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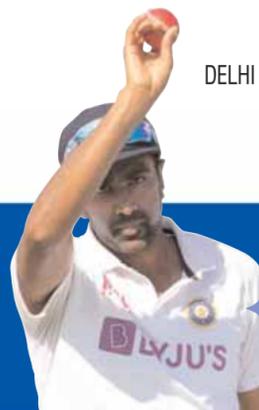
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## New strains didn't cause spike

No proof of upsurge in Covid cases due to these variants: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 194 persons in India are infected with three known strains first found in the UK, South Africa and Brazil, but there has been no evidence to show that these new variants are responsible for the upsurge in Covid-19 cases in Kerala and Maharashtra, said the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday.

The two States account for 75 per cent of total active Covid-19 cases in the country.

The Ministry said that a total 187 individuals have been reported infected with the UK strain, six people with South African strain, and one with Brazilian strain till date.

"Two variants of SARS-CoV-2 — N440K and E484K — have been detected in Maharashtra and Kerala, but there is no reason to believe presently that they are responsible for the surge in cases in some districts in these two States," Niti Aayog Member (Health) VK Paul said at a Press conference here.

He said that 187 people have tested positive for the UK strain of SARS-CoV-2 in the country so far, while six people have been detected with the South Africa variant. Also, one person has been tested positive for the Brazil variant strain.

"Both the N440K and E484K variants of SARS-CoV-2 have been detected in Maharashtra. In Kerala and

Telangana also these variants have been found. Also, three others — UK, South Africa and Brazil variants are there in the country. But there is no reason for us to believe that they are responsible for the upsurge of the outbreak in some districts of Maharashtra and Kerala," Paul said.

He added that the two variants have been found in India's three States. "There are two variants in Maharashtra being talked about — N440 K variant and E484 K variant. These variants have been reported in Maharashtra, Kerala and Telangana," Paul said.

Reporting only detection does not lead to any attribution for a phenomenon on the ground because to relate the occurrence of a virus mutation to change in disease pattern, other epidemiological information and clinical information has to be linked to these mutants, Paul explained, adding, "because otherwise these (mutations) happen but they have no influence on the pandemic."

He said the behaviour of mutations is being constantly and closely watched in the country and 3,500 strains have been sequenced so far.

"When we are doing sequencing, we are looking for any abnormal shift in the virus character. We have been watching the mutants.

"Today, based on the



A health worker waits to collect swab samples during a door-to-door screening for Covid-19 at Dharavi, one of Asia's largest slums, in Mumbai on Tuesday

information and as analysed and understood by a very eminent scientific advisory group of Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG), we would like to underline the fact that we do not see attribution of mutant strains to the upsurge of the infection being seen in some districts. But this is work in progress.

"We will continue to watch the situation with full responsibility," Paul said.

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## PM hails contribution of desi medicines during pandemic

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the contribution of traditional Indian medicines in the fight against the pandemic.

He said that the benefits of domestic spices and decoctions have been noticed by peo-

ple around the world.

"In addition to India's medicines and vaccines, the world has witnessed the contribution of our spices and decoctions as well. Our traditional medicines have established their place in the world," said Modi during a webinar on Budget for health sector.

## DAC OK's ₹13,700 cr for desi Defence buys

### Boost to indigenisation in Defence production

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a boost to the indigenisation in Defence production, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on Tuesday gave the nod for deals worth over ₹13,000 crore. This includes the ₹8,400 crore contract for 118 Arjun Mark-I A main battle tanks. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 14 had handed over the first Arjun tank to the Army.

Besides this big-ticket item, the DAC chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also approved Nag missile carrier Namica, Arudhra medium power radars and Armour-Piercing Fin-Stabilised Discarding Sabot (APFSDS) 125mm practice ammunition. Most of these weapon systems are designed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Giving details here after the DAC meeting, officials said these proposals catered to all the three Services. All these approvals are in the highest priority category of Defence Acquisition viz 'Buy [Indian-IDDMM (Indigenously



Designed, Developed and Manufactured).

All these acquisition proposals worth ₹13,700 crores will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured. These will include inter-alia platforms and systems designed and developed by the DRDO.

To meet the Atmanirbhar Bharat goals of the Government on time-bound defence procurement process and faster decision making and to systematically work towards reducing the time taken for capital acquisition, the DAC also approved that all capital acquisition contracts (delegated and non-delegated) other than design and development cases shall be concluded in two years.

The Ministry, in consultation with the Services and all stakeholders, will come up with detailed plan of action for achieving the same, they said.

As regards the Arjun tanks, sources said soon after getting the nod, the Army will now place the indent with Heavy

Vehicle Factory (HVF), Avadi. The factor which makes tanks is expected to receive the indent within this financial year before March 31.

Moreover, within 30 months from the date of indent, HVF Avadi will deliver five pre-production model tanks to the Army for evaluation and formulation of General Service Quality Requirements (GSQR) for the larger order, they said.

In a related development, Bharat Forge announced that it has received an order from the Defence Ministry for mine protection vehicles for the Army. The deal is ₹118 crores.

The vehicle known as Kalyani M4 is a multi-role platform, designed for quick mobility in rough terrain and in areas affected by mine and Improved Explosive Devices (IED) threats.

"It offers best in-class levels of ballistic and blast protection, up to 50kg TNT side blast or IED, roadside bombs due to its innovative design, built on a flat-floor mono-coque hull," a company statement said. The Kalyani M4 successfully completed a series of extreme vehicle trials in some of the toughest environments in India, it added.

Bharat Forge and global aerospace and technology company Paramount Group have announced a cooperation agreement to jointly manufacture armoured vehicles in India.

### CAPSULE

**2 DEAD, 5 MISSING IN BHARUCH FACTORY BLAST**  
Bharuch: Two workers died, 23 were injured and five were still missing after a massive fire erupted following an explosion at a chemical factory in the Bharuch district of Gujarat on early on Tuesday morning.

**20 WIFI HOTSPOTS EACH IN 104 WARDS: SDMC**  
New Delhi: The South Delhi Municipal Corporation will set up 20 WiFi hotspots in each of 104 wards. The Standing Committee of SDMC has approved the proposal.

**PETROL NEARS ₹91/LITRE MARK IN DELHI**  
New Delhi: Petrol price on Tuesday neared the ₹91 per litre mark in the national Capital and diesel crossed ₹81 a litre, as fuel prices were hiked again after a two-day pause.

**SC DISMISSES BAIL PLEA OF EX-MP'S SON**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused anticipatory bail to Mohammad Umar, son of former MP Ateeq Ahmad, in a case of kidnapping and assault on a businessman in a UP prison, and said there are "certain privileged people" in the country whom "police are not able to catch despite non-bailable warrant".

## Disha gets bail, court says proof 'sketchy'

No direct link with Khalistan activists of PJF, says court

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A court here on Tuesday granted bail to climate activist Disha Ravi, arrested in connection with allegedly being involved in sharing a "toolkit" on social media related to the farmers' protest, saying citizens are conscience keepers of Government in any democratic nation and cannot be put behind the bars simply because they choose to disagree with the State policies.

The court said the evidence produced by police against Ravi was "scanty and sketchy" and there was nothing on record to establish any direct link between her and pro-Khalistan activists of 'Poetic Justice Foundation' (PJF) and also there was not even an iota of evidence brought connecting the perpetrators of the violence on January 26 in the national



Capital with the PJF or her.

Further, it observed that there was nothing on record to suggest that the activist subscribed to any secessionist idea and there is absolutely no link established on record between her and banned outfit Sikhs for Justice.

In the 18-page order, Additional Sessions Judge Dharmender Rana granted relief to Ravi on a personal bond of ₹1 lakh and two sureties of the like amount and noted that the 22-year-old activist has "absolutely blemish free criminal antecedents".

Ravi has been slapped with

the charge of sedition in the case which entails maximum punishment of life sentence. She is also booked for the offences of criminal conspiracy, provoking people to cause riot and promoting enmity between different groups.

The Additional Sessions Judge said the freedom of speech and expression includes the right to seek a global audience and that there are no geographical barriers on communication and that creation of a WhatsApp group or being editor of an innocuous Toolkit was not an offence.

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## Kushinagar 3rd international airport in UP Facility to offer improved connectivity to Buddhist pilgrimage site

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Tuesday said the Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh has got the necessary clearances from aviation regulator DGCA to operate international flights from the facility.

The Union Cabinet had in June last year approved the Kushinagar airport's status as an international facility, stating it will offer improved connectivity to the important Buddhist pilgrimage site.

Once this airport begins operating international flights, it will become third functional international facility in the State.

"Kushinagar to become 3rd licensed international airport of UP. Will boost tourism in the region and facilitate travel on Buddhist circuit by providing direct aviation connectivity to the city where Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana," Puri said in a tweet on Tuesday.

At present, two international airports — Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport at Lucknow and Lal Bahadur Shastri International



UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri at Kushinagar airport on Tuesday

Airport at Varanasi — are operational in the State while another one is coming up at Jewar in Gautambudh Nagar.

Kushinagar is the mid-point of the Buddhist circuit. It has pilgrimage sites in Lumbini, Shravasti, Kapilvastu nearby. A little farther, it has sites in Sarnath and Gaya, the Government had said at the time of granting the international status to the airport.

The Central Government had also said around 200-300 devotees from Thailand, Cambodia, Japan, Myanmar, among others, come to offer

prayers at Kushinagar on any given day.

The announcement comes a day after the Yogi Government presented ₹5.5 lakh crore budget for the coming financial year. Many development projects, including airport, were the special focus in UP Finance Minister Suresh Khanna's outlay. He announced ₹101 crore has been earmarked for an upcoming airport in Ayodhya that has been named Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram Airport.

Khanna said that the State Government was working on

the mantra of making UP self-reliant and said a number of campaigns had been launched to establish the rule of law in the state. He also spoke about the industrial reforms that make setting up of industry easy in UP and improved connectivity in schools/colleges by development of digital villages to make the youth aware about education and employment scenario in the world.

The "Buddhist Circuit" is a key pilgrimage destination for 530 million practising Buddhists across the globe, the statement had noted.

## Clean sweep for BJP in Gujarat municipal polls

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Tuesday put an impressive show in elections to six municipal corporations of Gujarat, winning or leading in Jamnagar, Bhavnagar, Rajkot and Surat, Ahmedabad, and Vadodara.

As per the latest data, the BJP is winning/leading in 451 of the total 575 seats. The Congress has won 44 of the declared seats so far, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), a new entrant in these elections, made impressive inroads so far.

The AAP outshone the Congress by winning 25 seats in Surat with the latter failing to open its account from the municipal corporation.

BJP president JP Nadda thanked voters in Gujarat for giving his party their overwhelming support.

The counting of votes was held for 192 seats across 48 wards in the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, for 120 seats across 30 wards in the Surat Municipal Corporation, 76 seats across 19 wards of the Vadodara Municipal Corporation, for 72 seats across

18 wards in the Rajkot Municipal Corporation, 52 seats across 13 wards in the Bhavnagar Municipal Corporation and 64 seats across 16 wards in the Jamnagar Municipal Corporation.

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## Gujarat voters looking for alternative, says Kejriwal

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) claimed to have secured 27 seats in the Gujarat municipal elections.

"Heartfelt congratulations to the people of Gujarat for introducing new politics," tweeted AAP convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind

Kejriwal. "The people of Gujarat wanted an alternative and AAP has emerged as the key alternative to the present parties. Now the upcoming assembly election will be only between Aam Aadmi Party and BJP," he added.

## Setback for Oli as Nepal SC reinstates dissolved House

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal's Supreme Court on Tuesday reinstated the dissolved House of Representatives, in a major setback to embattled Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, who was preparing for snap polls amidst a tussle for power with his rivals in the ruling communist party.

In a landmark ruling, a five-member Constitutional bench led by Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher annulled the Oli Government's "unconstitutional" decision to dissolve the 275-member lower house of Parliament.

The court also ordered the Government to summon the

House session within 13 days.

Nepal plunged into a political crisis on December 20 after President Bidya Dev Bhandari dissolved the House and announced fresh elections on April 30 and May 10 at the recommendation of Prime Minister Oli, amidst a tussle for power within the ruling Nepal Communist Party (NCP).

In his letter recommending President Bhandari to dissolve the House, Oli had argued that he controlled 64 per cent of majority in the House, that there was no possibility of forming a new Government and that the country needed a fresh mandate of the people to ensure stability.

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## Maha Govt not to allow Coronil sale without 'certification'

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The sale of Coronil tablets of Patanjali will not be allowed in Maharashtra without "proper certification", state Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said on Tuesday.

The statement came a day after the Indian Medical Association expressed shock over the "blatant lie of WHO certification" for Coronil which Patanjali claims is an evidence-based medicine to fight Covid.

While the IMA demanded an explanation from the Union Health Minister in whose presence the medicine was launched, the World Health Organisation clarified that it had not reviewed or certified the effectiveness of any traditional medicine for the treatment of Covid-19.

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## Pak PM reaches Lanka, Delhi allows Imran plane to fly over Indian airspace

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday arrived in Sri Lanka on a two-day visit to the country on the invitation of Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Earlier, India allowed a plane carrying Khan to fly through Indian airspace for Lanka. Incidentally, Islamabad in 2019 had denied permission to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aircraft to enter its airspace while travelling to the US and Saudi Arabia.

The Indian Government had then said Pakistan was deviating from well-established international practice. India had also taken up the denial of permission to VVIP flight with the International Civil Aviation Organisation.



Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan disembarks from an airplane in Colombo, Sri Lanka on Tuesday

Meanwhile, keeping Indian sensitivities in mind, Lanka cancelled Khan's scheduled address to its Parliament in Colombo. Khan is the first foreign head of state to arrive in Sri Lanka since the corona pandemic last year.

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# 1,040 ultras of 5 outfits surrender in Assam

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Dreaded militant Ingti Kathar Songbijit and 1,039 others belonging to five outfits on Tuesday laid down arms before Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to return to the mainstream.

The militants belong to People's Democratic Council of Karbi Longri (PDCK), Karbi Longri NC Hills Liberation Front (KLNLF), Karbi People's Liberation Tiger (KPLT), Kuki Liberation Front (KLF) and United Peoples Liberation Army (UPLA).

Songbijit is the chief of PDCK. He was earlier the commander-in-chief of the banned National Democratic Front of Boroland.

He was involved in several incidents of massacres, mostly of the people from minority communities, in the erstwhile Bodoland Territorial Area Districts. Songbijit was sidelined after the Ranjan Daimary faction of NDFB suspended operations. He later formed the PDCK in Karbi Anglong district.

Welcoming the 1,040 surrenders from Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong districts into the mainstream, Sonowal said his government is working to make Assam a ter-



Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal looks at arms and ammunition laid out by five militants outfits of Karbi-Anglong during an arms laying down ceremony at Srimanta Sankardev Kalashetra in Guwahati on Tuesday

ror-free state.

"We are giving all possible support to the youths coming back to the society. We are giving financial help as well as logistic support. We will continue to do that," he added.

The militants deposited 338 arms, including 58 AK

series rifles, 11 M-16 guns and four LMGs, the Additional Director General of Police (Special Branch) Hiren Chandra Nath said.

A formal peace agreement will be signed by the Government with the insurgent groups within the next two days, he said.

# Haryana farmers destroy crop in protest against new farm laws

Chandigarh: Some farmers in Haryana destroyed their wheat crop in protest against the Centre's new agriculture laws, prompting political and farmer leaders to appeal to them not to resort to such drastic measures.

Some farmers in the state's Karnal, Jind and Ambala districts had destroyed wheat crops over two to four acres of their land.

In Karnal's Mundigarhi village, a farmer destroyed his wheat crop on four acres on Tuesday. The farmer told reporters that he did it in protest against the new farm laws.

Another farmer at Manakpur village, around 3 km from Ambala City, flattened his wheat crop over one acre.

Gurpreet Singh, who wanted to destroy the crop over five acres, was prevented from doing so by local BKU leader Gulab Singh.

Gurpreet told reporters that he was annoyed over the attitude of the Union government as it was not repealing the farm laws.

In the past a couple of days, some farmers destroyed their crop on few patches of land

using their tractors, prompting Haryana BKU chief Gurnam Singh Chaduni to appeal to them not to take such a step.

Chaduni appealed to them not to take such a step, saying the Centre will not be moved by such measures.

"Since the past a couple of days, we have been receiving reports that farmers are destroying crops. It pains to see this as farmers raise their crops like their children," Chaduni said.

"Those farmer brothers who are doing this, I want to tell them that the government is not going to accept their demands by such measures. Ten to 15 farmers have already committed suicide, when this did not move the government, will they agree to the demands if crops are destroyed," Chaduni said in a video message.

Talking to reporters in Bhiwani, Agriculture Minister J P Dalal said, "I don't think it is appropriate. There can be other ways of protest."

Speaking to reporters after the Congress Legislature Party meeting, former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda also appealed to farmers not to harm their crops. PTI

# College girl found lying with severe burns along NH in UP

Shahjahanpur (UP): A girl student of a college run by a trust of former Union Minister Swami Chinmayanand was found without clothes and severely burnt lying along a national highway in Shahjahanpur district in Uttar Pradesh, police said on Tuesday.

It was not immediately clear as to how the BA second-year student suffered burns and ended up on the roadside, the police said, adding she was not in a state to record her statement before a magistrate.

According to Superintendent of Police S Anand, the student has suffered 60 per cent burns and has been referred to a hospital in Lucknow for better treatment.

Director of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Civil Hospital in

Lucknow SC Sundriyal told PTI Tuesday night that the condition of the girl seemed to be stable and that she was under observation round the clock.

