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J&K peace Govt's priority: Shah

Statehood will be accorded at appropriate time, HM assures LS

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday informed the Lok Sabha that Statehood will be given "at an appropriate time" to Jammu & Kashmir even as he reiterated that the Centre's commitment is to bring peace and development "first" in the Union Territory.

Replying to the debate on J&K Re-organisation (Amendment) Bill, which includes the AGMUT cadre in the Jammu & Kashmir, Shah told the Lok Sabha that the Modi Government's top priority is nothing but the development of the region.

"You people are asking me what happened after scrapping Article 370 in 17 months while forgetting how three families ruled the State for 70 years!" said the Home Minister reiterating that the Statehood will be given in "appropriate time".

"You people don't read the Bill properly. This is just about AGMUT Cadre inclusion in J&K and Ladakh. This Bill has nothing to do with Statehood. You people during debate just talk on Article 370. It is gone. It was only a temporary clause which you people kept for 70 years and now asking me when the Statehood will be given back. I am telling you the Statehood will be given on an appropriate time. The



Union Home Minister Amit Shah speaks in the Lok Sabha during ongoing Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Saturday

Narendra Modi Government is committed to bringing peace and development in the region first," said Shah.

Slamming the Opposition for objecting to the posting of Hindu officer in Muslim-populated region, Shah said, "I am amazed that you people are now talking about secularism but what kind of secularism is this?"

He was replying to the objections against the Bill raised by Opposition leaders Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Assaduddin Owaisi, Manish Tewari and NK

Premachandran. The Rajya Sabha has already passed the Bill.

Taking a dig at Shah at one point, Chowdhury said, "You claim all development in Jammu & Kashmir has been done by Narendra Modi. Please also claim Dal Lake was also created by Modi," said Chowdhury.

The Home Minister also slammed some Opposition members for their claim that the proposed law negates the hopes of the region getting back its erstwhile Statehood. This legislation has nothing to

do with Statehood, and Jammu & Kashmir will be accorded the status at an appropriate time, Shah reiterated.

He said the region's Union Territory status is temporary and then took a swipe at the Congress and other parties — which had backed Article 370 of the Constitution that gave special status to Jammu & Kashmir — saying this was a temporary provision but they continued with it for over 70 years before the Modi Government annulled it in August 2019.

Jammu & Kashmir has

been a top priority for the current Government since it came to power in 2014, he said. Decentralisation and devolution of power have taken place in the Union Territory following the revocation of Article 370, Shah said, noting that panchayat elections saw over 51 per cent voting. Panchayats have been given administrative and financial powers for local development, something they lacked earlier, he added.

Now people chosen by the masses will rule J&K, not those born to "kings and queens", he said, attacking dynastic parties in the region. Even our rivals could not allege any wrongdoing in these polls which were conducted fairly and peacefully, he said.

Work on two AIMS in the region has begun, and the Kashmir valley will be connected to the railways by 2022, the Union Home Minister said. He also gave assurance to the people of Jammu & Kashmir that "no one will lose their land". The Government has sufficient land for development works, Shah said.

The Bill seeks to replace the Ordinance to merge the J&K cadre of civil services officer with the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre. Shah said the Government expects that around 25,000 Government jobs will be created in J&K by 2022.

Rahul maligns all, creates fake narratives, says FM

He is becoming doomsday man for country, says Sitharaman in LS

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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said the Union Budget 2021-22 has set the pace for *aatmanirbhar* India and hit hard at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his "*hum do, humare do*" barb saying he is becoming a "doomsday man" for the country by constantly insulting Constitutional functionaries and creating fake narratives.

Replying to a debate on the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha, the Finance Minister said the challenges of the Covid pandemic did not deter the Government from undertaking reforms for maintaining long-term goals of the country.

"The reforms undertaken will lay the path for India to become one of those fastest-growing economies in the world, she said, adding the Budget has set the pace for India to become *aatmanirbhar*," she said.

The Finance Minister said the Budget has laid emphasis on increasing capital expenditure, raising allocation for



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks in the Lok Sabha on Saturday

healthcare capacity building and development of agriculture infrastructure, among others, which are expected to have a multiplier effect on the economy.

With regards to increasing allocation for rural job guarantee scheme, Sitharaman said the Government will allocate more funds for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREGA) scheme for 2021-22, if needed, as against Budget estimate of ₹73,000 crore. Hitting out at the Opposition, she said the Government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi "works for common people and not for crony capitalists."

In her sharp riposte to Rahul, she said the former Congress chief was creating fake narratives but does not have patience to listen to replies

on allegations levelled against the Government.

"We need to recognise these two tendencies of the Congress party... this makes it clear that their belief in a democratically elected Parliamentary system is completely finished," Sitharaman said.

Responding to former Congress president's speech on Thursday, during which he spoke about farm laws but not on the Budget, she said, "He is probably becoming a doomsday man for India."

The Minister said that the Congress leader laid the "foundation" but did not speak about the Budget during the discussion on it.

"I wanted to know from the Congress why it took a U-turn on the farm laws but no reply came," she said.

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CAPSULE

AIMPLB MOVES SC AGAINST PIL ON DIVORCE

New Delhi: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has moved the Supreme Court against a plea seeking "uniform grounds of divorce" for all citizens of the country, keeping with the spirit of the Constitution and international conventions.

CLOUDY SKY, DENSE FOG LIKELY IN DELHI TODAY

New Delhi: A thick blanket of fog enveloped Delhi on Saturday morning, with the visibility dropping to 50 metres at Safdarjung and 250 metres at Palam at 8.30 am, MET officials said. The MET department has predicted a partly cloudy sky with "dense to very dense fog" on Sunday morning.

COVID: 1,856 RECEIVE SECOND DOSE IN DELHI

New Delhi: The vaccination drive against Covid-19 picked up pace on Saturday as 1,856 healthcare workers, who had received their first shots on day one of the exercise four weeks ago, turned up to get their second dose. However, the turnout for the second dose was about 43 per cent only.

Protesting farmer unions seek judicial probe into R-Day riots

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Protesting farmer unions on Saturday demanded a high-level judicial enquiry into the violence during the tractor rally in Delhi on January 26 and the alleged "false" cases slapped on the peasants.

Addressing a press conference at the Singhu border, Samyukta Kisan Morcha leaders asked farmers who are getting police notices not to appear before the force directly and instead approach the legal cell constituted by the unions for any assistance.

Kuldeep Singh, a member of SKM's legal cell, said that a retired judge of the Supreme Court or high court should probe the incidents to unravel the "conspiracy" behind the January 26 violence and the alleged "false cases" against the farmers.

According to SKM leaders, 16 farmers who had participated in the tractor parade are untraceable. In the Republic

Day violence, over 500 police personnel had been injured, while a protester had died.

On January 26, thousands of protesting farmers who reached ITO from the Ghazipur border clashed with the police. Driving tractors, many of them reached the Red Fort and hoisted a religious flag there.

At the press conference, another leader Ravinder Singh

3 more held for Jan 26 violence

New Delhi: Three more men have been arrested in connection with the violence during the farmers' tractor parade in north Delhi's Burari area on Republic Day, police said on Saturday. The accused — Sukhmeet Singh (35), Gundeep Singh (33) and Harvinder Singh (32) — were identified with the help of CCTV footage and technical probe following which raids were conducted.

said that 122 farmers had so far been arrested by Delhi Police in connection with 14 of the 44 FIRs, adding that SKM will provide legal and financial aid to all the arrested farmers.

The SKAM leaders claimed that "false" cases were being slapped on farmers charging them with serious offences like dacoity and attempt to murder to "harass" them.

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Delhi Police takes Deep Sidhu to Red Fort to recreate vandalism scene

New Delhi: The Delhi Police's Crime Branch on Saturday took actor-activist Deep Sidhu and another accused Iqbal Singh to Red Fort to recreate the scene of events that unfolded at the historic monument on Republic Day during the farmer's tractor parade, a police officer said.

10% of global road crash victims in India

It causes 3.14% GDP loss every year, impacts income of poor households

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has one of the worst road safety records in the world with a total of 1,50,000 fatalities and 4,50,000 injuries in road accidents every year, resulting in social-economic losses equivalent to a shocking 3.14 per cent of GDP every year.

As per World Bank report released by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Saturday, India has one per cent of the world's vehicles, but it accounts for 10 per cent of all road crash victims.

And more alarming is the fact that 70 per cent of the fatalities are in the age group of 18 to 45 years.

With the National Road Safety Month underway, the World Bank in association with the SaveLIFE Foundation, a national non-Governmental organisation focused on road safety, released the comprehensive report on "Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on Indian Society."

The study, released by Gadkari, reveals that more than 75 per cent of poor households in India reported a decline in their income as a result of a road traffic crash. The financial loss for the poor amounted to more than seven months' household income, while it was equivalent to less than one month's household income for rich households.

As per the Road Accident Report, 4,49,002 accidents took place in the country during 2019, leading to 1,51,113 deaths and 451,361 injuries. In per-



centage terms, the number of accidents decreased by 3.86 per cent in 2019 as compared to 2018, while accident-related deaths decreased by 0.20 per cent and those injured decreased by 3.86 per cent.

The World Bank report highlights the disproportionate impact of a road crash on poor households that pushes them into a vicious cycle of poverty and debt. It sheds light on the links between road crashes, poverty, inequality, and vulnerable road users in India.

higher areas closer to Kalo Dungar with grassy scrubland; and in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur, Karoli, and Dholpur districts. In Gujarat 19 sightings were reported, all in Kutch district, and nine of these were authenticated by photographs.

The study interviewed around 2,500 respondents, including 1,647 respondents from low-income households, 432 from high-income households and 420 truck drivers in the four selected States (Uttar Pradesh and Bihar representing Low-Capacity States and Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra representing High-Capacity States) across urban and rural areas. The qualitative part of the study included focus group discussions with road crash survivors and their family members and in-depth interviews with adolescents aged 14-18 years.

"We have taken a number of positive initiatives to reduce road crash deaths in India. With the support of all stakeholders in our society, I am committed to reducing road crash deaths by 50 per cent by 2025," Gadkari said in his address during the release of the report in the presence of Hartwig Schafer, World Bank Vice-President for the South Asia region.

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SC junks Shaheen Bagh review plea: Protest can't be anytime, everywhere

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The right to protest cannot be anytime and everywhere", the Supreme Court said as it dismissed a plea seeking review of its verdict passed last year in which it held the occupation of public ways during the anti-CAA protests at Shaheen Bagh here was "not acceptable".

The top court said there may be some spontaneous protests but in case of prolonged dissent or protest, there cannot be continued occupation of public place affecting the rights of others.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul, Aniruddha Bose and Kirshna Murari said, "We have perused the review petition and record of the civil appeal and are convinced that the order of which review has been sought, does not suffer from any error apparent warranting its reconsideration".

The bench, which has passed the order recently, said it has considered the earlier judicial pronouncements and



resident Kaniz Fatima and others seeking review of last year's verdict of October 7.

The top court, which considered the matter in the judges' chambers also rejected the prayer for open court hearing in the matter.

The apex court had on October 7, last year held that public spaces cannot be occupied indefinitely and demonstrations expressing dissent have to be in designated places alone.

It had said occupation of public ways in the anti-CAA protests at Shaheen Bagh locality here was "not acceptable".

Observing that democracy and dissent "go hand in hand", the apex court had said constitutional scheme comes with the right to protest and express dissent, but with an obligation towards certain duties.

It had said the mode and manner of dissent against colonial rule during India's freedom struggle cannot be equated with dissent in a self-ruled democracy.

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Caracal endangered species now

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

The caracal, a medium size wild cat with long black tufted ears, which is found in some parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat, has finally caught the attention of the Government. Fearing that this species might not survive for long, the Union Environment Ministry has now brought it into the ambit of the critically endangered species programme for taking up its conservation.

With the inclusion of this species from the cat family, now there are a total 22 wildlife species, including snow leopard, busterd (including floricans), dolphin, hangul, nilgiri tahr, marine turtles, dugongs to name a few under recovery programme for critically-endangered species in the country.

They are a rare species of the cat protected under Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 found only in Gujarat and Rajasthan.

In fact, during the 2018 tiger census conducted by

Though the International Union for Conservation of Nature (ICUN) has not listed these species as endangered as there is a huge population of caracal cats present in the African continent. In India, their number has gotten very low and hence they are considered endangered species.

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Similarly an incident of caracals attacking a man in Mirzapur has been documented by Bombay Natural History Society in its book "Wild Animals of India" published in 2004.

The official said that the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) in a meeting in January approved inclusion of the species in the recovery programme which will ensure the species to have a separate conservation programme.

the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) just one caracal was photographed only in one camera trap from out of 150 camera traps locations for the entire session in Ranthambhore in Rajasthan. The location is situated in the north western part of Ranthambhore, this area is dominated with sparse vegetation with thorny scrub, said an official from the NTCA.

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programme, a population estimation will be done and a study on their habitat so that conservation measures can be taken accordingly," he said.

The semi-arid region of Kutch is one of only two homes of this cat species in India. According to a research report "Historical and current extent of occurrence of the Caracal in India" by Dharmendra Khandal and Ishan Dhar from Tiger Watch and Goddilla Viswanatha Reddy from Rajasthan Forest Department, the caracals' presence has been noted in only three States, with just two possible viable populations. These are in the marshy areas of Kutch district, the

higher areas closer to Kalo Dungar with grassy scrubland; and in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur, Karoli, and Dholpur districts. In Gujarat 19 sightings were reported, all in Kutch district, and nine of these were authenticated by photographs.

According to the earlier reports, there were around 18 sub-species of caracals present. But, as per the study by Khandal and Dhar, there are only 3 sub-species of caracals present. Historically, the caracal was reported in 13 Indian States in nine out of 26 biotic provinces. Since 2001, caracals presence has been reported in only three States and four biotic provinces, with only two possible viable populations.

"It is possible that the caracal might still be present but underreported in States like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and the eastern parts of India. Targeted surveys will be required to further verify and adjust the putative reduction in range size established by this study.

HOME THEATRE

A SAD UNNECESSARY DEATH



CRIME SCENE: THE VANISHING AT THE CECIL HOTEL
Netflix
***ing: Viveca Chow, Judy Ho, Artemis Snow**
Rated: 5/10

This is based on true happenings at a downtown LA hotel — the infamous Hotel Cecil. Behind its doors is a story of over 80 deaths since its inception back in 1924. Drugs, violence, abuse, rape and murders kept this hotel in the news as late as 2013 when a 21-year-old Canadian student vanished!

The series gives you a background about this hotel, the people living around the 56 blocks—Skid Row—home to over 4000 homeless people. People were made to live in these conditions so that the crime was limited to an area. And here is hotel in the midst of this all. Infamous because it attracted the wrong kind of people to its fold, infamous because of the deaths here, infamous because its permanent residents were people who didn't want to found and live

under the shadows, infamous because of Night Stalker's connections to Hotel Cecil.

And then in 2013 throws more spanners that had web sleuths question how the police missed vital clues. How the hotel owners were behind her disappearance and all because of a video of the girl in the elevator — the last place where she was seen alive.

The four-part series unfolds in a manner that is supposed to spook and create fear psychosis in the minds of people due to the shady happenings. Unfortunately all it manages to do is evoke a sense of helplessness and sadness of a young death that could have been avoided with timely intervention.

The story tells you that just because there are way too many coincidences, the truth was so far removed from what was suspected — and that at the end of the day policing should be left to those who know how to do their job because unknowingly one ruined a life from where there was no coming back.

— Shalini Saksena

The emotion is missing

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

It appears we will have yet another Valentine's Day where love is missing when movies are concerned even on the OTT platform. Extremely sad and unfortunate given that Hollywood has some of the best love stories that makes one's heart do somersaults. You have got *Mail*, *Pretty Woman*, *Casablanca* are some

of the few movies from a list of hundreds that are ingrained in our minds and will remain there forever.

However not all is lost with *Squared Love*. It has all the ingredients of a love story; a Casanova man, a pretty woman, the two meet and that's it. There is no spark, no chemistry between the lead. The story is cliched. The acting is nothing to rave about.

The only thing here that will keep one's interest are the fancy cars and great locales, it is a Polish rom-com. Another plus is that it is in English. The good part is that the cars and locales will manage to hold interest of both girls and boys. Not a bad movie to watch on Valentine's Day. —Shalini Saksena



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vouchers for couples and 'PVR Love Letter' — an expression of love on the big screen with their personalized message appearing during the show.

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Valentines in The Oberoi way

Now is the perfect time to start planning a romantic trip with your special someone and cross out a few unmissable stay experiences off your bucket list. Here is a list of the most romantic hotel suites to book this Valentine's Day — The Oberoi Amarvilas, Agra; The Oberoi Rajvilas, Jaipur; The Oberoi Udaivilas, Udaipur; The Oberoi, Mumbai; The Oberoi, Bengaluru The Oberoi, New Delhi, that makes them the best getaway destination to spend time with your loved one. With the best safety and hygiene protocols in place Oberoi Hotels & Resorts' following crown jewels- Suites, is not only the safest but also offers panoramic views that makes them the most romantic suites to stay in.

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acres of elaborate gardens, terraced lawns, fountains, reflection pools and pavilions, the classical design of the luxury hotel is a tribute to the legacy of Moorish and Mughal architecture, accentuating awe-inspiring vistas of the most exquisite mausoleum in the world, which the English poet, Sir Edwin Arnold, described as, "Not a piece of architecture, as other buildings are, but the proud passions of an emperor's love wrought in living stones."

Drawing on the rich heritage and expertise of local craftsmen, the hotel's interiors reflect the refined aesthetics of the Mughal era that reached its zenith during the reign of Emperor Shah Jahan. Intricate filigree and marble inlay work, jaali (screens), gold thread and bead embroidery, woodcarvings and hand-woven tapestries, display the rich arts and crafts of the region.

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TELLY TALE

BEST PARTNERS IN TOWN

As India gets ready to welcome its first-ever music league that will have six teams pitted against each other in a sports



league format with Zee TV's *Indian Pro Music League* this month, all the stars associated with the show came together to shoot for the grand premiere of the reality show recently. For the uninitiated, the *Indian Pro Music League* will see six teams supported by Bollywood biggies — Shradha Kapoor, Govinda, Rajkumar Rao, Riteish Deshmukh & Genelia, Bobby Deol and cricketer Suresh Raina battle it out for the mega trophy.

The teams that represent different regions of India have star singers like Asees Kaur, Mika, Akriti Kakar, Shaan, Neha Bhasin, Sajid Wajid, Shilpa Rao, Kailash Kher, Bhoomi Trivedi, Javed Ali, Payal Dev, and Ankit Tiwari as team captains. One rising reality star and a new voice will complete the team of four singers that will compete against the rest. In addition to the already star-studded list of ambassadors and team members, India's Biggest Superstar — Salman Khan will be seen as the IPLM Brand Ambassador.

During the shoot of the grand premiere episode, all the celebrities took to the stage and gave some splendid performances. However, it was Salman Khan who stole the show. After getting a heroic welcome by all the team captains, who sang his popular tracks as he arrived, the superstar had a heartwarming reunion with Bengal Tigers' brand ambassador and his buddy, Govinda. The *Partner* duo not only caught up with one another at the *Indian Pro Music League* grand premiere, but they also set the stage on fire with a mega surprise. While on stage, they recreated the signature hook step of their popular song *Do you want a partner* as well as recited popular dialogues like *Itni Khushi* from their hit movie. Clearly, they left no stone unturned in proving why they are the best *Partners* in town.

While their reunion surely got everyone excited, Salman surprised one and all when he came on to the stage and danced during Bhoomi Trivedi's performance on *Sanedo* and *Dholitaro Dhol Baje*. But that's not it! Wait till you

see all the popular Bollywood faces taking over the stage as they sing and dance to upbeat tunes. We are sure the opening ceremony night will be something to watch out for!

DON'T MISS THE ISHARA

IN10 Media Network that has been well recognised for its exceptional story telling brings its Hindi General Entertainment Channel, *Ishara* — *Zindagi Ka Nazara*. The channel on February 12, 2021 announced its two shows *Janani* and *Humkadam*. Rooted in culture but told with a modern lens, *Janani* will see veteran actor Supriya Pilgaonkar essay the lead role while *Humkadam* will have Gurdeep Kohli and Bhumika Gurang portray the central characters.

Ishara, from the house of IN10 Media Network, promises to offer a wide array of fiction ranging from family dramas, to mythology to love stories. With the guiding sentiment of *Zindagi Ka Nazara*, the channel's programming showcases the rich values and diverse traditions of India's unique cultural fabric, and offers a



panoramic view of the celebration of life through differentiated and immersive storytelling.

Speaking at the launch, Rajesh Sethi, Vice President of Content at *Ishara*, said: "Television audiences have changed and are evolving every day, they are now looking for stories that they can resonate with, those that make them truly feel — that is what we are creating. We are working with some of the most talented artists in the country, who have showcased their acting prowess time and again, which helps us move closer to our goal of satisfying the increasing appetite of our audiences with quality content. *Ishara* caters to all age groups of Hindi speaking audiences because it recognises the one common thread that connects us Indians — emotions and we hope it becomes the companion you need for great stories."

Janani, starring Supriya Pilgaonkar, is the journey of a single mother, from being a dependent woman to an independent successful woman. The story sets a

progressive example for the target audience as it portrays strength, courage and change. Renowned TV stars Supriya Pilgaonkar and Mahesh Thakur play the lead cast in *Janani*.

Supriya Pilgaonkar shared her experience of playing lead in *Janani*: "For me, it is very important to connect with the story to be able to portray it. The character of Savita has many layers to her and as the story unfolds, we learn so much about her personality. When I was approached for this show, I was instantly attracted simply by the name. It has been a very exciting journey for me and I couldn't be happier!"

JOURNEY TO FAME

Before making it big on-screen, Tollywood actors Shivangi Khedkar and Sai Ketan Rao are known to have found their passion for acting while perusing their engineering degree in computer science. The talented actors have certainly come a long way and are now all set to mark their debut in the Hindi television industry with Star Plus' upcoming show *Mehndi Hai Rachne Waali*. The two will soon be seen essaying lead roles on the small screen as Pallavi Deshmukh and Raghav Rao who take on second chances in their life in the show.

Talking about her journey so far, the engineer turned Actress, Shivangi Khedkar says: "My family strongly believes that education plays a vital role and hence I took up computer science engineering. As I was pursuing my degree in engineering, I began to realise that my passion lies in acting and decided to take it up. My family was my biggest support and by God's grace, I got my first opportunity in the Telugu industry. I feel privileged to now embark on a new journey in the Hindi Television industry with my upcoming show *Mehndi Hai Rachne Waali*."

Versatile actor Sai Ketan Rao talks about his life-changing moment, from being an engineer to an Actor, he says: "As much as I loved to study, I always knew I had the craft of being an actor instilled in me. While I was pursuing my engineering degree, my passion for acting only grew and from that day onwards I just knew I had to give it a shot and in turn, it was successful. I began shooting for TV shows and films in Telugu and then went on to branch out. I always believe in experimenting as language was not a barrier for me. I hope and pray that the audience will love this new avatar of Raghav Rao in my upcoming Hindi TV show."

Produced by ace TV producer Sandeep Sikkand, the show is all set to premiere on Monday, February 15 at 6:30 pm. The show also features popular actors like Milind Phatak, Asmita Khatkhate, Rutuja Sawant, Priyanka Dhavale, Sayli Salunkhe, Himanshu Bamezai, Karan Manocha, Ragini Shah, Tilakraj Joshi, Krishna Kaourav, and Sarika Raghawa in pivotal roles.

'I make sure my characters cry'

SHAGUN PANDEY, who plays Uday Sahani in SET's *Kyun Utthe Dil Chod Aaye*, tells MUSBA HASHMI that he makes his characters cry to maintain the emotion quotient and that he wants to see scripts that give equal importance to all the characters

■ What is your role in *Kyun Utthe Dil Chod Aaye*?

I play Uday Sahani, a Punjabi who stays with his family in Lahore. He is a passionate hockey player and is a emotional person. He has grown up without his mother and his father has been very rude to him. But he still manages to keep everyone happy. He is sensitive and intelligent, but probably less confident than Vashma, his childhood friend and neighbour, who is the only one to understand him.

■ How hard was it to get into the skin of the character?

Whenever you play a new character it is definitely hard to get into the skin of the character. You have to get into character's boundary. Uday is someone who doesn't express much and is emotionally vulnerable. One has to understand all this and then cultivate a character. I have taken a lot of workshops and sittings with the director and the writers. It took me a lot of efforts to understand his personality and get hold on the way he converses with everyone. I had to learn to play hockey as well.

■ You are also shooting for a music video. How are you juggling between both?

Yes, I was shooting a music video for T-Series. It is always good to work. I was shooting back to back without sleeping for six days. We travelled to Srinagar and shot there in -18°Celsius. It is difficult, but this is what I wanted to do in my life. So I should not complain and rather enjoy what I am doing.

■ What kind of roles attract you?

I like to play characters which have a say and give you scope to perform. In my last show *Shubh Arambh*, I played a character who was stylish and had an attitude, but now I am playing a completely opposite character. But having said that I make sure that my characters cry. It is not only the females who cry, males can too and we should not be judging



There are some roles that earn you recognition and for me it is Atharv. But having said that all the characters that I have played are my babies and I love them all equally

emotions on the basis of gender. So the characters which are expressive and have emotions interest me.

■ A role that comes close to your heart.

All the characters that I have played are close to my heart. I put in a lot of hard work and efforts in whatever role I play. I spend so much time with every character, hence they all are close to my heart. But to name one it will be Atharv Bapat in *Tujhse Hai Raabta*. There are some roles that earn you recognition and for me it is Atharv. But having said that all the characters that I have played are my babies and I love them all equally.

■ You once told me that you would want to see scripts that give enough exposure to all the characters. Has anything changed now?

Yes, I like scripts where all the characters are given equal importance. I doubt when only two actors — a male and female protagonist — pulling the show and the story keeps on revolving around them. People should understand the actors who play antagonists are accomplished actors because they convince people that they are bad. I don't think that the Indian audience has still understood that negative characters are just actors playing their part. But with that being said, if the actors receive hate it means that they are doing justice to their role.

Deep Sidhu taken to Red Fort to recreate R-Day vandalism scene

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police Crime Branch on Saturday took actor-activist Deep Sidhu and another accused Iqbal Singh to Red Fort to recreate the scene of events that unfolded at the historic monument on Republic Day during the farmers' tractor parade.

Deep Sidhu, according to police, was a prominent player behind the January 26 violence and vandalism at the Red Fort. He was arrested from Karnal bypass in Haryana on Monday night by a team of Delhi Police's Special Cell. On Tuesday, Sidhu was sent to

seven-day police custody by a city court in Delhi.

A senior police official said Sidhu and another accused arrested in the case Iqbal Singh were taken to the Red Fort by a crime branch team to recreate the scene of events that unfolded on Republic Day at the monument.

The team probing the case will inspect the spot to ascertain and corroborate the route taken by them, their activities at the Red Fort and how things unfolded at the monument on Republic Day when the violence broke out, the official added.

Iqbal Singh, who was carrying a reward of Rs 50,000 on his arrest, was nabbed from Hoshiarpur in Punjab on Tuesday night by the northern range of Delhi Police's Special Cell. The Delhi police had announced a cash reward of Rs 1 lakh for information that can lead to the arrest of actor Sidhu, Jugraj Singh, Gurjot Singh and Gurjant Singh who hoisted flags at the Red Fort or were involved in the act.

A cash reward of Rs 50,000 each was also announced for Buta Singh, Sukhdev Singh, Jajbir Singh and Iqbal Singh for allegedly instigating protesters. Of them, Sidhu, Iqbal Singh and Sukhdev Singh have

been arrested. Police said raids are being conducted to nab the other accused. Thousands of farmers protesting the Centre's new agriculture laws had clashed with the police during their tractor parade on January 26.

Many of the protesters, driving tractors, reached the Red Fort and entered the monument. Some protesters even hoisted religious flags on its domes and a flagstaff at the ramparts, where the national flag is unfurled on Independence Day.

