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Attendance picks up in KVs

67% in Class XII, 65% in X attend schools

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

In an encouraging turn for secondary education post the lockdown and complete shutdown of physical conduct of schools for almost a year, the Central Government-run flagship Kendriya Vidyalayas has noted that an average of 42 per cent of students of Class IX, 65 per cent of Class X, 48 per cent of Class XI, and 67 per cent of Class XII are back to schools to attend face to face classes.

The data has been compiled from all Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) across India. The Ministry of Education (MoE) believes these figures are dynamic and trends indicate a consistent increase every day. "Face-to-face classes for Classes I to VIII have also been started in some KVs where State Governments have permitted to open schools for junior grades," said a senior MoE official. When in school, the wearing of masks have been made compulsory for students, teachers and staff, besides following a strict hand hygiene routine, and sitting six feet apart in classrooms.

Similarly, during this month end the Centre and State Governments across the country have received numbers of consent from other chain of schools, (private and public) to bring back the students to the classroom benches.

"Regular contact with parents and guardians is being



established by the schools in case of any apprehension. Students are being permitted to attend classes with the prior consent of their guardians," said a Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) official.

An Education Ministry official said the SOPs issued by the State and Central Governments are being followed completely in view of the pandemic.

"All KVs have been clearly advised to follow staggered timings for the students of various classes and ensure adequate safety measures, including maintenance of proper physical distancing in the classrooms. However, for students who are not attending school, the provision of online classes is also there. Students are also in touch with their teachers through various digital platforms," explained the official.

When KVs started opening

up from October onward in a phased manner, the attendance of both the teachers and students was minimal. But things started improving when Covid cases began to decline across the country.

The full strength of the boarding chain of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya has been allowed, given the annual exams schedules beginning the third week of February. The annual board examinations of Class X and XII are already scheduled for May-June 2021 and most likely these will be conducted by all the means in offline mode.

The Government schools run by Delhi Government have started full normal days while private and public schools are scheduled to open to maximum strength in consultation with their respective Parent Teachers Associations.

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Covid +ve offices can resume work after disinfection

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Offices where even a large number of Covid-19 cases are reported on the premises can now resume work following proper disinfection without closing or sealing the area, as per a fresh set of guidelines (SOPs) to contain the spread of Covid-19 in offices issued by the Union Health Ministry.

"If a larger number of cases are reported at the workplace, the whole block or building should be disinfected before work is resumed," the Ministry said.

Officers and staff residing in containment zones should inform the same to their supervisory officer and not attend office till the containment zone is denotified. Such staff should be permitted to work from home, it said.

Offices in containment zones shall remain closed except for medical and essential services and only those outside will be allowed to open up, the SOPs said, adding that only asymptomatic staff or visitors shall be allowed entry, individuals must maintain a minimum distance of six feet in



common places as far as feasible, and use face covers or masks at all times.

"They must be worn properly to cover the nose and the mouth. Touching the front portion of the mask or face cover to be avoided," the Ministry said.

It also underlined practising frequent hand washing with soap for at least 40 to 60 seconds, even when hands are not visibly dirty, and use of alcohol-based hand sanitiser for at least 20 seconds wherever feasible.

Meetings, as far as possible, should be done through video conferencing and large physical gatherings continue to remain prohibited, the SOPs stated.

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Mapping reforms boon for start-ups, farmers: Modi

Will lead to ₹1L cr geo-spatial eco: Harsh Vardhan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday announced "sweeping changes" to the country's mapping policy, specifically for Indian companies, to enable them to create substantial advances in mapping and ultimately empowering small businesses that "will lead to a one lakh crore rupees geo-spatial economy".

Commenting on the mapping reforms, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the reforms will unlock "tremendous opportunities" for our country's start-ups.

"India's farmers will also be benefited by leveraging the potential of geo-spatial and remote sensing data. Democratising data will enable the rise of new technologies & platforms that will drive efficiencies in agriculture and allied sectors," he said.

Union Science & Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan held a joint Press conference with Union Minister for Space and Atomic Energy Jitendra Singh to unveil the mapping policy reforms.

"By liberalising the geo-spatial guidelines, the Government has taken a historic decision that will lead to



a one lakh crore rupees geo-spatial economy. Today's announcement heralds unlocking of geo-mapping from restrictive use to wider use in the interest of nation building and creating an Atmanirbhar Bharat," said Singh.

Vardhan said, "The next generation of technologies will use hyper-resolution maps. Availability of comprehensive, highly accurate, granular and constantly updated representation of geospatial data will significantly benefit diverse sectors of the economy and will significantly boost innovation in the country and greatly enhance the preparedness of the country for emergency response."

The availability of data and modern mapping technologies to Indian companies is also crucial for achieving the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat and a five trillion-dollar economy, he said.

"With the advent of publicly available geospatial services, a lot of geospatial data that used to be in the restricted zone are freely and com-

monly available now and some of the policies/guidelines that used to regulate such information have been rendered obsolete and redundant," said Vardhan.

"What is readily available globally does not need to be regulated. For Indian entities, there would be complete deregulation with no prior approvals, security clearances, licences, etc, for acquisition and production of geospatial data and geospatial data services including maps," he announced.

Vardhan pointed out that all geospatial data produced using public funds, except classified geospatial data collected by security/law enforcement agencies, will be made accessible for scientific, economic and developmental purposes to all Indian Entities and without any restrictions on their use.

Government agencies and others need to collaborate and work towards openlinked geospatial data.

"Stakeholders benefitted will include practically every segment of society, from industry to academia to government departments," he emphasised.

This is a transformative reform, the Minister added. Speaking on the occasion, Singh said the Centre has taken a historic decision to completely deregulate Geospatial Map-making and unshackle the Geospatial sector in India for the first time.

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YOGI LAUNCHES SCHEME FOR EXAM COACHING

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday launched a scheme to provide free coaching for competitive exams like NEET and IIT-JEE to students at the district level and said under it, aspirants from rural areas and marginalised sections will get quality guidance.

MODI GIVES CHADAR TO BE OFFERED AT AJMER

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi handed over a chadar to Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi that will be offered on his behalf at the shrine of renowned Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti.

KANHAIYA KUMAR MEETS NITISH AIDE

Patna: Many eyebrows were raised in Bihar on Monday as news broke of a meeting between CPI's rising star Kanhaiya Kumar and Ashok Choudhary, a Minister and key aide of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. A fiery former JNU student leader, Kanhaiya has been soft toward Nitish Kumar despite their parties rarely getting on the same page on most issues. Kanhaiya met Choudhary on Sunday. During his failed bid for the Lok Sabha he had avoided attacking Kumar.

Court duty to protect privacy of people, SC tells WhatsApp

People value privacy more than money, says court

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

You may be two-three trillion dollar company but people value their privacy more than the money," the Supreme Court told WhatsApp on Monday as it sought the US-based instant messaging firm's reply on a fresh plea challenging its new policy to share users' data with parent company Facebook and others.

It is the duty of the judiciary to protect citizens' privacy, the top court said, asking WhatsApp as also the Centre to file replies on affidavit within four weeks on the plea which alleged that lower standards of privacy are being applied by the firm for Indians in comparison to its European users of the app.

WhatsApp told the top court however that Europe has



a special law (General Data Protection Regulation) and if such a law is passed by Parliament then it will follow it.

A bench of Chief Justice Bobde and Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian said, "People have grave apprehensions that they will lose their privacy and it is our duty to protect them".

"You may be two or three trillion dollar company but people value their privacy more than the money. People gave grave concern about their privacy," the bench said, adding that "there is apprehension

that WhatsApp will share the information and data about their circuit of message with others".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said it is the concern of the nation and they cannot be allowed to share users' information with anyone.

"They have to follow the law of the land. They cannot be allowed to share data of users with anyone," Mehta.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, said there is no discrimination in the new privacy policy.

"The privacy policy which will be applied in India is same for the whole world except for Europe. In Europe they have a special law. If Parliament passes such law, then it will also follow it," Sibal said.

The apex court issued notice to the Central Government and the Facebook-owned app on an interim application filed by Karmanya Singh Sareen in a pending petition of 2017, which has been referred to the Constitution bench.

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HC won't quash FIR against SSR's sister

But plaint against other sister Meetu in bogus prescription case dropped

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Monday refused to quash an FIR registered against late Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput's sister Priyanka Singh and a New Delhi doctor in the alleged bogus medical prescription case, while it quashed the complaint filed against Sushant's other sister Meetu Singh in the same case.

Hearing a petition challenging an FIR registered by the Mumbai Police on the basis of a complaint filed by late Sushant's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty in September last year, an HC Bench of Justices SS Shinde and MS Karnik ruled that the probe into the FIR in which Priyanka Singh and Dr Tarun Kumar of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital have been named as accused would continue.

"There is prima facie case found against Priyanka Singh and there should not be any impediment against investigation against her," the two-member HC Bench observed.

However, the HC Bench quashed the complaint registered by the Mumbai Police



against Sushant's other sister Meetu Singh.

Reacting to the High Court's order, Rhea's lawyer Satish Maneshinde said, "We are satisfied with the verdict. It appears ultimately Rhea Chakraborty's cry for justice and truth has prevailed."

It may be recalled that on September 7 last year, Sushant's ex-girlfriend and actress Rhea Chakraborty filed a complaint against the late actor's sister Priyanka Singh and a New Delhi-based doctor for alleged forgery and violation of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

Priyanka, Dr Kumar and others for allegedly generating a bogus medical prescription depicting SSR as an Out Patient Department person.

On their part, the late actor's sisters Priyanka and Meetu had challenged the FIR registered against them and claimed that the FIR was lodged to "concoct a whole new story entirely different from the statements made" by Rhea before the Supreme Court and media platforms.

They had sought investigation into the malicious and malafide activities of the Mumbai Police and the Maharashtra Government, for which they had sought damages under public law.

Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for the sisters, argued that there was a delay of 91 days in filing the FIR, which was not explained by Chakraborty. He also pointed out that the allegations of prescribing banned medicines were baseless as the medicines could have been prescribed to a patient in the first consultation as per the Telemedicine Practice Guidelines.

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3 held for duping CM's daughter of ₹34,000

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested three men for allegedly duping Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's daughter.

The accused have been identified as Sajid (26), a resident of Nuh in Haryana, Kapil (18) and Manvinder Singh (25), hailing from Mathura. Police said the trio were nabbed from the Bharatpur-Mathura border with the help of technical surveillance. However, the main accused identified as Waris (25) is still on the run.

Recently, CM's daughter was allegedly duped of ₹34,000 by one of the four, who had approached her as a buyer on an e-commerce platform, where she had put up a sofa on sale.

She was approached by a man who showed interest in making the purchase. To check



if the account details shared by her were correct, he initially transferred a minimal amount of money into her account.

Subsequently, the man sent a QR code to the seller and asked her to scan it so that the amount fixed under the deal could be transferred to her account but instead, ₹20,000 got deducted from her account when she followed the instructions of the buyer, a senior police official said.

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India's Ravichandran Ashwin plays a shot during the 3rd day of the second cricket test match against England, at MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Monday. Ashwin first gave a lesson on how to bowl on a rank turner and then provided a batting master-class with a sparkling hundred on a deteriorating strip, putting India on the brink of a massive series-levelling victory against England

Digital Intelligence Unit to curb financial fraud via phone calls

Telecom Min to set up DIU

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Telecom Ministry will set up Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU) and a consumer protection system as part of continuing efforts to tackle the menace of pesky calls as well as to take strict action against financial frauds perpetrated using telecom resources.

The move follows a direction from Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, who chaired a high-level meeting to look at ways to address rising concerns of consumers over unsolicited messages on mobile phones, repeated harassment through SMSes promising loan

transactions through fraudulent ways. It is also aimed at making digital transactions more safe and secure.

"In the meeting, the Minister of Communication directed officials to take strict action against erring telemarketers and individuals involved in harassment of subscribers. Further, the minister observed that telecom resources are also being used to carry out financial frauds and dupe the common man of his hard-earned money. Clear directions were issued to the officials to take strict and tangible action to stop such activities immediately," a statement said.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) already has regulations in place to check pesky calls.

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Yogi launches scheme for free coaching for marginalised sections

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Monday launched a scheme to provide free coaching for competitive exams like NEET and IIT-JEE to students at the district level and said under it, aspirants from rural areas and marginalised sections will get quality guidance.

He through video conference also interacted with some of the 50,192 students selected under the Abhyudaya scheme. "Coaching under the scheme will begin from tomorrow. I want to assure everyone that these classes will help aspirants achieve their goals," the chief minister said.

This scheme aims at providing quality guidance and teaching to all aspirants coming from diverse backgrounds like rural areas, poor families and marginalised sections, who are not able to afford and avail private coaching services,

Adityanath said. He stressed that the scheme is meant for holistic development of the youth and will provide coaching similar to that given in Kota in Rajasthan and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.

"When about 30,000 competitive exam aspirants were stuck in Kota and Allahabad (both coaching hubs for competitive exams) due to COVID-19, we decided to have similar coaching facilities in the state," Adityanath said after launching the scheme through video conference.

Coaching centres under the scheme will be set up at the divisional level in the first phase and at the district level in the second phase for aspirants preparing for competitive exams like NEET and JEE (Mains and Advanced), and those conducted by the CDS, NDA and UPSC, among other tests, according to a statement. **PTI**

15 dead as papaya-laden truck overturns in Maha

Jalgaon (Maharashtra): At least 15 labourers were killed, and two others injured in Maharashtra when a truck laden with papayas overturned near Kingaon village of Jalgaon district early on Monday, police said.

Investigating Officer of Yaval Police Station Inspector Sudhir Patil said that the incident happened around 1 a.m. when the truck apparently lost control and overturned near a temple.

"The deceased were labourers hailing from Raver and surrounding areas. Two injured have been admitted to a rural hospital here for treatment," Patil told IANS from the accident site.

The deceased comprised seven males, six women and two minors, and the process of identification is currently underway, he added.

Eyewitnesses said the impact of the accident was such that the bodies were mangled and some of the victims were crushed under the huge vehicle.

Around dawn, the police deployed a crane to lift up the overturned truck and remove bodies trapped underneath.

Though the cause of the accident is not clear, locals said that the roads in and around Yaval on the Dhule-Jalgaon section are riddled with potholes which makes driving a nightmare especially in the dark.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the deaths. "Heart-wrenching truck accident in Jalgaon. Condolences to the bereaved families. May the injured recover at the earliest," Modi said in a tweet. **IANS**

Didi brings in 'Maa' to feed people 'free'

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

After getting "good feedback" from her Government's last moment schemes like Duarey Sarkar (Government at door steps) and health insurance schemes for all, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday launched a new scheme christened "Maa" or the Mother.

The new scheme will entail offering low cost meal to the poor throughout the State. As per the new scheme the people will get a plate of rice, dal, vegetable and egg curry, Banerjee who launched the project virtually said adding the Government will bear a subsidy of Rs 15 per every plate.

Self-help groups will operate the kitchens from 1 pm to 3 pm every day and such kitchens will be set up everywhere in the state gradually, the Chief Minister who has already announced free life time ration for the people should she return to power said leading to the

opposition parties to saying that she was pursuing dole politics to win the elections.

Senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari who earlier left the TMC said "instead of offering lollypops to the people the Chief Minister should restore the 5.5 lakh State Government jobs that she has discontinued after coming to power."

Banerjee who earlier slammed the Centre for increasing petrol and gas prices making life miserable and compared its policies with that of her own Government also attacked New Delhi for arresting 22-year-old climate activist Disha Ravi saying the BJP government should first take action against its own IT cell which, she alleged, was spreading fake news.

"Why should there be two sets of rules? Arresting a critic of government policies is not unacceptable. The BJP should first take action against its own IT Cell members who are spreading fake news," the Chief Minister said.

LF workers on rampage after lathi-charged victim dies

Kolkata: Left Front workers resorted to violent protests attacking police and jamming roads in various parts of Bengal after one of their youth wing workers, who was injured in Thursday's police lathi-charge, succumbed to his injuries on Monday.

Maidul Islam Mridha the 31-year-old activist of the Democratic Youth Federation of India, the youth wing of the CPIM, died on Monday. An auto-rickshaw driver from Bankura district had joined the Left Front called Nabanna (State secretariat) march when he sustained injuries when police used water cannons, burst tear gas shells and lathi-charged the rallyists.

Even as the politics heated up in an already charged pre-poll atmosphere Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee promptly offered job and financial help to the victims of the family iterating however that the "real reason of his death would be known after postmortem."

Doctors said the victim who had sustained muscular injuries to his leg died of excessive protein loss resulting in kidney failure and consequent cardiac arrest.

While the DYFI State secretary Sayandip Mitra called it a "political murder by the Chief Minister's police," State Minister Subrata Mukherjee said, "I am aware of the CPIM's game plan to obtain corpses before the elections ... Police were restrained on that day. But if someone wants to commit suicide, no one can help them." **PNS**

Hunar Haat from Feb 20 at Jawaharlal Nehru stadium

New Delhi: Union Ministry of Minority Affairs is organising 26th "Hunar Haat" of indigenous artisans and craftsmen from across the country at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi from 20th February 2021 which will be formally inaugurated by Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan on 21st February 2021.

Union Minister of State (I/C) for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Mansukh Mandaviya will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest.

The 26th "Hunar Haat" will be organised with the theme of "Vocal for Local" from 20th February to 01st March 2021 where more than 600 artisans and craftsmen, including a large number of women artisans, from more than 31 States/UTs will be participating.

INDIAN NAVY GETS 3RD SCORPENE SUBMARINE

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a development that will not only boost its capabilities but also cement India's position as a submarine building nation, the Indian Navy received the third Scorpene Submarine of Project P-75 - to be christened as INS Karanj - from the state-run Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) here on Monday.

Ahead of its formal commissioning into Indian Navy as the, MDL delivered the third Scorpene Submarine of Project P-75 to the Navy officials.

The Acceptance Document was signed by Vice Adm Narayan Prasad, AVSM, NM, (ret'd), Chairman & Managing Director MDL and Rear Adm B Sivakumar, VSM, Chief of Staff Officer (Tech), Western Naval Command in

the presence of MDL Directors and Navy personnel at MDL.

"With the delivery of Karanj, MDL has lived up to its reputation as one of India's leading shipyards with capacity and capability to meet requirements and aspirations of the Indian Navy in all dimensions," an MDL spokesperson said.

The delivery of three submarines namely, Khanderi, Kalvari and now Karanj, reaffirmed India's membership in the exclusive group of submarine building nations.

The fourth submarine Vela launched May 6, 2019, has commenced her sea trials, while the fifth submarine Vagir -- launched on November 12 2020 -- has commenced her harbour sea trials whilst the sixth submarine is presently in the advance stage of outfitting.

Tik Tok star's suicide: My daughter killed self because of family debts, says Pooja's father

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Lahu Chavan, father of the deceased Tik-Tok star Pooja Chavan, on Monday sought to ring the curtain down on a raging controversy over his daughter's death, by claiming that Pooja might have committed suicide as she was "very disturbed" about the "piled up" family debts.

On a day when the Maharashtra reiterated that the Pune police would conduct thorough investigations into the circumstances leading to Pooja committing suicide, the deceased Tik-Tok star's father Lahu Chavan said: "We have lost our daughter, she is not going to come back. The audio clip that has gone viral does not match with that of my daughter. We are not blaming anyone...but leave us alone, please do not give

more pain to us by defaming her."

In the process, Chavan sought to de-link Maharashtra's Forest Minister Sanjay Rathod of the Shiv Sena from the case. The Opposition BJP had demanded the minister's arrest on the ground the Pooja had committed suicide as the fallout of a failed lover affair between Rathod and the deceased Tik-Tok star.

"We had taken a loan to rebuild our house and set up our poultry farm business. But things were very bad the past two years, owing to the Covid-19 pandemic and then the Bird-flu," Chavan said.

Chavan said he had asked his daughter not to take stress over the loans and promised to clear them somehow, "but she took the extreme step after going to Pune nearly a fortnight ago."

Court duty to...

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At the outset, senior advocate Shyam Divan, appearing for Sareen and others, argued that the plea has also challenged the new privacy policy of WhatsApp which will come in effect from May 15, 2021.

Divan alleged that the app is applying lower standards of privacy for Indians in comparison to European users and they are barred from sharing data with Facebook and others.

"There is a huge difference between privacy policy which is being applied to Indians and to what is applied in Europe. Unlike in India, in Europe they have to take prior consent of users before sharing any data of users. They are directed to apply same standards of privacy to Indians as applied to users in Europe," Divan said.

He said that till the Centre comes up with new data policy, WhatsApp will be restrained from implementing its new policy and direction be issued to the government to ensure that the app comply with all the orders of the court.

"We are impressed by Mr Divan's argument that it was proposed before us (by the Centre) that a data protection law would be brought into force," the bench told Sibal, adding, "Now under this new policy you (WhatsApp) will share data of Indians."

Senior advocate Arvind Dattar, also appearing for the US firm, and Sibal said that they can swear on affidavit that WhatsApp does not store or share any personal data of users and all these allegations are "misinformation".

