of negotiated surrenders by government forces, according to interviews with more than a dozen Afghan officers, police, special operations troops and other soldiers."

The stage was set for the collapse that followed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE US MUST RETALIATE

Sir — The situation in Afghanistan has just gone from bad to worse after the terrorists attacked the Hamid Karzai Airport. A series of explosions were reported on the periphery of the airport where hundreds of Afghans had gathered in the hope of evacuation. The explosion claimed the lives of more than 70 Afghans and 13 US soldiers and left many wounded. The Islamic State (IS) has taken responsibility for the attack. The IS terrorists were previously eradicated from eastern Afghanistan by the US and Afghan troops in 2019. However, it appears that the current circumstances in Afghanistan have led to the revival of many terror organisations, including the IS. The US and the UK had warned the Taliban of a possible terror attack which the Taliban ignored. The casualties of American soldiers have raised questions on the competency of US President once again. Responding to the attack, he said, "We will not forgive, we will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay." It is high time that the President addresses this issue strictly. The terrorist organisations are demonstrating their vicious strength with absolute immoral brute and need to be contained.

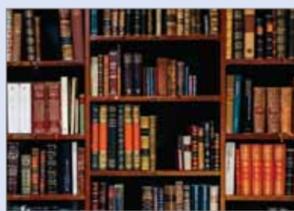
Manoj Kumar Jena | Cuttack

PUSHING THE PARLIAMENTARIANS

Sir — The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha Secretariats should update the comparative figures of development activities of the Members of Parliaments on their respective websites. The activities can include their attendance records, number of questions asked and the Bills presented, participation in Parliamentary debates, utilisation of the development funds and other such activities. This comparative study will motivate the parliamentarians to perform responsibly and will induce positive competition to work more effectively. Political parties will then be compelled to give tickets only to the better performing members.

Even the "best parliamentarian award" should be given on the basis of performance which is currently awarded to three veterans even though some of them may

A good place to be in



Libraries, with their warm and welcoming vibe, not only look beautiful but are also home to knowledge and enlightenment. They are a paradise for those who find being around books gratifying. The altruistic environment, awe-inspiring architecture and thousands of books stacked neatly can make any book-lover joyous. The word "library" is derived from the Latin word "libraria", meaning 'a books' place'. The popular saying, "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body" describes the impor-

tant of reading. Books are the most faithful friends of a reader, and in a library, one can make plenty.

Popular movies and shows like *Harry Potter*, *Game of Thrones*, *The Godfather*, among many others, have been adapted from their book versions and been an absolute success. One could imagine how many brilliant movie scripts could be hidden there in a well-sized library. However, public libraries in India, which have served as reservoirs, preservers and disseminators of knowledge for years and years, are struggling to sustain themselves in the digital era. Many of these libraries rarely welcome readers, therefore, it is necessary for the Government to improve their infrastructure and incorporate a bit of modernisation to attract more young readers. These old libraries resemble our grandparents who are an ocean of knowledge but are often overlooked.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

not be deserving. It is often seen that many parliamentarians, especially celebrities nominated to the Rajya Sabha, use their tenure only as an additional feather in their caps. Some highly influential persons from prominent industrial groups enter the Rajya Sabha only to use it as an effective tool for lobbying without any contribution as parliamentarians. The Rajya Sabha, in the absence of any publicised comparative study of developmental activities, has become a billionaire club where seats are purchased by the ultra rich in this system of open voting for the Upper House.

Madhu Agrawal | New Delhi

OPEN SCHOOLS, BUT WITH CAUTION

Sir — The decision by the States to reopen schools after nearly 18 months has created mixed feelings. Students who were forced to stay at home due to the pandemic are eager to return to classrooms. Parents, on the other hand, are anxious and apprehensive. As for the teachers, they have to balance teaching with COVID-

appropriate behaviour. The likelihood of a third wave adds to the uncertainty of the situation. Experts believe that closure of schools for such a long time has adversely affected students' learning and cognitive abilities. It is worrisome to learn that children have forgotten basics like writing simple words, doing calculations, recognising colours and so on.

While there is an urgent need to reopen schools, all measures must be taken to prevent transmission of COVID-19. The reopening must be guided by careful risk analysis and epidemiological factors. Not all the schools can be opened at once; therefore, schools must devise special time tables. If possible, classes should be conducted in open places instead of cramped rooms. Healthcare workers could be appointed at schools and symptoms must be monitored carefully.

Venu GS | Kollam

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SOUND BITE

Angioplasty will be done. I am happy that I am getting it done at the SMS Hospital. I am fine and will be back soon.



Rajasthan Chief Minister — Ashok Gehlot

We will respond with force and precision in our time, in a place we choose in a manner of our choosing.



US President — Joe Biden

The move from performing on-ground to now performing live on digital platforms has been immersive and delightful in such uncertain times.



Singer — Hariharan

As much as I think India are going to lose the Test quite convincingly, they can take quite a bit from the second innings.



Former England captain — Michael Vaughan

We are receiving a good response from teachers, parents and education experts. Based on the pros and cons, a decision on resuming classes will be taken.

Karnataka Education Minister — BC Nagesh



FIRST COLUMN ISLAMIST TERRORISM HAS LONG WAY TO GO

The notion that the Taliban takeover will trigger a wave of terror is absurd



GWYNNE DYER

Violent Islamist movements, as current events in Afghanistan demonstrate, have had some success in Muslim countries that have been invaded by the United States. But they have failed everywhere else, and the whole Islamist ideology is getting long in the tooth. Revolutionary ideologies rarely prosper after they pass the age of fifty. There is much media chatter at the moment about how the Taliban's victory will inspire like-minded groups elsewhere and lead to a steep rise in terrorist attacks. Some of this is just journalistic panic-mongering, but various military and political interest groups will also promote this notion for their own purposes. The Taliban are Afghans, of course, but Islamist terrorism is primarily a phenomenon of the Arab world. That is the part of the Muslim world where the rulers are most brazenly cruel and corrupt. Many Arabs have been attracted to Islamism as a possible way to replace those rotten regimes - and some of them have concluded that only violence can bring Islamists to power.



The solution to the Muslim world's current plight, therefore, is to install revolutionary Islamist regimes that will enforce that version of God's will on the population, whereupon with God's help they will start to win. A united Muslim world will arise that breaks its current shackles, achieves great power and prosperity - and in some versions, converts the entire world to Islam. An attractive vision for many Arabs who were near despair, and the 1970s, '80s and '90s were filled with attempted Islamist revolutions from Algeria to Saudi Arabia - all of which failed. The Islamists never managed to convince enough people that this pipe dream was worth dying for. So around 1999 an Islamist leader called Osama bin Laden came up with a new strategy. The only way to mobilise enough Muslims behind the Islamist dream, he believed, was to provoke a direct assault on Islam by the infidels. And the only way to motivate the lazy infidels to play their allotted role in this strategy was to attack them directly - not to conquer them, which was impossible, but to trick them into invading Muslim countries. That was the strategy behind the 9/11 attacks, and it succeeded even beyond bin Laden's expectations.

The outraged United States declared the 'War on Terror' and invaded not one but two Muslim countries, Afghanistan and Iraq. The former had little to do with 9/11 and the latter nothing at all, but the invasions had the effect that bin Laden was seeking. Twenty years later, however, the benefits for the Islamist cause have been quite limited. The Taliban are finally back in power in Afghanistan, and there was an interval when 'Islamic State' (ISIS) controlled a lot of Iraq and even expanded into Syria, but there is still not a single revolutionary Islamist regime in the Arab world. The obvious conclusion is that this strategy has definitively failed. Even with the help of Western invasions and the 'War on Terror', the Islamists have been unable to convince enough Arabs that they are the right solution to the Arab world's problems. There will doubtless continue to be scattered Islamist terrorist attacks both within and beyond the Arab world for many years, although probably none as dramatic as the 9/11 events. But the notion that the Taliban take-over in Afghanistan will lead to a huge new wave of Islamist terrorism is absurd. The Taliban's victory was discounted in advance years ago, and the idea of provoking US invasions as recruiting tools for Islamist revolutions is now very old hat. Even Washington can see through it.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The views expressed are personal.)

Falling back on caste census, yet again

Those raising the divisive demand may think that it would help them politically. But at what cost?



RAJENDRA PRASAD GUPTA

The noise for caste census tends to inevitably surface in India whenever it is time for the 10-year general census. Not surprising that ahead of the launch of the upcoming 2021 census, several political parties have revived the demand for a nationwide caste-based census.

In such a scenario, it becomes critical to ask how desirable is a caste census. In the past, the issue became an electoral plank in states like Tamil Nadu. Many political parties in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are making a strong pitch for a caste census. In Bihar, a resolution was passed by both the houses of legislature, and an eleven-member delegation of 10 political parties, under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi to put forward this demand.

But such a step needs to be thoroughly discussed and assessed keeping in mind the national interests and the unity of the nation. And to do so, all the political parties need to rise above divisive politics and work in the interest of the country and the society. This is not a simple matter to be decided in haste since it can threaten the unity and integrity of the nation.

This is not the first time that this demand for caste census has come up. The last caste census was done in India in the year 1931, but due to the outbreak of World War II, it was not taken up in 1941 and never again thereafter. After Independence in 1947, a proposal for caste census was made before the then government in 1951, but it was dismissed. The then Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel rejected it saying that a caste census could disturb the social fabric of the country.

The demand was again raised in 2011 but the government at that time also rejected it and conducted a survey on an economic basis instead. That survey is today utilized by the Union Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the benefit of the downtrodden. Many schemes have been implemented for the deprived and backward classes and millions of Indians have benefitted from it.

The welfare schemes include distribution of free food grains to the poor, free gas cylinders to women, the opening of bank accounts through Jan Dhan Yojana, Rs 6,000 assistance to farmers per year, and Ayushman Bharat for the uplift of people from the last rungs of the society. It is the need of the hour to ensure an equitable development of society.

How ironic is it that politicians who allegedly follow the paths of intellectuals like Jayaprakash Narayan and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia are raising their voices in favour of the caste census when the truth is that both the leaders were



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strongly against it? They believed that casteism would be a hindrance to the development of India. Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan considered social revolution truly important in the "Saat Kranti" and always propagated that the caste system should be abolished by eradicating the discrimination based on caste. He started his movement in 1974 in his village Sitab-Diyara and around ten thousand people present in that meeting resolved to leave the caste system behind by breaking their sacred threads. Along with this, JP had given the slogan? (leave the caste, break the sacred thread, connect human to human). It is ridiculous that the very politicians who swear by JP day and night are today fanning the heat around the demand for the caste-based census.

Dr. Lohia also believed caste to be a symbol of orthodox forces that promote inertia. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution of India, was also a staunch opponent of casteism and used to say that casteism cannot increase efficiency and neither can ethnicity improve race.

Undoubtedly, the ill effects of the caste census would largely harm Hindus. To maintain social harmony, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh has undertaken many historical works. Apart from this, many great personalities like

Mahatma Gandhi, Vinoba Bhave, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay have advocated social harmony by doing away with the evils of the caste system. All these social reformers believed that all-round development in India would be possible only by eliminating the caste system. Then only we could hope to build a great nation earn the respect of the global community.

In such a situation, raising the bogey of caste census would be against the ideals of these great leaders and an insult to their legacies. This will lead to a divided society and encourage caste politicization, which would threaten the unity and integrity of the nation.

Those raising the divisive demand may think that it would help them politically. But at what cost? They should realize that they are playing in the hands of forces that want to divide and break the country.

At this time, we must look back at the lesson few learned from our history and understand how the Britishers ruled over us by dividing us along caste lines. Why should we unleash the same evil design all over again? We should remember the price we have paid due to the promotion of caste-based politics. The relative backwardness of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh is linked to their dominant caste-based

politics. The census itself is a very complex task. Whenever a new entry is registered in the census, a new kind of politics is also born out of it. This leads to the formation of new parties and associations based on caste, which in no way strengthens the unity of the country. A good society should not be inclined to save caste dominance but to strengthen democracy. How unfortunate it is that even after 75 years of independence, we are going on the path of destruction instead of development. That is why this issue needs to be discussed thoroughly in a country with the second-highest population in the world and hundreds of castes. A caste census will further divide people and spur competition amongst them to increase the population of their respective castes.

This will make our country lag behind in multiple spheres. The price the country will pay in terms of development is unimaginable. It is obvious that caste census is a demand that strikes at the unity and integrity of India by threatening to destroy social harmony.

This is totally against the ideals of "one India". The political parties and opinion makers as well as intellectual must come together on one platform and push the agenda of India's development and not its disunity.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

MODI CANNOT SELL THE COUNTRY'S ASSETS LIKE THIS. IT IS NOT THE BJP'S AFFAIR BUT THE COUNTRY'S AFFAIR.

— WB CHIEF MINISTER
MAMATA BANERJEE



MAMATA SHOULD FIX HER 'TALIBAN RAJ' IN WEST BENGAL FIRST. HER PARTY HAS SOLD METRO DAIRY AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES HERE.

