

HOME THEATRE

Not a patch on the book or original movie



THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN
Netflix
*ing: Parineeti Chopra, Aditi Rao Hydari, Kirti Kulhari, Avinash Tiwary
Rated: 5/10

Let's talk about the positives first. It starts off on a good note. The opening scene tells you that there is more to come and it is bound to be interesting — murder-crime thrillers are definitely a treat to watch. And this latest Parineeti Chopra film is no different. A girl on the train who watches the life of another woman and reminiscing her own and wishing it was her in place of that girl is normal enough . More so when our life is in shambles and nothing is going right. So far so good.

Unfortunately, as the movie progresses it starts to spiral out of control and goes off track. Of course the makers wanted to give a Bollywood feel to the film and hence the song and dance but there

was no need to let it deviate so much. If the makers had gone with the name and copied most of the scenes, they might have stuck true to the book by British author Paula Hawkins 2015 novel of the same name. One doesn't understand the need to go for a twist that doesn't make much sense because there are so many gaps that are difficult to fill. However, if can manage to watch it like any other B-town movie and not look for answers that need to be addressed, The Girl On The Train manages to hold your attention. But there is a condition— one should have neither seen nor read the book by the same or watched the 2016 movie starring Emily Blunt. The character in the Hindi version is played by Chopra.

If by any chance one gas done either of the above, it will be a lost cause even if there is a deviation at the climax which is definitely a surprise.

— Shalini Saksena

Guru-shishya parampara is what it's about

AAVARTAN
IMDB
*ing: Miroslaw Baka, Mateusz Banasiuk, Adrianna Chlebicka, Krzysztof Czeczot, Wojciech Kalarus, Tomasz Karolak, Jacek Knap, Anna Smolowik, Sebastian Stankiewicz
Rated: 5/10

The latest film by writer-director Durba Sahay, who had made her debut as a director with The Pen, is a take on the guru-shishya parampara and how one cycle ends and the next begins. With danseuse Shovana Narayan in the lead, the one-hour-and-56 minutes are spent exploring the beautiful relationship that a gurus have with their shishyas and how sometimes ego and pride cone in the way of this beautiful and sacred relationship. But the whole premise behind an art form is to surrender to the art and

there is no place for egos here. Through the four generations of passing on the tradition of who will lead the next generation of young dancers, Aavartan, which means a cycle, is interesting to watch — that a guru can be jealous of her pupil but manages to over come her insecurities via a story told to her by her guru.

Narayan may not be a great actor but there is no doubt where her skills lie — a brilliant Kathak dancer. Those who love classic dance forms, this movie is a treat to watch. To see Narayan dance so beautifully even though she us 70 years old is magical. It just goes to show that one can never take the art form from the artist whatever be the age. The dual towards the climax where she performs is absolutely riveting. One can see clearly why she is still the queen of her art.

Watch this one for some excellent footwork by Shovana Narayan.

— Shalini Saksena



Plan Your Day



Pupper Party 4.0

Venue: Cafe 27, Kailash Colony, New Delhi
When: February 28, 2021
Time: 1 pm onwards

We are pumped and ready for yet another pupper party in our city! Join us for the Delhi Pupper Party 4.0.

Enjoy a thrilling Sunday with your pups. Let your pets chomp on a yummilicious doggy buffet, play fun games & win super gift hampers worth ₹2,200! All pets at the event get a dazzling Just Dogs voucher worth ₹975 and humans get a complimentary FnB Coupon with ₹100 with each ticket!

Ultra Run

Venue: Delta 105, Village Pada,Manesar, Gurugram, India
When: February 28, 2021
Time: 6 pm onwards

Run in the clean and green environs on the outskirts of Gurgaon.

Choose your distances from short and sweet 10K to herculean 24hrs ultra run or an experiential night run inside a safe Military themed campus- Delta 105.

Race Categories
Note: Crew supporting participants & accompanying

guests will have to buy Food-Coupons to order meals from the campsite kitchen.

Race Categories (check route map)

63.3Km Ultra Run (Feb 28 6 am start, cutoff 10hrs, Min age 18yrs): ₹2,000

Full Marathon (Feb 28 6:15 am start, cutoff 7hrs, Min age 18yrs): ₹1,400

Half Marathon (Feb 28 7am start, Min age 18yrs): ₹1,000

10Km Run (Feb 28 7am start, Min age 18yrs): ₹1,000



TELLY TALE

'I FEEL WAJID'S PRESENCE'

Zee TV has been a pioneer and a trend-setter in shaping television content over the past three decades and is all set to



change the face of music reality shows once again with its latest non-fiction property, the *Indian Pro Music League* (IPML). In what will be a clutter-breaking format innovation, Zee TV is all set to present audiences with the world's first-ever music league championship, starting February 26. While the world of sports has seen several league competitions, this unique music league will have six teams representing different regions of India, battling it out against each other in a musical championship.

Each of these six teams supported by leading Bollywood and sports celebrities will have top playback singers as their captains, one reality show star and one fresh voice. The likes of Mika Singh, Kailash Kher, Sajid Khan, Shaan, Ankit Tiwari, Javed Ali, Asees Kaur, Bhoomi Trivedi, AkritiKakar, Payal Dev, Neha Bhasin, Shilpa Rao have been signed on to captain the 6 zonal teams.

During the shoot of the grand premiere episode, everyone was ecstatic to kickstart the reality show. In fact, all the celebrities put their best foot forward and gave some splendid performances on the grand Indian Pro Music League stage. However, it was popular Bollywood composer, Sajid Khan's words that left everyone teary-eyed during the shoot. Sajid, his family, and the whole of Bollywood was dealt a huge blow last year when his brother Wajid Khan passed away suddenly. Participating in the *Indian Pro Music League* was actually Wajid's dream and not having him around made Sajid very emotional, after all, it was also his first reality show without him. On the stage, Sajid mentioned how he missed his brother but also felt his presence on the stage, and hence, he is looking forward to making this show a huge success.

Sajid Khan who is the captain of Delhi Jammers mentioned on the stage, "Even when Wajid was hospitalized, he was

constantly concerned about the show. Whenever I visited him, he kept telling me that we must work hard for the *Indian Pro Music League* and make it a success. Till date, I have never done a show without Wajid, but this is the first time I am coming without him on such a big show with so many star singers. However, I feel his presence here, I think he is always with me and that makes me extremely comfortable. I feel I am no one without him and I will work really hard and make him proud."

PACKAGE FULL OF MASTI

Get ready to witness showdowns in the upcoming episodes across &TV shows. In *Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai*, Manmohan Tiwari (Rohitashv Gour) finds himself at crossroads with his beautiful Anita Bhabi (NehhaPendse) who is fighting a court case against him. Either way, Mamohan is destined to lose! Whereas, Rajesh (Kamna Pathak) who tire to create a rift between her husband Happu Singh (Yogesh Tripathi) and Beni (Vishwanath Chatterjee) makes matters go out of hand in *Happu Ki Ultan Paltan*.



Bringing *aandhi* and *toofan* are the new visitors at Pappu's (Manmohan Tiwari) guest house in *Gudiya Humari Sabhi Pe Bhari* with an announcement that there is a pot full of gold hidden in the haveli, followed by an exhausting treasure hunt. In *Santoshi Maa Sunaye Vrat Katahyein*, a time warp takes place bringing Indresh (Ashish Kadian) back to life and Swati (Tanvi Dogra) to justice. But will Asur Rani Paulomi (Sara Khan) give up without a fight?

Sharing more on the zesty details of the track, NehhaPendse *aka* Anita Bhabi shares: "If there is one woman who can influence Vibhuti Narayan Mishra (Aasif Sheikh) like Anita does, is Angoori Bhabi (Shubhangi Atre). When Tiwari *ji* tortures Tilly (Syed Salim Zaidi) under pandit *ji*'s orders, Anita gets furious and files a case against him. When Angoori convinces Vibhuti to fight Tiwari *ji*'s case against Anita herself,things get heated."

Kamna Pathak *aka* Rajesh Singh says, "Beni and Happu's *dosti* is *pakk!* But Rajesh has triggered the two of them that will result in an ugly fight. The pair makes efforts to make each other feel jealous and ultimately refuse to talk.

Iss darar ke beech, will Rajesh and

Kamlesh (Sanjay Chaudhury) be able to patch the two best buds? "Santa Sagar *aka* Sarla shares: "The Gupta family is used to Gudiya's frequent surprises. This time around she brings the previous owners of the house who got displaced a long time ago. They reveal that back in the day they hid a huge pot of gold in the house. After knowing about the treasure, Sarla is determined on finding the fortune."

Sara Khan *aka* Asur Rani Paulomi shares: "Swati along with the help of Santoshi Maa (Gracy Singh) has always fought her battles. But will Indresh support her after being emotionally blackmailed by his father Singhasan Singh (Sushil Sinha)? Asur Rani Paulomi will not let Santoshi Maa win and to find out how, the audience must stay tuned!"

WELCOME SARGAM ON SCREEN

Laughter is the best medicine to take stress away, and Sony Entertainment Television is making sure the audience gets a good dose, with the launch of its new show *Sargam Ki Sadhesatii*. The channel is all set to unveil a sitcom that encourages family viewing. Produced by Vipul Shah of Optimystix Entertainment, *Sargam Ki Sadhe Satii* brings forth the Awasthi household with Sargam as the *bahu*, and her unique *sasural* where she is the only woman among men.

The shenanigans of the Awasthis from Ghaziabad will throw viewers into giggle-fits, while also warming the hearts with relatable situations. Altogether, the Awasthi family will be seen elevating the most mundane situation — ones that viewers will easily relate to — into a whole lot of fun. The makers have chosen an eclectic cast, led by *Mere Dad Ki Dulhan* actor Anjali Tatrari as Sargam and Kunal Saluja as Aparshakti Awasthi. The rest of the key cast members include names such as Darshan Jariwala, Sanat Vyas, Ojas Rawal, Yash Sehgal, Vishnu Bholwani, Akash Makhija, Yash Sehgal and Krish Chugh.

Sargam Awasthi is empathetic, rational, intelligent, selfless and a leader in essence, but for someone who becomes a homemaker, she faces two key challenges. Firstly, she does not know to cook, a stereotype that is often associated with a good *bahu*. Secondly, in her earnest desire to balance everything and to be a Jack of all trades at home, she keeps faltering here and there. Comical twists in the story happen as Sargam tries her best to be The Sadhesatii men include Sargam's husband Aparshakti Awasthi *aka* Appu, who is a small-time influencer for the world, but a *jugaadu* hero of his house. An aspiring actor, he is unabashedly disorganised and takes pride in being a multi-tasker.

'Dadaji' Anandilal Awasthi, also called 'sympathy seeker' due to his unending love for talking about his 'fake' ailments, is the oldest, but most youthful member of this mad-house. His favourite topic is his bowel movement!

कोविड-19 का टीका सुरक्षित है

कोविड-19 टीकाकरण

द्वितीय चरण का शुभारम्भ

1 मार्च, 2021

● **पात्र हितग्राही :** दिनांक 01.01.2022 की स्थिति में 60 वर्ष से अधिक आयु तथा 45 वर्ष से 59 वर्ष के निम्न सूची अनुसार कोमोर्बिड व्यक्ति।

✓ Heart Failure with hospital admission in past one year	transplant: Recipient/On wait-list
✓ Post Cardiac Transplant/Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD)	✓ End Stage Kidney Disease on haemodialysis/ CAPD
✓ Significant Left ventricular systolic dysfunction (LVEF <40%)	✓ Current prolonged use of oral corticosteroids/ immunosuppressant medications
✓ Moderate or Severe Valvular Heart Disease	✓ Decompensated cirrhosis
✓ Congenital heart disease with severe PAH or Idiopathic PAH	✓ Severe respiratory disease with hospitalizations in last two years/FEV1 <50%
✓ Coronary Artery Disease with past CABG/PTCA/MI and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment	✓ Lymphoma/ Leukaemia/ Myeloma
✓ Angina and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment	✓ Diagnosis of any solid cancer on or after 1st July 2020 Orcurrently on any cancer therapy
✓ CT/MRI documented stroke and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment	✓ Sickle Cell Disease/ Bone marrow failure/ Aplastic Anemia/ Thalassemia Major
✓ Pulmonary artery hypertension and Hypertension/Diabetes on treatment	✓ Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases/ HIV infection
✓ Diabetes (> 10 years OR with complications) and Hypertension on treatment	✓ Persons with disabilities due to Intellectual disabilities/Muscular Dystrophy/ Acid attack with involvement of respiratory system/Persons with disabilities having high support needs/ Multiple disabilities including deaf-blindness.
✓ Kidney/Liver/ Hematopoietic stem cell	

● **शुल्क :** शासकीय स्वास्थ्य संस्थाओं में टीकाकरण निःशुल्क तथा निजी अस्पतालों में राशि रुपये 250/- में उपलब्ध होगा।

● **पंजीयन :** Co-WIN 2.0 पोर्टल के माध्यम से हितग्राही टीकाकरण हेतु अपना अग्रिम पंजीयन करा सकते हैं।

● 60 वर्ष से अधिक उम्र के हितग्राहियों को फोटोयुक्त पहचान पत्र तथा 45 वर्ष से 59 वर्ष के कोमोर्बिड हितग्राहियों को रजिस्टर्ड मेडिकल प्रैक्टीशनर से प्राप्त कोमोर्बिडिटी संबंधी प्रमाण-पत्र प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा।

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CM pays tributes to Shaheed Azad, Nanaji

On their death anniversaries

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan today paid tribute to Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad and great social worker Nanaji Deshmukh on their death anniversary. Chouhan garlanded the portraits of the two great personalities at his residence and paid homage.