Dattar said the messaging app is complying with the Centre's guidelines and this

petition under Article 32 of the Constitution is not maintainable. The bench said, "Put on oath all this. We are giving you four weeks to file the affidavit".

It told Dattar that citizens have great apprehension about loss of their privacy and they think that their data and chats are being shared with others and it has to be looked into.

Sibal said that a similar petition challenging the privacy policy of WhatsApp is pending in the Delhi High Court. The bench clarified that it will have to look into the maintainability aspect of that petition and see if the case can be transferred to the top court as the original petition in this case has been pending before the constitution bench.

The petitioner challenged the new privacy policy alleging that there is huge metadata of users which is being shared for profit.

Toolkit case: Activist Nikita Jacob moves HC, seeks pre-arrest bail

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

City-based lawyer-activist Nikita Jacob on Monday moved the Bombay High Court seeking anticipatory bail after a Delhi court issued a non-bailable warrant against her in the case involving toolkit shared by climate campaigner Greta Thunberg in support of the farmers' agitation.

After filing an application seeking an anticipatory bail for his client, Nikita's lawyer Abhishek Yende mentioned the matter before HC Judge Justice P D Naik and sought an urgent hearing of his client's plea.

Nikita's plea would be heard by the court on Tuesday.

Describing the FIR in which she has been named as "false and baseless", Nikita sought transit anticipatory bail for a period of four weeks so that she could approach the court concerned in Delhi to apply for pre-arrest bail.

In her anticipatory bail plea, Nikita also sought directions to prevent the Vanrai police station directed by the Delhi Cyber police or any other police in the jurisdiction of Mumbai to arrest her or take coercive steps.

"However, the applicant fears that she may be arrested due to political vendetta and media trial," Nikita's bail plea stated.

Mapping reforms...

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He said the decision is an extension of a series of visionary reforms undertaken in the space sector. He pointed out that today's announcement heralds the unlocking of geo-mapping from restrictive use to wider use in the interest of nation-building and creating an AtmaNirbhar Bharat.

Singh said this is one more distinct example of the removal of some of the colonial legacies that India was still grappling with.

He claimed that deregulation of Map-making is historic in the sense that Geo-Map is now going to be recognised as an instrument for development rather than only a tool for securing the country.

Singh also invited Indian businesses to take lead and utilise the opportunities being thrown open for the making of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

He said the collaborative efforts from industry, academia and the Government will make India a world leader in geospatial knowledge. The Minister urged all sections to grab the opportunity and fulfil the aspirations of the nation to become a five trillion-dollar economy.

Secretary, DST, Professor Ashutosh Sharma gave a presentation on the Geospatial guidelines. He said the new guidelines will be "stimulating and empowering Indian industry and surveying agencies without diluting security concerns. Atmanirbharta in Geospatial products and solutions will be a one lakh crore business by 2030 plus economic impact through development".

Digital Intelligence...

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However, several unregistered telemarketers still make calls to people which often also leads to fraudulent incidents.

On February 3, the Delhi High Court directed Trai to ensure "complete and strict" implementation of the regulation issued by it in 2018 for curbing Unsolicited Commercial Communications (UCC).

"The officials apprised the Minister that for UCC and financial fraud-related complaints, time is of utmost

essence and a quick time-bound action will help in reducing such menaces.

"Accordingly, a nodal agency named as Digital Intelligence Unit (DIU) will be set up. The main function of the DIU will be to coordinate with various LEAs (Law Enforcement Agencies), financial institutions and telecom service providers in investigating any fraudulent activity involving telecom resources," the statement said.

At the licence service area level, Telecom Analytics for Fraud Management and Consumer Protection (TAFMCP) system will also be

created. "The above system will strengthen the trust of people in the digital ecosystem and will make financial digital transactions primarily through mobile more secure and reliable, which will result in promotion of Digital India," the statement said.

Prasad has directed the officials of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to conduct a meeting with telecom operators and telemarketers to apprise them of the seriousness of the issue and to ensure compliance with laid down rules and procedures in this regard.

3 held for...

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"The three worked on commission basis for Waris. Manvirinder got multiple bank accounts opened for Kapil and Sajid using fake documents, for which he received a commis-

sion. The cheated amount was transferred to Waris' account," said the senior police official.

When she enquired about it, the man claimed that he had sent a wrong QR code by mistake and sent another link to her, asking her to follow the same procedure. But again ₹14,000 got deducted from the seller's account when she

scanned the QR code, he said.

An FIR under the relevant sections of the IPC was registered on February 7. During scrutiny of bank account details and transactions, it emerged that the money was withdrawn from an account registered in the name of Kapil at Agra, said the senior police official.

Covid +ve offices...

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"Offices and other workplaces are relatively close settings, with shared spaces like workstations, corridors, elevators and stairs, parking places, cafeteria/canteens, meeting rooms and conference halls etc, Covid-19 infection can spread relatively fast among officials, staff and visitors," according to the procedures. "There is a

need to prevent the spread of infection and to respond in a timely and effective manner in case suspect case of Covid-19 is detected in these settings, so as to limit the spread of infection," the SOPs said.

Entrances of offices should have mandatory provisions for hand hygiene like sanitiser dispensers, thermal screening. There should be proper cleaning and frequent sanitisation, at least twice a day, of the work-

place, particularly of the frequently touched surfaces, according to the document.

The number of people in elevators shall be restricted, duly maintaining physical distancing norms for which proper markings should be made on the floor of the elevators, the SOPs stated. For air-conditioning and ventilation, the guidelines of the Central Public Works Department must be followed, said the guidelines.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AGRA CIRCLE, P.W.D AGRA

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [E-TENDER]

Letter No. 926/14M-Agra Circle/2020 Dated : 10-02-2021

1. The Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D., Agra (U.P.) invites item rate bids online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The bidders are advised to examine carefully all instructions including addendum / amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the Bid Document.

Sl. No.	District	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Documents (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	Agra	Renewal work with General Repair of Chandausi - Agra-Tantpur-Kot Road (SH-39) Length - 48.66	1110.00	22.20	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00+Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 36.00 GST = Rs. 2336.00	06 months including rainy season
2	Agra	Renewal work with General Repair of Agra Shamshabad Rajakhera Road Length - 12.35	505.00	10.10	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00+Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 36.00 GST = Rs. 2336.00	04 months including rainy season

3. Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://etender.up.nic.in> and Prahari (<http://wms.upwd.gov.in/Prahari>) from 19.02.2021 to 25.02.2021 upto 12:30 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of <http://etender.up.nic.in> and Prahari App with all documents as per GO No. 14/2020/879(I)/23-7/2020/176(51)/06 Dt. 25.08.2020 on or before 12:30 Hours on 25.02.2021. Technical Bid received online will be opened on 25.02.2021 at 15:30 Hours.

4. The prospective bidders who do not possess Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) must get the same issued from approved agencies before submission of bids.

5. Contractor should Quote their rates without G.S.T. which shall be paid extra as per applicable at the time of payment.

6. Labour Cess @ 1.00% will be Deducted from contractors bill at the time of payment.

7. Original MM-II forms proof of royalty shall have to be produced at time of every running bill in accordance to Principal Secretary, Directorate of geology & mining Uttar Pradesh Letter No. 2146/86-2019-52(Lko)/2019 Dt. 30.09.2019, G.O. No. 115(I)/86-2020 dated 15.01.2020 and other relevant Government orders, circulars for all the materials procured from the quarries.

8. The bidders are required to submit Original receipt of Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No.-742/78-2-2018-421.T/2017.T.C., I.T. & Electronics Section-2 Dated-03-12-2018 follows as:

(1) Online Bid security shall be deposited by contractor/firm (As per Column 5) in favor of Superintending Engineer, Agra Circle, P.W.D. (U.P.) Agra by Internet Banking of E-tender portal.

(2) Non Refundable Online Tender Cost shall be deposited by contractor/firm towards the cost of bid document (As per Column 6) by Internet Banking of E-tender portal.

(J. P. Singh) Executive Engineer Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Agra

(Yogesh Panwar) Superintending Engineer Agra Circle, P.W.D., AGRA

U.P.: 160547, Date : 15.02.2021, रिजिस्ट्रार वेबसाइट www.up.gov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

Attendance picks up in KVs

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The Uttar Pradesh Government has also permitted schools to open above Class VIII from this week and in full strength from Class VI onwards from March first week.

Schools across the country have been closed since mid-March 2020, even before the coronavirus lockdown was imposed. The Education Ministry issued guidelines for their reopening of schools last October but the school adminis-

trations and State Government were apprehensive as corona cases were still not on a decline. However during the last two months schools of various States as per Home Ministry SOPs started cautiously and the response has been enthusiastic, as per reports from various States received by the Centre.

"The Education and Home Ministries have categorically said that students will not be forced to attend classes in school. It

must depend entirely on parental consent," the Ministry's guidelines for reopening of school within States said.

According to the Education Ministry's guidelines, for at least two to three weeks after reopening, schools will not conduct any assessment. Even when they do, the pen-and-paper text format will be discouraged for students across all grades to "ensure emotional well-being of the students".

HC won't quash...

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He had also submitted that the FIR could not have been registered

by the Mumbai Police as the investigation in the Sushant Singh Rajput case had been transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) by the Supreme Court.

On their part, the Mumbai Police had then forwarded the complaint to the CBI that was investigating the death of the actor.

The relevant portion of Rhea's complaint reads: "I said that during the course of my relationship with the deceased, the deceased had been undergoing treatment for various mental health issues and had been diagnosed as suffering from Bipolar Disorder by multiple

However, the deceased was not disciplined in respect of his treatment and would often abruptly stop his medication to the dismay of his doctors and myself. "I say that on the morning of 8 June 2020, the deceased had been on his phone incessantly and when I enquired what he was doing, he showed me the messages he was exchanging with his sister Priyanka Singh. I say that I was shocked upon reading the said messages as his sister Priyanka had sent him a list of medications to take. I explained to the deceased that given the seriousness of his condition, and the fact that he already had medications prescribed by doctors who had examined and treated him over several months, he ought not to take any other medication, least of all medication being prescribed by his sister who has no medical degree," Rhea stated.

"I say that the deceased and I disagreed on this aspect and he insisted that he would only take the medicine his sister was prescribing him. The deceased then proceeded to ask me to leave the house as his other sister Meetu Singh was coming to live with him and would take care of him. It was thus that I came to live our residence at Mount Blanc, Bandra, and this was also the last time that I saw the deceased alive," Rhea pointed out.

Making a serious charge against Priyanka, Dr Kumar and others, Rhea stated in her complaint: "It has now come to light that his sister Priyanka had subsequently on the same day had a prescription by one Dr Tarun Kumar, an Associate Professor of Cardiology from Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi. I say that prima facie the

said document appears forged and fabricated. In addition, the said Dr. Tarun Kumar appears to have prescribed medication controlled under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 to the deceased without any consultation as mandated by law."

"In fact, the drugs prescribed by Dr. Kumar were prohibited from being prescribed electronically under the Telemedicine Practice Guidelines issued on 25th March 2020, which constitutes Appendix 5 of the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics Regulation, 2002)," Rhea added.

It may be recalled that Sushant was found hanging from a ceiling fan in his closed room of his sixth floor duplex flat at Mont Blanc building at Bandra's Carter Road in north-west Mumbai, on June 14, 2020.

U'KHAND FLASH FLOODS

DJB overcomes water supply issues in city

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With Bhagirathi water treatment plant working at its full capacity, the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has overcome the problem of water supply which got affected in Delhi due to the natural calamity in Uttarakhand.



Raghav Chadha said Bhagirathi water treatment plant is working at 100% capacity while Sonia Vihar plant at 80 per cent of its capacity

DJB vice-chairperson Raghav Chadha on Monday said that Bhagirathi water treatment plant is now working 100 per cent while Sonia Vihar plant is working at 80 per cent of capacity.

provide clean water to the people of Delhi as soon as possible by cleaning up the dirt of the Upper Ganga Canal, DJB is working day and night to provide adequate clean water to the people.

The vice-chairman further said, "We treat the raw Ganges water which comes from the Upper Ganga Canal at Muradnagar and provides it to the citizens of Delhi but due to the recent natural calamity in the Uttarakhand, the quality of water has worsened. The water which we are getting is of very poor quality as it has a lot of dirt and other particles."

Water quality is measured in nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) which have reached 8000 and it is supposed to stay at 100. To deal with the situation, the DJB shut down the Sonia Vihar water treatment plant and also the Bhagirathi water treatment plant. "The production capacity of these plants has been brought down to deal with the situation. These plants together provide around 250 MGD water per day," he said.

"We had to reduce water production of Bhagirathi and Sonia Vihar water treatment plants due to massive dirt in the water; the NTU became 8000 which is supposed to be at 100. He said that the Sonia Vihar and Bhagirathi Water Treatment Plant's production capacity was severely reduced due to high level of dirt in the water, due to which water supply was affected in areas of south, east and North East Delhi. Bhagirathi treatment plant, NTU has been reduced from 8000 to 960 and Sonia Vihar 8200 NTU has been brought down to 1000 NTU.

"The Sonia Vihar water treatment plant produces around 140 MGD water per day. But due to the dirt in the water, only 40 per cent production was happening in this plant. There also we have brought down the NTU lower than 1000. The plant is still running with 80 per cent capacity. I hope that by the evening, Sonia Vihar plant will start working with 100 per cent capacity," he said.

TOOLKIT POSTS

Non-bailable warrant issued against 2

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

After the arrest of 21-year-old Disha Ravi, a Delhi court has issued non-bailable warrants against activists Nikita Jacob and Shantanu in connection with Delhi Police's interrogation into the toolkit case. The arrest warrant against activist-lawyer Nikita Jacob came hours after 21-year-old climate activist Disha Ravi was remanded to five-day Delhi Police Special Cell custody.

was also one of the editors of toolkit document," said the Joint CP.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Police on Monday also alleged that climate activist Disha Ravi along with two other suspects Nikita Jacob and Shantanu created the "toolkit" document related to the farmers' protest and shared it on social media.

Ravi was sent to five days police remand on Sunday by a Delhi court here. Meanwhile, police teams are conducting raids in Mumbai and other places to nab the duo.

Addressing a press conference, Prem Nath, the Joint Commissioner of Police, Cyber Unit of Delhi Police said that Disha, Shantanu and Nikita created and edited the toolkit.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal condemned the arrest of 21-year old climate activist Disha Ravi, saying that the arrest is an attack on democracy.

"Disha sent the toolkit to Greta Thunberg through the Telegram app. Disha deleted a whatsapp group which she created to spread the toolkit. Due procedure was followed during Disha's arrest," he said.

"Arrest of 21 yr old Disha Ravi is an unprecedented attack on Democracy. Supporting our farmers is not a crime," Kejriwal tweeted.

"Shantanu attended a zoom meeting organised by 'prokhalistani' group Poetic Justice Foundation (PJF) and Jacob

Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and national spokesperson Raghav Chadha on Monday said that this is not just an arrest but an extrajudicial "abduction". "The AAP demands immediate release of Disha Ravi. The Narendra Modi government wants to scare the youth of India so that they do not raise their voice against the BJP," he added.

Activist's arrest attack on democracy: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal condemned the arrest of 21-year old climate activist Disha Ravi, saying that the arrest is an attack on democracy.

"The AAP wants to appeal to all the youth of our country to get united and raise your voice against the BJP. I wonder how a government which has a massive majority is scared of a 21-year-old climate activist. The BJP ruled central government sent the Delhi police to Bangalore to arrest this young activist. The Prime Minister of our country has the opposition party "Naraz Fufi" because we protest against the government. It is unfortunate that today due to this mindset the BJP is treating the young protesters as "Naraz Fufi," he said.

implemented by the BJP government. But the BJP does not like the youth of our country and that is why they have arrested India's daughter, a 21-year-old student and climate activist," he said.

"Arrest of 21 yr old Disha Ravi is an unprecedented attack on Democracy. Supporting our farmers is not a crime," Kejriwal tweeted.

Chadha said, "The Modi government at the Centre is scared, fearful and petrified by the voice of the youth of India. Young students have been raising their voice persistently against the policies and laws

The AAP leader further said "The BJP cries hoarse about the Emergency and how freedom of expression was mercilessly trampled upon during that indeed dark period. In fact, several BJP leaders themselves went to jail for objecting to the suspension of fundamental rights. They exercised their democratic right to protest back in the 70s and wear their jail-time as a badge of honour. How different are they now? It would not be incorrect to say that what the BJP is doing now is far more sinister, far more insidious than what happened in 1975."

Kherki Daula toll plaza may see massive traffic jams

PARVESH SHRAMA ■ GURUGRAM

Commuters on the Delhi-Gurugram Expressway may face frequent traffic jams at the Kherki Daula toll plaza for the next few days, as the Government has made digital toll payment across the country via FASTags mandatory from Monday midnight.

ing through the toll plaza they have deployed extra traffic marshals on all 25 lanes. Traffic police have been informed so that no confusion can occur during the morning hours on Tuesday.

The number of toll-paying vehicles, which stood at around 65,000 on an average for the last few days, has increased to 80,000, said an official of the concessionaire.

tags would have to pay double the fees.

The move to implement digital modes of payments is expected to affect traffic movement on the national highway.

"We have fully prepared for digital payment at the toll plaza. The problem will come to fore when the black listed vehicles that don't have functional tags or commuters without FASTags would enter in the lanes and disrupt the traffic movement," said a MCEPL official.

All steps have been taken to ensure smooth movement of traffic at the toll plaza. "New Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) tag readers have been installed recently, multiple stalls for the sale of FASTags have been set up at the toll plaza to ensure vehicle owners can buy these," said a official, adding that people will take some time to opt digital payments at the toll plaza.

The FASTags are operated through RFID technology to collect toll fees. The stickers are fixed on windshields and these are detected at the toll plaza by the readers.

Officials of the Millennium City Expressway Private Limited (MCEPL), the concessionaire, said that jams may be caused as 20% of the vehicles do not have FASTags.

Another problem is that around 65,000 toll-paying vehicles pass through the toll plaza at Kherki Daula every day which has increased significantly after the launching of the covid-19 vaccine.

National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) officials also said that vehicles entering the lanes without valid

"FASTags system is good if commuters fully follow it. As it will help to curb traffic pollution at the toll plaza. Secondly, vehicles didn't pile up on the expressway. We have also fully prepared to deal with traffic jams if occurred on the spot. We have 20 traffic personnel to keep the traffic movement don't disturbing the national highway," said sub-inspector Nasib Singh, posted at the police traffic booth at the toll plaza.

Multi-level marketing racket busted, 1 held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of a man, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) on Monday claimed to have busted a racket involving multi level marketing across the country. Police said that the accused was evading arrest for last nine years.

Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, an First Information Report (FIR) was registered after a joint complaint was received wherein the complainant alleged that the Director Kapil Dev Pasricha and others of the alleged Company, Money Bhandar (B.P. Jewelers Pvt. Ltd.) duped gullible investors of West Bengal, Orissa and Assam, by providing money back scheme with lucrative package of interest after a fixed period of deposit.

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

Earlier, the Delhi Police had asked Google and some social media giants to provide information about e-mail id, URLs and certain social media accounts related to the creators of the "toolkit" shared by Thunberg and others on Twitter in connection with the farmers' protest.

The accused has been identified as Kapil Dev Pasricha and he was also declared 'Proclaimed Offender' (PO) by the local court.

According to Dr O P

from investors, the accused company closed their offices and fled away without returning the assured sum of money to the investors. Large number of investors have been duped by accused company and its Directors," said the Joint CP.

"The accused had left all available addresses and avoided the investigation. No clue of accused came to light as he was on run since 2012. The team succeeded in obtaining latest details of the accused and after carrying out search Kapil was arrested," said the Joint CP.

Congress to protest in 5 MCD wards against petrol, LPG price hike

NEW DELHI: Delhi Congress will hold demonstrations in all the wards of Municipal Corporation where by-elections are scheduled this year, to demand rollback of sky-rocketing prices of gas and petrol in the national capital.

Alwar via Delhi-Sohna-Nuh railway project approved in Rail Budget, says Railway Minister

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

Long pending project of connecting Nuh district in Haryana with the railway line now seems to be fulfilled. The proposal for laying 104 kilometers of new railway line up to Alwar via Delhi-Sohna-Nuh has been approved in the Rail Budget and provisions has also been made in this budget.

the Union Minister said that in this year's budget laid with the general budget, the head of laying a railway line of 104 km length from Delhi To Nuh upto to Alwar will begin soon.

Former MLA Alka Lamba and president of the Delhi Pradesh Mahila Congress Amrita Dhawan said "The Modi Government has so far collected ₹ 20 lakh crore on excise duty on petrol and diesel. He did not spare people from the tax burden even during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. The Congress will hold dharnas and demonstrations to protest against the cooking gas and oil price hikes in all the five MCD wards, which are going for by-elections later this month," they said.

Information about this railway project was given by Union Minister Rao Inderjit Singh here on Monday after inaugurating and laying the foundation stone of projects worth about ₹ 14 crore.

The Union Minister also informed that in this new railway line proposal, a double railway line has also been approved in about 75.2 km from Asthal Bohar to Rewari and electrification of railway line from Garhi Harsaru to Farrukhnagar has also been approved.