The girl had gone to the college accompanied by her father on Monday. As she did not come out after the classes, her father started looking for her.

He was later informed that she has been found lying along the Lucknow-Bareilly National Highway naked and with severe burns and that she was being taken to a hospital by the police.

The girl's father said that he used to bring his daughter to the college once in a week or fortnight and used to wait outside till classes ended.

The police said villagers had covered the girl with a sheet and that there was no trace of her clothes.

The only thing the girl could recollect while talking to police personnel was that she was on the third floor of the college building.

The girl was given first-aid at a Shahjahanpur hospital and referred to King George's Medical University (KGMU) hospital in Lucknow, but her attendants brought her to the SPM Civil Hospital around 3 am, director Sundriyal said.

"She is having almost 60 per cent burns on face, neck, ante part of both limbs, chest and abdomen. At present, there is swelling in the neck...Her condition seems to be stable at the moment. PTI

## BACK TO GLORY



In this then and now combo photo, a vandalised private school in Shiv Vihar area in North-East Delhi. (Bottom) A view of the same school after re-construction work, on Tuesday. Communal clashes had broken out in North-East Delhi on February 24, 2020 after violence between the CAA supporters and protesters spiralled out of control leaving at least 53 people dead and around 200 injured



PTI

# Surrendered woman Naxal found hanging in Dantewada

Dantewada: A 20-year-old woman Naxal who had surrendered last week allegedly committed suicide on Tuesday in a police transit mess in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, a senior official said.

Pande Kawasi allegedly hanged herself in the wash-room of the women's guest house located in the District Reserve Guard (DRG) office premises here, Dantewada Superintendent of Police Abhishek Pallava said.

"She was staying in the room there along with another surrendered woman cadre. Kawasi was a member of Chetna Natya Mandli, a front outfit of the Maoists, and had surrendered on February 19," he said.

Due to a threat to their lives from ex-colleagues, the surrendered cadres generally prefer to stay in town and in police security, and two women constables were deployed at the deceased's guest house, the SP added. PTI

# Setback for Oli as Nepal SC...

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Oli's move to dissolve the House sparked protests from a large section of the NCP led by his rival Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', also a co-chair of the ruling party.

As many as 13 writ petitions including the one by the ruling party's Chief Whip Dev Prasad Gurung were filed in the apex court seeking the restoration of the lower house parliament.

The Constitutional bench comprising Bishwombar Prasad Shrestha, Anil Kumar Sinha, Sapana Malla and Tej Bahadur KC conducted a hearing on the case from January 17 to February 19.

Oli, 69, repeatedly defended his move to dissolve the House, saying some leaders of his party were attempting to form a "parallel government".

He said that he took the decision as he enjoyed the inherent power as the leader of a majoritarian government.

Last month, Prachanda-led faction of the

NCP expelled Prime Minister Oli from the general membership of the Nepal Communist Party for alleged anti-party activities.

Earlier in December, the splinter group Oli, one of the two chairmen of the ruling party, as the co-chair. Former prime minister Madhav Kumar Nepal was named as the party's second chairman. Prachanda is the first chairman of the party.

The Prachanda-led faction of the NCP and main opposition Nepali Congress had been opposing the dissolution of the House, saying it was unconstitutional and anti-democratic. The Prachanda-led faction had been holding protest rallies and public gatherings in various parts of the country.

Oli-led CPN-UML and Prachanda-led NCP (Maoist Centre) merged in May 2018 to form a unified Nepal Communist Party following victory of their alliance in the 2017 general elections.

After a vertical split in the ruling party following the dissolution of the House, both the factions, one led by Oli and another led by Prachanda, submitted separate applications at the Election Commission claiming that their faction is the genuine party and asked to provide them the election symbol of the party.

Meanwhile, the chairmen duo of the rival faction of the NCP, Prachanda and Nepal celebrated their legal victory over Oli.

Prachanda and Nepal have reached Chitwan — the hometown of Prachanda — to address a mass gathering organised by their faction of the NCP on Wednesday.

# Maha Govt...

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Without naming anyone, Deshmukh said on Twitter that it was "highly deplorable" that two senior Union ministers endorsed the drug.

"The #IMA has questioned the said 'clinical trials' of #Coronil & WHO refuted the false claims made by #Patanjali Ayurveda for giving any certificate regarding its effectiveness for #Covid19 treatment," Deshmukh said.

"...Selling of #Coronil without proper certification from competent health organisations

like #WHO, #IMA and others will not be allowed in Maharashtra," the minister said.

Yoga guru Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved had on February 19 said the Coronil tablet had received certification from the Ayush Ministry as a medicine supporting COVID-19 treatment as per the WHO's certification scheme. However, Patanjali's managing director Acharya Balkrishna later said "We want to clarify to avoid confusion that our WHO GMP compliant COPP certificate to Coronil is issued by DCGI, Government of India" and "WHO do not approve or disapprove any drugs".

# Pak PM reaches...

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He is scheduled to hold extensive talks with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Rajapaksa and Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena during the visit.

As regards his speech in Parliament, Khan was reportedly scheduled to address the Parliament on Wednesday on the Pakistan Government's

request. Various reasons were attributed to the cancellation.

Media reports from Lanka said the Colombo Government cannot risk its relations with India when it is getting stuck in the Chinese debt-trap and India being the saviour for the world for distributing Covid-19 vaccines. India has recently gifted 5 lakh doses of Covishield vaccines to Sri Lanka.

# Clean sweep for BJP in Gujarat municipal polls

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AAP leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will visit Gujarat and hold a roadshow in Surat on February 26.

Kejriwal's visit comes in the light of the party's surprise performance in municipal elections in Gujarat.

The BJP scored big win in the local polls a day after it won both the Rajya Sabha seats from Gujarat unopposed. Congress did not field any candidate for RS elections.

# New strains didn't cause spike

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The SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) was established in December end for laboratory and epidemiological surveillance of circulating strains of SARS-CoV-2 in the country.

Stating that a large proportion of the population is still vulnerable, Paul stressed that Covid appropriate behaviour like wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, hand washing and not getting into mass gatherings should be followed.

# Disha gets bail, court says proof...

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While the order on bail was being pronounced, Ravi was produced before another court on expiry of her custodial interrogation by police, which sought her further custody by four days.

As soon as the hearing on police plea started, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Pankaj Sharma, who was informed about the bail order by the superior court, said "in view of the bail order, this application (seeking further custody) becomes infructuous. The application will be disposed of post confirmation of bail."

The activist appeared relieved after hearing that she was granted bail.

The Sessions Judge said "considering the scanty and sketchy evidence available on

record, I do not find any palpable reasons to breach the general rule of 'Bail' against a 22 year old young lady, with absolutely blemish free criminal antecedents and having firm roots in the society, and send her to jail," the judge said.

The judge reproduced the relevant portions of the toolkit in its order and said that its perusal revealed that any call for any kind of violence is conspicuously absent.

"In my considered opinion, Citizens are conscience keepers of government in any democratic Nation. They cannot be put behind the bars simply because they choose to disagree with the State policies. The offence of sedition cannot be invoked to minister to the wounded vanity of the governments," the court said.

The court said the difference of opinion, disagreement, divergence, dissent, or for that matter, even disapprobation, are recognised legitimate tools to infuse objectivity in state policies.

"Let noble thoughts come to me from all directions," the judge quoted from Rig Veda and said "this 5000 years old civilization of ours has never been averse to ideas from varied quarters."

"An aware and assertive citizenry, in contradistinction with an indifferent or docile citizenry, is indisputably a sign of a healthy and vibrant democracy," the court said.

"The right to dissent is firmly enshrined under Article 19 of the Constitution of India. In my considered opinion the freedom of speech and expression includes the right to seek a global audience.

"There are no geographical barriers on communication. A citizen has the fundamental rights to use the

best means of imparting and receiving communication, as long as the same is permissible under the four corners of law and as such have access to audience abroad," the court said.

It said, "Further, since the link with the said toolkit or P/JF has not been found to be objectionable, mere deletion of the WhatsApp chat to destroy the evidence linking her with the toolkit and P/JF also becomes meaningless."

While observing that there is nothing on record to suggest that the applicant accused subscribed to any secessionist idea, the court said "further, the prosecution has, except for pointing out that applicant/accused forwarded the toolkit to climate activist Greta Thunberg, failed to point out as to how the applicant/accused gave global audience to the 'secessionist elements'."

The court said that it was conscious of the fact that it was very difficult to collect evidence for the offence of conspiracy and the investigation was at a nascent stage and police which is in the process of collecting more evidence made a conscious choice to arrest Ravi the applicant accused upon the strength of material so far collected and "now they cannot be permitted to further restrict the liberty of a citizen on the basis of propitious anticipations".

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**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER**  
**MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN RAIPUR (C.G.)**  
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**Name of Work** : CONSTRUCTION OF HEADWORK, CENTRAL SPILLWAY, AFFLUX BUND & 02 NOS. HEAD SLUICE AND R.B.C. FROM R.D. 0 TO 3350 M. & L.B.C. FROM R.D. 0 TO 1800 M., 39 NOS. STRUCTURE (10 NOS. V.R.B., 19 NOS. FALL, 03 NOS. FALL CUM V.R.B., 01 NO. PIPE BARREL & 06 NOS. DRAINAGE CROSSING), 20 NOS. OUTLET OF PIPALKHUNTA TANK SCHEME IN MAINPUR BLOCK OF GARIABAND DISTRICT.  
**Probable Amount of Contract** : Rs. 438.43 Lakhs  
 The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 26.02.2021, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.  
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**Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
 Water Resources Division, Gariaband  
 for, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godawari Basin  
 Water Resources Department, Raipur (C.G.)

**State Water And Sanitation Mission**  
**Jal Jeevan Mission Chhattisgarh**  
**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**  
**Name of Work: Rate Contract for Item of Works Under Jal Jeevan Mission, PHED, Chhattisgarh**  
**EOI-04/Dated 19-02-2021/System No. 71858**

On behalf of Mission Director, JMM Chhattisgarh, Engineer-In-Chief, Public Health Engineering Department, and Member Secretary State Water & Sanitation Mission Executive Committee, Chhattisgarh, Raipur, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from fixation of rate contract for the works of:-  
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**Name of Work:-**  
 Appointment as Project Management Consultant and Financial Consultant for successful implementation of Double Entry Accounting System and Services in the area of Accounting and Taxation in Jal Jeevan Mission Chhattisgarh.  
 The above said proposed under Jal Jeevan Mission to be implemented by Mission Director, JMM, State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM), PHED, Chhattisgarh. Schedule of Date - Bid Start Date - 27.02.2021, Pre Bid date - 06.03.2021, Bid Due Date - 15.03.2021, PHY Sub Date - 19.03.2021, Open Date - 19.03.2021  
 The detailed EOI Document will be available in the e-procurement portal <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> on 27.02.2021 from 10.30 onwards. Bids are to be submitted online in the portal <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> on or before 17:30 hrs of 15.03.2021, In no case manual EOI will be entertained.  
**Sd/- (Dr. M. L. Agrawal) Engineer-In-Chief, Public Health Engineering Department, and Member Secretary State Water & Sanitation Mission Executive Committee, Chhattisgarh, Raipur.**  
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**R.O. Date:- 22/02/2021**

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2021_MPHID_130932	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW WORK RENOVATION BARRIER FREE AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT GOVT. CHHATRASAL P.G. COLLEGE PANNA.	PAC 354.46 Lakhs Cost of Form 15000/- GST 1770/- Total 17700/- EMD 354500/-	09 (nine) Months I/C rainy Season	25.02.2021 10:30 Hrs. TO 08.03.2021 17:30 Hrs.	ENVELOP-A 09.03.2021 ENVELOP-B 09.03.2021 ENVELOP-C 12.03.2021
2021_MPHID_123740	CONSTRUCTION OF PREMETRIC GIRLS HOSTEL FOR TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT GUNOUR DIST. PANNA M.P.	PAC 196.81 Lakhs Cost of Form 12500/- GST 2250/- Total 14750/- EMD 196810/-	09 (nine) Months I/C rainy Season	25.02.2021 10:30 Hrs. TO 08.03.2021 17:30 Hrs.	ENVELOP-A 09.03.2021 ENVELOP-C 09.03.2021
2021_MPHID_130931	CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL MOTER MACHANIC WORKSHOP AT ITI CAMPUS PANNA DISTT. PANNA M.P.	PAC 37.63 Lakhs Cost of Form 5000/- GST 900/- Total 5900/- EMD 37700/-	06 (six) Months I/C rainy Season	25.02.2021 10:30 Hrs. TO 08.03.2021 17:30 Hrs	ENVELOP-A 09.03.2021 ENVELOP-C 09.03.2021

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# Guj voted AAP for change: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) claimed to have secured 27 seats in the Gujarat municipal elections on Tuesday.

"Heartfelt congratulations to the people of Gujarat for introducing new politics," Arvind Kejriwal tweeted.

Kejriwal said that the people of Gujarat have voted for politics of work as they were fed up by the politics of BJP and Congress. "The people of Gujarat wanted an alternative and AAP has emerged as the key alternative to the present parties. Now the upcoming assembly election will be only between Aam Aadmi Party and BJP, he added.

Senior AAP leader and chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj on Tuesday said that for the first time, the AAP have fought the municipal elections in Gujarat and breached Modi's citadel. "The citizens of Gujarat are looking for an alternative to the BJP and AAP has emerged as their first choice. The party has won 27 seats in Surat so far and is in second place on 17 seats.

Bhardwaj said that AAP is also in the second position in Rajkot with 13 seats and with 16 seats in Ahmedabad.

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said, "People in all the cities of Gujarat are expressing trust in



AAP candidates, along with party workers, celebrate their victory in municipal elections in Surat on Tuesday PTI

the AAP.

"The AAP is at number two in Surat which has been a BJP stronghold. People are now seeking change and they are looking in the party as the key alternative.

"The setting politics in Gujarat has come to an end. Now the politics of the setting will not work, now the issues of the public will be discussed. We will raise public issues on the streets as well as in the House," he said.

"The party is ahead on 27 seats in Surat and hold second position on 17 seats. Right now in Surat BJP is in the first position and they will likely form the municipality there.

"But it is also very significant and clear that in Surat the AAP has emerged as the key opposition party because we are in the second position," Bhardwaj said.

The AAP has proved its acceptance among the people of Maharashtra, Himachal

Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir and Goa. In the recently concluded Gram Panchayat elections in Maharashtra, the AAP swept and won 145 out of 300 seats.

In the panchayat elections of Himachal, Pradesh AAP fielded 40 candidates and recorded a historic victory in 36 seats. AAP has won one seat of District Development Council member in Jammu and Kashmir. Apart from this, AAP won one seat at the District Panchayat election in Goa.

## CM to hold road show in Gujarat

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal will hold a road show on February 26 in Gujarat, where his party registered impressive gains in the civic body polls.

In a tweet in Hindi, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief thanked the people of Gujarat for ushering in an era of "new politics" in the state.

Party leaders said Kejriwal will hold a road show in Surat, where the AAP has won 27 seats in the municipal polls.

"AAP National Convener Shri @ArvindKejriwal will visit Gujarat on 26th Feb, 2021. He will thank the people of Gujarat for believing in AAP's Model of Development, in a grand Road Show," a tweet from the official handle of the AAP said.

The AAP, which had fielded 470 candidates across six corporations, won 27 seats in Surat. Its workers celebrated the poll results by cutting cakes.

# 2 arrested from Jammu for R-Day violence at Red Fort

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Crime Branch of Delhi Police has arrested two persons, including the president of Kashmir United Front organisation, from Jammu in connection with Red Fort riot violence.

The accused have been identified as Mohinder Singh (45), a resident of Chatta Mill, Satbari, Jammu, and Mandeep Singh (23), a resident of Gole Gujral, Jammu. Police said that they were apprehended with the support of Jammu & Kashmir Police.

"Mohinder is the president of Kashmir United Front organisation and key conspirator in the riot case. As per the information received, both the accused persons are active participants and key conspirators



File photo

in the riot case of Red Fort," said Anil Mittal, the Delhi Police Additional Public Relation Officer (APRO).

Thousands of farmers protesting the Centre's new agriculture laws had clashed with the police during their tractor parade on January 26. Many of the protesters, driving tractors, reached

the Red Fort and entered the monument.

Some protesters even hoisted religious flags on its domes and a flagstaff at the ramparts, where the national flag is unfurled on Independence Day. Over 500 police personnel were injured and one protestor died on that day.

# L-G reshuffles 16 IPS officers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In a major reshuffle, the Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal transferred police officers and ordered new postings for 16 IPS officers in the national Capital.

According to the order issued on Tuesday, Kime Kameng, the IPS 2003, batch has been appointed as Joint Commissioner of Police, Security on his arrival from Arunachal Pradesh. Sang Morbu Mosobi, the IPS 2003 batch has been promoted as Joint CP, Training.

The IPS 2007, Romil Baniya has been appointed as Additional CP, Armed Forces while IPS 2007 batch, Geeta Rani Verma, has been pro-

moted to Additional CP, SPUWAC.

R Sathiyasundaram, IPS 2009 batch, has been given the charge of DCP, Shahdara on his arrival from Mizoram while Priyanka Kashyap, the IPS 2009 batch, has been appointed as DCP, P&L.

The IPS 2009 batch, Ved Prakash Surya, the DCP, Northeast district has been transferred as DCP, Rasthrapati Bhawan while IPS 2011 batch Pranab Tayal has been given the charge as DCP, Rohini district.