Over 500 police personnel were injured and one protestor died on that day.

Gzb civic body to start electric buses service in city soon

STAFF REPORTER ■ GHAZIABAD

Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation is going to start electric buses service in the city very soon. The Corporation has sent a detailed project report (DPR) of Rs 27 crore to the Uttar Pradesh government to build a bus shelter.

The approval of DPR will be received by the first fortnight of March and these buses will be run on 10 routes in the city, 52 bus shelters will be prepared for stopping and maintenance of these buses, all these points are mentioned in the DPR in a series, said official.

"The bus route has been kept from Noida to Ghaziabad also to Noida City Center. A charging station is also being built in the Vijayanagar to charge batteries of electric buses. Earlier it was planned to be built at Hindon Vihar in Meerut Tiraha but in view of traffic problems place has been shifted to Vijayanagar," he said.

The Municipal Commissioner said that 50 electronic buses will be run in the first phase. "If this pilot project is successful, the number of buses and routes can also be increased. Petrol and diesel will not be used in these buses, only these buses will be run through electric batteries," said The Municipal Commissioner.

Switch Delhi electric vehicle campaign gaining traction

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The first week of the Kejriwal Government's Switch Delhi electric vehicle campaign focusing on electric two-wheelers has garnered enthusiastic support from the public and industry alike as people have started switching to electric two-wheelers in large numbers.

Since the launch of Delhi EV policy in August 2020, 630 new two-wheelers have been registered and more are being registered every day, the Delhi government said in a statement.

The first week of the Switch Delhi campaign focused on generating awareness on the benefits of EV two-wheelers along with the benefits offered under the Delhi EV policy for those who want to make the switch from ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles to electric.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, "Since the launch of Delhi EV policy, 630 new EV two-wheelers have been registered and more are being registered every day. Analysis by RMI India reveals that subsidies provided on electric two-wheelers under Delhi EV policy have made the upfront purchase price comparable to top selling petrol two wheelers. But the real saving is in operating cost.

By switching to electric two-wheeler, an individual can have monthly savings of

approximately INR 1850 and INR 1650 compared to petrol scooter and petrol bike respectively."

The environmental benefits upon switching to Delhi are significant. Gahlot said, "An average electric two-wheeler provides a lifetime savings of 1.98 tonnes of carbon emissions as compared to an average petrol two-wheelers. To put it simply, we need roughly 11 trees to sequester 1.98 tonnes of CO2. We can save our environment by making this switch and we owe this to our future generations."

Responding to Switch Delhi campaign's call for Delhiites to step forward and share their experiences of switching to EVs under #DilliKeGreenWarrior initiative, following are the stories of four Delhiites who have switched to electric two-wheelers after the implementation of Delhi EV Policy.

Owing to the Chief Minister's leadership in promoting zero-emission vehicles, many EV two-wheeler companies have decided to aggressively launch new vehicle models in Delhi. Praising the Delhi government's initiative, Rajiv Bajaj, MD of Bajaj Auto, said, "The comprehensive, pragmatic and progressive EV policy of the Delhi government inspired us at Bajaj Auto to accelerate our plan to scale up our iconic electric

Chetak as also to introduce electric avatars of our market leading 3 wheelers. We look forward to working vigorously with the Delhi government to further the cause of a cleaner tomorrow for the city of Delhi."

Tarun Mehta, Co-founder and CEO, Ather Energy said, "The Delhi Government has been rolling out progressive policies for the adoption of electric vehicles. The Switch EV campaign should revive consumer interest about electric vehicles in the city. We have seen great response across launch markets for the Ather 450X and we will open our experience centre, another space in Delhi in the next few weeks." Many other EV two-wheeler companies such as Hero Electric, Okinawa and TVS have already launched several vehicle models in Delhi.

Switch Delhi is an eight-week mass awareness campaign by the Delhi Government to sensitize each and every Delhiite about the benefits of switching to EVs to the environment as well as to make them aware of the incentives and infrastructure being developed under Delhi's EV policy. The campaign aims at informing, encouraging, and motivating each and every person in Delhi to switch from polluting vehicles to zero-emission electric vehicles.

SKM legal team visits Tihar jail

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) legal team on Friday visited Tihar jail wherein 112 farmers are lodged. The legal team of SKM comprising of Prem Singh Bhangu, Raminder Patiala, Kiranjeet Sekhon, Inderjeet Singh, Harpal Singh and Vikas met Ranjit Singh, a farmer from Kajampur village in Punjab and Ranjit Singh of Moga district and enquired about their problems.

According to SKM, the panel was told that all farmers in jail are hail and hearty and have no problem.

"They were told that SKM legal panel along with Delhi lawyers panel is pursuing their bail applications. 10 farmers have been granted bail so far and five bail application have been filed. Priority is being given to the farmers who are not booked under section 307 IPC or other serious offences. Legal panel has decided to provide monetary help to each farmer in jail which will be deposited in their accounts by Monday. Regarding the meeting of parents with them SKM

has issued a link of prisons on Ekta Morcha IT Cell," stated SKM 8n a statement issued on Saturday.

"It is also informed that now 16 persons are missing that is 9 from Haryana, 1 from Rajasthan and 6 from Punjab for whom active efforts are being made. SKM legal panel has strongly condemned the Delhi Govt and police for issuing notice under section 160 CRPC to the farmers in order to rope them into false cases," they stated.

"Farmers are informed not to be present before the police. They should immediately inform SKM leadership or the legal panel for further course of action. SKM legal panel had also talked to Raghav Chadda, Cabinet Minister of Delhi Government asking that farmers lodged in different jails be consolidated in to single jail, legal panel be allowed to meet farmers without any restrictions and the monetary help being given by SKM to farmers be disbursed easily. He has assured to do the needful as earliest," stated the SKM.

Three more arrested in connection with R-Day violence at Burari

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested three more men in connection with the violence during the farmers' tractor parade in north Delhi's Burari area on Republic day.

The accused, Sukhmeet Singh (35), Gundeep Singh (33) and Harvinder Singh (32), were identified with the help of CCTV footage and technical investigation following which raids were conducted to nab them, they said. Police said that both Sukhmeet and Gundeep are residents of Hari Nagar in west Delhi while Harvinder is a resident of Libaspur area.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of north district arrested the three men for their alleged role in the violence at Burari area on Republic day, a senior police officer said.

With these arrest, the police have arrested 14 people so far in connection with the violence at Burari on Republic day. Thousands of farmers



protesting the Centre's new agri laws had clashed with the police during their tractor parade on January 26.

Their parade had dissolved into unprecedented scenes of anarchy as they fought with police, overturned vehicles and delivered a national insult hoisting a religious flag from the ramparts of the Red Fort, a privilege reserved for India's tricolour.

Over 500 police security personnel were injured while one protestor died during the Republic Day violence.

Commissioner reviews law & order situation at Delhi borders

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police Commissioner, SN Shrivastava reviewed the law and order situation and arrangements at Delhi borders in connection with the Farmers' Agitation.

The CP also took stock on action taken against criminals involved in burglary, NDPS cases, Excise Act & Gambling cases.

"To reduce the crime, effective and sustained steps, inter-

alia regular checking of listed criminals like jail/bail/parole released, temporal and special analysis of crime incidents, optimal use of available human resources & technology. Performance of anti-snatching teams and use of Crime Teams be regularly assessed," the CP said.

Special CP, Operations also briefed the CP about progress of ongoing vaccination of Delhi Police personnel.

The CP Delhi also reward-



ed the team that cracked the "Reliance Jewellery Showroom Dacoity" case of Maurya Enclave police station.

Man held for swindling public money to the tune of ₹6 crore

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested a 32 year old man for allegedly swindling public money to the tune of Rs 6.5 crores in the National Capital.

The accused has been identified as Arun Kumar Swami, a resident of Bikaner in Rajasthan who surrendered before police.

According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, complainant, Arjun Saigal alleged that his company Intercocean Shipping Company holds current account at Yes Bank and also holds 3 FDRs.

"One of the FDRs was matured and therefore, a letter was sent on behalf of the complainant to Yes Bank for renewal and it was renewed. The bank statement was received from the bank and it was noticed that an amount of Rs. 530 was credited in the account from unknown and a fake email ID of complainant is mentioned on the account statement," said the Joint CP.

"An email stating deduction in the FD due to Sweep in facility was received from the bank and found that amount of approx. Rs. 6.5 Crore had been siphoned off and

embezzled from the FDR without the knowledge or authorization of the complainant in to the account of a person Ram Chander Vaishnav and company/firm Krishna Printers. He also observed that the requests for demographic change bear his forged signatures and forged seal of the company," said the Joint CP.

"The mobile number given on the request letter is not of the complainant. There was a request for issuance of a debit card in the name of complainant accompanied with fake PAN Card copy. But no such request was made by the complainant," said the Joint CP adding that a case under relevant sections of law was registered and investigation was taken up.

"The investigation revealed that the accused Arun Kumar Swami, working as Branch Service Partner in Yes Bank in Bikaner and Nagaur Branch and transferred Rs. 6.55 Crore fraudulently through internet banking from account of complainant company to four accounts belongs to Ram Chandra Vaishnav and his firm Krishna Printers. The amount was withdrawn through ATM in Dubai and invested in properties. Accused Ram Chandra Vaishnav has been arrested on December 26, 2019 while returning from Dubai," he said.

Rinku Sharma murder case transferred to Crime Branch

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police on Saturday transferred the murder case of Rinku Sharma to Crime Branch for further investigation. Police had already arrested five accused in connection with the killing of a 25-year-old Rinku allegedly by a group of men in outer Delhi's Mangolpuri area.

The deceased, Rinku Sharma, worked as a lab technician, and since the incident police personnel have been deployed in the locality to avoid any untoward incident.

According to Anil Mittal, the Additional Public Relations Officer (APRO), Delhi Police, the case has now been transferred to the crime branch for further investigation. According to police, on Wednesday night, when both the victim and the accused men were attending a birthday party, an argument broke out between them over their food joints in Rohini.

They also allegedly slapped and threatened each other at the party, following which they left. The two parties had similar tussles over the same issue sometime back as well, police said.

Later, the four men went to Sharma's house where the victim along with his elder brother were already standing outside with sticks. A scuffle broke out between the two sides again during which the accused stabbed Sharma and fled from the spot, a senior police officer had said on Thursday.

Sharma's brother Mannu (19), however, alleged that Rinku Sharma was killed as he was actively participating in the donation drive for the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya. However, the Delhi Police denied any communal angle to the murder and said the fight at the birthday party took place over a business rivalry.

So far, Tazuddin, Zahid, Mehtab, Danish and Islam have been arrested in connection with the incident, police said.

'Freight revenue surged past last fiscal for first time since Covid'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Indian Railway's cumulative freight revenue has surged to reach at Rs 98068.45 crore on a cumulative basis as compared to Rs 97342.14 cr collected last year.

A senior Indian Railways official said that it has overtaken last years freight revenue figures by five per cent in first 12 days of February.

On a monthly basis, Railway freight revenue has surged Rs 206 crore ahead in

February 2021 compared to corresponding period February last year, he said.

As per the estimates, Railways freight revenue stood at Rs 4571 cr for the first 12 days of Feb as compared to Rs 4365 cr for the same period last financial year.

Incidentally loading is also ahead by almost eight percent as compared to last year same corresponding. Railways has achieved this turnaround due to an extra ordinary set of new initiatives being taken in

improving business development, incentives, speed and customisation.

It may be noted that freight loading has been showing higher figures since August 20 as compared to corresponding period of previous financial year.

"This is for the first time post Covid lock down that freight revenue for the month has also been showing higher estimates as compared to last corresponding. Higher Freight revenue for the month is a great



signal of an all round economic recovery that is sweeping the country and speaks volumes about the new management initiatives being taken in Railways to boost business and further improve freight operations," he added.



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ARABIAN SEA

3 sailors missing, 1 injured as fire breaks out in ship

■ MUMBAI

Three sailors went missing and one injured sailor was rescued, as a major fire engulfed an offshore supply vessel "Greatship Rohini", 170 kms off Mumbai coast in the Arabian Sea, on Saturday.

An Indian Coast Guard (ICG) spokesperson said that the fire broke out on the Greatship Rohini around in the morning, when it was close to the ONGC's Bombay High NQO platform.

On receiving information about the mishap, the ICG diverted an off-shore patrol vessel Samarth to the location, while an ICG Dornier aircraft flew to the spot for an aerial assessment of the emergency.

The ICG ship reached the vicinity of fire-ravaged vessel around 13.30 hrs, while another ship MV Albatross-5 pulled out the Greatship Rohini to a safe distance from the NQO ONGC platform rig.

ICGS Samarth along with

another OSV Priya-27 launched the fire-fighting operations with its advanced Externa Fire Fighting System and created a boundary cooling to control the spread of the blaze.

Owing to excessive heat, the Greatship Rohini crew members could not enter the engine room where the fire had broken out. However, an ICGS Samarth team boarded the ship for further assessment of the situation.

The ICG said that while three sailors are still missing and were believed to have been trapped in the ship's blazing engine room, the injured sailor was airlifted by an ONGC helicopter to Mumbai for treatment.

Till 2000 hrs on Saturday, the fire-fighting operations were continuing on board Greatship Rohini. The ICGS also dispatched a pollution control vessel to the location, and further details are awaited on the mishap.

2nd phase of Andhra panchayat polls sees 82% voter turnout

Amaravati: The second phase of polling for 2,786 panchayats in Andhra Pradesh ended peacefully with 81.61 per cent voter turnout.

The State Election Commission (SEC), in a statement here on Saturday, however, did not provide the total number of eligible voters. The Andhra Pradesh Director General of Police Gautam Sawang, in a statement, said the second phase of polls ended peacefully.

According to the figures provided by the SEC, Prakasam district witnessed the highest turnout with 86.60 while Srikakulam saw 72.87 per cent. Polling began at 6.30 AM and ended at 3.30 PM. The counting of votes began at 4 PM, a poll official said.

Elections were also held to elect 20,817 ward members. With two phases being over, the polls would be conducted in another two phases till February 21.

Though the elections were to be held for 3,328 panchayat sarpachis, 539 have been unanimously elected while no nominations were filed for three villages, an official press release had said on Friday.

As many as 7,507 candidates contested for sarpach posts and 44,876 were in fray for ward members. The elections were held using ballot paper and without any political party symbols.

Totally, 29,304 polling stations were set up out of which 5,480 have been identified as sensitive and 4,181 as hypersensitive, the release had said.

All necessary precautions were in place as per COVID-19 protocols amid tight security. Meanwhile, the SEC issued orders directing the Krishna (rural) district police to register a case against state Civil Supplies Minister Kodali Venkateswara Rao for his alleged derogatory remarks against the poll body under section 504 (intentionally insulting) and 506 (criminal intimidation), among others.

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Police seize half-burnt bodies of couple from funeral pyre, kin escape

Gorakhpur (UP): Police on Saturday seized the half-burnt bodies of a couple, who had married against their parents' wishes, from funeral pyres on the banks of a river in the neighbouring Sant Kabir Nagar district.

The family members, who were burning the bodies on the banks of Kuano river near Bardih village, escaped from the spot, police said.

"On getting information that bodies of a couple were being burnt by their family members, police reached the spot and seized the bodies," Sant Kabir Nagar's Superintendent of Police Kaustubh said.

As per villagers, the couple had consumed poison soon after getting married because their parents objected to it, the SP said, adding the case, however, requires a deeper probe.

"The bodies have been sent for postmortem and an investigation has been launched. The culprits won't be spared," the SP said.

Sagar and Kanchan of Mudadih village under Dhanghata police station area were having an affair for a long time, said SP Kaustubh.

Quoting villagers, Kanchan reached Sagar's house and married him after making him put vermilion on her forehead, villagers told police.

This marriage made the family members of both Kanchan and Sagar angry at them and they began beating the couple, some villagers told police.

Others told police that the couple took poison after the family members became angry.

The family members were burning the bodies when the police reached the spot and took them into possession.

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Making sincere efforts for justice to all: Karnataka CM

Bengaluru: Amid growing clamour for reservation in government jobs and other sectors by various communities, Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Saturday said he has been making a sincere effort towards justice for all.

"Being the Chief Minister of the state, it's my responsibility to provide justice to all. I am making a sincere effort for justice to all sections of society," the Chief Minister told reporters at the Mysuru airport.

To a question whether there was pressure on him with the growing demand for reservation, he said it gave him happiness when such challenges came before him as they strengthened him to face them. He said raising such demands was the right of the people.

The Chief Minister's statement came as the seers of various communities such as Panchamasali Lingayat, Valmiki, Kuruba and Idiga communities intensified the demand for more reservation.

The Panchamasali sect has been demanding category 2A status within the category of Other Backward Communities, the Kurubas for Scheduled Tribe status and Idigas for Scheduled Caste status. The Valmiki community wanted their reservation to be increased from three per cent to 7.5 per cent.

These agitations were led by the seers of the communities posing a challenge to the Yediyurappa government.

The Kudalasangama Panchamasali seer Basava Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swami has taken out a march to Bengaluru to press for his demand to give benefits of 2A category to 72 sub-sects of the Lingayat communities, including Panchamasali.

Swami Pranavananda, the seer of Sharana Basaveshwara Math in Haveri, said the Idigas, who constitute about 90 lakh people, should be categorised as Scheduled Caste.

At a press conference in Haveri, he even threatened to stage protests if the demand to incorporate all the 26 sub-sects of Idigas in the SC category was not met.

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Covid-19: Kerala logs 5,471 fresh cases, 16 fatalities

PTI ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala recorded 5,471 new COVID-19 cases and 16 fatalities on Saturday, taking the case-load to 9,99,523 and the death toll to 3,970.

Health minister K K Shailaja said the state tested 85,969 samples in the last 24 hours and the test positivity rate was 6.36 per cent.

"Till now, the state has tested 1,05,26,236 samples," the minister said.

Shailaja said 5,835 patients got cured of the disease today, taking the total recoveries to 9,31,706.

"Currently, there are 63,581 persons under treatment..." Shailaja said in a release.

According to the release, there

are 2,44,085 people under observation in the state out of which 10,134 are in isolation wards of various hospitals in the state.

Kozhikode reported 750 fresh cases today, the highest, followed by Ernakulam 746, Thrissur 553, Alappuzha 506 and Pathanamthitta 480.

"Out of those who were found infected today, 77 reached the state from outside, while 5,027 contracted the disease from their contacts. The source of infection of 322 people is yet to be traced and 45 health workers are also among the infected," the minister said.

Seven more regions have been categorised as hotspots while three were removed from the list, taking the total number to 456.

Guj sees 279 new corona cases, 283 recoveries; no fatality

Ahmedabad: Gujarat's tally of coronavirus positive cases rose to 2,64,997 on Saturday with the addition of 279 fresh infections, the state Health department said.

No new COVID-19 fatality was reported during the day, it said, adding the overall death toll remained at 4,400.

A total of 283 patients were discharged during the day, taking the total number of recoveries in Gujarat to 2,58,834, the department said in a release. With this, Gujarat's case recovery rate has improved to 97.67 per cent.

The count of beneficiaries of COVID-19 vaccines in the state rose to 7,84,619 with 17,008 more inoculations happening at 630 centres during the day, it said.

At 60, Ahmedabad reported the highest number of new cases in the state in the day, followed by 56 cases in Vadodara, 53 in Surat, and 38 in Rajkot.

Gandhinagar reported nine new cases, Bhavnagar eight, Anand seven, while Gir Somnath and Mehsana each saw five new infections, the department added.

As per the update released by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation on Saturday afternoon, the city is left with 250 active cases. The cumulative count of COVID-19 cases in Ahmedabad is 57,655 while the death toll is 2,248, the release said.

In the Union Territory of Daman, Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli, no new cases or recoveries was reported on Saturday.

The UT has so far reported 3,372 cases and 3,368 recoveries, leaving it with two active cases. The death toll remains two, officials said. Gujarat's COVID-19 figures are as follows: Positive cases 2,64,997, new cases 279, death toll 4,400, discharged 2,58,834, active cases 1,763, people tested so far - figures not released.

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Samajwadi Party women workers hold placards and shout slogans during a protest over alleged incident of crimes, in Prayagraj on Saturday

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Karnataka reports 419 fresh Covid infections

Bengaluru: Karnataka on Saturday clocked 419 fresh coronavirus infections and four deaths, taking the infection count and fatalities to 9,44,856 and 12,263 respectively, the health department said.

According to the department bulletin, 430 patients were cured of the disease today, taking the total recoveries to 9,26,664.

Active cases stood at 5,910. Bengaluru urban district reported 258 infections while three fatalities were reported in the city.

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Rahul maligns all, creates fake narratives, says FM

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The FM added that Rahul did not tell the House why Congress Governments in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh did not waive farm loans promised in their manifesto.

Sitharaman further said the Congress leader did not talk about the farmers issue in Punjab where the Congress is in power and the steps being taken by the Government with regard to stubble burning.

He also did not refer to any clause in three farm laws which was against the farmers, she said. Congress party is only con-

cerned about "hum do, humare do," Sitharaman said adding that she expected Rahul to return the land which "Damadji" had taken from farmers at pittance.

"For those who are constantly accusing us of dealing with cronies PM SVANidhi doesn't go to cronies. Damads get land in States which were governed by some parties in Rajasthan, Haryana once upon a time," she said.

The Finance Minister said the Congress leader did not say anything about the statement of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who had advocated

reform of the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees.

The Finance Minister also accused Rahul of insulting constitutional authorities recalling the incidence when the Congress leader tore an Ordinance promulgated by its own Government led by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Regretting that the Congress has joined the break India fringe group and continuously creating false narrative to demean India, she said some members have questioned whether allocation for minority affairs, allocation for SC

& ST has been reduced.

"No, they have not. Total allocation for minority affairs is Rs 4,811 crores in 2021-22 which is an 8.6% increase for the Ministry, higher than actual expenditure," she asserted.

"This Budget draws from the experience of the PM when he was CM - on the ground in Gujarat, seen so many revivals happening at a time when the license quota raj was going away post-1991 and then based on that experience, commitment to reform was blended into this Budget," said Sitharaman.

T'gana SHRC seeks report on alleged suicide of girl student

Hyderabad: The Telangana State Human Rights Commission (TSHRC) has sought a report from officials on the alleged suicide of a student here after she was turned away from her private school over non-payment of fees.

Following a representation from a students' union on the issue, the Commission sought the report by March 15, official sources said on Saturday.

The 16-year-old student, daughter of a labourer-couple, on Thursday died by suicide here after she was allegedly turned away from the school, police said.

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SC junks Shaheen ...

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"However, while appreciating the existence of the right to peaceful protest against a legislation...We have to make it unequivocally clear that public ways and public spaces cannot be occupied in such a manner and that too indefinitely," the top court had said.

The apex court's verdict had come on a plea by lawyer Amit Sahni against blockage of a road in Shaheen Bagh area by those protesting against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which aimed to provide Indian citizenship to persecuted minorities of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh. It had held that the protest at Shaheen Bagh was a blockage of a public way which caused grave inconvenience to com-

muters. The top court had said such kind of occupation of public ways, whether at the site in question or anywhere else for protests, is not acceptable and "the administration ought to take action to keep the areas clear of encroachments or obstructions." Democracy and dissent go hand in hand, but then the demonstrations expressing dissent have to be in designated places alone," it had said, adding, "We cannot accept the plea of the applicants that an indeterminable number of people can assemble whenever they choose to protest."

Restrictions were imposed on the Kaindi Kunj-Shaheen Bagh stretch and the Okhla underpass, which were closed on December 15, 2019 due to the protests. Later, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the area was cleared.

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2	2021_WRD_127736	On Turnkey Basis:- Execution of development of rehabilitation area 48015 sqm near village Khojakra for Barkheda medium Irrigation Project, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Dhar	207.32
3	2021_WRD_127737	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Parichha Pipe Canal network from Bhind Main Canal, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Morena	2429.66
4	2021_WRD_127738	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Padavli Pipe Canal network from Bhind Main Canal, per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Morena	2102.29

G-18757/20 **दो गज की दूरी, मास्क है जरूरी।** Chief Engineer (Procurement)

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G-18854/20 **दो गज की दूरी, मास्क है जरूरी।**

Protesting farmer ...

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"Ten farmers have been granted bail so far and five bail applications have been filed. Priority is being given to those farmers who are not booked under Section 307 of the IPC or other serious offences," the SKM said in a statement later.

Ravinder Singh said that the Morcha will provide Rs 2,000 to every arrested farmer for spending in the prison canteen. A legal team of SKM had on Friday visited the Bihar jail where 112 farmers were currently

lodged, he said.

The union leaders have requested Delhi Jal Board Vice Chairman and senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Raghav Chadha to ensure that farmers are kept in one jail. In the statement, the SKM demanded that its legal panel be allowed to meet the arrested farmers without any restrictions and its monetary help be disbursed to them.

"The SKM legal panel has strongly condemned the Delhi government and the police for issuing notice under section 160 CrPc to the farmers in order to rope them in false cases," it stated.

10% of global road crash...

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"This report highlights the link between poverty and impact of road crashes. I urge all State Governments to effectively implement the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019 and work together to mitigate the effects of road crashes on poor and disadvantaged sections of the population," Gadkari added.

Following the alarming report, the Centre urged vehicle manufacturers to provide basic safety features in vehicles at minimum affordable price.

Gadkari said his Ministry has been taking several measures to reduce road accident deaths by strengthening what he termed the "4Es" of improving road safety - Engineering, Education, Enforcement and Emergency care services. Pointing out that one of the key findings of the report is that number of accident deaths is double in poor families as compared to rich ones, Gadkari said that, for the Government, each death is precious, whether it is from a poor family or a rich family.

The report also brings out the sharp rural-urban divide and the disproportionate impact on women.

The survey showed that the income decline for low-income rural households (56 per cent) was the most severe compared to low-income urban (29.5 per cent) and high-income rural households (39.5 per cent).

Women bore the burden of crashes across poor and rich households, often taking up extra work, assuming greater responsibilities, and performing caregiving activities after a crash. About 50 per cent

of women were severely affected by the decline in their household income after a crash. About 40 per cent of women reported a change in their working patterns post-crash, while around 11 per cent reported taking up extra work to deal with the financial crisis.

The study also documented low rates of access to insurance coverage and poor awareness related to legal compensation among truck drivers.

Two-thirds of truck drivers interviewed for the survey were not aware of third-party liability insurance. None of the drivers had applied for or benefited from cashless treatment at hospitals, Solatium Fund for hit and run cases or ex-gratia schemes. "Road crashes can have a devastating and disproportionate impact on the poor, thrusting a family into deep poverty."

The World Bank is committed to supporting the Indian Government in creating safety nets for poor households to ease their financial burden and help them cope with the sudden emergency linked to road crashes," said Hartwig.

In addition to the financial losses, the report highlights the social impact of road traffic injuries.

About 64 per cent of low-income households reported deterioration in their standard of living (more than twice reported by high-income households), while more than 50 per cent reported mental depression post-crash.

"The findings of the report identify the areas that require immediate improvements such as efforts towards post-crash emergency care and protocols, insurance and compensation systems. It also presents an opportunity for development agencies, policymakers and respective state governments to prioritize a complete policy overhaul of the existing system and implement sustainable solution-oriented, inclusive measures to improve their performance on road safety," said Piyush Tewari, CEO and founder of SaveLIFE Foundation.

Parl panel on Defence likely to visit Galwan



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The parliamentary standing committee on defence intends to visit the Galwan Valley and the Pangong lake in the eastern Ladakh region which has been witness to a violent stand-off between the troops of India and China, sources said.

However, it may seek the permission of the Government before visiting the strategically-located areas, they said.

The 30-member committee, chaired by senior BJP leader and former Union Minister Jai Oram and of which Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is a member, intends to visit the eastern Ladakh region in the last week of May or June, the sources said on Friday.

The decision to visit these areas was taken in the panel's latest meeting, they said. Gandhi did not attend it.