— BENGAL BJP PRESIDENT
DILIP GHOSH

Liberating struggles

The memorial at Amritsar shall forever remind an indebted nation of the martyrs who laid down their lives for the motherland

The inauguration of the renovated Jallianwala Bagh Memorial at Amritsar by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 28 may raise the question of its enduring relevance to the nation after more than a century of the gruesome massacre by the British.

India has seen just too many invasions resulting in the wanton killing of thousands of innocent people but each time life carried on with the attitude reflected in the popular Punjabi proverb, 'Khada peetalaha da, baaki Ahmad Shahe da' (Consume whatever is available, the rest shall be plundered by Ahmad Shah Abdali), making light of the tragedy.

This has not happened in the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in which an estimated one



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thousand innocent persons, gathered to celebrate the joyous festival of Baisakhi on April 13, 1919, were mercilessly gunned down by the British Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer. The episode has left an indelible mark on the memory of the wounded nation.

Volumes have been written to record the horrid experience. Events like the enactment of the Rowlatt Act in March 1919, the promulgation of martial law in Punjab, the role of Michael O'Dwyer, the then Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab, the massacre by Reginald Dyer followed by the setting up of the Hunter Committee absolving the culprits of all charges are too well-known to deserve any repetition here. It was a well-planned deep-rooted British conspira-



cy to crush Indians by letting loose a reign of terror through inhuman acts that by any standards would be unthinkable for any civilized country.

Ever since India's first war of independence in 1857, the British were badly shaken. Any prospect of revolutionary activities against their rule deeply scared them. At the beginning of the 20th century, leaders like Lala Hardayal, Lala Lajpat Rai and Ajit Singh were deported but it did little to assuage the British fears.

The sinister designs of the British were reflected in the actions of Michael O'Dwyer, the then Lieutenant-Governor of Punjab. The educated class was heaped with insults, hundreds were put behind the bars and the press gagged. Peaceful hartals in Lahore and Amritsar were forcibly broken and peaceful protesters were arrested and deported. Places like Kasur and Gujranwala bore the brunt of atrocities along with Lahore and Amritsar.

The situation became tense when as a result of unprovoked firing five Europeans were killed in Amritsar and a lady missionary named Sherwood was beaten up on a street. This bruised the British pride as it led to the brutal flogging of

innocent people by the police and the crawling orders in Khuh Korian wali Gali (street with flogging well).

Brigadier-General Reginald Dyer was shifted from Jalandhar to Amritsar just a day before the episode. On his arrival, he promulgated restrictions on public gatherings which remained unknown to common people. A large number of them, mostly peasants, had already gathered in Amritsar to celebrate Baisakhi on April 13. Dyer reached the main entrance of Jallianwala Bagh with his soldiers, none of whom was British, in the afternoon and ordered firing without any warning. Nearly 1650 rounds were fired within minutes, killing and wounding a large number of people. The exact

number has never become known; there is a vast difference between the official and unofficial figures. To rub salt into the wounds, Dyer imposed curfew with a complete ban on movement so that the wounded could not be attended to and the dead could not be removed.

The replies given by Dyer to the Hunter Committee are not only a reflection of the perpetrator's state of mind but that of the entire setup. He told the Committee that his actions were the result of a fully conscious and pre-planned strategy. The only action taken against Dyer by the then government was relieving him of his active duties, whereas Michael O'Dwyer and Chelmsford were completely absolved of all guilt.

The British failed to judge the mood of Indians and the far-reaching consequences of the tragic episode. Young Indians were out to avenge these acts of brutality. The great revolutionary Udhram Singh took the task upon himself and shot dead Michael O'Dwyer on March 13, 1940, in London. Patriotic revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh and Chandrashekhar Azad were the direct result of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. We owe our independence to their supreme sacrifices. The memorial at Amritsar shall forever remind an indebted nation of the martyrs who laid down their lives for the motherland, a monument of national pride and an inspiration for the cause of freedom for all times to come.

Risk of blood clots higher post SARS-CoV-2 infection

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Underlining the importance of vaccination, a UK study on Friday said that the risk of developing adverse events such as blood clots is considerably higher after infection with SARS-CoV-2 virus than after immunisation with Pfizer and AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccines. Some of these events have led to the restricted use of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, known as Covishield in India, and in a number of countries.

The research published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) used findings from more than 29 million people, who were vaccinated with the first doses of either vaccine between December 2020 and April 2021. The findings showed though there was an increased risk of having a blood clot after the first doses of either vaccine, it was much greater in someone who tested positive for Covid-19 caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

"People should be aware of these increased risks after Covid-19 vaccination and seek medical attention promptly if they develop symptoms, but also be aware that the risks are considerably higher and over longer periods of time if they become infected with SARS-CoV-2," said Julia Hippisley-Cox, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology and General Practice at the University of Oxford and lead author of the paper.

The study covered thrombocytopenia - a condition with low platelet counts — and thromboembolic events (blood clots) following vaccination for Covid-19, some of the same events which had led to restricted use in a number of countries of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine - being produced and administered in India as Covishield. They concluded that with both of these vaccines, for short time intervals following the first dose, there are increased risks of some haematological and vascular adverse events leading to hospitalisation or death. The authors further noted that the risk of these adverse events is substantially higher and for a longer period of time, following infection from the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus than after either vaccine. "This research is important like many other studies, while useful, have been limited by small numbers and potential biases. Electronic healthcare records, which contain the detailed recording of vaccinations, infections, outcomes and confounders, have provided us with a rich source of data with which to perform a robust evaluation of these vaccines, and compare to risks associated with Covid-19 infection," explained Prof Hippisley-Cox.

When rare events are uncovered, then regulators perform a risk-benefit analysis of the medicine; to compare the risks of the adverse events if vaccinated versus the ben-

efits of avoidance of the disease - in this case, Covid-19.

Aziz Sheikh, Professor of Primary Care Research & Development and Director of the Usher Institute at the University of Edinburgh and a co-author of the paper, said: "This enormous study, using data on over 29 million vaccinated people, has shown that there is a very small risk of clotting and other blood disorders following the first dose Covid-19 vaccination.

"Though serious, the risk of these same outcomes is much higher following SARS-CoV-2 infection.

"On balance, this analysis, therefore, clearly underscores the importance of getting vaccinated to reduce the risk of these clotting and bleeding outcomes in individuals, and because of the substantial public health benefit that Covid-19 vaccinations offer," Sheikh said. In the paper, the team of authors from the University of Oxford, University of Leicester, Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, the Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, the University of Cambridge, the University of Edinburgh and the University of Nottingham, compared rates of adverse events after vaccination with Pfizer/BioNTech and Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccines with rates of the same events after a positive SARS-CoV-2 test result.

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"I told him everything. There were political as well State administrative discussions. In the end, I requested Rahul Gandhi to visit Chhattisgarh. He gladly accepted the invitation, he will be there next week. He (Rahul Gandhi) will first visit Bastar, and inspect the various projects and works there," Baghel told the media outside Rahul's residence after a three-hour long marathon meeting. AICC General Secretary Organisation K V Venugopal and State AICC incharge PL Punia were also present. Priyanka who has been taking active participation in resolving the political and Government crisis in Punjab and Rajasthan, also joined the meeting. The war between CM Bhupesh Baghel and TS Singh Deo has been a cause for concern for the Congress leadership for some time now.

Deo has claimed that according to an agreement made after the Congress came to power in Chhattisgarh in 2018, he should have been the Chief Minister after two-and-a-half years. Bhupesh Baghel denied the claim. In a bid to pacify the situation, Rahul Gandhi had met both of them separately on Tuesday and again on Friday he met with Baghel.

After Friday's meeting, AICC sources reiterated that as of now, Baghel would continue as the Chief Minister. Rahul again cautioned the CM over complaints raised by TS Singh Deo and asked both leaders to work together till a final decision is made after his visit. Several Chhattisgarh Congress MLAs including a host of Ministers have expressed support in favour of Bhupesh Baghel, and they have been camping in the national Capital since Tuesday.

The Ministers and MLAs met Punia at his residence in the morning and are learnt to have put their weight behind Bhupesh Baghel, saying the State Government is providing good governance under the incumbent Chief Minister. Earlier in the day, Baghel held a meeting with over his camp side 40 MLAs and Ministers who are in national Capital.

Asked about the change of guard, Baghel said the party's in-charge for the State had already mentioned last time that there was a discussion on the leadership and there was nothing more to be said. Early this month in a crucial meeting with party chief Sonia Gandhi, Baghel had said that he would resign from the CM post the moment Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi ask him to.

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Sisodia said in the last one month, the State Government has instituted several drives all over Delhi to vaccinate teachers and 98 per cent of Delhi Government schoolteachers and all school staff have received their first dose. "We are administering the second dose as well. Private schools have also reported that a high number of staff have been vaccinated. We are ensuring that all staff get fully vaccinated as soon as possible," he said.

Before its decision to reopen all sort of academic activities, the Delhi Government had invited suggestions from parents and teachers. "At least 70 per cent people wanted schools and colleges to reopen, while rest believed that schools should reopen in a staggered manner. Only a handful of people did not want schools to reopen," the Delhi Government said.

Alert US fears more...

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Meanwhile, evacuation flights from Afghanistan resumed with new urgency on Friday, a day after two suicide bombings targeted the thousands of people desperately fleeing a Taliban takeover and killed dozens. The US warned more attacks could come ahead of next week's end to America's longest war.

Two officials said 169 Afghans died, but a final count might take time amid confusion, with many bodies dismembered or not yet identified. Scores more were wounded in the blasts. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media.

The US said 13 troops were killed in the deadliest day for American forces in Afghanistan since August 2011. As Afghan officials struggled to deal with the dead, at least 10 bodies lay on the grounds outside Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital, where relatives said the mortuary could take no more.

As the call to prayer echoed Friday through Kabul along with the roar of departing planes, the anxious crowds outside the city's airport appeared as large as ever despite the risks. They are acutely aware that the window is closing to board a flight before the airlift ends and Western troops withdraw.

In an emotional speech on Thursday night, President Joe Biden blamed the ISIS' Afghanistan affiliate, which is far more radical than the Taliban fighters who seized power less than two weeks ago in a lightning blitz across the country. "We will rescue the Americans; we will get our Afghan allies out, and our mission will go on," Biden said. But despite intense pressure to extend Tuesday's deadline and his vow to hunt down those responsible, he has cited the threat of more terrorist attacks as a reason to keep to his plan — as the Taliban have repeatedly insisted he must.

The US said more than 100,000 people have been safely evacuated from Kabul, but thousands more are struggling to leave in one of history's largest airlifts. The White House said Friday morning that 8,500 evacuees were flown out aboard US Military aircraft in the previous 24 hours, along with about 4,000 people on coalition flights. That is about the same total as the day before the attacks.

More people hoping to flee arrived Friday at the airport, though in one area Taliban fighters set up a cordon about 1,600 feet away. Many others will try to escape over land borders. The United Nations refugee agency said a half-million people or more could flee in a "worst-case scenario" in the coming months.

Scenes of chaos, desperation, and horror from the airport have transfixed the world. Images of people standing knee-deep in sewage and families thrusting documents and even young children toward US Troops behind razor wire have come to symbolise both the disarray of the last days of the American presence in the country and the fears Afghans have for their future.

But chances to help those hoping to join the evacuation are fading fast. Many American allies have already ended their efforts, in part to give the US time to wrap up its own operations before getting 5,000 of its troops out by Tuesday.

'Most Indians evacuated...

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Of these, many of them were Sikhs and Hindus. Primarily, our focus will be on Indian nationals, but we will also stand by Afghans who stood by us."

He said as per the assessment a vast majority of Indians wishing to return were evacuated, adding some more are likely to be in Afghanistan. "I do not have the exact number for that," Bagchi said.

As regards the scenario there, he said the situation on the ground is uncertain and the primary concern is the security and safety of the people.

On the possible engagement with the Taliban, he said currently, there is no clarity about any entity forming a Government in Kabul. "I think we are jumping the gun regarding recognition," Bagchi said.

With no clarity in Afghanistan due to the ongoing turmoil, India continues to monitor the situation very carefully as this is an evolving situation, he said.

Explaining the country's position regarding Afghanistan, the spokesperson said India is seeking a peaceful, prosperous and democratic Afghanistan.

"The current focus is on the security situation of Afghanistan evacuations and seeing how it unfolds. Other countries are in the frame of

wait and watch," he said.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday said the situation was "critical" and India will have to wait to let things "settle down" and be "patient" before deciding its approach towards the Taliban.

He made these observations while interacting with media persons after briefing the all-party meeting comprising 37 leaders from 31 parties.

Meanwhile, giving details of the evacuation codenamed "Operation Devi Shakti," Bagchi said, so far, over 550 people in six separate flights, either from Kabul or Dushanbe, were brought back to India. Of these, over 260 were Indians.