The Congress leaders also demanded that the AAP Government to immediately reduce VAT (Value Added Tax) on petrol and diesel to provide Delhiites some relief.

Singh, inaugurated the foot over bridge (FOB) and an escalator jointly built by the Ministry of Railways and the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) at the Gurugram railway station.

"Due to the electrification of rail, the problem of environmental pollution in our region will also be reduced, the minister said.

"MCD employees have not been given salary for the last two months and they are forced to go on strike for the upbringing of their family, due to which the development work in Delhi has come to a complete standstill," they said.

Apart from this, the minister also laid the foundation stone of the underpass to be constructed at Jatauli near Pataudi in Gurugram district in a virtual manner.

Referring to the Gurugram railway station, Singh said that the escalator built here is possibly the highest escalator in the railways of the country.

"With the construction of FOB and escalator, people coming to the railway station will be benefited. Escalators and foot-over bridges were being sought by local residents here for a long time", he added.

DU PHASED REOPENING AMID COVID-19

4 more libraries made accessible

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

As part of its phased reopening amid Covid-19 outbreak, the Delhi University will allow research scholars and faculty members to access four more libraries across its campuses.



reading rooms on research floor and three rooms on the ground floor will be available for the visitors. At the Central Science Library, two reading rooms on the first floor will be made available to the visitors, it said.

return fine" would be charged for the period of the COVID-19 pandemic.

After allowing access to the central library last week, the varsity reopened the Central Science Library, Ratan Tata Library, South Delhi Campus Library, and Faculty of Law Library for PhD/MPHil scholars and faculty members on Monday.

operational in phases. In the first phase, only bona fide faculty members, PhD/MPHil scholars will be allowed to use library reading room facilities. The reading room facilities would be limited from 10 am to 4 pm during the week days i.e. Monday to Friday," the university said in a notice.

The Ratan Tata Library at the Delhi School of Economics will make the reading hall at the ground floor and the periodical section at first floor accessible to visitors.

While it advised the staff handling books to wear gloves, visitors have also been instructed to carry gloves and hand sanitiser and maintain social distancing.

It announced that users will have to make prior registration to use the library facilities from 10 am to 4 pm on week days.

Visitors will have to take permission through e-mail to the librarian before visiting the library.

While all the floors of the South Delhi Campus Library can be accessed by research scholars, the reading hall at the ground floor and first floor of the Faculty of Law Library will be available to visitors, the notice stated.

The user/staff who does not adhere to the guidelines would face disciplinary action like cancellation of membership etc," it said.

The Delhi University (DU) had announced reopening its campus and colleges from February 1 for final-year students who require access to facilities for practical purposes.



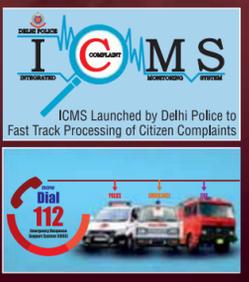
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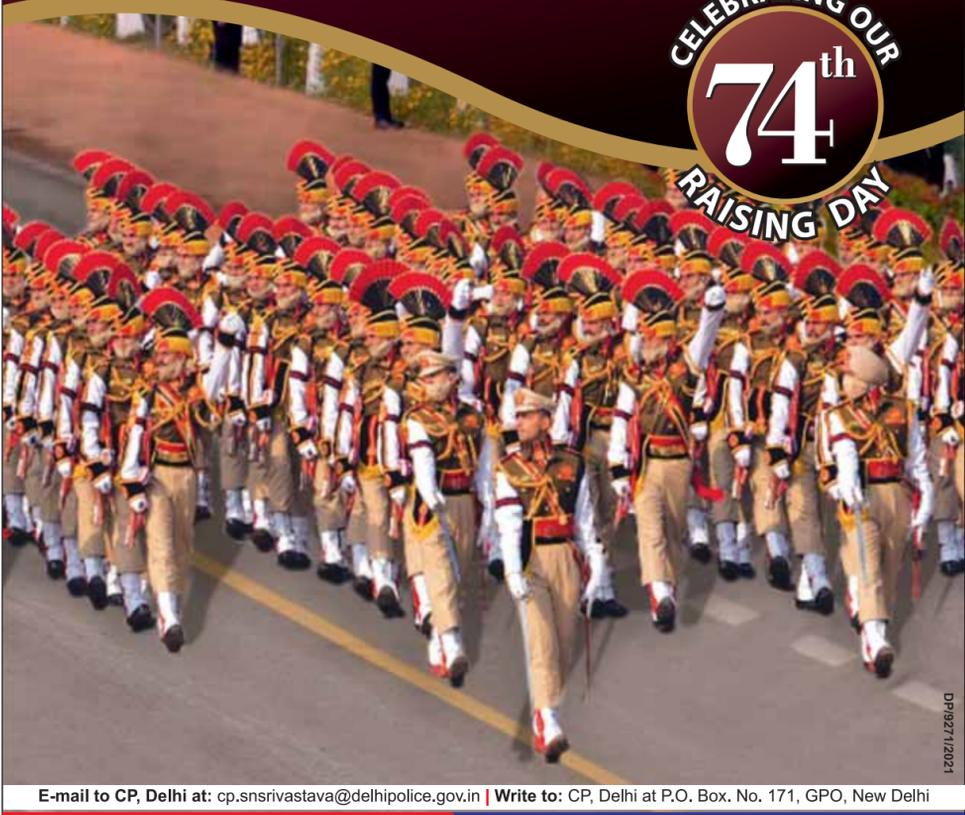
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No fresh Covid case in 188 dists, Maha bucks trend

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

No new Covid-19 cases were reported from 188 districts across the country but infections doubled in Maharashtra in the last two days while Gujarat extended night curfew in four major cities amid the coronavirus crisis even as Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Monday that those above 50 years of age might get vaccinated from March this year.

Vaccination drive for around 27 crore Indians above the age of 50 will begin three weeks from now, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Monday.

"Three weeks from now, the government will start giving doses of coronavirus vaccines to 27 crore persons above the age of 50," he said at a press briefing here. An expert group on vaccination will discuss how to pay for the doses for those above 50, he added.

The vaccination for front-line workers began earlier this month. Commenting on the private healthcare sector's role in the vaccination process, he said that such facilities and workers were already a part of the drive.

"During emergency use authorisations (EUA), it is the government's responsibility to keep things under control; open market sales are not part of the EUA," he added.

The Minister said that no new cases of Covid-19 have



been reported in 188 districts of the country in the past seven days. India's total Active Caseload currently stands at 1.39 lakh (1,39,637) on Monday. The active caseload consists of 1.28% of India's total positive cases as 33 States & UTs have reported less than 5,000 active cases in the last 24 hours. Tripura and Daman & Diu & Dadra & Nagar Haveli currently have only 2 active cases each.

Six States account for 80 per cent of the daily deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties (40), composing nearly 44.44 per cent of the daily deaths. Kerala follows with 15 daily deaths and Tamil Nadu reported 6 casualties.

At least, 11,649 new daily cases have been recorded in the last 24 hours with 86.4 per cent of the daily new cases are from 6 States. Kerala reports the highest daily new cases at 4,612. It is followed by Maharashtra with 4,092, while Tamil Nadu reported 470 new

cases. The Gujarat Government has extended night curfew in Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot and Vadodra till February 28 to check the spread of Covid-19 infection.

Vardhan emphasised the importance of social distance and appropriate healthcare behaviour amid the pandemic despite falling number of corona cases in the country.

"It is crucial that people continue to follow COVID-appropriate behaviour which I had called a social vaccine, along with the real vaccine," he quipped.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry said that a new flagship programme — Prime Minister Atmanirbhar Swastha Bharat Yojana — has been announced in the Union Budget 2021-22. "The Budget refers to a holistic approach toward health and healthcare. Allocation to the health sector for 2020-21 is 1.8 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product," the Ministry added.

SC panel on farm laws holds talks with agri experts to end stalemate

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After meeting with groups of farmers unions and farmer producers organisations' last week, the Supreme Court-appointed expert committee on Monday held another round of talks with eminent academicians and professionals from the agriculture sector via video-conference and sought their suggestions and view points over the three farm legislations. This was the 10th round of talks by the committee members. At present, the talks between the Union Government and the farmers' unions are at a standstill as both the sides stuck to their stands.

"In total, 7 eminent academicians and professionals in the field participated through video conferencing for detailed deliberations with the committee members," the committee said.

According to the committee, all the seven academicians and professionals from the field of agriculture gave their detailed views and suggestions on the three farm laws. The discussion was led by Dr. Pramod Joshi along with other panel members namely Dr. Ashok Gulati and Anil Ghanwat. The committee will hold deliberations with government officials and procurement agencies on February 18. The committee members requested the participants to give their views on the three farm laws.

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.

It had also held online and in-person deliberations with top organisations including Amul, ITC, FCI, Sugna Foods, Horticulture Produce Exporters Association, All India Rice Miller Association, etc over the reforms. The panel will submit its recommendations pertaining to the Laws to the SC within two months from the date of its first sitting.

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 11 rounds of the talks between the Centre and 41 protesting farmer unions has so far remained deadlocked even though the former has offered concessions including suspension of the legislations for 18 months, which the unions have rejected.

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.

Withdraw 'back-breaking' LPG price hike, Congress tells Govt



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress on Monday lashed out at the Centre and termed the massive hike in prices of LPG cylinders as "Narendra Modi's ruthless act" and called it an immoral Government which is breaking the back of every housewife and common man.

The Congress demanded the roll back of the price hikes and the increase in excise duty, which was imposed earlier this month during the Union Budget presentation. The party also flagged petrol and diesel prices; both were hiked for a seventh straight day.

"Narendra Modi's ruthless and immoral Government is not only being unjust to farmers, but is now breaking the back of every housewife and common man," Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete

said at a Press conference a day after the centre hiked the price of LPG cylinders in the national capital.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi also spoke out against the price hike, accusing the Narendra Modi government of "looting from the public".

"In 10 days, the price of LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) cylinder has increased by ₹75. On February 4 it was increased by rs 25 and now from February 15, it has been increased by ₹50," Shrinete said.

"Not only this, since December 2020 the price has increased by ₹175... in 2 months... you will remember there were two increases of ₹50," she added, "This cylinder (gesturing to one on the table) which sold in Delhi for ₹594 in December, today

sells for ₹769."

Presently, the centre subsidises purchase of 12 cylinders of 14.2 kg each per household every year. The customer has to make any additional purchases of LPG cylinders at the market price.

"As you all know, petrol and diesel prices have crossed ₹100... whether it is petrol, diesel or LPG prices, it affects both the rich and the poorest... but the Government does not care," she said, pointing out the centre has raised excise duties a dozen times so far and earned ₹24 lakh crore.

"The same excise duty in our Government was ₹3.50 per litre for diesel (it is now ₹32 per litre). For petrol it was Rs 9 per litre (it is now ₹33 per litre). Only by withdrawing this, will the general public will get huge relief," the Congress spokesperson said.

Disha Ravi's arrest shows plot to break India, asserts BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

BJP on Monday asserted the environmental activist Disha Ravi's arrest has "totally exposed the nefarious conspiracies of the break India forces to demean the integrity of India." "These people not only created a toolkit which perpetrated the 26th January disruption, but also colluded with a banned organisation "Poetic Justice Foundation" to promulgate the Kalistani design to belittle India," said BJP spokesman Sambit Patra.

"As far as the Opposition particularly the Congress is concerned in an attempt to attack PM Modi they have always stood with anti-India forces," he said.

North India likely to experience warmer nights for next 5 days

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday said warmer night temperatures are likely to continue over the plains of North India during the next five days.

The IMD in its forecast said that night temperatures will continue to be higher over the plains of northern States during the next five days. The IMD said that several areas in northern States will continue to experience dense in the morning for the next two days while it has issued 'orange' alerts for the subdivisions of Madhya Pradesh, interior Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, and Vidarbha.

After a relatively dry peri-

od of one and a half months, central India is set to experience turbulent weather conditions over the next few days. "Under the influence of a wind discontinuity in lower levels over Central India, its south-westward movement and moisture incursion from the Bay of Bengal, light to moderate rainfall at a few places with isolated thunderstorm, lightning & hailstorm likely over East Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha and Chhattisgarh during 16th/17th February is expected," the IMD said.

Under the influence of the trough system, Marathwada, Madhya Maharashtra, South Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Odisha may also witness isolated to scattered rainfall during February 16-19.

All these subdivisions have been kept under an orange watch from Wednesday to Friday to 'be updated' about the adverse weather conditions.

However, central India could turn cooler by Wednesday, while southern and eastern parts of the country will be cooler than normal from Thursday onward.

The eastern and north-eastern states have recorded 73% less rainfall than normal. Central India has received 64% less rainfall than normal and the States of North-West India have received 34% less rainfall than normal. South India has been the only region with more than normal rainfall during this period.

SC grants 5-day bail to journalist to visit ailing mother in Kerala

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Monday granted 5-day interim bail to journalist Siddique Kappan, arrested on his way to Hathras where a young Dalit woman had died after being allegedly gang-raped, to visit his ailing mother.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde, however, said that during his visit he shall not give any interview to the media, including social media.

The benches, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, said that Kappan will not meet members of the public except his relatives and doctors concerned.

It said he will be escorted by a team of Uttar Pradesh police officers and police in Kerala will cooperate with them.



Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Kerala Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ), stated that Kappan's mother could not talk on video conference and the doctors have said she might

live only for two or three more days.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Uttar Pradesh government, said however that the condition of Kappan's mother was not as

serious as was being projected and no medical certificates are provided.

"There are posters in Kerala and the wife of Kappan is collecting money in his name as if he is a martyr... When he goes to Kerala to visit his mother political opinions would be formed," Mehta said.

The bench said it was taking Sibal's statements on face value and "we will not allow him (Kappan) to be paraded and he will go to his house under protection of armed guards".

On November 16 last year, the top court had sought a response from the Uttar Pradesh government on the plea challenging the arrest of the journalist on his way to Hathras. Sibal had sought bail for the journalist saying that there was nothing against him in the FIR lodged at Mathura by UP Police.

Assam Rifles, locals repair vital road connecting Manipur and Nagaland

It is now called 'Peoples' Effort Road'

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The sensitivity of the Assam Rifles to peoples' woes due to bad road connectivity on either side of the Barak River in Manipur affecting scores of villages in the area led to an urge to undertake the repair work of the 22-km-

stretch of the Tamei-Dikuiram road in Tamenglong district.

The project that was launched by 44 Assam Rifles on October 12 last year was completed on January 4. But even before the formal inauguration of the vital link road on February 9, the connectivity project linked the hearts of the local people, especially youth and women who toiled along with the paramilitary personnel in completing the repair work in a record 85

days despite all odds.

Facing years of neglect by the local administration, this road is vital link for the far flung and inaccessible areas of Tamei subdivision of Tamenglong district, Manipur. It not only provides connectivity to Dikhuiram village but also to Langparam, Taiparam, Katang, Magulong, Inem and several other villages. The importance of the link cannot be overstated as its utility does not end just in



Manipur but extends to the neighbouring State of Nagaland too. The road further connects to the town of Tenning in Peren district of Nagaland and beyond to the important city of Dimapur in the region via district head-quarter Peren and Jaluki. This road effectively provides an alternate connectivity to Tamenglong District in Manipur link, opening the doors of opportunities in terms of better market access, availing educational facilities as well as various governmental

schemes. The road was inaugurated and dedicated to the locals of the area on February 9, this year by IGAR (EAST) as a huge crowd from nearby villages cheered on. In order to recognise the true spirit of "bhagidari" displayed by the locals, the Assam Rifles has rightly dubbed the connectivity link as "People's Efforts Road".

Dikuiram is a village located on the banks of Barak River in Tamei subdivision of Tamenglong district, Manipur. It is located approximately 22 km away from Sub Divisional Headquarters at Tamei by a single road. It is through this road alone that approximately 35 villages in the hinterland are connected to Tamei. The villagers from both sides of Barak River in Manipur and Nagaland are presently dependent on this vital road for accessibility to health and better market facilities in the nearby Tamei.

Despite Covid restrictions, the 44 Assam Rifles extended its support to repair the vital Tamei - Dikhuiram road by employing men and machines to free the road from potholes, water logging, bamboo bushes falling on the road and a collapsed drainage system. The late monsoon rains and the prevailing security situation in the area further created impediments in the works. But the determined hands of the Assam Rifles personnel and the locals, especially the youth from Dikhuiram village also pledged to toil in the sunlight in their bid to achieve self-reliance. Now the fully operational

Tamei-Dikhuiram road in Tamenglong district is all set to herald a new wave of development propelling economic prosperity and sustained peace due to a forged relationship of cooperation between the local population and the security forces like the Assam Rifles engaged in curbing insurgency in the region.

At the inaugural event earlier this month, the IGAR (E), with the Commandant of Tamenglong AR in attendance, sought the cooperation from the villagers so that the security forces and the civil population can work in tandem to tread on the path of development.

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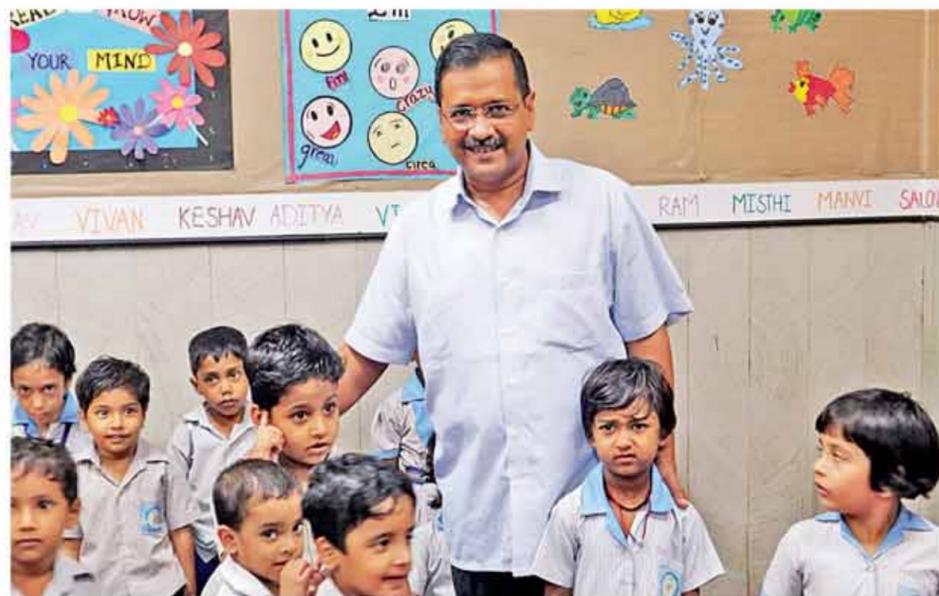
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DELHI EDUCATION MODEL: A PATHBREAKER FOR STUDENTS

The Delhi education system made history as a record breaking 98% students of Delhi government schools passed 12th board examinations



For the fifth year in a row, class 12th students of Delhi Government schools outperformed private school students beating their own record. The pass percentage of Delhi government schools improved from 94.2 per cent last year to 98 per cent this year. The overall percentage, including both government and private schools, in CBSE's Class 12 exams improved by 5.38 percentage points. Government school results were 5.9

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percentage points higher than private schools' in Delhi. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal congratulated the students. "Feeling very proud to announce that the CBSE Class 12 result of Delhi government schools this year is 98 percent - highest ever so far. It's historic. Congratulations to my Team Education, all students, teachers, parents and education officers. Proud of you all," Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said in his tweet. The Delhi government schools had crossed the 90 per cent pass percentage mark for the first time in 2018. This increased to 94.29 per cent last year, and zoomed up to 97.68 per cent for Delhi East and 97.91 per cent for the newly formed administrative unit of Delhi

West this year. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia also lauded the results. "Over the past 5 years, we at #DelhiGovtSchools have been competing with ourselves to break our own record each time. This year is no exception... Congrats to students, parents & Team Education," Deputy Chief Minister had tweeted. The surge in the Delhi government schools pass percentages is largely responsible for the increase in Delhi's overall pass percentage. Private schools have registered a slight increase from 90.68 per cent in 2019 to 91.69 per cent this year for Delhi East, and 92.12 per cent for Delhi West. The number of students who appeared for the examination

from Delhi government schools was also higher - with 1,13,013 between Delhi East and West - as compared to 1,01,614 from private schools. A Delhi government school has been ranked No. 1 among all government-run day schools in the country, while two others have made it to the top 10. Delhi government school students set a benchmark with 53 students having qualified in JEE Advance and 569 students having qualified for NEET. The principal of a government school in Khajuri Khas said that his school registered a pass percentage of 98 per cent. That is the school's highest pass percentage yet, having registered 94.47 per cent last year. In line with the pattern of earlier years, a higher percentage of girls passed the exams than boys in Delhi by a gap of almost 4 percentage points - 96.43 per cent of the girls who wrote the exam clearing it as compared to 92.48 per cent of the boys. Like across the country, multiple students scored above 99 per cent in Delhi-NCR.