Chouhan said that Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad had laid down his life for the freedom of the country. He was an example of indomitable courage, and his name was enough to unnerve the Britishers. Chouhan said that great social worker Nanaji



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan pays tributes to Chandrashekhar Azad and Nanaji Deshmukh on their death anniversary in Bhopal on Saturday

Deshmukh had made his valuable contribution in the field of education, health and rural development. By following the

path showed by these great men, we will always work for the development of the country and the state.

Shaheed Chandrashekhar 'Azad' (July 23, 1906 - February 27, 1931) was a great freedom fighter. He was among the most outstanding companions of great revolutionaries like Shaheed Ram Prasad Bismil and Shaheed Bhagat Singh. He carried out the Kakori case on August 9, 1925. After the martyrdom of 4 prominent comrades in 1927, he formed the "Hindustan Socialist Republican Association" by joining all the revolutionary parties of North India and took revenge of Lala Lajpat Rai's death by killing Saunders with the help of Bhagat Singh in Lahore and reached Delhi and carried out the assembly bombings.

Chandikadas Amritrao Deshmukh (October 11, 1916 - February 27, 2010) was an Indian social worker. He was

formerly the leader of Bharatiya Jansangh. When the Janata Party government was formed in the year 1977, he was included in the Morarji cabinet. He turned down the ministerial position, saying that people above 60 years of age should stay out of the government and do social work.

Nanaji Deshmukh continued to work lifelong for the expansion of various projects running under Deendayal Research Institute. The Atal Bihari Vajpayee government nominated him as a member of the Rajya Sabha. During Atalji's tenure, the Government of India conferred the Padma Vibhushan on him for exemplary contribution in the field of education, health and rural self-sufficiency. He was conferred with the Bharat Ratna in 2019.



Madhya Pradesh Assembly Speaker Girish Gautam, BJP MLAs Shardendu Tiwari and Panchulal Prajapati and others on Saturday reached Chitrakoot and paid tributes to Bharat Ratna Late Nanaji Deshmukh on his 11th death anniversary at his samadhi in Deendayal Park

Suburban Diagnostics launches lab in Jabalpur

PNS ■ JABALPUR

Suburban Diagnostics, a leading Indian brand of diagnostic centers launched its first lab in the city of Jabalpur on Saturday. This state-of-the-art lab has a plethora of diagnostic facilities and is located at Azad Chowk in the heart of the city.

The Central Reference Laboratory of Suburban Diagnostics is accredited by eminent national and international bodies - National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) and College of American Pathologists (CAP)

who ensure that labs follow stringent quality protocols set up by these bodies. This, in turn, ensures a superior quality of infrastructure, equipment, processes and people at all the Network Laboratories of Suburban Diagnostics, including the one at Jabalpur.

The new diagnostics centre in Azad Chowk, Jabalpur is equipped to conduct major tests and check-ups for diabetes like HbA1c, FBS and PPBS; for cancer markers like CA125 for ovarian cancer, CEA for colon cancer & PSA for prostate cancer along with cardiac markers such as CKMB, NT pro-BNP, Troponin T & D-Dimer. The

other testing services include examination of body fluids like CSF, Ascitic, Synovial & Pleural fluid; coagulation tests like PT-INR & APTT; testing for Dengue, Malaria & Typhoid along with CBC & ESR; Fertility Hormones like FSH, LH, Prolactin and Vitamins B12 & D.

"Suburban Diagnostics has appointed a robust panel of fully qualified pathologists, MD physicians, technicians and support staff in Jabalpur, quick to guide patients through any and every health query/service they would be looking for," says Sushant Kinra, COO, Suburban Diagnostics.

Army officer's wife crowned Mrs India 2nd runner up

PNS ■ MHOW

A courageous and proud Army officer's wife, Timsi Bector was adjudged as 'Mrs India- 2021-2nd runners up (VPR)' and crowned as 'Mrs Perfectionist' at a four-day Mrs India Event organized at Ahmedabad from February 17 to 20.

Her birth moment was indicative that she will emerge as a fighter and has a mission to accomplish in life. Declared dead, before she was born and miraculously survived after entering this world, she was born and brought up in a middle class family. Father, now a retired PCS officer, mother a social activist and cancer survivor, a younger

brother who survived a massive accident after 3 major brain surgeries, she has witnessed rains and droughts.

She completed her studies through all odds as a scholarship holder, topper throughout her life. She has done M.Sc in Human Genetics, M.Phil Zoology, M.Ed. She served as a Lecturer and a Principal. Being from an entirely different professional stream, she always dreamt of becoming a model.Belonging to a small town Bassi Pathana, a normal stereotype family in Punjab, she could never dare to pursue her dreams. Her destiny changed when she got married to an Army Officer, then Major and now Lt Col Amit Bector.



Class apart, Army officers are meant to be the most disciplined and cultured clan. So immediately after marriage, her husband saw dreams in her

eyes and talents in her personality. That was the first time she walked on the ramp and got crowned too.

Being an intellectual, God fearing and rooted to the culture lady, she was always more inclined towards her family. Performing the duties of a wife, a daughter-in-law, a mother of 2 daughters- 12 years and 5 years old, she never gave up on her dreams. Her husband supported her.

The pageant took place in Ahmedabad, where 41 contestants participated as finalists out of 250 shortlisted from all over India. Due to her breath-taking beauty, intellect and talent, she was crowned as one of the three winners of Finale.

'Men don't tease me anymore'

PNS ■ GWALIOR

30-year-old software engineer Chetna Sharma is not afraid of eve teasing now, as she can very well answer back the roadside romeos.

Chetna Sharma and her fitness trainer husband Nayanjyoti Bora sit across a table and interlock their palms, they morph once again into students and coach, their relationship of 12 years. The one that made her sprout the kind of biceps that automatically enforce social distance in Guwahati's shady pockets. Holding hands isn't always a romantic gesture for this newly married couple from Assam.

"Men don't tease me anymore," says Sharma. "Now, I get a lot of respect," says the chirpy,



sportswear-preferring techie who is among a handful of women athletes in arm-wrestling, the earthy combat sport that has only recently been vaccinated with prok-abaddi-like glamour, replete with celebrity status, uniformed female referees, sponsored Night tickets though not as much

cash.

Making an unforgettable memory in college canteens, arm wrestling has now created a niche in this competitive world. Almost 40 years old Indian Arm Wrestling Federation, which has affiliated associations in 28 states, the sport has now spawned emerg-

ing hubs such as Punjab, MP, Haryana, Mizoram, Manipur and Kerala, some of which boast gyms in which women sculpt their "dominant hands" by arm-wrestling with male strangers.

Pro-Panja League, a professional arm wrestling league's first tournament on February 29 last year in Delhi.

"The sport originated in India when Eugene Sandow, father of bodybuilding, came to Mumbai in 1904 on the invitation of Dhunjibhai Bomanji for the first time," says actor Parvin Dabas, a Parsi man who, along with wife Preeti Jhangiani, owns the company that decided to organise PPL on realising that his other passion; Mixed Martial Arts did not have a greater scope in India.



A scene from the play 'Andher Nagari' staged at Ravindra Bhawan in Bhopal on Saturday

Pioneer photo

3-day National Research seminar on 'Declassified Castes of Madhya Pradesh' held at Tribal Museum

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Three-day National Research Seminar on Declassified Castes of Madhya Pradesh is being held at Tribal Museum.

On second day of the seminar Ashwini Sharma said that the research should be dedicated to research. If we are doing research, then we should observe from every point of view, we should not only depend on Google knowledge but should get information by going to books and grassroots. We can get this information only when we become so loyal to them that they can tell their mind to us.

While speaking on the subject of the liberated castes, he said that these tribes are nomadic but they also have scientific knowledge of many

"The living of the tribes speaks of their life, traditions and culture"

things like the women of Banjara society wear bangles based on the arts of the moon and do not wear jewelry on Amavasya day. The living of the tribes speaks of their life, traditions and culture.

Giving a special statement in the same session, Pravin Gugnani said that the theory of economics is that transfer gives progress to a person, but it is necessary to know here that these castes were nomad or created or under which circumstances they became nomad.

The session was conducted by Kailash Mandlekar and

gratitude was expressed by Shubham Chauhan.

Tikamani Patwari, said that the researchers should work among the tribes. At the present time, the traditional occupation of tribes has been influenced by the enforcement of laws. Researchers should work in the direction of what is the original tradition of tribes, what are the main reasons for the change in their original tradition and what are its effects.

In the second session of the seminar, Gabbar Singh, Bharti Hada, Swati Shukla, Mahesh Kumar Sharma, Kusum Singh, Vasudev Singh Jadaun, Shailendra Sharan, Amitabh Pandey, Archana Sharma, Mohan Narwatiya presented the research paper. The session was conducted by Sunil Sahu.

'Children should be taught literature to explore world of stories'

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Stories are a part of life. While reading stories, we find ourselves immersed in the characters in such a way that the stories end up becoming our own, be it mythology or folktales. Thus the way these stories are told have a huge impact on the listeners. Renowned poet and author Rajesh Joshi believe that children should be exposed to a wide variety of literature so that they get the opportunity to enter and experience the world of stories.

He talked extensively about the various elements that stories have, impact of these stories on young children as well as the traditions of stories and



storytelling in India. His words enhanced the experience of the two-days seminar organised by Eklavya Foundation on February 26 and 27.

The seminar focussed on perspectives around children's

literature vis-a-vis stories, poems and pictures. Other sessions during the two days witnessed internationally appreciated painter and potter Shampa Shah who talked about stories in pictures. She shared

her own journey with pictures and her connect with the world of illustrations by relating with her childhood experiences and its impact on her work with various institutions.

Her work is a proof of the influence folk art has on the work of artists.

On the first day of the seminar, Sushil Shukla who is a poet and an author of children's literature talked about the importance of poems and songs during childhood and how any childhood is unimaginable without the presence of poems and songs in it. The word-play in these poems expose children to a different world altogether.

On the same day painter Awdhesh Bajpayee while talk-

ing on the idea of art discussed the importance of art in high-lighting issues and aspects which otherwise remain untouched and unexplored. He also brought to light the internal struggles and dilemmas that artists go through while bringing a piece of art to life.

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Play 'Mast Maula' staged at Shaheed Bhavan

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A play showcasing the struggle of theatre artists 'Mast Maula' was staged at Shaheed Bhavan Auditorium on Saturday. The play was all about the ups and downs and the excitement of a theatre artist.

Directed by known theatre artist and playwright of the city Vibha Shrivastava, the play was presented by the artists of Ekrang Socio Cultural group, Bhopal. The play revolves around the lives and conversation of three artists. Among them is a theatre actor, a poet and a singer.

The entire stage is taken up by the artists and how they develop a connection and an impactful interaction with the audience was commendable. The artists tried their best to make the audience glued to their seats till the end.

The entire play is a blend of vari-

ous emotions and aspirations. The play begins with introducing a home and its owner. The owner of the house lives with his daughter and a servant. The poet and singer come to live as paying guests at the house.

Both of them begin to like owner's daughter. Both of them tries their luck hard to impress her, but fails every time. Later, the actor enters the scene and the girl begins a soft liking for him.

On the other hand, the poet and the singer develop a jealousy for the actor as he was able to impress the girl.

But, he ditches her and leaves. Later, he feels guilty and returns just to tell her the truth. After hearing the truth, the owner of the house asks them to leave.

How they find their destinations formed rest of the story. Weaved in many feelings, the play was able to impress the audience.

‘Damoh has good tourism potential’

Says Chouhan during his stay at Damoh Dist

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan met elite persons during his stay in Damoh district and discussed the development of Damoh district.