Sanjay Sain, the IPS 2011 batch has been appointed as DCP, Northeast district and Guguloth Amrutha, IPS 2011 batch, has been given the charge of additional DCP, Shahdara.

# 61-yr-old held for cheating man of ₹2 cr

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested a 61-year-old person for allegedly cheating a man by transferring the shares and causing loss to the tune of ₹2 crore.

The accused has been identified as Pawan Kumar Garg, a resident of Surajmal Vihar in Delhi and the Director of CPR Capital Services Limited.

According to Dr OP Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, a complainant alleged that in the year 2009-10 he, along with his other family members, opened a demat and trading accounts with CPR Capital Services Ltd.

"During the course of trading of shares, accused Pawan Garg has connived with his nephews and made several misrepresentations to the complainant by transferring his shares and bonds without his knowledge and later misappropriated the proceeds," said the Joint CP adding that a case was registered and investigation was taken up.

"During investigation it has also come to notice that some forged demat slips were also prepared and submitted with the Stock Exchange to carry out the fraudulent transactions. Proceeds of the complainants' shares and bonds were misappropriated by the alleged, causing him a wrongful loss of to the tune of app. ₹2.06 Crores," said the Joint CP.

"Pawan Garg was arrested by the police team and released on bail as per the order of the Delhi High Court after furnishing a personal bond for a sum of ₹25,000. Pawan is also facing another criminal case registered at EOW police station, which is being investigated by the Cyber Cell, Dwarka," the Joint CP added.

# SDMC to set up 20 WiFi hotspots each in 104 wards

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The south Corporation will set up 20 WiFi hotspots in each of 104 wards. The Standing Committee of SDMC has approved the proposal in this regard.

Standing Committee Chairman Rajdutt Gahlot today said that the scheme will be rolled out under the PM wani scheme.

Gahlot said that these hotspots will be set up at small shops and general stores. Local area councillors will provide proposals regarding shops in their respective wards. Shopkeepers will look after running these hotspots.

He added that people can use Wifi between 10 minutes and 60 minutes by paying one time charge or monthly charge. The facility will be cheaper than private companies' WiFi facilities, he added. Gahlot said that under the scheme, connections will be provided by the SDMC and shopkeepers will have to buy routers from sellers authorized by the civic agency.

"With the scheme, people living in unauthorized colonies will avail internet facility at low rates. The move will also provide job opportunities to the people living in unauthorised areas. During the Covid-19 period internet has become a basic requirement for work from home and online classes hence the move will be beneficial for such people," he said.

The centre launched the PM wani scheme Government with an aim to provide internet connectivity through Public Data Offices. The scheme aims to not only boost the "ease of doing" business but also will do the "ease of living."

# BSES install over 3K rooftop solar net metering connections

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited (BRPL) and BSES Yamuna Power Limited (BYPL) discoms have energised a record 3,000 plus roof-top solar installations with a connected solar load of 106 MWp. In the next financial year (FY 21-22), BSES discoms are aiming to energise over 1,000 roof-top solar connections.

The discom has been aggressively promoting roof-top solar in South, West, East and Central Delhi. The response to roof top solar net metering has been very incredibly encouraging in the BSES area. Consumers across categories, including residential, educational (and schools) and commercial establishments have warmed up to rooftop solar net metering in big-way,



a senior BSES official said.

An analysis of the data shows that the highest number of rooftop solar net metering connections are in the domestic segment (1805), followed by educational institutions (655), commercial establishments (554), industrial (35) and others (91).

On the other hand, if we analyse on the basis of energised solar load, then the

biggest category is educational (43 MWp), followed by commercial (28 MWp), residential (23 MWp), industrial (3 MWp) and others (3 MWp). In fact, roof-top solar is a big-hit among CGHS segments, where around 90 societies and apartment complexes have opted for roof-top solar with a sanctioned load of over 5 MWp.

"If we analyse the annual savings accruing to the con-

sumers, savings are over Rs 68 crore annually. By opting for roof-top solar, consumers in the commercial category are estimated to save around Rs 25.8 crore annually, followed by educational institutions (Rs 23.73 crore) and residential consumers (Rs 9.8 crore)," he added.

According to a BSES Spokesperson "Our Solar City initiative is promising to be a game-changer. Besides promoting adoption of solar, the initiative is a win-win proposition for both the consumers and the discom alike. The solar outreach program is also educating consumers about the benefits of solar energy while ensuring strict quality compliance of the systems being installed. It is also facilitating various finance options available to the consumers."

# Farmers celebrate 'Turban Day' in G'gram

PARVESH VERMA ■ GURUGRAM

The Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), an umbrella body of farmers' union, organised the 'Pagdi Sambhal Diwas' (Turban Day) on Tuesday at the protest site near the Mini Secretariat in Gurugram against Central Government's three farm laws.

Wearing colourful turbans, the agitating farmers in Gurugram celebrated the day following a call by the SKM.

The SKM leaders said that the British Government had enacted anti-farmer laws. In protest against this, Ajit Singh, uncle of martyr Bhagat Singh, had started the peasant movement and later that movement was named as the 'Pagdi Sambhal Jatta' movement.

They said that with the agricultural laws, the government has attacked the turban of the farmer.

SKM President in Gurugram Chaudhary Santokh



Farmer leaders wear turbans during an agitation against the new farm laws and observe 'Pagdi Sambhal Jatta' day in the memory of Sardar Ajit Singh on his birth anniversary at Singhu border in New Delhi on Tuesday Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Singh said that the turban is a symbol of the pride of the farmer. The farmer, through his hard work, generates food and provides food to the whole country.

"The Government has

laws will increase hoarding and inflation," Singh said, adding that this law is completely anti-people.

He said that the movement will continue till the government withdraws the black law. The anti-farmer law had to be withdrawn.

On Wednesday, 'Anti-Suppression Day' is announced in which all-round repression of the farmer movement will be opposed. On this day, memorandums will be given to the President at all tehsils and district headquarters.

On February 26, the contribution of the youth will be respectfully celebrated as Yuva Kisan Diwas.

On this day all the forums of the front will be run by the youth. Youths from different states are appealed to reach Delhi borders.

Also, "Mazdoor Kisan Unity Day" will be celebrated on 27 January on the Martyrdom Day of Guru Ravidas Jayanti and Chandrashekhar Azad.

Metro Stations, unauthorised or re-settlement colonies," said Biswal.

"In these visits police conducted various live interactive sessions in which social, health and cyber issues were explained by experts and awareness about women safety & security, gender sensitisation, 'Good Touch, Bad Touch' was displayed through folk dance performances and Nukkad Naatks," said Biswal.

"The birthday celebrations of senior citizens earned public applause. Apart from this, several programmes such as magic show, laughter show, folk dances, drawing competition were organised amid enthusiastic public participation and entertainment. District heads and Sub-

Division Police Officers actively participated in these sessions along with local police and residents," said the PRO.

"To enhance public participation, live display of police bands, dog Squads as well as self-defence techniques by Shashakti team were organized. The children enjoyed the visit of Jan Sampark Vahan and they were greeted with toffees and chocolates," said the PRO.

"During the Delhi Police Week, these three Jan Sampark Vahans together covered a total of around 6,000 kms and spent about 900 hours in various parts of Delhi. These Jan Sampark Vahans proved immensely useful in strengthening the bridge between Delhi Police and Delhi citizens," said the PRO.

# Delhi Police Week ends after covering city

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With focus to establish communication with the general public, the Delhi Police Week, launched on February 16, ended on Tuesday. The nine 'Jan Sampark Vahaans', during the week moved across the city displaying Delhi Police Heritage, its good works during Covid-19 pandemic & lockdown and various online services available for public.

According to Chinmoy Biswal, the Public Relation Officer (PRO), Delhi Police, a techno-savvy community policing Liaison Police Officer and a lady Public Facilitation Officer (PFO) were deputated at the Vahan to interact with the public and disseminate information about various com-



munity policing and citizen centric schemes of Delhi Police.

"During the Police Week, From February 16 to 22, these vehicles had covered most of the prominent areas including

iconic places, malls, universities, colleges, main markets and other high footfall area, main traffic squares, markets, schools, major parks, bus stands, entrances/exists of

# Delhi Police raises insurance cover for its personnel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police's proposal to increase the insurance cover for police personnel, raising it from ₹30 lakh to ₹78 lakh in case of accidental deaths and ₹5 lakh to ₹28 lakh for those who died a natural death has come into effect from January 26, 2021.

As per the agreement between the Delhi Police and Axis Bank, which oversees the account of the former, "the new scheme of enhanced benefits is scheduled to be implemented with effect from January 26, this year," said an official from the force.

Those becoming permanent disabled due to an accident will be given financial help of ₹78 lakhs while in case of partial disability, insurance coverage can go up to ₹58 lakh. However, in the case of natural death/death due to illness, the age limit has been fixed upto 65 years.

This means that family members of those cops above 65 years dying natural death or due to illness will not get the extended insurance benefits from the Axis Bank.

Early this year, in January 3, to be precise, Delhi Police



Commissioner SN Shrivastava had announced a decision in this regard, saying that "The insurance cover for suicide victims has also been raised to ₹10 lakh."

"Though no family wishes to be compensated in financial terms, yet in unfortunate incident, a provision of ₹10 lakh has been made to help the family in suicidal cases," he had said in a statement.

In case of the death or permanent disability of the cop, his/her children (12-22 years old) will get financial help of upto ₹16 lakhs for continuing education, said the order. The official said that retired police personnel will get the benefit of the enhanced scheme only if the pension is credited in the Axis bank account.

However, as the extended

insurance coverage will come into force from January 26, 2020, the benefits will be of no help to those who succumbed to Corona last year when it was at its peak.

Being frontline warriors, as many as 7,612 police personnel got infected by the virus last year of which 32 succumbed to the disease. Delhi Police had lost 231 of its personnel due to natural deaths, 44 to accidental deaths and 14 to suicides.

The police have also decided that all its personnel above 40 years would undergo compulsory medical checkups, so that any ailment could be timely diagnosed and treated. It would enhance health levels of the force. Serious deliberation is being done for maintaining physical fitness of the police personnel, the CP had said.

# Climate change big challenge: PM

## At 66th IIT convocation, Modi calls for disaster resilient infra



knowledge institutions to promote the resilience of new and existing infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks to ensure sustainable development.

He hailed the role played by the IITs in developing technology to battle COVID-19, and said the hallowed institutes should now work fast on finding futuristic solutions to other health care problems.

"You represent the aspirations of 130 crore people of India," he said, while addressing the convocation virtually.

Noting that the needs and aspirations of the 21st century India have changed, Modi said IITs also need to transform from being just Indian Institutes of Technology to Institutes of Indigenous Technologies.

"You have to become startups to bring about a change in the lives of people. You have to work on Self 3—self-awareness, self-confidence and selflessness," he told the students.

Underscoring the need for

clean and affordable energy, the prime minister said India presented to the world the concept of International Solar Alliance.

He said the cost per unit of solar power was very little in India. However, it was still a great challenge to reach it to people's homes.

"Can you do something about reaching solar cookers to homes using 'chulha' (earthen ovens)," he asked.

He said before the coronavirus struck people used to keep only medicines at their homes.

"Things have changed. They now keep machines that measure blood pressure, machines that measure blood oxygen. A huge market has emerged for personal health care equipment," he said while speaking about research and innovation in the field.

He said IIT students can make use of PM Research Fellow Scheme and the Startup India Mission for idea incubation.

The Prime Minister spoke about the Government liberalising regulations on geospatial data to allow private companies to conduct survey. PTI

# Modi lauds role of traditional Indian medicines in Covid fight

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the Indian Medical Association (IMA) slammed Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev's Patanjali's claim that its herbal Coronil tablets are effective against the Covid-19 virus, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the contribution of traditional Indian medicines in the fight against the pandemic.

He said that the benefits of domestic spices and decoctions have been noticed by people around the world.

"In addition to India's medicines and vaccines, the world has witnessed the contribution of our spices and decoctions as well. Our traditional medicines have established their place in the world," said Modi during a webinar on budget implementation to the health sector.

The Prime Minister's remark comes in the backdrop of amid the controversy surrounding Patanjali's claim that its Coronil tablets are effective against the COVID-19 virus. Patanjali had claimed that its product is the "first evidence-based medicine for corona".



In his address, PM Modi lauded the efforts of the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH). "Our network of AYUSH has done excellent work in the 'Corona era'. The infrastructure of AYUSH has been useful not just for human research but also for immunity and scientific research," he said.

"The country needs wellness centres, district hospitals, critical care units, health surveillance infrastructure, modern labs and telemedicine. We have to work at every level," Modi added.

Modi also hailed the

enhanced budget allocated for the health sector by the Centre for this financial year.

"The budget allocated for the health sector now is extraordinary. It shows our commitment to this sector. COVID-19 pandemic has taught us a lesson to be prepared to fight similar challenges in the future," said Modi.

The IMA on Monday took strong exception to the "blatant lie of WHO certification" for Patanjali's Coronil tablet, which the company claims is an evidence-based medicine to fight Covid-19. The IMA also demanded an explanation from Union Health Minister Harsh

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Vardhan in whose presence the medicine was launched recently.

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Meanwhile, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan at a press conference said that a total of 1,17,54,788 Covid-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the country till 1 pm Tuesday, with 1,04,93,205 getting the first dose and 12,61,583 being given the second dose.

He said that 12 States and Union Territories, including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Odisha, have administered first dose of COVID-19 vaccine to more than 75 per cent of the registered healthcare workers, while 11 states and UTs, including Karnataka, Telangana, Delhi, Punjab and Chandigarh, have administered the first dose to less than 60 per cent of healthcare workers.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to change the timings of following trains as per the details given below:-

STATION	Train No. 09052		Revised Timings		With Effect From
	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
Prayagraj Chheoki	08:10	08:12	08:15	08:17	08.03.2021 (Monday)

STATIONS	Train No. 09058		Revised Timings		With Effect From
	ARR.	DEP.	ARR.	DEP.	
Prayagraj Chheoki	08:10	08:12	08:15	08:17	07.03.2021 (Sunday)
Manikpur	10:23	10:25	10:18	10:20	

Train No. 09017	STATIONS		Train No. 09018	
	ARR.	DEP.		ARR.
14:40	--	Bandra Terminus	16:50	--
--	--	Haridwar	--	17:30

Note: The revised timings of train no. 09017 Ex. Bandra Terminus will be effective from 24.02.2021 (Wednesday) and train no. 09018 Ex. Haridwar will be effective from 25.02.2021 (Thursday).

For any kind information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

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**Secretary also reviewed the progress of Light House Projects (LHPs)**

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) on Monday approved construction of 56,368 houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U). These houses are proposed to be constructed under various verticals of PMAY-U Mission. The decision was taken at the 53rd Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee meeting which 11 states and union territories attended.

The construction of PMAY-U houses are in various stages. As of now, more than 73 lakh houses have been grounded and nearly 43 lakh have been completed, the ministry said.

"Let's get into the mode of implementation and execution," said Durga Shanker Mishra, secretary, MoHUA. He urged the states and union territories

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Mishra also reviewed the progress of Light House Projects (LHPs) and Demonstration Housing Projects (DHPs).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1 January laid the foundation stones of Light House Projects. Under this project the houses are being constructed at Lucknow, Ranchi, Rajkot, Agartala, Chennai and Indore.

# SC farm panel seeks farmers' views on laws

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court-appointed expert committee on Tuesday held discussions with representatives of the All India Kisan Coordination Committee (AIKCC) and sought their viewpoints on the farm legislations. This was the 12th round of meeting of the committee members with stakeholders engaged in the agriculture sector. In December last year, a delegation of farmers led by AIKCC met Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar to extend support to the farm laws.

The meeting came about even as the agitating farmers' unions observed 'pagdi sambhal divas', have asked supporters across the globe to wear a green pagri/dupatta and post their pictures on social media with the hashtag 'Go green for farmers' and decided that five farmers from each Uttar Pradesh village will fast for eight hours daily.

The committee members requested the participating office bearers of AIKCC to give their detailed views on the three laws -- The Farmers' Produce Trade & Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, The Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020 and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020. All the participating office bearers of All India Kisan Coordination Committee gave their detailed views, suggestions and submissions on the three Farm Acts, before the Committee," the committee said in a statement.

In its submission, the

AIKCC has urged the committee to ensure MSP for all Varieties of Cereals, restructuring the farm sector with integration, technology and market access, scrapping of the ECA or define the regulator as (Who will determine the Base price of Horticultural produce) EC ACT 2020, regulator for Commodity trading (NCDEX, MCX), and mutually agreed Remunerative Price Framework in a fair and transparent manner. The AIKCC members have advocated privatization of mandis or mandi reform to ensure better price for farmers and technology driven farm sector.

According to the agriculture ministry, many farmer groups which presented views before the committee have pitched for a legal guarantee for procurement at MSP even though most of them are supportive of the new farm laws. Some of the groups have sought the price to be decided on the basis of comprehensive cost. The committee has last held discussions with officials of ministry of agriculture, consumer affairs, food processing and procurement agencies such as FCI and NABARD.

The committee has, so far, heard views of stakeholders including farmer groups from across the country who have not participated in the ongoing agitation at Tikri Borders, Amul and ITC.

Thousands of farmers, especially from Punjab, Haryana and parts of Uttar Pradesh, have been camping at Delhi's borders for nearly three months now seeking repeal of the new legislations and a legal guarantee of the minimum support price (MSP) system.

# ITBP recovers two IEDs in Chhattisgarh



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The 45th Battalion of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) recovered two Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in a series circuit near Dhanora, Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh on Tuesday. Both the IEDs were defused on the spot by the paramilitary personnel.