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Delhi government launched 'Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makaan' scheme for EWS and slum dwellers

Under the scheme 89,400 flats for EWS and slum dwellers will be built and given to eligible persons as per Mukhya Mantri Awaas Yojna

In a bid to provide permanent housing to the poor and the needy, the Delhi government fulfilled its promise and initiated the 'Jahan Jhuggi, Wahin Makaan' policy for eligible persons. To fulfill the needs of the economically weaker section of the society, the Delhi government launched 'Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makaan' Scheme under which 89,400 flats for EWS and slum dwellers will be built and given to the eligible persons. In meetings held at regular intervals, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has directed

the officials to ensure the allotment of the flats within five km of where their slums were located, for which the land should be allotted. The project will be executed and implemented by the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board. Under the flagship policy of the Delhi government, process for the in-situ rehabilitation of the people has been initiated. The project is due to be completed within its stipulated timeline. In the past few days, CM Arvind Kejriwal has convened several meetings with the officials of

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the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) to check the status of the progress of the policy. The 'Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makaan' policy is the flagship policy of the Delhi government. The Delhi Government is working relentlessly to ensure the construction of the EWS flats for the in-situ rehabilitation of the people should be completed in its due timeline. The Delhi government is preparing a detailed rehabilitation and construction plan (and) architect consultants will be appointed for the project.



CHANGE STARTS WITH A SINGLE 'DOORSTEP'

The Delhi government is transforming the ration system one 'doorstep' at a time

On the eve of Republic Day, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, declared that Delhi government's highly ambitious welfare project 'Mukhyamantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojana' will begin by March 2021. The scheme which was announced in July 2020 proposes a complete transformation of the ration system in Delhi. Under this scheme, the beneficiaries will have the option to get neatly wrapped packets of dry ration delivered to their homes. The scheme comes in response to the wide ranging issues in the Public Distribution System such as contamination of ration, less quantity of dry ration provided to people, untimely closing of shops and other such inconveniences. Through this revolutionary approach, the government hopes to ensure all people have the capacity to feed themselves with dignity. While Corona lockdowns began across the world, it became increasingly apparent that the world faced not just a health emergency but a food emergency as well. During lockdown in the month of April, the Delhi government was prompt in declaring an increase in quantity of dry ration by 50% to 70 lakhs ration card holders free of charge. They were also provided with ration kits which included essential items such as chickpeas, oil, soap, spices, sugar, salt, etc. But the loss of jobs and reduced income increased the number of vulnerable households facing acute food insecurity. Aware of the circumstances

faced by the public, 26 lakh Chief Minister Corona Relief Kits were distributed once per family to both ration and non-ration card holders. The uniqueness and success of the initiative lay in the fact that beneficiaries could register for e-coupons online and collect ration from a nearby location. In an effort to cover migrant workers temporary coupons were issued to them through public representatives. These coupons made them eligible for 5kg free dry ration. Each MLA/MP was given 2000 coupons each, which were



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“ During the Corona pandemic, the government has decided to distribute free 5kg ration to another three million people. So, in all, our food security scheme will now cover 10 million people, which is more than half of Delhi's population.” - Arvind Kejriwal, Chief Minister of Delhi

distributed to migrant workers in need of food. During the pandemic lockdown the government provided ration to nearly one crore people which is nearly half the population of Delhi. These accomplishments show that Delhi is a pioneer state for its commitment in ensuring food security to its people. The welfare schemes initiated during the pandemic have shown the effectiveness of government's reforms towards transforming the Public Distribution System. Delhi government's latest initiative of providing doorstep delivery of ration is another step in making the Public Distribution System more efficient and transparent.

73.54% consumers received zero electricity bills in Delhi

Delhi is the only state in India with no electricity tariff hike in the past six years

The Delhi government's free-electricity scheme is an example of 'smart governance' as it is encouraging Delhiites to reduce their power consumption. In August, the Delhi government had announced free-electricity of up to 200 units for domestic consumers and later extended the scheme to tenants residing in the national capital. In December 2020, 38 lakh consumers received Zero Bills for consumption under 200 units. This last one year has been a very tough year, especially in terms of the financial condition of the government. Significantly, despite all the limitations, the Delhi government has maintained all the development schemes for the citizens of Delhi. Lakhs of consumers have received the benefit of zero electricity bill when the pandemic wreaked havoc in their lives, thousands and thousands of people lost their jobs and suffered a lot. Delhi has total of 51,98,533 consumers and 73.54% of these consumers received zero bills which is around 38,23,232. Talking to Twitter, CM Arvind Kejriwal said that residents of the city were trying to consume less than 200 units of electricity to avail the benefit. Under the scheme, people consuming electricity between 201 units and 400 units are eligible to avail up to Rs 800 per month subsidy from the government on their bills. In the last one year, the Delhi government has given an immense focus on the solar power infrastructure. This has the potential to generate a lot of clean electricity



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since the past 6 years - Delhi has the most progressive tariff structure, rewarding low electricity consumption by providing big subsidies. The Delhi government has also drastically improved the power infrastructure of Delhi which has helped to bring down power

cuts. The Delhi government has also tried to develop the infrastructure of alternative sources of generating electricity. In the last one year, the Delhi government has given an immense focus on the solar power infrastructure. The solar power system not only has the potential to generate a lot of electricity but also this is

absolutely environment friendly. The Delhi government has developed and installed over 13 megawatts (MW) of solar rooftop plants across 150 Delhi government schools during last one year. These are expected to save about Rs 5 crores on electricity bills cumulatively each year, apart from earning Rs 6 crores from selling power.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

At cross-purposes

A Governor-State Govt spat belittles the dignity of both the titular and the real head

The Governor of a State should not ideally be a political appointee; however, with the Centre planting its trusted lieutenants as “puppets” at the Raj Bhawans, the status of the coveted post has only spiralled downwards. Although a Governor is only a nominal head with no real power vested in him, s/he can play a decisive role at crucial junctures much to the discomfiture of the State’s dispensation. The titular head can “dilly-dally” approval to important Bills passed by the State Assembly, or can sit over these Bills indefinitely. And this is what makes the position really significant at times, with the Centre expecting the Governor to “call the shots” on its diktats while the State Government looks for fair play. Especially, if the Centre and the State are at loggerheads, the cold war between the Governor and the Chief Minister can turn ugly and that belittles the dignity of both the titular and the real head. The ongoing tussle between Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari and the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government led by Shiv Sena is a case in point. The existing friction between the Governor and the State Government led by Shiv Sena’s Uddhav Thackeray escalated when Koshiyari, much to his embarrassment, was made to disembark a State Government carrier because the plane did not have the approval to fly. Koshiyari finally had to board a commercial flight to Dehradun.



It would have added to the grace of the Chief Minister’s Office (CMO) had it shown some modicum of decency by allowing the Governor to use the State aircraft. The State Government must understand that even if the Governor is working as the Centre’s “stooge”, the reputation of the State and its institutions suffers from such shows of disagreement. It must be mentioned that West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankar and firebrand Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee are often at loggerheads. Likewise, daggers are drawn every now and then between Puducherry Lt Governor Kiran Bedi and Chief Minister V Narayanasamy. Both West Bengal and Puducherry have non-BJP Governments while Dhankar and Bedi have been rewarded for their loyalty towards the saffron party and are toeing its line. The latest incident points to a new low in the politics of Maharashtra. Sena’s outspoken spokesperson Sanjay Raut has said that it is an “open war” and that the BJP is pressuring Koshiyari to destabilise the MVA Government spearheaded by the Shiv Sena supremo. The party has urged the Centre to recall Koshiyari, asserting that it is necessary for upholding the Constitution, the laws and the norms. On the other hand, the Governor had a “closed-door” meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi. More action, therefore, is expected in the ongoing war between the Raj Bhawan and the CMO, with the people, democracy and ethos standing at a crossroads.

PICTALK



Elderly people dance on Valentine's Day in Kyiv, Ukraine

Why object to the farm laws?

They free farmers and traders from archaic laws, lift the barrier on inter-State and intra-State trade and bring in healthy competition



A SURYA PRAKASH

A cold and detached assessment of the three farm laws will indicate that politics rather than logic is driving the opposition to these enactments, which seek to empower farmers and open up the markets while ensuring a safety net by way of continuing the minimum support price (MSP) system and the Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs).

The first of these laws, The Farmers’ Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, enables farmers to sell their produce outside the notified APMC yards.

Section 3 of this Act gives the farmer the freedom to carry on inter-State or intra-State trade, while Section 4(3) says every trader who transacts with farmers shall make the payment within three working days. The law enables the Government to develop a Price Information and Market Intelligence System for farmers’ produce and provides for a time-bound dispute redressal mechanism. Therefore, the grower gets the option to either stick to the APMC or look for markets outside.

It is difficult, therefore, to fathom the opposition to these provisions from farmers because the only ones hurt by this law are the commission agents and dalals, who are allegedly misleading the farmers and funding the agitation.

The second law is the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, which gives farmers the right to enter into a contract with retailers, wholesalers and agribusiness firms, processors, wholesalers or exporters for the sale of future farming produce at a pre-agreed price.

Section 3(1) of the Act says the minimum period of the farming agreement should be one crop season or one production cycle of livestock with a maximum period of five years. The payment for farm produce should be on delivery but, for seed production, the buyer has to pay two-thirds of the agreed amount on delivery.

But the most important provision in the Bill relates to inalienability of farm land. It declares that no agreement shall be entered into for any transfer, including sale,



lease and mortgage of the land or premises of the farmer. Here again, a dispute redressal mechanism is envisaged and provided for in Section 13(1).

The third law is the amendment to the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The amendment says the supply of foodstuff, including cereals, pulses, potato, onions, edible oilseeds and oils, “may be regulated only under extraordinary circumstances which may include war, famine, extraordinary price rise and natural calamity of grave nature”. How can any farmer have any objection to this major initiative?

In short, the laws free the farmers and traders from archaic laws, lift the barrier on inter-State and intra-State trade, bring in competition so that farmers are no longer at the mercy of the cloistered taluk-level market and are exposed to prevailing prices. In other words, market forces will take charge and mandis will become more competitive while the MSP system will continue. This liberates farmers from the stranglehold of the APMC and commission agents and cartels.

If there is any section of the population which should be worried about the consequences of the new farm laws, it should be the consumers. Now that the

Government has amended the Essential Commodities Act and deprived itself of the right to intervene in respect of stocks and prices of some key essentials, the consumers will be at the mercy of market forces. How are the farmers affected?

Finally, a word about the UPA’s hypocrisy with regard to the laws. Since many Governments, including the ones run by the UPA and steered by the Congress for 10 years, have dabbled in farm law reforms over the last 20 years, their protests today sound hollow. The politician who has done the biggest somersault is the NCP’s Sharad Pawar. As the Union Minister for Agriculture in 2010, he strongly advocated amending the APMC Acts by the States to encourage the private sector to provide “alternative competitive marketing channels in the overall interest of farmers/producers and consumers...”. He argued then that agriculture needs “well-functioning markets to drive growth” and the involvement of the private sector “is essential”. He also drew the attention of Chief Ministers to his earlier letters to them in 2005 and 2007 and to the draft APMC Rules formulated by his Ministry.

In November 2011, he returned to this subject and, in

a letter to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, reiterated that the agriculture sector needs well-functioning markets to drive inclusive growth and “the private sector needs to play an important role in this regard”. Pawar is now singing a different tune. He says the mandis will be affected and MSP is not guaranteed to farmers who sell to corporates. This is difficult to understand because farmers will never lose the option to sell to the Government at MSP.

Also, the contention that this has been suddenly thrust on the farmers is totally baseless. The opening up of the agriculture market has been in the air for 20 years. The Centre circulated a model Agriculture Marketing Act in 2017 and 11 States adopted it fully and six States, partially. Finally, the farmers of Punjab, Haryana and Western Uttar Pradesh have to realise that India comprises 28 States and eight Union Territories. Farmers in many States have expressed happiness over the new farm laws. Mere geographical proximity to Delhi cannot mean that they have the last word.

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IT IS DIFFICULT, THEREFORE, TO FATHOM THE OPPOSITION TO THESE PROVISIONS FROM FARMERS BECAUSE THE ONLY ONES HURT BY THIS LAW ARE THE COMMISSION AGENTS AND DALALS, WHO ARE ALLEGEDLY MISLEADING THE FARMERS AND FUNDING THE AGITATION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KERALA HAS FAILED TO CONTROL COVID

Sir—It is a matter of disappointment that Kerala saw its confirmed COVID-19 cases go past the one million mark. The State, which once fought COVID-19 so bravely and was a success story, has again plunged into the menace.

This comes when Coronavirus cases in other States are decreasing. Kerala is only the second State after Maharashtra to have recorded so many cases. It has witnessed the most unusual trajectory of the epidemic in the country. It was the State where the first Coronavirus case in India was detected in January last year. For the next six months, it seemed to be the model State as far as containing the spread was concerned. Perhaps Keralites have stopped bothering about it and stopped taking adequate precautions that led to the surge in cases. Further, the immigrants from foreign countries have contributed immensely to the increase in the number of cases.

The need of the hour is for the State Government to make its quarantine rules more stringent. It is really a matter of shame that the State has the highest number of active cases right now, almost half of the entire country. The increase in Corona cases in the coastal State is a cause of concern for everybody.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

POOR PEOPLE MUST GET JUSTICE

Sir—This is not the first time we have come across disastrous blasts in fire-works units in Tamil Nadu resulting in the loss of several lives. As many as 17 people, including seven women, were killed and 35 others injured in an accident at a unit at Achankulam near Sattur on Friday.

Every time such a calamity strikes, the Government announces some financial compensation to the bereaved families and does away with its responsibilities. As most of the victims are from a poor background, the case will slowly go into oblivion and soon the factory would be allowed to resume operations. The corrupt babus and netas will try their best to bury the matter or brush it aside. The poor families who

Trump’s acquittal is dangerous



Former US President Donald Trump’s second acquittal by the US Senate has set the dangerous precedent that even an autocratic leader who violates the oath of office can escape punishment if he bullies enough Senators to stand by his side. There is no denying that Trump put out a stream of falsehoods on losing the presidential polls, and openly urged his support-

ers to march to the US Congress, endangering lawmakers and scores of police officers as he sought to overturn the election results. There’s no way he can escape responsibility for the attack on the seat of US power. In fact, the Senate vote revealed the dilemma that the Republican Party faces with Trump still retaining considerable popularity among the party base. But Trump will also go down in history as a disgraced figure who escaped conviction on a technicality. And, the failure to convict Trump highlights how divided America remains—repairing those fissures won’t be easy.

The entire world, however, is disappointed with the outcome of impeachment in the Senate, and proponents of democracy across the globe are baffled. Thus, the US which boasts of the oldest democracy in the world and preaches lessons to others hasn’t only lost the morality, but also emboldened dictators across the globe.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

cannot afford good lawyers will eventually lose the legal battle in court and will have no option except to forget the tragedy and the perpetrators.

One really wonders whether those who are complicit will be taken to task. There is no hope that action will be taken against the licensing authorities, concerned labour officers, controllers, factory inspectors besides the operators and lease holders of the factories. All these officers should be pulled up for dereliction of duty and criminal charges should be slapped against them. An exemplary punishment should be awarded to those guilty. This will act as an eye opener for all others who will perform their duties sincerely. Even the life of poor matters but the Government and authorities just don’t care.

Tharcus S Fernando | Chennai

CHINA WILL LIKELY BACKSTAB

Sir—Disengagement is good as it reduces tension, but it should not be done at the cost of national security. The surrender-

ing of areas traditionally controlled by India means we were surrendering our rights forever. Galwan Valley is Indian territory and never a disputed land.

In my view, the Government is not understanding the importance of the disengagement and creation of the buffer zone in true sense. China is getting belligerent and Pakistan continues to promote terrorism. India is facing multiple challenges at the border, a two-front war-like situation. The Government must take the country and the Opposition into confidence at such times. We must stand united against the foreign forces hell bent on destroying our peace and territorial integrity. Also, China can help Pakistan in Siachen. The country is facing serious challenges from both China and Pakistan and must take calibrated steps.

TV Jayaprakash | Palakkad

SOUND BITE

Through inspiring examples, January’s ‘Mann Ki Baat’ highlighted diverse topics ranging from art, culture, tourism and agri innovation. Would love to hear more such motivating anecdotes for the February 28 programme.



Prime Minister —Narendra Modi

If COVID-19 ends up being like flu, so we live our normal lives and we mitigate through vaccines and treatments, then we can get on with everything again.



UK Health Secretary —Matt Hancock

Every industry kid is called a ‘druggie’. No, we are not, we are good people. We are socially placed and we do our CSR and I am very vocal about it.



Actor —Suniel Shetty

Postponement of the Olympics gave players an opportunity to improve and make the most out of the situation.



Hockey player —Dilpreet Singh

Whoever harbours the seed of anti-nationalism in their minds, that has to be completely destroyed, be it Disha Ravi or anyone else.



Haryana Home Minister —Anil Vij

Anti-Valentine Week

Bored of all the mush and PDA from last week? Now it’s time for you to have your revenge

Here’s to all those people who have had to grind their teeth this past week and live amid saccharinely sick displays of love and affection all around, simply because they didn’t have a choice in the matter: The Valentine’s Week is officially over and the Anti-Valentine Week, or rather brutally called the “unromantic week”, is here! Enough of red roses, candlelight dinners, red heart balloons and gifts. Some of us don’t really believe in the notion of soulmates, nor in concepts such as love, romance or trust, just like some of us grownups don’t believe in that jolly rotund fellow called Santa Claus, maybe because these ideas never really took root deep inside us or maybe because we grew a dislike for these following a particularly racking heart-break. The singletons of any gender, who were made to feel guilty just because they didn’t have a “significant other” or BAE to gift chocolates and roses to, or to hug, can now rejoice and breathe normally. If you are a person who hasn’t been very lucky in matters of the heart and steers clear of the idea of love, romance and public displays of affection (PDA), then this is your week.



The polar opposite of the mushy week preceding it, Anti-Valentine Week begins on February 15 (Slap Day) and ends on February 21 (Breakup Day). Along the lines of the Valentine’s Week (which has Rose Day, Propose Day, Chocolate Day, Teddy Day, Promise Day, Hug Day and Kiss Day preceding Valentine’s Day), this week celebrates Slap Day, Kick Day, Perfume Day, Flirting Day, Confession Day, Missing Day and Breakup Day. But it is not as dangerous as it sounds; it refers to slapping and kicking out negative feelings about an ex-partner or a cheating mate out of the mind. In that sense, the Anti-Valentine Week actually works as an outlet to release negative feelings that could have been lying dormant deep within against a (former) love interest. Better to speak out and let go rather than hold onto these feelings and allow them to fester. That said, moderation is an important component for everything in life. One must take care to ensure that such discharge of negativity doesn’t hurt either oneself or anybody else: There’s no point, after all, in beating yourself down emotionally so much that you would then need to go see a shrink, or make a fool of yourself walking angrily into a crowded restaurant and slapping your current or former partner for whatever injustice you believe they meted out to you. Now, is there?

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FIRST COLUMN

DIDI NEEDS TO HALT THE TMC'S SLIDE

For this to happen, Prashant Kishor has to prove that he is an asset to Mamata rather than a headache



KALYANI SHANKAR

Will well-known poll strategist Prashant Kishor become an asset or a liability in the forthcoming West Bengal Assembly polls for the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC)? Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has engaged him to help her perform a hat-trick. Though she has almost decimated the Left parties and the Congress, this time Mamata will be up against the emerging BJP which wants to wrest the State from her. Dismayed by the TMC's poor performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, Didi engaged Kishor at the behest of her nephew Abhishek Banerjee, whom she has been grooming as her political heir. Kishor came into prominence as a successful election strategist after the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. Mamata chose Kishor because of his track record of delivering election victories for Prime Minister Narendra Modi (2014), Nitish Kumar in Bihar (2015), Captain Amarinder Singh in Punjab (2017), Jagan Reddy in Andhra Pradesh (2019) and Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi (2019). The DMK chief MK Stalin has also contracted him for the forthcoming Tamil Nadu polls.

Earlier, Mamata believed in her fighting capacities as she overthrew the Left coalition which ruled Bengal for 33 years in 2011 by making use of the anger of the people against the Government. She won the State for the second time in 2016 as she had evolved as a national leader and continued to enjoy the people's goodwill. However, for the 2021 polls, she is not sure as the BJP is breathing down the TMC's neck and deploying its top leadership in the campaign.



With Mamata's full backing, Kishor's team soon began working as a parallel organisation with more powers than even the TMC functionaries. His company I-PAC began to develop tight control over the party and the Bengal Government, ruffling many feathers in the process. On his advice, Mamata has revised some of her Government's policies, including a 10 per cent upper caste quota, a review of the salary structure of the State police force, primary teachers and functionaries working at the panchayats and many other populist schemes. The TMC leaders are upset with Kishor's clean-up drive, as his team has assessed each constituency and given Mamata a report, urging her to change at least 150 sitting MLAs. Over the last few weeks, several senior and mid-level TMC functionaries have voiced their resentment publicly and privately against Kishor's dominance. Mamata then asked Kishor to adopt a consensual approach and avoid ruffling feathers but this could not stem the steady exodus from the TMC to the BJP. The erosion began first with one or two MLAs leaving the TMC. It has gradually grown, with even senior leaders like Suwendu Adhikari, Silbhadra Dutta and Dinesh Trivedi quitting. The Congress and the Left cannot attract those leaving because Didi decimated them in the last 10 years and left the Opposition space for the BJP to occupy. This time she has the anti-incumbency factor and party troubles staring her in the face.