The Government also facilitated evacuation of Indian nationals through other agencies, the spokesperson said adding India is in touch with various countries, like the US and Tajikistan.

As chaos prevailed at the Kabul international airport in the last few days, a team of Indian officials was based there to co-ordinate with the US for the safe entry of Indian nationals to the airport for onward journey. The US armed forces are controlling the airport.

Moreover, the IAF and Air India planes were based in Dushanbe in Tajikistan due to overcrowding at the Kabul airport. The NATO and the US

planes ferried the Indian contingents to Dushanbe to be airlifted to New Delhi in Indian aircraft. Also, all the Indian aircraft avoided Pakistani airspace and flew through the Iranian and Uzbekistan airspace for the rescue missions.

Bagchi said the last flight on Thursday had 40-odd people. He also said the Government was aware of reports that Afghan nationals were facing difficulties in reaching the airport. "We know some Afghan nationals, including Afghan Sikhs and Hindus, could not reach the airport on August 25. Our flight had to come without them," he added. The flight was supposed to airlift 185 passengers initially.

Meanwhile, reacting strongly to blasts at the Kabul airport, Rony Yedidia Clein, Chargé d'affaires at the Embassy of Israel in India condemned the terrorist attacks and said Israel is shocked and saddened.

"We're deeply concerned about the deteriorating human rights situation in Afghanistan. We thought maybe things would start getting normal but it seems that it's just getting worse and deteriorating," she added. "We see this as very problematic for the progress of Afghan people and for women in general. We are very concerned about this," she said.

Sidhu's adviser Mali quits...

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Rawat had even gone public in an interview to a private TV channel in saying that if Sidhu did not sack such advisers, he would do so himself. Eventually, Mali quit as advisor to Punjab Congress president — announcing the same on Facebook

The power struggle between Amarinder and the Sidhu is intensifying with each passing day — forcing the party high command to finally rein in the cricketer-turned-politician after giving him enough liberty despite his diatribe against his own party's government and the Chief Minister.

While Opposition parties are gearing up for the 2022 polls, the both factions are engaged in 'show of strength' to outdo on one-another. On Thursday night, Cabinet Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi threw a dinner party claiming that 59 legislators and eight MPs among others attended the same, and exhibited confidence in Capt Amarinder's leadership.

The development assumes significance as the Sidhu camp had, the previous week, claimed that 34 MLAs did not have faith in the Chief Minister's leadership and wanted him to be replaced. In a major embarrassment to Sidhu camp, no less than nine leaders claimed not to be part of the meeting against the Chief Minister. On Friday, Capt Amarinder met the former Chief Minister Rajinder Kaur Bhattal - apparently to fortify his support.

Only recently, the state party affairs' general secretary in-charge Harish Rawat made it clear to Sidhu that he has only been appointed Congress president and not given the responsibility of the entire Congress party. "We have given the party leadership to Sidhu, not the Congress to him," he said on moves to change the Chief Minister ahead of the Assembly polls slated in early 2022. Besides, Rawat had also snubbed the 'dissident' Ministers and MLAs, who met him in Dehradun, seeking Capt Amarinder's ouster declaring that the veteran Congress leader would lead the party in 2022 polls.

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BJP's income rose by 50% in 2019-20: Report

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The ruling BJP declared a total income of ₹3,623.28 crore during the financial year 2019-20 but spent only 45.57 per cent (₹1,651.022 crore) of it. In contrast, the total income of Congress was five times less than BJP at ₹682.21 crore but the main Opposition party overspent its expenses spending ₹998.158 crore.

In its report, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) said that between 2018-19 and 2019-20, the BJP's income increased by 50.34% (₹1,213.20 crore) from ₹2,410.08 crore to ₹3,623.28 crore. On the other hand, the Congress's income decreased by 25.69 per cent (₹235.82 crore) from ₹918.03 crore during 2018-19 to ₹682.21 crore during 2019-20.

However, it was NCP which registered highest increase in income. "Between 2018-19 and 2019-20, the highest percentage increase in income was declared by the NCP of 68.77% (₹34.873 crore) from ₹50.71 crore in 2018-19 to ₹85.583 crore during FY 2019-20," it said.

The ADR said that as per the data shared by SBI in

response to ADR's RTI application, electoral bonds worth ₹3,429.5586 crore were redeemed by parties in 2019-20. Of this, 87.29 per cent was received by four national parties - BJP, INC, AITC & NCP," it said.

"Seven national parties (BJP, Congress, CPM, NCP, BSP, AITC and CPI) have declared a total income of ₹4,758.206 crore, collected from all over India," the ADR report said.

The national parties that received the maximum income from donations or contributions include the BJP (₹3,427.775 crore), the Congress (₹469.386 crore), AITC (₹108.548 crore), CPM (₹93.017 crore) and CPI (₹3.024 crore).

"Four national parties namely BJP, INC, AITC and NCP collected 62.92 per cent (₹2,993.826 cr) of their total income from donations through electoral bonds in 2019-20. BJP received donations through electoral bonds worth ₹2,555.0001 crore, Congress received ₹317.861 crore, AITC received ₹100.4646 crore and NCP received ₹20.50 crore," the report said.

EC creates fund to deposit fine

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Following the directions of the Supreme Court, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has created a fund in which fines pertaining to contempt of court can be deposited for not publishing criminal antecedents of their candidates by the political parties.

The ECI has created a Fund in which fines for contempt of court can be deposited. The fines can be deposited by way of cheque in the name of PAY AND ACCOUNTS OFFICER or through electronic mode in the Punjab National Bank receipt accounts i.e. A/C No. 0153002100000180 (Name of the account "Collection A/C Election Commission of India") IFSC code PUNB0015300.

Indian security agencies delayed advisory of terror threat in Kabul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Despite separate alerts of a terror attack in Kabul by agencies of Denmark, Australia, France, the US and the UK and their putting them out in public domain, Indian security agencies or the external affairs ministry delayed in taking cognizance of the evolving threat in Afghanistan and issuing specific advisory of a terror threat in the Afghan Capital. Luckily, no Indian was either hurt or killed in the deadly bombings in Kabul on Thursday. Even Pakistan, which has close ties with Taliban, stopped its flights to Kabul a week before the twin bombings. "This should have raised an alarm in the security establishment here. The agencies should have picked up the development for issuing an advisory to Indian citizens there," a source in the security establishment admitted. In 2019 too, when the "Easter Bombings" happened, the agencies did not issue an advisory to the Indian citizens in Sri Lanka despite the Centre having an advance and specific inputs of an impending terror attack in the high security diplomatic zone of Colombo to the Government there. The diplomatic staff and the security personnel already present in Afghanistan were evacuated even before the Indian nationals could fly out of Kabul.

Record vaccinations in Kerala, Maha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Ministry has also written to Kerala to adopt a five-pronged strategy to contain the rising Covid cases.

Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary wrote that the Southern State should focus on vaccination, genome surveillance, testing strategy, containment measures and other preventive steps to combat the infection which is spreading unabated in the region. "All 14 districts in the State have been identified with high positivity rate which is a 'cause of grave concern'...the cases have been on the higher side in view of the Onam festival and the trend is likely to continue in next few days, containment measures should be strictly adopted," said the letter.

Amid renewed surge in Covid-19 cases in Kerala and Maharashtra, India on Friday administered over 93 lakh doses under its nationwide vaccination drive - the highest ever vaccination achieved in a single day since the start of vaccination drive on January 16.

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted, "Congratulations to the citizens as India today administers historic 90 lakh #COVID19 vaccines until now - and still counting!"

In another significant achievement, India's Covid vaccination coverage crossed 62 crore, said an official from the Union Health Ministry. The

ED seizes luxurious cars in Kolkata in money laundering case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized seven luxurious vehicles including two BMW, two Mercedes, one Honda Civic, one Toyota Fortuner and a Mahindra Scorpio following searches in a posh locality in Kolkata in connection with the money laundering case against Rose Valley Group of companies.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIRs registered by West Bengal Police against Rose Valley Group of companies, its Chairman Gautam Kundu and others.

Panel recommends phase 1 clinical trials of Reliance's Covid vaccine

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) has recommended phase 1 clinical trials of Reliance Life Sciences' vaccine candidate against Covid-19. The proposed jab comprises two doses, and is based on a recombinant protein platform, as per reports.

Reliance Life Sciences, owned by Mukesh Ambani-led business group, if given a nod from the Drugs Controller General India, the country's top drugs regulator, can begin the first phase of clinical trials for its vaccine candidate.

While Reliance Sciences itself is a testing centre for Covid-19, the exercise will be conducted at 10 sites, including those in Delhi, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Phase 1 lasts for nearly two months, or 58 days, and is conducted to detect the highest number of doses that most patients can tolerate, as per reports. The DCGI has thus far granted Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) to six vaccines, of which two are indigenous while the rest are foreign-made.

Farmers call for Bharat bandh on September 25

New Delhi: Farmer groups protesting against the farm laws on Friday called for a 'Bharat Bandh' on September 25 to intensify their fight. They had earlier called Bharat Bandh on September 25, 2020 December 8, 2020 and March 26, 2021. This will be the fourth 'Bharat Bandh' by the farmers and second in 2021. On Thursday, the farmers' protest against the three contentious laws completed nine months since they first arrived at the Delhi borders. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha said the move is aimed at further strengthening and expanding the farmers' agitation which began in Nov last year. Addressing a press conference at Delhi's Singhu border, Ashish Mittal from SKM said, "We are calling for a 'Bharat bandh' on Sept 25. "This is happening after a similar 'bandh' was organised on the same date last year, and we hope that it would be more successful than the one last year which was held amid the coronavirus pandemic. PNS

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 08-2021 (Medical) DATE : 26-08-2021

E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Medical Supdt. N.C. Railway AGRA acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Name of work with its location	Complete sanitation Work of West Colony, Jaipur Mandal Colony, 27 Qtrs colony & Newly built 120 Qtrs. Railway Colony & Garbage, Dead animals disposal NCR MTJ.
Approx. Cost of the work	Rs. 3318672 (Rupees Thirty Three Lac Eighteen Thousand Six hundred Seventy Two only)

For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" upto 12:30 hrs on 17.09.2021. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 94621 (SP)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

PARADIP PORT TRUST

E-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the work : "Allotment of 08 (Eight) nos. of Manual Iron Ore Pellet plots." License Fees : Rs.2,35,85,958/- Wharfage Fees : Rs.6,17,041/- Last date & time of submission of bid : 14.09.2021 upto 15.00hrs. Date and time of opening (technical bid) : 14.09.2021 upto 16.00hrs. Refer our website for details <https://eprocure.gov.in/> eprocure/app Traffic Manager (I/c) PPT/PR/97/21-22 Dt.27.08.2021

सर्वजनिक सूचना

एतद्वारा सर्वधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत मेसर्स गौडसन्स रियल्टेटेक प्रां लिं के Low Rise Floor (V5 to V9) व Block-O & Block-S, भूखण्ड संख्या - 16th पार्क यू, पॉकेट-03, मिर्जापुर साइट (एल.एफ.डी-03) सेक्टर-19 YEIDA पर भवन मानचित्र को स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई है। तदोपरान्त बिल्डर द्वारा डिजाईन व अन्य कतिपय संशोधन के साथ दिनांक-09.07.2021 को पारट कमप्लीशन हेतु आवेदन किया है। अतः प्रत्येक आवेदियों द्वारा अपनी Consent दी गई है या नहीं के संबंध में अपार्टमेंट ओनर आपति दर्ज करवा सकते हैं। इस सम्बन्ध में बिल्डर द्वारा प्रस्तुत संशोधन Declaration एवं मानचित्र का परीक्षण किसी भी कार्यदिवस में सुबह 9:30 बजे से सायं 6:00 बजे के मध्य प्राधिकरण के नियोजन विभाग के Displayed में नक्शे में किया जा सकता है। मानचित्रों में उल्लेख अपार्टमेंट एक्ट - 2010 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत उक्त प्रस्तावित संशोधनों की घोषणा के सम्बन्ध में अपार्टमेंट स्वामियों / संघ को नोटिस जारी करने के साथ 30 दिन के अंदर आपत्तियां आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। अतः उपरोक्त निहायत अपनी आपत्तियां लिखित रूप से अपने आवेदन पत्र, नाम, पता एवं दूरभाष नंबर के साथ कार्यालय समय व कार्यदिवस में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के मुख्य प्रशासनिक कार्यालय, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, ब्लॉक पी - 2, सेक्टर-ओमेगा - 1, ग्रेटर नोएडा सिटी 201308 जिला गौतमबुद्ध नगर, उत्तर प्रदेश में स्थित महाप्रबंधक (वास्तुविदे / नियोजन) विभाग में निर्धारित अवधि अर्थात सूचना प्रकाशित होने के 30 दिवसों में प्राप्त करायी जा सकती है।

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New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, (U.P.)
Website : www.noidaauthorityonline.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from firms/contractors registered with UPLC Lucknow for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in & <https://etender.up.nic.in> Please ensure to see these websites for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

S. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Amount
1	01/OSD(I)(Call Center)/2021-22	Call Center Services.	Rs.38,91,168/-

Which can be uploaded by date 13.09.2021 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on date 14.09.2021 at 11.00 AM. **AGM (Call Center)**

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NOTICE

In view of the continuing Covid-19 Pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has vide its circular dated May 5, 2020 (read with circulars dated April 8, 2020 & circular dated April, 13th 2020, followed by Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 and Circular No. 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 and all other relevant circulars issued from time to time) permitted the holding of AGM through Video Conference or Other Audio-Visual Means (OAVM). In compliance with these Circulars and the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the upcoming AGM of the Company will be held on 26/09/2021 at 11.30 a.m. through VCI/OAVM.