Of the two recovered IEDs, one was a pressure cooker bomb and the other one concealed the explosives and the detonator in a pipe type casing. ITBP spokesperson Vivek Pandey said.

While the pressure cooker IED weighed about 5 kg, the pipe bomb concealed approximately 12 kg explosives. Both the IEDs were recovered and destroyed near Pingunda Nalla, 4.1 km from Dhanora on Narayanpur-Orchha road.

IEDs are part of a low cost tactic in use by the Maoists to target the security forces in their operational areas and convoy movement.

The Maoists, mostly based in the jungles of the affected States, illegally source ammonium nitrate and detonators often used for carrying out controlled blasts for mining purposes.

The IED tactic has also been gaining currency in the Jammu and Kashmir theatre where a host of Pakistan-sponsored terror groups are seeking to exploit these crude bombs to target the security forces and IEDs are being recovered almost on a daily basis from various districts in the Valley. Amid the tight security grid on the ground in the Valley, IEDs are relatively easy for the terrorists to plant against the security forces, officials added.

### जल संसाधन विभाग

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### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office of the Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti PHE, Ground Water Divn., Bagh Ali Mardaan Nowshera, Srinagar Kashmir.

Gist of e-Tender.

NIT No: PHE/GWDS 61 of 02/2021, Dated: -02-2021

For and on behalf of Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited in 02 Cover System for Construction of Production tube well at the below mentioned location/site from registered water well drillers/contractors as per the details given in tender document.

S.No 1. Site :- Construction of Production Tube Well at WSS Nazneenpora Tral District Pulwama.

Estimated Cost :- Rs. 23.98 lacs, Cost of Tender Document :- Rs. 1000/-, Cost of EMD :- Rs. 0/- (Instead of EMD the firm has to furnish "Bid Security Declaration", format of the declaration is mentioned in the Bid Document)., Time of completion :- 30 Days, Class of Contract :- Registration of machine drilled Production wells, Validity of Rates :- 180 Days, Programme :- District Capex Budget 2020-21

Position of Funds:- Available

A.A.A Order No: 39 DDCP of 2021 Dated:17-02-2021

**Critical Dates / Information**

1. Publishing Date :- 22-02-2021(3.00PM)
2. Period of Downloading of Bids :- 22-02-2021 (9:00 A.M) to 01-03-2021 (9:00 A.M)
3. Period of Submission of bids :- 22-02-2021 (9:00 A.M) to 01-03-2021 (9:00 A.M)
4. Date of opening of Tender. :- 01-03-2021 at (02:30 P.M)
5. Tender Receiving Authority: Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar.
6. Document Cost for an amount shown in Gist of NIT against each well tender is Non-Refundable in the shape of Treasury Challan/receipt deposited to Account Head 0215 in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division Srinagar (at Saddar Treasury Srinagar) on account of (The firm shall specify the name of work for which apply)
7. The bids can be downloaded or uploaded on the [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in).

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Jal Shakti PHE Ground Water Division, Srinagar.

No. DIPK-13650/20 Dated: 22-02-2021

### Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender

No.SSA/Spl.Trang/Procurement/05/334/2020/4567 Date:23.02.2021

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from manufacturing of uniform for supply of Dress.

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves. The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Sd/-Executive Director,  
Janasanyog/CF5277/20 SSA,Assam,Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

### M.P. MADHYA KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.

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Nishtha Parisar, Bijalee Nagar, Govindpura, Bhopal-462023  
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No. MD/MK/04/9858 Bhopal, Dated 23.02.2021

### TENDER NOTICE

MPMKVCL, Bhopal, invites online bids for Empanelment of Revenue Collection Agencies for Payment collection against LT Consumer Energy Bills on Rate Contract basis in the Distribution Centers/ Zones area of MPMKVCL through e-tendering for procurement of following item :-

Tender specification Number	Particulars of Services sought	Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh)	Tender fee (incl. GST) (In Rs.)	Date of Pre Bid Conference	Date of Opening of Tender
MD/MK/04/699	Empanelment of Revenue Collection Agencies for Payment collection against LT Consumer Energy Bills on Rate Contract basis in the Distribution Centers/ Zones area of Madhya Pradesh Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited	1440.00	11800.00	08.03.2021 3.30 PM	16.03.2021 3.30 PM

Other details and full tender document would be available on our Company website <https://portal.mpcz.in> & Govt. website <https://mptenders.gov.in> shortly.

M.P. Madhyam/100038/2021 CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (PROC.)

# 5 dead, 1 hurt in Karnataka mine blast

**Chikkaballapur:** At least five people were killed and one received severe injuries in a suspected gelatine explosion at a quarry site in Hiremagavalli hamlet bordering Chikkaballapur and Bengaluru in the wee hours of Tuesday morning, police said.

Hiremagavalli is a small hamlet in Chikkaballapur taluk in Chikkaballapur district of Karnataka. It is located 86 kms from tech hub Bengaluru.

According to the police the deceased were identified as engineer Umakant, security guard Mahesh, billing clerk Murali, computer operator Gangadhar and one Abhi, all working in Sri Bhramaraswini stone crusher plant in Chikkaballapur.

Inspector General of Police

(Central Range) M. Chandrashekar told reporters that the Chikkaballapur police had conducted a search operation of this unit twice, first on February 7 and second search led by SP K. Mithun just 10 or 12 hours prior to this incident.

“Our prima facie investigations reveal the mine owners seem to have hired inexperienced people in handling explosive material to dispose off ‘excess’ materials in their possession. In a hurry they have tried to dispose it off and led to the accident,” he said.

He added that the police had already picked up a person after search operations on February 7, who sells explosive materials in this region. “We



Officials inspect an area after a gelatine stick explosion near a quarry and crushing site, at Hiremagavalli village in Chikkaballapur district on Tuesday. PTI

were still on the investigation and now this incident has taken place,” he said.

While Karnataka Health Minister K. Sudhakar said that the quarry was storing gelatin sticks illegally. “There is no question of protecting anyone,

as these are illegally held explosives. This will be dealt with by law, strict action will be taken,” he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa offered condolences to the families of the victims and assured strict action.

“The death of six people near the village of Hiremagavalli in Chikkaballapur, which killed six people, is a shock. Information has been obtained from the District Ministers and senior officials, who have been instructed to conduct a thorough investigation and take stern action against the guilty,” Yediyurappa said on Twitter.

He added, “A high-level investigation into the disaster is underway and strict action will be taken against the guilty.”

“Pained by the loss of lives due to a mishap at Chikkaballapur in Karnataka. Condolences to the bereaved families. Praying that the injured recover quickly,” the Prime Minister tweeted. IANS

## 2 dead, five missing after blast, fire at factory in Gujarat's Bharuch

**Bharuch:** Two workers died, 23 were injured and five were still missing after a massive fire erupted following an explosion at a chemical factory in the Bharuch district of Gujarat on early Tuesday morning, police said.

The incident took place at United Phosphorus Limited's plant in Jhagadia GIDC industrial area, said inspector P H Vasava of the local police station. The fire started after a blast around 2 am, he said.

While local sources said it was a boiler blast, the police official did not specify and said probe was on. The factory made chemicals used in the pharmaceutical industry, sources said.

“Two bodies have been found so far from the debris inside the factory. Search is underway for five workers who are still missing,” inspector Vasava said.

As many as 23 other workers were injured in the fire and nine of them were hospitalized, he said. The blast was so powerful that it was heard a long distance away, the inspector said. Around 15 fire tenders were rushed to the spot and the fire was brought under control by 6.30 am, he added. PTI

## Money, Central agencies used to topple Puducherry Govt: Narayanasamy

**Puducherry:** Outgoing Chief Minister of Puducherry and senior Congress leader, V Narayanasamy said that tons of money and Central agencies were used by the Union Government led by the BJP to topple the secular Government led by him in Puducherry. He was speaking to IANS in a telephone interview.

Q: You resigned as the Chief Minister of Puducherry on Monday, what was the reason for that?

A: Tons of money and Central agencies were used by the Union government led by the BJP to topple the democratically elected government of Puducherry led by secular forces. This is real subversion of democracy and BJP has proved time and again that it does not have any respect for the people's mandate and democracy.

Q: The 2021 assembly elections are around the corner, as a senior Congress leader and former CM, what's your take on the elections?

A: The secular combine of Congress and DMK is well poised for a landslide victory in the next assembly elections which are around the corner. BJP and its coalition does not have the grassroots support in this state and people are really angry at the central govern-

ment for toppling a democratically elected, secular government. The people of Puducherry will teach the murderers of democracy a lesson.

Q: If the Congress led combine returns to power in the next elections, will you be the Chief Minister again?

A: I am a Congressman first and a Congressman last. I don't think that power is the gelling force for me and I am always a party man and accept any responsibility which is bestowed upon me. My point is that bringing back a Congress-led combine is my first priority and we will come back to power in right earnest.

Q: You were on a collision course with Kiran Bedi, former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry but when your government was to face the floor test in the House, the Union government removed her and gave charge to the Telangana Governor, why was it so?

A: Yes, we were fighting against the over indulgence of Lieutenant Governor Hon. Kiran Bedi in the affairs of the government and had petitioned the Union government several times. Unfortunately all of that fell on deaf ears and the government at the Centre did not pay heed to our pleas. IANS

## Mystery shrouds Dadra & Nagar Haveli MP's death

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

Mystery deepened over the circumstances leading to the death of seven-time Lok Sabha member from the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli Mohan S Delkar, even as his body was handed over to his family members after a post-mortem at the state-run JJ Hospital here.

A day after Delkar was found hanging in a hotel in the Marine Drive in south Mumbai, available pointers suggested that he was under some duress that might have driven him to take the extreme step.

The Mumbai police are currently examining the suicide note left by Delkar—written in Gujarati on his official letter head as an MP—which they found in the room of Sea Green Hotel along the Sea facing Marine Drive in south Mumbai, where he had checked into on Sunday. Sources said that the investigators were taking the assistance of a language from Silvassa to decipher the letter.

In a video of his speech made in Lok Sabha on September 19, 2020 that surfaced on Tuesday, Delkar had alleged that he was “harassed” and “insulted” by the local UT administration.

“During the last four months of Corona period, some officials – with an intention to harass and malign me – tried foist false cases against me. They also curtailed my freedom and prevented me from helping my constituents during the Covid-19 period. I was openly insulted on the UT formation day ceremony. As the local elected representative, I was denied my right to address my constituents on that day. I am yet to receive a reply from the administration as to why I was denied permission to my constituents. During the last four months, I am constantly being harassed and insulted in a conspiratorial manner,” Delkar said in Lok Sabha speech.

In another video released in August-September last year, Delkar is understood to have

told his constituents that the local administration was “blocking” him in doing justice to them and the officials were trying to “foist” false cases against him and that the local officials were acting at the behest of “some top people”. Delkar had also spoken about his plans to tender his resignation as the MP during the following Parliamentary session. The preliminary investigations had it that Delkar had committed by hanging himself in the hotel room. His body was found in the hotel on Monday room.

Delkar's body was subsequently taken to JJ Hospital where after a post-mortem, his viscera has been preserved for histopathological examination to ascertain the exact cause of the death. Later, his mortal remains were handed over to his family members to be taken to Silvassa for the last rites.

While confirming that Delkar's body had been handed over by his family, Mumbai's Deputy Commissioner of Police (operations) and police

spokesperson S Chaitanya declined to comment on the investigations. “We cannot say anything at this stage. Investigations are in progress,” Chaitanya said.

Meanwhile, the Maharashtra Congress on Tuesday demanded the BJP's role in Delkar's suicide. “Will soon call on Hon'ble HM Maharashtra @AnilDeshmukhNCP with a demand to investigate the role of BJP in the death of Dadra Nagar Haveli MP Mohanbhai Delkar,” Maharashtra Congress Spokesperson Sachin Sawant tweeted.

On his part, Deshmukh offered condolences on the passing of Delkar and termed the latter's death as ‘very shocking’.

“The news of the demise of Mohan Delkar, seven time MP from Dadra Nagar Haveli Lok Sabha constituency, committing suicide at a hotel in Mumbai is very shocking. May God grant his soul eternal peace,” Deshmukh had tweeted on Monday night.

## Kerala CPM members join BJP

**Thiruvananthapuram:** Around 92 CPM members in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday joined the BJP in the presence of Union Ministers Prahlad Joshi and V. Muraleedharan, the lone Keralite in the Union Cabinet.

Among those who joined the BJP included five women and local leader M. Prabhakaran, a former Kovalam panchayat president.

The membership was handed over to these new members by Joshi, who was in the state capital to inaugurate the election campaign office of the state BJP.

The members belong to the Panavilla and Nellikunnu local committees in the Kovalam Assembly constituency. IANS

## K'taka schools staff stage protest over fee cut order

**Bengaluru:** Thousands of teachers, staff and heads of private schools across Karnataka on Tuesday staged a massive rally in the tech city against the State Government's recent order to reduce fees by 30 per cent due to the Covid-19 pandemic disrupting classes.

“We have staged a rally in the city for the state government to reconsider its order to reduce the tuition fee by 30 per cent, as we are unable to run schools and pay salaries to teachers and other staff,” said a member of the Karnataka private unaided school

managements.

The rally by nearly 50,000 people from the railway station to Freedom Park in the city centre blocked the 2-km road and disrupted traffic for hours. As hundreds of private and unaided schools across the southern state remained shut for over 10 months since April 2020 due to the Covid-induced lockdown and restrictions on resuming classes to check the virus spread, they could not collect tuition and other fees from the students. IANS

## Yogi's 'Mission Shakti' ready to enter Phase II

**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's flagship programme for women, 'Mission Shakti', is all set to enter its second phase. All the district magistrates have been asked to prepare a roadmap for the next one year to continue the mission even after April 2021 and hand it over to the Women Welfare Department by March 31.

Under the campaign, about 7.06 crore people have been made aware of women's issues, including more than 4.27 crore women and over 2.78 crore men. Manoj Kumar Rai, director, Women Welfare Department, and nodal officer, Mission Shakti, said, “Women and girls still suffer discrimination and gender inequality. In

such a situation, effective communication has an effective tool in helping them overcome these situations.”

A special social behavioural change communication module has been prepared and public awareness programmes will be conducted in March through this module, he added. The theme for March for Mission Shakti will be 'Social and behavioural change in communication in women and girls'. Under this, women and children will be made aware of the role of effective communication in the fight for their rights. A positive environment will be created in the society to overcome the conservative beliefs through social behaviour change in communication. IANS

## Covid-19: Project to promote hygienic practices in schools launched in Sikkim

**Gangtok:** In the light of post Covid scenario an unique initiative “Udbhav” was launched for school going children in Sikkim on Tuesday.

The project was launched in 10 schools of Sikkim with the association of Education Department, Govt. of Sikkim and Alkem Foundation and Sulabh School Sanitation Club. The aim of this project is to ensure that all students continue their studies in a safe and healthy environment.

While launching the campaign at Govt Sec School, Chakung, West Sikkim, Sikkim's Education minister Kunga Nima Lepcha said, due to collective efforts of Sikkim government and its residents, Sikkim is still free from the dangerous corona virus.

G.P Upadhyay, Additional Chief secretary, Education Department Govt of Sikkim said that under this project

four Covid Resource Centers are being opened in four schools of Sikkim.

MLA of Soreng, Aditya Golay Tamang, was of the view that this programme shall focus on the development of life skills and the mobilization and involvement of teachers, students, parents, communities, governments and institutions to work together to improve hygiene, water and sanitation conditions in the identified schools of Sikkim.

Rupak Roy Choudhury, National Coordinator, Sulabh Wash in School Program opined that it's time to plan and prepare for the immediate future and Project Udbhav would try to harp on the fact that schooling is not equivalent to merely learning, but encompasses a social space, a social process, to learn to live, think and act for one's self and the collective good. PNS

## Covid TPR in Kerala still below 6%

**Thiruvananthapuram:** The Covid test positivity rate (TPR) in Kerala on Tuesday continued to remain under 6 per cent with 4,034 people testing positive after 69,604 samples were sent for testing in the past 24 hours.

State Health Minister K.K. Shailaja said 4,823 people turned negative, taking the total cured people in the state to 9,81,835, while 54,665 continue to remain Covid positive.

The day saw 14 Covid deaths, taking the total death toll in the state to 4,119.

Across the state there are 2,35,225 people under observation at various places which includes 8,083 in hospitals. There are 372 hotspots in the state. IANS

## DDC Budgam visits Doodhpathri to review preparation for tourist season

**BUDGAM:** The Director Tourism Kashmir, Dr G N Itoo along with District Development Commissioner (DDC) Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza on Tuesday visited tourist resort Doodhpathri, to review the preparedness amid upcoming tourist season.

The Director during the visit convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the status of implementation of Draft Master Plan designed and prepared for beautification and facelift of this beautiful tourist resort.

He said the Master Plan drafted in the year 2011 remains unimplemented due to certain reasons, however for its speedy implementation we have put it in public domain for suggestions/objections from all stakeholders and till date 42 suggestions have been received from different corners.

He said for speedy disposal and consensus on suggestions a committee consisting of Chief Town planner as its Chairman and member, besides ADC, CEO of Doodhpathri Development Authority, SDM Khanshab and AD Tourism as its members will sit and examine the status of suggestions/objections received so that a concrete action plan is drafted for speedy action and implementation of master plan recommendations.