However, Mamata has always been a street fighter and positive in her approach. She has seen ups and downs in her political career but has never given up. Didi's strongest assets are her hard work, excellent booth-level management and her national stature. There is also no lack of money for her party because the poll bonds have given her enough funds. Above all, strong local organisers will work hard to save themselves, which could benefit the TMC. If she could keep her Muslim vote bank intact besides wooing Hindu votes she could succeed. But before that, she has to stem the perception that the TMC has become weak. She is facing a similar situation the Congress did in 1997 before Sonia Gandhi stepped in. Floating voters might think that the TMC is a sinking boat and Mamata has to check the erosion before it is too late. For this, Kishor has to prove that he is an asset rather than a headache.

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The Govt should avoid a Catch-22 situation

Team Modi should legitimise direct selling by foreign companies in Indian retail — not just online but also offline — without any riders

In view of the complaints by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) regarding blatant violation of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy and the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, by Amazon and Walmart-owned-Flipkart, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal alluded to it while issuing a clarification to ensure that the e-commerce sector works "in the true spirit of the law." Earlier in December 2020, the Ministry of Commerce had asked the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to take necessary action against these global e-commerce giants. The above actions may not enthrone when viewed in the backdrop of numerous such representations made in the past by CAIT and other associations of small traders, to no avail. At the outset, let us take a look at the extant FDI policy under which Amazon and Flipkart have come to India. As per the guidelines issued in early 2016 (Press Note 3), 100 per cent FDI is allowed under the so-called marketplace model.

The marketplace is a platform where vendors sell their products to consumers even as its owner merely acts as a facilitator. The marketplace owner provides services such as booking orders, raising invoices, arranging delivery, accepting payments, handling rejections, warehousing and so on. But, s/he can't hold inventory and undertake direct selling. The permission for 100 per cent FDI in the marketplace is subject to two main riders, that is "the entity cannot permit more than 25 per cent of total sales on its platform from one vendor or its group companies. Further, it can't directly or indirectly influence the sale price." Sans any mention as to "who the vendor is", a firm linked to the marketplace — either its subsidiary or a Joint Venture (JV) with an Indian company — is eligible. Thus, contrary to the real intent of the policy, which disallowed the marketplace owner from direct selling to individual consumers, the fine print permitted them to do so — albeit by its subsidiary or JV. This is precisely what e-commerce majors such as Amazon and Flipkart/Walmart have been doing even though they came in as marketplace operators. A clarification to the Press Note 3 issued on December 26, 2018, said: "The owner of the marketplace or its subsidiary or its JV with an Indian company can't have ownership of the seller." Further, "a seller/firm on the platform can't source more than 25 per cent of its inventory from a firm connected with the latter." The owner can get around both; first, by having less than 50 per cent shareholding in the seller firm and argue, s/he has no control (albeit majority) over the latter and second, by its wholesale arm restricting supplies to the seller within the 25 per cent threshold.

As a consequence, the hold of e-commerce giants over Indian retail continues; they are dominant sellers themselves, giving little space to millions of small vendors for whose benefit this unique policy dispensation of marketplace was designed. Meanwhile, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) which last year received a major foreign investment of ₹1,50,000 crore (₹43,450 crore from US internet giant, Facebook alone) in its 100 per cent subsidiary Jio Platforms Limited (JPL) for total shareholding of 30 per cent has also joined the bandwagon. JPL has within its fold a range



THIS WILL CREATE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD AND ENABLE ALL ENTITIES, INCLUDING BRICK AND MORTAR PLAYERS, TO ACCEPT FDI UP TO 100 PER CENT. SANS THESE CHANGES, INDIAN RETAIL WILL BE CARTELED BY THE LIKES OF AMAZON/WALMART AND SO ON AND THOSE WHO KNOW HOW TO EXPLOIT THE VAGUENESS IN EXTANT POLICY DISPENSATION, MAKING THE CONSUMERS VULNERABLE TO EXPLOITATION IN THE MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM

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of businesses including e-commerce which is powered by JioMart commerce. The platform offers technology-enabled wherewithal to help 30 million stores to deliver products to consumers in the neighbourhood (the plan is to target a mammoth 400 million of them using the database of WhatsApp — a 100 per cent subsidiary of Facebook) at their doorsteps. The business model is a hybrid of online and offline retail which will also integrate with itself thousands of retail stores spread all over India operated by Reliance Retail Limited (RRL). Like Amazon *et al*, Reliance/Facebook, too, will be operating as direct sellers, controlling inventory, giving discounts and so on, which is not in sync with the policy on FDI in the e-commerce marketplace that prohibits the inventory model and direct selling. Yet, they can get around by citing that foreign shareholding in the seller firm is less than 50 per cent or a wholesaler linked to JioMart owner (Reliance/Facebook) will keep its supplies to the vendor within the 25 per cent threshold.

The continued opaqueness in the policy — even after the clarification to Press Note 3 issued on December 26, 2018 — has ensured that the foreign majors don't violate the rulebook even as their operations go against the very spirit of the policy. No wonder, numerous representations by CAIT *et al* as also petitions before the courts have failed as the latter go by the fine print, which suits these giants. It is

therefore, unlikely that the latest action of the Commerce Ministry asking the RBI and the ED to take action against these global e-commerce giants will lead to any positive outcome.

What about the Ministry issuing a clarification to the rules to fully reflect the true spirit of the law as hinted by Piyush Goyal?

Thus, Press Note 3 can be modified to say that "the owner of the marketplace or its subsidiary or its JV with the Indian company can't have even one per cent shareholding of the seller on the platform." Further, "a seller/firm on the platform can't source any supplies from a firm connected with the latter." The above two stipulations will ensure that the owner of the marketplace platform has no connection whatsoever with the seller on its platform — neither by way of holding any shares in the latter's firm nor making any supplies to it.

This way, the fine print will be in sync with the spirit of the policy i.e. to ensure that the foreign company only performs the role of bringing sellers and buyers on a common platform to conduct transactions and nothing beyond. Has the Government thought through the implications of going that far? Apart from being almost impossible to implement (this involves a microscopic watch on shareholding patterns including cross-holding through a maze of subsidiaries and JVs as also the stock flow of each and every seller on the platform; Alas! We don't

even have a regulator), this will tantamount to asking the foreign majors to pack up. This will be viewed as a retrospective change of policy and give a wrong signal about India not being an attractive destination.

For taking decisions, the investors are guided not merely by the declaration of intent but more importantly, they go by what the policy document says (this is what matters when courts pronounce their verdict). It is here that the Government faces a 'Catch-22' situation as the fine print of the 2016 guidelines permitted direct selling by marketplace owner (albeit indirectly).

Now, if the Government rewrites the Press Note 3 — as indicated above — foreign majors will be justified in arguing that this will be a retrospective change of policy; even the judiciary may uphold their stance. This course should be avoided. A pragmatic approach would be one wherein, Team Modi legitimises direct selling by foreign companies in Indian retail — not just online but also offline — without any riders. This will create a level playing field and enable all entities, including brick and mortar players, to accept FDI up to 100 per cent. Sans these changes, Indian retail will be cartelised by the likes of Amazon/Walmart and so on and those who know how to exploit the vagueness in extant policy dispensation, making the consumers vulnerable to exploitation in the medium to long-term.



UTTAM GUPTA

POINT COUNTERPOINT

WOULDN'T THEY (PROTESTING FARMERS) HAVE DIED IF THEY WERE AT HOME? OUT OF ONE TO TWO LAKH, DO 200 PEOPLE NOT DIE IN SIX MONTHS?

—HARYANA AGRICULTURE MINISTER

JAI PARKASH DALAL



VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE 'ZILCH'! VALUE OF PEOPLE WHO GROW YOUR FOOD 'ZILCH'! MOCKING THEIR DEATHS PRICELESS! SLOW CLAPS.

—ACTOR

TAAPSEE PANNU

Time to revamp environment policy and set priorities right

If we continue to inflict irreversible damage to the environment, nature will restore its balance in the way it likes

The recent flash floods in Rishiganga river in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand had wreaked havoc in the region and brought untold misery to the locals and families of those workers who died in the catastrophe. The incident came as a surprise to the scientific community and locals as floods usually occur during the monsoon season and a deluge of such a magnitude was highly unexpected in winter months.

The Uttarakhand Government and the Centre's disaster management apparatus swung into action for the rescue and relief operations. Though many lives have been saved since then, it was already too late for those who drowned or were swept away by the flash flood.

So strong was the surge of water in Dhauliganga and Rishiganga rivers that it ripped



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through two hydel projects. The bodies of victims are still being found at different locations by the river, but rescuers have so far failed to reach anyone — dead or alive — in the tunnel network at the National Thermal Power Corporation's Tapovan project.

In the meanwhile, satellite images have confirmed that the debris accompanying the deluge earlier this week has blocked a stream that joins the Rishiganga river, forming a temporary lake, which if breached, can cause another flash flood and more devastation.

Uttarakhand is situated in the western Himalayas, which is of recent origin geologically and is an unstable mountain zone due to the gradual tectonic shift in the Himalayan plate towards the north every year. This makes it vulnerable to earthquakes and underground geological changes which sud-

denly release energy and cause natural upheavals of gigantic proportions, disturbing the ecological foundation of the region and taking a toll on human lives.

Glaciers are a slow-moving mass or river of ice, formed through the gradual accumulation of snow on mountains. This accumulation takes place over decades. It is natural for glaciers to melt and break because of climatic factors and also due to underground geological changes.

However, disasters like the glacier burst that took place in Chamoli, are compounded by unabated and irresponsible human activities and lopsided Government policies with scant regard for environmental laws. However, this poor decision-making with regards to the environment by the bureaucrats and politicians is not just limited to Uttarakhand but can be



witnessed all over the nation. The unscientific and haphazard construction of roads and buildings on the hilly slopes without proper risk assessment and other technical details incurs a heavy cost on the environment across India and Uttarakhand. However, construction of dams and small hydroelectric projects all along

the rivers in Uttarakhand is the root cause of the misery we face time and again in the State. The Tapovan 520-Megawatt (MW) and Rishiganga 13 MW projects have been completely washed away in this flood. More than 50 hydroelectric projects were either sanctioned or are running in Uttarakhand and these were sanctioned despite expert opinion against them. Even today many cases are pending in the Supreme Court on this issue.

It is argued that the geological movement of the glaciers might have been triggered by the regular blasting of the hills. For such recurrent tragedies, the governance structures are to be blamed.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, over the last several years adopted an expedient approach in giving clearances to hydroelectric and other

developmental projects. This was allegedly done without undertaking proper scrutiny and brushing aside objections concerning the environment that were raised time and again. It must be held accountable.

Be it mining or any other developmental projects, compliance with necessary conditions was never monitored in a systematic manner. In Uttarakhand in most of these hydro projects the disposal of muck and sludge is done in an unscientific manner. This is one of the main reasons for such calamities taking epic proportions.

It is high time the Uttarakhand Government and the Centre pay heed to the environmental experts who had been advising the two governments to change their development focus. It must be sustainable and not reckless and unscientific. The Government must

set its priorities right and act on it before it is too late. If we continue to inflict irreversible damage on the environment, nature will act in its own manner to restore its balance.

The management of our ecology must be given equal priority by policymakers, if not precedence, over other approaches in resources management. Over the years the share of the environment in the Union Budget has declined. It is a pittance considering the magnitude of integration needed for the holistic management of natural resources and to tackle the challenge of climate change. It is worth remembering an old saying: "Progress is impossible without change and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

Top babus and Ministers at the Centre and State must adhere to this advice.

IMPEACHMENT ACQUITTAL

Trump looks to reassert himself

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump took in the win at Mar-a-Lago, surrounded by friends and family. His lawyers celebrated with hugs and smiles. One joked, "We're going to Disney World!"

Now acquitted in his second Senate impeachment trial, Trump is preparing for the next phase of his post-presidency life. Feeling emboldened by the trial's outcome, he is expected to reemerge from a self-imposed hibernation at his club in Palm Beach, Florida, and is eyeing ways to reassert his power.

But after being barred from Twitter, the former president lacks the social media bullhorn that fueled his political rise.



And he's confronting a Republican Party deeply divided over the legacy of his jarring final days in office, culminating in the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol. Searing video images

extreme candidates in next year's congressional primaries. Undeterred, friends and allies expect Trump to resume friendly media interviews after weeks of silence. He has met with political aides to discuss efforts to help Republicans try to take control of the House and Senate in the 2022 midterms elections. He remains fixated on exacting revenge on Republicans who supported his impeachment or resisted his efforts to overturn the results of the November election won by Democrat Joe Biden.

"I imagine you'll probably be hearing a lot more from him in the coming days," senior adviser Jason Miller said.

In a statement after the vote, Trump offered few clues, but was defiant as he told supporters their movement "has only just begun."

"In the months ahead I have much to share with you, and I look forward to continuing our incredible journey

together to achieve American greatness for all of our people," he said.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, who spoke with Trump on Saturday night, acknowledged that Trump is "mad at some folks," but also "ready to move on and rebuild the Republican Party" and "excited about 2022."

In their conversations, Graham has stressed to Trump, who has threatened to start his own party to punish disloyal Republicans, that the GOP needs him to win.

"I said, 'Mr. President, this MAGA movement needs to continue. We need to unite the party. Trump-plus is the way back in 2022,'" Graham, R-S.C., told "Fox News Sunday."

"My goal is to win in 2022 to stop the most radical agenda I've seen coming out of the Democratic presidency of Joe Biden. We can't do that without Donald Trump, so he's ready to hit the trail and I'm ready to work with him," Graham said.

Myanmar security forces crack down on anti-coup protesters

AP ■ YANGON

Security forces in Myanmar intensified their crack down against anti-coup protesters on Monday, seeking to quell the large-scale demonstrations calling for the military junta that seized power earlier this month to reinstate the elected government.

More than 1,000 protesters were rallying in front of the Myanmar Economic Bank in Mandalay, the country's second-largest city, when at least 10 trucks full of soldiers and police arrived and started firing slingshots toward the protesters before they even got out of the trucks, according to a photographer who witnessed the events.

The soldiers and police then attacked the protesters with sticks and slingshots, and police could be seen aiming long guns into the air amid sounds that resembled gunfire. Local media reported that rubber bullets were also fired into the crowd, and that a few people were injured.



A policeman aims a slingshot towards an unknown target during a crackdown on anti-coup protesters holding a rally in front of the Myanmar Economic Bank in Mandalay Myanmar on Monday

Police were also seen pointing guns toward the protesters.

In the capital, Naypyitaw, protesters gathered outside a police station demanding the release of a group of high school students who were detained while joining in anti-coup activities.

One student who managed to escape told reporters that the pupils — thought to range in age from 13 to 16 — were demonstrating peacefully when a line of riot police suddenly arrived and began arresting them. It wasn't clear exactly how many students were rounded up, but estimates put the figure at between 20 and 40.

Support grows for Capitol riot enquiry

AP ■ WASHINGTON

After former President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appears to be growing for an independent September 11-style commission into the deadly insurrection that took place at the US Capitol.

Investigations into the riot were already planned, with Senate hearings scheduled later this month in the Senate Rules Committee. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has asked retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré to lead an immediate review of the Capitol's security process.

Lawmakers from both parties, speaking on Sunday's news shows, signaled that even more inquiries were likely. The Senate verdict Saturday, with its 57-43 majority falling 10 votes short of the two-thirds needed to convict Trump, hardly put to rest the

debate about the Republican former president's culpability for the Jan. 6 assault.

"There should be a complete investigation about what happened," said Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, one of seven Republicans who voted to convict Trump. "What was known, who knew it and when they knew, all that, because that builds the basis so this never happens again."

Cassidy said he was "attempting to hold President Trump accountable," and added that as Americans hear all the facts, "more folks will move to where I was." He was censured by his state's party after the vote.

An independent commission along the lines of the one that investigated the Sept. 11 attacks would probably require legislation to create. That would elevate the investigation a step higher, offering a definitive government-backed accounting of events.

Impeachment isn't the final word on Capitol riot for Trump

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Donald Trump's acquittal at his second impeachment trial may not be the final word on whether he's to blame for the deadly Capitol riot. The next step for the former president could be the courts.

Now a private citizen, Trump is stripped of his protection from legal liability that the presidency gave him. That change in status is something that even Republicans who voted on Saturday to acquit of inciting the January 6 attack are stressing as they urge Americans to move on from impeachment.

"President Trump is still liable for everything he did while he was in office, as an

ordinary citizen, unless the statute of limitations has run," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said after that vote. He insisted that the courts were a more appropriate venue to hold Trump accountable than a Senate trial.

"He didn't get away with anything yet," McConnell said. "Yet."

The insurrection at the Capitol, in which five people died, is just one of the legal cases shadowing Trump in the months after he was voted out of office. He also faces legal exposure in Georgia over an alleged pressure campaign on state election officials, and in Manhattan over hush-money payments and business deals.

Reports: Israeli strike near Syrian capital kills 6 fighters

Beirut: Israel fired several missiles early on Monday targeting areas near the Syrian capital, Damascus, Syria's state news agency reported. An opposition war-monitoring group said the strikes killed six Iran-backed fighters.

The SANA news agency claimed that Syrian air defenses shot down most of the missiles, which it said were fired from Syria's Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor with a network of activists on the ground, said the strikes hit positions of the Syrian army's Fourth Division in the mountains near the highway that links Damascus with the

Lebanese capital of Beirut. It said another strike hit Syrian army positions in Kisweh, just south of Damascus.

The Observatory said that of the six Iran-backed fighters killed, four were near the Damascus-Beirut highway and two in Kisweh. Weapons depots were also struck in both areas, it added.

Israel has launched hundreds of strikes against Iran-linked military targets in Syria over the years but rarely acknowledges or discusses such operations. Israel views Iranian entrenchment on its northern frontier as a red line, and has repeatedly struck Iran-linked facilities and weapons convoys destined for Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group.

Biden faces pressure as US sets new course on immigration

Tijuana: After a weeklong bus ride from Honduras, Isabel Osorio Medina arrived in northern Mexico with the hope President Joe Biden would make it easier for people like him to get into the United States.

"It seems the new president wants to help migrants," Osorio said as he got ready to check in to a cheap hotel in downtown Tijuana before heading to the US. "They're saying he is going to help, but I don't know for

sure how much is true or not." The 63-year-old is among thousands of people who have come to the US-Mexico border with the hope they will be able to ask for asylum and make their way into the US. Now that Trump is no longer in office, while Biden has taken some major steps in his first weeks in office to reverse Trump's headline immigration policies, his administration hasn't lifted some of the most significant barriers to asylum-seekers.

B'desh sends more Rohingya refugees to new island

AP ■ DHAKA

Bangladesh authorities sent a fourth group of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar to a newly developed island in the Bay of Bengal on Monday despite calls by human rights groups for a halt to the process.

The roughly 2,000 Rohingya who had been living in the sprawling refugee camps of Cox's Bazar were sent to Bhasan Char, an island specifically developed to accommodate 100,000 of the 1 million Rohingya who have fled from neighbouring Myanmar, M.

Mozammel Haque, a commander of the Bangladesh navy, told reporters. With Monday's group, more than 7,000 refugees have moved to the island since the process started in December.

The government has said the arrangement is good for the refugees and the island is designed to offer better living conditions. While human rights groups have criticized the moves and some are being forced to go against their will, the government has insisted that refugees moving to the island have done so voluntarily.

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Extract of Unaudited Statement of Financial Results for the quarter ended 31st December 2020 (in Lacs)

S/No	Particulars	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Pr. Year	
		31.12.2020	30.09.2020	31.12.2019	31.12.2020		31.12.2019
1	Total income from operations (net)	18,545.76	6,783.48	1,417.74	26,210.21	7,861.39	10,000.65
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary items)	687.86	(498.33)	(555.80)	(440.85)	(2,383.10)	(2,562.70)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (before Extraordinary items)	687.86	(498.33)	(555.80)	(440.85)	(2,383.10)	(2,562.70)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	687.86	(498.33)	(555.80)	(440.85)	(2,383.10)	(2,562.70)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	694.44	(494.10)	(552.62)	(430.04)	(2,371.77)	(2,560.49)
6	Equity Share Capital	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)						
a)	Basic :	2.20	(1.59)	(1.78)	(1.41)	(7.61)	(8.19)
b)	Diluted:	2.20	(1.59)	(1.78)	(1.41)	(7.61)	(8.19)

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and Nine Months ended on 31st December 2020 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of standalone Audited Financial Results are available on the websites of the BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com).