As per aforesaid circulars, the Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for FY 2020-2021 has to be sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose E-mail Id are already registered with the Company's Depositories. The Company is also providing e-voting and remote e-voting facility to all its Members similar to earlier practices.

If your email ID is already registered with the Company/ Depository, Notice of AGM along with annual report for FY 2020-21 and login details for e-voting shall be sent to your registered email address. In case you have not registered your email ID with the Company/ Depository, please follow below instructions to register your email ID for obtaining annual report for FY 2020-2021 and login details for e-voting.

Physical Holding Send a request to Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, MAS Services Limited at info@masserv.com providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (Front and Back), PAN (Self attested scanned copy of PAN Card), AADHAR (Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address. Please send your bank detail with original cancelled cheque to our RTA (i.e. MAS Services Limited, T-34 2nd Floor, Okhla industrial area phase-II, New Delhi 110020 alongwith letter mentioning folio no. if not registered already.) PLEASE UPDATE THE SAME ON OR BEFORE 02.09.2021

Demat Holding Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your email address as per the process advised by DP. Please also update your bank detail with your DP for dividend payment by NACH if declare by company. PLEASE UPDATE THE SAME ON OR BEFORE 02.09.2021

The Notice of AGM and Annual Report for FY 2020-21 will also be available on Company's website www.rampurfert.com and website of M&E Limited at www.msei.in. Members attending the meeting through VCI/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of Quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

For Rampur Fertilizers Limited
Anshuman Khaitan
Managing Director

Place: Rampur Date: 24.08.2021

UJVNL LTD.

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Ro.No.-619 **E-Tender Notice** Dated- 27.08.2021

Office of the Executive Engineer (Maint.), Chibro Power Station, invites online bids from interested parties. E-Tender No: CH(Maint.)-10/2021-22 Procurement of various rubber items at Chibro Power Station Estimated cost: 7,42,230/- GST extra Date of availability of bid document on website: 28.08.2021, 17:45 hrs. Last date for submission of bid on website: 18.09.2021, 18:00 hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "<http://uktenders.gov.in>" (Executive Engineer, Maint., Chibro)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

L.NO.B12S/SKILL DEVELOPMENT/2021 DATED. 25.08.2021

NOTIFICATION

PRADHANMANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA
RAIL KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA

Notification for the application of 'Kaushal Vikas Training Program' in Electrician and Machinist Trade for STC/Jhansi and Welder and Fitter Trade for Wagon Repair Workshop Year 2021-22 (1st & 2nd Batch).

A short term (3 week) Kaushal Vikas Training Program (Skill Development) is being organized by STC, Jhansi for the Youths under 'Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojna' Electrician and Machinist Trade for STC/Jhansi and Welder and Fitter Trade for Wagon Repair Workshop, JHS. Each Trade will have 15 males/Females in this Training Program and this program is free of cost and without any allowances. Eligibility :-

1. Qualification: Matriculation (10th Standard Pass)
2. Age : 18 to 35 Years (as on 31.08.2021).

(for other important information please see Annexure-A)

Interested candidates may obtain form (As Annexure-B) from Supervisors Training Centre, Jhansi or download from the Website www.railkvy.in or downloaded from the departmental website www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in of N.C.Railway with the following path.

About us - Training Centre-Supervisors Training Centre-RKVY Please do mention full name, father's name, Address, Educational Qualifications and Mobile no/Email in the application form.

Required Documents:- Self- attested photocopy of the following documents are required along with the application:-

1. Mark sheet of matriculation (if date of birth not mentioned on mark sheet then Certificate also) and
2. For proof of identity- any one document out of Aadhar card, Voter ID, Ration Card.

Application will not be accepted if the above required documents are not submitted along with the application form. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the marks obtained in Matriculation. Application duly filled can be dropped in the Box placed in the office of Dy.Director, Supervisors Training Centre, Near Wagon Repair Workshop, Prem nagar, Jhansi (UP) Pin code-284003 OR by ordinary post on the address mentioned above from 27.08.2021 to 08.09.2021 (up to 5:00PM).

List of selected candidates for the training Program will be displayed on the Notice Board of STC/JHS on 10.09.2021 and the selected candidates will also be informed personally on the mobile number/ email mentioned in their application.

Training of 1st Batch will be conducted from 13/09/2021 to 05/10/2021 and for 2nd Batch from 08/11/2021 to 01/12/2021 on Monday to Friday 9:30 AM to 14:30 PM & on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 13:00 PM. For detail information please visit on Website www.railkvy.in 952/21 (AN)

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LANDMARK THE HOMES 81
SECTOR-81, GURUGRAM (HARYANA)

PROJECT APPROVED UNDER HARYANA GOVT. AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY 2013

Online applications are invited from general public for booking and allotment of 694 residential apartments in Affordable Housing Project in the name of "LANDMARK THE HOMES 81" proposed to be developed by M/s SRV Automotives Pvt. Ltd., as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Govt. of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 and amendment thereof (details available at the department website i.e. www.tcpharyana.gov.in).

PROJECT DETAILS:

1. Colonizers/Developers:	M/s SRV Automotives Pvt. Ltd.
2. Project Approvals:	License No. 4 of 2021 Dated: 02.03.2021 Building Plans Sanctioned Vide Memo No. ZP-1466/SD (DK)/2021/12887 DATED 02.06.2021. RERA Registration No: 36 of 2021, Dated: 16.07.2021
3. Location:	Sector 81, Gurugram, Haryana
4. Project Area:	5.0 Acres comprising a total 694 nos. of apartments out of which 5% of apartments are reserved for management quota (35 apartments). Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2046.83 sq. ft. & One Aanganwadi cum creche of 2023.63 sq. ft.
5. Facilities:	Gated Entry, Security Post, Drop off Zone, Ample Parking, Kids play area, Water body, Badminton Court, Lawn tennis, Commercial Complex

6. Details of Apartments offer for Public:

Unit Type	Unit Carpet Area (Sq.ft)	Unit Balcony Area (Sq.ft)	Total price of Unit (Rs.)	At the time of Online Application (Rs.)	No. of Units
Unit-1 (3bhk)	645.48	143.82	2631920	129096	290
Unit-2 (3bhk)	644.86	152.34	2629440	128972	142
Unit-3 (2bhk)	559.82	179.33	2289280	111964	112
Unit-4 (2bhk)	566.61	124.16	2316440	113322	80
Unit-5 (3bhk)	645.26	338.08	2631040	129052	16
Unit-6 (1bhk)	348.04	85.34	1434830	69608	45
Unit-7 (1bhk)	398.86	85.34	1638110	79772	9

7. Applicable GST and cesses, levies & fees etc. shall be charged over & above the said total price of the unit)
8. **Payment Terms:**
 - I. With online application: Booking amount i.e.5% of Total Price of unit
 - II. On Allotment: 20% of Total Price of unit
 - III. Balance: 75% of the Total amount payable in six equal half yearly instalments over a period of 3 years. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the HRERA, rules, 2017.
9. **Parking:** Two wheeler parking with each apartment.
10. **Broad Specification of Apartment:**

Flooring: Vitrified/Ceramic Tiles, Wall Finish: Oil Bound distemper, Kitchen Details: SS Single bowl Sink, Granite top platform, Balcony Flooring: Anti Skid Tiles, Railing: M.S Steel, Window/External Door: UPVC/MS/Aluminum or equivalent, Door: Flush Doors, Bathroom Fittings: Chinaware or equivalent, C. P. Fittings: Modern & elegant, Electrical: ISI marked products for wirings, switches & circuits.
11. **Application Timelines:** Application will be filed online by registration on <https://edraw.tcpharyana.gov.in/tcp-dms/home> starting from 6th August 2021 with the last date of submission extended from 27th August 2021 to 2nd September 2021.
12. **ELIGIBILITY:**
 1. Any person can apply but an applicant in a specify colony shall make only one application.
 2. Any Person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojna - Housing for all programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First Priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the state of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, Persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licensed colony in any of the urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next Preference in allotment of flats. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice to retain only one flat. All such applicants shall submit an affidavit to this effect.
 3. PAN Card & Aadhaar Card is mandatory.
13. **ALLOTMENT CRITERIA:**
 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through online draw in the presence of Committee consisting Deputy Commissioner or his representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned District and the representative of concerned colonizer.
 2. After fixation of date for online draw, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicant about the details regarding date/time and venue of the online draw in the same newspaper in which the original advertisement was issued. For detailed criteria and time frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicant may also refer to the details in the affordable housing policy 2013 notified by No. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 (available at the department website i.e., www.tcpharyana.gov.in)
 2. In the event the purchaser(s) wants to avail a loan facility from any bank, financial institution or his/her employer to facilitate the purchase of the flat, the developer shall facilitate the process but shall not be held liable for any delay in payment or refusal to grant the loan to purchaser(s).

M/s SRV Automotives Private Limited, CIN: U70100DL2005PTC134174
Corp. Office: Landmark House, Plot No. 65, Sector 44, Gurugram, Haryana – 122003
Please Contact – 8929887878

Kerala logs 32,801 Covid cases, 179 die

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

A midst concerns expressed by veteran medical doctors about the high speed transmission of Covid-19 in the State, 32,801 new persons were diagnosed with the pandemic in Kerala on Friday, says a release by Veena George, Health Minister.

The Health Department tested 1.7 lakh samples throughout the State during the last 24 hours which also saw 179 patients succumbing to the pandemic. With this, the death toll in the State reached 20,313. The Test Positivity Rate as on Friday evening was 19.22.

The fact that 31,281 out of the 32,801 new patients were afflicted with the disease through contact adds to the seriousness of the situation in the State, according to doctors in the Government service. "It looks like things have gone out of control in Kerala and the Government should take immediate emergency measures to check the fatalities," said a doctor with more than three decades experience in Government service.

There is no let up in the number of health workers getting afflicted with Covid-19. On Friday, 116 health workers tested positive all over Kerala putting a question mark on the depleting number of medical staff available to take care of the patients.

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Mehbooba served notice for violations of Covid norms

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and president of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) Mehbooba Mufti has been found guilty of violating Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and other standard operating procedures by the Union Territory administration.

According to official sources, after the PDP chief addressed a largely attended public gathering in South Kashmir area of Shopian on August 25, Executive Magistrate 1st class/ Tehsildar Shopian served her a notice to explain as to why action under the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code may not be initiated against you for violations of Covid appropriate behaviour and SoP's.

"It has come to the notice that PDP President Mehbooba Mufti had called a public gathering beyond the prescribed number and the time in violation of the COVID-19 SOPs in vogue. I am serving a notice under Section 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act (DMA) 2005 and you are directed to explain as to why action under the relevant sections of the DMA and the Indian Penal Code may not be initiated against you".

KODANAD ESTATE HEIST CASE HC dismisses petition to call off probe

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The Madras High Court on Friday dismissed a petition filed by Anubhav Ravi, a local leader of the AIADMK from Nilgiri seeking a directive to Tamil Nadu Police to call off further investigation into the Kodanad Estate heist case of April 2017. Meanwhile, the sessions court in Nilgiri district which was to hear the case on Friday, adjourned the same to September 2 in response to a request made by the lawyers representing the AIADMK.

The case has many political implications as the estate measuring 900 acres and the mansion built inside the vast stretch of forest land was owned by late J Jayalalitha, former chief minister and the AIADMK General Secretary. The Estate was a favourite retreat of Jayalalitha and she had spent a lot of time in the sprawling estate which was designated as her unofficial headquarters. The Estate bungalow was robbed allegedly by a group of people and the security guard Om Bahadur was found murdered on April 24, 2017. Since Jayalalitha passed away intestate, there were allegations that the robbery was part of a move by someone to remove valuable documents from the Estate Bungalow.

Union Min Rane resumes Jan Ashirwad Yatra

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

After the heat and dust over his arrest, Union Minister Narayan Rane on Friday resumed his "Jan Ashirwad Yatra" by demanding to know as to what kind of bravery the Shiv Sena-led MVA Government displayed when it arrested him like a "dacoit" or a "robber" using such a huge police force at a time when it is supposed to be addressing the problems of the people.