The panel's visit to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) depends on the approval from the government, the sources added.

After a nine-month stand-

off, militaries of Indian and China reached an agreement on disengagement in the north and south banks of Pangong lake that mandates both sides to cease forward deployment of troops in a "phased, coordinated and verifiable" manner.

On Thursday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh made a detailed statement in Parliament on the disengagement pact.

According to the agreement, China has to pull back its troops to east of Finger 8 areas in the northern bank while the Indian personnel will be based at their permanent base at Dhan Singh Thapa Post near Finger 3 in the region.

Similar action will take place on the south bank of the lake as well, Singh said.

India has not "conceded" any territory to China by firming up an agreement on the disengagement process in Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, and other outstanding "problems" including in Depsang, Hot Springs ad Gogra will be taken up at the upcoming talks between military com-

manders of the two countries, the defence ministry said on Friday.

The statement by the ministry came hours after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi alleged that the Government has "ceded" Indian territory to China and raised questions over the agreement on the disengagement process.

The ministry also dubbed as "categorically false" the assertion that Indian territory is up to Finger 4 in the Pangong Tso area, adding the permanent posts of both sides in the area are "longstanding and well-established".

"India has not conceded any territory as a result of this agreement. On the contrary, it has enforced observance and respect for LAC and prevented any unilateral change in the status quo," the ministry said in the strongly-worded statement.

The MEA also said the two countries have agreed to convene the 10th round of senior commanders meeting within 48 hours after complete disengagement in the Pangong Lake area to address the remaining issues, and added that no date has been set for Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China border affairs.

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Attack on CRPF convoy: NIA files chargesheet against HM operative



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday filed a supplementary chargesheet against Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorist Naveed Mushtaq Shah, alias Naveed Babu, before the Special NIA Court, Jammu under various Ranbir Penal Code sections and Explosive Substances Act besides Kashmir Public Property (Prevention of Damage) Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The case relates to an attack on the CRPF convoy at Tethar, Banihal, Ramban district in Jammu and Kashmir by a terrorist who had exploded an explosive-laden Santro car on March 30, 2019 with the intention of killing security personnel and waging war against the Government of India.

In this regard, a case FIR No 39/2019 dated March 30, 2019 was registered at Police Station Banihal, Ramban. The NIA re-registered the case as RC-3/2019/NIA/JMU on April 15, 2019 and took over the investigation of the case. The agency had earlier

filed chargesheet against six Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorists for their role in this attack.

The accused Naveed Mushtaq Shah alias Naveed Babu is a former constable of Jammu and Kashmir police. He had decamped with arms and ammunition in 2017, when he was posted as a guard in FCI, Budgam. After deserting the force he had joined the terrorist group Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and became an active terrorist, the NIA said.

"Investigation has established that accused Naveed Mushtaq Shah was actively involved in the planning and execution of the attack on the CRPF convoy in Banihal along with other terrorists Riyaz Ahmed Naikoo, Rayees Ahmed Khan and Dr. Saifullah Mir who were subsequently killed in encounters with security forces," it said.

The deceased terrorists Sahil Abdullah Bhat, Adil Bashir Sheikh and Zubair Ahmed Wani were actively involved in preparation of the explosives that went into the making of the IED. Charges have been abated against the deceased terrorists involved in the conspiracy.

Charges have been framed by the NIA Court against the six accused chargesheeted earlier.

Further trial is continuing, it added.

SC panel likely to reach out to protesting farmers to take their views on farm laws

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

After holding meetings with a number of stakeholders engaged in the agriculture sector including Amul, ITC and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), the Supreme Court-appointed expert committee is likely to reach out to protesting farmer unions to take their viewpoints over the three farm legislations. Top sources said that the committee is expected to invite agitating farmers for discussion after next week. The protesting farmers under the banner of Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) - has refused to talk to the committee - continue to protest at Delhi's borders - Tikri, Singhu, and Ghazipur for over 80 days.

On the other hand, BJP MP Subramanian Swamy took to Twitter on Saturday to criticise the Centre's treatment of the farmers' agitation saying the farmers' agitation may soon become an international issue as human rights groups plan to approach the International Labour Organisation of the United Nations. He further alleged that Chinese media are distorting the farmers' agitation. "Our I&B Ministry should see that it is effectively countered since Chinese media influence in our neighbourhood is considerable now," he tweeted.

"The agitating farmers groups have been given invitations in the past but they refused. Now, the committee will again try to reach out to the agitating farmers to seek their view points," sources said. The committee has held meeting



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with 12 farmers' unions and Farm Produce Organisations' (FPOs) and representatives of 18 State and Union Territories of agriculture departments and sought their feedback over the farm legislations in the past two days.

The three-member panel has interacted with a large number of farmer unions, farmer producer organisations (FPOs) as well as senior officials of state agriculture marketing boards and private mandis to understand their points of view on the contentious farm laws. According to the agriculture ministry, during discussion, they not only gave their frank views about the

agrarian laws but also gave suggestions to improve the implementation of the laws.

The Committee has held nine rounds of deliberations with stakeholders engaged directly or indirectly in the agriculture sector so far. The three-member committee has been holding consultations with stakeholders, both online and in person.

The SKM has planned six mahapanchayats or mega gatherings of farmers over two weeks as part of its efforts to add more numbers to the protest sites. On Friday, mahapanchayats were held in Moradabad in UP and Bahadurgarh in Haryana. Three mahapanchayats will be organised in Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh and Seeker in Rajasthan on February 18, 19 and 23 respectively. Besides, one mahapanchayat will be organised in Sirsa in Haryana on February 22 to decide the further course of the agitation. At present, the talks between the Union Government and the farmers' unions have come to a standstill.

88% for tobacco control laws to have more teeth: Study

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Over 80 per cent of Indians consider the consumption of smokeless tobacco to be a very serious problem and 88 per cent strongly support the strengthening of the current tobacco control law to address this menace, as per a recent study conducted by Consumer VOICE, an NGO engaged in creating awareness on consumer rights and laws.

The survey conducted on tobacco use and its impact in 10 States in the country also found that 72 per cent of people believe passive smoking poses a serious health hazard.

"The majority of the respondents supported banning smoking in all public places, eliminating special smoking areas in airports, hotels, and restaurants, banning the sale of loose cigarettes and bidis and advertising tobacco products at selling points," said the survey which



was conducted in the backdrop of Government's proposal to amend the tobacco control act.

The survey noted that a least 82 percent of the respondents believe smokeless tobacco use is a profoundly serious problem; 80 percent say so about smoking cigarettes while 77 per cent have the same notion on smoking of bidis.

The study found that more than nine in ten Indians are of the opinion that the Centre should strengthen the existing tobacco law and ensure its strict implementation across the country.

Support for the law is high across all demographic and geographic areas irrespective of age-group and gender, with



even tobacco users supporting it.

The interview was conducted in 10 languages (Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Oriya, Marathi, Tamil, Bengali, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada) across the country.

"It is very encouraging to see the overwhelming support from people for strengthening the current tobacco control law. The Government has started the amendment process of tobacco control law COTPA 2003 which is an important step towards improving public health.

"It is looking to strengthen the provisions for prohibiting smoking in public places and a ban on point-of-sale advertising displays besides ban on sale of loose cigarettes and have higher penalties," said Ashim Sanyal, Chief Operating Officer, Consumer VOICE.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease and premature deaths globally and in India more than 10 Lakhs people are losing life every year due to tobacco related diseases.

No new Covid death in 17 States, UTs

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In a big relief, at least 17 States and Union Territories have not reported any new Covid-19 fatality, while 13 States and UTs have reported between 1 and 5 new deaths due to the infections in the last 24 hours on Friday, indicating a significant decline in the spread of the disease which has swept the world over for more than a year.

India's total Covid-19 active caseload currently stands at 1.36 lakh (1,36,571) comprising just 1.25 per cent of the total infections while a total of 1,06,00,625 people have recovered so far with 11,395 patients getting discharged in a day.

The Ministry said 81.93 per cent of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in six states with Kerala reporting the maximum number of single-day recoveries, with 5,332 newly-recovered cases. A total of 12,422 people recovered in Maharashtra in



the past 24 hours, followed by 486 in Tamil Nadu.

A total 12,143 daily new cases registered in a span of 24 hours, it said, adding that 86.01 per cent of the new cases are from six states.

Kerala continues to report the highest daily new cases at 5,397, followed by Maharashtra with 3,670, while Tamil Nadu reported 483 new cases.

Further, 103 deaths were

recorded in a span of 24 hours. Six states account for 80.58 per cent of the new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum of 36 casualties. Kerala follows with 18 daily deaths, while Karnataka and Punjab reported 8 deaths each.

For over two weeks, the country has recorded less than 15,000 new infections daily. Also, the daily Covid-19 death toll has been below the 200-

mark for more than a month now.

On February 9, India had reported 9,110 new cases, the lowest this year so far. Last year, the lowest 9,633 cases were recorded on June 3.

The recovery rate has increased to 97.32 per cent, while the fatality rate is down to 1.43 per cent. The ministry also informed that 7,43,614 samples were tested on Friday.

Lok Sabha saw 99.5% productivity: Speaker Om Birla

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The first phase of Budget Session of Parliament, which commenced with the Address of the President of India on January 29, concluded on Saturday. The overall productivity of the Lok Sabha remained at 99.5%, according to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Birla, while interacting with the media in Parliament House said that the Budget Session of Parliament ran smoothly and transacted important business even beyond midnight.

The first part of the Budget Session, 2021 has been highly productive, the Speaker said.

The Speaker thanked the Leader of the House the Prime Minister, Leaders of all political parties, Members of Parliament, media and officers and staff of the Lok Sabha Secretariat for the smooth conduct of the Lok Sabha.

Birla said that during the first part of the Budget Session 2021, Lok Sabha sat for 49 hours and 17 minutes against the stipulated time of 50 hours. The Discussion on the Motion of Thanks on President's Address took place for 16 hours and 39 minutes and 130 Members participated in the Discussion.

Lok Sabha Speaker also informed that whereas 10

hours was allocated for General Discussion on Union Budget 2021-2022, the House debated for 14 hours and 40 minutes. As many as 117 Members took part in the General Discussion on Union Budget 2021-2022. 173 Members participated in Zero Hour discussions. Several matters of urgent public importance were raised by the Members during Zero Hour.

House lost an effective time of 43 minutes due to disruptions.

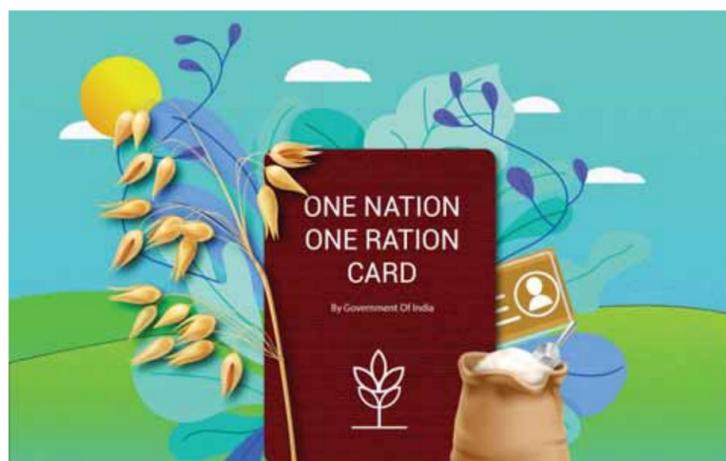
49 women MPs participated in the discussion on Motion of Thanks on President's Address and Budget.

He said, despite the House sitting late beyond midnight, a large number of women Members remained present and participated in the proceedings, raising many important issues.

Responding to questions regarding disruptions in the House, Lok Sabha Speaker said that the ultimate objective is to strengthen democracy. So, it is the responsibility of all Members to ensure that democratic and ethical standards are maintained in the House and rules are followed scrupulously.

The Speaker said that the time lost due to disruptions has been compensated by the House by sitting beyond schedule time.

Punjab 13th State to implement 'One Nation One Ration Card'



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab has become the 13th State in the country to successfully undertake "One Nation One Ration Card system" reform. The State has become eligible to mobilise additional financial resources of ₹1,516 crore rupees through Open Market Borrowings. According to the Ministry of Finance, permission for the same was issued by the Department of Expenditure.

The other 12 States which have completed this reform are Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

Till now, 17 States have car-

ried out at least one of the four stipulated reforms and have been granted reform linked borrowing permissions. On completion of One Nation One Ration Card system reform, these 13 states have been granted additional borrowing permission of Rs 34,956 crore by the Department of Expenditure.

Out of these, 13 states have implemented the one nation one ration card system, 12 states have done ease of doing business reforms, 6 states have done local body reforms and 2 states have undertaken power sector reforms.

Total reform linked additional borrowing permission issued so far to the states stands at Rs 76,512 crore.

The implementation of

One Nation One Ration Card System ensures availability of ration to beneficiaries under National Food Security Act and other welfare schemes at any Fair Price Shop across the country.

The reform especially empowers the migratory population who frequently change their place of dwelling to be self-reliant in food security. One Nation One Ration Card System is an important citizen-centric reform. Its implementation ensures availability of ration to beneficiaries under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes, especially the migrant workers and their families, at any Fair Price Shop (FPS) across the country.

No severe adverse impact of Covid jab so far: Health Min

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Saturday said that no case of serious or severe Adverse event following immunization (AEFI) or death has been attributable to vaccination till date even as it said that the second dose of the vaccination have kicked off for the beneficiaries who have completed 28 days after receiving the first dose of vaccine.

Deaths reported so far in cases where vaccination has been conducted to date is 27. There are 3 deaths reported in the past 24 hours who had taken vaccination at some point in time in the recent past, Health Ministry added.

On Saturday alone, 84,807 vaccinations (provisional figure) were completed till 6 pm.

Meanwhile, India has vaccinated close to 80 lakh beneficiaries against COVID-19, the ministry said. Till 8 AM on February 13, a total of 79,67,647 beneficiaries have been administered shots under the countrywide COVID-19 vaccination exercise.

Out of these, 5,909,136 are healthcare workers and 2,058,511 are frontline workers. A total of 1,64,781 sessions have been conducted so far.

On day 28 (February 12) of the vaccination drive, 4,62,637 beneficiaries (healthcare workers- 94,160 and frontline workers- 3,68,477) were vaccinated across 10,411 sessions, the ministry said.

Cong slams FM's doomsday man remark on Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress on Saturday slammed Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman over her remarks on former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, describing him as a "doomsday man" for India. The party said that she is an angry Minister who has ruined the economy.

Speaking to the media after Sitharaman's speech in Lok Sabh, Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said, "She is not Finance Minister but is an angry minister. She is dangerous for the Indian economy. She along with Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) has ruined the economy of the country and their only motto is 'Hum do, hamare do'."

Lashing out at the Finance Minister, Chowdhury said that the allegations made by

the Congress are not baseless. Quoting a report by Oxfam, Chowdhury said, "We want to ask the Finance Minister how does she explain that the lockdown made India's billionaires 35 per cent richer, while 84 per cent of households income suffered a loss and 1.7 lakh people lost their jobs every hour in April, 2020 alone."

"How does she explain that income increase for India's top 100 billionaires since March 2020, which was enough to give each of the 13.8 crore poorest people a cheque of over ₹94,000 each Finance Minister's misplaced priorities include tax concession for corporates in financial year 2019-20 that amounted to over ₹1.4 lakh crores. Instead of creating jobs, they used money for trimming up their balance sheets."

AIMPLB moves SC against plea for uniform grounds of divorce

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has moved the Supreme Court against a plea seeking "uniform grounds of divorce" for all citizens of the country, keeping with the spirit of the Constitution and international conventions.

The AIMPLB has opposed the plea filed by advocate and BJP leader Ashwini Kumar

Upadhyay seeking uniform grounds of divorce on the basis that personal laws cannot be tested on the anvil of Articles 14, 15, 21 and 44 of the Constitution.

"The applicant would like to submit that the expression and 'Custom and Usage' in Article 13 of the Constitution does not include faith of a religious denomination embedded in personal laws," the plea said while seeking implement in the petition filed by Upadhyay.

Terrorist behind killing of three BJP workers in Kulgam arrested

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A dreaded terrorist involved in the killing of three BJP workers in Kulgam last year was arrested by the Jammu and Kashmir police in a late night swoop down on a terrorist hideout near Bari Brahmana in the Samba district.

The operation was led by the Anantnag police while jawans of Samba police assisted them during the operation.

The arrested terrorist has been identified as Zahoor Ahmad Rather, alias Khalid a terrorist of TRF or The Resistance Front, a front name for Pakistani terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba. Zahoor had killed three BJP workers in Vessu, Kulgam district last year in October and one policeman at Furrah in the same district. The terrorist is the second-in-command at TRF after Abbas Sheikh.

Official sources claimed Zahoor was camping in Samba to collect a weapons' consignment which was to be routed via Pakistan

through a drone.

In recent weeks several incidents of weapons dropping via drones have come to light along the border belt of Samba and Kathua districts.

Soon after his arrest the TRF terrorist was shifted to police station in Bari Brahmana from where he was later shifted to a Joint Interrogation centre.

Last week, Hidayatullah Malik, a categorised terrorist from Shopian district, was caught alive in a daring operation near a shopping mall in the Kunjwani area. Hidayatullah is the chief of Lashkar-e-Mustafa, a front for Pakistani terror group Jaish-e-Mohammad in Kashmir valley. Police is currently interrogating his wife Seeba, a LLM student in Kashmir University. Her involvement in the terror related incidents has also surfaced during her preliminary interrogation in the case. She along with her husband was tasked to conduct reconnaissance of vital security installations in and around Jammu before launching fresh terror strikes.

Men in car, bikes try to waylay officer probing Kerala gold smuggling probe

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

There was an attempt on the life of a top customs officer in Kerala who heads the investigation into the gold smuggling cases that had rocked the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Kerala Government. Sources in Customs Department said the attack on the official had political patronage.

Sumith Kumar, Preventive Commissioner, Customs, who heads the team of investigators probing the gold smuggling scam in which officials from the Chief Minister's Office too figure, was on his way to Kozhikode after inaugurating the Customs House at Kalpetta in Wayanad district on Friday when a group of strangers in a car and four bikes tried to waylay the former.

The Preventive Commissioner told reporters that the car and bike-borne assailants gave him a chase for almost 25 km and tried to force his car to the side of the road. "Many times they succeeded in overtaking my car

and tried to block my car.

The driver of my car was told by the security officer not to stop the car which he obliged. When we entered the suburb of Kozhikode, the vehicles which were chasing us took a different route and sped away," said Sumit Kumar.

The official, later went to the police station and filed a report of what happened during his journey from Kalpetta to Kozhikode. The Police have registered a case under 279, 283 of the IPC and 120(B) of the Kerala Police Act.

The incident sent shockwaves across the State as this was the first incident of this kind on the life of an investigating officer, member of the highly sensitive Indian Revenue Service.

Thiruvananthapuram airport who had brought to light the gold smuggling through diplomatic channels had faced threats from some people and had been provided with security cover by the CRPF cops.

M Sivsankar, former principal secretary to chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan, C M Ravendran, additional special secretary, and K T Jaleel, minister for higher education had been interrogated by the Customs and other investigating agencies in connection with the gold smuggling. Sivsankar was in jail for 98 days on charges of hawala transaction and alleged connivance with persons who were arrested in connection with gold smuggling through diplomatic channels.

Sources of Customs told *The Pioneer* that there has been an increase in gold smuggling through airports in Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode during the last one year.

"But we have successfully seized a large portion of gold which was being smuggled into the country. These smugglers enjoy political patronage and that too from the State's highest politicians," said the officials.

Raj Housing Board organises workshop on RERA challenges and solutions



Jaipur: The Rajasthan Housing Board organized a state-level workshop on the topic "Rajasthan RERA Challenges and Solutions" at Bhagwat Singh Mehta Auditorium. While addressing this workshop as the chief guest, the Chairman of RERA Rajasthan Shri NC Goyal said that he is happy that Rajasthan Housing Board is the first institute in the country to comply with the 100% RERA provisions. He said that private builders and government institutions should learn from the Housing Board. Today Rajasthan Housing Board has become a role model in the country in terms of compliance of RERA provisions.

Mumbai Police seizes charas worth ₹1.59 cr, 2 arrested

Both the arrested drug peddlers were produced before a magistrate court which has remanded them in police custody till February 16

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

With no let up in the continued crackdown by the security agencies on the drug peddlers operating in the metropolis and surrounding areas, the Mumbai Police sleuths have arrested two drug peddlers and seized Charas worth ₹1.59 crore from them.

Identifying one of the arrested drug peddlers as one Kisan H. Gaud alias Sathe (24), the police said that a police team had caught him from Parekh Nagar in Malad east earlier, but he managed to escape from the clutches of the police.

However, the police arrested him on Saturday along with a plastic bag with 3.20 kgs Charas worth Rs.1.02 crore.

Earlier on Thursday, the police had arrested another identified as one Suraj Vijayabhadur Yadav alias Potay (21) and seized Charas worth Rs.57 lakh from him.

Both the arrested drug peddlers were produced before a magistrate court which has remanded them in police custody till February 16.

Saturday's was the second major action by Mumbai Police in the past 24 hours. Earlier, the police had seized 1.80 tonnes Ganja worth Rs.3.60 crore concealed under a consignment of coconuts from a truck in the eastern suburbs.

BJP ups the ante for Sena Minister's arrest over Tik-Tok star's death

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Opposition BJP on Saturday upped the ante over the alleged suicide of a 22-year-old Tik-Tok star Pooja Chavan, by rooting for the arrest of Maharashtra's Forest Minister Sanjay Rathod of the Shiv Sena, who was reportedly in love with the deceased woman.

Five days after she allegedly committed suicide by jumping off the Heaven Park

building in Pune's Wanwadi locality, BJP leaders Radhakrishna Vikhe-Patil, Kirit Somaiya and party's woman leader Chitra Wagh said that the minister had no moral right to continue in the office. "In fact, he should be booked abetting Pooja's alleged suicide and arrested immediately," Wagh said. A four-time Shiv Sena MLA from Yavatmal, Rathod is a prominent leader of the Banjara community.

Amid a controversy over the controversy over the circumstances leading to Pooja's death, the BJP leaders alleged that the Tik-Tok star had committed suicide due to her reported love affair with the minister.

Maharashtra's former chief minister and senior BJP Devendra Fadnis demanded that Pooja's death be investigated in view of the fact that the telephonic conversations between her and the minister

had gone viral on society media.

The Opposition leaders alleged that Pooja was pregnant at the time of death and that there were reasons to believe that the minister was responsible for her pregnancy.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray downplayed the Opposition's demand for Rathod's arrest, by saying that an inquiry had been ordered

into the circumstances leading to Pooja's death. "Truth will emerge in the investigations," he said.

Official sources said that the chief minister had sought a report from Police Commissioner Amitabh Gupta on the death. On his part, Rathod could not be reached all through the day.

On Friday, Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnis had written a letter to the

Director-General of Police Hemant Nagre requesting for a probe. Along with the letter, Fadnis had submitted 14 purported audio-clips allegedly linked with Chavan's death.

Senior Shiv Sena Minister Eknath Shinde defended the accused minister saying that he was not proper to make allegations against a minister's name before the completion of the investigations by the police. Another Minister Uday

Samant said it was improper for him to comment on the issue, since the chief minister had already asked for a report from the Pune Police Commissioner.

Preliminary reports said that Pooja, hailing from Beed district in Marathwada region, had gone to Pune a week prior to her death last week. She was attending an English-speaking course and was living with two youths, said to be brother and his friend

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LDF IN SOUP OVER APPOINTMENT

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The CPI(M) which came to power in Kerala winning the 2016 Assembly elections had promised the people of the State that the Left Democratic Front of which the party was the leader would form a Government that would care.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had told the people that this would be an administration with a humane face. But at the end of its tenure, the Vijayan regime is being projected as the most corrupt government the State has ever seen by former Chief Minister Oommen Chandi, leader of the Opposition Ramesh Chennithala and P K Kunhalikutty, leader of the Muslim League.

The appointment of Ninitha Kanicheri, wife of M B Rajesh, former CPI(M) MP, in Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University as assistant professor, violating all norms associated with the recruitment process is being seen as the tip of the iceberg. Wife of A Vijayaraghavan, CPI(M) State Secretary, has been appointed as deputy principal of Sree Kerala Varma College at Thrissur in gross violation of all laws in the land.

Appointing close relatives of party MPs, MLAs and other leaders has become the order of the day, a Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University professor told The

Pioneer on condition of anonymity. "The rank list prepared by the Kerala Public Service Commission for appointment to various universities in the State has been thrown to the winds by the CPI(M). Wife of higher education minister K T Jaleel too figures in the list of relatives who have been appointed as assistant professors in Universities in the State," said the professor. Details given by the Kerala Government to a query under the right to information (RTI) has disclosed that these appointments are nothing new. Persons without qualifications specified by the University have been appointed as associate professors ignoring qualified candidates.

Sunil P Elayidom, an employee working with a party publication was appointed as assistant professor though he did not possess the minimum qualifications as mandated by the University. The interview board members, all CPI(M) activists, gave first rank to Elayidom superseding 211 qualified candidates. "I had the unfortunate experience of approaching the Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University to pursue a Ph D programme in Ayurveda. The response from the authorities was painful. It has degenerated into an employment agency to recruit CPI(M) members and its fellow travellers," said Dr Rajeev, Ayurvedic physician in

Ernakulam district.

The Sanskrit university may be the only institution of its kind to appoint persons with no knowledge in Sanskrit as its vice-chancellors. "Though R Ramachandran Nair, former chief secretary of Kerala and a Sanskrit scholar himself, took all the pains to get this University established as an institution for research studies in Sanskrit, what is happening in the University is not at all Sanskritised," said Dr Rajeev.

R Ananthanarayanan, honorary secretary, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, said he too had a disappointing experience from the Sanskrit University.

"We had sent special invitations to the University inviting them for the National Sanskrit Seminar on Vedas, Vedangas and Darshanas held at Puthucode in Kerala in February 2020. They did not even acknowledge the invitation letters which is strange because it is the one and only institution of its kind in Kerala," said Ananthanarayanan.

He was of the view that the Union Government or the University Grants Commission should order a thorough probe into the functioning of the University and the credentials of the academic staff should be subjected to an audit.

Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University needs to be Sanskritised, said both Dr Rajeev and Ananthanarayanan.