The above financial results were reviewed by the audit committee and approved by Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 13-02-2021

Date:-13-02-2021
Place: New Delhi

For and on behalf of Board
Sd/- (PREM NARAIN VARSHNEY) MANAGING DIRECTOR, DIN: 00012709

Will live in Pak, won't go abroad: Maryam Nawaz

Lahore: Pakistan's deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif's daughter Maryam Nawaz said on Monday that she will not leave the country to join her father in London for her treatment despite the Imran Khan government's apparent offer to go abroad.

"Even if someone (from the government) comes to my home and offers me to go abroad, I will decline it straightaway," she said while talking to reporters at her Jati Umra Raiwind residence here. **PTI**

Germany: 5 Tajiks charged with membership in ISIS group

AP ■ BERLIN

German prosecutors said Monday they have charged five Tajik men with being members of the Islamic State group, accusing them of participating in a cell of the extremist organisation in Germany.

Federal prosecutors filed the indictment at the Duesseldorf state court, where an alleged associate of the five was convicted last month of membership in IS for co-founding the German cell and supporting two planned attacks. He was sentenced to seven years in prison.

The suspects now charged were identified only as Farhodshoh K., Muhammadali G., Azizjon B., Sunatullokh K. And Komron B., in keeping with German privacy rules.

RAIN TRIGGERS LANDSLIDE IN INDONESIA; 2 DEAD

Nganjuk: Torrential rains triggered a landslide on Indonesia's main island of Java that killed at least 10 people, with rescuers digging desperately with their bare hands and farm tools on Monday to locate nine missing people, including four children, officials said.

SNOW LEOPARD DIES AFTER CANCELLER

Cape May: A snow leopard that gained attention for giving birth to seven cubs has died at 17 years old due to cancer, a New Jersey zoo said on Sunday.

RUSSIAN CARGO SHIP LAUNCHED TO ISS

Moscow: An unmanned Russian cargo ship launched successfully Monday with a load of supplies for the International Space Station. The Progress MS-16 cargo ship blasted off as scheduled at 09:45 am from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan and reached a designated orbit en route to the station.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to rule 8(i)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Sandeep Sahota (Borrower), Palak Sahota (Co-Borrower), Sands Info Systems Pvt Ltd (Co-Borrower) LBNOD0002115448	Unit No. 302, Second Floor, Block C, JNC Princess Park, Ahinsa Khand II, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad And / Or Flat No C-302, Second Floor, JNC Princess Park, Kharsa No. 526/3, And 519, Village Mohiuddinpur Kanawani, Pargana Loni, Tehsil Dadri, Gautam Budh Nagar- 201010 Area: 1800 Sq Ft	Rs. 98,55,353/- (as on February 8, 2021)	Rs. 62,00,000/- To Rs. 6,20,000/-	February 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM To 1:00 PM	March 10, 2021 From 11:00AM To 01:00PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till March 09, 2021 before 05:00 P.M else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005, and there after they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before March 09, 2021 before 05:00 P.M along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower, 3rd Floor New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 on or before March 09, 2021 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9327230494 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/9810029926/0124423933

Please note that Marketing agencies 1.M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3.Props AMC have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: February 16, 2021
Place: Delhi/INCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

All the ordinary informed that my client Kishori Lal and his wife Urmila R/o EE-2757 Jhangir Puri, Delhi-110033, has been ended all the relations with their real son SANJAY and evicted him from their relations and their movable, immovable properties etc. forever due to his very bad behavior with my clients. If any person can make any sort of relation / transaction with SANJAY then he/she will only be responsible for any Profit / Loss and my clients will always remain free from all these disputes and matters.

Madan Gopal Vachar (Advocate)
Ch. 236 Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-110034

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my clients Mr. Hari Om Sharma & Ms. Monika Sharma is the owners of DDA Flat No. 262, GF, Block-A-1, situated at Lawrence Road, Keshavnagar, Delhi. My clients have lost the original Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, NOC Letter, Death & Survivor Certificate of Late Ms. Ajit Kaur. My client have also lodged a FIR on 15.02.2021 for the same.

Any person having any claim in respect of the above said mentioned property thereof by way of inheritance, transfer, mortgage or otherwise, whatsoever, are requested to inform the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned on below mentioned address within 10 days from the date of publication hereof together with copies of all documents on the basis of which claims are made, failing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on my clients.

C.K. JHA (Advocate)
E-524, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032, (M) - 9811295674

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Lalit @ Lali, S/o Ajay, R/o H.No. G-741, Mangol Puri, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 228/20 u/s 392/34 IPC, at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Lalit @ Lali cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Lalit @ Lali has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Lalit @ Lali of case FIR No. 228/20 u/s 392/34 IPC, at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi is required to appear on this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.04.2021

By Order
Sh. Vaibhav Chaurasia,
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West),
Room No. 112, First Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/673/RD/2021-(Court Matter)

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown, was found dead at Safdarjung Hospital's Mortuary, Delhi on 05.02.2021 in the area of P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide DD No. 68-A U/s 174 Cr.PC, dated 05.02.2021 at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- Age: About 40 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: White colour T-shirt with flower leaf print and white colour lower. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph: 011-23967889, 8750870123

DP/945/N/2021

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	BOARD NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	LALA LALPAT RAI UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY AND ANIMAL	MAKING OF WHEAT BHOOSA (TOORI) OF WHEAT, BARLEY & OATS CROPS AFTER HARVESTING BY COMBINE HARVESTER AND TRANSPORTATION FROM FIELD TO STORES OF CF&IS INCLUDING LOADING, UNLOADING AND STACKING IN STORE.	12.02.2021 08.03.2021	23.80 LACS	www.ltuvas.edu.in	9416355474 sihagsajans4@gmail.com
2	GURU JAMBHESHWAR UNIVERSITY HISAR	INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ENGAGEMENT OF FIRE CONSULTANT FOR OBTAINING FIRE AND SAFETY CERTIFICATE AT GUSSEY, HISAR.	15.02.2021 09.03.2021	1 LAKH	https://www.gjust.ac.in/	01662-263105 uwdgjusr@gmail.com
3	MDU ROHTAK	PURCHASE OF VIDEO CONFERENCING SYSTEM OUT OF EQUIPMENT GRANT OF UGC-STRIDE PROGRAMME IN DEPARTMENT OF GENETICS, H.O.U. ROHTAK	12.02.2021 04.03.2021	7.50 LACS	www.mdu.ac.in	999606990 santoshgenetics@mdurohtak.ac.in
4	BHAGAT PHOOL SINGH MAHILA VISHVA VIDYALAYA	TENDER FOR PURCHASING OF PLUMBING ITEMS (DAY TO DAY REQUIREMENTS) FOR VARIOUS BUILDINGS + 2 OTHER WORKS AT BPSMV, KHANPUR KALAN, SONPAT	CLOSING DATE 02.03.2021	23.07 LACS	http://www.bpswomensuniversity.ac.in	01263283007 Xenbpsmv@gmail.com
5	DEEN BANDHU CHHOTU RAM UNIVERSITY	TENDER IS INVITED FOR PURCHASE OF SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF HIGH PRESSURE HYDROGEN STORAGE SETUP ALONGWITH GAS SENSING AND PURIFICATION/FILTRATION PROVISION	CLOSING DATE 23.02.2021	-	www.dcrustm.org	9416811639 dr.gen@dcrustm.org

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO NO. 1814

WPI inflation rises to 2.03% in January

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The wholesale price-based inflation rose sharply to 2.03 per cent in January on costlier non-food manufactured items and experts are projecting further uptick in the rate of price rise in the next few months.

The WPI inflation was 1.22 per cent in December, 2020 and 3.52 per cent in January last year.

While food articles saw softening in inflation, the sharp rise in the WPI inflation in January was led by manufactured non-food products, fuel and power, and crude petroleum and natural gas, data released by the Commerce and Industry ministry showed on Monday.

Food inflation in January stood at (-) 2.8 per cent, against (-) 1.11 per cent in the previous month. In vegetables and potatoes, it was (-) 20.82 per

cent and 22.04 per cent respectively.

Core inflation rose to a 27-month high of 5.1 per cent in January 2021.

In non-food articles, inflation was higher at 4.16 per cent, while in the fuel and power basket it was (-) 4.78 per cent, during the month under review.

ICRA Principal Economist Aditi Nayar said a deeper disinflation in primary food articles helped to cushion the impact of the sharp rise in core inflation.

Rising demand and strengthening pricing power will make core inflation rise further to as much as 7-7.5 per cent during April-June quarter, according to ICRA.

"... The headline WPI inflation is set to record large upticks over the course of the next few months. We now expect the WPI inflation to average 5-5.5 per cent in

FY2022, unless the available vaccines turn out to be ineffective against new COVID-19 variants, causing commodity prices, consumer confidence and business sentiment to plunge," Nayar added.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its monetary policy decision on February 5, kept interest rates unchanged for the fourth consecutive meeting and said that the outlook for core inflation is influenced by the escalation in cost-push pressures seen in recent months.

Petroleum product prices have reached historic highs as international crude prices surged in recent months and the high indirect taxes remain, both in the Centre and States. These, along with the sharp increase in industrial raw material prices have resulted in a broad-based increase in prices of services and manufacturing products in recent months.

India's exports up 6.16% in Jan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The country's exports grew by 6.16 per cent to USD 27.45 billion in January, according to data by the commerce ministry.

Imports too grew by 2 per cent to about USD 42 billion, leaving a trade deficit of USD 14.54 billion during the month under review, the data showed.

Exports during April-January this fiscal dipped by 13.58 per cent to USD 228.25 billion, while imports declined by 25.92 per cent to USD 300.26 billion.



Share of completed flats in total housing sales during 2020 rises to 21 pc: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Demand for completed residential properties is rising compared to that for under-construction flats, as the share of ready-to-move-in homes in the total housing sales in 2020 rose to 21 per cent from 18 per cent in the previous year, according to News Corp-backed realty brokerage firm PropTiger.

A total of 1,82,640 units were sold in the 2020 calendar year, of which 21 per cent were in the RTMI (ready-to-move-in) category and 79 per cent were under-construction, PropTiger said quoting its Real Insight report for 2020.

In 2019, a total of 3,47,590 units were sold of which 18 per cent were RTMI, it said in a statement.

PropTiger research found that the share of RTMI in the total sales has been on the rise since 2016.

The share of RTMI in total sales during 2015 was 7 per cent, which increased to 10 per cent in 2016, 12 per cent in 2017, 15 per cent in 2018 and 18 per cent in 2019, the statement said.

"Risk-averse home buyers are increasingly opting for ready-to-move-in flats.

Even in under-construction properties, the preference is towards branded developers or those with an impeccable track record of execution," said Dhruv Agarwala, Group CEO, Housing.Com, M a k a a n . C o m a n d PropTiger.Com.

Among various cities, the share of RTMI units in the total sales was the highest in Chennai at 32 per cent and lowest in Hyderabad at 12 per cent, during 2020.

However, the share of RTMI units in the total sales increased the most in Delhi-NCR at 27 per cent in 2020, from 17 per cent in the previous year.

IN BRIEF

RAO INDERJIT OPENS FOB, ESCALATORS AT G'GAON STATION

New Delhi: Minister of State for Statistics, Programme Implementation and Planning (Independent Charge) Rao Inderjit Singh on Monday inaugurated a foot overbridge and escalators at Gurgaon Railway station. He also laid foundation stone of limited height subway in place of level crossing No. 46 at Pataudi through video conferencing. Hon'ble Mayor Gurugram Madhu Azad and Municipal Councillor were present on this occasion. S.C. Jain, Divisional Railway Manager, Delhi and senior officers of Delhi Division were also present. The provision of Escalators on FOB will be beneficial for Senior Citizens and Divyaang. After construction of the Limited Height Subway in place of Level Crossing No. 46 at Pataudi there will be unhindered movement of LMVs.

KOLKATA METRO TO RUN 216 SERVICES ON SARASWATI PUJA

Kolkata: Metro Railway will run 216 services on Saraswati Puja on 16.02.2021 (Tuesday) instead of 240 services run on weekdays. The first service will start from both ends i.e. from Dum Dum and Kavi Subhash at 07.00 hrs and from Noapara at 07.09 hrs respectively. The last service will leave Kavi Subhash and Dum Dum at 21.30 hrs and from Noapara at 21.25 hrs. There will be no change in the timings of the first and last services. Only Smart Cards will be used. No tokens will be issued.

NTPC WORKS ON MODALITIES FOR COMPENSATION



New Delhi: NTPC Ltd has fast tracked all modalities and procedures required for distribution of compensation to the immediate families of those who lost their lives in the natural disaster that struck Tapovan project in Chamoli District on February 7 even as rescue operation continue in full swing with high-end machinery. While NTPC is extending a compensation of Rs 20 lakh to the immediate family of the contract labourers of the agency engaged in construction of NTPC project, the State and Central Governments have separately announced compensation package of Rs 4 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, respectively. Further, compensation against PF and Employees' Compensation Act covered under statutory provisions of the workers in the range of Rs 5 lakh to Rs 15 lakh will also be made available.

SLEEP CHAMPIONSHIP OFFERS ₹10 LAKH AWARD

Mumbai: At time when Covid-19 pandemic has affected sleep due to stress and career turbulences, Wakefit.co is back with its epic Sleep Internship Season 2 that offers Rs 1 Lakh reward to interns, and a grand prize of Rs 10 Lakh if selected as "India's Sleep Champion". About 60,000 applicants have already applied for Season 2 that requires interns to sleep uninterrupted for 9 hours for 100 consecutive nights. Chaitanya Ramalingegowda, Director and Co-founder, Wakefit.co, said, "We aim to drive home the message that sleeping is a serious job, it can be both satisfying and rewarding."

RBI sets up panel to suggest steps for strengthening, consolidating UCBs

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Monday set up a committee to draw a vision document for strengthening urban cooperative banks (UCBs) and exploring the potential of consolidation in the sector.

The committee, to be headed by former RBI Deputy Governor N S Vishwanathan, will suggest "effective measures for faster rehabilitation and resolution of Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) and also assess their potential for consolidation in the sector."

The panel will "draw up a vision document for a vibrant and resilient urban co-operative banking sector having regards to the Principles of Cooperation as well as depositors' interest and systemic issues," said the terms of refer-

Sensex soars past 52K; Nifty tops 15,300

PTI ■ MUMBAI

"Indian market opened on a positive following upbeat peers in Asia as Nikkei 225 crossed 30,000 for first time in more than three decades with Japan's economy growing 12.7 per cent on an annualised basis in October to December last year," said Narendra Solanki, Head-Equity Research (Fundamental), Anand Rathi.

Equity benchmark Sensex rallied over 610 points to finish above the 52,000-mark for the first time on Monday, tracking significant gains in financial stocks amid a positive trend in global markets.

After touching a record high of 52,235.97 during the day, the 30-share BSE index ended 609.83 points or 1.18 per cent up at 52,154.13.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty soared 151.40 points or 1 per cent to finish at a record high of 15,314.70.

It touched an intra-day peak of 15,340.15.

Axis Bank was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, climbing around 6 per cent, followed by ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, SBI, IndusInd Bank, HDFC and Kotak Bank.

On the other hand, Dr Reddy's TCS, Tech Mahindra, HUL and Asian Paints were among the laggards.

Gold declines marginally

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gold prices declined marginally by ₹19 to ₹46,826 per 10 gram here on Monday in line with weak global cues and rupee appreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal had closed at ₹46,845 per 10 gram.

Silver, however, gained ₹646 to ₹9,072 per kg from ₹8,426 per kg in the previous trade.

₹ rises by 7 paise to end at nearly 1-yr high on positive macro data

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Monday rose by 7 paise to settle at nearly one-year high of 72.68 against the US dollar supported by positive macro-economic data, weak dollar and a rally in domestic equities.

Improvement in risk sentiment following expectations of a US stimulus package, foreign fund inflows and gains in Asian currencies boosted the local currency, analysts said.

Amazon had asked for \$40mn as compensation for RIL deal: Future Group

New Delhi: Amazon had asked for USD 40 million (around Rs 290.41 crore) in compensation from Future Group for the deal with Reliance Industries, and Amazon's claim of not being informed of the deal is incorrect, documents submitted to the emergency arbitrator of SIAC by the Kishore Biyani-led firm said.

According to the submission by Future Group in October last year, Amazon was well aware of Future's Rs 24,713 crore deal with RIL.

WESTERN RAILWAY
SUPPLY OF TRACK ITEMS

Advt. Tender Notice No. WTR/17/TS/2021/03 dt. 15.02.2021 for tender on procurement of through E-Procurement mode only are invited by Chief Engineer (Track Supply), Head Quarter Office, Old Building, 2nd Floor, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020 for supply of the following items :-

Sr No.	Tender No.	Short Description	Earnest Money in ₹	Date of Opening	Tender Value (In Lakhs)
1.	216001	CMS Crossing 1 in 12, 60 Kg RDSO Drg. No. T-4220	50,00,000	17.03.2021	16627.09
2.	206015	6.2mm thick Composite GRSP 60 Kg to RDSO Drg. No. T-6618	50,00,000	19.03.2021	14169.48
3.	216003	CMS Crossing 1 in 12, 52Kg RDSO Drg. No. T-4734	50,00,000	23.03.2021	5256.97
4.	216002	CMS Crossing 60 Kg in 1 in 8.5 to RDSO Drg. No. T-4967	20,00,000	26.03.2021	4452.08
Total Value					40505.62

The time of closing of E-Tender Box : 11.30 hrs on the date of closing of tender. For detailed tender conditions/ corrigendum please visit www.treps.gov.in 661

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Indian IT industry's revenues to grow 2.3% to \$194 bln this fiscal: Nasscom

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Despite a dip in global technology spending amid the coronavirus pandemic, the country's information technology sector is set to post a 2.3 per cent rise in revenues to USD 194 billion in the current fiscal, Nasscom said on Monday.

The industry added 1.38 lakh people to its workforce on a net basis during the year, tak-

FinMin releases weekly instalment of ₹6,000 cr to States to meet GST shortfall

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance ministry on Monday released the 16th instalment of ₹6,000 crore to states to meet the GST compensation shortfall, taking the total amount released so far to ₹95,000 crore.

Till now, 86 per cent of the total estimated GST compensation shortfall has been released to the states and Union Territories (UTs) with legislative assembly. Out of this, an amount of ₹86,729.93 crore has been released to the states and ₹8,270.07 crore to the three UTs with legislative assembly (Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Puducherry). The remaining five states - Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim - do not have a gap in revenue on account of GST implementation, it added.

The Centre had set up a special borrowing window in October 2020 to meet the estimated shortfall of ₹1.10 lakh crore in revenue arising on account of implementation of GST. The finance ministry in a statement said it has released the 16th weekly instalment of Rs 6,000 crore to the states to meet the GST compensation shortfall. The amount has been borrowed this week at an interest rate of 4.64 per cent. "So far, an amount of ₹95,000 crore has been borrowed by the Central Government through the special borrowing window at an average interest rate of 4.7831 per cent," it added.

In addition to providing funds through the special borrowing window to meet the shortfall in revenue on account of GST implementation, the Centre has also granted additional borrowing permission equivalent to 0.50 per cent of Gross States Domestic Product (GSDP) to the states to help them in mobilising additional financial resources.

Rural Works Department

CORRIGENDUM-II

Notice Inviting EOI cum FRP (PR. 011496 (RWD) 2020-21

- The date of submission of EOI-cum-RFP is extended from 11.02.2021 to 25.02.2021.
- All other terms & conditions will remain same as per EOI cum RFP with the clarification issued.

Secretary-cum-Empowered Officer, BRRDA, Bihar

PR. No. 012835 (RWD) 2020-21

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Extract of Un-audited Financial Results for Nine Month Ended December 31, 2020

Particulars	Standalone					
	Quarter ended on 31.12.2020 Unaudited	Quarter ended on 30.09.2020 Unaudited	Quarter ended on 31.12.2019 Unaudited	Nine month ended on 31.12.2020 Unaudited	Nine month ended on 31.12.2019 Unaudited	Year ended on 31.03.2020 Audited
Total Income from Operations (net)	24.11	23.68	23.33	70.47	6.73	89.13
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	4.78	3.41	3.10	12.62	7.24	6.82
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	4.78	3.41	3.10	12.62	7.24	6.82
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	3.29	2.50	2.29	8.75	5.36	4.70
Paid-up equity share capital (Face value Rs. 10 per share)	57.30	57.30	57.30	57.30	57.30	57.30
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserves as Shown in the Balance Sheet of previous Year)		172.29				
Earnings per share - (after extraordinary items) - (of Rs. 10/- each)	0.58	0.44	0.40	1.53	0.94	0.82
Diluted earnings per share - (after exceptional items) - (of Rs. 10/- each)	0.58	0.44	0.40	1.53	0.94	0.82

Notes: The above is an extract of the detailed format of the Standalone and Consolidated unaudited results for the quarter and nine month ended on December 31st, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Standalone and Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine month ended on December 31st, 2020 are available on the Stock Exchange website www.cse-india.com and on the Company's website.