Resuming the third phase of his "Jan Ashirwad Yatra" at Ratnagiri in coastal Konkan region, a belligerent Rane trained his guns at his bete noir and Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, by saying "You arrested a Union Minister like you arrest a dacoit and that too using a police force of 250 personnel. What kind of bravery it was, doing such a thing when the people are distressed, farm loan waiver has not happened and flood-affected people have not received relief?"

Rane -- who was apparently still bitter about the manner in which he was arrested from Sangameswar in Ratnagiri district on Tuesday "tight-slap-slug" against Maharashtra Chief Minister and Shiv Sena President Uddhav Thackeray -- vowed not to spare ruling Shiv Sena.

"Your Government has no money to compensate the flood-affected people. What kind of things do you say against me? I am not going to spare you. If you want to dig into my past, please do. You have been digging into my past for the last two years. But you have not found anything against me.. I also know your past. How were Ramesh More and Jaya Jadhav murdered?" he asked.

Tripura BJP leaders' visit to Kolkata sparks speculation

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Minister of his State and a close aide of Trinamool national vice president Mukul Roy—and Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Deb had deteriorated particularly after he was sacked from his post in 2019.

Amid reports that the Trinamool Congress would soon do to BJP in Tripura what the latter did to it in Bengal before this year's Assembly elections, speculations ran high over senior BJP leader and MLA Sudip Roy Burman's visit to Kolkata on Wednesday along with three other party Legislators.

While the BJP leadership remained tightlipped about a possible split in the Tripura saffron ranks Trinamool sources in Bengal confirmed that a meeting had taken place between Roy Burman—a former Trinamool Congress-turned-BJP leader—and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee.

There chemistry between Roy Burman—a former Health

TMC leader named in ED chargesheet

Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate probing the multi-core Sharada and other chit fund scams on Friday submitted supplementary chargesheet implicating a number of known personalities that included TMC leader and former MP Kunal Ghosh, senior journalist Suman Chatterjee and others, sources said.

Parliament a forum of discussion: LS Speaker

PNS ■ LEH/NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Friday inaugurated the Parliamentary Outreach Programme for the empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions of the Union Territory of Ladakh at the Sindhu Sanskrit Kendra, Leh.

The programme was also attended by Union Ministers Nityanand Rai, Bhagwat Khuba, Ladakh UT LG Lieutenant Radha Krishna Mathur, Ladakh MP Janyang Tsering Namgyal amongst others.

Referring to the just concluded Monsoon Session, Birla observed that Parliament is the supreme democratic institution and it is the responsibility of the

Parliament to strengthen democracy at all levels including at the Panchayat level.

Emphasising on the role of Parliament as a forum of discussion, Birla shared that Parliament, as the supreme democratic institution, should be the centre of discussion and not disruption. He appealed the Members to maintain the sanctity of the House.

Birla also said that recently 13 parliamentary standing committees of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha with more than two hundred Members have visited the UT of Ladakh which speaks about the commitment of the Parliament of India to further the development of Ladakh without compromising its identity and culture.

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NOTICE OF 33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION

Notice is hereby given that the 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Aro granite industries Ltd. ("the Company") will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 12:30 P.M. (IST) through video conference (VCO/AVM), to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Act") and Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") read with General Circular Nos. 14/2020 (dated 8th April 2020), 17/2020 (dated 13th April 2020), 20/2020 (dated 5th May 2020) followed with Circular No. 02/2021 (dated January 13, 2021) issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/111 dated 15th January 2021 read with Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), without the physical presence of the Members at a common venue.

In compliance with the said MCA Circulars read with the SEBI Circular dated 12th May, 2020, electronic copies of the Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the financial year ended on 31st March, 2021 have been sent on 26th August, 2021 to all the members, as on 20th August, 2021, whose email IDs are registered with the Company/ Depository participant(s). Please note that the requirement of sending physical copy of the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report to the Members have been dispensed with vide MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular. The Notice and the Annual Report will also be available on the website of the Company www.arogranite.com, on the website(s) of the stock exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively, where the Company's shares are listed.

Members, who are holding shares in physical/electronic form and their e-mail addresses are not registered with the Company/ their respective Depository Participants, are requested to register their e-mail addresses at the earliest by sending scanned copy of a duly signed letter by the Member(s) mentioning their name, complete address, folio number, number of shares held with the Company along with self-attested scanned copy of the PAN Card and self-attested scanned copy of any one of the following documents viz., Aadhar Card, Driving License, Election Card, Passport, Utility Bill or any other Govt. document in support of the address proof of the Member as registered with the Company for receiving the Annual Report 2020-21 along with AGM notice by email to investor@arogranite.com. Members holding shares in demat form can update their email address with their Depository Participants.

The Notice of the AGM contains the instructions regarding the manner in which the shareholders can cast their vote through remote e-voting or by e-voting at the time of AGM and join the AGM through video conference (VC) / other audio-visual means (OAVM)

The members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e., September 17, 2021, may cast their vote electronically on the Ordinary and Special Businesses as set out in the notice of AGM through electronic voting systems of CDSL. All the members are informed that:

- The Ordinary and the Special Businesses as set out in the Notice of AGM will be transacted through voting by electronic means.
- The remote e-voting shall commence on September 21, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. (IST).
- The remote e-voting shall end on September 23, 2021, at 05:00 P.M. (IST).
- The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by electronic means or at the AGM is September 17, 2021 and a person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should treat this Notice for information purposes only.
- Person, who acquires shares of the Company and become member of the Company after sending of the notice of AGM and holding shares and eligible to vote, can follow the process for generating the log ID and password as provided in the Notice of the AGM. If such a person is already registered with CDSL for e-voting, existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote.
- Members may note that: a) the remote e-voting module shall be disabled by the CDSL after the aforesaid date and time for voting and once the vote on a resolution is casted by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change subsequently; b) the members who have casted their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again; c) the facility for voting through electronic mode shall be made available at the AGM and d) a person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the AGM.

Notice is also given pursuant to section 91 of the Companies Act 2013 and Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014, that the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from Saturday, 18th September 2021 to Friday, 24th September 2021 (both days inclusive) on account of Annual General Meeting.

If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the CDSL e-Voting System, you can write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or contact at 022-23058738 and 022-23058542/43. All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dahi, Sr. Manager, (F/O - I) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058542/43.

For Aro granite industries Ltd.
 Sabyasachi Panigrahi
 Company Secretary

Place: New Delhi
Date: 27.08.2021

RATHI BARS LIMITED
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 CIN No: L74899DL1993PLC054781

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Friday, the 03rd Day of September, 2021**, at 04.00 P.M., inter alia, to consider and approve the Director's Report for the year ending on 31.03.2021 and fixation of date of AGM alongwith other agenda items.

This notice is available on the Company's website at www.rathisteels.com and also on the website of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. www.bseindia.com.

By Order of the Board
For RATHI BARS LIMITED
 Satinder Singh
 Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Place : New Delhi
Date : 28.08.2021

AXIS BANK Retail Assets Centre, Axis Bank Ltd, 7th Floor, Vipul Square, Sushant Lok, Phase-1, Gurgaon, Axis Bank Ltd, C-3/21, Janakpuri New Delhi -110058, Office - Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, Corporate Office: Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhakar Marg, Worli, Mumbai-400 025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from Axis Bank Ltd. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset on the respective dates mentioned hereunder in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(1)(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

Name of the Borrower / Address/ Co-Borrower And Guarantor Name	N.P.A Date	Property Address of Secured Assets
1. Mr. Nakul Shokeen, S/O- Sh. Vijender Singh, R/O- At- House No- 2991-A, Sector-23, Gurgaon Haryana -122001 Also At: Mr.Nakul Shokeen, S/O- Sh. Vijender Singh, Partner M & V Hospitality Services Shop No.687, Rajour Garden, New Delhi -110027	1. NPA Date 2. Date 3. Outstanding Amt (Rs.) As On Date of Loan Amount (Rs.)	Residential Plot Bearing No. 3948-B, Measuring 286 Sq. Mtrs. (342.056 Sq.Yards) Situated At Sector -23 -23A, Urban Estate Gurgaon, Tehsil & District Gurgaon Haryana. Bounded As :- North - As Per Sale Deed West - As Per Sale Deed South - As Per Sale Deed East - As Per Sale Deed
2. Mrs. Krishna Shokeen, M/O-Mr. Nakul Shokeen, R/O- At- House No- 2991-A, Sector-23, Gurgaon Haryana -122001	1.31-Dec-2020 2.07-May-2021 3.Rs.	West - As Per Sale Deed South - As Per Sale Deed East - As Per Sale Deed
3. Mr.Vijender Singh F/O- Mr.Nakul Shokeen, R/O- At- House No- 2991-A, Sector-23, Gurgaon Haryana -122001 Also At: Sh.Vijender Singh, F/O- Mr. Nakul Shokeen, Partner M & V Hospitality Services Shop No- 5, 6 & 7, Rajour Garden New Delhi -110027	2.50,31,611.45 2.59,54,627/-	
1.Mr.Sanjeev Kumar Sharma S/O- Sh.Laxmi Chand Sharma, R/O- At- Flat No-1903,9th Floor, Nishat CGHS Ltd. Plot No.05, Sector-19B, Dwarka, New Delhi -110075	1.08-Sep-2020 2.07-May-2021 3.Rs.	Free-Hold Society Build-Up Flat No.16 C, Ground Floor, Situated In The Layout Plan Of The Shree Radha Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd. On Plot No.3, Sector-9, Dwarka New Delhi -110075 Bounded As :- North - As Per Sale Deed West - As Per Sale Deed South - As Per Sale Deed East - As Per Sale Deed
Also At: Mr.Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, S/O- Sh. Laxmi Chand Sharma, R/O- Rz-11, Main Road Puran Nagar, Palam Colony Near Jain Public School, New Delhi -110045	69,78,714.00 4.Rs.66,00,000/-	
1.Mrs.Sonal Chandhok, D/O- Sh. Jasbinder Singh Pruthi, W/O- Mr. Amardeep Chandhok, R/O- At- House No-1203, Tower-A, Central Park -1, Golf Course Road Sector-42, Gurgaon Haryana- 122001	1.09-Oct-2020 2.07-May-2021 3.Rs. 4,33,53,626/- 4.Rs.	All That The / Pent House Premises Bearing No. A-PH-03 Admeasuring 4489 Square Feet (417.19 Sq. Mtrs) Super Area Building A Duplex Pent House On The 12th/13th Floor Apartment-03 in Building/ Tower No. A In Phase No-1, In Group Housing Colony Situate Within Revenue Estate of Village Chakkarpur & Wazirabad Distt-Gurgaon, Now Known As Central Park, Main Sector Road, Sector-42, (Near DLF Golf Course) Distt - Gurgaon Haryana. Bounded As North - As Per Sale Deed West - As Per Sale Deed South - As Per Sale Deed East - As Per Sale Deed
Also At: Mrs.Sonal Chandhok, D/O- Sh. Jasbinder Singh Pruthi, W/O- Mr. Amardeep Chandhok Proprietor GMP Impex, B-39, Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi -110048	4,14,68,473/-	
2. Mr. Anardeep Chandhok, H/O- Mrs. Sonal Chandhok, R/O- At- House No- 1203, Tower-A, Central Park-1, Golf Course Road Sector-42, Gurgaon Haryana- 122001		

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules thereunder. Kind attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFESI Act where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to redeem the secured asset(s). Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date : 28-08-2021
Place: Delhi & Delhi NCR

Sd/
Authorized Officer,
Axis Bank Ltd.