COURT NOTICE
Citation (by Advertisement) (Chapter XXX, Rule-21) In the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad Original Jurisdiction Testamentary and Intestate Jurisdiction Testamentary Case No. 46 of 2019 Late Dayawati Devi wife of Late Amarnath Singh Resident of Village Hetapatti Post Office Hetapatti Tehsil Phoolpur District Allahabad, at Present Dayawati Bhawan Village and Post Hamargutta, near Rambha I.T.I. Police Station Bagdera, District Singhbhum Jharkhand. Deceased Niranjan Singh Petitioner Whereas an application has been made by Niranjan Singh son of Late Amar Nath Singh, Resident of Village Hetapatti, Post Office Hetapatti, Tehsil Phoolpur, District Allahabad, at present Dayawati Bhawan Village and Post Hamargutta, near Rambha I.T.I. Police Station Bagdera, District Singhbhum Jharkhand, for the probate of the will (or Letters of Administration to the estate) of Late Dayawati Devi deceased, who died at Tata Main Hospital Jharkhand on 15.01.2017 and whereas the 08th day of April 2021 has been fixed for hearing of the said application. This citation is issued calling upon all persons claiming to have any interest to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the grant of probate (or Letters of Administration) Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 05th day of February, 2021. Deputy Registrar High Court, Allahabad

IN THE COURT OF SH. AASHISH GUPTA, ACJ/CCJ/ARC (SOUTH EAST) SAKET COURTS NEW DELHI. SS-100/2020

IN THE MATTER OF:
1. SMT. VEENA GOYAL W/o Late Sh. Ajay Goyal R/o E-7, Shanti Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Petitioner No. 1

2. SIDDHARTH GOEL S/o Late Sh. Ajay Goyal R/o E-7, Shanti Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085. Petitioner No. 2

VERSUS

1. STATE (Govt. of NCT of Delhi) S, Sharnath Marg, Delhi-110054. Respondent No. 1

2. RISHI GOYLE S/o Late Sh. Ajay Goyal R/o G-201, Habitat Co-operative Group Housing Society, B-19, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi-110096 Mobile No. 9312796050. Respondent No. 2

3. BANDHAN BANK LIMITED Ground Floor, Building No.235, Fatehpuri, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006 IFSC Code BDBL0001799 Respondent No. 3

4. HDFC BANK D/33, NDSE/1, South Extension-1 New Delhi-110046 IFSC - HDFC0004415 Email ID: support@hdfcbank.com Phone No. : +917573313585 Respondent No. 4

5. INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT Through Commissioner ITO (Hqrs) Room No. 314, 3rd Floor, E2 Block, Dr. SPM Civic Centre, Minto Road, New Delhi-110002 Phone No. : 236820493, Email ID rajendra.k.parmar@incometax.gov.in Respondent No. 5

6. MRS. REENA JAIN W/o Shri. Ravi Jain R/o House No. 7, Block-3C 1st floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 Phone- 8178502130 Respondent No. 6

7. MR. ROHIT JAIN S/o Shri Ravi Jain, R/o House No. 7, Block-3C 1st floor, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 Respondent No. 7

Whereas, on application U/s 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 has been made by Veena Goyal and Siddharth Goel successor of Late Sh. Ajay Goyal for grant of Succession Certificate in respect of debts/securities of deceased. And whereas the said applicant shall come for hearing on 23.02.2021 at 10.00 AM. Therefore, the public at large is hereby given notice if any person has objection to grant of succession certificate in favour of the said applicant, he may appear and file objections in writing, in person or through duly appointed pleader, on the said date and time. Given under my hand and seal on 16.01.2021 (Ashish Gupta) ACJ/CCJ/ARC-(South East) Room no.203, Second Floor Saket Courts, New Delhi

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Extract of Un-audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter & Nine-months ended 31 st December, 2020													
(Rupees in Lakhs except per share data)													
Sr No	Particulars	STANDALONE						CONSOLIDATED					
		Quarter ended		Nine months ended		Year Ended	Quarter ended		Nine months ended		Year Ended		
		Dec 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	Sep 30, 2020 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	Sep 30, 2019 (Unaudited)	Mar 31, 2020 (Audited)	Dec 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	Sep 30, 2020 (Unaudited)	Dec 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	Sep 30, 2019 (Unaudited)	Mar 31, 2020 (Audited)		
1.	Total income from operations	5,979.63	10,171.44	9,541.26	22,086.09	38,036.10	46,294.00	11,407.68	13,268.82	11,355.17	31,531.23	43,650.88	55,032.85
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year (before tax and Exceptional items)	(30.41)	476.36	26.59	(171.34)	724.25	948.50	(236.05)	(992.13)	(1,325.49)	(3,010.18)	(2,600.59)	(3,985.05)
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year before tax (after Exceptional items)	(30.41)	476.36	26.59	(171.34)	995.19	948.50	(236.05)	(992.13)	(1,325.49)	(3,010.18)	(2,599.56)	(3,985.05)
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period/year after tax and Exceptional items	(24.84)	484.58	342.67	(100.42)	761.82	555.60	(170.34)	(602.07)	(674.82)	(2,191.29)	(1,951.35)	(3,095.70)
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period/year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period/year (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(27.86)	481.60	343.89	(110.13)	765.16	540.01	(172.57)	(604.28)	(673.40)	(2,198.68)	(1,947.43)	(3,108.20)
6.	Equity Share Capital	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29	144.29
7.	Other Equity						45,485.78						42,346.78
8.	Earnings per share of Rs 10 each												
	(a) Basic (Rs)	(1.72)	33.58	23.75	(6.96)	52.80	38.51	(7.62)	(10.47)	(17.45)	(91.72)	(57.17)	(109.58)
	(b) Diluted (Rs)	(1.72)	33.58	23.75	(6.96)	52.80	38.51	(7.62)	(10.47)	(17.45)	(91.72)	(57.17)	(109.58)

Notes:

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter & nine-months ended December 31, 2020, filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter & nine-months ended December 31, 2020 alongwith review report of the Statutory Auditors is available under Investors section of our website at www.hindusthanurban.com and under Financial Results at Corporate section of www.bsindia.com.
- The above un-audited financial results were, subjected to limited review by the Statutory Auditors of the Company, reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 13th February, 2021. The review report of the Statutory Auditors is being filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange.

By Order of the Board
For HINDUSTHAN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED
Sd/-
(Deepak Katiwail)
Managing Director
DIN : 07442554

Place : New Delhi
Date : 13th February, 2021

Chola CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
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Branch Office: Plot No.6, 2nd Floor, Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.

POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8 (1)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued deemed notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbiotic possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

SI No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
A	B	C	D	E	F
	Loan Nos.X0HEDHE0000699431 & X0HEELD00001447961 & X0HEELD00001658589 Borrower & Co-borrower 1.PAWAN KUMAR AGGARWAL, G-18/24, Rohini Sector 15, Rohini New Delhi - 110 085. 2.PAWAN KUMAR AGGARWAL, G-15/24 Sector 15, Rohini, New Delhi -110 084. 3.VANDANA AGGARWAL, G-18/24, Rohini Sector 15, Rohini New Delhi - 110 085.	20/11/2019	Rs. 1,22,12,370.71 as on 16-11-2019	Entire Ground Floor without roof rights of built up property bearing 2/16 area pocketing No.24, A Decking G - 18, Sector - 15 area admeasuring 90 Sq.Mtrs situated at Rohini Residential Scheme Delhi.	10.02.2021
	Loan Nos.X0HEDHE00001178154 & X0HEELD00001447971 Borrower & Co-borrower 1.PRADEEP KUMAR, 2.SANTOSH KUMARI, 3.NARESH KUMAR, All are residing at A-2/16, Bhajanpura, New Delhi-110053.	09/10/2019	Rs. 1,36,29,119.43/- as on 09-10-2019	Portion admeasuring 75 Sq.yds., out of property bearing 2/16 area admeasuring 125 Sq.yds., out Khasra No.290 situated at Village Ghonda Gujran Khadar in the Abadi of Gali No.2-3 Block - A Bhajan Pura Ilaqa, Shahdara, Delhi.	12.02.2021

Date : 12.02.2021
Place : Delhi

AUTHORISED OFFICER
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

GLOBE TROTTING

5 DEAD AFTER STABBINGS, FIRE AT HOUSE IN GERMANY
Berlin: Emergency services found five bodies after a fire at a house in western Germany, and investigators said on Saturday they believe that a man fatally stabbed his wife, young daughters and mother-in-law before killing himself.

EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ARMENIA'S CAPITAL

Yerevan: An earthquake shook the Armenian capital on Saturday, prompting residents to flee buildings into the streets in fear of an aftershock. No casualties or significant damage were immediately reported; local news reports said items were knocked off shelves in stores.

BRITISH LAWYER ELECTED NEXT ICC PROSECUTOR

United Nations: More than 120 countries elected British lawyer Karim Khan on Friday as the next prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, one of the toughest jobs in international law because the tribunal seeks justice for the world's worst atrocities — war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. His election on the second secret ballot by the 123 parties to the Rome Statute that established the court ends a drawn-out and divisive process to replace Fatou Bensouda when her nine-year term expires in June.

TRUMP IMPEACHMENT

Incitement to insurrection charge a 'monstrous lie': Lawyers

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump's insurrection incitement charge is a "monstrous lie" and the impeachment proceedings against the former president a "politically motivated witch hunt" by the Democrats, his lawyers said as they presented evidence in the US Senate.

There is a complete lack of evidence on the article of impeachment against Donald Trump, his lawyers told the United States Senate.

"We have a complete lack of evidence for the article of impeachment presented by the House managers," Trump's lawyer Castor said.

The impeachment by the House, the case for which was laid out by the House managers in the Senate during the last two days, was political.

"Their goal is to eliminate a political opponent, to substitute their judgment for the will of the voters," he said as he showed clips of various Democratic leaders.

Castor said that the critical issue in this case is the very narrow issue that is charged against the 45th president. "That issue is did the 45th president engage in incitement of - they continue to say - insurrection. Clearly there was no insurrection," he said.

Trump's lawyer van der Veen used his opening remarks to dispute the Democrats' case that the former president had incited violence during his speech to supporters on January 6.

Trump had made allegations of voter fraud and urged his supporters to converge at the Capitol building a short while before the riot broke out.

"To claim that the president in any way wished, desired or encouraged lawless or violent behaviour is a preposterous and monstrous lie. In fact, the first two messages the president sent via Twitter once the incursion at the Capitol began were 'Stay Peaceful' and 'No violence because we are the party of law and order,'" the lawyer said.

"The article of impeachment now before the Senate is an unjust and blatantly unconstitutional act of political vengeance," Trump attorney van der Veen argued.

"Like every other politically motivated witch hunt the left has engaged in over the past four years, this impeachment is completely divorced from the facts, the evidence and the interests of the American people," he added.

Citing reports from the FBI, the Department of Justice, and several former and present officials, Trump's lawyers argued that the riots were pre-planned.

Which GOP senators are seen as possible votes against Trump?

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Most every senator has pledged to listen to the evidence in Donald Trump's historic second impeachment trial, but most minds were likely made up before the trial began. Democrats would need a minimum of 17 Republicans to vote with them to convict Trump of incitement of insurrection, and that appears unlikely.

Still, Democrats say they are holding out hope they will win over enough Republicans to convict the former president for his role in the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, in which five people died. If Trump were convicted, the Senate could take a second vote to ban him from running for office again. A final vote is likely on Saturday.

A look at the Republicans whom Democrats are eyeing as they make final arguments in

the case: THE FREQUENT TRUMP CRITICS

Republican Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Ben Sasse of Nebraska, Mitt Romney of Utah and Susan Collins of Maine have been clear that they believe Trump incited the riot. While none of them is a lock to vote for conviction, they have joined with Democrats twice to vote against GOP efforts to dismiss the trial.

Collins said after the siege that Trump does "bear responsibility for working up the crowd and inciting this mob." Murkowski called on Trump to resign after the attack on the Capitol, telling a local paper three days later that "I want him out. He has caused enough damage."

Romney tweeted on Jan. 6: "What happened at the U.S. Capitol today was an insurrection, incited by the President of the United States."

Close watch on tight-lipped GOP leader McConnell's stand

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Seldom has Mitch McConnell signalled so little about such a consequential vote.

Many expect the Senate's top Republican will back acquitting former President Donald Trump of a charge of inciting rioters who assaulted the Capitol last month, but no one is really sure how McConnell will vote.

The Washington political universe and the world beyond will hold their collective breath when the Senate impeachment trial roll call reaches the Kentuckian's name.

Over 36 years in the Senate, the measured McConnell has earned a reputation for inexpressiveness in the service of caution.

This time, the suspense over how he'll vote underscores how much is at stake for McConnell and his party, though it seems extremely unlikely that 17 GOP senators will join all 50 Democrats to convict Trump.

"The overwhelming number of Republican voters don't want Trump convicted, so that means any political leader has to tread carefully," said John Feehery, a former top congressional GOP aide.

While Feehery noted that McConnell was clearly outraged over the attack, he said the senator is "trying to keep his party together."

McConnell is the chamber's most influential Republican and the longest-serving GOP leader ever, and a vote to acquit would leave the party locked in its struggle to define itself in the post-Trump presidency.

A guilty vote could do more to roil GOP waters by signaling an attempt to yank the party away from a figure still revered by most of its voters.

Either way, McConnell's decision could influence the party's short- and long-term election prospects and affect the political clout and legacy of both Trump and the Senate minority leader.

Myanmar protests in 2nd week, with neither side backing down

AP ■ YANGON

Mass street demonstrations in Myanmar entered their second week Saturday, with neither protesters nor the military government they seek to unseat showing any signs of backing down from confrontations.

Protesters in Yangon, the country's biggest city, again congregated at Hleden intersection, a key crossroads from which groups fanned out to other points, including the embassies of the United States and China.

They marched despite an order banning gatherings of five or more people.

The U.S., especially after President Joe Biden announced sanctions against the military regime, is regarded as an ally in the protesters' struggle against the February 1 coup.

China is detested as an ally of the ruling generals, whose



Anti-coup protesters hold a banner with an image of deposed Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi on Saturday

support is crucial to them keeping their grip on power.

Demonstrations also resumed in Myanmar's second-biggest city, Mandalay, with lawyers making up one large contingent.

The military ousted the country's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and her government and prevented recently elected lawmakers from opening a new session of Parliament.

Suu Kyi and other senior

members of her government and party remain in detention.

The junta, led by Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, said it was forced to act because Suu Kyi's government failed to properly investigate allegations of fraud in last year's election, which her National League for Democracy party won in a landslide.

The election commission said there is no evidence to support the military's claims.

Fuel tanker blast causes massive fire at Afghan-Iran border

AP ■ HERAT (AFGHANISTAN)

A fuel tanker exploded Saturday at the Islam Qala crossing in Afghanistan's western Herat province on the Iranian border, injuring at least seven people and causing a massive fire that consumed more than 500 trucks carrying natural gas and fuel, according to Afghan officials and Iranian state media.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the blast. Wahid Qatali, Herat's provincial governor, said Afghan first responders did not have the means to put out the fire and had requested support from Iran in

the form of fire fighting aircraft. "For the time being, we can't even talk about the casualties," Qatali told The Associated Press.

The intensity of the flames meant ambulances were having trouble reaching the wounded or getting close to the site of the blast, said Mohammad Rafiq Shirzy, spokesman for the Herat regional hospital.

Seven people injured by the fire have been admitted to the hospital in Herat so far, he said.

The fire has forced Afghanistan to shut down its electrical supply from Iran, leaving Herat in the dark, said

Wahidullah Tawhidi, spokesman for the Ministry of Power Supply.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported that following the request from Herat's governor, Iranian "rescue forces and fire fighters are underway to extinguish the fire inside Afghanistan," according to Mohsen Nejat, director-general of crisis management in Iran's Khorasan Razavi province.

Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency quoted truck drivers as saying more than 500 trucks carrying natural gas and fuel have been burnt so far.

Bomber detonates near Somalia's presidential palace

Mogadishu: Police say a suicide bomber died and seven civilians were wounded when a vehicle exploded near a checkpoint outside the presidential palace in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu. Police spokesman Sadiq Ali Adan says the driver defied orders to stop on Saturday morning, and police opened fire as passers-by ran for their lives. He says more than a dozen vehicles were destroyed in the blast.

This latest bombing occurred as Somali politicians argue over how to hold a national election. The vote had been scheduled for February 8, and some argue that President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed has overstayed his mandate. He seeks a second four-year term. More talks on the election crisis are set for Monday. The al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab extremist group based in Somalia often targets high-profile areas of Mogadishu. It has threatened to attack the polls.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020
(Rs. in Lakhs)

PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
	Quarter Ended	Nine Months Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended	Nine Months Ended	Quarter Ended	Year Ended
	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2019 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2019 (Unaudited)	31.03.2020 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	3,682.04	8,617.11	3,755.79	15,633.13	3,952.59	9,486.85	3,770.12	16,340.14
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	355.46	238.10	93.22	437.79	363.22	414.37	15.73	140.30
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and extraordinary items)	355.46	238.10	93.22	437.79	363.22	414.37	15.73	627.62
Net Profit for the period after Tax (After exceptional and extraordinary items)	315.72	198.36	69.47	422.31	323.47	374.62	(8.02)	607.74
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	315.72	198.36	69.47	409.04	323.47	374.62	(8.02)	594.47
Paid Up Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 10/- per share)	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)								
Basic:	1.42	0.90	0.31	1.91	1.46	1.69	(0.04)	2.74
Diluted:	1.42	0.90	0.31	1.91	1.46	1.69	(0.04)	2.74

NOTES:
1. The above Unaudited Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 12th February, 2021. Limited review of the results as required under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, have been carried out by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites. (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com)
3. Figures of the previous period have been regrouped / rearranged, wherever necessary.

For and on behalf of Board
BARAK VALLEY CEMENTS LIMITED
Sd/-
Kamakhya Chamaria
Vice Chairman & Managing Director

Place : New Delhi
Date : 12th February, 2021

Strong quake hits Japan's northeast coast; no tsunami alert

Tokyo: A strong earthquake hit off the coast of northeastern Japan late Saturday, shaking Fukushima, Miyagi and other areas, but there was no threat of a tsunami, officials said.

The Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant, which had melted-downs following a massive quake and tsunami 10 years ago, was checking to see whether there were any problems following the magnitude 7.1 quake. There were no immediate reports of irregularities from other nuclear plants in the area, such as Onagawa or Fukushima Dai-ni, government spokesperson Katsunobu Kato told reporters.

Draghi takes helm in Italy, focused on pandemic recovery aid

AP ■ ROME

Mario Draghi, the man credited with largely saving the euro currency, on Saturday formally took the helm as Italy's premier, after crafting a government that balances economic experts and other technocrats with career politicians from across the spectrum to guide the pandemic-devastated nation toward recovery.

Ending weeks of political crisis, Draghi and his Cabinet ministers took their oaths of office in a ceremony at the Quirinal presidential palace in

front of President Sergio Mattarella. It was Mattarella who tasked Draghi, a former chief of the European Central Bank as well as of Italy's central bank, with trying to form a government up to managing the Covid-19 health, economic and social crises.

Perhaps in a sign of Draghi's intent to get quickly to work in healing Italy, the swearing-in ceremony began three minutes early. In deference to coronavirus precautions, all participants in the ceremony were masked, and a palace aide provided each minister with a fresh pen to sign their oath.

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Name of the work Upkeep of ADB Railway yard (from PPL Level Crossing to ATBK Level Crossing) for the year 2021-22. Estimated cost Rs.78,47,618.82. Last date & time of submission 03.03.2021 upto 17.00Hrs. Refer our website for details: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app
Executive Engineer, PRD
PPT/PR/405/20-21 Dt.13.02.2021

PARADIP PORT TRUST
e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
Name of the work : Upkeep of Railway Yard inside Harbour area (from ATBK Level Crossing to ATBK-II Level Crossing) for the year 2021-22. Estimated cost : Rs. 83,02,482.35/- . Last Date & time of Submission : 05.03.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs. Refer our website for details : eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app
Executive Engineer, PRD, PPT
PPT/PR/411/20-21 Date :13.02.2021

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पत्र सं. 137. Tender Notice दिनांक: 12.02.2021
Office of the EE (M&G), Dhakrani Power Station invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
NIT No. 38/EE(M&G)/DKN/2020-21:- Replacement of Winch at Dhakrani power Station
NIT No. 39/EE(M&G)/DKN/2020-21:- Refurbishment of damaged earthing at switchyard of Dhakrani Power Station
Estimated cost: Rs 670000.00, Rs 1100000.00 (GST extra) respectively
Date of availability of bid document on website:- 13/02/2021
Last date of submission of tender:- 05.03.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"
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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER,2020
(Rs.In Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.12.2020	Nine months ended 31.12.2020	Quarter Ended 31.12.2019	Year Ended 31.03.2020
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
I	Total Income from operations	0.51	1.53	0.51	13.90
II	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	-16.41	-51.42	-17.39	-71.71
III	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	-16.41	-51.42	-17.39	-71.71
IV	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax & exceptional items)	-16.41	-51.42	-17.39	-71.71
V	Total Comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit/loss) for the period after tax & other comprehensive income)				
VI	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs.10 per share)	925.56	925.56	925.56	925.56
VII	Other Equity as shown in Audited Balance sheet of previous year	249.99	249.99	321.7	321.70
VIII	Earnings per equity share of Rs.10 /each (not annualised)				
	(a) Basic	-0.18	-0.56	-0.19	-0.77
	(b) Diluted				

NOTES:
1. The above financial result is an extract of detailed format of quarter ended 31st December,2020 filed with Stock exchange (BSE) as per Reg 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations,2015 and full format is available on the website of the company www.ansfoods.com and website of BSE www.bseindia.com.
2. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors in its meeting held on 12.02.2021
3. Figures for the previous year / period have been re-arranged wherever necessary.

For ANS industries Limited
Sd/-
(Mehinder Sharma)
Managing Director
DIN-00036252

Date : 12.02.2021
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Statement of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter /Nine Months ended 31st Dec., 2020
(Rs. In Lacs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended		Year Ended	
	31-12-20	30-09-20	31-12-19	31-12-20	31-12-19	31-03-20
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1 Total Revenue From operations	8,450.60	9,363.28	7,905.10	22,104.60	27,694.86	38,333.59
2 Net Profit/Loss for the Period (Before Tax)	115.11	113.29	33.42	242.09	211.13	287.37
3 Net Profit/Loss for the Period (After Tax)						272.09
4 Total Comprehensive Income	115.11	113.29	33.42	242.09	211.13	272.09
5 Equity Share Capital	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04
6 Reserves/Excluding Revaluation Reserves)						6,603.53
7 Earning Per Share(of Rs. 10 Each)						
Basic :	0.70	0.69	0.20	1.48	1.29	1.67
Diluted :	0.70	0.69	0.20	1.48	1.29	1.67

*** Not Annualised**
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange's websites i.e. 'www.bseindia.com' and also at the website of the Company at www.rathisteels.com.
2. The Company does not have any Exceptional and Extraordinary item to report during the above periods.
3. The Company has not discontinued any of its operations during the above periods.
4. Tax expenses / Provision for Taxation has been made on annual basis only.
5. The figures of previous year / Quarters have been re-arranged/re-grouped wherever felt necessary.

By order of the Board
For RATHI BARS LIMITED
Sd.,
Anurag Rathi
(Managing Director)
DIN : 00063345

Place: New Delhi
Date : 13/02/2021

NOTICE FOR CANCELLATION OF TENDER
No. SSA/MIS/PAL/414/2020/4408 Date : 12.02.2021
The tender invited vide No. SSA/MIS/PAL/414/2020/3970 Dated 12.01.2021 for implementation of Artificial Intelligence based Personalised Adaptive Learning (PAL) platform in selected 200 Government Schools is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons.
Sd/-Mission Director,
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Janasanyog/CF/4918/20
Kahilpara, Guwahati-19

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020
(Rs. in lacs except per share data)

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended		Year to date	Corresponding Quarter ended in the previous year
		31 st December 2020	31 st December 2019	31 st December 2020	
1.	Total income from operations (net)	44.606	96.641	72.535	
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(178.313)	(551.719)	89.256	
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(178.313)	(551.719)	89.256	
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(181.906)	(562.952)	89.631	
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(181.906)	(562.952)	89.631	
6.	Equity Share Capital	10065.45	10065.45	10065.45	
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	
8.	Earnings Per Share (face value of Rs. 10 each) (before and after extraordinary items) -				
	1. Basic:	(0.18)	(0.56)	0.09	
	2. Diluted:				

Notes:
1) These results have been prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard (referred to as "Ind AS") 34 Interim Financial Reporting prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules as amended from time to time and in compliance with Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulations. These results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on February 13, 2021 and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on February 13, 2021. The statutory auditors have expressed a qualified conclusion on these results.
2) The company has only one reportable segment namely "Jewellery retail".
3) The Company's operations and financial results for the quarter have been adversely impacted by the lockdown imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19. Further to declaration of COVID 19 as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020 and the nationwide lockdown announced by the Government of India on 24 March 2020, the operations of the Company were severely disrupted resulting in significant loss of revenue with retail operations remaining closed for the major part of nine month period ended 31 December 2020. Even with the partial lifting of lock down the retail scenario remains grim due to negative consumer sentiments, low discretionary spends, high gold prices, most of the employees working from home among other factors. The Company has assessed the impact of pandemic on its financial results/position based on the internal and external information available up to the date of approval of these financial results and expects to recover the carrying value of its assets.
4) During the period ended 31 December 2020, the Company has renegotiated with certain property owners on the rent reduction/ waiver due to COVID 19 pandemic. The Management believes that such reduction/ waiver in rent is short term in nature and meets the other conditions in accordance with the notification issued by the Central Government in consultation with National Financial Reporting Authority dated 24 July 2020 as Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2020 with effect from 1 April 2020. Thus, in accordance with the said notification, the Company has elected to apply the practical expedient available and the reduction/ waiver does not necessitate a lease modification as envisaged in the Standard. Accordingly, the Company has recognised Rs 31,750 during the quarter (Rs.2.43 lacs for nine months period) in the statement of profit and loss.
5) Response on basis for qualified conclusion in limited review report -
a. Trade Receivables are classified as Financial Instruments under Ind-AS 109 and the Company is required to provide for impairments/ obligations as per "Expected Credit Loss (ECL) Method. Since the matter is still being decided by the Honourable Court the Company is presently not in a position to quantify the impairment amount as per the said accounting standards and hence has decided to wait for the Court's outcome before providing for any "Expected Credit Loss" under Ind-AS 109.
b. Management is of the view that notional foreign exchange gain or loss does not have any material impact on the Cash flows or going concern, as the same is provided as per the requirements of Ind-AS 21.
c. As regards reliance on cash sales, it is correct as the Company presently does not have any external borrowings primarily due to the reason that the Promoter's has been unable to actively manage the Company as his open offer application is pending before SEBI from 2014 onwards and as a consequence his entire shareholding remains locked in an escrow account as per SEBI guidelines. We are given to understand that the promoter has filed a settlement application with SEBI. Any favourable resolution will have a positive impact on the Company both financially as well as operationally.
6) Figures relating to the previous periods/year have been regrouped / reclassified wherever considered necessary.
7) The results for the quarter and nine month ended December 31, 2020 are available on the BSE Limited website www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.atlasjewelleryindia.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
ATLAS JEWELLERY INDIA LIMITED
Sd/-
Nanda Kumaran Putezhath
Whole Time Director
DIN: 02547619

Place : Kochi
Date : February 13, 2021

Skill Ministry announces rollout of MG fellowship programme

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship on Saturday said it is rolling out the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme in all the districts of the country.
So far the programme was working across 69 districts, and the ministry "is now expanding MGNF to all remaining districts in the country," the ministry said in a statement.
Fellows under MGNF will

acquire academic expertise and technical competency in understanding the overall skill ecosystem along with being attached to District Skill Committees, it added.
The ministry has also partnered with Kerala Institute of Local Administration to conduct capacity building programmes for district officials from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Lakshadweep.
"Our partnerships going forward will be more focused on strengthening the overall quality of skill training. With the recent launch of Pradhan

Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 and today's academic partnerships with IIMs, IITs, GIZ-IGVET, KILA under our SANKALP scheme, together we will empower the districts ensuring demand-driven skilling," Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Mahendra Nath Pandey said.
SANKALP (Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) is a World Bank loan assisted programme to strengthen the district skill administration and the District Skill Committees (DSCs).

Facebook's Oversight Board takes up new case from India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Facebook's Oversight Board has taken up a new case related to a user's post that was shared from a Punjabi-language online platform and contained insinuations against Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
While the post was initially taken down for violating Facebook's community guidelines, the social media company later restored the content.

The Oversight Board is an independent body set up by Facebook last year to look into hate speech and other undesirable content on the platform.
Previously, the Oversight Board had undertaken five cases, including one from India wherein a user had called for violence against French President Emmanuel Macron over a cartoon of Prophet.
In that particular case, the Board has overturned Facebook's decision to remove the content.