The elite group gave their suggestions about the development of Damoh during the discussion. Chief Minister Chouhan assured that Damoh district will not lag behind in any area of development and there will be no shortage of funds. He told that due to methane gas reserves here, the picture of the area will change.

There is good tourism potential in Bundelkhand. It will be fully utilized for development and tourism.

Chouhan said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has transformed the corona disaster into an opportunity. He has talked about creation of a self-reliant India. An Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh will be made for Atmanirbhar Bharat. Its roadmap has been prepared and the work has started with a resolve. Committed work is being done for physical infrastructure like good roads, irrigation system, drinking water, education, economy and employment.

Chouhan said that today the foundation stone of a medical college is being laid in Damoh. Rs 400 crore is being transferred from Damoh to



the accounts of 20 lakh farmers of the state. An amount of Rs one lakh 18 thousand crores was deposited in the accounts of people under various schemes during the Corona period in the state. CM Rise schools will be opened within 20-25 km radius to improve the quality of education in rural areas. In three years time, every village and house of Damoh district will get pure water through taps.

Chouhan said that the Ken and Betwa rivers are the lifelines of Bundelkhand. The obstacles in building dams on the Ken and Betwa river have been removed. Dams will be made by connecting rivers and the land of Bundelkhand will be irrigated. Most of the agricultural land in Damoh district will be irrigated. He said that during the discussion, a suggestion has been received regarding the railways, the state government will put it effectively. He also mentioned about giving land for the building of Kurmi society and permanent pattas to the members of Sindhi community.

The programme was also addressed by Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (Independent Charge) Shri Prahlad Patel. He said that his

parliamentary constituency includes the three districts of Damoh, Sagar and Chhatarpur. Medical college facility will be made available in all the three districts. Damoh is one such parliamentary constituency that will have a medical college in each district.

Among those present on the occasion are Urban Development Minister Bhupendra Singh, Public Works Minister Gopal Bhargav, Khajuraho MP V.D. Sharma, former ministers Jayant Malaiya, Ramakrishna Kusmaria, Madhya Pradesh Warehousing and Logistics Corporation Chief Rahul Singh, besides local MLAs, social workers, doctors, litterateurs, engineers, advocates, philanthropists, presidents of various communities and senior citizens.



RSS volunteers take part in a path march taken out on Magh Purnima, at Shahpura locality in Bhopal on Saturday
Pioneer photo



A three-storey building demolished using dynamite by the BMC officials during an anti encroachment drive, in Bhopal on Saturday
Pioneer photo

Police book 2 youths for sodomising 15-yr-old boy

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Berasia police have booked two youths for sodomising a 15-year-old near Lalaria outpost on February 18; complaint was lodged after victim reported pain, police have started investigation into the matter.

Police said that the victim managed to escape and returned home but never reported incident to family and after pain surfaced family came to know.

The victim revealed that two youths took him to farms when he had gone to flour mill and on his way he met the two accused who lured him and took him to farm where the

two took turns to sodomised him and threatened him of life.

Late in the night victim started crying and reported pain and revealed that the two sodomised him.

The accused were identified as Anas Khan and Shanu alias Sameer.

Father of the victim along with the victim approached police and lodged complaint with the police against the two accused.

Based on the complaint, the police have registered a case under sections 377 and 506 of the IPC and sections 5 & 6 of the POCSO Act and started further investigation.

‘Jail-Radio’ launched in Ambala Central jail

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Rajeev Arora on Saturday inaugurated the third ‘Jail-Radio’ of Haryana in the Central Jail, Ambala.

In his address, Arora, said that the main objective of starting Jail-Radio is to promote art, creativity and harmony among the inmates. On this occasion, DGP (Jails) K.K. Selvaraj was also present. Earlier, jail-radios have also been started in Panipat and Faridabad in collaboration with ‘Tinka-Tinka Foundation’.

Arora said that the Central

Jail at Ambala is considered as a historic jail in India and is among the three Central jails of the state. He said that though a Jail has a restricted environment but with the introduction of radio, its inmates will be interacting with the outside world.

He said that there are a total of 19 jails in Haryana and the state government plans to start Jail-radio in almost all the jails in order to initiate the process of Jail reforms for inmates. He also shared that the authorities concerned have been in dialogue with the founders and office-bearers of various NGOs regarding intro-

ducing more Jail reforms.

Selvaraj said that the first phase of installation of Jail-Radio in Jails has been completed with the introduction of radio in Ambala Jail and now Jail-Radio will be started in four other jails of the state under the second phase. He said that he was satisfied with the improvement in behaviour of inmates in state jails. Jail Superintendent, Lakhbir Singh said that the introduction of Jail Radio has helped in transforming frustration in inmates towards positive thinking and is like a ray of hope for the inmates and will further enhance creativity in them.”

Hrithik Roshan records statement with police

FAKE E-MAILS CASE

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The controversy over a host of emails sent allegedly by an ‘impostor’ pretending to be Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan to Kangana Ranaut resurfaced on Saturday, as the crime branch sleuths of the Mumbai police recorded the statement of “Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai” actor.

Four years after the actor lodged a complaint with the Mumbai police alleging that someone impersonating him was sending e-mails from a bogus e-mail ID between 2013 and 2014 to Kangana, the officials of the Crime Intelligence Unit of the Crime Branch-CID recorded Hrithik’s statement in connection with the investigations into his complaint.

It may be recalled that Hrithik had in 2016 lodged an impersonation complaint with the police after a spat with Kangana, with whom he had acted Kites (2010) and Krishh 3 (2013).

Earlier, in the wake of Kangana calling him a “silly-ex” during an interview, Hrithik had sent her a legal notice demanding a public apology from her. However, Kangana Ranaut

refused to apologise and claimed that the two had been romantically involved in 2014. She sent a counter-notice to Hrithik Roshan, asking him to take his notice back or face a criminal case.

In his legal notice, Hrithik had said that he was being harassed mentally by Kangana. The notice claimed that Kangana had sent him a staggering 1,439 emails, to which he never responded. He had also alleged that the actress was telling people that she was in a romantic relationship with her.

Among other things, Hrithik had claimed that Kangana had been in touch with was an impostor, pretending to be Hrithik Roshan.

On her part, Kangana had claimed that the particular email ID used for exchanging mails with him had been given to her by Hrithik Roshan himself. She had also said that the email had been kept private so as to prevent it from having a negative impact on the divorce proceedings between Hrithik Roshan and his wife Sussanne Khan that was going on then.

Based on Hrithik’s complaint, the police had registered a case under section 419 (cheating by personation) of IPC and sections 66C

(identity theft), 66D (cheating by personation using computer resources) of the Information Technology Act against an unknown person at the Cyber Police Station.

As part of the investigations, the Cyber Cell of the Mumbai police had also taken Hrithik’s laptop and phone for investigation.

In the past, the police forensic experts could not ascertain any facts about the email ID which was traced to the US and hence filed a nil report in June 2017. In December last year, Hrithik’s lawyer Mahesh Jethmalani had approached Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh and requested him to look into the actor’s complaint, after the case was transferred to the Crime Branch’s CIU.

Hrithik’s lawyers had told the Police chief that despite the Magistrate’s order directing the police to return the actor’s laptop and mobile phone submitted for the probe, he had not collected it yet to enable the police complete the probe and catch the real culprit.

On her part, an unfazed Kangana called Hritik “mera silly-ex and made fun of him as the actor appeared before the Crime branch sleuths to record his statement

“Duniya kahan se kahan pahunch gayi magar mera silly ex abhi bhi wahean hai usi modh pe jahan yeh waqt dobara laut ke nahi jane wala”.

This is not the first time that Kangana has made fun of Hrithik. In October 2018, the actress had slammed Hrithik by saying that “people who keep wives as trophies and young girls as mistresses should be boycotted.” There are men who make false promises of love and marriage to a girl to get them into a relationship that is also a type of harassment. There are married men who keep their wives as trophies and keep young girls as their mistresses like Hrithik... They lure young beautiful girls with the promise of marriage and later try to prove them mad. Nobody should work with such people. They should be boycotted,” Kangana had told a news television channel justifying the treatment being meted out to film maker Vikas Bahl, a former member of the now dissolved Phantom Films who has been accused of sexual harassment by a couple of actresses, Kangana said: “There are many people like Vikas Bahl, he is not the only one. We still have a lot of work to do so, we should not start the celebrations as yet. We have a long way

to go. We have to make this place (world) absolutely safe for woman”.

Kangana’s comments against Hrithik had come three days after the actor tweeted in the midst of “Me Too” movement: “It is impossible for me to work with any person if he/she is guilty of such grave misconduct. I am away and have access to only sporadic information. I have requested the producers of Super 30 to take stock of the apparent facts and take a harsh stand if need be. This is not to be rushed or brushed under the carpet. All proven offenders must be punished and all exploited people must be empowered and given strength to speak up.”

Hrithik’s comment came in respect of Bahl, who is the director of Super 30, a biopic on the life of mathematician Anand Kumar and his educational programme Super 30. Incidentally, Kangana’s Queen co-star Nayani Dixit had accused Bahl of sexual misconduct.

After a reported affair between the two during the filming of Krishh 3, Kangana and Hrithik have been engaged in a legal war. While the actress has all along insisted that she had affair with Hrithik, the actor has steadfastly denied any relations between them.

TMC will return to power, Bengal wants to bring its daughter back: Prashant

Kolkata: With the stage set for high-Octane assembly elections, poll strategist Prashant Kishor Saturday exuded confidence of TMC returning to power as the people of West Bengal are ready to bring back their rightful leader.

Kishor, whose team I-PAC is working in planning TMC’s election campaign, in his latest tweet said that one of the key battles for democracy in the country will be fought in the West Bengal. The people of the state want its daughter back and the public could hold him to this tweet on May 2, the day the results of the elections will be declared.

“One of the key battles FOR DEMOCRACY in India will be fought in West Bengal, and the people of Bengal are ready with their MESSAGE and determined to show the RIGHT CARD - #BanglaNijerMeyekeiChay (Bengal Only Wants its Daughter) PS: On 2nd May, hold me to my last tweet,” he tweeted.

Planned and conceptualised by I-PAC, TMC last week had unveiled

a poll slogan- “Bangla Nijer Meyekei Chaye”, portraying Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee mascot with a focus on women voters and Bengali sub-nationalism.

The BJP, however, mocked Kishor and said he has no idea about the ground reality in Bengal.

Earlier, in a tweet in December, Kishor had vowed to quit Twitter if the BJP crossed double digits in the 2021 West Bengal Assembly elections.

Kishor then wrote that BJP would struggle to secure even double digits in the West Bengal assembly election.

His tweet was in response to Home Minister Amit Shah setting a target of winning more than 200 out of 294 seats in West Bengal assembly polls in 2021.

The Election Commission has announced eight-phase elections in West Bengal from March 27 to April 29. Results will be declared on May 2 along with the three other poll-bound states and the union territory of Puducherry.

West Bengal has a 294-member assembly. **PTI**

Centre’s social media rules are dictatorial: Maha Min

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Minister of State for Home, IT, Housing, Transport, Parliamentary Affairs and Ex-Servicemen Welfare Satej Patil on Saturday hit out against the Centre for its recent move to regulate social media and over-the-top (OTT) platforms, saying that it was nothing but act of infringing the privacy of individuals and free speech under the Constitution.

Dubbing the move as an act of “suppressing” the voice of those exercising their freedom of speech, Patil said: “This move by the Centre needs to be fought tooth and nail. Such ‘dictatorial’ regulations will not be accepted by the people of this democratic country. Some bureaucrats passing the judgement on what needs to be published or not on any media platform is nothing but an attack on the freedom of press in India”.

“Such orders will not have any standing in court of law,” the minister said, as he

referred to the recent Delhi court’s recent order granting bail to climate activist Disha Ravi for allegedly editing a social media material or toolkit on the ongoing farmers’ protests.

“The Centre’s move is nothing but an act to suppress the voice of those who are exercising their freedom to speech,” Patil said.

The Centre had on February 25 announced sweeping regulations for social media firms such as Facebook and Twitter as well as OTT players such as Netflix, requiring them to remove any content flagged by authorities within 36 hours and setting up a complaint redressal mechanism with an officer being based in the country.

The regulations also make it mandatory for platforms such as Twitter and WhatsApp to identify the originator of a message that authorities consider to be anti-national and against security and sovereignty of the country.

Indo-Pak ceasefire along LoC will have no bearing on counter-terrorism operations in J&K, says Army

Jammu: The foot soldiers of the Indian Army, deployed in the hinterland to effectively tackle any threat from the terrorist outfits, would continue to participate in the counter terrorism operations in Jammu and Kashmir, Lt-Gen YK Joshi, GoC-in-C of the Northern Command headquarters in Udhampur said on Saturday.