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NIT No. 31/2020/TENDER/G/APD/ BHOPLA DATE 17.02.2021  
Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria :

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months) i/c Rainy Season
1	2021_PWPIU_129763_11	CONSTRUCTION OF URBAN THANA AT SHYAMLIA HILLS DISTT. BHOPAL M.P.	BHOPAL	222.97	222970	15000	12 months i/c Rainy season
2	2021_PWPIU_129774_1	CONSTRUCTION OF C.M. HOUSE PARKING AT SHYAMLIA HILLS DISTT. BHOPAL M.P.	BHOPAL	71.78	71780	10000	06 months i/c Rainy season
3	2021_PWPIU_129812_1	CONSTRUCTION OF C.M. RESIDENCE OFFICE BUILDING AT BHOPAL IN M.P.	BHOPAL	1580.33	1000000	30000	18 months i/c Rainy season
4	2021_PWPIU_129826_1	CONSTRUCTION OF HELI-PAD BETWEEN VALLABH BHAVAN & VIDHAN SABHA BHOPAL (M.P.)	BHOPAL	70.70	70700	10000	04 months i/c Rainy season

1 All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website. <http://mptenders.gov.in>

2 Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/Internet Banking

3 The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 17.02.2021 (date) to 17:30 (time) 04.03.2021 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.

4 Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

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**TENDER NOTICE**

No. DHO/KBZ/2021/2379 Date : 22.02.2021

**Sealed Short Notice Tender for Purchase of Fuel Wood for Cremation Ground, Inder Puri, Karol Bagh Zone for the year 2021-2022**

Sealed short notice tenders in double bid system i.e. Technical and Financial bids are invited for supply of 320 metric tons Fuel Wood (240 metric ton fuel wood - kabar wood and 80 metric tons of Farra Wood) for Cremation Ground, Inderpuri Karol Bagh Zone, North DMC for the year 2021-2022. Technical and financial bids will have to be deposited in the one envelope by each supplier. The tenders will be received in the office of Dy. Controller Accountants, Karol Bagh Zone, Room No. 108, Nigam Bhawan, Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Anand Parbat, Karol Bagh, New Delhi from 23.02.2021 up to 01.03.2021 at 02:00 PM. The tenders will be opened on the same day i.e. on 01.03.2021 at 03:00 PM sharp in the presence of tenderers and the members of the Board. The tender documents, terms and conditions & detailed specifications of the wood can be obtained from the office of Dy. Health Officer, Room No. 407, MCD Nigam Bhawan, Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Anand Parbat, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 on payment of Rs. 1000/- (Non-refundable) along with form from 23.02.2021 to 01.03.2021 upto 11:00 AM. The tenders will be deposited along with earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of the total cost in the form of Demand Draft from Scheduled Bank in favour of Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation.

R.O. No. 84/DPI/North DMC/2020-21 Deputy Health Officer, Karol Bagh Zone

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**DEMAND NOTICE**

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Capri Global Capital Limited. (CGCL) Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(1) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, The Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to CGCL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further applicable interest from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to CGCL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

S.N.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
1.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCPURTL0000008958 Jhandewalan-Pg Branch) Ashwani Kumar (Borrower) Rajni, Iqbal Chand Chhatwal, Karan Motors (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 29,41,651/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF HOUSE MPL NO. WZ-137A, BUILT ON PLOT NO. 12 (OLD), AREA ADMEASURING 50 SQ. YDS., OUT OF KHASRA NO. 19, KHEWAT NO.12, KHATONI NO. 30, SITUATED IN THE AREA OF MOUZA NANGLI ZALIB, WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF WEST ZONE, MAHAVIR NAGAR, BLOCK - E, NEW DELHI ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.
2.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCPURTL0000009209 LNCGCJPGTL0000005055 Jhandewalan-Pg Branch) Bhpender Singh (Borrower) Dhanwati Devi alias Muni Devi (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 27,66,697/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING DESCRIPTION MCS NO. 253/5 (AREA MEASURING 4 MARLAS), WARD NO. 5, KILLAMU NO. 219, 6/2/1 (2-0), 6/1 (2-8), 7/1/1 (0-13), 7/2/2 (3-5), SHIV COLONY, SOHNA, GURGAON, HARYANA - 122003.
3.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCJPGTL0000006716 Jhandewalan-Pg Branch) Dharmesh Kumar (Borrower) Raja Ram, Ramwati, Radhey Electrical Works (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 23,10,485/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PLOT NO. 7/4, AREA ADMEASURING 65 + 65 SQ. YDS., TOTAL AREA ADMEASURING 130 SQ. YDS., OUT OF KHASRA NO. 50/1/1, 43/21/1, 43/20/5, 43/11/1, 43/11/3, SITUATED IN VILLAGE GOUCHI, TEHSIL 8, DISTRICT FARIDABAD, HARYANA - 121005 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EAST: 30 FT. WIDE ROAD WEST: OTHER PROPERTY NORTH: PLOT NO. 715 SOUTH: PLOT NO. 714
4.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCGGDTL0000007738 Gurgaon Branch) Dheeraj Sharma (Borrower) Tilak Raj Sharma, Champa Rani Sharma (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 45,90,167/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF HOUSE NO. 115, GALI NO. 3, KHASRA NO. 117, 117/2 AND 119, ADMEASURING 69 SQUARE YARDS, I.E. 57.69 SQ. MTS., MAIN SHYAM PARK, VILLAGE SAHIBABAD, PARGANA LONI, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201206 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EAST: 8 FT. WIDE ROAD WEST: REMAINING PORTION OF PLOT NORTH: 12 FT. WIDE ROAD SOUTH: PLOT OWNED BY MAHARAJ SINGH
5.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCCHATL0000005084 Chandnichowk Branch) Diamond Educational Society (Borrower) Dharmendra Sirohi, Renu Sirohi, Jatan Swaroop Sharma (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 40,21,506/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY NO. 501, AREA MEASURING 300 SQ. YDS., I.E., 250.83 SQ. MTS., OUT OF KHASRA NO. 6, VILLAGE MOHAMMADPUR DHAEDA, MARUF MOHALLAH, JALALPUR ROAD, MURADNAGAR WARD NO. 9, TEHSIL MOONINAGAR, DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 201206. BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EAST: 30 FT. WIDE ROAD WEST: OTHERS PROPERTY NORTH: OTHERS PROPERTY SOUTH: OTHERS PROPERTY
6.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCNSPTL0000004639 LNCGCJPKTL0000003259 Netajisubhashplace, Janakpuri Branch) Gaurav Sharma (Borrower) Sonu Sharma, Preeti Devi, Maharamvati (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 56,33,072/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING NO 95, ADMEASURING 83.61 SQUARE METERS, KHASRA NO. 111, SITUATED IN THE COLONY OF GIROHAR ENCLAVE, VILLAGE KADKAD GARDEN, PARGANA LONI, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: EAST: 25 FT. WIDE ROAD WEST: PLOT NO. 107 NORTH: PLOT NO. 94 SOUTH: PLOT NO. 96
7.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCKKDTL0000004080 LNCGCKDDTL0000006767 Karkardooma Branch) Gopal Chand (Borrower) Through his Legal Heirs Alka, Adesh Bansal, Mahesh Chand Adesh K, Mahesh Chand Bansal (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 46,05,010/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF HOUSE NO. 142, WARD NO. 17, ADMEASURING 92 YARDS, AAYODHYA GAN, VILLAGE DADRI, TEHSIL & DISTRICT GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH - 203207 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.
8.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCKDDTL0000006178 Karkardooma Branch) Harish Plastic (Borrower) Hoshiyar Singh, Gargi Sharma (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 35,92,141/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. 500 AREA ADMEASURING 100 SQ. YDS., PART OF KHASRA NO. 2331, RAM KALAN COLONY, BAHADURGARH, DISTRICT JHAJJAR, HARYANA ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. BOUNDED AS: EAST: 30 FEET ROAD WEST: PROPERTY OF SAT PRAKASH NORTH: PROPERTY OF BALRAJ SHARMA SOUTH: SHOP OF BALRAJ SHARMA
9.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCKKDTL0000003714 Karkardooma Branch) Lifecare Exim India Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Sudhir Kumar Mahto, Ruchi Prabha Singh (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 46,76,527/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PLOT NO. H-1-326(B), ADMEASURING 495 SQ. METERS, INDUSTRIAL AREA, CHOWPANKI, BHIWADI, TEHSIL TIJARA, DISTRICT ALWAR, RAJASTHAN ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.
10.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCDLTL0000006439 LNCGCDELTL0000006205 Delhi Branch) Nanda Sales (Borrower) Amisha, Amit Kumar (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 46,47,520/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR OF BUILT-UP PROPERTY NO. K-14, BEARING MUNICIPAL NO. WZ-L2/35, AREA MEASURING 93 SQUARE YARDS WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, PART OF KHASRA NO. 30, ALONGWITH COMMON SCOOTER PARKING ON THE GROUND FLOOR UNDER STAIRS, SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE NANGLI JALIB, COLONY KNOWN AS KRISHNA PARK EXTENSION, GALI NO. 12, NEW DELHI - 110018; AND BOUNDED AS UNDER: EAST: ROAD 15 FT. WEST: ROAD 10 FT. NORTH: REMAINING PORTION OF THE SAID PROPERTY SOUTH: PLOT NO. 13
11.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCJPGTL0000005377 Jhandewalan-Pg Branch) Rakesh Bhardwaj (Borrower) Asha Devi, Tarkeshwar Industries (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 32,16,940/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF MUNICIPAL BEARING NO. 2283 (NEW) AND OLD PLOT NO. 164, MEASURING 100 SQ. YDS., GALI NO. 10, BLOCK-8, PART OF KHASRA NO. 116, KILLA NO. 29, BADKHAL, SCM NAGAR, FARIDABAD, HARYANA - 121001 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. BOUNDED AS EAST: 15 FT. ROAD WEST: PLOT NO. 165 NORTH: PLOT NO. 163 SOUTH: REMAINING PLOT
12.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCDELTL0000003087 Delhi Branch) Ravinder Kumar Wadhwa (Borrower) Meenakshi Wadhwa, Naranakari Stone Crushing Works (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 47,02,246/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF ONE PRIVATE SHOP NO. 5, GROUND FLOOR, SIZE 17*10', WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, PORTION OF PROPERTY BEARING NO. 137, POCKET - 2, BLOCK - A, SECTOR - 3, SITUATED AT ROHINI, DELHI - 110085 ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH.
13.	(Loan Account No.LNCGCPURTL0000008934 Jhandewalan-Pg Branch) Shyam Sunder (Borrower) Divya Rani, (Co-Borrower)	16-02-2021 Rs. 27,84,113/-	ALL PIECE AND PARCEL OF PROPERTY AREA MEASURING 74 SQ. YDS., OUT OF KHASRA NO. 34, KILLA NO. 7/1/3, NOW KNOWN AS HOUSE NO. 8772, JAWAHAR COLONY, MOUZA SARAN, FARIDABAD, HARYANA ALONGWITH CONSTRUCTION THEREON PRESENT AND FUTURE BOTH. BOUNDED AS EAST: PLOT OWNED BY SMT. GHAPPAN WEST: PLOT OWNED BY SMT. JHAJJAN NORTH: ROAD SOUTH: OTHER PLOT

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to CGCL as aforesaid, CGCL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of CGCL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act/Rules made the reuser, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Delhi-NCR Date :- 24.02.2021 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) For Capri Global Capital Limited



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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Shaky leadership

The Congress has failed to win elections or maintain its hold in several States

What the 'Grand Old Party' needs to learn from the BJP is not only how to win elections but also how to form a Government or at least dislodge the incumbent by triggering defections and fanning a rift in the rival camp. With the resignation of Puducherry Chief Minister V Narayanasamy ahead of a floor test, the Congress has lost its only Government in the South. That, too, when crucial Assembly elections in five States — Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal — are round the corner. The party's failure lies not only in losing successive elections but also in its inability to maintain its hold over places where it has formed the Government. All of this points to a weak leadership, demoralised rank and file, lack of planning and coordination and factionalism. While the BJP has a league of leaders, including from the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the Vishva Hindu Parishad, apart from its own cadres who reach out to various communities in a strategic and well-planned manner months ahead of an election, the Congress is literally bereft of such a "strong line" and its grassroots workers are apparently devoid of the confidence needed to win polls. The party still solely depends upon its age-old formula of banking on the Gandhi surname for electoral breakthroughs. However, the plan has now become obsolete and the Congress needs to roll up its sleeves and refurbish its image among the voters.

Even as the party tries its best to recuperate from various setbacks with Rahul Gandhi's aggressive campaigning for the upcoming Assembly polls, the party does not have an elected president. Last month, the Congress announced that it will have an elected president by June 2021. This entails a message: Either the party doesn't want to lose crucial time ahead of polls in conducting internal elections or it is shielding its "Yuvraj" from the ignominy of losing elections, if that happens. Further, most of the Congress leaders still toe the line of the Gandhis and the way important decisions are taken in the party shows the lack of democracy there. Recently, the party's highest decision-making body — the Congress Working Committee — had authorised Sonia Gandhi to schedule the internal elections after the conclusion of the Assembly polls in five States. With the latest setback in Puducherry, the party's political footprint has shrunk further and it is now in power on its own in just three States — Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. For the Congress, the battle ahead is an uphill task. However, if it wants to even be in the contest, it needs to bring about systemic changes, both within the party as well as in its strategy of reaching out to the masses. The Congress must also learn from the BJP that in order to win polls, it's more important to make tall promises rather than fulfil these on time. Else, it must stay contented with the Punjab civic polls victory. As of now, the BJP seems too formidable for the Congress.



A bicycle rider during a winter snowstorm near Independence Hall in Philadelphia AP

## Helping hand

Declaring those still missing after the Chamoli tragedy 'presumed dead' is aimed at helping their families

Nearly a fortnight after tragedy struck in the form of a glacier breach at Joshimath in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, the State Government has issued a notification to declare 136 people, who are still missing after the February 7 flash flood, "presumed dead". Of the 204 people originally reported missing when the flood hit two hydropower projects near the Naina Devi National Park, search and rescue workers have recovered the rest of the bodies or fragmented body parts. This move by the Government, which has begun the process of issuing death certificates for those missing, would basically make it faster and easier for the bereaved families to receive compensation early. Treating the Chamoli incident as an "exception", the Government decided to invoke provisions of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969. Usually, people who go missing in a disaster or natural calamity are declared dead if they remain untraced for seven years. But this law allows the Government to declare missing persons as dead before the stipulated seven-year-period. The death certificates for those missing would be made under three categories: One, locals belonging to Chamoli district; two, those belonging to other districts of the State; and three, tourists or people from other States.

While the Government's decision is laudatory in the sense that it would help alleviate some degree of pain being felt by those families who are in the throes of uncertainty and suspense after their kin went missing, the need of the hour is for the authorities to address the real cause for the tragedy rather than just treating symptoms. While there is reportedly no imminent danger in the artificial lake formed in the upper catchment of the Rishiganga river as the volume of water is less than expected and it's flowing through a natural channel that has been widened, the focus should be on containing mindless human and construction activity in the fragile ecosystem of the hills. Scientists are still debating the exact cause that led to the flash floods but there is little doubt that such disasters are likely to become more frequent. This could be because of long-term effects of human activity that brew slowly but lead to tragic developments — such as the climate crisis — as well as more recent developments, such as the construction of dams to generate electricity in the mountain terrain. Slowly but surely, we are beginning to feel the effects of climate change. It's in the interest of our own self and our future generations that we heed these warnings and take timely action. Otherwise, it might be too late.

# Kailash card used, Depsang in limbo

The trump card has already been played as *quid pro quo* for Fingers. This round is win-win for both India and China



ASHOK K MEHTA

Some questions on disengagement from the Line of Actual Control (LAC) need to be asked again: Why did India withdraw from the commanding heights on Kailash range without *quid pro quo* like Return Status Quo Ante (RSQA) April 2020 integrally linked with withdrawal from Depsang and instead settle for vacation from just north-south banks of Pangong Tso? The answer was located in Northern Army Commander Lt Gen YK Joshi's interviews last week; the details follow. For a year now, India has been claiming it has the skill and tenacity in high-altitude warfare, including Siachen, whereas the People's Liberation Army (PLA) — which perhaps for the first time had occupied posts on Kailash range since 1962 — does not have similar talents. China has imposed additional deployment costs of ₹1,000 crore, excluding ₹20,000 crore in emergency operational acquisitions, which is a godsend as in normal course, the transactions would not have materialised.

To recap: Under the shadow of COVID-19 pandemic, China diverted the PLA on training in Xinjiang to intrude at multiple places from Depsang to Demchok across 300 km of east Ladakh. India looked like a tubelight bereft of counter-intrusion contingencies. China pushed the LAC westwards to its 1959 claim line, establishing a buffer zone at Galwan and refusing to discuss Depsang. The Galwan clash and an Indian *coup de main* in that order froze and nudged disengagement which secured an Indian vacation from dominating heights on Kailash range overlooking Chinese garrisons at Moldo and Spanggur lake. As in the first disengagement, it is advantage China. Beijing has imposed economic costs, transforming the LAC into LoC. While India has politically withstood China's bullying, the perception in the neighbourhood about India's ability to be a net security provider has been cast in doubt.

Still the Government has to be congratulated for providing, for the first time, critical operational information about the



ongoing three Ds — Disengagement, De-escalation and De-induction. In the past, contradictory information would be leaked by the Government and military officials even as independent journalists claimed they had their own sources, all of which led to mammoth confusion. Last week Lt Gen Joshi, who was pilloried over last year's multiple intrusions, explained how the disengagement deal came about following an audacious tactical operation by stealth to seize strategic heights on Finger 4 and on Kailash range on August 29/30 to turn the tables on the PLA. That these operations were on the Indian side of the LAC does not diminish their brilliance.