Govt procures paddy worth ₹1.20 lakh cr so far this kharif marketing season

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Paddy procurement has increased 16 per cent so far this kharif marketing season at 638.57 lakh tonne, valued at Rs 1,20,562 crore, amid ongoing farmers' protest at borders of the national capital.
Kharif marketing year starts from October. In the ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020-21, Government continues to procure Kharif 2020-21 crops at MSP from farmers as per existing MSP schemes, as was done in previous seasons," an official statement said.
The government has purchased 638.57 lakh tonne till February 12, up 16.25 per cent from 549.30 lakh tonne in the corresponding period of the previous marketing year.
"About 91.69 lakh farmers have already been benefitted

from the ongoing KMS procurement Operations with MSP value of Rs 1,20,562.19 crore," the statement said.
Out of the total purchase of 638.57 lakh tonne, Punjab has contributed 202.82 lakh tonne. Procurement operations of seed cotton (Kapas) under MSP are going on smoothly across many states. "Till February 12, a quantity of 91,35,211 cotton bales valuing Rs 26,643.55 crore has been procured benefitting 18,90,736 farmers," it said.
Thousands of farmers, especially from Punjab, Haryana and parts of Uttar Pradesh, are protesting at Delhi's borders for over two months seeking repeal of the three new farm legislations, introduced by the Centre last year, saying those are pro-corporate and can weaken the mandi system.

NALCO Net profit jumps 123% to ₹240 crore in 3rd Qtr of FY21

Bhubaneswar: National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO), the Navratna PSU, under Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India and country's leading manufacturer and exporter of alumina and aluminium, clocked a net profit of ₹240 crore for the 3rd quarter ended Dec 2020. The net profit has jumped by 123% over the previous quarter of current fiscal, which was ₹107 cr. The net profit for the nine months ended Dec 2020 has grown more than ten-fold to ₹364 crore as against ₹35 cr in corresponding period of last year. The total income in Q3 of FY21 witnessed substantial growth, clocking ₹2,415 cr compared to ₹2,137 cr in Q3 of FY20. On sales front, the net sales of alumina hydrate for Q3 of FY21 was 3.44 lakh tonnes compared to 3.33 lakh tonnes achieved in the corresponding period of last year.

Alliance Air to start flight services to Pantnagar from Delhi via Dehradun

PTI ■ MUMBAI
Air India's regional subsidiary Alliance Air will resume its flight services to Pantnagar, in Uttarakhand from Delhi via Dehradun from February 16, the airline has said.
The airline will be deploying its 70-seater ATR 72 aircraft to operate the route, Alliance Air said in a late night release on Friday.
According to the airline, its flight 91-645 will depart Delhi at 9.50 am and arrive in Dehradun at 10.55 am, from where it will depart for Pantnagar at 11.45 am and arrive there at 12.30 pm.
The return flight 91-646 will depart Pantnagar at 1 pm for Dehradun, where it will arrive at 1.50 pm.

Petrol nears ₹95 in Mumbai as rate hiked for fifth day in a row

New Delhi: Petrol price in Mumbai neared record ₹95 per litre mark on Saturday as its rate as well as diesel prices were hiked for the fifth day in a row. Petrol price was increased by 30 paise per litre and diesel by 36 paise a litre, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. This took petrol price to an all-time high of ₹88.414 a litre in Delhi while diesel rate climbed to ₹78.74. In Mumbai, petrol price soared to ₹94.93 per litre and diesel price jumped to record ₹85.70 a litre. In 5 days this week, price has gone up by ₹1.51 per litre for petrol while diesel rate has risen by ₹1.56 a litre. The relentless hike in prices has been criticised by the opposition parties, including Congress that has demanded an immediate cut in taxes to ease the burden on the common man.

Oxford University launches Covid-19 vaccine study on children

PTI ■ LONDON
The University of Oxford has launched the first study to assess the safety and immune responses in children and young adults of its coronavirus vaccine.
The university said that previous trials of its ChAdOx1 nCoV-19, which are being produced by AstraZeneca and also have a tie-up with the Serum Institute of India, have

shown that it is safe, produces strong immune system responses and has high efficacy in all adults.
From Friday, it would be extending its trials to assess if children and young adults aged 6-17 years also show a good immune response to coronavirus.
"While most children are relatively unaffected by coronavirus and are unlikely to become unwell with the infection, it is important to establish the safety and immune response to the vaccine in children and young people as some children may benefit from vaccination," said Andrew Pollard, Professor of Paediatric Infection and Immunity, and Chief Investigator on the Oxford vaccine trial. "These new trials will extend our understanding of control of SARS-CoV2 to younger age groups," he said.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Rizwana Khatoon D/o Mohd. Zakir** R/o TC-40, Gali No. 2, Pandav Nagar, Ranjit Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped from the area of PS: Ranjit Nagar, Delhi since 27.01.2021. In this regard, a case **FIR No. 266/21 U/S 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Ranjit Nagar, Delhi.** The description of the missing girl is as under.
Age: 17 Years Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 4' 4", Built: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: Mehroom colour suit, white colour salwar and golden colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped girl then please inform P.S. Ranjit Nagar, Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: cbc@cbl.gov.in and Website: http://cbl.nic.in, providing clue about the missing girl.
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639
Sd/- SHO PS: Ranjit Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25704008, 25704009
DP/649/CD/2021



RIZWANA KHATOON

Govt. of Bihar
Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department (Registration), BIHAR SOCIETY FOR COMPUTERISATION OF REGISTRATION OFFICES (BISCORE)
Corrigendum -02 dated -12.02.2021
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
For Selection of Service Provider for Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of MPLS / VPN Connectivity for District Registry Offices and Sub Registry Offices of Prohibition, Excise and Registration Department , Government of Bihar and to State Data Center at Beltron Bhawan, Patna, Bihar
Tender No: Registration/Biscore/MPLS-01/2021
Dated: 04.01.2021
Adv. No. - IPRD_PR_010640/20-21 &
Adv. No. - IPRD_PR_011061/20-21
An e-tender has been invited at https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/ for Selection of Service Provider for Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of Secondary MPLS/VPN Connectivity vide Tender No. Registration/Biscore/MPLS-01/2021 dated 04.01.2021.
In invitation for Bids (IFB) Eligibility Criteria, Bid Submission End Date and time , Opening of Technical Bids and Opening of Financial Bids are being amended as below :-
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SHORT-LISTING

Sr. No.	Parameters mentioned in RFP	Revised parameters of RFP	Documents to be Submitted
1	The bidder should be a company incorporated in India. (Please furnish the Certificate of incorporation). It must be a tier-1 telecom service provider in India at least for the last 5 years having MPLS/ VPN license.	The bidder should be a company incorporated in India. (Please furnish the Certificate of incorporation). It must be a tier-1 telecom service provider in India at least for the last 3 years having MPLS/ VPN license.	Copy of Certificate of Incorporation issued by Registrar of Companies
2	Average of Turnover for the last three years should be 500 Crores or more. The bidder should be in operating-profit for the last three financial years i.e. 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. (Please provide audited annual reports, Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss accounts for the same. In case last financial year i.e. 2019-20 annual reports are not audited, bidder must submit previous three financial years audited annual reports.)	Average of Turnover for the last two years should be 100 Crores or more. The bidder should be in operating-profit for the last two financial years i.e. 2018-19 and 2019-20. (Please provide audited annual reports, Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss accounts for the same. In case last financial year i.e. 2019-20 annual reports are not audited, bidder must submit previous two financial years audited annual reports.)	Copy of the audit Annual Reports and /or certificate of the Chartered Accountant.

CHANGE IN DATES :-

Subject	Details published in existing RFP	Revised details after amendment
Bid Submission End Date and time	16/02/2021 : till 15.00PM	02/03/2021 : till 15.00PM
Opening of Technical Bids	17/02/2021 : 11.00 AM Hours	03/03/2021 : 11.00 AM Hours
Opening of Financial Bids	19/02/2021 : 15.00 PM Hours	05/03/2021 : 15.00 PM Hours

Except above mentioned changes, all details mentioned in RFP document as amended by Corrigendum 1 dated 12.01.2021 shall stay as they are published before.
Authority Signatory (Assistant Inspector General of Registration -Cum - Secretary , BISCORE, Bihar, Patna)
PR. No. 012828 (Registration) 2020-21
नोवल कोरोना का संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी एवं सहयोग हेतु Toll Free No. **104** पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

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EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020
(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended		Year Ended
		December 31, 2020	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019	September 30, 2019	
1	Total income from operations	163.79	16.24	133.86	184.69	495.07
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(18.53)	(77.07)	(148.30)	(163.43)	(334.52)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(11.92)	(84.55)	(148.30)	(164.31)	(334.52)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(11.92)	(84.55)	(148.30)	(164.31)	(334.52)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after Tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	(3.99)	(83.89)	(141.08)	(162.37)	(322.34)
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs. 3/- each)	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	(4,986.95)
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 3/- each)	(0.01)	(0.11)	(0.18)	(0.20)	(0.42)
	Diluted	(0.01)	(0.11)	(0.18)	(0.20)	(0.42)

NOTES:
1. These financial results have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020 has been reviewed by the Audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 13th February 2021.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of audited quarterly and yearly financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and yearly Financial Result is available on the Stock Exchange's website: www.bseindia.com and also on the Company's website, namely: www.meyerapparel.com.
For and on behalf of the Board Sd/- (Gajender Kumar Sharma) Whole Time Director DIN: 0687321

Place : Gurugram
Dated : 13-02-2021

UNITED LEASING AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED
Regd. Office : Plot No.68, Sector-34, EHTP, Gurugram, Haryana-122001.
CIN : L71100HR1983PLC033460, Website: www.ulitd.com, Email: investorrelations@ulitd.com, Phone:011-26258237

Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended December 31, 2020
(Rs. in lacs, except per share data)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Nine Months Ended		Year Ended
		31.12.2020	30.09.2020	31.12.2019	31.12.2019	
1	Total Income from Operations	33.84	158.64	69.89	193.97	152.81
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	2.28	80.45	7.24	(2.14)	(15.66)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	2.28	80.45	7.24	(2.14)	(15.66)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	2.28	80.45	7.24	(2.14)	(15.66)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)					
	a) Basic	0.08	2.68	0.24	(0.07)	(2.41)
	b) Diluted	0.08	2.68	0.24	(0.07)	(2.41)

Notes:
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2020 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.ulitd.com.
For United Leasing & Industries Ltd. Sd/- Anil Kumar Khanna Managing Director DIN : 00207839

Place : Gurugram, Haryana
Dated : February 13, 2021

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EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTH ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2020
(Fig. in Lacs unless otherwise stated)

Sl No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter Ended	Year to Date	Year ended	Quarter Ended	Year to Date	Year ended
		31.12.2020	31.12.2019	31.12.2020	31.12.2019	31.12.2020	31.03.2020
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	573.03	397.38	1496.21	1250.67	1755.07	3183.77
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	138.25	204.20	627.12	707.69	598.48	3312.41
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	138.25	204.20	627.12	707.69	598.48	3312.41
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	124.26	167.11	543.29	572.59	499.47	2326.35
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	124.92	166.95	545.29	572.09	502.15	3375.71
6	Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 5/- each)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	18363.02	-
8	Earning Per Share (Face value of Rs. 5/- each)						
	- Basic (Rs.)	1.07	1.43	4.66	4.91	4.28	20.00
	- Diluted (Rs.)	1.07	1.43	4.66	4.91	4.28	20.00

NOTES:
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the Quarter and nine month ended 31st December, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE Ltd.) under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and company's website www.istindia.com.
By order of the Board Sd/- (S.C. Jain) Executive Director DIN : 0092079

Place : New Delhi
Dated : 13th February, 2021

LOST & FOUND
I, Rajan Verma S/o Paras Ram Verma R/o A-84c, DDA Flats, Tagore Garden extn, New Delhi have lost my original conveyance Deed issued on 07 September 2012 by LND0, Property bearing address 30/8, Ramesh Nagar, Double story, New Delhi, Regd. No. 26,712 in book No. 1, Vol. No. 20,391 on page 107 to 110 on dated 14/11/2012 S.R.I. JANAK Puri New Delhi Property owner First Party Amit Chawla S/o Ashok Chawla and Second Party Rajan Verma S/o Paras Ram Verma LR.No.127463/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known to all concerned that Sh. Roshan Lal, S/o Late Sh. Hans Raj Sethi, who is original allottee of residential Plot No. 104, Block A Sector xxx Noida, Sh. Roshan Lal Sethi appointed Sh. Ashok Kumar, S/o Late. Sh. Shankar Lal, R/o C-397, New Usmanpur, Delhi, Presently at 17, Gali No. 01, Block B, Krishna Nagar (Bagu) Siddharth Vihar Ghaziabad, as his General Power of Attorney which is duly registered with Sub-registrar Delhi. Now the Attorney holder Sh. Ashok Kumar wishes to transfer the said plot/property to Sh. Sidharth Sharma, S/o Sh. Suresh Chandra Sharma, R/o 583, Sector-29, Noida. If any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with documentary proof with the OSD (R) Noida Authority within 21 days from the date of publishing of this notice.



An aerial view of Tapovan barrage two days after a portion of the Nanda Devi glacier snapped off, releasing water trapped behind it in Tapovan, Northern State of Uttarakhand
Photo: AP

LIFE HANGING IN BALANCE

This is not the first time that a disaster has occurred in Uttarakhand where over 85 per cent of districts, home to over nine crore people, are hotspots of extreme natural calamities. SHALINI SAKSENA speaks with experts who talk about what triggered the landslide-ice avalanche and how worrisome this phenomena is

Over 85 per cent of districts in Uttarakhand, home to over nine crore people, are hotspots of extreme floods and its associated events. According to an analysis by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), frequency and intensity of extreme flood events in the State have increased four-fold since 1970. Associated flood events like landslides, cloud bursts and glacial lake outbursts have also increased four-fold during this period.

Abinash Mohanty, programme lead at CEEW, tells you that the recent devastating flash flood in Uttarakhand is a proof that the climate crisis can no longer be ignored. "In the last 20 years, the State has lost more than 50,000 hectares of forest cover, leading to micro climatic changes in the region. This in turn has triggered a rise in extreme climate events. A focus on land use-based forest restoration could not only reverse the climate imbalance but also help promote sustainable tourism in the State. Equally important would be climate proofing of infrastructure, investments, and policies," Mohanty says.

The tragedy in Uttarakhand reiterates the need for detailed district-level climate risk assessments and enhancing adaptive and resilience capacities. With the rising frequency of extreme climate events, India needs to urgently develop a nationwide but decentralised and structured, real-time digital emergency surveillance and management system.

What happened during the early hours of February 7, 2021 that has left 26 dead and 171 missing? Dr Mohd Farooq Azam, assistant professor, Glaciology & Hydrology, IIT Indore tells you that the earlier observation made by the team that he is a part of, has to be revisited.

"What took place is far more

complex; it was a combination of landslide and ice avalanche on a hanging glacier. This brought down a lot of debris with it. This kind of phenomenon is commonplace and happens on a small scale. Our team, composed of two dozen scientists from across the globe, to our best understanding have an explanation; it is the failure of a bedrock of a hanging glacier. At present, it is too early to predict how that water came to be inside the glacier," Azam says.

He tells you that the source of the water of this flash flood that carried with it lots of debris had a concentrated mixture of everything. "Where this water came from can't be ascertained for now. There was friction and due to the heat produced the ice melted and mass of it fell from 5,000-6,000 feet. But we believe that there is another reason for this water," Azam and his team members opine.

Even though this slide happened on a hanging glacier, not uncommon, there are reasons to be worried. With global warming and climate change, such events will increase even though it is a natural phenomenon. Snow accumulating at high altitude, after a period of time becomes too heavy to hold and it comes down in the form of snow avalanche. Global warming makes such occurrences frequent. Second, it is worrisome for people living at high altitudes.

"There are settlements below hanging glaciers, below water bodies, glacier lakes and below steep slopes that are unstable. We have to think of ways to mitigate disasters from taking place. We have had many wake-up calls in the past, this is yet another one," Azam says.

This means that the development that is taking place in this region needs a fresh pair of eyes. While one can't turn away from construction of roads, there is a sustainable development that takes into consideration the vulnerability of

this region. "Economic growth and environment needs to be balanced and worked at with care," one is told.

Deforestation, Azam says works in two ways. "When trees are cut, that particular area absorbs more heat, this is a local phenomenon. When there is local heating, it will dissipate in the environment. There will be immediate local effect leading to global warming," he says.

Other contributors to such disasters in the region points to the fact that the Himalayas are young mountains and continue to grow. "In December 2020, when the height of Mt Everest was taken it has grown by 0.86 metres. There are bound to be tectonic activities. The possibility of landslides increases even with no global warming. The phenomena at work here are complex and work together," Azam says.

Arun Krishnamurthy of Environmentalist Foundation of India believes that in an era of climate change, abnormal and sudden nature events are becoming frequent rather than rare.

"As one of the most vulnerable eco-systems, the Himalayas and the upper glaciers are threatened. Therefore, more than being worried, one has to be prepared. We have to be prepared for such an anomaly. We are still unclear on what is in store to even identify the problem to its full extent. Destruction of habitats, unplanned urbanisation and exploitation of natural resources should be heavily curtailed to prevent the worsening of the situation," Krishnamurthy says.

According to him, one could not have stopped this nor prevent future occurrences. "The current emission levels globally do not give us a sign of recovery. The short lived lockdown restrictions and the ensuing industrial normalcy clearly indicates that we are not looking at cutting down on emissions in a manner that would positively impact the climate," Krishnamurthy tells you.

According to a report released

The Himalayas are a water tower. With increasing global warming, the upper reaches are warming up faster, leading to rapid melting of the glaciers. This has resulted in an increasing number of glacier lakes. These lakes also become reservoirs of ice and moraine debris. With an increase in this phenomenon, the breach of glacier lakes poses a severe threat to the communities living downstream

— Dr AP Dimri, Professor, School of Environmental Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University

by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, the Hindu Kush Himalayas experienced a temperature rise of about 1.3°C during 1951-2014. The increase in temperature has led to micro-climatic changes and faster glacial retreat in Uttarakhand, thereby triggering frequent and recurrent flash floods. In the coming years, this could also impact 32 major ongoing infrastructure projects in the State.

The CEEW analysis also highlighted that droughts had increased two-fold in Uttarakhand since 1970 and more than 69 per cent of districts were vulnerable to it.

Dr Anjal Prakash, research director and adjunct associate Professor at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad tells you that there is no denying that global warming has impacted glacier melting according to IPCC Special Report on Oceans & Cryosphere in 2018. The Himalayan Assessment Report by International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development in 2019 also corroborated the same.

The IPCC Special Report on Oceans & Cryosphere, Chapter 2 says: Glacier retreat and permafrost thaw are projected to decrease the stability of mountain slopes and increase the number and area of glacier lakes. Resulting landslides, floods, and cascading events, will emerge where there is no record of previous events. There is also high confidence that the number and area of glacier lakes will continue to increase in most regions in the coming decades and new lakes will develop closer to steep and potentially unstable mountain walls where lake outbursts can be more easily triggered by the impact of landslides.

"There are a few take aways. These kind of climate-led events will increase in magnitude and frequency. The problem with climate-led events lies in its unpredictability. All one can say is that the event will take place. But when would be

difficult to monitor; the time can't be pinpointed. One can say that cyclones in Odisha will increase but can't say when they will occur. The same holds true for glaciers," Prakash says.

The Hindu Kush Himalayas has 54,000-plus glaciers spread across eight countries with 10,000-plus in India and 1495 in Uttarakhand alone. "However, only a few are being monitored especially in Nanda Devi region. There is need for closer monitoring because such events will only rise," Prakash tells you.

Eastern and Western Himalayas are vulnerable because this mountain range are young fold mountains. The landforms have not solidified. What makes Uttarakhand's position more precarious as compared to other regions along the Himalayas is the rampant construction, population increasing 50-fold and 640 km of river flow being diverted for more than 70 dams.

"One needs a different trajectory of development and understand the eco-system of the region. One is cutting trees to construct hydro power stations. Trees are first line of defense against any disaster. Lower mountain regions need to be forested," Prakash says and cites an example of a tunnel construction. He tells you how a tunneling in Sikkim had disturbed the flow of a local water body. Due to the construction, the stream had started drying up.

"The present nature of construction across the country is masculine — the need to control and capture as much as possible — has to be changed. What is needed is a feminine approach. Go along with Nature; work with it. Protect the Nature, it will protect you. Lack of resilience is another cause for this disaster. There is need to have a resilient development approach. All the planning has to take environment and climate change into consideration even before one breaks

the ground. Second, the infrastructure has to be resilient to any disasters. The climate in hill regions fragile. For every one degree of rise in temperatures in plains, it is equivalent to 1.5 degree C rise in the mountains due to elevation-dependent warming," Prakash says.

Dr DP Dobhal, former scientist at the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology in Dehra Dun corroborates what Azam says that says that it was a snow avalanche that triggered the disaster on the early morning of February 7, 2021.

"It brought with it a lot of marine debris downstream causing loss of lives and loss of property that it was in its path. Since it was a vertical fall, the force was high and flowed into the gorge. With it took two hydel power stations as well," Dobhal explains.

This phenomenon is common in the region that takes place at over 5,000 feet altitude; such hanging glaciers are commonly found at this height, near main glaciers.

"Any movement will lead to its breakage. The reason for such mass destruction was due to the intensity of the fall. Global warming is leading to glacier melting leading to small lake formation. Snow cover is reducing. It is important to look at the topography and look at the frequency of landslides and avalanches. Unfortunately, hanging glaciers are difficult to monitor. Every aspect needs to be looked at before any construction is done," Dobhal says.

One main reason to be alarmed is that we have lost a source of fresh water. "With such a large chunk of ice breaking away, we should be alarmed, but we can take heart that events are rare. There is a possibility that where the breakage has taken place, the main glacier is there only. Next year, when it snows, what is broken will get replenished even if it takes time. If the depression is deep and wide, there is a chance for this glacier will mend itself over a period of time," Dobhal says.

Grow more trees to mitigate disasters

We all know the need and importance of growing more trees. India has reportedly lost over 1.6 million hectares of forests in the last 17 years — from 2001 to 2018 — causing nearly 172 metric tons of carbon emissions in the given period, said a study put out by World Resource Institute in 2019.

An alarming report published in 2020 revealed that Uttarakhand, which has over 70 per cent forest land has lost about 50,000 hectares of its forests to various developmental

activities in the past 20 years. This combined with global warming and climate change means that natural calamities will only increase.

According to Bikrant Tiwary, CEO, Grow-Tress.com whose initiative of planting trees is in 23 States tells you that cutting of trees may not be the sole reason for what happened in Uttarakhand, but it is one of the several reasons that led to this event. "Each tree has value. A bench headed by CJI S A Bobde had set up a committee in February 2021 to evaluate the

true value of a tree when a PIL had challenged the West Bengal Government's decision to cut 356 trees to construct five railway overbridges — the true value of a tree, with 100 years of its lifespan remaining, would be over a crore — benefits it would give to nature and mankind, including the cost of oxygen it would emit to the atmosphere during its lifespan," Tiwary says.

He tells you that his in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand has had major benefits. Taking



an example, he cites the project at Sariska Tiger Reserve. "We have been planting here for the past nine years. The rangers here tell us that by planting more trees, the increase in forest area has attracted herbivores and therefore predators have increased. In Himachal Pradesh, where we have planted trees, the water level that was earlier at 350 feet can now be found at 40 feet," Tiwary tells you.

He opines that due to increased tourism in Uttarakhand, people in this region have shifted

from nature-based to commercialisation. Hence, cutting of trees is on the rise. "We have been working with the locals to let them know the importance of planting trees instead of cutting them. We were to start tree planting drive in Chamoli this year. But we will have to postpone this and begin a project at Uttarkashi instead. We are helping them get maximum benefit from the trees. We insist that they grow indigenous trees to benefit the environment as well as the locals," Tiwary says.

STUDIED MASTERCLASS

Rohit sweeps on Chepauk turner as his big hundred leaves England playing catch-up despite dismissing Kohli for duck

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Rohit Sharma oozed class with an aesthetically pleasing 161 on a challenging track, helping India seize the initiative with a solid opening day score of 300 for 6 against England in the second Test here on Saturday.

Ajinkya Rahane looked equally attractive during his knock of 67 off 149 balls and the two *Mumbaikars* added 162 runs for the fourth wicket, making it worth the effort for the 12,000 who flocked the Chepauk as Indian cricket welcomed its fans back in the stadium amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

A score of 350 plus in the first innings will be equivalent to 550 plus on any other track and Rishabh Pant's (33 batting) dangerous presence could also take India well beyond the magic figure on this track. At stumps, he had debutant Axar Patel (5) for company.

Rohit had scored six Test hundreds prior to this knock but he will be the first to admit that in terms of conditions on offer and the quality of attack he faced, the seventh one would be at the top of the list.

On a hot Saturday, Rohit did two things at one go.

Firstly, he put India in a commanding position on a track which was way more difficult for batting than he made it look with 18 fours and two sixes in his 231-ball knock.

Secondly, he put all the naysayers in their place by scoring runs when it mattered the most.

Joe Root was marvellous with his sweep shot during the first Test but Rohit was simply magnificent with his execution on a doubly difficult track on which he gave England spinner Moeen Ali (26-3-112-3) a lesson in controlled aggression.

The way Rohit put a big front-foot stride outside the off-stump to sweep deliveries off both Moeen and Jack Leach (26-2-78-2) will not be forgotten by all who were fortunate to witness the innings.

Rohit's defence was spectacularly solid and offence as assured as a safe house.

Knowing fully well that the track would start crumbling with the passage of play, Rohit attacked at the first go, picking 80 runs in the first session, something that will perhaps play the biggest role in the final context of the game.

It started with a cover drive off Stuart Broad and then there was a pulled six over mid-wicket off Ben Stokes.

While skipper Virat Kohli (0) was done in by

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83.55 Rohit Sharma's Test average in India. Among the 203 batsmen who have scored at least 1500 runs at home — only one batsman, Don Bradman, has done better. Rohit has seven hundreds in 23 innings in India, of which four have been 150-plus scores. Only once has he been dismissed for less than 150 after he has passed 100

19 Hundreds for Rohit in international cricket since the beginning of 2018, the most among all batsmen. Virat Kohli (18) and Joe Root (13) are next in the list. Rohit has struck four hundreds in Tests, 13 in ODIs and two in T20Is; no other batsman has struck multiple hundreds in each format in this period

162 The partnership between Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane. Only once has India's fourth-wicket pair added more runs at home against England: Mohinder Amarnath and Mohammad Azharuddin put together 190, also in Chennai, in 1985

4 Ducks for Kohli in home Tests, all of which have come in his last 21 innings — his first duck at home was in the 2017 Test against Australia, which India lost. In these 21 innings, though, Kohli averages 76.44, with six centuries.

a classical off-spinner's delivery from Moeen — flighted outside the off-stump and enticing him to go for a cover drive only to find his defence breached.

If Rohit played those sweeps in a regal manner, Rahane was no less classy in his drives — the front and back-foot punches off the pacers and those lovely cut shots off the spinners were delightful to watch.

Call it irony, Rahane chose a wrong delivery from Moeen for playing the sweep and was bowled in the process.

He hit nine boundaries in a half-century that came after a barren run of seven innings. This was after he survived an umpiring howler from Anil Chaudhary.

But then, he was destined to be in Rohit's shadow on a day when determination became his primary capital.

It wasn't the easiest of conditions but for India's *Hit-Man*, difficult has always been the easiest route.



If you want to sweep, you sweep: Rohit

PTI ■ CHENNAI

India opener Rohit Sharma is very clear in his mind that even an iota of doubt while playing the sweep shot on a rank turner could lead to inevitable trouble.

With one of the best exhibitions of sweep shots played at the Chepauk since Sachin Tendulkar's valiant 136 against Pakistan in 1999, Rohit has put his team in a commanding position on a track that is deteriorating pretty fast.

England know a tough task await them in the second Test, which started here on Saturday.

"Before it's too late, you start doing what you want to do and you can't be tentative. If you want to sweep, you sweep it," Rohit's statement had a touch of Mexican bandit Tuco Ramirez's famous punch line — "When you have to shoot, shoot, don't talk" from the Hollywood classic *The Good The Bad The Ugly*.

Having watched Joe Root slay the Indian spinners in the first Test, it was like a ready reckoner for Rohit, who had prepared well during the last two training sessions.