“Recently, the Director General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan have announced an agreement to uphold a ceasefire along the LoC from February 24 and 25 midnight. I want to assure that this ceasefire will have no bearing on the counter-terrorist operations and we will maintain our alertness,” Lt Gen Joshi said at the Northern Command investiture ceremony.

He said the northern command, which looks after the security of the twin union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, remained on the highest

alert and made possible what was believed impossible by the bravery, grit and determination of its personnel in the face of challenging situations along the border. He said 2020 was historic in many ways for the Army which demonstrated its mettle in eastern Ladakh by its ‘grit, determination, self-confidence, bravery and steadfastness’. In Kashmir, he said, the overall security situation saw a great improvement in the previous year as there has been a considerable reduction in terrorist-initiated incidents, stone-pelting activities and protests as a result of tireless efforts of the security forces and the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

“The northern command has always stood like a shield against the attempts by our neighbouring countries to spread disturbance and it will continue to remain so in the future. Whenever anyone raises an evil eye on our country, Indian Army has replied

strongly,” Lt Gen Joshi said. Without naming China and Pakistan, he said Indian Army has maintained its domination on its borders with the neighbouring countries and helped in maintaining peace in the hinterland.

He said there has been a tremendous improvement in the basic deployment and preparedness and the efforts in this direction will continue. “The measures we have put in to strengthen our defences, the same efforts were made to maintain peace,” he said. During the ceremony, the Army commander presented two Bar to Sena medals (gallantry) and 50 Sena medals (gallantry) to the brave soldiers. He also presented three Sena medals (distinguished) and six Vishisht Seva medals for selfless service to the nation.

Lt Gen Joshi also awarded unit appreciation to 26 units for their overall outstanding performance in the command theatre. **PNS**

Upset with non-payment of honorarium, woman gram sevak ‘commits suicide’

Ballia (UP): Upset with non-payment of honorarium, a 30-year-old woman ‘gram sevak’ allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself in Ballia district, police said on Saturday.

Maya Pande, who worked as a gram sevak under MGNREGA in the Chitroli village under Bansdih Kotwali police station of the district, was found hanging in a room of her house in the same village on Friday, SHO Rajesh Singh said.

She was rushed to the district hospital by her family members, he said, adding the woman died there later.

The victim’s family members told police that she was not getting her honorarium for the past two months.

She was also not keeping well and had asked for leave which too was not granted, the family members told police, adding these reasons drove her to take the extreme step.

The body has been sent for post mortem examination and further investigations are on, the SHO added. **PTI**

BJP women wing ups ante in Tik Tok star suicide case, demands Sena Min's resignation

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid speculation that Shiv Sena Minister Sanjay Rathod has already been advised by his party to put in his resignation over alleged links with a 22-year-old Tik Tok star committed suicide in Pune early this month, the Opposition BJP on Saturday rooted for the minister’s resignation by organising “Chalka jams” (traffic blockades) in several places across the state.

Ahead of the start of the budget

session of the State Legislature beginning on March 1, the BJP’s women wing organised “Chhaka Jams” (traffic blockades) in several towns across the state. While BJP’s Mahila Morcha president Uma Khapre led the protests at Mulund in north Mumbai, Seema Hire and Mrs Vidya Thakur organised the protests in Nahsik.

Uma Khapre claimed that her party’s women activists held protests in 100-odd places. “Twenty days have passed since 22-year-old Pooja Chavan died under suspicious cir-

cumstances, but the Maharashtra government has not taken any action against Rathod who is linked to her death. This is despite the fact that so much evidence has surfaced against him in the media,” Khapre said.

“We will not allow a smooth session unless Rathod is removed from the Cabinet,” state BJP president and former revenue minister Chandrakant Patil said. Informed sources in the ruling Shiv Sena, meanwhile, said that at a meeting he had with Rathod on Wednesday, Maharashtra chief min-

ister Uddhav Thackeray asked the minister to resign before the start of the budget session of the State Legislature on March 1. Uddhav had also told the Sena minister that if he did not resign before the start of the budget session, he would have no alternative but to sack him from the State Cabinet. On their part, the Shiv Sena’s ruling alliance partners – the Congress and NCP – have told the chief minister that he should put in his papers immediately otherwise the MVA government will face consid-

erable embarrassment and opposition during the budget session of the state legislature. However, Rathod tried to brazen it out by staging a show of strength and denied the allegations linking him with the suicide by Tik Tok star Pooja Chavan. Taking serious cognisance of the violation of Covid-19 protocols at a huge gathering of people who had come to greet Rathod at Pohradevi fort in Washim district, the chief minister ordered a probe and asked the district collector and Police Superintendent to submit a report.

Chouhan to take part in Parivartan...

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To add, BJP’s firebrand leader and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath too has campaigned for the BJP in West Bengal. Shivraj was quite stern when processions collecting donation for Ram temple were attacked, especially in Ujjain. He had ordered demolition of a house used in stone pelting Ram

bhaktis. His government has also talked about a law for those engaged in stone pelting.

Besides, he had made Madhya Pradesh second state after UP to have formulated a law against love jihad. Several offenders were penalised and thrown in jails after they were found on the wrong side of the legislation in love jihad cases.

Congress is likely to field MPCC chief Kamal Nath in West Bengal polls as Nath is quite a known party face in the state. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will also campaign in poll-bound West Bengal on Sunday.

National action plan to boost toy industry: PM



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said the Government has prepared a 'National Toy Action Plan' that includes 15 ministries and departments to make the industry competitive and provide it with a global platform.

The Prime Minister said the ancient toy culture of the country reflects the practice of reuse and recycling, which is part of the Indian lifestyle.

He said India has the potential to take the world back to eco-friendly toys.

The fair that will continue from February 27 to March 2 aims to bring together all stakeholders including buyers, sellers, students, teachers, designers, etc on a virtual platform to create sustainable linkages and encourage dialogue for the overall development of the industry, according to a Government statement.

Speaking at the India Toy Fair 2021 here that he also inaugurated, the Prime Minister said the Government has prepared a National Toy Action Plan. It includes 15 ministries and departments to make the industry competitive, 'Aatmanirbhar', and to provide it with a global platform.

"This first Toy Fair is not just a business or economic event. This programme is a link to strengthen the country's age-old culture of sports and gaiety. India toy culture is as old as the Indus Valley



Civilisation. The world has studied the toys of the Mohenjo-Daro and Harappan era," he said.

Prime Minister had in his 'Maam ki baat' radio programme also stressed the role played by the toys in shaping mind and reflected on the rich and varied Indian tradition of toy Making.

Addressing the Toy Fair that he inaugurated, the Prime Minister said that India has given the world some of the most popular games like Chess and ludo.

"Chess, which is so popular in the world today, was earlier played in India as 'Chaturanga or Chaturanga'. Modern Ludo was played as 'Pachisi'. In our scriptures too, there are descriptions of young lord Ram, and lord Krishnas toys," he said.

Modi said that even today Indian toys are simpler and cheaper than western toys and appealed to the manufacturers to make toys that are better for both ecology and psychology. "Try to use less plastic in toys. Use such things that can be recycled," he said.

Indian toys, he said, contain elements of science, enter-

tainment and psychology.

"Take Lattu (top) as an example. When children learn to play with Lattu, they learn about gravity and balance. In the same way, a child playing with a slingshot inadvertently starts learning basics about kinetic energy and potential energy. Puzzle toys develop strategic thinking and problem-solving thinking," Prime Minister sight to explain.

Modi said that the new National Education Policy also incorporates play-based and activity-based education.

"This is an education system in which logical and creative thinking can be increased in children through riddles and games. Special attention has been given to this," he said.

The Prime Minister asserted that in the field of toys, India has tradition and technology coupled with concepts and competence.

"We can take the world back towards eco-friendly toys. The National Toy Action Plan has been prepared which includes 15 ministries and departments to make the industry competitive, Aatmanirbhar and take India's toys to the world," he said.

India, B'desh agree to finish early completion of border fencing, tackle terrorism

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and Bangladesh on Saturday decided to finish the early completion of border fencing and tackle the menace of cross-border terrorism. At the virtual Home Secretary level talks, headed by Union Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Bangladesh Mostafa Kamal Uddin, Senior Secretary, Public Security Division, it was reiterated that either country should not be used for any activity inimical to each other's interests.

"The 19th Home Secretary Level Talks (HSLT) between India and Bangladesh were held virtually today in the backdrop of 'MujibBarsho' and 50 years of Bangladesh Liberation War and establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The Indian delega-

tion was led by Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Union Home Secretary. Sh. Mostafa Kamal Uddin, Senior Secretary, Public Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs of Bangladesh led the Bangladesh delegation.

"India and Bangladesh attach highest importance to their bilateral relations. Both Secretaries reiterated their commitment to further expand and strengthen mutual cooperation in the security and border related issues. Both sides reaffirmed not to allow the territory of either country to be used for any activity inimical to each other's interests. Both sides discussed early completion of pending fencing along the Indo Bangladesh Border (IBB) as agreed by the Prime Ministers of the two countries," said Union Home Ministry in a statement.

ED attaches ₹84.40 cr assets of Kanva group of companies

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached immovable assets (agricultural and non-agricultural land, buildings, residential flat and factories) worth ₹84.40 crore held by Kanva Group of companies and related entities besides those of Founder Director and President of Bengaluru-based Sree Kanva Souhardha Co-Operative Credit Limited (SKSCCL), Harish S.

The accused individuals and the entities had collected ₹ 650 crore from the public and total attachments in the case is about ₹340 crore.

The attached assets are situated at Nelamangala, Koratagere, Chikkaballapura, Srirangapatana and Bengaluru in Karnataka and at Madakasira in Andhra Pradesh.

The ED initiated investigation on the basis of a complaint received from the Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Bengaluru and various registered FIRs wherein it was alleged that the entity has collected ₹650 crore deposits from the members of public, assuring high rate of interest through commission agents, without maintaining required liquidity.

EC freezes Assam Govt order on transfer, posting of police officers

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) has decided to keep in abeyance Assam Government's decision of transferring and posting over a dozen police officers after the announcement of poll schedule.

The poll body has written to chief secretaries and chief electoral officers of five States—West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Assam and Puducherry—going for the polls, drawing the particular provisions of model code of conduct to the party in power and immediate enforcement of the MCC.

According to the EC, the Assam Government ordered the transfer of 12 IPS and 6 APS officers on the day the election schedule was announced. The Commission, therefore, decided to keep the transfer/posting of these police officers in abeyance till further orders. In West Bengal, the poll body replaced the top cop in charge of law and order for the State. Jag Mohan, who was previously DG (Fire Services), has been named as the new ADG and IGP (Law and Order), replacing Jawed Shamim "with immediate effect and in the interest of public service". Shamim will now take over the DG (Fire Services) position.

In a letter, the EC said "...the particular provisions of Model Code of Conduct relating to the 'party in power' which inter alia says that the party in power whether at the Centre or in the States concerned, shall ensure that no cause is given for any complaint that it has used its official position for the purposes of its election campaign."

"The Ministers shall not combine their official visit with



electioneering work and also shall not make use of official machinery or personnel during the electioneering work." There shall be a total ban on use of official vehicle by any political party, candidate or any other person connected with election (except officials performing any election related official duty) for campaigning, electioneering or election related travel during elections. The government transport including official air-crafts, vehicles, machinery and personnel shall not be used for furtherance of the interest of the party in power," the EC said in its communications.

The EC also stated that public places such as maidans etc., for holding election meetings, and use of helpads for air-flights in connection with elections shall not be monopolised by itself. Other parties and candidates shall be allowed the use of such places and facilities on the same terms and conditions on which they are used by the party in power," it said.

The EC further points out that rest houses, dak bungalows or other government accommodation where elections have been announced or are taking place can be given to the political functionaries who are provided security by the State in Z scale or above or equivalent by various State Governments or

the Central Government under provisions of their laws, on equitable basis.

"This shall be subject to condition that such accommodation is not already allotted or occupied by election related officials or Observers. Such political functionaries shall not carry out any political activity while staying in the Government Guest Houses/Rest Houses or other Government accommodation etc," it said.

The poll body further said that no advertisements shall be issued in electronic and print media highlighting the achievements of the government at the cost of public exchequer. "If any advertisement has already been released for telecast/broadcast or publication in the print media, it must be ensured that the telecast/broadcast of such ads on electronic media is stopped forthwith and that no such ad is published in any newspapers, magazines, etc., i.e. in print media, from today itself and it should be immediately withdrawn," it said.

The MCC is a set of rules put in force by the Election Commission of India to guarantee free and fair elections. It is a set of norms that have evolved with political parties consenting to abide by the principles embodied in the said code.