Elaborating, Lt Gen Joshi said placing tanks at Rezangla and Rechinla on Kailash range was the game-changer into reviving stalled talks and forcing the PLA to withdrawing from Finger 4 to beyond Finger 8. He noted that the withdrawal plan was in writing for the first time and that the talks would resume.

To be clear, details of withdrawal on the south bank are not as specific as on the north bank. In the written agreement, no mention is made of RSQA April 2020 though dis-



DEPSANG IS OF THE HIGHEST STRATEGIC SENSITIVITY FOR INDIA'S DEFENCE OF THE KARAKORAM RANGE AND AN OFFENSIVE TOWARDS AKSAI CHIN; AND OF VITAL STRATEGIC IMPORT FOR CHINA FOR SIMILAR REASONS

cussion on other friction points is included. Assuming Lt Gen Joshi has been quoted accurately, the Kailash trump card has already been played as *quid pro quo* for Fingers. He said no land was ceded to China, presumably referring to the Pangong lake sector and not across the intrusion sites. The field is still wide open — with India's core concerns located at Galwan, and Depsang apparently left in a limbo without the towering Kailash heights available as a bargaining chip. This round is win-win for both India — with the vacation of Fingers — and China — securing removal of tanks and troops from Kailash range. But using the Ace of Spades in the first move is a big gamble though Lt Gen Joshi said it is not advantage in perpetuity. He called the entire episode — Indian seizure of Kailash heights and the PLA's withdrawal from Fingers as a loss of face for China which has annoyed the Chinese.

The resumed dialogue on Saturday ended not in a written agreement but a joint statement to "push for a mutually acceptable resolution of remaining issues so as to jointly maintain peace and tranquility in border areas". Key questions remain: Final disposition of troop sep-

aration at Galwan, Ghogra-Hot Springs, Demchok and Depsang. At Galwan, Indian troops were pushed back two-and-a-half km from their traditional patrolling point No 14 and a buffer zone created. China regards Depsang a legacy dispute and the absence of eyeball confrontation may probably preclude its inclusion from a friction point. But it is of the highest strategic sensitivity for India's defence of the Karakoram range and an offensive towards Aksai Chin; and of vital strategic import for China for similar reasons. India could likely be left with China ensconced along its 1959 claim line, buffer zones predominantly on India's territory, stalemate at Depsang, no RSQA April 2020, *de facto* loss of territory and most importantly collapse of peace, trust and tranquility along the border, the bedrock of sound and stable bilateral relations. China, on the other hand, wants decoupling of border dispute from bilateral relations. Depsang will prove to be a test case.

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are personal.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### REOPENING SCHOOLS WILL HELP STUDENTS

Sir—There is no point in not reopening schools. There is no substitute for classroom learning and online education system has several drawbacks. All States must take a cue from Uttar Pradesh (UP) which has taken the lead in announcing the reopening of schools for younger students of classes one to five. The UP Government has said schools can open from March 1, and also issued a set of guidelines.

While parents are worried, they must also understand that staying at home is no solution. However, it is on the part of schools and colleges to ensure that social distancing is followed and the students are made to sit at a safe distance from each other inside classrooms. Further, the school administration should distribute soft disposable cotton masks to each student daily and must place sanitising machines outside the entrance and exit of the classes and at the main entrance of the school.

Staying away from school for long will make the students lethargic and create several psychological disorders, especially among the young students. They will develop the habit of staying at home and not going to schools which would prove counterproductive to their mental and physical development in the long run. Students in the age group of three to 10 years will develop fear psychosis and will avoid going to school. They will try their best to make excuses and then parents will understand the importance of early reopening of schools.

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### AAP'S MISADVENTURE

Sir—This refers to the editorial 'Harvesting votes' (February 23). In the last three Assembly elections in Delhi, the AAP has proved its mettle even as there was a strong BJP wave across the country. Now the AAP is looking to expand its base to Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and other States riding on the farmers' protest. But the party must remember that the politics of UP is entirely different and winning the western region is the toughest nut to crack. With

### Take errant States to task



It is extremely worrying and alarming that the weekly cases of COVID-19 are surging again in India. The problem is particularly severe in Maharashtra and Kerala and the State Governments are responsible for it. The increase in cases in Maharashtra was witnessed after the Mumbai local was thrown open to all categories of commuters. These two States have given a severe blow to our fight against the pandemic

parties like RLD, SP and BSP having quite significant base among the voters, the AAP venturing into UP elections might prove to be a misadventure for the party.

For the AAP, unlike Delhi, it won't be a plain contest but a fight where religion, caste, traditional loyalties and other factors will play a crucial role. The AAP made up its mind to contest the elections in UP last year itself. Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had previously targeted the UP Government regarding the state of education in UP. In December last year, Sisodia conducted a debate programme titled 'State of Education—Kejriwal's Delhi Model versus Yogi's UP Model' in Lucknow. But the AAP must remember that the BJP will leave no stone unturned to fight anti-incumbency and win the 2022 UP elections.

Nischai Vats | Sultanpur

### BJP HAS LOST GROUND IN PUNJAB

Sir—The BJP has never been a considerable force on its own in Punjab. But still

and have left the entire nation in the lurch. With no restrictions on interstate movement, the virus is expected to spread fast and assume gigantic proportions.

Further, with new strains of Coronavirus invading our lives, against which the present vaccines are ineffective, we need to be very careful and take all precautions like wearing masks and sanitising our hands. We must also maintain social distance that went for a toss recently after the economy was thrown open and various activities restarted. We are not ready to suffer another dreaded prolonged pandemic which could be even worse. People have already suffered a lot; schools, offices and businesses were closed for long while daily wage earners have been pushed on the verge of extinction. Those who fail to follow COVID-related protocols should be put behind bars. Further, the Centre must take strict action against the States which fail to control COVID.

Ramesh G Jethwani | Bengaluru

the fourth place in the State civic polls is a reflection of the anti-Centre mood that has gripped the farming community. For farmers, the Centre means Narendra Modi and the BJP again means Narendra Modi. On the other hand, the poor show of the SAD is attributed to its past alliance with the BJP.

The voters were reluctant to believe both had "really" parted ways. For the Congress, the massive victory is satisfying in the sense that there has been no anti-incumbency in the State and it remains the strongest political party in Punjab. Captain Amarinder Singh, always seen as his own man, has strengthened his position in the State though there was a palpable local-level dissent against him. The BJP should think fast to even things even things out. It has lost ground in districts considered its bastion in Punjab.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

## SOUND BITE

Any community can demand reservation. That is not wrong. But I feel that only those communities should get reservation who deserve it the most, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.



Congress leader — Siddaramaiah

Those who violate social distancing restrictions will not be eligible for an upcoming batch of emergency cash handouts.



South Korea PM — Chung Sye-kyun

I was very affected when my nose broke in the Bigg Boss. They broke my prop's head and threw water on me but I controlled my anger on the show.



Actor — Rakhi Sawant

The pink ball tends to swing a lot more than the normal red ball that we play with. We experienced that when we played one match in 2019 with Bangladesh.



Indian captain — Virat Kohli

We will be able to open schools in July-August 2021 but our biggest challenge will be how to deal with the learning loss.



AAP MLA — Atishi Marlena

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## FIRST COLUMN

### OUR VERSION OF THE ENABLING ACT

Those who were supposed to uphold the Constitution and protect people's rights, have become subservient



MARKANDEY KATJU

On March 23 the German Parliament, the Reichstag, passed the Enabling Act (named euphemistically as 'An Act to remedy the distress of the people and the State'), which enabled the German Government to issue decrees deviating from the Weimar Constitution and the law. Although no such Enabling Act has been passed formally in India, and specifically by our Parliament, yet an undeclared Enabling Act has been in operation for many years in our country. The Constitution, with its fundamental rights, including the rights of freedom of speech, liberty, equality, religious freedom, and so on, as well as the laws, are flouted openly and with impunity by various governments, the police and others, while those with authority, like the judiciary, the bureaucrats and the police top brass look the other way. For instance, people like Akhlaq Khan, Pehlu Khan, Tabrez Ansari and so on were lynched and atrocities were committed on people from the minority community with impunity. One Union Minister even garlanded the lynchers and there was a hue and cry over it in the media. Despite Article 25 of the Constitution which grants religious freedom and despite the criminal laws in India against murder and other atrocities, not much was done to those who flout the law.



In Delhi, many citizens were attacked and killed during the recent unrest over the anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) rally, with the police remaining silent spectators. Kafeel Khan, Safoora Zargar and others protesting against the CAA were arrested and kept in jail for long periods. In Uttarakhnad, some legislators of the ruling party said during the COVID period that no one should buy vegetables and fruits from sellers of a particular community, which is a crime under Sections 153A and 295A of the Indian Penal Code.

Religious polarisation and incitement to hatred has risen on an exponential level in the nation yet, no action is taken against the perpetrators. Freedom of speech, "guaranteed" by Article 19(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution, has largely been suppressed by various means e.g. arresting and chargesheeting those who speak against the authorities. As regards freedom of the media, which too was "guaranteed" by the Constitution, it too has been largely suppressed, by arrests or intimidation of journalists who are perceived as being anti-establishment and encouragement to the "godji media."

Article 21 of the Indian Constitution guarantees individual liberty. But despite this provision, liberty exists largely on paper as the arrest and long detention of social activists like the Bhima Koregaon accused, the protestors against the CAA, the Kashmiri leaders after revocation of Article 370, and those who speak against the establishment shows. During the ongoing farmers' agitation the farmers were attacked with water cannons, batons and tear gas, though they were only exercising their Constitutional right of peaceful assembly and demonstration which all democracies enjoy. How is it that the authorities can so brazenly and flagrantly flout the Constitution and the country's laws? It is because those who were supposed to uphold the Constitution and the laws, and protect the rights of the people, have largely become accomplices and subservient to the establishment, although they were meant to be independent and neutral. An Enabling Act is in full force in India, even if covertly.

(The writer is a former judge of the Supreme Court of India. The views expressed are personal.)

# Education is not a market commodity

It is high time that policymakers critically observe the amendment in the fee structure of India's premier management institutions of national interest



SWAPNIL SONI GANESHARAMAN KALYANASUNDARAM

Unlike other nations, education in India is considered a costly affair. Historically, Government spending in education has been low, with less than four per cent of the GDP spent per annum. This lack of budgetary support coupled with an increasing population has resulted in the cost of education becoming inflated in the country. However, in India, where a majority of the population finds it hard to make ends meet, parents and students consider a good education from a reputed institute a dream worth chasing. Inevitably, a good education, be it primary, secondary, higher or professional, has made its place in the list of fundamental needs of individuals. Considering this, the Government has, time and again, intervened to regulate and formulate policies for promoting quality education across the country.

Timely financial support and policy measures become enablers for not only educational institutions but students, too. They collectively promote quality education in order to deliver a skilled human capital that, in turn, takes the economy on a higher and sustainable growth trajectory. Of late, there have been a slew of reforms in higher and professional education, which institutions have responded to in different ways. This article examines one such reform, its consequences and impact on the country's education scene.

The concept of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) was initiated by Jawaharlal Nehru on the recommendation of the Planning Commission in 1960. Subsequently, IIM-Calcutta and IIM-Ahmedabad were established in 1961 with the support of the Ford Foundation, India Inc. and the Harvard Business School. This followed the emergence of other IIMs, and today there are 20 in number, including six legacy IIMs and 14 new ones set up after 2007.

The establishment of IIMs aimed to produce a skilled workforce equipped with managerial and decision-making skills required for growing industrialisation in the country. The need for such managerial skills was felt, especially post-1991, when investment and privatisation buttressed the emergence of corporate giants in the liberalised Indian economy. Given their role in nation-building, IIMs were declared "institutions of national importance" by the Ministry of Education after the passage of the IIM Act, 2017. The Act also awarded autonomy to the IIMs for fee regulations apart from selection and removal of the chairperson and director, student intake and institute expansion. The Government and bureaucracy cannot intervene in the day-to-day and strategic operations of IIMs.

Exercising this autonomy last year, about half of the IIMs increased their already exorbitant fees for the two-year full-time MBA course. This included IIMs from Lucknow, Calcutta, Bangalore, Jammu, Tiruchirappalli, Sirmaur, Nagpur, Udaipur and Rohtak. The fees increase ranged between three per cent (Rohtak) and 36 per cent (Lucknow), averaging at 13 per cent. There already exists a difference in the fee structure of old and new IIMs, which was further widened by the current hike. With the fee hike in 2020 for the academic year 2020-2022, the average fee in old IIMs is ₹20.7 lakh, whereas that in new IIMs is ₹13.7 lakh. The managements of these premier institutions attribute this



HUGE PLACEMENT PACKAGES ARE THE PRIMARY CATALYST FOR FIERCE COMPETITION AMONG MANAGEMENT STUDY ASPIRANTS AND EVEN PROFESSIONALS TO GET INTO PREMIER IIMs. THE BIGGER THE PACKAGE OFFERED FOR A PARTICULAR IIM, THE FIERCER THE COMPETITION TO GET INTO THE INSTITUTE. DOES THIS HIGHER DEMAND FOR A PARTICULAR IIM TRANSLATE INTO HIGHER FEE FOLLOWING THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS?

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hike to inflation and the associated cost of faculty and infrastructure. However, as such, no quantitative assessment is provided to justify this argument. Lack of accountability due to the absence of Government intervention leads to more questions than answers.

On the other hand, the management institutions under the ambit of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), are restricted from increasing their fees. In its notification dated May 1, 2020, the AICTE had asked the B-schools offering AICTE-approved Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) programmes not to increase either admission or tuition fee for the academic session 2020-21 for existing as well as new students. These two contrasting stories — fee hike in unregulated IIMs and no fee hike in regulated institutions — make one think. Did autonomy play a significant role in incentivising the IIMs to hike fees?

Fee hike in premier management institutions becomes a hurdle for eligible aspirants to acquire managerial skills. This problem was aggravated by the fee hike coinciding with the economic recession and the COVID-19 pandemic. When the contagion has taken a toll on lives, livelihoods and incomes, an increase in management education fees has made it impossible for most aspirants to achieve their dream of studying at these premier institutions. Collectively, the current

scenario compromises the very fundamental objective of education in the nation that aims to provide affordable education to the prospective and existing workforce in nation-building.

It is well-known that premier management institutions invite heavyweight offer letters from corporate giants. These huge placement packages are the primary catalyst for fierce competition among management study aspirants and even professionals to get into premier IIMs. The bigger the package offered for a particular IIM, the fiercer the competition to get into the institute. Does this higher demand for a particular IIM translate into higher fee following the fundamental principles of economics?

In other words, it was worth investigating the relationship between placement packages from India Inc. and the fees of IIMs. To this end, we collated the average package and fees of all 20 IIMs for 2020 and performed a linear regression analysis due to which we discovered a significant cyclical relationship between an IIM's fees and the packages offered during placements. This implied that an IIM attracting a higher salary with a lucrative job opportunity was likely to charge more than other IIMs.

In the empirical analysis, top IIMs (as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework) like IIM-Ahmedabad, IIM-Bangalore and IIM Calcutta attract extremely high packages (average ₹26.8 lakh per annum) and they

charge inordinately high fees (average ₹23 lakh) as compared to other IIMs, particularly the new ones.

This resembles the typical pricing structure of a market commodity wherein the supply-demand dynamic in the market decides the product price. Education is not a market commodity meant to meet an individual's demand. Therefore, it cannot be left unregulated, especially in terms of pricing or fees structure. Education serves a larger purpose of social uplift and nation-building by generating a well-trained and equipped human capital.

An inflated fee in premier management institutions leaves most eligible aspirants with the only option of an education loan to fund their dreams. An education loan poses a demonic challenge of repayment. This burden is carried by the students during the course of their study and afterwards too. The managerially-trained brains coming out with the burden of liabilities experience constrained freedom and lack of creative thinking. This thwarts productivity and overall value addition to the economy. It is high time that policymakers critically observe the amendment in the fee structure of India's premier management institutions of national interest. Policymakers must curtail unregulated fee hike in premier institutions, keeping in mind the following question: How can the objective of strengthening the human capital with managerial skills and its affordability marry each other?

## POINT COUNTERPOINT

RAHUL GANDHI WENT TO PUDUCHERRY AND TRUE TO HIS MIDAS TOUCH, CONGRESS LOSES ITS GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE!  
—BJP LEADER  
AMIT MALVIYA



PUDUCHERRY IS A UT AND NOT A STATE. PEOPLE CAN SEE THROUGH THE BJP'S CORRUPT POLITICS OF FELLING GOVTs USING MUSCLE AND MONEY, CLEARLY.  
—CONGRESS LEADER  
GAURAV PANDHI

# Time to blend naturopathy and allopathy for a healthier nation

Naturopathy is a preventive model of holistic care that addresses the root cause of various diseases rather than merely treating the symptoms

In India, there are a little over one million allopathic doctors to treat a population of about 1.39 billion, with one State-run hospital for about 90,343 people and a single Government hospital bed for nearly 2,046 people. It depicts a grim scenario with an overburdened health-care system.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have been devastating for the already fragmented health-care system. The outbreak clearly highlighted the lack of resources, facilities and infrastructure and so on. It showed that the Indian public health-care system required an integrated approach which should be a combination of allopathic clinical or curative services and preventive services like naturopathy. This is because, an alternative system of medicine like naturopathy,



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with its preventive approach, can help reduce the burden of diseases and lessen the healthcare costs and the growing burden on health-care facilities across the country.