कायलिय : असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, रॉजी

Letter no. 2498 **Date 27.8.2021**

सूचना

कार्यालय के पत्रांक 2373 दिनांक 14.8.2021 द्वारा इच्छा की अभिव्यक्ति का प्रकाशन किया गया था। इस EOI में साक्षात्कार की तिथि दिनांक 30.8.2021 को निर्धारित किया गया था। दिनांक 30.8.2021 को राजकीय अवकाश होने के कारण साक्षात्कार दिनांक 01.09.2021 के पूर्वान 10.30 बजे से अद्योहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय के सभागार में होगा। शेष यथावत रहेगा।

PR No.251412 Health Med Edu and Family Welfare (21-22)D

PR 252199 Health Med Edu and Family Welfare(21-22).D

असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, रॉजी

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Vinod Upadhyay / Chandni Upadhyay / LBGUR00004365063	Flat No-1504, 15th Floor Tower-2, Unibera Towers Sector-1, Plot No Gh-16F, Block-D Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 55,50,194/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Vikas Jha/ Khushboo/ LBDEL00004270331	Flat No-2108, 21st Floor Tower 4 Unibera, Plot No Gh-16F Block-B, Sector-1 Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 38,32,125/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Pavan Kumar/ Sushma Kumari/ LBNOD00004276360	Flat No-2204, 22th Floor, Unibera Tower 2, Plot No Gh-16F Sector-01 Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 62,46,230/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Sushil Kumar Pandey/ SBEDA Pandey/ LBDEL00004251374	Flat No-0704, Floor 7, Block-G-65, Plot No-8, Sector 1, Eco Village-1, Tower-G5 Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 75,03,336/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Pooja Juyal/ Ankit Gupta/ LBDEL00002938126	Flat No 903, 9th Floor Tower-5, Tower-3 4 5, Plot No Gh-16 Funitera Sec-1 Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 38,87,637/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Rajeev Kapoor/ Suman Kapoor/ LBDEL00003365027	Flat No 1402, Tower A 14th Floor, Aims Green Avenue Plot No- Gh-4 Sector- 4 Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 29,53,178/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Faisal Anif/ Mukarram Ali/ LBNOD00004208962	Flat No-901, 9th Floor Tower- A Plot No Gh-07A, Casagrande Sector- Chh- V Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 26, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 47,32,644/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	Priyanka Taksh Sood/ Taksh Krishna Dass/ LBNOD00002408121	Flat No-1701, 17th Floor Tower-1 Plot No Gh 01C, Sunworld Developers Pvt Ltd Sector 168 Sunworld Anista, Uttar Pradesh, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 1,15,23,162/-	Delhi/ NCR
9.	Sachin/ Deepthi Sharma/ LBNOD00004562504	Flat No, T2-1004, 10th Floor Tower- D, "Unibera Tower" Plot No- Gh 16 F, Sector-1 Greater Noida, Noida/ August 25, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 42,20,955/-	Delhi/ NCR
10.	Surender Prasad Pandey/ Urmila Pandey/ LBNOD00004433543	Flat No T1- 2102, 21th Floor Tower-1 "Unibera Towers", Plot No Gh-16F, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Noida/ August 25, 2021	January 19, 2021 Rs. 33,47,060/-	Delhi/ NCR
11.	Faisal Anif/ Mukarram Ali/ LBNOD00002394509	Flat No 1101, 11th Floor Tower A Casa Grand, Plot No Bearing No Gh 07a Sector Chi V Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 26, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 59,47,279/-	Delhi/ NCR
12.	Vertika Srivastava/ Rakesh Srivastava/ LBNOD00002224780 LBNOD00002224771 LBNOD00002224778	Flat No S-506, 5th Floor, Life Suite Gayatri Life, Plot No 1F Sector 16, Greater Noida, Noida- 201307/ Flat No S- 505 5th Floor, Block Life Suites, Gayatri Life Plot No 1F, Sector-16 Greater Noida West, Noida-201307/ Flat S 504, 5th Floor, Tower Life Suites Gayatri Life, Plot No 1F Sector-16, Greater Noida West, Noida-201307/ August 25, 2021	March 26, 2021 Rs. 62,64,366/-	Delhi/ NCR
13.	Vikas Bansal/ Suman Bansal/ LBNOD0000409680	Flat No 557, 5th Floor Tower G Gaur Atulyam Tower F And G, Plot No Gh 01tsector Omicron Igrater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 26, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 18,67,169/-	Delhi/ NCR
14.	Surendra Kumar Sharma/ Madan Pal/ Lalit Kumar Sharma/ Rakesh Kumar Sharma/ LBDEL00002424455	Plot No- 50, Sector Alpha Block- B Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh / August 26, 2021	April 12, 2021 Rs. 86,46,574/-	Delhi/ NCR
15.	Rajul Garg/ Anupma/ LBGHZ00004917838	Plot No 323, Block-C, Sector-XU-III Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 26, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 40,20,459/-	Delhi/ NCR
16.	Siddharth Kumar/ LBDEL00001765279	Flat No- 503, Amrapali Grand, 5th Floor, GH- 09, Zeta-1, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ August 26, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 12,26,540/-	Delhi/ NCR

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

Date : August 27, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

FORM G
INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
 (Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

Relevant particulars

Sr. No.	Name of the corporate debtor	NATURE INDIA COMMUNIQUE LIMITED
1.	Name of the corporate debtor	NATURE INDIA COMMUNIQUE LIMITED
2.	Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	30.11.1981
3.	Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / registered	ROC-Delhi
4.	Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	L74120DL1981PLC012743
5.	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of the Corporate Debtor	R-815 New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi-110060, India
6.	Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	03.05.2021 The undersigned was appointed as IRP by order of Hon'ble NCLT dated 06.07.2021
7.	Date of initiation of expression of interest	28.08.2021
8.	Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	Eligibility Norms: a) Minimum Net worth of INR 10,00,000 (Ten Lakh) as per the latest Audited Financial Statements for the FY 2019-20 or thereafter; b) In case of Assets Reconstruction Company, Minimum Assets under Management of INR 100,00,000 (Rupees One Hundred Crore Only) as per the latest Audited Financial Statements for the FY 2019-20 or thereafter; c) If any company or group company is having its amount as NPA in less than 12 months, the said company including holding company, subsidiary company or group company will be ineligible to submit the Resolution plan. d) There is no default on the part of the Company in filing the latest Audited Financial statements and for the income tax return and / or GST Returns (if applicable) for the FY 2019-20 or thereafter Further detail can be sought by emailing: atitattamsingh@gmail.com; irpnatureindia@gmail.com;
9.	Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	http://ibbi.gov.in/webfront/legal-framework.php (official website of IBBI-Legal framework-Updated Code)
10.	Last date for receipt of expression of interest	12.09.2021
11.	Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	22.09.2021
12.	Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	27.09.2021
13.	Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	07.10.2021
14.	Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	27.09.2021
15.	Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	Details can be obtained by e-mailing at atitattamsingh@gmail.com; irpnatureindia@gmail.com
16.	Last date for submission of resolution plans	27.10.2021
17.	Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	By electronic mode through email atitattamsingh@gmail.com; irpnatureindia@gmail.com
18.	Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	26.11.2021
19.	Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Name: Atitattam Prasad Singh Reg No: IBBI/PA-001/IRP-P01914/2019-20/12914
20.	Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Name: Atitattam Prasad Singh Address: A-97 & 98, Upper Ground Floor, Street No. 6, Machu Vihar, Delhi-110092 Email: atitattamsingh@gmail.com; irpnatureindia@gmail.com
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Biden warns Kabul airport attackers

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden has vowed to "hunt" down the terrorists and make them "pay" for the twin blasts at the Kabul airport in Afghanistan that killed 13 American soldiers and injured 18 others, and ordered his commanders to develop plans to strike back at them.

Two suicide bombers and gunmen attacked crowds of Afghans flocking to the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul airport on Thursday, killing more than 100 people, including 13 US troops. The Islamic State's Afghanistan affiliate, dubbed Islamic State Khorasan or ISIS-K, claimed responsibility for the attack.

"To those who carried out this attack, as well as anyone who wishes America harm notice, we will not forgive. We will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay. I will defend our interests and our people with every measure at my command," Biden said in his remarks at the White House on Thursday.

An emotional president bowed his head for a moment of silence for US service members killed in the attacks at the Kabul airport.

"These American service members who gave their lives - it's an overused word, but it's



President Joe Biden pauses as he listens to a question about the bombings at the Kabul airport, from the East Room of the White House on Thursday

totally appropriate here - were heroes," said Biden, who appeared to be fighting back tears. He ordered US flags to fly at half-staff across the country.

Biden said the ISIS-K was behind the gruesome attack at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul and at a hotel nearby on Thursday.

"As you all know, the terrorist attacks that we've been talking about and worried about within the intelligence

community, was an undertaking attack by a group known as ISIS-K," Biden said.

"They took the lives of American service members standing guard at the airport and wounded several others seriously. They also wounded, a number of civilians, and civilians were killed as well," he said.

Biden said he has ordered his commanders to develop operational plans to strike ISIS-K assets, leadership and facilities.

US officials gave Taliban 'kill list' of Afghans who aided Americans: Report

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US officials in Afghanistan naively handed the Taliban a "kill list" to target Afghans who aided American forces in the country, according to a media report.

Following the Taliban takeover of Kabul earlier this month, US officials there gave the militant group a list of names of American citizens, green card holders and Afghan allies so they could be allowed to enter the Taliban-controlled perimeter around the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, according to Politico.

The decision was made despite the Taliban's notorious reputation for brutally executing Afghans who helped the US military and other Western forces during the war and occupation that followed the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

The move, detailed by three US and congressional officials, was designed to expedite the evacuation of tens of

thousands of people from Afghanistan as chaos erupted in Afghanistan's capital city after the Taliban seized control of the country, the report said.

It also came as the Biden administration has been relying on the Taliban for security outside the airport.

Since the fall of Kabul in mid-August, nearly 100,000 people have been evacuated, most of whom had to pass through the Taliban's many checkpoints.

But the decision to provide specific names to the Taliban has angered lawmakers and military officials.

"Basically, they just put all those Afghans on a kill list," said one defence official, who like others spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive topic. "It's just appalling and shocking and makes you feel unclean."

Asked about the report, President Joe Biden said he was not sure there were such lists, but also didn't deny that sometimes the US hands over names to the Taliban.

Report: Afghan staff details left behind at UK's Kabul embassy

AP ■ LONDON

The UK's defence chief promised Friday to "get to the bottom of" a security lapse that saw documents identifying Afghan staff members and job applicants left behind at the abandoned British Embassy in Kabul.

Times of London reporter Anthony Loyd said he found the papers scattered on the ground as he toured Kabul's abandoned diplomatic district with a Taliban escort this week.

Defence Secretary Ben Wallace said "clearly it's not good enough" that the documents were left unsecured. He said British Prime Minister Boris Johnson "will be asking some questions" about what

had happened. "We'll find out and get to the bottom of it," Wallace told LBC radio.

Thousands of citizens who worked with Western forces have been trying to leave Afghanistan, fearing reprisals now that the Taliban control the country.

Loyd said the documents included the name and address of a senior embassy staff member, the contact details for other employees and the resumes and addresses of people applying to be interpreters.

He called the phone numbers he found and learned that some of the staffers had already left Afghanistan but others were still in the country, includ-

ing three Afghan employees and eight family members stranded outside Kabul's airport as they tried to leave.

The government said they were eventually found and taken to safety. The Times said the fate of at least two of the job applicants remains unknown.

The House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee said it would hold an inquiry into how the documents got abandoned during the hurried departure of U.K. Diplomats from the embassy as the Taliban advanced on Kabul earlier this month.

The Foreign Office said in a statement that "during the drawdown of our embassy every effort was made to destroy sensitive material."

UNHCR: Half a million more may flee Afghanistan

AP ■ GENEVA

The UN refugee agency is gearing up for as many as half a million people or more to flee from Afghanistan in a "worst-case scenario" in the coming months.

UNHCR says the situation in Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover last week "remains uncertain and may evolve rapidly," with up to 515,000 new refugees fleeing.

The agency said that would add to the 2.2 million Afghans who already are registered as refugees abroad — nearly all of them in Pakistan and Iran.

"The upsurge of violence across the country and the fall of the elected government may have a serious impact on civilians and cause further displacement," the plan said.

The agency cited estimates that 558,000 people have been

The UN agency is seeking nearly \$300 million for its response plan for inter-agency requirements

internally displaced within Afghanistan due to armed conflict this year alone — four in five of them women and children. "UNHCR estimates that the number of displaced will rise, both internally and across border," it said.

Najeeba Wazedafost, CEO of the Asia Pacific Refugee Network, in an online UNHCR news conference on Friday, warned of "coming darkness" in Afghanistan amid a "tragically intertwined series of crises."

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Pulitzer Board grants special citation to Af journalists

New York: The Pulitzer Prize Board announced a special citation Friday for people in Afghanistan who risked their safety to help produce news stories and images from their war-torn country.

"From staff and freelance correspondents to interpreters to drivers to hosts, courageous Afghan residents helped produce Pulitzer-winning and Pulitzer-worthy images and stories that have contributed to a wider understanding of profoundly tragic and complicated circumstances," the board said.

The citation comes with a \$100,000 emergency relief grant intended to help men and women involved in journalism in Afghanistan either resettle or to continue their work safely. The Western pullout and the swift Taliban takeover of Afghanistan have left thousands of people, including journalists.

China shocked at Kabul suicide attacks

Beijing: China on Friday expressed shock at the deadly suicide attacks at Kabul airport, saying the security situation in Afghanistan remained "complicated and severe" and that Beijing will work with the international community to cope with terrorist threats and prevent the war-ravaged country from becoming a hotbed of terrorism.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said that the Chinese Embassy in Kabul, which was still operat-

ing, verified and found that there were no Chinese casualties in the suicide attacks.

"China is shocked by the explosions near the Kabul airport which caused massive casualties. We also strongly condemn that," Zhao said.

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Iranian Prez says neighbouring countries should support formation of 'inclusive' Afghan Govt

Tehran: Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said Afghanistan's neighbours should support the formation of a broad-based government in Kabul. Raisi spoke on Thursday during a meeting with visiting Pakistani foreign minister to Tehran, saying other nations should only play the role of a "facilitator for establishing a broad-based and inclusive government with presence of all people and groups."