'Hunar Haat boon for Vocal for Local plan'

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Saturday said here that the "Hunar Haat" is playing "phenomenal and perfect" role in making "Vocal for Local" campaign a "mass movement" and as of now given employment to over five lakh people and 'still counting'.

Speaking at the "Hunar Haat" in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here Naqvi said that "Hunar Haat" has been becoming "Kumbh of backers of brilliance".

Naqvi said that more than 12 lakh people have visited the "Hunar Haat", started from 20th February and become "Proud Promoter" of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Vocal for Local" campaign by purchasing handmade products of indigenous artisans and craftsmen worth crores of rupees.

The number of visitors is likely to go above 16 lakh in the next two days, he said. This "Hunar Haat" will be concluding on March first, 2021. The 10-day "Hunar Haat" was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Several Ministers, MPs, senior government officials, various Diplomats, renowned industrialists have come here to encourage the artisans and



craftsmen.

More than 600 artisans and craftsmen from more than 31 States and UTs participating in the "Hunar Haat". Artisans and craftsmen from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu-Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal etc are participating in the "Hunar Haat to display and sale of their indigenous handmade products.

Naqvi said that indigenous handmade products such as Applique work, dry flowers, jute-cane, brass products, wooden and clay toys, Ajrakh Block Print, Blue Art Pottery, Pashmina Shawl, Khadi products, Banarsi Silk, Wooden Furniture, Chikankari Embroidery, Chanderi Silk, Lac bangles, Rajasthani jewellery, Phulkari, Oil Painting, Leather products, Khurja pottery, Sandalwood artefacts from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Jute products from West Bengal, rare antiques made of glass, mats and carpets etc were available for sale and display at the "Hunar Haat".

Naqvi said that the visitors also enjoyed traditional deli-

cacies from every region of the country at "Bawarchikhana" section.

Besides, different cultural and musical programmes were daily presented by renowned artists of the country such as Vinod Rathore (21 Feb); Nizami Brothers (24 Feb); Sudesh Bhonsle (26 Feb); SI Kailash Kher (27 Feb) and others.

Naqvi said that the "Hunar Haat" has, as of now, provided employment and employment opportunities to more than 5 lakh 30,000 artisans, craftsmen and artists.

The Union Ministry of Minority Affairs will provide employment and employment opportunities to 7 lakh 50,000 artisans and craftsmen through 75 "Hunar Haat" which will be organised by completion of 75 years of the country's independence.

The "Hunar Haat" is available on virtual and online platform <http://hunarhaat.org> and on GeM Portal also where the people of the country and abroad can buy products of indigenous artisans and craftsmen digital/online.

Next "Hunar Haat" will be organised in Bhopal (12 to 21 March 2021); Goa (25 March to 04 April); Kota (9 April to 18 April); Surat (23 April to 2 May).

NIA files chargesheet against four in human trafficking case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NIA on Saturday filed a chargesheet against four persons in a case relating to human trafficking in the guise of running placement agencies before the NIA Special Court, Ranchi under various Sections of the IPC, Provisions of the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979 and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015.

Those charged are Panna Lal Mahto, Sunita Devi (absconding), Gopal Oraon and Shiv Shankar Ganjhu.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 07/2019 at AHTU police station in Khunti, Jharkhand on July 19, 2019 in which the accused Panna Lal Mahto, aged about 37 years, of village Ganaloya under Murhu police station, Khunti was arrested for running a Human Trafficking network in Jharkhand and New Delhi.

The NIA had taken over the investigation on June 13 last year after re-registering the case as RC-09/2020/NIA/DLI.

"During investigation, it was revealed that Panna Lal Mahto, the kingpin of human trafficking racket, along with his wife, Sunita Devi, was operating a Human Trafficking network in the guise of six Placement Agencies in Delhi. They used to traffic poor and innocent minor boy and girls from Jharkhand on the pretext of providing them jobs in Delhi and neighbouring States. However, the victims were exploited and were never paid the promised remunerations," the NIA said in a statement.

During the investigation, two other accused Gopal Oraon and Shiv Shankar Ganjhu, both residents of Khunti district were arrested. Both were close associates of the kingpin Panna Lal Mahto, and were actively involved in trafficking vulnerable persons from Jharkhand, it said.

Investigation has also revealed that both were owners of three Placement Agencies in Delhi, involved in human trafficking racket. Another accused Sunita Devi, wife of arrested accused Pana Lal Mahto, is absconding.

Statins reduce Covid severity: Research

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

People who took statins — widely used cholesterol-lowering medications — may have reduced risk of developing severe Covid-19 disease, a team of researchers said adding that they were approximately 50 per cent less likely to die if hospitalised for the infection.

"Our study is one of the larger studies confirming this hypothesis and the data lay the groundwork for future randomized clinical trials that are needed to confirm the benefit of statins in Covid-19," said Aakriti Gupta, cardiologist at NewYorkPresbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center and one of the co-lead authors of the study published in the Nature

Communications.

"If their beneficial effect bears out in randomized clinical trials, statins could potentially prove to be a low-cost and effective therapeutic strategy for COVID-19," adds co-lead author Mahesh V Madhavan, cardiologist at New York - Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

Gupta, Madhavan, and the study's leadership group are cardiologists who cared for hospitalized Covid-19 patients in the spring and summer of 2020 when the first wave of the pandemic swept through New York City. "We observed that patients who got very sick and required hospitalization had high rates of hyperinflammation and clotting," says Elaine

Wan, the Esther Aboodi Assistant Professor of Medicine in Cardiology and Cardiac Electrophysiology and a cardiac electrophysiologist at NewYork Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center, one of the study's senior authors.

"As cardiologists, statins naturally came to mind," Gupta says. "In addition to their well-known cholesterol-lowering effect, statins are known for their anti-inflammatory, anticoagulant and immunomodulatory properties."

Based on their observations, the authors looked at outcomes for 2,626 patients with Covid-19 who were admitted to a quaternary academic medical center in Manhattan during the first 18 weeks of the pandemic.

The Pioneer ready to undergo major facelift

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Battling insolvency proceedings, *The Pioneer* media group is gearing up to undergo a major facelift. The group is planning to augment its revenue, improve its contents, and radically change its digital presence through the introduction of new technology, new marketing strategy and revamping of its circulation.

The senior employees of the newspaper both from the management and the editorial side met on Saturday under the leadership of NCLT-appointed Interim Resolution Professional (IRP) Ranjeet Kumar Verma where it was decided to effectively tackle the "existential" challenge the one of the oldest media houses in the country is facing.

"I am here as a representative of the court and my main objective is to keep *The Pioneer* group as a going concern. I've no score to settle or no axe to grind. I want the cooperation of everyone to make *The Pioneer* a vibrant brand again, both in Hindi and English," Verma said during the course of an exchange of idea session. He added that he expected the company operation to return to normal in a short while.

The IRP assured the employees that their priority would be look into a range of



serious issues flagged by them regarding their remuneration and staff shortage. "I will do everything possible to create a proper atmosphere so that everyone can contribute to the revival of the company," he said.

He said he didn't believe in a witch-hunt, but he expected everyone to help him implement the court's order in letter and spirit.

The Delhi bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) last month initiated insolvency proceedings against the CMYK Printech, which runs the operation of *The Pioneer* newspaper, following a plea by one of its directors.

Govt should shed its 'arrogance', reduce fuel taxes: Congress

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress Saturday accused the Modi Government of ignoring the woes of common man and asked it to shed its "arrogance" and reduce the tax imposed on petrol, diesel and LPG.

Addressing a press conference here, Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said the government should immediately roll back the additional taxes of ₹23.78 and ₹28.37 per litre on petrol and diesel respectively, which will help bring down fuel prices.

He quoted Prime Minister

Narendra Modi's words as Gujarat Chief Minister to urge the government to reduce the high tax components on petroleum products. Singhvi said the common man is already hurt due to rising inflation and joblessness amid a decline in the economy post-pandemic.

The PM may ignore the Congress' demand, but he should at least listen to his own words as Gujarat CM during the UPA regime at the Centre, or may heed RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das's advice that the rising fuel prices will have a cascading effect, the Congress leader said.

One Dist One Focus Product list finalised

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Saturday said that the list of One District One Focus Product (ODOFP), which will be promoted in a cluster approach through convergence of the various schemes, has been finalised. The products have been identified from agricultural, horticultural, animal, poultry, milk, fisheries and aquaculture, marine sectors for 728 districts across the country.

Fruits have been identified for 226 districts, the highest in the list while vegetables for 107 districts and spices for 105 districts are at the second and the third position in the list. The chief food crop paddy has been identified for 40 districts while wheat for 5 districts.

The Ministry of

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in consultation with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has finalised the products for One District One Focus Product, said an official statement.

The list of products have been finalised after taking inputs from the States/UTs and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

These products will be promoted in a cluster approach through convergence of the Government of India schemes, to increase the value of the products and with the ultimate aim of increasing the income of the farmers. These identified products will be supported under the PM-FME scheme (PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme) of the Ministry of

Food Processing Industries which provides incentives to promoter and micro-enterprises. Many products also include convergence of resources and approach from the other departments. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will support ODOFP from its ongoing centrally sponsored schemes such as Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Food Security Mission' (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY).

The implementation of ODOFP by State Governments will benefit farmers and provide support for realizing the expectations of value addition and subsequently enhancing agricultural exports.

Hyundai i20 wins Indian Car Of The Year 2021

Indian Motorcycle Of The Year goes to the Royal Enfield Meteor

KUSHAN MITRA ■ NEW DELHI

The Indian Car Of The Year (ICOTY) 2021 and the Indian Motorcycle Of The Year (IMOTY) 2021 awards were announced at a glittering ceremony here in Delhi.

The winner of the ICOTY was the Hyundai i20 and the IMOTY award went to the Royal Enfield Meteor. The ICOTY award, which is celebrating its 16th year this year is well-established as India's top car award and similarly IMOTY is India's leading two-wheeler award.

Speaking to The Pioneer, Yogendra Pratap, Editor of Auto Today and the Chairman of the ICOTY jury said that ICOTY will always remain as India's top car award and not just because of

its name, "the fact that we partner with multiple publications which look at various aspects of



motoring, some are targeted at enthusiasts and other are targeted at practicality.

This in addition to the independent judges who come from various other publications and almost all of us have been evaluating cars for at least a decade makes this award the most influential in India.

Our judges have over 350 years of combined experience evaluating cars and because we are not part of a 'single' publication, I believe ICOTY

carries much more weight with Indian automotive manufacturers as well."

Speaking to The Pioneer, Aspi Bhatena, Editor of Bike Magazine and Chairman of the IMOTY jury said that the award was proof of how Indian manufacturers have progressed. "In all the years we have given this award, we have not given it to a 'lemon', all our winners have enjoyed immense commercial success and some like the 2019 winner, the Royal Enfield Interceptor have had immense global success."

At a function held at the Andaz attended by the senior management of several automotive companies, both awards firmly established themselves as India's leading and most credible awards for the industry.

'Improved economic environment to boost FY21 credit growth'

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

Improved economic environment in 2HFY21 and the Centre's focus on higher spending especially on infrastructure will give a boost to FY21 credit growth, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) said.

The agency's February 2021 edition of its credit market tracker showed an upgrade to its FY21 credit growth estimates to 6.9 per cent from 1.8 per cent.

Accordingly, the agency said that amid the pandemic, the credit offtake in the banking system has remained muted, which led to lesser issuances of certificates of deposits (CDs).

"The CD issuances for January 2021 increased for public sector banks, whereas that for private banks have remained muted.

Concurrently, the CD yield across maturities was confined to a narrow range, amid subdued issuances. Similarly, the issuances of commercial paper (CP) by corporates have fallen, due to a lesser requirement amid fewer rollovers.

"The CP yields however have largely seen an upward revision, owing to the Reserve Bank of India's announcement of the restoration of liquidity management operations."

Besides, demand from fund houses for corporate bonds and short-term funds has increased by "Rs 52 billion and Rs 10 billion, respectively".

On the other hand, the agency said that CP issuances by non-banking financial companies and housing finance companies have remained encouraging, both in terms of total amount and volumes.

PM asks toy manufacturers to use less plastic, more eco-friendly material

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday exhorted toy manufacturers to use less plastic and more eco-friendly and recyclable material in a bid to increase the share of the domestic industry in the global market.

Inaugurating the first India Toy Fair, the Prime Minister said, "We have to become Aatmanirbhar in the toy sector and also cater to the global market."

Observing that India's share in the USD 100 billion global toy market is very small, and 85 per cent of the toys in the country are sourced from abroad, Modi said there is a need to change this situation.

"In the field of toys, India has tradition and technology, India has concepts and competence. We can take the world back towards eco-friendly toys. Through our software engineers, computer games can

bring the stories of India to the world," he said.