For Moulin Commercial Limited
Sd/-
Ashish Gupta
Managing Director
DIN: 00115090

Place: Delhi
Date: 13.02.2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 30-35 years, Height: 5' 6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Black colour jacket, grey colour T-Shirt & without lower and barefoot, who was laying near Bus Stand, H.C. Sen Marg, Chandani Chowk, Delhi.** In this regard a case **DD No. 44-A Dated 10.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
Tel.: 011-23977100

DP/942/N/2021 (UIDB)

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Salma, D/o Md. Afjal, R/o F-152, Bawana, JJ Colony, Delhi, Age: 20 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, wearing Suit & Salwar and Black Shawl, who has been missing from her the area of P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi.**

this regards a **DD No. 41A, dated 16.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Budh Vihar, New Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Budh Vihar, New Delhi
DP/648/RD/2021 Tel.: 011-27052772, 27052773

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Rekha, D/o Chunni Lal, R/o 22, H-1 Block, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nangloi, Delhi.** Age 14 yrs., Height 5', Fair Complexion, Normal built, Long face, wearing white suit - green salwar chunni and chocolate colour sendal in feet has been missing/kidnaped since 03.02.2021 from the area of **PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi.**

In this regard a case **FIR No. 71/21 Dt. 03.02.2021 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnaped girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnaped girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
Ph.: 011-23014046
011-23015218

S.H.O., PS Nihal Vihar, Delhi.
Ph.: 011-25946700, 25946710

DP/672/OD/2021

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Shahid S/o Iqbal Khan R/o A-30, Main Road, Gujjar Mohalla, Chandan Holla Village, Mehrauli, New Delhi** has committed the offence **FIR No. 212/2010 u/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Vasant Vihar, New Delhi** & a warrant of arrest issued have been returned stating thereupon that the said **Shahid** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Shahid** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Shahid** accused of **FIR No. 212/2010 u/s 379/411 IPC P.S. Vasant Vihar, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.03.2021.**

By Order: Sh. Pawan Kumar Metropolitan Magistrate-07, Room No. 06, Patiala House Court, New Delhi

DP/507/SW/21

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Namely Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: About 30-35 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Wearing: No clothes on body, was found dead on 30.01.2021 at 10:00 AM at Haiderpur Water Plant, P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.** In this regard a **DD No. 82-A, dated 30.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.**

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27854757, 27854799
Mob.: 7065036326

DP/779/ON/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male **Namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found at 03.02.2021 on Near Radha Krishan Mandir, Mukarba Chowk, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.** In this regard **FIR No. 53/21 Dated 03.02.2021 u/s 279/304A** **IPC** has been lodged at Police Station, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 38 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink colour Shirt and Grey colour Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi
DP/786/ON/2021 Ph.: 011-27811933, 7065036328

HEALTH

TreatIt

A team of researchers have identified a potential new drug treatment for a fatal childhood cancer Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma. The study reveals a potential drug combination that — in animal studies and in world-first 3D models of the tumour — is “spectacularly effective in eradicating the cancer cells,” according to the researchers



EVERY MIND MATTERS

The holistic approach of regenerative medicine will ensure more definitive, safe and long-term effects in



Joubert Syndrome, says
DR PRADEEP MAHAJAN

There are several diseases that are classified as rare or “orphan”. Such diseases affect fewer than 200,000 people globally. The majority of rare diseases are inherited, having remained silent in the previous generations. Genetic alterations/disturbances are the prime cause of such conditions. We will be highlighting on one such disease, Joubert Syndrome (JS), named after the pediatric neurologist Marie Joubert who first identified it in 1969.

JS is a brain malformation in which an area of the brain called cerebellar vermis is absent or underdeveloped. What this region does is that it controls balance and coordination; therefore, affected individuals generally tend to have gait issues, inability to control voluntary movements, and decreased muscle tone. Other systemic issues have also been reported; however, the exact cause for this is not clearly known.

The condition manifests from infancy, and is first observed as weak muscle tone. Episodes of unusually fast or slow breathing may also be noticed. Gradually, children suffer from difficulty in coordinating movements, show abnormal eye movements, and delayed/impaired language and motor skills. Mild to severe intellectual disability may also occur. With age, affected individuals may also develop liver, kidney, and hormonal abnormalities. Since the condition appears to have features similar to other neurodevelopmental conditions, additional investigations are required to diagnose JS. A characteristic molar tooth sign is seen on brain MRI. Considering its rare presentation, only symptomatic and supportive treatment is available for patients. The majority of the treatments revolve around pharmacological management of systemic conditions, with rehabilitation and occupational therapy for language and motor skills-related issues. Nonetheless, the treatments provide temporary relief only from symptoms, making the patient dependent on family members for their lifetime in many cases.

Among the newer therapeutic advances, gene therapy/gene editing has been proposed for the management of JS. However, the treatment is still under investigation and may take years to be translated to the clinical set-up. On the other hand, regenerative medicine and cell-based therapy may be considered to individually target each pathology of JS. For example, the multidifferentiation potential of mesenchymal cells and neurotrophic effect can play a role in enhancing brain activity.

Likewise, cells and tissues of the kidney and other organs damaged by the disease process can be regenerated by cell-based therapy, owing to the self-renewing and paracrine properties of mesenchymal cells. Of course, rehabilitative and allied treatments such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, oxygen/stimulation-based therapies will be required for superior outcomes. However, this holistic approach of regenerative medicine and allied therapies will ensure more definitive, safe and long-term effects compared to conventional pharmacological treatments. Nonetheless, considering the rare presentation of JS, it is also important to counsel the family and ensure long-term follow up of patients to initiate prompt treatment.

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Post surgery care is key



Clouding myths pertaining to the post-surgical quality of life of knee replacement have kept many patients with chronic knee pain in the dark. While there is a dire need to raise awareness among masses about the advancements in technology in his field of joint replacement surgeries, also a minor effort from those undergoing such surgeries to adapt to a healthy lifestyle can also turn out the outcomes to be more fruitful.

During a primary knee replacement surgery, the knee joint is replaced with an implant, which is in most of the cases successful. But sometimes due to loosening of the implants or wear out, a revision procedure may be required. Depending upon the condition, the revision surgeries may include replacement of partial components of the implants, Unicompartmental joint replacement or complete replacement.

According to the recent data provided by Joint registry (ISHKS), over 35,000 total knee replacements (TKR) have been performed in India last year and there is an upsurge in these procedures in the last five years. As per an estimate around 20 crore Indians (especially above the age of 50 years) suffer from some form of knee related problems. The major reasons attributable includes degenerative arthritis like osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Unicompartmental arthritis among many others. Among such majority of population at least 20 per cent of them are having a poor quality of life and are suggested for an immediate knee replacement procedure.

Poor eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle post surgery often ends up in unwanted weight gain. It is thus advised to eat a balanced diet along with regular mild exercises to maintain the BMI

In some of the cases due to trauma or an injury to the bone may make it harder for the surgeon to use standardised implants during a revision surgery, where specially designed implants are required. Avoiding such complications of injury to the joints or adjacent areas and taking certain precautionary measures can ensure an enhanced lifespan of the implants and avoids the need for a revision knee replacement surgery.

Maintains an optimal Body Mass Index (BMI): Poor eating habits and a sedentary lifestyle often post surgery ends up in unwanted weight gain. It is thus advised to eat a healthy and balanced diet along with regular mild exercises to maintain the BMI.

Physical activity and regular exercise: Regular exercise is a must, and always consults the treating doctor for the moderation, before taking up heavy workouts. It is usually advised for brisk walking, basic physical exercise likes aerobics for at least five days a week. This will not only help in strengthening the muscles but also helps in proper settling and adjustment of the implants. Regular exercise will also benefit the patient for a prolonged life of the implant.

Avoid cross legged sitting immediately after surgery: Adapting to a table chair lifestyle for initial few months post a knee replacement will reduce the wear and tear allowing the implants to settle better as per the curvature of the actual bone. Consult the surgeon when to involve in such activities.

Yearly check-ups: TKR patients must visit the surgeons yearly to keep a check on loosening in the joint which can be dealt with time.

WARMFOODS

BRUSSELS SPROUT: They are low in calories but high in fiber, vitamins and minerals. Brussels sprouts are especially rich in vitamin K, which is necessary for blood clotting and bone health.

They're also high in Vitamin C, an antioxidant that helps promote iron absorption and is involved in tissue repair and immune function. What's more, their high fiber content helps support regularity and gut health. Not to mention, how important is to have Vitamin C during Corona. Hence, it makes brussels sprout all the way more important to add to one's diet.

Brussels sprouts contain small amounts of vitamin B6, potassium, iron, thiamine, magnesium and phosphorus. Antioxidants are compounds that reduce oxidative stress in your cells and help lower your risk of chronic disease.

One study found that when participants ate about 2 cups (300 grams) of Brussels sprouts daily, damage to their cells from oxidative stress decreased by 28 per cent. They may also come with added health benefits, including the potential to reduce the risk of cancer, decrease inflammation and improve blood sugar control.



BE WATER WISE

A person needs to drink a minimum of two litres of water regularly. Stressing the system by chronic dehydration causes the kidneys to work harder, says DR SIDDHARTH SINGH

In winters, it has been often seen that the incidences of kidney stones and UTIs increase as the intake of fluids in people's diet decreases during the season. Our kidney's function in the body is predominantly filtering out the waste products through urine and maintaining a water balance. This further enables the proper flow of blood. Therefore, to have the proper functioning of the kidney and other parts of the body, it's vital that we take fluids in large quantities.

Experts believe that the kidney can handle excess water but if the body has too little then it hampers the functioning of the kidney that further results in Urinary Tract Infection (UTI), kidney stones and Renal failure. All these can lead to kidney damage if not treated quickly.

Dehydration is primarily caused due to the less intake of fluid. There are three ways the body loses water: breathing, sweating, and urine production. Each person must consume enough liquid to replace that given off to maintain healthy body functioning. A person weighing between 68-90 kilograms would need to drink a minimum 2 litres of water regularly. Stressing the system by chronic dehydration

causes the kidneys to work harder. Why does dehydration lead to UTIs?

We know that water is a major factor for urine production. Our bladders are like the containers, which store urine, until and unless we go to the washroom and pass the urine. So, when a bacteria goes inside those bladders from the urethra then it remains there till we urinate. So, if we don't drink water then the bacteria gets enough time to multiply in the urethra, causing UTI. Each time you use the washroom, you are actually flushing out these bacteria through your urine. Drink water throughout the day. You can also consume fruits, which are high on water, including watermelons, berries, peaches and grapefruit. In case you're not feeling thirsty, take part in physical activity as much as you can so that you end up drinking adequate quantity of water.

Can water intake avoid the kidney stones?

Almost 60-70 per cent of body weight is made up of water, which is essential for the functioning of the overall body. Dehydration happens when you lose an excess amount of water from the body either through diarrhea, vomiting, sweating, or extra losses in your urine, such as poorly controlled dia-

Kidney stones are also a result of dehydration. When we drink enough water then the formation of stone-forming crystals from sticking to the walls of the kidneys can be avoided. Urologists also recommend drinking more water for anyone who is going through painful kidney stone, regardless of the type of the stone

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Here are five strategies for staying well-hydrated despite the chilly winters:

■ In order to make yourself conscious about your fluid intake, start writing down how much water you're drinking. Continue doing this for a week.

■ Make a habit of drinking a glass of water in the morning the moment you get up from your bed. Take a sipper with you and ensure that you're sip from it at least twice an hour.

■ If you are bored of drinking normal water, you can add lemon to add a tangy flavour to it.

■ If you are having a hot beverage like tea or coffee, then make sure that you're drinking a glass of water prior to having it.

■ To avoid dehydration, make sure that you're running a humidifier to counter the effect of the heater or blower.

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DadiKaKehna

Most of us might know the pain of having a pimple scar, right before a big event. ROSHANI DEVI shares easy home remedies that can help treat it at the comfort of your home



A big event coming up? Get ready to wake up with a red and not-so-hot pimple the next morning. Fret not. Here are a few remedies that have got you covered.

Try aloe vera. We all know the benefits of using aloe vera on our skin, but what we might not know is that it can also help treat pimple scars. It has soothing and antibacterial properties that help reduce irritation and redness. It is extremely beneficial for skin conditions like blemishes and skin infections. For best results, use the gel directly from the plant and apply it to the marks.

Coconut oil to the rescue. It's a no brainer that coconut oil is full of anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties that equip it to treat various skin conditions. It is rich in antioxidants and vitamin A and K that can help you get rid of the pimple marks.

Turmeric can help too. Without wasting money on those anti-scar creams one can simple use turmeric for brightening up dull skin and in decreasing pigmentation. Mix it with some curd, and gram flour and apply it to the affected area for 15-20 minutes. Rinse it off with cold water.



Positives of human behaviour

MAHESH RATNAM RAJAN talks about what made him write a book on human behaviour and his learnings from the lockdown

This last one year has been testing times for everyone. Each person out there has reacted to the lockdown that followed due to the present pandemic in different ways. While it brought out the worst in some people, in others, it was the best. They turned to their kitchen to hone their cooking skills, while others chose to pick up a paper and pen to pour their thoughts. People as young as seven-year-old took to writing and this includes Mahesh Ratnam Rajan, director of the strategy for a technology company, who launched his first book *Illusions of Control* on February 7, 2021. The book is a fiction based on human behaviour.

It was the isolation coupled with his experience of travelling around the world and seeing it from a different perspective that inspired Rajan to write this book — how people reacted while confined to their homes. The book highlights his thoughts on how an invisible enemy can turn one's plans upside down.

“While writing this book, I was apprehensive about my writing skills and the topic that I had chosen to write on. To get a feel about how people would react to what I had written I decided to send it to my friends and asked for their opinion. They liked it and encouraged me to go ahead. I poured out all my experiences and the lessons that I have learnt even if it was for business,” Rajan tells you. Writing a book, he says, makes one learn patience, an extremely valuable lesson.

“This book gave me the most important lesson - that of patience. There were times when I thought what I am writing didn't make sense and I needed to redo. I did just that. I began from scratch. This is the moment when most people give up. But, the love for the book and the motivation to pen my thoughts kept me going. I learnt to be patient and went step by step and did things as required,” he says.

He tells you that one should never fear roadblocks that come in life; instead, one should con-

tinue to work towards their goal.

“When one writes a story or a book for that matter, there are high chances that it might not go as one had planned. One may feel that it is not relevant. The mantra is to keep writing even if you feel it is not good. Give it to your friends or family to read who will give an unbiased feedback. If you want to be a writer, be open to criticism. Learn from your mistakes, try to not repeat them and go back to writing again,” he opines.

His timing of course, to debut as a writer came at the wrong time. “I picked out a really bad time to launch a book. I reached out to a couple of publishers and they were reluctant to take a new book especially from a new author. Every writer out there should try to get in touch with different publishers through networking. Everything today happens because of networking. Self-publishing is a good option as the writer is in-charge on how the book comes out,” Ranjan says.

INBRIEF

Sometimes redemption is found in the most unexpected of places. True Frog is an Indian-origin personal care brand that advocates beauty with integrity with its non-toxic, vegan, harmful chemical-free & CG-friendly products. Their Deep Conditioning mask intensely hydrates and restores the thirstiest, most over-processed hair, from root to top. Packed with natural ingredients and with extracts of vinegar, apple, lemon, Tucuma Butter, Quinoa protein, beetroot, chia seed, etc and it is formulated to hydrate, restructure and transform hair in distress.

Suitable for damaged, dull, frizzy, dry hair, the mask rebalances, intensely hydrates, and makes it up to one's hair for all the love that it has been missing. Also effective with hard water. True Frog DO NOT ADD Sulphates, Parabens, Silicones, or any other harmful chemicals and ensure that their products are environmentally friendly and have allergen-free fragrances.

The products are created without harmful elements and are designed to be efficient and truly beneficial for your hair and skincare goals. Price: Bottle of 200gm is priced at ₹695.



Bollywood
 My choices are like my fingerprints, they make me unique.
 —Deepika Padukone



THE DIGITAL PUSH

Businesses must figure out new ways to simplify the app store ecosystem so that users can meet their aspirations seamlessly, says RAKESH DESHMUKH



is where the role of an enhanced app store ecosystem (EASE) comes into the picture.

□The need for an enhanced app store ecosystem

The importance of local languages in a densely populated and diverse country like India can't be overlooked. The country comprises 1.15 billion mobile phone users, of which 520.1 million hail from rural areas, as highlighted by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). To tap into these potential customers, addressing the language barrier should be the top priority. Imagine when 520.1 million users will be able to digitally converse in their preferred dialect. Naturally, they will find content more relatable while also enjoying the highly personalised user experience.

According to the Google KPMG report, 70 per cent of Indians find digital content in the local language more reliable, 88 per cent of Indian language internet users are more likely to respond to a digital advertisement in their preferred language compared to English, and 90 per cent of video consumption is done through local languages. This clearly shows the astronomical growth opportunity that regional markets

hold at present, enabling app developers to innovate the app store ecosystem using the power of localisation.

□Government's role in strengthening local language content development

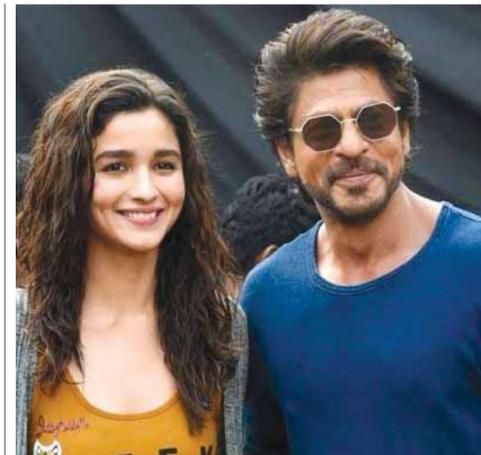
In the recent budget 2021-22, the government has proposed to set up a National Language Translation Mission (NLTM), owing to the growing demand for accessing online services in local languages. The move will provide a significant boost to the existing regional language initiatives in the country, and encourage agencies to translate science and technology-related content into local languages, which otherwise is available only in English.

Doing so will also widen the reach of digital content and allow more people to access it, thus helping them consume it in their preferred language. NLTM is a great example that showcases the increasing relevance of Indian languages in every service and solution that today's businesses offer to consumers.

While television, for ages, has served as the primary screen, we have now entered an era where smartphones are replacing it. App developers should thus come up with more innovative offerings that are mobile-based rather than TV-driven. Moreover, the growing preference of Indians towards regional content has emerged as a newly found opportunity, and app developers should strive to leverage it. An enhanced app store ecosystem (EASE) is a great way to bring innovation to the next billion consumers, help them become a part of the digital world, and drive awareness around how digital tools can add value to their lives.

To bank on EASE, app developers can also experiment with other elements like voice and video that have always existed but have not been repeated yet. These can be the next two powerful tools that businesses can add to their existing portfolio of products, and serve customers in a more personalised manner. As we advance in 2021, businesses must figure out new ways to simplify the app store ecosystem so that the next billion users can use it to meet their day-to-day aspirations more seamlessly than ever before.

(The writer is Co-Founder and CEO of an app and content discovery platform, Indus OS.)



SRK production Darlings to go on floors

After *Dear Zindagi*, Shah Rukh Khan reunites with Alia Bhatt on a quirky mother-daughter story, *Darlings*, this time, as a producer. According to a source, the entire film is developed by Red Chillies and was narrated to Alia sometime back. "She loved it and instantly came on board the film," a source shared.

The film marks the directorial debut of Jasmeet K Reen, who has worked as an associate director and chief assistant director on multiple films and previously written films like *Force 2*, *Fanney Khan* and *Pati Patni Aur Woh*. The film rides on a formidable ensemble fronted by Alia, with actors like Shefali Shah, Vijay Varma and Roshan Mathew on board. It is said to be a quirky story about an endearing mother-daughter duo, played by Alia and Shefali, who are navigating through crazy circumstances in life. "It's set in Mumbai against the backdrop of a middle-class family and traces the lives of two women, as they find courage and love in exceptional circumstances," the source added.

An official announcement of the film is expected this week and according to the source, the film will go on the floors as early as the first quarter of 2021. "In fact, the film is gearing up for a release this year itself. The pre-production work is going on full swing, and the team is all ready to take it on floors very soon in Mumbai." Apart from *Darlings*, SRK's production team is working on multiple films on the production front, with *Love Hostel* featuring Bobby Deol, Vikrant Massey and Sanya Malhotra all set to go on floors, and Bob Biswas with Abhishek Bachchan in the post-production stage. The film is gearing up for a Summer 2021 opening. There are multiple other subjects that are on the verge of getting started, including SRK's next acting stint, which is expected to go on the floors after the YRF production, *Pathan*. Shah Rukh Khan is currently shooting for *Pathan*, which features him the lead as an agent with Deepika Padukone too joining him on the mission. John Abraham on the other hand plays the antagonist of *Pathan*. The follow up to this film for the superstar is expected to be Rajkumar Hirani's forthcoming social comedy.

Digitalisation has remained a buzz word in India for quite a long time now. Several businesses have been investing their time and money in new technologies to make their services digitally accessible. For instance, today we use so many apps on our smartphones for numerous routine activities like booking a cab, making payments, ordering food, and what not. In fact, our reliance on these digital tools has only increased over the years, and undoubtedly these solutions have simplified our lives to a great extent. But the real question is, can every Indian access these services as we do?