"We knew how the pitch was prepared and we knew that it would turn. So we had a good few training sessions before today and trained according to what were supposed to expect today," he said.

"When you play on turning pitches where you have to be proactive and you can't be reactive. Getting on top of the bowler and making sure you are ahead of him. Little adjustment based on that.

"If it's turning, then how much of it... Things like that before making decisions on shot selection," the white ball vice-captain said.

Moeen Ali had troubled the



Rohit Sharma plays sweep shot against England during his 161-run innings BCCI/Twitter

Indian batsmen in the past and for Rohit, it was imperative that England's senior off-spinner needed to be swept from the rough to negate any chance of a leg before decision.

"What helped me was preparation I had before the game. Understanding the line that Moeen Ali was bowling. He was bowling into the rough, so there is a slight chance of getting leg before decision," he explained.

"Also I saw the deep square leg was pushed back, so even if I top-edged it wouldn't carry and land in safe place. Those were my ideas and thoughts."

According to Rohit, sweep is a percentage shot, which takes the condition of the pitch out of the equation. "Sweep shot is something that you know can frustrate a bowler if you are playing that very well. If you play that shot, there is not much that the bowler can do from there or pitch can do from there.

"It was a percentage shot to play as he was bowling outside off-stump and lbw doesn't come to play. Only an odd ball he was bowling on the wicket where I wanted to use my

feet and cover the spin while reaching towards the ball."

In the case of left-arm spinner Jack Leach, it was about presenting a straight bat.

"Leach was bowling stump-to-stump, so it was important that I play with the turn. It was important to play with a straight bat as the turn was slightly angled. I was making sure that I push the ball between cover and point and rotate the strike.

"Once you rotate strike, it's not easy for a bowler to bowl to a different batter every time. I wanted to bat as long as possible since the pitch is going to show a lot of wear and tear from days two and three."

The *Hit-Man* didn't want to rate any of his hundreds even though he would know in his heart that this would be the top most among his seven three-figure marks.

"I am not going to rate any of my knocks because every knock comes under different kind of pressure and this came under different circumstances.

"I am not the person to rate any of my knocks. Little disappointed to get out like that but happy that team is in a good position," he said.



India all-rounder Axar Patel receives his Test cap from Indian skipper Virat Kohli before the start of first day play of 2nd Test between India and England at MA Chidambaram stadium in Chennai on Saturday ICC/Twitter



Fans cheer for Team India during first day play of 2nd Test between India and England at MA Chidambaram stadium in Chennai PTI

'When team needed runs, Ajinkya showed his class'

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Ajinkya Rahane has always made himself counted when the team has been in testing situation which is a testimony to his class as a batsman, feels second Test centurion Rohit Sharma.

Rohit and vice-captain Rahane added 162 runs for the fourth wickets as India scored 300 for 6 at stumps on the first day of the second Test.

"Ajinkya, he is one of our top players. He has done extremely well and played some crucial knocks (over the years). He has time and again shown that when the team needs a batsman to stand up, he has done that many times," Rohit was all praise for his fellow *Mumbaikar*, who scored 67 on the day.

No doubt their stand was crucial in the context of the match and Rohit acknowledged that.

"Three wickets had fell before lunch and at the time he came to bat, it was crucial for us to build a partnership. We have seen many times, when the team need runs, he (Rahane) has shown his batsmanship and made runs in difficult times," added Rohit.

Rohit was slightly annoyed that there were even talks about Rahane's form since he didn't get runs in seven successive innings.

"I don't understand why these talks take place? But, anyway, his knock was very important for the team at that point and our partnership was also necessary for the team and we took the team to a comfortable position till tea, because I believe 350 will be a good score on this wicket," added Rohit.

Rohit expects Rishabh Pant and Axar Patel to bat as long as possible.

"We still have four wickets left and we hope that the



batsmen who are currently batting (Rishabh) Pant and Axar (Patel), make as many runs because already the rough patches have been created."

Good footwork & positive intent was the key: Rahane

PTI ■ CHENNAI

The strategy was to make England bowl to India's strengths, said home vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane on Saturday, quite pleased that his and Rohit Sharma's plan of using the sweep shot to good effect worked out just as they had envisioned on day one of the second Test.

Having registered 1 and 0 in the series-opener, Rahane found form with a 67-run knock, while Rohit shone the brightest among Indians with an effort of 161, which included some mesmerising stroke-play.

The two added 162 runs for the fourth wicket. "We knew that it was going to turn from day one, obviously (it was) good to win the toss. Rohit said it was important to be positive on this wicket...I wanted to be positive, back

myself on this wicket. The key was to use good footwork," Rahane said after the opening day's play.

"We had the strategy (on the sweep), we did discuss the game plan on this, and wanted to make them bowl to our strengths, good that the plans came off.

"I thought the first 20-30 balls were important. Then you get an idea on the pace and the bounce, you're never in on this wicket, so it was important to be positive," he added.

At stumps, Rishabh Pant was batting on 33 and giving him company at the other end was debutant Axar Patel on 5.

Rahane felt anything above 350 in the first innings on this track will be a challenging task for the opposition batsmen.

"Another 50-60 runs from here will be good, Rishabh is still there, another partnership or two will be good," he said.

DRS is bit like VAR, still controversial: Leach

PTI ■ CHENNAI

England spinner Jack Leach, who found himself at the receiving end of a third umpiring error on the opening day of the second Test, compared the DRS to football's Video Assistant Referee (VAR), saying it is "still controversial".

England were on Saturday left frustrated and their captain Joe Root miffed after a blunder by Anil Chaudhary denied them the wicket of India vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane after a DRS review.

"We were trying to get the third umpire to roll it through, they were checking the LBW, we knew that would have been not out. We were just trying to get them looking at what happened after the ball hit the pad.

"It is a bit like the VAR today, still controversial, (but) it is what it is," Leach told reporters at the end of the day's play.

The Decision Review System (DRS) referral, which they had lost after Rahane was adjudged not out by the third umpire, was later restored to England as per ICC playing conditions.



Leach added, "They said they were checking it, then the LBW picture came up, we were saying no, no. We wanted to check the other one. I got the impression that they hadn't checked it. "There is nothing I can do about it, at that time I was angry but to get Rahane's wicket in the next over made things little easier." The incident took place in the 75th

over of the day when a Leach delivery kissed Rahane's gloves on the way to the forward short-leg fielder Ollie Pope.

As England appealed for a catch off the gloves, it was turned down by the on-field umpire before Chaudhary also rejected the review thinking that the ball had landed outside the leg-stump and that the visitors had appealed for an LBW.

However, the visitors appeared to clarify that they were appealing for a catch off the glove and not the bat.

Seeing the replays on the big screen, Root was left unimpressed and the skipper also raised the matter with the on-field umpires. Chaudhary turned down that too.

Rahane was, however, dismissed by Moeen Ali before he could capitalise on the lifeline.

On the stumping decision against Rohit Sharma, which also did not go in their favour, Leach said it was touch and go.

"Well Ben (Foakes) didn't say it's definitely out, he wasn't sure about that one. And then when we saw, we were hoping... It was touch and go," he said.

Asked about his thoughts on how the day panned out, Leach said it was a hard outing but felt they were still in the game.

"It was a hard-fought day, we had to be patient throughout. We got a couple of wickets towards the end and it was good. With the new ball tomorrow morning, we can get a couple of wickets quickly and get back.

SA draw level after Pretorius' record fifer

AP ■ LAHORE

Fast bowler Dwaine Pretorius recorded the best figures for South Africa in the shortest format to help his team beat Pakistan by six wickets in the second Twenty20I on Saturday.

The 31-year-old grabbed 5-17 to keep Pakistan down to 144-7 in 20 overs before Pite van Biljon (42) and Reeza Hendricks (42) took South Africa past the modest target in 16.2 overs.

It was a canny performance by Pretorius who marginally improved on the previous best figures by a South African, 5-19 by medium pacer Ryan McLaren against the West Indies at North Sound in 2010.

Mohammad Rizwan top-scored for Pakistan with a 41-ball 51 laced with six boundaries and a six while Faheem Ashraf hit two sixes in his 12-ball 30 not out.

Pakistan's lanky pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi gave his team

an ideal start by dismissing Janneman Malan with the second ball of the innings and Jon-Jon Smuts in the following over, finishing with 2-18 in three overs.

But Hendricks and Biljon punished some erratic bowling during their 77-run third wicket stand before both fell in successive overs.

Hendricks, who hit three sixes and as many boundaries in his 30-ball knock, was finally caught off leg-spinner Usman Qadir in the 12th over. Biljon hit two sixes and three boundaries off 32 balls before he returned a gently leading edge back to left-arm spinner Mohammad Nawaz.

David Miller (25 not out) and skipper Heinrich Klaasen (17 not out) added 40 in an unbroken fifth wicket stand to see their team across the line.

Pakistan were once again lifted by Rizwan who followed his 89 against New Zealand in December and 104 not out in the first match with another superb knock.

After losing the toss, Pakistan

skipper Babar Azam opened the batting but was soon on his way back to the pavilion as Pretorius trapped him leg before in the second over.

At 48-6, the home side were struggling but Rizwan, who became only the fourth Pakistani batsman to score three consecutive T20I fifties, added 45 for the fourth wicket with Iftikhar Ahmed who made 20.

Mohammad Hafeez (twice), Shahid Afridi, Umar Akmal and Azam have previously hit three fifties in successive T20I matches.

Rizwan finally departed for 51, holding out to Andile Phehlukwayo after falling for a Pretorius slower ball.

Pretorius also removed Iftikhar and Khushdil Shah for 15 before yorking Mohammad Nawaz for a second-ball duck to take more than one wicket for the first time in his 13-match Twenty20 international career.

The third and final match will also be in Lahore on Sunday.

Medvedev, Rublev extend unbeaten streak

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

Red-hot Russians Daniil Medvedev and Andrey Rublev moved closer to a quarter-final showdown with contrasting wins at the Australian Open on Saturday while top-10 seeds Stefanos Tsitsipas and Matteo Berrettini set up a fourth-round clash.

Rafael Nadal also accelerated his pursuit of a record 21st Grand Slam title with a testing victory over Cameron Norrie in a battle of the left-handers.

The Spanish second seed has altered his service motion due to lower-back tightness, but it didn't stop him emphatically demolishing his first two opponents in straight sets. Britain's 69th-ranked Norrie proved a tougher assignment, with Nadal pressed much harder before emerging a 7-5, 6-2, 7-5 winner.

Daniil Medvedev overcame buttock pain and a walk-out by his coach as he withstood a five-set test from Filip Krajinovic. The fourth seed blew a two-set lead and needed treatment to his left glute before finally moving past the Serb 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-0 and into the fourth round, extending his win streak to 17.

He will play Mackenzie McDonald for a berth in the quarter-finals after the unseeded American cruised past South African Lloyd Harris in straight sets. Medvedev has now gone 17



matches unbeaten, dating back to November and including title wins at the Paris 1000, the ATP Finals in London and the ATP Cup.

Rublev, the seventh seed continued his red hot form and crushed veteran Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 in one hour and 32 minutes to reach the fourth round.

The Russian plays 24th seed Casper Ruud next and remains on a collision course to meet fourth

seed Medvedev with the young guns aiming to break their country's 16-year drought in Slams. The last Russian man to win a Grand Slam was Marat Safin at Melbourne Park in 2005.

Fifth seed Tsitsipas put friendship aside to crush Mikael Ymer the Swede 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 on John Cain Arena. He will now play big-hitting ninth seed Matteo Berrettini who beat 19th-seeded Russian Karen

Bopanna out of mixed doubles

Melbourne: Veteran Rohan Bopanna crashed out of the mixed doubles event with a straight-set loss in the opening round to draw curtains on India's campaign at this year's Australian Open here on Saturday. Bopanna and his Chinese partner Yinying Duan lost 4-6, 4-6 to the pair of American Bethanie Mattek-Sands and United Kingdom's Jamie Murray in a first round match that lasted an hour and three minutes. PTI

Khachanov -6(1), 7-6(5), 7-6(5) despite a long medical timeout.

Casper Ruud became only the second Norwegian to make the last 16 of a Grand Slam, emulating his father Christian who made the grade at the Australian Open in 1997.

The 22-year-old outlasted Radu Albot 6-1, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 to book a fourth-round Melbourne Park clash with Russian Andrey Rublev and said he was proud to match his dad's achievement.

PLISKOVA OUT, BARTY WIN

Former world No 1 Karolina Pliskova was docked a point for smashing her racket off the court and then slumped out of the Australian Open to Karolina Muchova while current world No 1

Ashleigh Barty made light work of Russia's Ekaterina Alexandrova.

Croatia's 28th seed Donna Vekic had a battle on her hands but got past Kaia Kanepi, who had beaten defending champion Sofia Kenin, 5-7, 7-6 (7/2), 6-4.

Barty's all-round prowess frustrated the big-hitting 29th seed in the 6-2, 6-4 third-round clash in an empty Margaret Court Arena on the first day of Melbourne's snap, five-day lockdown. She will face Shelby Rogers in the fourth round after the American dispatched Estonia's 21st seed Anett Kontaveit 6-4, 6-3.

Frustrated sixth seed Pliskova was out of sorts throughout and fell 7-5, 7-5 in one hour and 54 minutes in the all-Czech third-round clash.

After Pliskova lost a tight first set, she took her frustration out on her racket which cost her a code violation. She then walked into the players' tunnel to inflict further damage, but it was seen by an official who informed chair umpire Alison Hughes resulting in a docked point for a second code violation.

Muchova will play either 11th seed Belinda Bencic or 18th seed Elise Mertens on Monday for a place in the quarter-finals.

Ukraine's Svitolina made it three straight-sets wins in as many matches through the first week after a 6-4, 6-0 win over 26th seed Yulia Putintseva. It was yet another tricky match after dispatching Coco Gauff in her last one and she

has given a good account of herself so far. She will next face American Jessica Pegula who beat Kristina Mladenovic, 6-2, 6-1, to reach the fourth round of a Grand Slam for the first time.

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3 in seven minutes

Leicester beat Liverpool 3-1 after stunning late comeback to go 2nd

AFP ■ LEICESTER

Liverpool crashed to a dismal 3-1 defeat at Leicester to leave their top four hopes in jeopardy after Alisson Becker's latest blunder sparked a stunning collapse from the troubled Premier League champions on Saturday.

Jürgen Klopp's side endured a third successive defeat to effectively end any chance of retaining the title.

The calamitous nature of Liverpool's late meltdown raises serious questions about their bid to qualify for next season's Champions League.

Mohamed Salah had given the Reds the lead in the second half at the King Power Stadium.

But James Maddison triggered a remarkable burst of three goals in seven minutes from the hosts.

Maddison's VAR-assisted equaliser was followed by a howler from away keeper Alisson, whose miscued clear-

ance was converted by Jamie Vardy.

It was another miserable afternoon for Alisson following his two costly mistakes in last weekend's 4-1 defeat against Manchester City.

Harvey Barnes put the seal on Leicester's superb comeback, leaving fourth placed Liverpool languishing 10 points behind leaders City, who have two games in hand including one against Tottenham later on Saturday.

While Klopp would privately concede that Liverpool won't win the title, it is their top four place that he will be more worried about after the Reds were left with just two wins from their last 10 league games.

They could be as low as sixth place by Monday if Chelsea and West Ham win their games in hand.

Leicester climbed above Manchester United into second place after feasting on Liverpool's problems.

One step closer



AFP ■ MADRID

Athletic Madrid swerved a second consecutive slip in La Liga on Saturday by squeezing past Granada 2-1 to move eight points clear at the top of the table.

After drawing at home to Celta Vigo on Monday, Diego Simeone's side got back on track with a narrow victory at Los Carmenes, secured by Angel Correa's fortuitous winner in the

second half. There was a hint of luck in Granada's equaliser too, Yangel Herrera's shot deflecting off Marcos Llorente, who had himself put Athletic in front only three minutes earlier.

Suarez had scored in six of the previous seven games but for once the 34-year-old was not the matchwinner, with Llorente and Correa — two unsung heroes this season — instead proving the difference.

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- सेक्टर ई-1 एवं जी-1 में स्टीट लाईट का 6 महीने का अनुसंधान कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-ईएचएम-2) ₹. 21.18 लाख
- हार लेन रोड के साथ रोडरी के नजदीक आर.सी.सी. ड्रेन का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान) ₹. 23.77 लाख
- आम्रपाली रोडरी से गौर सिटी रोडरी तक 80 मी. चौड़ी एन.एच.-24 सिंक रोड की पूर्ण क्षतिग्रस्त स्टीट लाईट पोल एवं फिफिंग को बदलने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-ईएचएम-1) ₹. 38.83 लाख
- सेक्टर के-1 में 2 प्रचवटी पार्क, कालाग्राम एवं प्रोमोटेड पार्क में लगे पेड़, पौधे एवं लॉन का तथा बाउन्ड्रीवॉल, पाथवे, हट एवं ग्रीन बेल्ट की बारबेड वायर फेंसिंग का तीन वर्ष तक का अनुसंधान कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान) ₹. 42.25 लाख
- सेक्टर-2 (सॉक-फेंस) में बाउन्ड्रीवॉल का निर्माण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान) ₹. 47.97 लाख
- सेक्टर पाई-1 एवं पाई-2 में ग्रीन बेल्ट, पार्क एवं अमोडेबल हाउसिंग में लगे पेड़, पौधे एवं लॉन का तथा बाउन्ड्रीवॉल, पाथवे, हट एवं ग्रीन बेल्ट की बारबेड वायर फेंसिंग का तीन वर्ष तक का अनुसंधान कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान) ₹. 101.35 लाख
- ग्राम-सुराजपुर में बहारी मन्दिर रोड पर सी.सी. रोड, इन्फ्रस्ट्रक्चर ड्राईव्वे एवं ड्रेन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान) ₹. 121.99 लाख
- सेक्टर टेकनोन-4 में 60 मी., 45 मी. एवं 30 मी. चौड़ी रोड के साथ ड्रेन को ऊंचा उठाने का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-उद्यान) ₹. 192.44 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक-15.02.2021 से 25.02.2021 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राच ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 01.03.2021 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

- सेक्टर-2 में मुख्य पश्चिम स्टेशन की रॉडिंग में सीवर लाईन का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-सीवर) ₹. 576.06 लाख
- सेक्टर-16 (आवासीय) में 60 मी., 45 मी. एवं 24 मी. चौड़ी सड़कों का चौकीकरण एवं चुदुकीकरण, तथा आर.सी.सी. ड्रेन, फुटपाथ, साइकिल ड्रैक का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-1) ₹. 736.99 लाख
- रोड रोडरी से तिगरी रोडरी तक 80 मी. चौड़ी रोड के साथ आर.सी.सी. सेन्ट्रल बर्ज, फुटपाथ एवं आर.सी.सी. ड्रेन का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल-1) ₹. 947.56 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक-18.02.2021 से 03.03.2021 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राच ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 05.03.2021 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

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BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

BID No.- E-76/2020-21 E-TENDERS Date : 04.02.2021

E-Tenders are invited for & behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence:- S.No.- Tender No. (Due Date) Description and Quantity. S.No.-01, 05211003 (25.02.2021), Bimetal Band Saw Blade Endless, Part No. 72017557, 25 Nos., S.No.-02, 05195083C (25.02.2021), LT Wheel for 50 Ton, 08 Nos., S.No.-03, 05205104B (25.02.2021), Spare Parts for Escorts Mobile Crane, 02 Set., S.No.-04, 05205365A (25.02.2021), Tee Support, 01 Set., S.No.-05, 05205380A (25.02.2021), Filter Element, 01 Set., S.No.-06, 05205381A (25.02.2021), Spare Parts for Voltas Fork Lifter, 01 Set., S.No.-07, 05215016 (04.03.2021), Gun Drill, 10 Nos., S.No.-08, 05215017 (04.03.2021), Filter Element, 06 Nos., S.No.-09, 05215018 (04.03.2021), P.F. & F.F. Element, 06 Set., S.No.-10, 05215019 (04.03.2021), Smart Motor Controller, 01 Nos., S.No.-11, 06201239B (09.03.2021), Battery (Ni-Cd) CAT. No. P/0/0008 C&D No. T017/001 Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0030/C to PL No. 29680025 Qty. 285 Set., S.No.-12, 03211008 (02.03.2021), Bolster Assembly, PL No. 29100480, 50 Set., CORRIGENDUM NOTICE :- S.No.-13, Tender No.-08200102, Bid Inv. No.-75, Existing due date :- 26.02.2021, Revised due date :- 05.03.2021, Existing Qty.-73 Sets, Revised Qty.-97 Sets., S.No.-14, Bid No.-E-73, Tender No.-09211001 Oil Cooling Unit for Transformer / converter PL No. 29470043, Revision:- 1, Details of Corrigendum :- The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 25.02.2021 instead of 10.02.2021. The details of above tenders are available on www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in. PRO/BLWS-83 PCMM

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MODI INDUSTRIES LIMITED

CIN - U15429UP1932PLC000469
Regd. Office : Modinagar - 201204 (U.P.), Tel: 01232-243115, 09084786567
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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 201(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 that the Company intends to make an application to the Central Government for its approval under Sections 196, 197 & 203 and the Rules made thereunder read with Schedule V of the Companies Act, 2013 and all other provisions applicable for the time being in force for the re-appointment of Shri Umesh Kumar Modi (DIN-0002757) as Managing Director of the Company for the period of five years w.e.f. 1st December, 2020 on such terms as approved by the Board of Directors of the Company in their meeting held on 5th November, 2020 and approved by the Members through Ordinary Resolution in 86th Annual General Meeting held on 5th December, 2020.

By Order of the Board
For Modi Industries Limited,
Shobit Nehra
Company Secretary
ACS 31863

Date: 13.02.2021
Place: Modinagar (U.P.) 201204

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office :- No.2, Dare House, 1st Floor, NSC Bose Road, Chennai - 600 001.
Branch Office :- 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.
Contact No: Mr. GAURAV KUMAR DAHIYA- 9811747507 & Mr. SUHIR TOMAR- 9818460101.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE

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

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Total Loan Outstanding as on 12.02.2021	Date & place of Auction
(Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001394718) Mr. PANKAJ VERMA, (Borrower) Mr. KANCIYAN VERMA (Co-Borrower) Mr. ARUN KUMAR VERMA (Co-Borrower) Address for communication at B-67, Street No 5, Near Gurudwara, Rohtas Nagar, New Delhi - 110 093.	20/03/2020 Rs. 1,00,46,731.73/- [Rupees One Crore Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One And Paise Seventy Three Only] as on 28.02.2020	Property bearing No.B-67, measuring 50 sq.yds., out of Kharsa No.8/8/896, situated at Village- Soboli, in the abadi of Nalla Colony, Shahdara, Delhi.	Rs.50,25,000/- [Rupees Fifty Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Only]	Rs.5,02,500/- [Rupees Five Lakhs Two Thousand Five Hundred Only]	Rs.1,16,80,190.44 (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand One Hundred Ninety & Paise Forty Only) Interest thereafter	Date:- 16.03.2021 Branch office at :1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005.
(Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001091005 & X0HEDHE00001394636) Mr. PREMARAM RAWATRAMJI DUGAT, (Borrower) Mrs. KANITA DEVI, (Co-Borrower) Address For Communication At 618 -A-5-E-I-A, Ravi Dass Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shadkhara New Delhi - 110 032	20/03/2020 Rs.73,14,977.67/- [Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven And Paise Sixty Five Only] as on 28.02.2020	Built-up Property bearing No. 618 -A/5-E, 1-A, measuring 66.88 Sq.mtrs, out of Kharsa No. 848/762/1, Ravidass Gali Vishwas Nagar situated in the area of Village Chandrawali, in the Abadi of Bihar Colony, Ilaqa Shadkhara Delhi.	Rs.60,00,000/- [Rupees Sixty Lakhs Only]	Rs.6,00,000/- [Rupees Six Lakhs Only]	Rs.87,40,332.79 [Rupees Eighty Seven Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Two & Paise Seventy Nine Only] Interest thereafter	Date:- 16.03.2021 Branch office at :1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005.
(Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001202326 & X0HEDHE0000922010) Mr. RAHUL ATTRAY, (Borrower) Mr. PRAVESH RAJPUT, (Co-Borrower) Mr.YASH PAL SINGH, (Co-Borrower) Address for communication at H.No.165, First Floor, Block B, Hari Nagar, Delhi - 110 028	20/03/2021 Rs.88,93,975.31/- [Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five And Paise Thirty One Only] as on 28.02.2020	Entire First Floor without roof rights of Property No. B-165, area measuring 110 Sq.yds out of Kharsa No. 2012, situated at Village Tihar Colony known as Hari Nagar Clock Tower, New Delhi.	Rs.50,00,000/- [Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only]	Rs.5,00,000/- [Rupees Five Lakhs Only]	Rs.1,04,50,001.97 [Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand One & Paise Ninety Seven Only] Interest thereafter	Date:- 16.03.2021 Branch office at :1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005.
(Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001151088) Mrs. SARIKA VERMA, (Borrower) B-50, Second Floor, Dayananand Colony, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi - 110 024.	20/03/2021 Rs. 1,46,65,928.72/- [Rupees One Crore Forty Six Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two And Paise Twenty Two Only] as on 28.02.2020	Entire Second Floor without roof / terrace rights built on property bearing No.B-50 (Western side) area measuring 100 Sq.yds situated in Dayananand Colony Lajpat Nagar, 4, New Delhi.	Rs.66,00,000/- [Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Only]	Rs.6,60,000/- [Rupees Six Lakhs Only]	Rs.1,70,49,800.82 [Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Two & Paise Hundred Two Only] Interest thereafter	Date:- 16.03.2021 Branch office at :1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005.
(Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00002786435, X0HEDHE00002358929 & X0HEDHE00002783152) Mrs. VIMLA SHARMA, (Borrower) H.No-5/79, Gajju Katra, Bada Bazar, S.O Shahdara, New Delhi - 110 032.	20/03/2020 Rs. 76,34,316.94/- [Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen And Paise Ninety Four Only]	Property bearing No.V/78 & V/79 area measuring 33.61 sq.yds, out of Kharsa No.642 situated in the area of Village Chandrawali alias Shahdara in the Abadi of Gajju Katra Ilaqa Shahdara Delhi, Bounded as East - Property of others, West - Property No.79, North - Property of others, South - Gali and Property of others.	Rs.72,40,000/- [Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Forty Thousand Only]	Rs.7,24,000/- [Rupees Seven Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Only]	Rs.88,22,672.44 [Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Two & Paise Forty Four Only] Interest thereafter	Date:- 16.03.2021 Branch office at :1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AUCTION PROCESS

1. Date of Auction	16.03.2021	3. Date of Inspection of Property	10.03.2021 & 11.03.2021 (in business hours)
2. Place of Submission of Bids and Place of Auction	1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.	4. Last date for Submission of Bids	15.03.2021 before 5.00 pm

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

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION

- The property is sold on 'As is where is basis' 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'.
- The bidder is obliged to exercise full due diligence in all respects, including to inspect each of the details of the property mentioned above on the scheduled date & time.
- Submission of bids to M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited would be construed a deemed acceptance by the bidder that (i) he/she/it has exercised due diligence in all respects; (ii) is satisfied with all details/measurements of property; (iii) Acknowledges full knowledge of terms and conditions that govern the auction and (iv) Waives all his/her/its rights to make any contrary claims against company at any future date.
- The sale is subject to confirmation by the Authorised officer if the borrower/guarantor pays the entire outstanding amount in full before sale, no sale will be conducted.
- The Bidder shall remit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c, along with the bid form in a Sealed Cover addressed to The Authorized Officer, M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited up to 5.00 P.M on 15.03.2021. Please note that, in reference to successful bidder(s), EMD is adjustable against the sale consideration receivable by M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. Also, EMD is refundable to the successful bidder(s).
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and the balance within 15 days by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c Number.
- In case the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and/or the balance amount, within 15 days the deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited without any prior intimation.
- The charges / fees payable for conveyance such



'Pooja's grace and resilience stayed with me'

How does it feel to be back on TV screens with the promo film on &Prive HD?