While referring to the traditional toy industry, the Prime Minister underlined the need for promoting Handmade in India.

If there is a demand for Made in India today, then the demand for Handmade in India is also increasing equally, he said, adding "today people do not only buy toys as a product, but also want to connect with the experience associated with that toy. So, we have to promote Handmade in India as well".

The Prime Minister appealed to the manufacturers to make toys that are better for both ecology and psychology, using less plastic and more of such things that can be recycled.

Referring to the initiatives of the government, Modi said the country has now graded the toy industry in 24 major sectors.

Govt sets 50 lakh users threshold to define 'significant social media intermediary' under IT rules

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has fixed 50 lakh registered users as the threshold for defining 'significant social media intermediary', which will have to adhere to additional obligations and compliance under the new IT rules that seek to crack down on misuse of social media platforms.

The new rules, announced earlier this week, require 'significant social media intermediaries' to follow additional due diligence, including the appointment of a chief compliance officer, nodal contact person and resident grievance officer. All three officials will have to reside in India.

They will have to publish a monthly compliance report and details of the contents removed proactively.

At present, the country has 53 crore WhatsApp users, 44.8 crore YouTube users, 41 crore Facebook subscribers, 21 crore Instagram clients, while 1.75 crore account holders are on microblogging platform Twitter"...The Central

Government hereby specifies fifty lakh registered users in India as the threshold for a social media intermediary to be considered a significant social media intermediary," the notification said.

Earlier on Thursday, the government announced the tightening of the rules governing social media and streaming companies, requiring them to take down contentious content quicker, appoint grievance redressal officers and assist investigations.

The move aims to make social media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter and Instagram - which have seen a phenomenal surge in usage over the past few years in India - more accountable and responsible for the content hosted on their platform. Social media companies will have to remove contentious content flagged by the government or court orders within 36 hours and take down posts depicting nudity or morphed photos within 24 hours of receiving a complaint, as per the latest intermediary rules.

Gold Bond Scheme 20-21 to be issued at ₹4,662/gm

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

The new series of Sovereign Gold Bonds 2020-21 will be opened for the period March 1-5, 2021.

The issue price of the Bond during the subscription period shall be Rs 4,662 per gram.

The Settlement date under the Series XII scheme had been fixed for March 9.

The Government in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India has decided to allow discount of Rs 50 per gram from the issue price to those investors who apply online and the payment is made through digital mode.

KVIC's e-market portal achieves ₹1.12 crore turnover in 8 months

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The e-market portal unveiled by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has achieved a gross turnover of over Rs 1.12 crore in just eight months of its launch, the MSME Ministry said on Saturday.

"Launched on 7 July 2020, Khadi e-portal has delivered orders to over 10,000 customers out of the 65,000 people who visited the e-portal till date. KVIC has also delivered more than 1 lakh articles/commodities to these customers," an official statement said.

During this period, the average online purchase has been recorded at Rs 11,000 per customer. MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari has lauded

Khadi's successful e-commerce venture saying this provided a wide marketing platform for various khadi and village industry products to a larger population. He said e-marketing of Khadi is proving to be a game-changer. Gadkari also said the effort should be to reach a turnover of Rs 200 crore per year. KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena said all expenses incurred on operating Khadi e-portal are borne by KVIC.

"While in case of other e-commerce sites, product cataloguing, packaging and dispatch are the responsibility of the respective sellers;

KVIC has a policy that the Khadi institutions and PMEGP units are exempted from any such financial and logistical burden," Saxena said.

Fuel prices resurge after 3-day break

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI

Country's petrol and diesel prices continued its northward march on Saturday, after a three-day break, taking its retail rates to unprecedented levels and burning holes in the consumers pockets.

Oil marketing companies raised the pump price of petrol and diesel by 24 paise and 15 paise per litre on Saturday.

With this, petrol is now priced at Rs 91.17 a litre and diesel Rs 81.47 a litre in the capital.

Across the country as well the petrol and diesel prices increased between 20-30 paise per litre depending on the level of local duty at the state level.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is here by informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Rishi S/o Ranbir Singh R/o C-52, Amar Colony, Nangloi, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of PS Nangloi, since **16.12.2020**. In this regard FIR No. **73/21 U/S 363 IPC** dated **10.02.2021** has been registered at **PS. Nangloi, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 17 years 6 months, **Height:** 5'8" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue Jacket-Blue Payjama and White shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:- **SHO P.S. Nangloi, Delhi**
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph. No.:** 011-25947225
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is here by informed that an unidentified person (depicted in the photo) name: **unknown**, residence and family is **unknown about 40 years** of age was found dead at park Nigam Bodh Ghat, Kashmir Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. **4-A U/s 174 CrPC** dated 24.02.2021 has been lodged in Police Station Kashmir Gate, Delhi.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 40 years, **Height :** 5'5" ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** White Shirt & Black Pant

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers. **SHO P.S. Kashmir Gate, Delhi**
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DP/972/N/2021

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON (SEE SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Tasleem w/o Late Riyajuddin R/o H. No. 3 B, Gali No. 4B, Aram Park, Shastri Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case F.I.R. No. **189/14 U/s 420 IPC PS. Geeta Colony, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Tasleem** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Tasleem** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person **Tasleem** of F.I.R. No.**189/14 U/s 420 IPC PS. Geeta Colony, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 06.04.2021

By Order
Sh. Vinod Joshi
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Karkardooma Court, New Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is here by informed that one Girl **Name:** Ayushi D/o Yogender R/o H. No. 753, Village bakhtiyarpur, Delhi, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Red Colour Jarsi & Blue Colour Payjama has been missing since 29.01.2021 from the area of P.S. Alipur, Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 51/21, dated 30.01.2021 has been lodged at PS. Alipur, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this Girl kindly inform to the following.

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Myanmar police deploy early to crank up pressure on protests

AP ■ YANGON

Police in Myanmar escalated their crackdown on demonstrators against this month's military takeover, deploying early and in force on Saturday as protesters sought to assemble in the country's two biggest cities and elsewhere.

Security forces in some areas appeared to become more aggressive in using force and making arrests, utilising more plainclothes officers than had previously revealed themselves. Photos posted on social media showed that residents of at least two cities, Yangon and Monywa, resisted by erecting makeshift street barricades to try to hinder the advance of the police.

Myanmar's crisis took a dramatic turn on the international stage at a special session of the United Nations General Assembly on Friday when the country's UN ambassador declared his loyalty to the ousted civilian government of Aung San Suu Kyi and called on the world to pressure the military to cede power.

There were arrests Saturday in Myanmar's two



Police stand in formation blocking a main road in Mandalay, Myanmar on Saturday

AP

biggest cities, Yangon and Mandalay, where demonstrators have been hitting the streets daily to peacefully demand the restoration of the government of Suu Kyi, whose National League for Democracy party won a landslide election victory in

November. Police have increasingly been enforcing an order by the junta banning gatherings of five or more people.

Many other cities and towns have also hosted large protests against the Feb. 1 coup. Police in Dawei, in the southeast, and Monywa, 135

kilometres northwest of Mandalay, used force against protesters. Both cities, with populations of less than 200,000 each, have been seeing large demonstrations.

Social media carried unconfirmed reports of a protester shot dead in Monywa.

The reports could not immediately be independently confirmed but appeared credible, with both photos and identification of the victim. The reports from Monywa also said dozens or more people were arrested.

The military takeover reversed years of slow progress toward democracy after five decades of military rule. Suu Kyi's party would have been installed for a second five-year term in office, but the army blocked Parliament from convening and detained her and President Win Myint, as well as other top members of her government.

At the General Assembly in New York, Myanmar's UN ambassador, Kyaw Moe Tun, declared in an emotional speech to fellow delegates that he represented Suu Kyi's "civilian government elected by the people" and supported the fight against military rule.

He urged all countries to issue public statements strongly condemning the coup, and to refuse to recognise the military regime. He also called for stronger international measures to stop violence by security forces against peaceful demonstrators.

Myanmar's UN envoy dramatically opposes coup in his country

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

Myanmar's UN ambassador strongly opposed the military coup in his country and appealed for the "strongest possible action from the international community" to immediately restore democracy in a dramatic speech to the UN General Assembly Friday that drew loud applause from many diplomats in the 193-nation global body.

Ambassador Kyaw Moe Tun began his statement saying he represented Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy "civilian government elected by the people" in November, and supported their fight for the end of military rule.

He urged all countries to issue public statements strongly condemning the military coup, and to refuse to recognize the military regime and ask its leaders to respect the free and fair elections in November



In this image taken from video by UNTV, Myanmar Ambassador to the United Nations Kyaw Moe Tun flashes the three-fingered salute, a gesture of defiance done by anti-coup protesters in Myanmar, at the end of his speech before the UN General Assembly at the United Nations on Friday

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won by Suu Kyi's NLD party. He also urged stronger international measures to stop violence by security forces against peaceful demonstrators.

"It is time for the military to immediately relinquish power and release those detained," Tun said, agreeing

with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "that military coup is not acceptable in this modern world and the coup must cease."

"We will continue to fight for a government which is of the people, by the people, for the people," he vowed.

GLOBE TROTTER

42 ABDUCTED FROM NIGERIAN SCHOOL FREED

Lagos: An official says 42 people including 27 students who were abducted two weeks ago from a school in northern Nigeria have been freed. The chief press secretary for the Niger state governor, Mary Noel-Berje, told The Associated Press on Saturday that those released have arrived in the State capital, Minna.

COVID CASES CONTINUE TO RISE IN PAKISTAN

Islamabad: Pakistan's aviation authority on Saturday extended the existing restriction regarding the standard operating procedures for all inbound travellers for another two weeks as the nation continues to witness a surge in the number of coronavirus cases.

IRAN EXPECTS 2,50,000 JABS FROM CHINA

Tehran: Iran's Health Ministry says the country expects to receive 250,000 doses of the Sinopharm vaccine from China on Saturday. Alireza Raisi, deputy Health Minister, says the country will receive doses of other vaccines, including from India, in the "near future" as the country struggles to fight the worst outbreak of the pandemic.

GERMANY'S LEFT PICKS 2 WOMEN TO LEAD PARTY

Berlin: Germany's Left has picked two women to lead the anti-capitalist party into this fall's national election. A party convention on Saturday elected Janine Wissler and Susanne Hennig-Wellsow as co-leaders.

UKRAINE SEES SECOND FATAL OXYGEN BLAST

Kyiv: An explosion in a Ukrainian hospital where Covid-19 patients are being treated has killed one person and injured another, authorities said on Saturday. The emergencies service said that the explosion occurred in an oxygen pipe.

Biden: Strikes in Syria sent warning to Iran to 'be careful'

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden said Friday that Iran should view his decision to authorize US airstrikes in Syria as a warning that it can expect consequences for its support of militia groups that threaten US interests or personnel.

"You can't act with impunity. Be careful," Biden said when a reporter asked what message he had intended to send with the airstrikes, which the Pentagon said destroyed several buildings in eastern Syria but were not intended to eradicate the militia groups that used them to facilitate attacks inside Iraq.

Administration officials defended the Thursday night airstrikes as legal and appropriate, saying they took out facilities that housed valuable "capabilities" used by Iranian-backed militia groups to attack American and allied forces in Iraq.

John Kirby, the Pentagon's chief spokesperson, said mem-

bers of Congress were notified before the strikes as two Air Force F-15E aircraft launched seven missiles, destroying nine facilities and heavily damaging two others, rendering both "functionally destroyed." He said the facilities, at "entry control points" on the border, had been used by militia

groups the US deems responsible for recent attacks against US interests in Iraq.

In a political twist for the new Democratic administration, several leading Congress members in Biden's own party denounced the strikes, which were the first military actions he authorized.

President Joe Biden protected US personnel, facilities: White House

Washington: The White House has said that through the airstrikes in Syria, President Joe Biden protected US personnel and facilities, and deterred the risk of additional attacks "over the coming weeks."

On Thursday, airstrikes in Syria targeted facilities belonging to a powerful Iranian-backed Iraqi armed group, reportedly killing one fighter and wounding several others.

The strikes came in the

wake of recent attacks on US interests in Iraq, including a rocket attack last week which killed a civilian contractor and injured a US service member and other coalition troops.

"The president is sending an unambiguous message that he's going to act to protect Americans, and when threats are posed, he has the right to take action at the time, and in the manner of his choosing," White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki told reporters. **PTI**

Attackers strike gas pipeline in eastern Syria, causing fire

Damascus: Attackers struck a gas pipeline in eastern Syria on Saturday, leaving it ablaze but causing no casualties, state news agency SANA reported, the latest incidence of sabotage against Syria's oil and gas infrastructure.