The remarks were posted

on Raisi's website. He said Iran has hosted some 4 million Afghan refugees in the past four decades and it has supported the people of Afghanistan. The presence of Western nations in the region would not be conducive to its "security," he alleged.

Iran has seen the presence of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan and Iraq as a threat on its doorstep. It has welcomed the U.S. Evacuation even as it cautiously looks to the next moves

by the Taliban.

Unlike in 1998, when Iran came to the bring of war with the Taliban over the killings of several Iranian diplomats in Afghanistan after the Taliban came to power, Iranian state media have in recent weeks claimed that the Taliban have changed and pose no threat to Iran. Critics, however, warn that the Taliban will return to their anti-Iranian stance as soon as they shore up their full control of Afghanistan.

Sensex closes above 56K for first time

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmark Sensex climbed 175 points to close above the 56,000-mark for the first time on Friday, driven by strong buying in infrastructure, finance and pharma stocks despite lacklustre global cues.

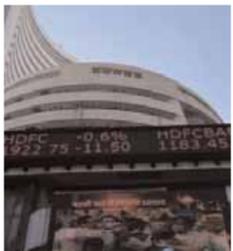
A strengthening rupee, which surged 53 paise against the US dollar, further bolstered sentiment, traders said. Staging a smart rebound after a gap-down opening, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 175.62 points or 0.31 per cent higher at its new closing peak of 56,124.72.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty gained 68.30 points or 0.41 per cent to finish at a record 16,705.20.

UltraTech Cement was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, surging 3.64 per cent, followed by L&T, Dr Reddy's, Bajaj Finserv, Sun Pharma, TCS, Bharti Airtel and Kotak Bank.

On the other hand, Infosys, IndusInd Bank, M&M, Nestle India, HCL Tech, HDFC Bank and Tech Mahindra were among the laggards, shedding up to 1.07 per cent.

"Indian benchmark indices remained in positive territory



even as global markets traded mixed as investors awaited announcements from the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium. Mid and small-cap stocks continued their out-performance while recovery in the metal and pharma sectors guided them to be the sectoral leaders.

"Globally, markets are awaiting comments from the Fed chair on the US economy and clarity on its future policy changes," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

During the week, the Sensex gained 795.40 points or 1.43 per cent, while the Nifty advanced 254.70 points or 1.54 per cent.

"The domestic equity markets remained buoyant during

the whole week, with advances seen in the frontline as well as the sectoral indexes. The progress which the markets have made so far is based on the expected performance of the economy, and therefore, of the corporates, mainly against the background of low interest rates and liquidity which is aplenty.

"FIIs have been sellers all the days while the mop up through IPOs stands at close to USD 2.50 billion so far this month. There has been some selling in the midcaps and small caps which stems from the fact that both the indexes have become relatively more expensive, and the large caps looked a shade better," said Joseph Thomas, Head of Research, Emkay Wealth Management.

All BSE sectoral indices closed in the green on Friday, led by capital goods (2.14 per cent), basic materials (1.69 per cent), industrials (1.58 per cent) and power (1.46 per cent).

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices slipped up to 1.04 per cent, outperforming the benchmark.

States' fiscal deficit to moderate to 4.1% of GDP in FY 22: India Ratings

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India Ratings and Research on Friday said it expects the aggregate fiscal deficit of States in the country to moderate to 4.1 per cent of GDP in the current financial year from its earlier expectation of 4.3 per cent.

In line with the slight moderation in its forecast for fiscal deficit in FY22, the agency expects the aggregate debt/GDP ratio to come in lower at 32.4 per cent in FY22 as against the previous estimate of 34 per cent.

"We expect the aggregate fiscal deficit of Indian states to moderate to 4.1 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP)," the agency said in a report.

The revenue receipts of state governments are expected to improve, backed by an economic recovery, resulting from a large section of the population receiving vaccinations, it said. This would lead to states further easing restrictions on business and commercial activity, the agency said.

"We now expect the aggregate revenue deficit of states to come in marginally lower at 1.3

per cent of GDP in FY22 than the earlier forecast of 1.5 per cent of GDP," it said.

After analysis of information of 14 states for Q1 FY22, the agency found that the aggregate revenue receipts of these states grew 30.8 per cent to Rs 3.95 lakh crore during the period.

Although the considerable improvement is due to a low base, revenue receipts grew 1.5 per cent in Q1 FY22 over the pre-COVID 19 period of Q1 FY20, it said.

The agency further said the aggregate own tax and non-tax revenue receipt of 14 states grew 77 per cent Y-o-Y and 46 per cent Y-o-Y, respectively, in Q1 FY22.

This indicates that these states' revenue collection was resilient to the disruptions from the second Covid wave.

All states' gross market borrowings were Rs 7.88 lakh crore in FY'21. During April-July 2021, states' aggregate market borrowing was lower at Rs 1.94 lakh crore than Rs 2.1 lakh crore in April-July 2020, the report said.

US court sets timelines for Cairn-India legal case

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A federal court in Washington has set timelines for responses to be filed to an Indian Government petition seeking dismissal of a suit by Britain's Cairn Energy that sought enforcement of a \$1.2 billion arbitral award.

Judge Richard J Leon of the US District Court for the District of Columbia has given Cairn time till September 10 to file a response to the Government's 'Motion to Dismiss' petition.

Thereafter, the Indian government can file a reply in support of its motion by October 1.

This can be countered by Cairn by October 20 and a further two months have been granted to the Indian government to file its reply in support of its motion, according to an August 25 order of the court.

The British firm had in May asked the US federal court to force Air India to pay the USD 1.26 billion arbitration award the firm had won in December.

The government on August 13 filed a 'Motion to Dismiss' petition saying the dis-



parties concerned have to give an undertaking for withdrawal of all cases against the government/tax department.

"So, while all this is in process, the government is obligated to respond in any legal matter where there is a time bar for doing so," an official explained.

Cairn had challenged the Rs 10,247 crore tax demand before an international arbitration tribunal, which in December last year overturned the same and ordered the government to refund the money collected.

The government initially refused to return the USD 1.2 billion, forcing Cairn to take action to recover that money through seizure of Indian assets overseas.

In May, it took flag carrier Air India Ltd to court in the US.

Last month, it got a French court order to seize real estate asset belonging to the Indian government in Paris.

It had contended before the US court that Air India is controlled by the Indian government so much that they are "alter egos" and the airline company should be liable for the arbitration award.

Come Sep 1, non-filers of 2 monthly GST returns to be barred from filing GSTR-1

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Businesses that have not filed GSTR-3B returns in the preceding two months will not be able to file details of outward supplies in GSTR-1 from September 1, GSTN has said.

While businesses file GSTR-1 of a particular month by the 11th day of the subsequent month, GSTR-3B, through which businesses pay taxes, is filed in a staggered manner between 20th-24th day of the succeeding month.

In an advisory to taxpayers, GSTN, which manages the technology backbone for Goods and Services Tax, said that Rule-59(6) of Central GST Rules which provides for restriction in filing of GSTR-1, will come into effect from September 1, 2021.

According to the rule, a registered person shall not be allowed to furnish the details of outward supplies of goods or services or both in Form GSTR-1, if he has not furnished the return in Form GSTR-3B for preceding two months.

Paddy sowing reduces owing to deficit monsoon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As monsoon deficiency touched 10 per cent between June 1 and August 26, the Ministry of Agriculture's data released on Friday showed area sown to paddy has dipped 1.23 per cent at 388.56 lakh hectares so far. In the same period, area sown to coarse cereals, oilseeds and cotton remained lower, while that of pulses, sugarcane and jute/mesta rose marginally.

As per the Ministry data, farmers planted paddy in 388.56 lakh hectares till August 26, as against 393.41 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. Total paddy acreage has so far remained marginally lower in most states, except for states like Madhya Pradesh. For

instance, area under paddy in Odisha was down to 31.25 lakh hectares as against 36.04 lakh hectares, while in Telangana it was 17.61 lakh hectares as against 18.79 lakh hectares in the corresponding period of last year. Similarly in Chhattisgarh, paddy acreage was down at 36.67 lakh hectares till August 26 as against 39.04 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. The fall in paddy sowing was due to the large deficit in rainfall in Odisha, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir and Mizoram.

Area sown to coarse cereals too showed a slight decline to 170.98 lakh hectares till August 26 of this kharif season as against 173.61 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. Oilseeds acreage was also down at

189.51 lakh hectares as against 192.51 lakh hectares. However, pulses acreage rose marginally at 135.83 lakh hectares till August 26 compared to 134.23 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. Among cash crops, area sown to cotton remained down at 117.42 lakh hectares as against 128.41 lakh hectares.

In contrast, area under sugarcane was up marginally at 54.70 lakh hectares as against 53.96 lakh hectares, while that of jute/mesta was flat at 7.03 lakh hectare as against 7 lakh hectares earlier, as per the data. Sowing of paddy, the main kharif crop, begins with the onset of southwest monsoon from June. Harvesting commences from October.

GM Metro Rly dedicates a 1.24 mwp solar power plant to service of nation

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Inaugurating a 1.24MWp rooftop solar power plant, Manoj Joshi, General Manager, Metro Railway, on Thursday, dedicated it to the service of the nation. This power plant has been installed on the roofs of the two major buildings of Central Park Depot of East-West Metro and is scattered over 19173 sq. metre rooftop area. As a result, Metro Railway will be able to save Rs. 45 lakhs (approx) per annum.

This project which has been executed through Public Private Partnership Mode is equipped with all standard protections and safety checks. Metro Railway has provided the rooftop areas whereas the solar power developer has done complete designing, procurement, installation, testing and commissioning work. Solar power developer will also operate and maintain this plant for 25 years.

This plant has been constructed as a part of 100 MW-peak rooftop solar generation projects for Indian Railways which aims to become 'Net Zero Carbon Emitter' by 2030.

IOC to invest ₹1L cr to expand refining capacity: Chairman

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's top oil firm Indian Oil Corp (IOC) on Friday said it will invest close to ₹ 1 lakh crore to raise its refining capacity by almost a third in the next 4-5 years as it saw fuel demand continuing to grow in near future.

Addressing the company's annual meeting of shareholders, IOC Chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidya said petrol demand is already back at pre-COVID levels and diesel - the most used fuel in the country - should return to normal levels by Diwali.

"Forecasts by various agencies see Indian fuel demand climbing to 400-450 million tonne by 2040 from the present 250 million tonne. This offers enough legroom for all forms of energy to co-exist," he said.

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FLICK RECALLS REUS

BERLIN: New Germany coach Hansi Flick has recalled forward Marco Reus and named three uncapped players in his first squad for next week's World Cup qualifiers.

TUCHEL EYES MORE SIGNINGS

LONDON: Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel says the Champions League holders are still in the market for new players despite spending £97 million on Romelu Lukaku.

ASI STADIUM RENAMED

PUNE: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday felicitated Defence Forces personnel who took part in the Tokyo Olympics, including Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, at the Army Sports Institute (ASI) and also re-named the ASI Stadium after Chopra.

FRASER-PRYCE TRUMPS ELAINE

LAUSANNE: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce avenged her Olympic Games defeat to Jamaican compatriot Elaine Thompson-Herah by winning the 100m at the Lausanne Diamond League meeting on Thursday in the third fastest ever time of 10.60sec.

CASEMIRO EXTENDS CONTRACT

MADRID: Midfielder Casemiro has extended his contract with Real Madrid by two years until 2025, the Spanish giants announced.

ILYA BEATS CARRENO BUSTA

WASHINGTON: Ilya Ivashka used an impressive performance on serve to topple top-seeded Pablo Carreno Busta 7-6 (7/2), 6-3 on Thursday and reach the semi-finals of the ATP hardcourt tournament in Winston-Salem. He will now play Emil Ruusuvuori, who ousted 14th-seeded Richard Gasquet.

3 INDIANS ENTER FINALS

NEW DELHI: Three Indian boxers stormed into the finals of the Asian Junior C'ships in Dubai with dominating victories in their last-four stage bouts. Tanu (52kg), Nikita Chand (60kg) and Vishu Rathee (48kg) were the ones to make the final, on Thursday.

CAIRNS SUFFERS PARALYSIS

MELBOURNE: Former New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns has suffered paralysis in his legs after the stroke in his spine during a life-saving heart surgery in Australia.

GUYANA STUN TKR IN OPENER

ST KITTS & NEVIS: Guyana Amazon Warriors beat defending champions Trinbago Knight Riders with a nine-run win in the opening match of the CPL here.

OMAN BEAT MUMBAI BY 3 WKTS

MUSCAT: Hosts Oman defeated Indian domestic giants Mumbai by three wickets in the third and final T20 here on Friday to win the series 2-1.

India live to fight another day

PTI ■ LEEDS

An under-fire Cheteshwar Pujara played one of his most aggressive knocks as the Indian top order showed plenty of resolve to reach 215 for two and keep the third Test against England alive with two more days remaining.