It feels great to be back on TV especially with something that has such a unique concept and idea that we have created with &Prive HD for the ad. It was lovely to work with Deepak Tijori. I have known him for many years but we never

got a chance to work with each other. Rohit and Sanaya are such lovely people to work with too. Also, I am getting to play a meek character, that was something I haven't done before.

A message that you would like to give on the occasion of the launch Prive World Box Office.

There is no message as such, but like it is aptly put in the ad that films have their own language and that it is not a barrier for you to enjoy entertaining cinema. So World Box Office on March 5 is coming up with a bouquet of films in 10 languages and all of them are blockbusters in their own language. But it is sad that we do know about the Hollywood blockbusters, but not the ones that are of other languages. The good thing is people can experience the joy of family viewing with these films because the same film will be showed at

9 pm every day in a week. Hence, it will be convenient for people to set a time and watch that movie within that week. Then the film will change the next week and people can see another film in another language and perhaps another genre. It will be exciting and entertaining for the whole family, that's the best part of it.

What keeps you so grounded?

It's the kind of upbringing that I have that keeps me grounded. I am an extremely simple person and luckily I have got a partner who is as simple as I am. We keep our work out of our homes because at the end of the day we are just husband and wife. Also, the fact that both Rana ji and I are balanced about the way that we look at ourselves. We don't give ourselves that much importance. It is just that we are a part of a profession that is glamorous, but otherwise we are simple.

If one talks about Renuka, there is no way of not talking about Hum Aapke Hain Koun. Some memories from the sets of the film?

There are so many memories from the sets. The whole shooting of that film was once in a lifetime experience to get. It's rare to get producers like Rajshri Productions and direc-

tor like Sooraj Barjatya. I am grateful to them for casting me in the film and creating characters that continue to stay with people. I am known as Pooja. I haven't done too much work in Hindi cinema but my calling card is *Hum Aapke Hain Koun*. I owe my success and popularity to Sooraj ji and the film. And of course there are so many things. I remember when we were shooting *Dhik Tana* in Ootie and between takes we used to play dumb chirades and there was a lot of camaraderie. The kind of atmosphere you saw in the film was exactly like we had on the sets. A lot of credit goes to Madhuri and Salman, they were so down to earth and respectful to everyone on the sets. There was a lot to learn from them. We had shot for 150 days and through the making of the film we had become a really tight unit.

There is always a learning with every film one does and the character one plays. What was it with Pooja?

With Pooja, what stayed with me is her grace and resilience. She had a clear point of view which was seen in the way she treated Lallu and Chameli and how she loved them as much as

she loved every other family member of the family. She was not a doormat by any standards.

How do you see your journey in all these years?

It has been incredible. When I started out, I didn't have any ambitions. I never practiced my award winning speeches. There was nothing as dramatic. It was a process of learning on the job. I was not formally trained and yet the amount of love I have received over years is overwhelming. **You were also a part of the fantastic series What The Folks. How did that happen?**

It was something that just dropped into my lap out of the blue. It was the first series that I have acted in for a digital platform. I heard of the series from my close friend Deepika Deshpande Amin. She was in Season 1 and she plays Eisha Chopra's mother. So, when I got the offer for Season 2, I was excited to be a part of it. Also the character that I was offered to play was cute. She was a modern mother and had a different relationship with her daughter-in-law. It was refreshing to see such relationships. I enjoyed myself and that association has been wonderful.

Talktime

RENUKA SHAHANE

She is still as charming as she was in the 90s and there's no way one can steal it.

Musba Hashmi speaks with Shahane about her association with &Prive HD, what keeps her grounded and a lesson that her character in Hum Aapke Hain Koun taught her

UNFILTERED LOVE

Valentine's Day is finally here. SUNDAY PIONEER lists ways how to celebrate the day of love and make it all the more special for your loved ones

There's no better way of showing love on Valentine's Day than gifting something to your loved ones that they will cherish until the next Valentines. Here are a few options to choose from

Ray of love: Embrace the heady excitement of falling in love with the new Kiko Milano Ray of Love Collection this Valentine's. This season Kiko is celebrating that gifting with a collection of products and there are so many reasons to fall for it. Pulling together all of the products you'd need for the ultimate date night look, the Ray of Love line up will effortlessly accentuate all of your best features. Designed to capture the excitement of those unforgettable first moments, the romantic new line-up will bring out



the very best in you — enhancing sparkling eyes, drawing attention to flushed cheeks and accentuating the beaming smile you just can't hide. Infused with romantic scents and clad in pretty pink and rich red packaging, every product you pick up looks great and feels even better.

Love Tint: Kohinoor Jewellers Agra presents Love-Tint, the newest collection of romantic jewels to leave your better half awe-struck & spellbound. The collection homes the most perfect & fine giftables for upcoming Valentine's Day that will be treasured for life. The glint of jewels in tint of love truly are together a symbol of love. Featuring striking rubies in profound red, as deep as your love and classic dreamy designs, like your love story, the baubles in this collection are sure to strengthen your bond & make this February 14 a memorable one. Earrings & rings make for an appropriate gift for any woman and make for even more beautiful surprises.



Heart matters: Heart of the Matter by RK Jewellers — South Ex-2, effortlessly embraces your fluid emotions for your valentine. Solid heart shaped diamond or emerald solitaire earrings or rings or delicate heart motif jewels, minimalist yet statement jewels like stackable necklaces & rings or dainty contemporary baubles, crowns & stars or bold red & soft pinks, this collection has something for every taste. Showcasing an entire range inspired by the month of love, these pretty jewels make for the perfect gift that will be treasured forever.



Sneaky love: Alberto Torresi, the iconic homegrown footwear brand introduces their latest Shoe-Mance Collection an exclusive range of Valentine's Day-inspired slip-ons, lace-on sneakers & Women's boots for the fashion-conscious millennials. This collection is surely going to give your oh-so-romantic day a stylish kickstart and a long-lasting impression. From Men's comfy slip-ons and sneakers to Women's classy boots, for a fun day or a formal dress-up look, the choices are unlimited making it perfect for a romantic date. The collection features the color of Love — Red that vibes parallel with the season of amour.



Engage in love: Valentine's Day is all about pampering your loved ones and making them feel special. With the new Engage L'Amante Eau De Parfum, ITC takes a step forward to redefine fresh, long lasting and irresistible fragrances in citrus and floral tones. The latest range includes four scintillating fragrances designed to offer gentle refreshing feeling that will revitalise your senses. making for ideal gifts this Valentine's season.



'The better you write, the more connection & appreciation'

Lyricist KAUSHAL KISHORE is out with his latest song on Late Bihar Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur. He speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about how music has impacted his life and scope for lyricists in indie space

What is your latest song about?

The song — *Jannayak* — is on the Late Chief Minister of Bihar Karpoori Thakurji. He is considered to be a people's politician. He never took advantage of his position as a politician in his entire life. I went to his village, spoke to the people there and felt that there was a need to write a song about his life. We released the song on his birth anniversary this year in Patna. I love to talk about people who have contributed to the progress of our country. I felt that his work needed to be introduced to the youth.

How tough is it to write a song for a particular situation?

The tougher the situation, the easier it is to pen words. Take the example of this song; in the song I penned the song on the work that Thakurji had done. I just described his work and strung it into a song using my words. This gives a new angle and makes it easy for me to write. But one has to be careful while attempting such songs. I take care that I don't hurt the sentiments of people who were close to him. Nor belittle the work done by the person.

How has music impacted your life?

I always wanted to write. I didn't want to do anything else. I have got so much love here. From the time I came to Mumbai in 2006, it has totally changed my life. I look at things with a serious outlook. I am a lot more sensitive and emotional.

How much does it help to write when you find a connection with a subject close to your heart?

It is important to find a connection with the subject on which one is writing. Without this it will not be possible to write. One has to find everything there is to know about the subject. The more you understand, the better you write. The better you write, the better the audience will understand and appreciate your work.

How does this work while writing for Bollywood?

You read the script time and again till you understand the characters and the situation which requires the song. In the indie space, here, you do things for yourself so the artist is more open about what he wants to say and one can be truer to himself.

Many songs today lack lyrics of yesteryears. Why?

Things keep changing; patterns change. There are many songs made today that are meaningful and in tune with songs of yesteryears. But the younger generation may not subscribe to them. They are looking for songs that fast-paced and played in clubs and can be danced on. Times change, tastes change.

Is it important for an artist to do work in the indie space and not just bank on Bollywood?

I believe that one should not be dependent on only one industry. It is not possible for everyone to hitch a ride on one medium. Bollywood makes a certain number of films but artists and talent is huge. Even a boy sitting in a village can record a song and put it up on YouTube. It is important to widen one's scope. Indie space gives one independence to do work according to what he wants to do.

What is the scope for lyricists in this space?

There is scope for growth here if one is good. We can end up writing a film, like I am doing at present. When I came into the industry only a handful of good movies were being made. Today, this number is in hundreds. The more the work there is, the better it is for lyricists. After all, a singer or composer won't write songs, it has to be a lyricist.

Vaccine of love



Last year was truly unprecedented and changed everything about every aspect of our lives. Relationships underwent a dramatic transformation and 2021 has become a year full of discoveries, experiments, revelations and 'slow dating' coming back into fashion with long meaningful conversations and (digitally) shared experiences. As we reset to the new normal, OkCupid went in for their annual Valentine's Day check-in with a study to understand how are Indian millennials dating and their take on love and relationships. To understand how millennials are celebrating Valentine's Day, what is their take on love and relationships, and what they

feel about dating with or without the vaccine, dating service OkCupid reviewed the answers to some of the most popular questions on the app.

Let's have a shot! Err...a vaccine shot?

When asked, 'Would you take the Covid-19 vaccine?', it was a mixed bag but predominantly led by 56% women and 49% men giving a resounding yes. Compared to only 21% men and 20% women who admitted to being absolutely averse to the idea of getting themselves vaccinated against Covid-19. **Let's go on a Valentine's Day date whysay? But first, let's talk about your faith in science** When asked, 'Would you cancel a Valentine's date with someone who didn't want to take the COVID-19 vaccine', 54% women would cancel their date in case their potential partner is opposed to the idea of taking a vaccine shot. After all, health over anything else always. However, it was interesting to find that 67% of the men, a large majority, were very much willing to go on a date with someone who won't take the vaccine.

The question everybody wants an answer to — First date on V-day? Yay, day of love or nay, too cliché?

Again, a majority (65%) of men are more likely to plan a first date on Valentine's day, compared to only 50% of women. OkCupid's hot tip — sign up on the app this weekend and let love find you.

LOVE IS COOKING

BAVARIAN COFFEE CAKE

- Ingredients:**
- 100 g espresso coffee
 - 4 egg yolks
 - 150 g whole milk
 - 175 g sugar
 - 300 g cream
 - 25 ml borghetti coffee liqueur
 - 5 g gelatine

Method:

- Put the gelatine in cold water to soak.
- Mix the sugar with the egg yolks.
- Bring the milk to the boil.
- Pour the mixture into the milk, stir continuously with a whisk and cook until it reaches a velvety, creamy density. Do not boil.
- Squeeze out the gelatine and add to the hot mixture, stir.
- Add the coffee and liqueur at this point.
- Let the mixture cool down, but don't allow it to solidify.
- Whip the cream and add it to the cold mix-



- ture, folding it in from the bottom up.
- Fill six one-portion moulds or a large mould and place in the fridge for 6 hours.

Presentation:

- Dip the base of the mould into boiling water then turn the Bavarian cake out of the mould, onto a plate.
- Decorate with cream, chopped dried fruit, etc.
- We recommend using espresso coffee for this recipe.

Courtesy: Abdul Sahid Khan, Head Trainer, Lavazza India

BREW CONVERSATIONS

People around the world look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with their beau. While a magnificent date is quite the typical way to approach it, the pandemic has definitely left us wanting to crave for a more intimate setting than a splendid one.

Therefore, if you are stumped on where to take your lovely date this Valentine's Day then it is time to embrace the timeless coffee date this year. Here are five good reasons why you should prefer coffee this February 14th.

It's a casual date: Is there anything more relaxing than wearing casuals on a date? If you are going on a coffee date, you don't have to have your make-up or outfit on fleek. You can pull off a coffee date in any outfit whether you are meeting your beau straight from work or from home.

Ideal to help brew conversations: Imagine sitting around a small table in an intimate setting with nothing but two hot cups of cappuccinos between you. What else do you do in such a scenario other than striking a conversation? This will help you discover more about your date and get to know them better outside of the constraints because that is all you can do when on a coffee date.

Coffee enhances mood: Studies have shown that coffee does not only taste delectable but it has a beneficial effect on our mood—it is said that it is good for both our mind and our heart. This is definitely one of the key advantages of a coffee date. So, make the most of this coffee date to create a strong bond of love with your beau.

Coffee dates are flexible: Because we love coffee so much, we can literally have it at any time off the day. So, unlike dinner dates or brunch dates, coffee dates can happen at any time of the day; be it before work, after work, weekend or not.

Romantic walks follow: If you are on a coffee date, be rest assured a romantic walk with your date is sure to follow. There is definitely something very adorable about walking around the city with your beau, whether you are in an established relationship or with a new romantic prospect.

Now that you have all the reasons to go on a coffee date, find the best café around you and invite your beau to the most romantic date ever.

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There's nothing like getting yourself into character and seeing a different person. It really wears on your vanity
— Elisabeth Moss



With multiple brands providing accessible options for different snack preferences and slots, we are spoilt for choice, says ASHISH NICHANI, as he lends insight into the changing snacking habits and preferences of the Indians

SNACK ON THIS

From your living room to office, in your handbag and in the glovebox of your car; and on every journey you can remember — there has always been an omnipresent companion — your favourite snack.

Snacking has always been a part of our culture. Those hunger pangs before lunch... That little something with *chai*... And with the passage of time, we have only added more snacking occasions to our busy lives. Can study or work be complete without a pack by your side? And what fun is the latest Netflix show if there isn't something *chatpata* to match the histrionics on screen!

To speak numbers, all of this translates into a snacking industry that's worth INR 1 Billion which continues to expand at scorching double digit growth rates.

The pandemic has only enhanced our love for snacks. A recent survey by the FMCG giant Mondelez revealed that 88% of Indians were snacking more than before the pandemic with a large majority of millennials and those working extended hours from home preferring snacking over meals. With entertaining also becoming a home-bound activity, snacks have also proved to be a convenient and hygienic replacement to a restaurant starter.

Our fascinating love for snacks has prompted many surveys and the findings are telling. When we see a snack, we don't just see a packet. We see comfort in that wrapper. We see snack time as our break from the routine. A source of momentary happiness. We also see snacks as a complement or substitute for nourishment. These findings are direct or obvious. And therefore, they are very significant insights into the changing nature of our lives. Evidently, we expect a lot more from our snacks than just flavour!

While our snacking habits may seem like evolution, our snacking choices are undergoing a revolution. To someone born in the 80s, snacking typically meant munching on chips or *namkeen* — remember that transparent plastic wrapper filled with salted potato chips or peanuts or a local mixture? If it was a branded snack picked at a store, it would be *Pepsico Lays chips* or *Haldirams Bhujia*.

My earliest recollection of the first innovation in snacking as a consumer came along with the launch of *Kurkure* back in 1999 — a new flavour and a new form. Unfortunately, very little has changed in offline retail today as these legacy brands and products continue to dominate shelf space. Retailers have also made no effort at innovation or disruption but have launched private labels with the same legacy products.

For the mass-affluent and beyond, food is more than just nutrition. It's also a way of enjoying life, a treat for the senses. But where is that joy when you get served the same food again and again?

It's only thanks to brave entrepreneurs who have chosen to tread the difficult path of disrupting their industry enabled by e-commerce that we have seen our snack choices really explode in the last few years.

YEH DIL MAANGE MORE!

The evolution of snacking is oddly similar to the evolution of marriage. For the longest time, marriage decisions were made between a few choices. You made your peace with that and made it work. But today, you can swipe right and left, you can date and flirt, you can cohabitate and then eventually

you can choose to settle down with your choice. This is precisely how our approach to snacking has also evolved. Today, we demand and have access to far more choices than ever before!

As Indians, we started travelling a lot more in the last decade. And the more we travelled, we exposed our taste buds to more cuisines. India is home to 4,635 communities spread across its geographical expanse and each region has its own snacking culture and taste profile. For example, the snacks in Kerala have a distinct aroma of coconut oil, those of Punjab and UP are more hearty, the mixtures of the East have more *jhāl* (spice) while the *Kathiyawadi* style is intense in its sweet-savoury combination. In comparison, the snacks of the Chettinad are more mildly flavoured.

Each of these microcultures also has its own repertoire of snacks. For example, have you tried the *Kolhapuri Bhadang* that is made in Jaysinghpur of Maharashtra? Or the *Sattur Sev* of Tamil Nadu? How about the *kachoris* of Jamnagar? Or the *Bhakarwadi* of Pune? That sense of adventure and that joy of tasting and liking something new — all those experiences added up to the fun of travelling across the country. Today, thanks to e-commerce, all these unique local foods are available to us through a few brands and e-retailers who are challenging the status quo foisted upon us by big FMCG companies over the years.

On a national level, Postcard (www.thePostcard.in) helps in discovering local flavours of snacks, sweets and pickles across geographies with a promise of authenticity, quality and service. There are region-focussed options such as Gujaratisnacks.in (Gujarat), Pettikadai.in/Nativespecial (Tamil Nadu), Indorinamkeen.com/TasteofIndore etc which bring out the specialities of their respective regions.

Consumers too appear to enjoy this journey of discovering new foods. It's not uncommon to hear people in Gurgaon talk about how they enjoy the Bihari *thekua* as a desi cookie. Or consumers in the Guwahati who are getting to try South Indian flavours like *Murukku*, *Thattai*, etc. Local food discoveries have become a conversation starter, a badge of pride for the adventurous and a common joy to share within the family.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Today, health and wellbeing are an important consideration and this aspect is being reflected in snacking choices too. We see a wave of snack brands focused on superfoods — from kale-based snacks by Green Snack Co to the millet based Soulful and Healthy Cravings Co. These brands use superfoods as ingredients to create familiar snacks and flavours with enhanced nutrient profiles (such as higher fibre). Imagine how comforting it would be to not feel any pang of guilt while snacking! The challenge of course lies in adoption of new ingredients by the palate.

Trail Mixes of nuts and seeds are another superfood-packed snack choice. A few brands have tried to popularise these options although they have faced headwinds in view of the higher price points involved.

Besides superfoods, there is also a trend of clean eating. For the longest time people were unaware of the ingredients going into their food choices. But today, we see a lot more awareness and brands are doing their

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best to respond to this need. For example, there is an emphasis on avoiding the use of colouring additives or preservatives as much as possible even though these are permitted by law (with the necessary safeguards, of course). Smaller local brands such as Pure & Sure Phalada have introduced snacks made with organic ingredients!

THE WONDER BAR

Alongside the typical snack forms of chips, namkeen and extruded snacks, we see bars emerge as a snack of choice for the younger generations. The younger generation that works odd hours or seeks convenience prefer the range of energy bars while protein bars are preferred by consumers who seek targeted nutrition.

Energy bars first made an appearance in the 1960s when the American FMCG giant Pillsbury introduced them as "Space Food Sticks" claiming that the bars had a balance of all nutrients. It has taken the bar form 50 years to reach its current popularity.

Bars have caught on in India over the last two to three years. There are a number of brands vying for this space with Yoga Bars having the first mover advantage. Insurgent brands such as The Whole Truth are successfully disrupting this space with a disarmingly honest approach to clean eating with a functional focus.

LOOKING AHEAD

As the pandemic fear recedes and we emerge into a new normal, it will be interesting to see how our snack choices evolve with our lifestyle and the impact of these changes on business. While I'm no soothsayer, here are three ideas for the common good:

- It's high time that retailers adopted a customer-centric approach by understanding their changing needs and aspirations. From food preferences to food allergies, the Indian

customer has distinct needs and these need to reflect on the shop shelf. For the consumer who seeks diversity, the shelf must incorporate local flavours which change in sync with the seasons. Similarly, the health food section must have options for vegans, gluten-allergies, calorie-conscious folks, elders, children, office-goers etc. The one generic "healthy" option would not cut it.

- With their scale and expertise, the legacy FMCG companies have a responsibility to adapt and assist the ecosystem. There are many brands with unique food products that emerge only to fade away due to the lack of financial or operational muscle-power that is critical to survive in the offline channel. Can a partnership model evolve between the big and small that is mutually beneficial?

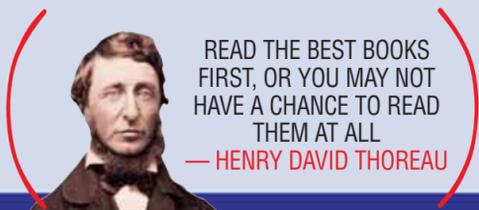
While the benefits to the small brands are obvious, big brands will also get an insight into how smaller companies are able to do more with less. We see this happen in the personal care space. Take the example of the Bombay Shaving Company, a homegrown brand of mens personal care that has received investment from global FMCG majors Colgate Palmolive & Reckitt Benckiser. It's time that Indian FMCG brands entered such partnerships so that new-age companies have an option other than VC investments.

- Fresh fruit is one of the most under-served snack options. It is easily available on street corners but hygiene is a concern. Can either brands or retailers work on models that transform the vending of cut fruit as nutritious snacks? That would be a genuine healthy clean snacking option that benefits customers, retailers and farmers.

The beauty about the snacking industry is that there is space for everyone.

Each of us have a few fixed slots for snacks in our day. And there is a preference of a kind of snack for each of those slots. With multiple brands providing accessible options for each of these preferences and slots, we are spoilt for choice. A golden age of choice has dawned.

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THE CHINA FACTOR



hidden push for a Hindu *Rashtra* in Nepal backfired on India. India cannot deny that its shortfalls are due to short-sighted strategic interests and lack of promised deliveries to Nepal. For instance, in 2016, the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) was formed to revise the 1950 Treaty and smoothen border management. Still, five years since its formation, the final report of the EPG continues to dust in the Prime Minister's Office. Nepal also waits for India to exchange the demonetised Indian currency stuck with the Nepal *Rashtra* Bank.

In contrast, the "Chinese have acted purely on national interest". There has been no compromise on China's security concerns looming from a critical border between Tibet and Nepal. From cracking down the 2008 free-Tibet movement to the signing of Mutual Assistance Treaty in Criminal Matters in 2019, and Nepal's unequivocal support to 'One China Policy', China has shown an uncompromised bargain in Nepal. On the other hand, India continues to misread how Beijing sees Nepal — both in terms of China's visions of the past and the future. This complicates the core trilateral challenge: ensuring that Nepal is not sucked deeper into the Sino-Indian vortex, only to be scorned for aggravating the Asian giants' rivalry.

As the events unfold between India and Nepal, the book could not have been timelier. The book becomes a must-read for policymakers, journalists, researchers intending to know recent developments in India-Nepal relations as it covers history and the most recent events. That said, the book falls short on the analytical front. The author has also avoided dealing with dates which makes the reader seek digital support that breaks the rhythm. Overall, unlike history books, the books' language keeps the momentum for a reader until a few scattered pages of the last chapter: *All in Mind*, often repeating the arguments. The book is pocket friendly and most recent additions to the literature in India-Nepal relations with a focus on China factor.

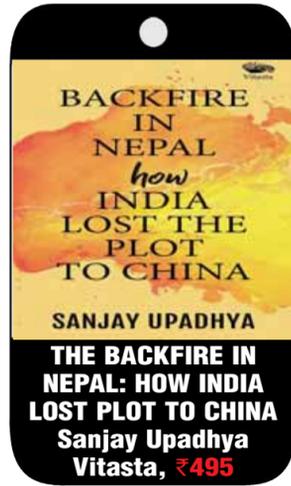
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cism was a beneficial 'New Nepal' China.

Between 2005 to 2020, Nepal has forged new transit, trade, security and strategic ties including Belt and Road Initiative and first-ever Joint-Military exercises with China. Chinese investment in Nepal accounts for more than sixty per cent of the total Foreign Direct Investment in Nepal, which was once topped by India until 2014. China's annual aid to Nepal had also reached USD 128 from a meagre USD 20-24 million in the past decade. The number of high-level visits from China to Nepal including President Xi's in October 2019 amidst border row between India and Nepal over Kalapani and Lipulekh, have provided China with an ultra-edge in the political and foreign affairs of Nepal. Most importantly, the Chinese Ambassador to Nepal has direct hotlines with the

President, Prime Minister, and Chief of the Nepal Army, allowing the former to make public appearances in these offices and advise on administrative and political matters. Millions of military assistance from China have helped Beijing buy diplomatic immunity to its citizens involved in scamming, phishing, and trafficking in Nepal.

While previous administrations in Nepal strike a balance between India and China including Prachanda who stood as a staunch critic of alleged Indian 'expansionism' since 1950, KP Oli has used India's 2015 unofficial border blockade to his advantage in evoking ultra-nationalism based on anti-India manoeuvres. Oli also holds India accountable for his ouster in 2016 from the Government, and with his present tenure, he continues to be revengeful. Meanwhile, post-December 13 dissolution of the



Parliament, Oli was seen taking a moderate view of India. However, it changed very soon after he reiterated Kalapani, Lipulekh as Nepalese territories, and relocated Ayodhya in Nepal.

On the other hand, despite a turbulent relationship, India's humanitarian assistance to Nepal helps ease the tensions. Noteworthy, India was the first country to reach on the ground after a major earthquake had hit Nepal in 2015. India has also supplied a million doses of Covid-19 vaccine and other medical assistance including medicines, ambulances, and medical appliances. However, India continues to misread Nepal's political developments.

Prime Minister Modi's 2014 visit after seventeen years gap by an Indian Prime Minister to Nepal helped India "dispel many traditional Nepalese misgivings about India policy", but the

NEW ARRIVALS



A CROWN OF THORNS: THE CORONAVIRUS AND US
Kalpish Ratna
Context/Westland, ₹399

As COVID-19 sweeps the planet, we are panicked and baffled. Bombarded with disinformation and panic-inducing statistics, we are cowed by the enormity and uncertainty of what's unfolding. The narrative, so far, has been about this novel coronavirus. But COVID-19 is not just about SARS-CoV-2. It is about the virus and us. We have coexisted with viruses from the dawn of evolution. What has changed? Have we disrupted something crucial in Nature? *A Crown of Thorns* is science and history woven into the human story — the long view on a pandemic that's consuming us. Drs Ishrat Syed and Kalpana Swaminathan, writing as Kalpish Ratna, distil their study of plagues and epidemics into a work packed with ideas that provoke and insights that illuminate.



IMAGINE IF: STORIES OF ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH EXTRAORDINARY GRIT
Rajvi H. Mehta
Westland, ₹299

Guruji B.K.S. Iyengar, credited with spreading the gospel of yoga across the world, began to practise it as a young boy. He was, in those days, constantly unwell, and his brother-in-law thought yoga would help him cope. Over time, learning from his own experiences, Guruji refined and then redefined what he was taught. A disease-free state was no longer his goal; health, he had come to believe, included well-being of the body, mind, emotions, intellect, consciousness, morality, sociality and conscience. Bringing together Guruji's inspirational messages and his recommendations on *asanas*, *Imagine If* is a necessary tool in our turbulent times.

A wider street beyond tradition

Bani Basu's *Shwet Patharer Thala (A Plate of White Marble)* has some answers which speak to our time as it did to the one it so brilliantly evokes, writes RAJAT CHAUDHURI

Bani Basu's *Shwet Patharer Thala (A Plate of White Marble)* has in its three decades since publication got deeply embedded within the Bengali reader's psyche. One would like to think that books such as this, a story of the young widow Bandana, in post-independence Calcutta, and her relentless battles against orthodoxy, where a son and a lover play nuanced and memorable roles, fortify the winds of liberalism which are on retreat in our troubled times.