As in the past, no one claimed responsibility for the attack. Syria's nearly 10-year conflict, which has killed about half a million people, has also badly affected oil and gas fields,

many of which are outside government control.

SANA said the attack occurred in the area known as Abu Khashab in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour that borders Iraq.

Sleeper cells of the Islamic State group are known to be active in the area and have targeted government forces and US-backed Kurdish fighters in eastern Syria. **AP**

Pakistan experts: Religiosity fostering rise in militancy

Islamabad: Terrorists attacks are on the rise in Pakistan amid a growing religiosity that has brought greater intolerance, prompting one expert to voice concern the country could be overwhelmed by religious extremism.

Pakistani authorities are embracing strengthening religious belief among the population to bring the country closer together. But it's doing just the opposite, creating intolerance and opening up space for a creeping resurgence in militancy, said Mohammad Amir Rana, executive director of the independent Pakistan

Institute for Peace Studies. "Unfortunately, instead of helping to inculcate better ethics and integrity, this phenomenon is encouraging a tunnel vision" that encourages violence, intolerance and hate, he wrote recently in a local newspaper.

"Religiosity has begun to define the Pakistani citizenry," Militant violence in Pakistan has spiked: In the past week alone, four vocational school instructors who advocated for women's rights were travelling together when they were gunned down in a Pakistan border region. **AP**

Officials: 400 escape, 25 dead after Haiti prison breakout

AP ■ PORT-AU-PRINCE (HAITI)

Haitian authorities announced Friday that more than 400 inmates escaped and 25 people died in a prison breakout, making it the country's largest and deadliest one in a decade, with the prison director and a powerful gang leader among those killed.

Some believe on Thursday's jailbreak at the Croix-des-Bouquets Civil Prison in northeast Port-au-Prince was to free gang leader Arnel Joseph, who had been Haiti's most wanted

fugitive until his 2019 arrest on charges including rape, kidnapping and murder.

Joseph was riding on a motorcycle through the Artibonite area in the town of L'Estère on Friday a day after his escape when he was spotted at a checkpoint, police spokesman Gary Desrosiers told *The Associated Press*. He said Joseph pulled out a gun and died in an exchange of gunfire with police.

Joseph ruled Village de Dieu, or Village of God, a shantytown in downtown Port-

au-Prince, and other communities, including some in Artibonite, which is Haiti's largest department.

Authorities have not yet provided much details on the breakout except to say that 60 inmates have been recaptured and the investigation is ongoing. State Secretary Frantz Exantus said authorities have created several commissions to investigate who organized the breakout and why. Among those killed was the prison director, identified as Paul Joseph Hector.



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Name: Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 35 years, **Height:** 5'5" **Feet, Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Long, **Build:** Thin, **Wearing:** Green Colour T-Shirt, Black Colour Lower and Bare Footed. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead male please inform the undersigned.

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WFP: Security protocols, leaks a focus of Congo probe

AP ■ ROME

A UN investigation into the attack on a humanitarian convoy in Congo that killed the Italian ambassador, his bodyguard and driver will look into whether the long-planned mission's security protocols were followed and whether information might have leaked to the unknown gunmen involved in the ambush.

The deputy communications director of the World Food Program, Greg Barrow, told an online briefing Friday that the February 22 mission to bring Ambassador Luca Attanasio to a WFP school feeding program in eastern Congo had been in the works since 2020.

Advance planning and security meetings as well as security briefings took place up to the moment the seven-member team took off from Goma, in Congo's east, in a two-car convoy bound for the program in Rutshuru, he said.

UK PM Boris reiterates support against Taliban in call with Afghan Prez

PTI ■ LONDON

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has reiterated Britain's support to Afghanistan in its fight against the Taliban, as part of the wider North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) alliance.

In a phone call from Downing Street in London with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani on Friday, Johnson also agreed on the importance of making progress in peace talks to secure a sovereign, democratic and united Afghanistan.

"He [Johnson] reiterated the UK's longstanding support for the Afghan government's fight against the Taliban as part of the NATO coalition," a Downing Street spokesperson said.

In February last year, the US and Taliban signed a peace agreement in Doha, Qatar, which provided withdrawal of all American and NATO troops from war-torn Afghanistan by May 1.

"They agreed on the importance of making progress in peace

talks to secure a sovereign, democratic and united Afghanistan, and to preserve the gains made by civil society and women and girls," the Downing Street spokesperson said.

The US-Taliban Peace Agreement also mentioned a pledge from the Taliban to prevent militant forces from operating in its areas, and dialogue between the Taliban and the Afghanistan government.

Besides regional matters, Johnson and Ghani discussed the Covid-19 crisis and global efforts around access to vaccines to combat the pandemic.

"The Prime Minister and President Ghani also discussed global efforts to tackle the pandemic and the rollout of vaccines in Afghanistan and the UK," Downing Street said.

The conversation between the two leaders comes amidst a review of the US-Taliban peace deal by the Joe Biden-led US administration, creating uncertainty over the future course of events.

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Dated 25/02/2021
Place: New Delhi

‘Who defines a good cricket surface?’ questions Ashwin

Indian off-spinner says all the talk around pitches being used in ongoing Test series is ‘getting out of hand’

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

India off-spinner Ashwin Ravichandran on Saturday said that the talk around the pitches being used in the ongoing Test series against England is “getting out of hand.”

India edged ahead in the four-match series with a 10-wicket win over England in the third Test at the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad, and a major talking point in the match was the pitch which offered sharp turn from day one.

While several former England cricketers questioned the nature of the Ahmedabad pitch, Ashwin questioned the narrative that is emerging.

“I think I have said that in the past as well, everyone is entitled to their opinion and I am not here to say that your opinion is right and it is wrong. The fact remains that the talk about the surface is getting out of hand,” said Ashwin in a virtual press conference on Saturday.

“Why would you talk about the surface and sell that to us time and time again? Is there any instance where the pitch has been talked about this much when we have played games in other countries.

“I somehow find it funny that when they speak about the surface, it immediately gets quoted all over in our press and this is the issue here. There have been instances, we have been to New Zealand, where both the Tests got over in a total of five days.”

Ashwin said that the talk around the pitch is unnecessary and there is no set rule on how a cricket pitch should behave over the course of a Test match.

“The bowler wins the game, the batsmen need to bat well to score runs. Who defines what a good surface is? Seam on the first day, then bat well in the next couple of days and spin on the last two days, come on, who makes these rules?

“We need to get over it and if you are asking whether the pitch in the third Test was a good surface, I do not see any players of England coming out and complaining. You should be hoping for a good cricket match, not the surface,” he said.

Ashwin also cited a press conference of Virat Kohli during a South Africa tour where the India captain refused to blame the pitch for the results.

“There is a video doing the rounds where Virat Kohli is talking in South Africa and he says I am not here to talk about the pitch. That is how we have been taught to play cricket, that’s why I say let them sell thoughts, buying is our choice,” he added, similar to the tweets he had put out on Friday.

The 34-year-old off-spinner, who has become second-fastest to 400 Test wickets, tweeted about “ideas being sold” to form public opinion.

“I am not disturbed with things being taken out of context. That is what has been happening for the last decade, if not more. That is why I put out the tweets I did yesterday (Friday). People need to get the context and what is happening,” said Ashwin.

“There have been people messaging me that the match has finished in two days. Every pink-ball game we have played has ended within three days. I do not know what to say, unfortunately, many people have not played the pink-ball game, so they will not understand this facet of the game.

“My angst against the whole thing is that someone says one thing, there are so many people watching the same picture but are not able to paint a different one as compared to someone who is driving a certain case and selling a certain case to us. This needs to stop,” he added.

Ashwin has stopped thinking about landmarks long back

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Ravichandran Ashwin has stopped bothering about landmarks “long, long time back” as his only endeavour currently is to work on his craft and be useful every time when he plays for India.

Ashwin has become the fourth Indian bowler to complete 400 wickets in Test cricket and was asked if surpassing ‘Peak 619’ could be a reality in coming years.

“If you look at it pragmatically, it’s 218 wickets away,” Ashwin, who is always good with words answered.

“For me, I have stopped thinking about all those landmarks and all long, long time ago.”

He said he is looking to become a better cricketer, every time he stepped on the field.

“It’s been about what I can do, how I can get better, what more I can offer to the team

because every time you come back into this setup, especially now that I am only playing Test cricket, it’s important to come back and offer to the team.”

Ashwin wants to be in this happy zone and enjoy his craft as he always does.

“I am looking to get better as an individual and cricketer. That’s probably one of the reasons why I am really, really happy and I am enjoying my game and probably the best I have done in the last 15 years.

I would like to continue this phase and not think about too much else,” the bowler added.

Ashwin has been in the bio-bubble since the IPL and then has been part of the Australia series and the ongoing England series, and he said that is incredibly hard to be without family but in the same vein said that the team bonding has got better.

“I think without them (family) around it can be



incredibly hard. Yes, we get larger hotel spaces. We do get our entertainment area. We bond much better. One thing that stands out is that the fact that because of this bio-bubble the players are getting together more than ever. I think the team

pink-ball Tests, Ashwin said: “There is no apprehension. If there was apprehension, we would have expressed.”

He said it was all about adapting.

“This is a new facet that has been introduced to the game. We are used to playing with the red ball. We are conditioned to playing with the red-ball and now all of a sudden, they have got in the pink ball. The pink ball has got a new dimension to the game, so it’s about adapting,” he said.

“You play more and more and get used to it, the players are going to adapt better. The same thing with one-dayers. We were used to playing with the red ball and then shifted to the white ball. Initially, the white-ball was doing a lot. Now, it does nothing. That’s how this format will also evolve. Anything new is going to have a lot of challenges,” he elaborated.

Shikha axed for SA series



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Veteran medium pacer Shikha Pandey was on Saturday dropped from India’s ODI and T20 squads that will take on South African women in a twin series starting March 7.

The most debatable decision by the Neetu David-led selection committee, however, was the exclusion of teenage batting sensation Shafali Verma in the ODI squad which has plodders like skipper Mithali Raj and Punam Raut, whose strike-rates have come under the scanner time and again.

With 19 T20 Internationals under her belt and an amazing Women’s T20 World Cup last year, Shafali is a box-office cricketer.

Shwetha Verma, along with the seasoned Sushma Verma, are the two keepers in both formats.

Pandey’s exclusion was more to do with the selectors wanting to check out the pace bowling bench strength and rookie right-arm medium pacers C Prathyusha and Monica Patel were included in both the squads.

There is also young seamer Simran Dil Bahadur, who is part of the T20 Internationals team.

Left-arm spinner Yastika Bhatia has made way for Ekta Bisht in the 50-over squad while Veda Krishnamurthy, after a prolonged lean phase, has been dropped from both squads.

Back to back hundreds for Shreyas

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Skipper Shreyas Iyer’s fluent 116 and an impressive show by India speedster Shardul Thakur powered Mumbai to a 67-run win over Rajasthan in an Elite Group D game of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Saturday.

This was Mumbai’s fourth successive win, having earlier defeated Delhi, Maharashtra and Puducherry.

Opting to bat at the KL Saini stadium, Mumbai rode on Iyer’s 103-ball knock to post a competitive 317/7. The elegant right-handed batsman led from the front before his bowlers bundled out the opposition for 250 with Thakur (4/50) doing the bulk of the damage.

Iyer anchored the innings before toying with the Rajasthan attack, scoring his second century of the tournament with the help of 11 fours and three sixes.

He found able partners in Sarfaraz Khan (30) and



Suryakumar Yadav (29), who played their roles to perfection.

For Rajasthan, left-arm spinner Shubham Sharma (3/59) did the bulk of the damage.

Chasing 318, Manender Singh (40) and Mahipal Lomror (76) tried to take the game deep with their 101-run third-wicket stand, but medium pacer Akash Pankar broke the partnership after trapping Singh in front of the wicket.

Shardul castled Lomror to leave Rajasthan at 160/4.

From thereon, it was an uphill task for Rajasthan and they were eventually bowled out for 250.

In other matches of the group, India opener Shikhar Dhawan’s 153 helps Delhi beat Maharashtra by three wickets at Saiwai Mansingh Stadium. While Puducherry win by 104 runs against Himachal Pradesh.

PRERAK SLAMS 174

Kolkata: In Group E clash, middle-order batsman Prerak Mankad took Eden Gardens by storm with a sensational 174 to power

Saurashtra to a 62-run win over Chandigarh. The 26-year-old plundered six sixes and 16 fours in his knock from 130 balls to propel Saurashtra to a massive 388 for 7 after Chandigarh opted to bowl.

In reply, Chandigarh, who have been impressive in their debut Elite season with three wins on the trot, could manage 326 for 7.