Evidently, the country has been witnessing a rapid rise in smartphone penetration. However, a major part of our population still finds it difficult to consume content in English. Although many people — even those hailing from tier 2 and 3 towns — are able to buy smartphones because of their affordable costs, they can't make the most of each and every application, and in some cases, they can't even use them properly. This is primarily because most people don't know the English language and hence it becomes extremely difficult for them to search and discover content. This

TREND TOOL

Simplicity meets style

Rock your style game by taking inspiration from a few print trends

No matter how intimidating it is to style print on print, it definitely sparks your inner Carrie Bradshaw. As designers venture into the space of unconventional prints on the runway, it eventually trickles down and is widely experimented by all fashion enthusiasts alike.

We take the liberty of narrowing down some of the most sought after #PrintOnPrint trends by taking cues from ensembles by popular designers.

PAIR WITH NEUTRAL TONES

If your personal style leans more towards subtle and minimal, you can start by pairing your prints with neutral tones like whites or nudes. Whether it is a bright blue texture like Kunal Anil Tanna's play on stripes or a mix of pastel block prints, like Vedika M's spin on hand painted drapes, you're sure to make a memorable style statement with these stunning visual textures.

LAYER IT UP

Amp up the dimension and vivacity of your ensemble by mixing conspicuous prints with layering. A zebra textured cape on a colour blocked ensemble, like Zwaan's or a solid bandi on a densely textured cord set, by Kunal Anil Tanna, these can help add depth to an otherwise simple attire. And if you're looking to go one step further,

opt for a single print through all layers like Gulabo Jaipur or use contrast colours and prints like Vedika M.

TRUE TO TRADITION

As long as you keep your accessories to a bare minimum, you can get extremely creative with your prints in traditional silhouettes. A prairie printed sari or a blend of pastel stripes on bell sleeves can redefine demure elegance like no other as seen in ensembles by Ridhi Mehra, Gulabo Jaipur and Vedika M.

COOL CO-ORDS

While mixing prints is purely instinctive, there is also a different fascination around wearing the same print from head to toe. If you choose to go indie, you can go crazy mixing different textures. From big and bold to floral and dainty, experiment with prints in different silhouettes like *angarakha* kurtas, peplum tops, bishop sleeves and flare pants, as seen above by designers Sukriti & Aakriti and Ridhi Mehra.

SEXY SINGLETONS

There's nothing more sophisticated than donning a singleton with a striking print throughout the ensemble. Ideally, opt for flowy silhouettes that flatter your body while looking absolutely chic like Zwaan colour-blocked or striped textures or Ridhi Mehra's Persian play on the classic *anarkali*.



'Gaining trust takes time'

Actor ABHISHEK BANERJEE on why it took long for him to get noticed

Abhishek Banerjee has been in the Hindi film industry for over a decade. He was impressive in films such as *No One Killed Jessica*, *Phillauri* and *Ajji* among others, but it has only been in the past few years that he started getting noticed in mainstream Bollywood, with roles in films like *Stree*, *Dream Girl* and *Bala*, and his act as Hathoda Tyagi in the web series *Paatal Lok*.

Talking about why it took him so long to get noticed, Abhishek said, "I think there can be many factors, but it is all assumptions because I don't have a clear answer to that. If you ask me it has been five years since I have felt like a camera actor."

The actor, who has worked with several big directors as a casting director in the past, said that he looked at what was not working for him as a performer. "I looked at what was not working for me as an actor because of course I was close to the directors I was working with. I knew a lot of people and if still I was not getting cast in a good role that meant that people lacked trust in me as an actor and performer. So, first I had to work towards that and then



there were few people like Devashish Makhija, Amar Kaushik and Karnesh Sharma (who cast me)," he said. "These guys showed a lot of faith. Why am I taking their name is not because of *Paatal Lok* or *Stree*. (*Bala* and *Stree* director) Amar Kaushik has seen me since *No One Killed Jessica* and he had cast me in *Go Goa Gone*. When no one was casting me these

guys were already casting me. Karnesh Sharma cast me in *Phillauri*. Those guys showed trust. So, chances were given and in those chances you had to work hard and then it happened," said Abhishek.

"Also, I am talking like a casting director because this goes for all the actors. Even (*Scam 1992* lead actor) Pratik Gandhi and Jaideep Ahlawat, it is not that they have start-

ed working today. I took Jaideep's audition 11 or 12 years ago when we had just passed out from the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)," he recalled.

"There are a lot of actors who are already in Bombay, are good but gaining that trust of directors takes time and they also slowly have to prove themselves with every role," Abhishek summed up. —IANS

TREND BLAZER



'FAILURE HAS NEVER COME MY WAY'

Actor **SUNIEL SHETTY** is aware about the continuous discussion around star kids, their lifestyles and involvement of drugs in the film industry. While he is confident that his children actor Athiya Shetty and son Ahan are safe, he does worry about the wrong perception people have around star kids. Says he, "I don't worry for my kids. (I am) worried about them in the industry in general."

The actor also believes in the concept of live and let live. Says he, "Failure has never come my way. I am Suniel Shetty even after five flops."

fairtalk

NEHA BHASIN



"I was 49 kgs in *Viva* and I was fat shamed everyday. I am 65 kgs here. I put on weight in quarantine and I have never felt sexier. Weight is a number you can change but shaming one self is damaging and toxic. It's time we embrace human bodies in their natural form. I am all for fitness but I do not condone fat shaming, starvation, low esteem."

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"*Loop Lapeta* is one of those films where you get so much of love on set from all the departments that you actually have to pause and think if you were worth it all. Honestly, I am not very sure I was. You guys have spoilt me a little I think. What a team! I am going to miss all the love coming my way from all directions. Cheers to a rocking team."

HARRY-MEGHAN EXPECTING SECOND CHILD

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, **PRINCE HARRY** and **MEGHAN MARKLE**, have confirmed that they are expecting a younger brother or sister for their one-year-old son, Archie.

A spokesperson for the royal couple said, "The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are overjoyed to be expecting their second child."



CHENNAI'S SUPER KING

Local boy Ashwin makes 106 after taking fiver in 1st innings to show how to perform in turning track

2nd Test, Day 4
Live from 9:30am IST
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PTI ■ CHENNAI

Ravichandran Ashwin first gave a lesson on how to bowl on a rank turner and then provided a batting masterclass with a sparkling hundred on a deteriorating strip, putting India on the brink of a massive series-levelling victory against England on the third day of the second Test here on Monday.

Ashwin's fifth Test hundred — a gutsy 106 off 148 balls along with Virat Kohli's near flawless 62 off 149 balls got India to a more than decent 286 in 85.5 overs, leaving England with an improbable target of 482 runs on a dust bowl.

At stumps, England were already crumbling at 53 for 3 and it would take nothing short of a miracle for England to bat for two days and save the match.

Even their resolute captain Joe Root and coach Chris Silverwood wouldn't be optimistic on a track where exploding divots are making it extremely difficult to bat.

But difficult doesn't mean impossible. Just like facing a quality seam bowler on a green top is an art, one needs plenty of skills and mental fortitude to counter spinners on a dust bowl.

Skipper Kohli and Michael showed the likes of Ashwin that they have abundant skills to tackle the conditions as India batted nearly 182 overs across two innings on a track that many deemed as under-prepared after England failed to score even 150.

For Ashwin, it was the third time in his Test career when he notched up a five-for and a hundred along with it. Only England legend Ian Botham stands ahead of him with five



Ravichandran Ashwin raises his bat to acknowledge crowd gesture after he completes his fifth Test century on day 3 of 2nd Test against England in Chennai

such efforts in his career.

India's batting exhibition in the second innings was a statement for all the *Doubling Thomases* on how to bat on a third-day track.

It only helped that Moeen

Ali (32-7-98-4) and Jack Leach (33-6-100-4) were not half as good as Ashwin and Axar Patel were on the second day.

Both the Moeen and the Leach bowler were bowling their deliveries at an identical

pace unlike Ashwin who varied the speed. Also another marked difference between Ashwin's deliveries was his pace through the air which was significantly more than Moeen's. If Rohit Sharma set it up with a classy

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CENTURY AND FIVE-FOR IN A TEST MATCH					
Player	No of Times				
Ian Botham (England)	5				
Ravichandran Ashwin (India)	3				
Garry Sobers (West Indies)	2				
Mushtaq Mohammed (Pakistan)	2				
Jacques Kallis (South Africa)	2				
Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh)	2				

RAVICHANDRAN ASHWIN'S DOUBLE IN TESTS					
Score	Wkts	Opponent	Venue	Season	Result
103	5-156	West Indies	Mumbai	2011-12	Drawn
113	7-83	West Indies	North Sound	2015-16	Won
106	5-43	England	Chennai	2020-21	Awaited

Day 1 hundred, Ashwin and Kohli, in the next two days, didn't take their feet off the pedal to put England in the tightest of corners.

Till the ball remained hard, England got three quick wickets leaving India in a spot at 65 for 4 but Kohli again seemed in a mood to make batting look easy.

He displayed defensive elegance, coming close to the pitch of the ball to take an off-stump guard in order to negate turn. He also used the sweep shot only for deliveries that were drifting down the leg-side.

There were seven boundaries, mostly drives and in Ashwin he found an able ally. They added 96 runs in 177 balls, a partnership that deflated England completely.

Ashwin relied on shots square of the wicket and left Kohli with the job of grafting, taking it upon himself to attack the England bowling.

Apart from the square cuts and the pull shots off spinners, he was ready to hit the flat-batted shots off pacers akin to tennis forehand shots.

There were 14 boundaries and a six in all during his best batting effort considering the

previous four hundreds came against second-rate West Indies sides.

Ravindra Jadeja's ascendancy as India's all-conditions specialist spin bowling all-rounder led to Ashwin losing a bit of confidence and the cutting edge he possessed with the willow.

But everything changed after the semi-fit Chennai engineer pulled off a last day wonder in Sydney which has now helped him get his mojo back.

In the past one year, he has tremendously upgraded his variations and the confidence in 'Ashwin the bowler' has brought to the fore 'Ashwin the batsman'.

The way he marshalled the tail was commendable with two partnerships — 27 with Ishant Sharma (7) and 49 with Mohammed Siraj (16) for the 10th wicket.



Ashwin credits Rathour for his batting

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Seasoned off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin on Monday credited the Indian team's batting coach Vikram Rathour for his fiery performances with the willow in recent times.

Amid the chatter around the challenging Chepauk pitch, Ashwin came in at number eight and showed everyone how to bat on a deteriorating surface with an excellent century, putting India on the brink of a series-levelling victory in the second Test.

"I can't say it's been happening in the last three days, I have been practising with Vikram Rathour. I would love to credit him with how my batting has come through over the last four-five matches," Ashwin said at the end of the third day's play.

This was after his gutsy show with the bat in Australia, where he stood his ground despite hostile

fast-bowling by the home team.

He was glad that he shone so bright in front of his home crowd.

"I don't know when the next Test is going to be here, but I am pleased. Don't know if I will play another Test in Chennai, and if at all, when..."

Ashwin's number eleven companion Mohammed Siraj celebrated the senior player's fifth Test hundred more than the man himself, who had got to a century in the company of Ishant Sharma in the past.

From the other end, Ashwin enjoyed watching Siraj strike a couple of sixes.

"In the past when, he's (Ishant) been with me when I got hundreds at home and once Siraj came, I knew how to approach."

"I was thrilled for his batting and told him to go through the line of the ball. It was amazing to see how excited he was when I got my hundred."

Nadal breaks no sweat to reach quarters

AFP ■ MELBOURNE

World No 2 Rafael Nadal beat old nemesis Fabio Fognini in a scrappy affair to reach his 43rd Grand Slam quarter-final while Daniil Medvedev and Andrey Rublev ensured Grand Slam history will be made for Russia after setting up an Australian Open quarter-final on Monday.

With qualifier Aslan Karatsev already through to face Grigor Dimitrov in the top half of the draw, it means there will be three Russian men in the last eight of a Slam for the first time since the Open era began in 1968.

Nadal, bidding for a first title at Melbourne Park since 2009, has yet to drop a set and kept the record intact against the fiery Italian, winning 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 on Rod Laver Arena.

Later, ninth seed Matteo Berrettini pulled out of his fourth-round clash with Stefanos Tsitsipas because of an abdominal strain, giving the Greek fifth seed a walkover into a quarter-final against Nadal. The Italian was due to play in the late night match on Rod Laver Arena, but withdrew hours before it was due to start.

Fourth seed Medvedev extended his win streak to 18 matches when he took just 89 minutes to blow away Mackenzie McDonald 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 and reach the quarter-finals while world No 8 Rublev followed Medvedev onto Margaret Court Arena and was back in the locker room even quicker, as Norway's Casper Ruud retired with the scores at 6-2, 7-6 (7/3).

Rublev also reached the quarter-finals at Roland Garros last year in a breakthrough season that saw him win five ATP Tour titles, more than any other player. He won 41 matches, equal with world number one Novak Djokovic as the best in 2020, and started 2021 on an eight-match streak after winning all four of his singles to help Russia win the ATP Cup, alongside Medvedev.

Fourth seed Medvedev's best Grand Slam performance to date was reaching the final at the 2019 US Open. His unbeaten run dates back to November and includes titles at the Paris 1000, the ATP Finals in London and the ATP Cup.

But Medvedev said the Russian pair, both in their first Australian Open quarter-finals, would push their friendship aside on Wednesday when they aim for the last four.

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KIND ATTENTION : ENERGY USERS IN 13 NOTIFIED SECTORS

Submission of Report on the Status of Energy Consumption under Energy Conservation Act 2001 (52 of 2001)

All users/class of users of energy in the following energy intensive sectors having Annual Energy Consumption of and above the specified limit shown against the following energy intensive sectors are notified as designated consumers vide S.O. 394 (E) dated the 12th March, 2007, S.O. 3542 (E) dated 29th Dec. 2015, S.O. 1388(E) dated 02nd May, 2017 and 502147 (E) Dated 17th June, 2020, under clause (e) of section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act (52 of 2001).

S. No.	Notified Sector	Threshold Energy Consumption in metric tonne of oil equivalent (mtoe) per year
1.	Aluminium	7,500
2.	Cement	
	(a) Integrated Cement Unit	30,000
	(b) Cement Grinding Unit	10,000
3.	Commercial Buildings or Establishments	
	(a) Hotels	500
	(b) Airports	500
4.	Chlor-Alkali	12,000
5.	Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOMs)*	-
6.	Fertilizer	30,000
7.	Iron & Steel	20,000
8.	Pulp & Paper	20,000
9.	Petroleum Refineries	90,000
10.	Petrochemical units having gas crackers or naphtha crackers or both	1,00,000
11.	Railways	
	(a) All Zonal Railways (Traction)	70,000
	(b) Workshops	750
	(C) 8 Production Factories of Railways namely, ICF, RCF, CLW, DLW, DCW, RWF, MCF & RWP	-
12.	Textile	3,000
13.	Thermal Power Stations	30,000

* All entities having issued distribution licence by State/Joint Electricity regulatory commission under electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) are Notified as Designated Consumers (DCs) vide S.O. 3445(E) dated 28.09.2020.

All units/establishment consuming more than the listed threshold energy consumption under respective sectors, notified by the Central Government under S.O. 687 (E) dated the 30th March, 2012, S.O. 1264 (E) dated 31st March, 2016 and S.O. 998(E) dated 30th March, 2017, S.O. 1409(E) dated 28th March, 2018, S.O. 1473(E) dated 29th March, 2019, S.O. 1254(E) dated 13th April, 2020 are requested to submit to the concerned designated agency, with a copy to the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, a report on the status of Annual Energy Consumption, together with their annual production, for the last two years, namely, 2018-19 and 2019-20 in Form 1 notified under clause (I) of Section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001), duly authenticated by the Energy Manager/Chief Executive Officer.

A copy of the required sector applicable Pro-forma or Form-I could be downloaded from BEE website : <https://beeindia.gov.in/content/pat-performa>

If any person fails to submit a report on the status of annual consumption etc by 31st March, 2021, he shall be liable to a penalty under clause 26 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

For more information/query please contact us on 011-26766700 or send mail on newdc@beenet.in.

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E-TENDER NOTICE

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

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S.N.	Job No./Work Name	Amount
1.	169/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2020-2021, D/o Park (Open Gym) with Five year Maintenance Sector-122, Sharmik Kunj near Flat No-SK-1 to 140 Noida	Cost Rs. 30.91 Lacs
2.	46/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2020-2021, M/o RSP Gulmohar Marg Central Verge and U-Turn near Sector-16A Fly over and Udhog Marg between Sector-14, 15 and under the fly over between Sector-14A, 15A with two year Maintenance. Noida	Cost Rs. 54.26 Lacs
3.	226/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, -D/o Park Sector-99, 100, 105, 108 (S/o Modern Children Open Equipment)	Cost Rs. 48.52 Lacs
4.	235/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, -D/o Park Sector-104 with five year maintenance (Open Gym)	Cost Rs. 30.84 Lacs
5.	236/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, -D/o Park Sector-31, 36 (S/f of Children Open Equipment)	Cost Rs. 48.52 Lacs
6.	234/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, -M/o Park (r/o Gazebo hut, boundary wall and footpath in Tikona Park in Sector-99 and R/o boundary wall in front of D-170 Sector-108) Noida	Cost Rs. 42.76 Lacs
7.	239/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park (D/o Pathway, Painting work on Grills, Demolishing work, Grit wash plaster on boundary wall and other civil work in C-Block Park Sector-47) Noida	Cost Rs. 42.76 Lacs
8.	186/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, -D/o RSP in Central verge with two year maintenance Sector-42, 43, 46, 47, 48 (Between Sector-42 & 43, 42 & 46, 43 & 44, 47 & 48, 45 & 46 Road of Central verge) Noida	Cost Rs. 40.91 Lacs
9.	240/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park (P/F Coil Fencing work, Repairing, Painting & Other Civil work for different Location of Parks A-Block, C-Block & D Block in Sita Vatika Green Belt in Sector-48, Noida)	Cost Rs. 33.34 Lacs
10.	225/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, D/o park with five year maintenance (Open gym) Kanshiram Colony Sector-45, Noida	Cost Rs. 30.84 Lacs
11.	241/D(H)/DD(H)-II/2020-21, M/o Park (R/o Footpath, Kerb Stone & Other Misc work, Work Near Radha Swami Park Sector-48, Noida)	Cost Rs. 43.58 Lacs
12.	230/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, D/o Park (S/f Children Open Play Equipment) Sector-47.	Cost Rs. 48.52 Lacs
13.	227/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, D/o Park S/f Children Open Play Equipment Sector 48).	Cost Rs. 40.62 Lacs
14.	248/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, M/o Green Belt (R/o Boundary Wall in B Block Green Belt) in Sector-105.	Cost Rs. 41.85 Lacs
15.	249/D(H)/DD(H)II/20-21, M/o Green Belt (R/o boundary wall & Gritwash in green belt) in Sector-105.	Cost Rs. 42.93 Lacs
16.	155/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2020-21, M/o Green Belt (Renovation of Boundary wall in front of B-60 to B-01 & A-13 to A-01 Hosiery Complex) Noida	Cost Rs. 41.16 Lacs
17.	157/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2020-21, M/o Park (Repair of Boundary Wall, Gate & Pathway in front of Shanti Niketan Sector-143B).	Cost Rs. 30.56 Lacs
18.	158/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2020-21, M/o Park (Repair of wall stone, Footpath & Toilet Fitting in Express View Park Sector-93, Noida)	Cost Rs. 43.78 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 01/03/2021 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 02/03/2021 at 11.00 AM.

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S.N.	Job No./Work Name	Amount
1.	131/D(H)/DD(H)-I/2020-21, M/o Park (SH: Garden Benches and Dustbin) Sector-14, 15, YRF-Ist, 19,20,22,23,26,27,58,59,60,62, 119,120 and 122 etc.	Cost Rs. 47.75 Lacs
2.	220/D(H)/DD(H)-II/20-21, M/o Park E-2, Bal Udhyan Sector-51, Trifala Park, Sector-61 & Sector-34 (S/o Fancy Playing Equipments)	Cost Rs. 47.97 Lacs
3.	117/D(H)/DD(H)-III/2020-21, D/o Park (C/o Noida Bio Diversity Park Sh: Golf Cart, Sector-91, Noida)	Cost Rs. 35.30 Lacs
4.	146/D(H)/DD(H)III/20-21, D/o Park in Sector-132 Loop, 135 HIG Flat, 136, 137, 138 Elahabans School, 142, 143 B & 151 (Subhead P/F Children Play Ground Equipment Jhuley).	Cost Rs. 35.76 Lacs
5.	147/D(H)/DD(H)III/20-21, D/o Park Sector-80,81,82,83,85, P-2 88, 91,92,93,93A & 93B,132,135,136,137,142,143B & 151B (Sh: Dustbin & Garden Bench.)	Cost Rs. 33.40 Lacs
6.	153/D(H)/DD(H)-III/20-21, Annual maintenance of park (Pathway gate) in different location Horticulture Division-III	Cost Rs. 45.59 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date 22/02/2021 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 23/02/2021 at 11.00 AM.

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