So it is definitely good news that this much-admired novel has now been made available to readers in English in a pitch-perfect translation by Nandini Guha. Many who would have been introduced to this story through the movie featuring a sterling performance by Aparna Sen as the widowed Bandana, would nonetheless do well to read the book because the layers of the story with its depths and nuances are not always captured in the language of celluloid.

Bandana is married to the elder son Abhimanyu of the well-to-do Bhattacharjee family of Shyambazar in north Kolkata but early in the plot the husband dies of heart attack. It is interesting to note that in the movie it is a car accident which kills him and there are other such departures from Basu's original plot. Immediately after the husband's death the weight of patriarchy, personified here by the father-in-law and the acquiescing members of the joint family of her in-laws, come to bear upon her. Bandana is pushed into a life of forced austerity and abnegation where she has to wear white saris, live like an ascetic and have frugal meals on the floor from a plate of white marble.

The customs of this prejudiced household are revealed at the beginning when the author writes, "The men of the house, the ruler class that is, did not



have to bother about any restriction. They were reserved for the women and women alone."

The first knock on the edifice of this stultifying tradition comes from her son Abhiroop, still a child, who suffers convulsions and the doctor makes it clear that his mother's sudden transformation into a white-sari clad ascetic is the cause. Despite their reluctance, her in-laws have to relent and make some concessions in allowing her to wear a coloured sari but soon new situations bring the clash with orthodoxy out in the open.

In the carefully woven plot appear other characters like Mili and Koli, two sisters-in-law of which the former becomes a conduit for the widow's oppression while Koli is more of a confi-

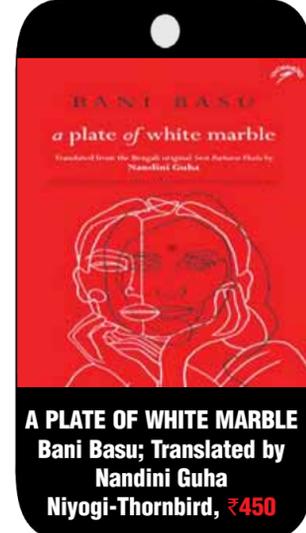
dante who eventually raises her voice in Bandana's support. But there is no easy resolution of Bandana's woes at her in-laws' till the appearance of an uncle, the nomad-like Somnath babu, who takes her away from the Bhattacharjees.

Still, back at her own home, things won't be easy as with the kindly uncle's passing and Abhiroop's coming of age, new tensions begin to simmer which might very well tear her apart. Bani Basu develops her characters with love and a kind of academic rigour which would appeal to students of literature while pleasing the seeker of a good story. It is also not difficult to draw a line connecting Tagore's powerful protagonist Mrinal of *Streer Patra (A Wife's Letter)*, Saratchandra's equally uncompromising heroine Kamal in *Sesh Proso* (*The Final*

Question) and the nonconformist Bandana of this novel, and examine how these portraits of liberated women reflect each other across the corridors of Bengali fiction.

Calcutta, from the decaying splendour of the 'north' to a 'south' of Hindustani classical music concerts and busy flowing streets is also a character in the background of this finely crafted novel and often you want to linger and enjoy the passing scenery — the passage of time itself, as the river of the narrative draws you along:

"The concert came to an end after the *Bhairavi Thumri*. It was past midnight. The roads were empty but well-lit. The sky above was full of stars. Bandana had never seen Kolkata looking so beautiful. The huge silhouette of the Victoria



Memorial could be seen like some mysterious, celestial presence in the distance."

But most of all you read this book to marvel at the many roles a strong woman like Bandana plays as she juggles between mother, daughter-in-law, oppressed widow, and finally an emotional connect with her son's art teacher Sudipto Sarkar. Which of these will redeem which will break her apart or is it some totally new calling, a wider street that will finally let her discover herself behind many masks? This engaging novel has some answers which speak to our time as it did to the one it so brilliantly evokes.

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Uighurs' genocide: Cost of China's fight against terror

Xinjiang has become an Achilles' heel for China. The indigenous Uighur people of this western province, the largest of the administrative regions of the People's Republic of China (PRC), have had the history of discord with the authorities in Beijing as the strategically located Xinjiang borders with eight countries - Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.

Uighurs are the Turkic-speaking Muslims and Islam is an important part of their life and identity. Importantly, they regard themselves as culturally and ethnically closer to the people of Central Asia than the people of mainland China and are one of largely persecuted Muslim minorities in Xinjiang, including Kazakhs, Uzbeks, Kyrgyz, and Hui. Though administratively, the region, known as Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region (XUAR), is autonomous like the Tibet Autonomous Region (TAR), its administrative control is purely in the hands of the Central Government. There are Uighur minorities also in China's neighbouring countries such as Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. And some of Uighurs are living in Australia.

The historic ties between Xinjiang and Beijing have been troublesome since the beginning of its accession to the PRC. The region had intermittent autonomy and occasional independence before it became an integral part of China in 1949. However, an East Turkistan State was declared before 1949, but it could not sustain and finally, the region had to be merged with the PRC, then under the iron rule of legendary Mao Zedong. But then a major filip to the separatist movement came after the breakdown of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) in the 1990s.

Also, these movements received an indirect support from the rise of independent Muslim States across the Central Asian region. With massive crackdown from the Chinese State, the separatist movement and its leaders could hardly make an impact on the status of the province.

Why the XUAR is again turning into a boiling point for China?

Today, the Chinese state is all out to prevent the growth of



Islamic terror in this restive province. In the name of fighting terror, the Communist State is creating complete paranoia among the locals. But many say that the ethnic tension brewing in Xinjiang is due to economic and cultural factors long aided by the authorities in the mainland.

The gargantuan development projects propelled by Beijing, both to eradicate poverty and to attract huge foreign direct investment (FDI), have brought a bunch of young and technically qualified Han migrants from eastern parts of China to the XUAR. And the central administrative authorities have specifically promoted the Hans so as to attract more of them to the Xinjiang province. This has fast changed the demographic scenario of the region. At the same time, the commercial and cultural activities of the Uighurs have been systematically curtailed by the Chinese State. This has fuelled tension between the local Uighurs and the Han migrants. Further the authorities have gradually increased surveillance and control over religious activities by imposing draconian restrictions on

Islamic practices like fewer mosques and religious schools. Even the Government departments in Xinjiang have banned the Muslim civil servants from observing fasting during Ramadan. A report published by the Amnesty International stated that the authorities criminalised what they labelled "illegal religious" and "separatist activities" and clamped down on "peaceful expressions of cultural identity".

This aptly demonstrates how Beijing has come up with severe measures both to control the assertion of the Uighur identity and to change the demographic structure of the province.

With the coming of Xi Jinping to power in 2012, the state agencies in connivance with Chinese Communist Party (CCP) officials are fast making the province a fortress. In this process, the central government is making several vocational training centres in the name of maintaining skilled workshops for the local Uighurs. But many activists across the globe say these are like concentration camps for torturing the Uighurs and punishing the erring elements.

And China, denies all such allegations raised either by foreign governments or prominent human rights groups. China has often blamed the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) and its followers for all sorts of violence and separatist activities carried out both in Xinjiang and in other parts of China. In 2013, a car ploughed into a crowd and burst into flames in the historic Tiananmen Square in Beijing. Even incidents of mass stabbing in Kunming and Yunnan Province in the past accompanied by killing of dozens of suspected Uighur separatists and their agents have alerted Beijing to spread a reign of terror over Xinjiang.

In fact, the separatists' killing spree has spilled out of Xinjiang today. And this has fast becoming a serious concern for both the CCP and the Chinese state.

Therefore, this province of China is on the top agenda of both the domestic and foreign security agencies. The reasons are: first, the constant resistance coming from the local Uighurs; second, Islamic extremism that is gaining ground around the region;

third, stability in the region is critical to the safe rolling out of the signature project of Xi's prestigious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) or One Belt One Road (OBOR); strategic crossroad for trade and investment in Central and South Asia, West Asia and further to entire Europe.

However, much more than all these, at the moment and even for future, Xinjiang is situated on the border areas of India's Ladakh region. The eastern part of Ladakh became a disputed area between both India and China since the occupation of Aksai Chin in 1962 by the latter. And today, India's border conflict with China that has been continuing in eastern Ladakh almost for a year has made the XUAR more strategically important, than the TAR, for Beijing.

So from this, it can safely be said that the political bosses in the Communist Party may tighten the security and mobility of people in Xinjiang more than ever.

Interestingly, China has been trying to impose strict security control across Xinjiang. Since 2016, Chen Quanguo, the Party Secretary

for the XUAR, has dramatically enhanced the security apparatus of the province.

There has been a wide-ranging international campaign against Beijing for massive violations of human rights of the Uighur Muslims in this western province. Washington has officially declared that China is committing genocide and crime against humanity on the Uighur Muslims.

Just before Joe Biden took up the reins of the Presidential office, then Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said, "This genocide is going on...and we are witnessing the systematic attempt to destroy Uighurs by the Chinese Party State. Since at least March 2017, the local authorities dramatically escalated their decades long campaign of repression against Uighur Muslims and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups, including ethnic Kazakhs and ethnic Kyrgyz."

The veracity and the scale of these intensive atrocities have confirmed as reported by the locals and some of the research organisations of global repute. In a report called "Sterilizations, IUDs, and

Mandatory Birth Control: The CCP's Campaign to Suppress Uighur Birth Rates in Xinjiang" released by the Jamestown Foundation, based in Washington in June 2020, says, "Natural population growth in Xinjiang has declined dramatically; growth rates fell by 84 per cent in the two largest Uighur prefectures between 2015 and 2018 and declined further in several minority regions in 2019. In 2020, one Uighur region set an unprecedented near-zero birth-rate target: a mere 1.05 per mile, compared to 19.66 per mile in 2018. This was intended to be achieved through family planning work."

It has been found that intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUD), sterilisations and forced family separations came into force since a sweeping crackdown started in the region in the later part of 2016.

Thus, Xinjiang has become a draconian police state. The local witnesses account of intrusive state interference of the state into the reproductive autonomy of the Uighurs and other minority groups in the XUAR. And this kind of a practice has become ubiquitous across the region. The Uighurs feel that one fine day all will be exterminated from their homeland.

Recently, a legal opinion has been published in Britain. And it has also clearly claimed that Beijing is carrying out the crime of genocide against the Uighur Muslim people. Thus international pressure is mounting against China today. Will Xi regime listen to all these? Of course not, for now. However, the best such concerted effort must come from international organisations such as the UN, top human rights agencies and all the big Western nations.

China's growth is not detrimental to the global economy, but it must be ensured that it stays in the international arena a law-abiding nation. The Uighurs must be saved from physical elimination at best by the Chinese state. They all have the right to live the way they want. Their basic rights and freedoms must be restored and respected by Beijing. Else more resistance will grow for sure from the Uighur community.

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The Chinese state is bent on preventing the growth of Islamic terror in the restive province of Xinjiang. However, in the name of fighting the Islamic terror, the central administrative authorities in Beijing have imposed curbs on Islamic practices in Xinjiang province and infiltrated Hans in order to change the demography of the region



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PERSPECTIVE

Muslims & vote-bank politics in Bengal

Owaisi's foray into Bengal elections has boosted the BJP's plan to go ahead with more aggressive Hindutva campaign and has created confusion among the Muslims. Nevertheless, Muslim votes will certainly be decisive in the formation of a Government in the State

Muslims' political behaviour varies across India. It customarily consolidates itself with the "secular" parties wherever the political race is directly between the secular and non-secular narratives. However, in States with more multifaceted political competition, they appear divided among political parties for a variety of local or class interests.

As far as the Muslims of West Bengal are concerned, they have always played an instrumental and significant role as voters. The Congress, the Communist parties and the TMC have always earned considerable political and upright support of Muslims.

Since Muslims' condition was quite backward economically, politically and educationally, they expected considerable sustenance from the establishment of all time.

According to the Sachar Committee report in 2006 on the social, economic and educational status of Muslims in the country Bengal was placed in the category of "worst" performing States. Muslims are largely deprived of the process of economic development and its benefits.

Furthermore, according to the post-Sachar Evaluation Committee Report, Muslims are lagging behind the Scheduled Castes and the



Scheduled Tribes in all spheres of developmental programmes.

In fact, both the Communists and the TMC, though hesitantly and mutely, tried to work on the Muslim's upliftment to some extent so as not to be accused of "Muslim appeasement" from the Opposition like the BJP, etc. The minority upliftment programmes for the betterment of

the minorities either in Bengal or anywhere else in the country, initiated by any ruling parties, have been termed as Muslim appeasement.

For the deteriorated condition of Muslims not only in Bengal but also in other States appears to be the lack of unity and cohesion in its leadership. Furthermore, the personal rivalry or disputes, division

among themselves due to personal and political interests have resulted in creating an atmosphere of fear among Muslims that paved the way for the political parties to treat them as mere vote bank.

In the present scenario, the proliferation of Muslim parties in Bengal politics is certainly going to make Muslims prone to be used as vote banks

once again as Asaduddin Owaisi and prominent Bengali Muslim leader Abbas Siddiqui have established an understanding to go together in the State elections.

It is noteworthy that the Muslim vote bank played an instrumental role in the landslide victory of Mamata Banerjee over the CPI(M)-led Left Front.

The entry of the damaging-duo Owaisi and Abbas Siddiqui will surely create confusion among Muslim voters who have significant influence on near about 100-110 seats together in the State. Most extensive districts are Murshidabad, Malda, Birbhum, 24 Parganas, Dinajpur, Bardawan and Nadia.

This is worth noting that Nadia is the place chosen by the BJP to launch its Statewide Rath Yatra to gather public support. They perhaps know the importance of the regions where minority votes can substantially help Mamata's TMC.

Muslims constitute 27 per cent of the population in the State and division of Muslim votes will consequently help the BJP. On the other hand, AIMIM's aggressive minority politics will certainly suit the BJP's aggressive Hindutva narrative. This is why some so-called secular parties accuse Owaisi of being "agent of BJP" and "vote katta". The presence of the damaging-duo is more likely to prove the political strategist Prashant Kishore's anticipation wrong where he strongly emphasised to retrain the BJP to less than three-digit numbers.

Bengal had been a very sensitive region for communal violence but no major communal violence has been

reported after Independence. The two-and-a-half crore Muslims of West Bengal, whose ancestors happily rejected two nations theory and chose to live in India, have equally and admirably contributed to nation building.

Therefore, it is the prudential and democratic responsibility of every ruling party, be it in the State or at the Centre, to ensure the safety and security of the Muslims of the State, as they have been doing for so long. Owaisi's foray, first in Maharashtra, then Bihar and now in Bengal, has worried the Opposition heavily as he paved the way for the BJP by dividing minority votes in Maharashtra and Bihar.

On the other hand, quitting the AIMIM to join the TMC, Sheikh Abdul Kalam, former West Bengal acting president of AIMIM, shows the beginning of the confusions among Muslims of Bengal.

This is just the beginning. In fact, Bengal is most likely to witness a fierce battle in the Assembly elections due in April-May 2021. Additionally, Muslim votes will certainly be decisive in the formation of Government in West Bengal.

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ASIF RAMEEZ DAUDI



BREATHING IN, I AM AWARE OF MY HEART. BREATHING OUT, I SMILE TO MY HEART AND KNOW THAT MY HEART STILL FUNCTIONS NORMALLY. I FEEL GRATEFUL FOR MY HEART — THICH NHAT HANH



YOUR WEEK AHEAD

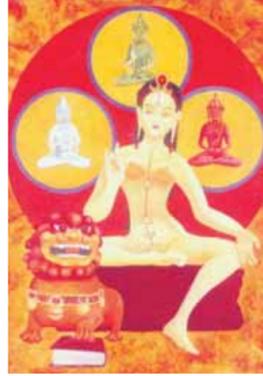
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ARIES March 21-April 19

Keep your stress level in check to stay in good health. Deal with any problems that come up physically. Ensure proper rest and avoid indulgences. If you need healing, ask for it, both on the literal and spiritual planes. Professionally, things may not turn out well for you at the emotional level this week. You need to take some firm decisions on certain matters. Financial matters should be dealt with extra precautions. Those looking for a job, a woman in your life will extend her support and come to your aid. Your energy and confidence will increase dramatically. On the personal front, some impulsive decisions could make your relationships complicated. Be careful as you may be swept off your feet.

Lucky number 28
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Saturday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

This week health may suffer, so sleep well and take adequate rest. Be open to spiritual healing, but if you are struggling with a serious illness, know that a cure is not always equated with healing. You may require some therapy or surgery. Professionally, you will be able to make a mark this week. You feel confident of your choices and decisions and this helps you to move towards the achievement of your goals. A fortunate outcome is indicated whatever you do or start at this time. Your skills and potentials will be duly recognised. On the personal front, your loved ones will be supportive and you will have new feelings and hopes. Don't let your desire for fun make you overlook the real and deep love that may come your way.

Lucky number 10
Lucky colour Mustard
Lucky day Tuesday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week your energy and stamina will be outstanding. You have the confidence and you will present yourself as strong. Everything seems to get better than what it was earlier. On the work front, new opportunity will arrive this week, it depends on you how you perceive it. This is the time to have a broader vision and an open mind. Discussing your career with professional will be helpful for you at this time. Update your knowledge and current happenings in technology and other fields. On the personal front, you may get occupied in something new and even more exciting and inspiring. You can look forward to the rapid completion of a relationship. There is no stopping you right now as you are full of energy and enthusiasm to move quickly.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Yellow
Lucky day Thursday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

If you've been not feeling well and have been low on energy, you will get better. Though you must continue with prescribed medication if suffering from a health issue, you will benefit greatly from an alternative therapy. This is an excellent time for you to undertake a spiritual study that you have been contemplating in the past. On the professional front, you need to keep your eyes open for opportunities. The energy of the week is not favourable. You may feel stressed over minor details or the job you do and the recognition you get for it. Prioritise your work and give great attention to your responsibilities to win over the situation. Relationship area requires your attention. You need to turn your world around and view your situation from a different perspective.

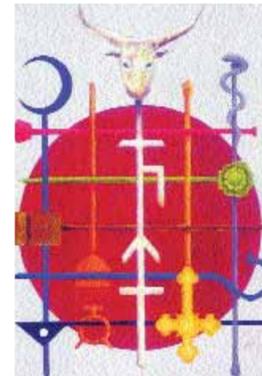
Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Maroon
Lucky day Wednesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week the health is good. You have the confidence within yourself and present yourself as strong, vibrant and persevering. Things are going to get better with the warmth and care of your loved ones. Don't push yourself too hard. Withdraw for a moment and take a break to restore your energy. Professionally, the week stores some negative energy. Your job responsibilities may be at a standstill at this time. Expecting a promotion or increment will prove disheartening. Instead of feeling stuck or restricted in life, think other ways to earn a livelihood. On the personal front, there is a need for balance with family, friends and relatives besides work. If you're already in a relationship, it's about to get a new meaning.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Silver
Lucky day Monday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You have been thinking about bringing a major change in your life. Something is provoking you. There is a feeling of dissatisfaction in life and this discontent demands few changes. Improve your life by bringing more spirituality and fantasy into the picture. Moderation is the key to good health. Professionally, ensure that your day-to-day affairs are in order. If not, there is a need for good time management and financial management. Check your expenditure/investments. Focus your attention on mundane issues as these are fundamentals which pave the way for career success. On the personal front, increasing domestic requirements could affect the quality of your work, but you look at life more joyfully. You spend time on entertainment and celebrating life.

Lucky number 30
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Saturday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

A balanced lifestyle is the first step towards healthy living. Make full efforts. What you eat, how much you eat and sleep matters a lot. Take time out for entertainment and physical activities for rejuvenation. Sometimes money can't buy all that we want from our life. Your positive attitude will play an important role. On the career front, this week is favourable. You will want to reach out to people. Interactions & understanding will play a major role in keeping you on the move. On the personal front, you may feel the need to be liberated from certain restrictions and spread your wings and experience a freedom that maybe your heart's desire. Traditions and family are important. Married couples will seek advice of the elders.

Lucky number 25
Lucky colour Brown
Lucky day Sunday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you may put yourself in heated arguments. To those facing health concerns, doctor may order tests. Deepen your spiritual awareness and practice. Try something new. Sometimes reading that you do for yourself can offer new clarity. Active meditations are useful now. Your job or professional responsibilities move at breakneck speed. Some obstacles are seen that could hamper your growth. The position you were aspiring for may not fall in your kitty. Work could be a challenge for you. On the personal front, the power of your words is stronger than action. This could make your relationships complicated. Stay grounded and enjoy the energy of the day. Work with your heart than mind, and be flexible in your approach with the loved ones.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour Purple
Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

Health needs attention. Get yourself examined and if need be, go for second or even third opinion in case the diagnosis is not clear. Rest to bring a state of calm and stability back into your life. Take a quick decision, if you have to undergo treatment. On the career front, you are highly action-oriented and feel inspired and enthusiastic about pursuing a new idea or project that you have in mind. You can use your creative energy and passion to take the first steps and get this project underway. Under your leadership, the people will feel charged. On the personal front, create a safe and trusting environment where you can go. Allow some space to the others. Being tolerant of their needs will help you win favour for yourself.

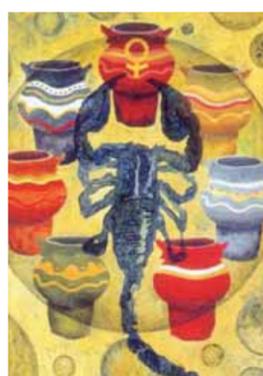
Lucky number 20
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Friday



CANCER June 21-July 22

There is a need to bring some positive changes to your lifestyle for good health. Make sure you are not doing too many things at a time. Anger and aggression could affect your health. You could bring remarkable changes in life by correcting yourself in certain matters. Check your diet, exercise and working hours. On the work front, you are practical in your approach and very hard working. Determination and courage will be applied to all your endeavours. Results may be slow in coming but you will hold your own. You may need a boost to carry your goals. On the relationship front, you divert your attention through entertainment with your partner. Your final decision matters a lot to someone. Express your confirmation or rejection.

Lucky number 21
Lucky colour Pink
Lucky day Wednesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week you are feeling stuck or restricted in life. You need to reflect why you are feeling this way, and work to release yourself from these restrictions. Your health could be affected if you do not open and express yourself. Learn to share your sorrow and happiness to maintain equilibrium. More than physical, mental peace is required at this time. On the work front, things are not as good as you might have expected them to be. Those willing to put themselves in limelight may feel cheated. Another person will take the credit of your hard work. Beware of insecure and overly suspicious people. On the relationship front, this is a fairly good week that has happiness, laughter and sharing time with loved ones stored in it.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week there are strong chances of catching seasonal diseases. Avoid outside food. If you feel that something is amiss with your body, trust your concerns and follow through. Stay away from bright colours. Go for light pastel colours that will be good for you. Meditate when you get the time and stay natural. On the work front, your exceptional sense of cooperation and bonding with people at the workplace will be your valuable asset. You can progress by leaps and bound provided you talk to your boss about your findings. On the personal front, you may be dealing with some conflict at home. If you're looking for love you may need to behave with a great deal of humility with your partner. Allow your partner to have his or her space.

Lucky number 15
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Tuesday

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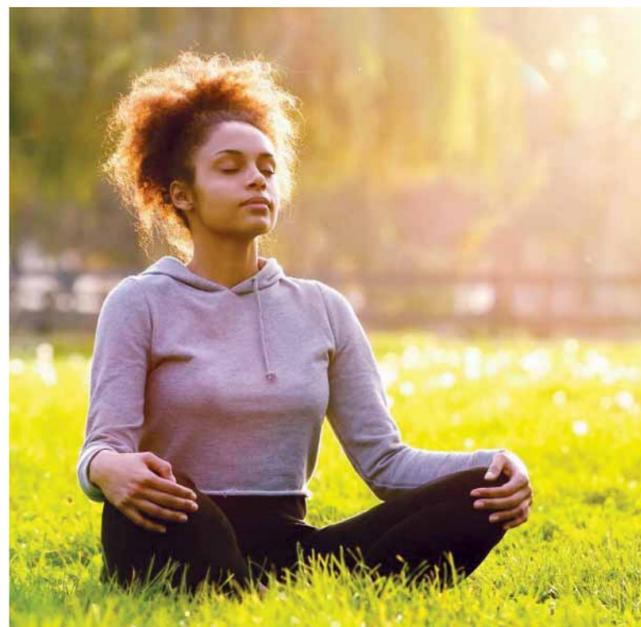


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Role of Asana & Pranayama

So long as the indwelling soul is there, one is alive. And, when withdrawn, the gross body turns into a dead matter. Here again, mind and the element of consciousness shall not be outplaying in full strength, nor would it be possible to effortlessly follow the process. Accordingly, it would, be desirable to subject oneself to *Yoga-asana*, which is a set of physical exercises set in tune with breathing cycle, as laid down by sage Patanjali. Following the process, through regulated body movements and increased supply of oxygen, the joints remain supple, softness of muscles is secured, bodily agility gets toned up, and one remains physically fit. The process, however, should not be pursued unguided. For, only a trained expert would know as to what exercises would suit the individual, based on one's individualistic health vulnerabilities. Unguided, it could have adverse bearing on one's health mechanism. Next in line comes *Pranayama*, preparatory to *dhyana*. *Pranayama*, in apparent terms seems to be just a breath regulating exercise, but actually it is more than that. Our breath cycle

holds the key to healthy living and longevity. For, it does not simply bring in fresh oxygen supply. At subtle level it carries life forces (*Prana* as is termed in Indian context). So long as we are breathing, we are in receipt of life forces that keep us alive, animate all our dynamic functionalities, including our body organs, which, when stops, the gross body becomes a dead matter. The way we breathe defines the quality of our bodily and mental health as well as their agility, and hence the need for correct breathing. Pursuing *Pranayama* process, it becomes possible to slow down the breathing cycle. Consequently, in the first place, the ageing process gets retarded. For, as many times the breath count comes down, the run of vital internal organs do also get correspondingly get reduced, as they are tuned to the breath cycle. This way the running time of the vital organs comes down, and thereby their servicing abilities increase in terms of time frame, without compromising with the oxygen intake level, vital to a healthy living. The beauty of the process is that it helps augmenting oxygenation of the



brain, thus, vitalising its dynamism further. It will not be out of place to mention here that an elephant supposedly breathes 10 to 12 times a minute, and lives for around 100 years. A tortoise is believed to breathe 3 to 4 times a minute and survives up to 300 years. But a dog which keeps breathing briskly has an average life of around 12 years only. So, as we slow down our breathing cycle, our aging process slows down, and lifespan would expand. Breathing cycle relates to our state of mind as well. It will be interesting to note here that a human being ordinarily breathes 18 counts per minute. But when in an agitated state, the breath count goes up to somewhere between 30 and 36. So, by reducing our breath count, even the mental agitation gets calmed down. *Pranayama* too, is a delicate process, not difficult though. Therefore, the process needs to be pursued under guidance of a trained expert. The process as such is not being discussed, as it should be learnt from a trained expert. But in a passing reference, it needs to be mentioned here that the

process involves holding the breath for a while (*Kumbhaka* as is termed in Indian terminology) in between every inhalation and exhalation. One is supposed to dwell on space in between the inhalation and exhalation. For, this space is at rest. Not simply that, one's attention is straightaway on the element of consciousness available there. So, dwelling on this space, for a small stretch of time though, but it virtually puts us in a state of meditation. As one progresses in the process, one has direct realisation of the life forces driving us. In this sense, *pranayama* can be said to be the beginning of meditation process. Following the above two processes — *Asana* and *Pranayama* — help ensure body-mind coordination, apart from toning up the body, mind, as well as nerves. This is vital for proper functioning of our internal communication mechanism. With this, the third and fourth steps of eightfold path get covered, and the ground is now laid down for pursuing the *dhyana* process proper. The writer is an astrologer, vastu consultant and spiritual counsellor. Connect with him at Tel: 91-11-981803723/9871037272 Email: bharatbhushanpadmadeo@gmail.com