The win helped Saurashtra consolidate their lead with 16 points, four clear of Chandigarh to close in on a quarterfinal spot.

The No 4 batsman paced his innings brilliantly taking 53 balls for his half-century before he stepped up to race to his second List A century in the next 39 balls.

There was no stopping Prerak as he took another 27 balls to cruise to 150. He was dismissed by Jagjit Singh in the final over but the damage had been done.

Chasing the target, Chandigarh skipper Manan Vohra (50) and Arslan Khan (61) put on a century-plus stand and then Ankit Kaushik chipped in with 54

but it proved too little in the end.

In other games, Services beat Haryana by 112 runs and Bengal win by 82 runs against Jammu & Kashmir.

UK, ASSAM WIN

Chennai: Uttarakhand notched up their fourth straight win beating Mizoram by eight wickets in their Plate group match.

Uttarakhand are currently on top of the standings with 16 points from four matches, sharing the position with Assam, who won their match against Sikkim by four wickets.

Leg-spinner Dikshansu Negi took 6 for 21 in a brilliant bowling performance to help Uttarakhand bundle out Mizoram for a paltry 117.

In reply, Uttarakhand knocked off the required runs in just 10.5 overs.

In another match, Assam chased down a target of 246 set by Sikkim in the 48th over to maintain their all-win record in the group.

Gayle returns to Windies T20I side

PTI ■ ST JOHN’S

Veteran batsman Chris Gayle has returned to the West

Indies squad for the first time in nearly two years for the three-match T20I series against Sri Lanka, beginning on March 3.

The 41-year-old top-order batsman was recalled to the 14-man squad under Kieron Pollard on the basis of his good performances in recent tournaments, including the IPL and Pakistan Super League.

Senior fast bowler Fidel Edwards, 39, is also back in the national squad after a nine-

year hiatus.

The three matches of the T20I series will be played on March 3, 5, and 7 at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua, which will be making its International debut.

The big-hitting Gayle last played for West Indies in their home series against India in August 2019 after

the 50-over World Cup that year.

He had earlier said that the 2019 World Cup matches would be his last appearances for West Indies.

“Chris Gayle has performed very well in recent tournaments and the selection panel thinks that he can still add great value to our team,” Roger Harper, Cricket West Indies’ (CWI) lead selector, said.

“As we build towards the defence of the T20 World Cup, the opportunity is being taken to determine our best team and squad as we go forward.”

The selection panel also named the squad for the ODI series against the visiting Sri Lankans to be played between March 10-14 at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua.

All-rounder Andre Russell is recovering from contracting Covid-19, and despite testing

negative over a week ago has been ruled out of the T20 series.

A West Indies spokesman added that fast bowlers Sheldon Cottrell and Oshane Thomas, along with batsman Shimron Hetmyer and all-rounder Roston Chase have all failed to reach the minimum fitness standard in time to be considered for selection.

T20I squad: Kieron Pollard (c), Nicholas Pooran, Fabian Allen Dwayne Bravo, Fidel Edwards, Andre Fletcher, Chris Gayle, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Evin Lewis, Obed McCoy, Rovman Powell, Lendl Simmons, Kevin Sinclair.

ODI squad: Kieron Pollard (c), Shai Hope, Fabian Allen, Darren Bravo, Jason Holder, Akeal Hosein, Alzarri Joseph, Evin Lewis, Kyle Mayers, Jason Mohammed, Nicholas Pooran, Romario Shepherd, Kevin Sinclair.

New Covid case changes NZ-Aus T20I schedule

AFF ■ AUCKLAND

A community coronavirus outbreak in Auckland has forced New Zealand cricket bosses to hastily reschedule two T20 matches against Australia as other affected sports assessed their options.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has ordered Auckland, New Zealand’s largest city and the centre of the outbreak, into a seven-day lockdown from Sunday, requiring people to stay at home except for essential shopping and work.

The remainder of the country faces Level Two restrictions which limit the size of public gatherings.

A New Zealand Cricket spokesman said the third match in the current T20 series, to be played in Wellington on



Wednesday, will go ahead but without spectators.

Game four, scheduled for Auckland on Friday, has been moved to Wellington and, again, will be played behind closed doors.

The spokesman said they would wait for Government advice on whether crowd restrictions are to be lifted before deciding if there will be spectators at the final game of the series in Tauranga on Sunday.

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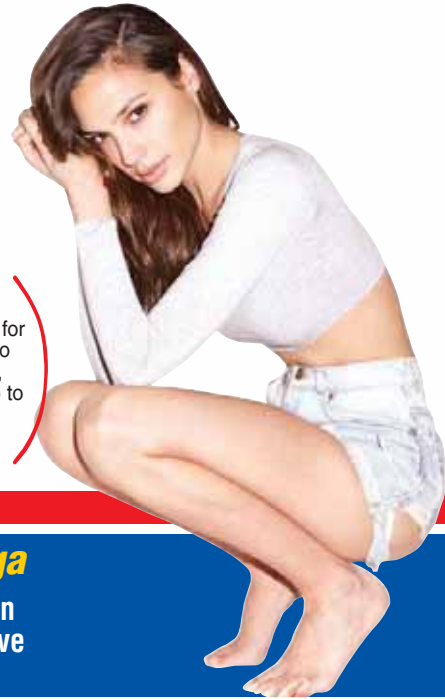


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As the pandemic brought the world economies to a halt/slowdown, different industries are leading their way through the crisis and changing the core strategy. DISHA CHHABRA shares top 5 lessons from senior leaders across industries



LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM TURBULENT TIMES

In the last one year, our lifestyles and habits have changed forever. The way we live, eat, play, work is all altered. The resulting lockdowns of countries has brought national economies to a standstill. Salary and job cuts are happening throughout the world. Lives versus livelihood is a constant debate. No one living in these times has experienced a crisis that can be remotely equated to this one. And things are still unfolding.

When we are not going out to eat out but cooking more at home; when we prefer services at home rather than going out; when we need high speed internet to work from home, when masks are the new fashion statement; all these changes in our behaviour shape the way different industries are leading their way through the crisis and changing the core strategy. Covid-19 has impacted every sphere of the corporate world.

The pandemic has had a varied impact on different industries. Across the globe, there have been industries where revenue has gone negative; for some it has even gone down to zero. Industries like travel which relied on people physically moving around even needed to refund future bookings. Entertainment like physical events, movie ticketing, are in the same category. It is not sure when revenue is going to return. Some of these industries fall in the bucket of 'putting off for the future'. For example, people are putting off the visit to the hairdresser and are likely to go back when the crisis eases. These industries are shifting their present revenues into the future. The immediate focus is on cash conservation.

During this crisis, we have all indulged in some kind of hoarding. Be it toilet paper in the western countries or Maggi noodles in India; industries selling products which are essentials and non-perishable are seeing their future revenues brought forward as people buy for the next quarter and at some point in future, the present day spends will impact the future spends.

On the other end, being stuck and home and having a lot of time at hand; people are finding time to take up new hobbies; cooking, gardening and other isolation friendly activities. Baking banana breads became a huge trend. Companies that help provide these virtual classes or sell the raw materials one needs for these activities are attracting a large share

of discretionary spends of customers. This is new revenue for the companies but not necessarily brought forward from the future. However, the growth that these industries are seeing may not sustain once people begin to step out for leisure and entertainment.

And then there are big winners in this crisis. Industries like video conferencing, online grocery delivery, digital payments have seen a huge spike in adoption and have reached levels they would have otherwise expected to reach in order of months to years. These are likely fundamental customer behaviour changes and expected to stay even when the crisis eases. These industries are not only making a lot of revenue during the crisis. And when the crisis is over, the new normal of these industries will be at a higher level. These are industries that are mostly constrained on their supply side to handle the exponential growth in demand.

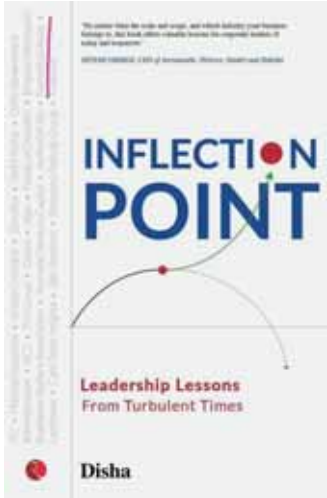
Few years down the line, leadership and business lessons from this crisis will be taught as crisis management case studies in B-schools. Which of these lessons will be permanent armours for future leaders for dealing with any crisis? And do the learnings differ depending on which side of the revenue curve a company finds itself. Does leadership need to be reactive? Here are the top 5 lessons coming directly from senior leaders across different industries and organisations.

LESSON 1: NIMBLENESS

Ever since the world reported its first case, every day has been a roller coaster ride. Situations on the ground have evolved rapidly. Every day has been different from the previous one.

A week before, leaders were checking the sales numbers and reviewing their 2020 plans. A week later, supply chains were disrupted and businesses asked to temporarily shut until further notice. A day before, all our employees were safe. A day later, an entire department got infected. The time horizon of major events was severely shortened.

In a crisis situation, dealing with uncertainty needs less planning, more execution. This is not the time to draw a product roadmap, a 5-year vision or long-term strategies. Leaders are embracing speed, mitigating the short to mid-term consequences to stabilize the situation and stay afloat. COVID-19



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LESSON 2 - INNOVATION

It is said that innovation and creativity love crises and constraints. Crisis brings out constraints and makes innovation almost a forcing function. Leaders often leverage consultants to get a fresh, outside perspective on their organisations to find opportunities to innovate. A crisis can have much the same effect, putting the spotlight on vulnerabilities, problem areas; great and small, that we've been ignoring or are just plain unaware of. When a crisis hits, we are forced to confront the truth about how our systems work (or don't). The places where things could be done better or more efficiently become glaringly obvious. All of a sudden, opportunities for innovation are staring us in the face.

The current crisis is bringing a whole new set of innovations. Services like medicine, education, industrial plant set ups are all going digital. Google and Apple are collaborating on contact tracing. Dunzo is working with brands to get the products delivered at one's doorstep. ITC's personal care team deserves recognition for introducing a range of new health and hygiene products for households. Its hospitality team curated a gourmet menu, which recreates the ITC dining experience for our customers in the comfort of their homes. While these are just a couple of examples, leaders across industries continue to strive to change and innovate to ensure that they deliver nothing short of excellence in their products and services to our customers, despite the pandemic.

LESSON 3: EMPLOYEE WELL BEING

While it may sound obvious, crises are crises because people suffer. In a situation where emotions and anxieties run high, leaders connect with employees and other stakeholders and acknowledge the personal and professional challenges they are going through. Impactful leaders convey their vision in a manner that the employees feel aligned, motivated and rallied against.

Effective crisis management requires integrity, accountability, and moral courage. Thoughtful, frequent, and empathetic communication signals that the leaders share with their organization show they care and are together in the journey that employees go

through. These messages are delivered with "bounded optimism" — hope combined with realism.

LESSON 4: RISING ABOVE SELF INTEREST

What makes a leader is not just thinking about self but for the larger community. Be it giving back to the community in cash or kind or even gestures where one takes care of people who are not directly on the organization's payroll but on the frontline; leaders showcase how it is not enough if the organization alone progresses. No true leader sees crisis as a time to carve out a competitive advantage; definitely not at the cost of a struggling competitor. Compassion is leadership, leadership is compassion — compassion not just for self but for everyone else, especially ones where one has no self-interest whatsoever. If anything, the crisis will make leadership more humane and above self-interest.

LESSON 5: BEING OPEN TO FAILING

In times of crisis, the acceptance of failure and moving on from there to the next step and the next is a critical leadership trait. These are times when given the dynamicity of the situation, decisions need to be made based on the limited information available and many times in decentralized manners. Fail fast is more important than learning and waiting to make the right decision. Different business models are prototyped and many of them may not work. It's ok. Leaders move on.

There are often external circumstances beyond one's control. Leaders are kind to yourself and to their teams. They repivot as many times as necessary. They collaborate with competitors. Leadership is not about the outcome — it is about the process. Even a decision of shutting down the business may look like a failure looking outwards. But the process of arriving at that decision, accepting, communicating and executing the failure can demonstrate leadership. Being open to failure is the biggest lesson from turbulent times.

The onus of leadership lies with each one of us. We all need to lead ourselves, our loved ones, our societies, organisations and countries out of this and every crisis.

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The canopy facing the Narmada from where Roopmati looked at the river; Hoshang Shah's tomb; Jami Masjid

Though the cemetery is not easy to locate and gets only few visitors, it is very well maintained. So next time you visit Ranchi, do make time to visit this piece of history. As reads a message at one of the resting places: *Thoughts go back to bygone days. Life moves on but memory stays.*