Pujara, who has been pilloried of late for his ultra-defensive approach and castigated for not showing enough 'intent', smashed 16 boundaries in his 91 not out off 180 balls on the third day.

With this knock, he overshadowed the two megastars in skipper Virat Kohli and the supremely-talented Rohit Sharma. It's a rarity but Friday was one of those days when the cricketing gods sided with Pujara.

Pujara has already done enough to give his career a new lease of life.

With two days left in the game, England remain favourites despite the pitch being good for batting as India still need 139 runs to avoid innings defeat, after the hosts scored 432 in their first innings to gain a mammoth 354-run lead.

If Rohit's (59 off 156 balls) near-impregnable defence during the first hour in all games has been a revelation in this series, Pujara's array of attacking strokes will certainly leave his critics and fans amazed.

In fact, during the pair's 82-run stand after KL Rahul's dismissal at the stroke of lunch, it was Pujara who looked the more aggressive of two with strokes, which helped Rohit play as per his own strategy.

It did help that the normally accurate James Anderson (19-8-51-0) fed him with freebies on his pads to give him a head start but very rarely would one find the man from Saurashtra playing a pull shot off Ollie Robinson (18-4-40-1) to complete a half-



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Lead	India	England	Venue	Season	Result
486	224	710-7 dec	Birmingham	2011	England won
380	272	652-7 dec	Chennai	1984-85	England won
368	203	571-8 dec	Manchester	1936	Drawn
364	78	432	Leeds	2021	—
338	148	486	The Oval	2014	England won

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century, which was a big statement for his detractors.

A generous applause from his skipper Kohli (45 batting off 94 balls) was an indication what Pujara's return to form meant for the team in general.

The typical Pujara square cut, which had gone extinct, was brought out of the closet and there was also the cover drive that can enhance the confidence of any player.

The best part was Pujara's 'intent' of running the singles and doubles to keep the scoreboard moving.

It seemed that there was a lot of pent-up anger in him about always being the 'fall guy' whose place is questioned in the side despite the fact that others also go through poor run of form.

This innings will not only shut the critics but also raise his confidence level which is so important for this Indian batting line-up.

An innings of this quality against a good England seam bowling line-up on a day when the red Dukes swung more would certainly be among one of his top knocks.

Rahul Dravid's 148 on a first day track at Headingley in 2002 remains immortal but Pujara has done enough already for his innings to be discussed in times to come. It was a classic example of how one can

change his mindset when pushed back to the wall.

His partnership of 99 with skipper Kohli is raising visions that India might not give up without a proper fight in the next two days.

There were those crushing cover drives that raced to the boundary off Kohli's blade and he ensured that his bat remained closed to his body while dealing with those bowled in the corridor of uncertainty.

Ajinkya Rahane and Rishabh Pant's role in the next two days will be equally important if India comes anywhere near to saving this Test match.

However, once again Rohit's contribution can't be seen in isolation as he and Rahul played that initial two hours in the morning when Robinson and Anderson was making the ball talk.

A statistic revealed that the ball swung at 1.9 degrees, which is the most in last three days with the second day, when the Indians bowled, being the worst with less than a degree.

There was movement off the pitch but it did help the Indians that they played so close to their bodies that it was a case of missing the outside edge of the bat.

If India can manage 500 and a tricky 150-odd target in the fourth innings might inject doubts in English minds.

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Manchester United announced on Friday they have reached a deal to re-sign Cristiano Ronaldo from Juventus, 12 years after he left Old Trafford for Real Madrid.

"Manchester United is delighted to confirm that the club has reached agreement with Juventus for the transfer of Cristiano Ronaldo, subject to agreement of personal terms, visa and medical," United said in a statement.

"Everyone at the club looks forward to welcoming Cristiano back to

Cristiano Ronaldo returns to Man Utd

Manchester.

United's swoop capped a tumultuous 24 hours during which Ronaldo initially seemed poised to join rivals Manchester City.

Premier League champions City had been widely linked with a move for the Portuguese forward after missing out on England captain Harry Kane.

However, United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer hinted a deal was



in the offing during his pre-match press conference on Friday.

"Cristiano is a legend of this club, he's the greatest player of all time, if you ask me," said Solskjaer, who played alongside Ronaldo.

"We've always had a good communication. I know Bruno (Fernandes) has been talking to him as well. He knows what we feel about him. If he was ever going to move from Juventus, he knows that

we're here."

Sky Sport Italia reported that United have offered Juve 28 million euros (\$33 million), agreeing a two-year deal with the superstar attacker worth 25 million euros per season.

Ronaldo won the first of his five Champions League titles and was first crowned the world's best player during six years at United between 2003 and 2009. In total he scored 118 goals in 292 games, also winning

three Premier League titles, one FA Cup and two League Cups.

Earlier in the day, Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri confirmed the five-time Ballon d'Or winner's desire to leave the Italian giants.

"Yesterday, speaking with Cristiano, he told me that he has no intention of staying at Juventus, for this reason he will not be picked tomorrow. This morning he didn't train," said Allegri.

Bhavinaben scripts history with TT medal

PTI ■ TOKYO

Bhavinaben Patel on Friday scripted history by becoming the first Indian table tennis player to secure a medal in the Tokyo Paralympics, setting the tone for an upbeat contingent aiming for its best-ever finish at the Games.

Feeding off the momentum generated by India's best showing at the preceding Olympics, Patel, competing in her maiden Paralympics, ensured a podium for herself by entering the semifinals with a stunning straight-game win over world number two and defending champion Borislava Peric Rankovic of Serbia in the women's singles Class 4 event.

The 34-year-old, who was diagnosed with polio when she was 12, beat her Serbian opponent 11-5, 11-6, 11-7 in a quarterfinal match that lasted 18 minutes.

"I could win my match today due to the support of the people of India. Please keep supporting me so that I can win my semifinal match," Patel said after the quarterfinal.

In the day's other events, Indian powerlifter Sakina Khatun finished a creditable fifth in the women's 50kg category while compatriot Jaideep failed to log a single legal lift in the men's 65kg event.

The 2014 Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist Khatun had the best effort of 93kg.

In archery, Indian compound archer Rakesh Kumar shot a career-best 699 points out of a possible 720 to grab the third place in the ranking round of the men's open section.

In the men's recurve open category, 2019 Asian Para Championship winner Vivek



Chikara finished in top-10.

Another Indian in fray, Shyam Sundar Swami finished a lowly 21st with 682 points. Both the Indians were seeded straight into the second round in the draw of 64.

World No 22 Jyoti Baliyan, who is the only Indian female member to have qualified for the Paralympics, secured a 15th place ranking in the compound open event.

The highlight of the day undoubtedly was Patel reaching the semifinals and grabbing a medal, the colour of which will be decided on Saturday.

She takes on Zhang Miao of China in the semifinals. There is no Bronze-medal play-off in Tokyo Paralympics table tennis, and both losing semi-finalists are guaranteed a Bronze.

"It is sure that we can see a medal from her. Tomorrow morning's match (semifinal) is a huge decider what colour of the medal she will win," Paralympic Committee of India president Deepa Malik said in a video footage on her Twitter handle.

Sania-McHale cruise to semis

PTI ■ CLEVELAND

India's Sania Mirza and her American partner Christina McHale cruised to the semifinals of Tennis in the Land tournament with a straight set win over Lucie Hradecka and Shuai Zhang here.

Mirza and McHale hardly broke a sweat, beating Czech Republic's Hradecka and her Chinese partner Zhang 6-3, 6-3 in one hour one minute in the women's doubles quarterfinals on Thursday night.

The Indian-American pair will now take on Norway's Ulrikke Eikeri and American Catherine Harrison in the semifinals.

They are yet to drop a set in the tournament as they had defeated Georgia's Oksana Kalashnikova and her Romanian partner Andreea Mitu 6-3, 6-2 in the opening round.



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India's singles challenge ends

New York: India's singles challenge came to an end at the US Open qualifiers after Prajnesh Gunneswaran was handed a straight-set defeat by American Christopher Eubanks in the second round here.

The world No 156 Indian, who was looking to make his second appearance in the US Open main

draws, went down 3-6, 4-6 to Eubanks, ranked 216th, in a 50-minute showdown on Thursday night.

The 31-year-old Gunneswaran had qualified for the main draw in 2019, when he had lost to Russia's Danil Medvedev in the opening round.

Leicester face Napoli in Europa League

AFP ■ ISTANBUL

Leicester City will face Napoli in this season's Europa League, while Celtic found themselves in a tough section alongside Bayer Leverkusen and Real Betis in Friday's draw for the group stage.

As well as Napoli, Leicester will play Spartak Moscow and Legia Warsaw in Group C as they look to do better than their run to the last 32 of last season's competition.

The Foxes narrowly missed out on qualification for the Champions League last season, finishing fifth in the Premier League but winning the FA Cup. Celtic failed to make it through Champions League qualifying under new coach Ange Postecoglou but they scraped past AZ Alkmaar in the Netherlands on Thursday to make the Europa League group stage.

Their reward was a place in Group G with former UEFA Cup winners Leverkusen, Betis and Ferencvaros.

Rangers, who beat Celtic to last season's Scottish title,



will face French giants Lyon, Sparta Prague and Danish champions Brondby in Group A.

West Ham United were England's other representatives in the draw made in Istanbul, making a rare appearance in Europe after coming sixth in the Premier League last season.

David Moyes's team will play two clubs who dropped out of Champions League qualifying in Dinamo Zagreb and Belgian side Genk, as well as Rapid Vienna in Group H.

The Europa League group stage has been streamlined this season to feature just 32 teams from the previous 48,

Kane shines in Spurs win

Paris: Harry Kane netted a double in his first match since announcing that he will stay at Tottenham this season as Spurs beat Pacos de Ferreira 3-0 on Thursday to overturn a

first-leg deficit in the Europa Conference League play-off round. Also Jose Mourinho's Roma

eased into the group phase with a 3-0 second-leg victory over Trabzonspor at the Stadio Olimpico.

following the introduction of the new third-tier Europa Conference League.

The final will be played at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville on May 18 next year.

The first round of group fixtures will be played on September 16.



Reid sets new targets for Indian men's hockey team

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A historic Olympic Bronze medal in its pocket, the Indian men's hockey team is eyeing several milestones in the coming years, the preparation for which will begin next month, chief coach Graham Reid said on Friday.

The team won a Bronze at the Tokyo Games earlier this month, ending a 41-year wait for a medal in the sport.

Talking about the roadmap ahead, Reid said, "We have set some milestones in terms of competitions that are coming up for us now. We have Asian Games, FIH Pro League, Commonwealth Games, Hockey World Cup in 2023 and then Paris Olympics the following year.

"So the milestones have been set, but how we need to prepare between those milestones will be



decided in the next month or so," Reid said on Hockey India's podcast series *Hockey Te Charcha*.

The Australian said he will take feedback from the players going forward and analyse what other teams have been doing.

"We also have to sit down and analyse all the games from the Olympics and see what the other teams have been doing, because you never get the time to do that in the middle of a tournament, when the focus is limited only on the next opponent.

"We also need to get feedback from our players on what they feel are the skills that they need to work on going forward, and surely we need to accelerate our learning to be consistently up there with the best teams in the world all the time."

No time to grieve over Tokyo Olympics defeat: Vinesh

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Star Indian wrestler Vinesh SPhogat on Friday said she does not have much time to grieve over her Tokyo Games debacle and is gearing up for future challenges while young Anshu Malik suggested that a sports psychologist should be attached with the team to help them overcome nerves at big stage like the Olympics.

The athletes spoke during a programme where Tata Motors and Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) announced extension of their partnership till the 2024 Olympics.

When Vinesh was asked about her experience in Tokyo where she made a shock quarterfinal exit, she said she "learnt a lot".

"It was my second Olympics.



In my first Olympics, I got injured and now I suffered defeat and I would accept that. I will work over the weaknesses before the upcoming competitions.

"At the senior level we don't have enough time to grieve over a defeat, because the next Olympics is approaching and there are back-to-back competitions. It's one thing to reach on

top but to stay on top is challenging," said Vinesh, who was suspended by WFI for indiscipline in Tokyo but later let off with a warning.

The 26-year-old said she even learnt from her juniors who were in Tokyo.

"We (Anshu and Sonam) went together this time and I wish that we qualify in all

wight categories the next time and give our best the Olympics, Worlds and Commonwealth and other championships."

When talented Anshu, who is rising fast from the junior ranks, asked what is it that she feels is needed in terms of support, the 19-year-old mentioned services of a psychologist.

"There are a lot of facilities

now, compared to past but sometimes you get nervous like Olympics is a big stage. If someone can interact with us, like a psychologist, that will be better," she said.

Listening to this, WFI President Brijbhushan Sharan Singh admitted that the Indian team needs to have two psychologists travelling with them all the time.