According to a 2018 study published by 'Lancet Global Health', non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are growing in India. The study mentions that from the year 1990 to 2016, ischemic heart disease and stroke made the largest contribution, that is 28.1 per cent of the total mortality rate in India, while chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma made the second-largest contribution to the total mortality burden in the nation, at 10.9 per cent.

Also, the ratio of cardiovascular diseases in causing deaths increased by 34.3 per cent from 1990 to 2016, the

study revealed. These figures represent some of the world's largest health losses, with enormous policy ramifications.

Furthermore, the lack of adequate facilities and infrastructure is a big problem for the healthcare system, resulting in overcrowding in hospitals. Many major metropolitan cities reported an alarming shortage of beds in hospital Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and general wards during the pandemic.

Despite the poor state of facilities and due to the difficulty in accessing them, out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure for healthcare in our country continues to be among the leading causes of poverty for many households. The British Medical Journal published a study in 2018 stating that 55 million Indians fell below the poverty line



because of high OOP expenditure in 2011-2012. In a country with low per capita public spending on health-care, a preventive method of treatment can certainly make a big difference in the lives of the citizens.

In such a situation, the big question is how can naturopathy help?

Naturopathy is a preventive model of holistic care that addresses the root cause of various diseases rather than merely treating the symptoms.

Naturopathy is more integrated, where everything is taken into consideration, like the patient's physical, mental, and emotional health and all the social and environmental factors. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), NCD's result in the deaths of over 41 million people annually, with 15 million people dying between the ages of 30 and 69 years. With the increasing threat of NCDs, behavioural and lifestyle changes are reckoned as the way forward.

Naturopathy, with its holistic approach, educates and makes people more responsible for their health. The combination of yoga

and naturopathy can successfully treat patients and spread knowledge and awareness about health and disease among the public.

Unlike conventional medicine, the naturopathy treatment method usually involves diet therapy, lifestyle changes, yoga and various therapies that are often less expensive. Since naturopathy's primary focus is to improve the body's immunity system to boost physical and mental health, the need for expensive, repeated, and sometimes ineffective treatment is eliminated.

A major advantage of naturopathy is its ability to eliminate the associated healthcare costs that come with adverse reactions to prescription drugs. According to a Harvard University study published in 2014, about 3,28,000 patients in the US

and Europe die from adverse reactions to prescription drugs each year.

The naturopathy treatment method uses therapies that are gentle, non-invasive, effective and do not have adverse side effects.

Often, economically vulnerable sections of the society fail to get the treatment they need from public health facilities as they are mostly overcrowded and understaffed. Even if they manage to get evaluated, it is cursory and incomplete on account of the time constraint under which most physicians operate. As a result, the health outcomes of the patients suffer. In such a scenario, naturopathy's modality can be an immense support to the Government's dream of universal health coverage, provided the standardisation of the practice happens soon.

# Biden's bid to resurrect Iran nuke deal off to bumpy start

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration's early efforts to resurrect the 2015 Iran nuclear deal are getting a chilly early response from Tehran. Though few expected a breakthrough in the first month of the new administration, Iran's tough line suggests a difficult road ahead.

Having made several significant overtures to Iran in its first weeks in office, the administration's outreach has been all but shunned by the Iranians. They had already rejected Biden's opening gambit: a US return to the deal from which President Donald Trump withdrew in 2018 if Iran resumes



Joe Biden speaking at a podium.

full compliance with its obligations under the accord.

Iran is shaping up to be a major test of the Biden administration's overall approach to foreign policy, which the president has said will realign itself with the kind of multilateral diplomacy that Trump

shunned. Although there are other hot-button issues — Russia, China and North Korea among them — Iran has a particular significance for Biden's top national security aides.

They include Secretary of State Antony Blinken, national security adviser Jake Sullivan and special envoy for Iran Rob Malley, all of whom were intimately involved in crafting the 2015 deal under President Barack Obama and may have personal stakes in salvaging it.

Biden took office pledging to reverse Trump's pullout from the deal, which gave it billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program. Just last week, Biden delivered in at least three ways: agreeing to return to multinational talks with Iran about reviving the deal, rescinding Trump's determination that all UN sanctions on Iran must be restored, and easing onerous travel restrictions on Iranian diplomats posted to the United Nations.

Yet, Iran has held firm to demands that it will not respond to anything less than a full lifting of the sanctions Trump reimposed. Over the weekend, Iran made good on a threat to suspend adherence to a UN agreement allowing intrusive inspections of its declared nuclear sites. Although it stopped short of ordering the removal of international inspectors, Iran reduced cooperation with them and vowed to revisit the step in three months if sanctions aren't removed.

# State TV: Iran imposes curbs on UN nuclear inspections

AP ■ TEHRAN (IRAN)

Iran officially has begun restricting international inspections of its nuclear facilities, state TV reported on Tuesday, a bid to pressure European countries and US President Joe Biden's administration to lift crippling economic sanctions and restore the 2015 nuclear deal.

The state TV report gave little detail beyond confirming that Iran had made good on its threat to reduce cooperation with International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors.

Iran's move to limit international inspections underscores the daunting task facing

Biden as he seeks to reverse Trump's policies and return to the deal, the most significant pact between Iran and major world powers since its 1979 Islamic revolution.

"The law has gone into effect from this morning," said Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, reiterating that Iran would no longer share surveillance footage of its nuclear facilities with the U.N. Agency.

"We never gave them live video, but (recordings) were given daily and weekly," Zarif said of the IAEA's access to information recorded by camera monitors.

# Pak MP marries 14-year-old girl from Balochistan, probe ordered

AGENCIES ■ BALOCHISTAN

Pakistan police have launched an investigation into the marriage of a 14-year-old girl with Maulana Salahuddin Ayubi, the Member of the National Assembly in his late 50s, according to Pakistan media.

Chitral police station SHO Inspector Sajjad Ahmed was quoted as saying that a few days ago on the complaint of the organisation, the police had reached the girl's home, but her father had denied the girl's marriage and had even given an affidavit to this effect.

The marriage of the teenage girl with the Pakistan MP, who is four times her age, comes despite the country's law, which does not allow marriages of girls below the age of 16 and also recommends punishment for parents if they willfully do it.

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# Myanmar coup: More protests follow strike, foreign concerns

AP ■ YANGON

Protesters against the military's seizure of power in Myanmar were back on the streets of the country's biggest city on Tuesday, a day after a call for a general strike shuttered shops and brought huge numbers out to demonstrate.

Numbers were down from Monday's massive crowds, but around 1,000 people in Yangon had gathered by mid-morning at the city's Hledan Center, a major meeting point for protesters, with other groups assembling at other venues.

In Mandalay, the country's second-biggest city, a



Protesters in Yangon holding signs.

funeral was held for 37-year-old The Naing Win, one of two protesters shot dead by security forces on Saturday. He and a teenage boy were killed when police and soldiers opened fire on a crowd that had gathered to support dock workers whom the authorities were trying to force to work.

# Biden admin rolls back Trump-era citizenship test

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration has announced the reversal of the stringent Trump-era policy by reverting to the 2008 version of the naturalisation test module to make the path to US citizenship more accessible to all eligible individuals.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced on Monday that it is reverting to the 2008 version of the naturalisation civics test beginning March 1, 2021.

The previous Trump administration had introduced some changes to the naturalisation civics test, called the 2020 civics test, which increased the number of questions from 100 to 128 and the correct answers in the multiple-choice questions had political and ideological overtones.

# Congo, Italy dispatch investigators into ambassador's death

Kinshasa: An Italian Carabinieri unit is expected in Congo on Tuesday to investigate the killings of the Italian ambassador to Congo, an Italian Carabinieri police officer and their driver. Congolese authorities and members of the United Nations Mission in Congo are also expected in Goma.

Luca Attanasio, the ambassador to Congo since 2017, Carabinieri officer Vittorio Iacovacci and their driver Moustapha Milambo were killed Monday in an ambush as their World Food Program convoy was traveling from Goma, Congo's eastern regional capital, to visit a WFP school project in Rutshuru, the UN agency said.

# Malaysia deports Myanmar migrants despite court order

AP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia's immigration authorities said on Tuesday they have deported 1,086 Myanmar migrants, breaking a court order to halt their repatriation following an appeal by two human rights groups.

Just hours earlier, a high court granted a one-day stay order for the deportation of 1,200 Myanmar migrants to hear an appeal by Amnesty International Malaysia and Asylum Access Malaysia, which said refugees, asylum-seekers and minors were among those being sent back.

# Afghan peace talks resume, but path is anything but certain

Islamabad: After more than a month of delays, escalating violence and a flurry of diplomatic activity, peace talks between the Taliban and the Afghan government have resumed in the Middle Eastern State of Qatar.

Taliban spokesman Dr. Mohammad Naem tweeted on Monday night that talks had resumed. There were no details other than the atmosphere was "cordial", a commitment that negotiations should continue and an announcement that the first item of business will be setting the agenda. When talks ended abruptly in January, just days after beginning, both sides submitted their wish lists for agendas. The task now is for the two sides to sift through the respective wish lists, agree on items to negotiate and the order in which they will be tackled.

The priority for the Afghan government, Washington and NATO is a serious reduction in violence leading to a cease fire. The Taliban have said it is negotiable, but until now have resisted any immediate cease fire.

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### SAVED FOOD & BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED

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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 AND RULE 30(6)(A) OF THE COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES, 2014 AND IN THE MATTER OF SAVED FOOD & BEVERAGES PRIVATE LIMITED Having its Registered Office at T-456, F, First Floor Chirag Delhi New Delhi South Delhi - 110017 Delhi.

..... PETITIONER

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make application to the Central Government under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed by members on 9th of February 2021 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from "Delhi" to "State of Haryana".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the Registered Office of the Company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director on the above mentioned address, within fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant Company at its Registered Office at the address mentioned below.

Name of the Company: Saved Food & Beverages Private Limited Registered Office Address: T-456, F, First Floor Chirag Delhi New Delhi South Delhi - 110017.

For and on behalf of: Tarun Choudhary (Director) Date: 24-02-2021 DIN: 013135896 Place: Delhi

### GLOBE TROTTER

General public is hereby informed that the original share certificate of Mrs Rekha Agarwal w/o Sh. Anil Kumar Agarwal (Residential Address P2/F9/3, Padam Apartments 16/16, Civil Lines, Kanpur) pertaining to Flat No 601 of The New Greenwood Co-op Group Housing Society Limited has been reportedly lost by Mr Rohit Goyal who has stated to have purchased it from Mrs Agarwal vide sale deed No. 12119 on 02/03/2012. Mr Rohit Goyal R/o Flat No 601, NGW CGHS has now applied for issue of duplicate Share Certificate.

The Society hereby invites claims or objections from claimants/objector or objectors for issuance of duplicate Share Certificate within the period of 14 (fourteen) days from the publication of this notice, with copies of such documents and other proofs in support of his/her/their claims/objectors for issuance of duplicate Share Certificate to the Secretary of The New Greenwood CGHS Limited, Plot No 6, Sector-52, Gurugram (Haryana) PIN-122003. If no claims/objections are received within the period prescribed above, the Society shall be free to issue duplicate Share Certificate in such manner as is provided under the bye-laws of the Society. The claims/objectors, if any, received by the Society shall be dealt with in the manner provided under the bye-laws of the Society. For and on behalf of

The New Greenwood CGHS Limited  
Sd/-  
(Hon. Secretary)  
Date : 24.02.2021

### Public Notice

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The Society hereby invites claims or objections from claimants/objector or objectors for issuance of duplicate Share Certificate within the period of 14 (fourteen) days from the publication of this notice, with copies of such documents and other proofs in support of his/her/their claims/objectors for issuance of duplicate Share Certificate to the Secretary of The New Greenwood CGHS Limited, Plot No 6, Sector-52, Gurugram (Haryana) PIN-122003. If no claims/objections are received within the period prescribed above, the Society shall be free to issue duplicate Share Certificate in such manner as is provided under the bye-laws of the Society. The claims/objectors, if any, received by the Society shall be dealt with in the manner provided under the bye-laws of the Society. For and on behalf of

The New Greenwood CGHS Limited  
Sd/-  
(Hon. Secretary)  
Date : 24.02.2021

### SEARCH OF MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo), Namely: Priyanka Kumari, D/o: Lt. Sh. Kailash Poddar, R/o: WZ-350, Gali No. 02, Sri Nagar, Delhi, Aged: 14 years, has been missing/kidnapped since 07.02.2021 at 12.30 PM from K-Block, Jy Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi-34. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 55/2021 u/s 363 IPC, Dated 07.02.2021, has been registered at P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:

**Priyanka Kumari**  
Height: 5'2" Feet, Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Clothing: Yellow Colour Suit, Blue Colour Jeans and Chapple in feet.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing/ kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Subhash Place, Delhi. at E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641

S.H.O  
P.S. Subhash Place, Delhi  
DP/666/NW/2021. Ph.: 011-27356336, 27353014, 8750870224

### GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Office of the Executive Engineer,  
Public Works Division No.2, Nagpur

E-mail : div2nagpur.ee@mahapwd.com Telephone No. 0712-2565048

### E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 14 / 2020-2021

Online E-tenders in 'B-1' Forms are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No. 2, "Bandhkam Sankul" Civil Lines, Nagpur for the following works from the registered contractor who satisfy the qualifying criteria. The tender documents should be downloaded from the Government Website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders Conditional tenders will not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rupees in Lakhs)
1	S.T.B.T. to Nagpur Katol Jaialkheda road (SH-293) Km. 53/00 to 60/200 in Tahasil Katol Distt Nagpur	Rs.200.00 Lakh
2	S.T.B.T. to SH-293 Khutamba Sabkund Nandora to NH-6 (MDR-55) Km. 1/00 to 6/00 and 13/00 to 16/00 in Taluka Katol Distt Nagpur	Rs.200.00 Lakh
3	Construction of Cement Concrete road at Mouza Besa from Sitabai Ghat to Rewati Nagar (V.R. 116) in Tahasil & Distt Nagpur Km. 0/00 to 1/00	Rs.57.93 Lakh
4	Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) in Improvement to road in Dawatameti Drugdhamna Atesur (ODR- 146) Km. 1/500 to 3/00 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt Nagpur	Rs.44.64 Lakh
5	Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) in Construction of Cement Concrete road from Surabardi to Hanuman Mandir (VR-3S) Km, 0/00 to 1/00 in Tahasil Nagpur (Rural) & Distt Nagpur	Rs.29.99 Lakh
6	Construction of Protection Compound wall Govt Land near Ram Mandir at Dindargaon Tahasil Narkhed Distt Nagpur	Rs.14.99 Lakh
7	Construction of Protection Compound wall Govt Land near Sabhagraha at Khangaon Tahasil Katol Distt Nagpur	Rs. 10.00 Lakh
8	Construction of Protection Compound wall Govt. Land at Gram Panchayat Yenikoni Tahasil Narkhed Distt Nagpur	Rs.9.94 Lakh

1	ई-निविदा उपलब्ध कालावधि	As per e-tender schedule uploaded on e-portal
2	निविदापूर्व बैठक	As per e-tender schedule uploaded on e-portal
3	ई-निविदा उद्यमणे	ऑनलाईन नमुद केलेले वेबपत्रक लागू व अंतिम राहिले.

All information of e-tendering is available on the following website / Notice Board. Terms & Conditions :-  
1. <https://roahatenders.gov.in>  
2. <https://mahapwd.com> (If there is any changes in the notice, then the information will be communicated on the above website)  
3. Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No.2, Nagpur Office Notice Board.  
4. For any correspondence contact. Above mention e-mail & Telephone No

**Notice**  
1) All eligible / interested Contractor are downloading and mandated to get enrolled on e-tendering portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> in and further need to empanelled online on sub portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> in the appropriate bidder applicable to them,  
2) Bidders are requested to contact on following telephone numbers for any doubts / information / difficulty regarding online enrollment or obtaining digital certificate. Help Desk Number - 0120- 4200462, 0120-4001002,  
3) Tender Document Fee and EMD. is to be paid via Online E-payment Gateway mode only, EMD Exemption Certificate shall not be considered The information of E-payment Gateway is available on E-tendering website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
Public Works Division No.-2,  
+Nagpur  
DGIPR/2020/2021/2543

### UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006  
Telephone.: 0135-2763808, Fax-0135- 2763508  
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

RO No. 156 Time Extension Notice-1 Date: 22.02.2021

The dates of "e"-Tender Notice No: 19-e/EE/(G)CPH/2020-21 "Safety & Security Equipment at Chibro Power House" due to unavoidable circumstances invited by Executive Engineer (G) Chibro Power House for is extended as follows.

Last date of submission of bid in the portal: 01-03-2021 up to 14:00  
Last date of submission of hard copy: 02-03-2021 from 17:00 Hrs.  
Date of opening of the bid Part-I on website: 03-03-2021 from 10:00  
All other condition shall be same as previous. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

Executive Engineer (G), Chibro  
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

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### LOST & FOUND

I, Rajinder Ghai son of Banarsi Lal Ghai resident of C-578, New Friends Colony, New Delhi 110065 have lost the original perpetual lease deed of property No. B-189, Okhla Industrial Area Phase-I, New Delhi-110020 in the name of M/s. S.R. Enterprises. If any body found it please contact at 09810184289.

### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PWD B&R, HISAR	CONSTRUCTION OF APPROACHES OF 2 LANE ROB AT LC NO. 114 AT KM 172/1-2 ON REWARI-HISAR BHATINDA RAILWAY LINE ON ADAMPUR TO DAROLI ROAD IN HISAR DISTT.	02.03.2021 15.03.2021	1775.35 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	01666220530 pwd-eeep1-hissar@hrya.nic.in
2	PWD B&R, SIRSA	STRENGTHENING ON SIRSA-BARNALA ROAD TO NEJADELA KALAN (ROAD ID 5667) KM. 0.00 TO 1.60 AND DHS ROAD TO JHOMPRA (ROAD ID 5663) KM. 0.00 TO 1.96 CONCERTING EXISTING HSMB IN SIRSA DISTT. (CM ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 24413 DATED 06.11.2018)	19.02.2021 04.03.2021	245.46 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	01666220530 pwd-eeep1-sirsa@hrya.nic.in
3	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, CHDADRI	DISTEMPERING, WHITE WASHING, SNOWCEN AND SPECIAL REPAIR FIELD HOSTEL NO.3 IN OLD CANAL COLONY, RAILWAY ROAD, CHARKHI DADRI + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 01.03.2021	8.80 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	01250297003 xen-twsccdr.irr@gov.in
4	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, MANDI DABWALI	PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTION (FHTC) TO HOUSEHOLD TO VILLAGE KHUYIAN MALKANA DISTT. SIRSA (UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION) LAYING OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM & PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP CONNECTIONS AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO".	22.02.2021 04.03.2021	4.95 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	01668-223902 ee.mandidabwali@gmail.com
5	PANCHAYATI RAJ,GURUGRAM	CONST. OF 1 NO. GVD, STREET, AWC AND 2 NO. OF LINK RASTAS IN VARIOUS BLOCKS DISTT. GURUGRAM + 1 OTHER WORK	26.02.2021 11.03.2021	103.19 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	0124-2221122 preveeng.gro@hrya.nic.in
6	HEALTH DEPARTMENT, CIVIL SURGEON REWARI.	CIVIL SURGEON, REWARI INVITE E-TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF DRUG ITEMS, SURGICAL ITEMS, EYE MATERIALS & CONSUMABLE ITEMS ETC. IN DISTRICT REWARI FOR ONE YEAR. FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE VISIT <a href="http://ETENDER.HRY.NIC.IN">HTTP://ETENDER.HRY.NIC.IN</a>	19.02.2021 02.03.2021	40,000 /-	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	9416349426, dhs.csnwr@hrya.nic.in
7	PANCHAYATI RAJ,JIND	(RE-CAST) CONST. OF ANGSANWARI CENTRES IN DISTRICT JIND	24.02.2021 03.03.2021	8.20 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	prexeeng.jnd@hrya.nic.in
8	PANCHAYATI RAJ, AMBALA	CONST. OF AWC AT VILLAGE GHASTPUR BLOCK SAHA DISTT AMBALA	23.02.2021 02.03.2021	9.10 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	0171-2551368 prexeeng.amb@hrya.nic.in
9	PANCHAYATI RAJ PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF ANGANWARI CENTRE AT VILLAGE MARAD (BHOJ KUDANA) BLOCK MORNI DISTRICT PANCHKULA + 1 OTHER WORK	26.02.2021 08.03.2021	16.62 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hrya.nic.in">https://etenders.hrya.nic.in</a>	0172-2576698

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : [www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in](http://www.haryanaprocurement.gov.in) or [www.etenders.hrya.nic.in](http://www.etenders.hrya.nic.in)

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# Sensex, Nifty end marginally higher; ONGC rallies 6%

**MUMBAI:** Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended marginally higher on Tuesday amid high volatility and tepid cues from global markets. After gyrating 667.46 points during the day, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 7.09 points or 0.01 per cent higher at 49,751.41. After a similar movement, the broader NSE Nifty settled 32.10 points or 0.22 per cent up at 14,707.80. ONGC was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying around 6 per cent, followed by IndusInd Bank, L&T, UltraTech Cement, Titan, SBI and NTPC. On the other hand, Kotak Bank, Maruti, Bajaj Auto, HDFC Bank and HCL Tech were among the laggards. Domestic equities witnessed roller coaster ride amid high volatility, with metals and realty indices recording substantial gains, said Binod Modi, Head - Strategy at Reliance Securities. "Concerns pertaining to increase in bond yields and higher commodity prices dented investors' sentiments in last couple of days. However, underlying strength of economy and market remains intact," he added. Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai and Seoul ended on a negative note, while Hong Kong settled with gains. Stock exchanges in Europe were also trading in the red in mid-session deals. Meanwhile, the global oil benchmark Brent crude was trading 0.81 per cent higher at USD 64.88 per barrel. **PTI**

# Illiquid stock options matter: Sebi disposes of adjudication proceedings against 3 entities

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI** Sebi on Tuesday disposed of adjudication proceedings against three entities after they settled cases related to alleged fraudulent trading activities in the illiquid stock options segment on the BSE. The entities that have settled the cases with the regulator are Open Futures and Derivatives Pvt Ltd, Raj Ratan Smelters Pvt Ltd and Quest Partners. According to three separate orders, it was alleged that the entities were indulged in non-genuine trades and created a false and misleading appearance of trading in the stock options segment. Thereafter, the regulator initiated adjudication proceedings and issued show-cause notices to them for alleged violation of provisions of the Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices (PFUTP) Regulations. The entities had filed applications for settlement. In January this year, Sebi passed an order under its settlement scheme in respect of 1,018 entities, including Open Futures and Derivatives Pvt Ltd, Raj Ratan Smelters Pvt Ltd and Quest Partners. Subsequently, settlement charges of Rs 33.32 lakh each were paid by Open Futures and Derivatives and Quest Partners. An amount of Rs 19.37 lakh was paid by Raj Ratan Smelters towards settlement charges.

# HUDCO organises training programme for All India Service officers

**NEW DELHI:** The Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd is organizing a week-long in-service training programme for All India Service Officers from 22nd-26th February, 2021, through its Research and Training wing (Human Settlement Management Institute). The programme sponsored by Department of Personnel & Training, Govt of India on 'Cities of Tomorrow - Equitable, Sustainable and Resilient' aims to sensitize the officers towards sustainability, equity and disaster risk reduction in cities to meet future challenges. Speaking at the inaugural function, Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) highlighted the need to recognize the distinct individual character of each city while planning for the future. He stressed the need to make 'Smart Thinking' a movement that can ensure optimal utilization of resources. Further, Shri Mishra urged city managers to use technology and innovation to create inclusive & resilient cities to propel the country to a \$5 trillion economy. Addressing the participants, Additional Secretary and Chairman & Managing Director, HUDCO, Shri Kamran Rizvi, reiterated the need to make cities people centric.

# Reliance to spin off oil-to-chemicals business with \$25 billion loan

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI** Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries announced the contours of spinning-off its oil refining, fuel marketing and petrochemical (oil-to-chemical) business into an independent unit with a USD 25 billion loan from the parent, as it looks to unlock value by setting stakes to global investors like Saudi Aramco. The carving out of Reliance O2C Limited (O2C) will enable the focused pursuit of opportunities across the oil-to-chemicals value chain, improve efficiencies through self-sustaining capital structure and a dedicated management team, and attract dedicated pools of investor capital, according to a company presentation filed with the stock exchanges. The transfer of twin refineries at Jamnagar in Gujarat, petrochemical sites in multiple states, and a 51 per cent stake in the fuel retailing business to O2C will be on a 'slump sale basis', subject to requisite approvals that are expected to come in by September. However, upstream oil and gas producing fields such as KG-D6 and textiles business will not form part of the new unit, where it aims to maintain a significant majority stake. The consideration for the transfer will be in the form of long-term interest-bearing debt of USD 25 billion to be issued by O2C to Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). RIL's external debt is proposed to remain with RIL only. **PTI**

# PM inaugurates railway projects for West Bengal

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday inaugurated several Railway projects for the people of West Bengal in a function held at Dunlop Estate Village. The much awaited extension from Noapara to Dakshineswar of Metro Railway was inaugurated and the first service was flagged off by honorable Prime Minister. This 4.1 km extension from Noapara to Dakshineswar has been constructed at a cost of Rs. 464 crores., fully funded by the Govt. of India. This extended stretch will provide fast, easy, pollution-free travel, bereft of traffic snarls to thousands of commuters in the city and its adjoining areas. Around 50,000 daily commuters coming from Howrah, Hooghly, and North 24 Parganas will be benefited from this extension. Passengers of Howrah-Bardhaman Main line, Chord line, Howrah-Katwa line and Howrah-Tarakeswar branch line of Eastern Railway will be able to avail Metro services by merely crossing the Bally Bridge. Students, professors and foreign scholars of Indian Statistical Institute, Baranagar Campus, Rabindra Bharati

University and Economics Department of Calcutta University will also be benefited. Baranagar and Dakshineswar stations built on this extended stretch, are in close proximity to Eastern Railway's Baranagar and Dakshineswar stations and Belghoria Expressway, the Gateway to the North 24 Parganas district. With this extension, lakhs of tourists and devotees will be able to visit the two world famous Kali Temples at Kalighat and Dakshineswar easily by Metro. Commuting from Dakshineswar to Kavi Subhash (New Garia) by Metro will take only 62 minutes as compared to 2 1/2 hours by road. The two newly built stations at Baranagar and Dakshineswar are replete with modern passenger amenities like lifts, esca-

# India's exports to China up 16.15% to \$20.87 bn

**NEW DELHI:** India's exports to China has increased by 16.15 per cent to USD 20.87 billion in 2020 from USD 17.9 billion in the previous year on account of healthy growth in the shipments of ores, iron and steel, aluminum and copper, according to the data of the commerce ministry. Trade deficit with China has declined 19.39 per cent from USD 56.95 billion in 2019 to USD 45.91 billion in 2020 as the country's imports from the neighbouring country con-

tracted 10.87 per cent to USD 66.78 billion from USD 74.92 billion in 2019, the data showed. The bilateral trade in 2020 decreased by 5.64 per cent to 87.65 billion compared to USD 92.89 billion in the previous year. In the agriculture sector, the main export commodities which recorded healthy growth includes cane sugar, soybean oil, and vegetables fats and oils. However, the exports of mangoes, fish oil, tea, and fresh grapes declined. Commenting on these

numbers, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President S K Saraf said that this is a positive sign and it reflects increasing competitiveness of domestic exporters. Imports of goods including electrical machinery and equipment, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, plastics and related articles, articles of iron and steel, furniture, fertilizers, vehicle parts and accessories, have recorded a decline. **PTI**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
It is for general information that I, Drishti Dutta, D/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Dutta, R/o 912, LG Flat, Pocket-B, Near Central School, Hasteal, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, do hereby declare that my name has been wrongly written/mentioned as Drishti Dutta in my OBC certificate vide No.: OBC/03/32/29467/10/4/2013/90508911/39962, dated 26.04.2013. The actual name of mine is Drishti Dutta respectively which may be amended accordingly.

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**  
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005  
Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Gopal Jee Pandey & Kavita Pandey/ LBDEL00001213368	Fiat Build Up On Plot No- K- 124, First Floor- 1, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh/ Feb 19, 2021	September 30, 2020 Rs. 4,77,930/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Pawan Kumar Tyagi/ Neeraj Tyagi/ LBDEL00001993230	House/ Plot No- 4C, 104, Building F- 60, Sahakari Awasth Samit Ltd Sector-4C, 100 Vartak Housing Society Ltd, Vasundhara Ghaziabad- 201001 Uttar Pradesh/ February 19, 2021	October 31, 2020 Rs. 1,55,510/-	Delhi/ NCR

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
Date : February 24, 2021  
Place: Delhi/ NCR  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
For Disposal Of Medical Records Older Than 06-01-2018  
**LIFELINE HOSPITAL**  
42, Sector-12B, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.  
With reference to the advertisement given on 06-01-2021 we hereby inform that the Medical Records of patients in Lifeline Hospital Plot no 42 Sector-12B Dwarka, New Delhi till 06-01-2018 have been destroyed.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**  
General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Kajal, D/o. Ram Nivas, R/o G-473, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from the area of P. S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi since **07.01.2021** at 01:00 pm. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 099/21, U/s 363 IPC dated 09.02.2021** has been lodged in P. S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi. The description of missing/ kidnapped girl is as under:-**Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Pink colour suit-salwar, dupatta and black colour slipper in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing girl kindly inform to the following.  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-Mail ID - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
Ph. Nos.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/664/NW/2021

**SHO**  
**P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi**  
Ph.: 011-27631600, 8750870228

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Khurshid @ Bhuri** with her son (**Chand** age 5 years) & Daughter (**Alisha** age 3 years), W/o Naem, R/o H. No. 19/3 Indira Vikas Colony, Mukherjee Nagar Delhi, **Age:** 28 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Fair, **Hair:** Black, **Face:** Oval, **Identification Mark:** White Spot near about the lips both hand and both feet. **Wearing:** Red Colour Suit & Salwar and Blue Colour sandal in her feet has been missing from her home since **05.02.2021**. In this regard a **DD No. 34A dated 13.02.2021** has been registered at **P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady alongwith his children but no clue has come to light so far. if any one having any information about this lady alongwith his children please inform undersigned.  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.nic.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.nic.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639  
DP/667/NW/2021

**SHO**  
**P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi**  
Ph.: 011- 27654675/8750870231

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Poonam, D/o Bare Lal, R/o Jhuggi No. D-214, GP Block, Pitampura, Delhi, Age: 20 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Thin, wearing White Kurta, Black Pant and Pink Footwear, has been missing from her house since 10.01.2021. In this regard a DD No. 01A, dated 11.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Maurya Enclave, 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](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/668/NW/2021**

**SHO**  
**P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi**  
Ph. No.: 011-27322353, 8750870226

**SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON**  
General public is here by informed that one person **Name Ghanshyam, S/o Bhagwan Dass, R/o Jhuggi No. B-66, GP Block, Pitampura, Delhi. Age: 21 Years, Height: 5'7", Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Multi Colour Sweatshirt, Black Pant & Dark Blue Footwear, has been missing since 05.02.2021 at 09:00 am from the area of P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 39A, dated 09.02.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any Person having any information or clue about this Person kindly inform to the following.  
E-Mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641**

**SHO**  
**P.S. Maurya Enclave, New Delhi**  
Ph. 011-27322353, 27325006  
DP/669/NW/2021

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**  
General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Salman S/o Md. Alam R/o. Veer Bazar, Chander Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from his house in the area of PS: Nihal Vihar, since 26.12.2020. In this regard, a case **DD No. 55-A dated 01.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** The description of the missing boy is as under.  
**Age:** 19 Years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 4'8", **Wearing:** Light Blue & Colour Shirt and Pink Colour Shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped boy then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi at following Tel No./ e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>,  
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
Sd/- S.H.O.  
**P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi**  
Ph: 011-25946700  
DP/631/OD/2021

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
The general public is hereby informed that an unidentified person about 35-40 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown had been found dead at E-Pole No.26/19, 26/17, Phatak No. 17, Near under Pass, Narela, Delhi. In this regard, a vide has been registered with **DD No: 10A, dated 20.02.2021 at PS SMRS, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the UIDB is as under:  
**Sex:** Male, **Age:** about 35-40 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Identification:** Om tattoo on the right hand wrist, **Injury:** Head injured, legs and hands amputated, stomach ruptured, blood from ears, **Wearing:** Blue colour shirt, white colour vest and black colour striped pajama. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/SMRS, Delhi.  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639  
DP/62/Rly/2021

**SHO**  
**P.S. SMRS, Delhi.**  
Ph. No. 011-23692455

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**  
General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male, **Age:** About 30-35 years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'7", **Injury Mark:** Head and Hands amputated due to train accident, was wearing Black colour Jacket & Pant and Red colour shirt and shoes, was found under Sheela Pul Near PF No. 14/15 Delhi side, NDRS. In this regard a **DD No. 32 A, dated 19.02.2021 has been lodged at P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.** Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.  
**SHO**  
**P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi**  
DP/65/Rly/2021  
Ph.: 011-23744073, 8750871305

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General Public is hereby informed that a person namely **Shekhar, S/o Sh. Kishori Shah, R/o E-62, Gali No.17, Vidyapati Nagar, Near Shiv Mandir, Som Bazar Road, Prem Nagar-III, Delhi, Age:35 years, Height : 5'6", Face: Oval, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue Jacket, Red and Black Sweater, Brown Trouser and Chappal in his feet has been missing since 05.02.2021 at 10.00 am from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 102 dated 11.02.2021** has been registered at **PS Prem Nagar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. if any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.nic.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.nic.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639  
DP/683/RD/2021**

**SHO**  
**PS Prem Nagar, Delhi**  
Ph. : 8750870322

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Habiba, W/o Safikul R/o C-347, Gali No. 4, Jahangir Puri, Delhi** has been missing since 06.02.2021 from her house. In this regard, **DD No. 71-A dated 06.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing lady is as under:  
**Name:** Habiba, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 20 years, **Height:** 5'1", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Black colour shirt and black colour leggings. If anyone has any information regarding this missing lady, kindly inform SHO/Jahangir Puri, Delhi.  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639  
DP/663/NW/2021

**SHO**  
**P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi,**  
Ph. No. 011-27215641

**CSB Bank**  
(Faridabad Branch located at A/2-B, NH-1, Nehru Ground, Neelam Bata Road, Faridabad-121001, Phone No. 9072601300)  
**GOLD AUCTION NOTICE**  
CSB Bank Limited, Faridabad branch has granted gold loan against pledge of gold ornaments to the below mentioned borrowers. Notice has been issued to him/them demanding repayment of the amount with interest and charges thereon. Since they have failed to repay the balance outstanding in the respective accounts, we are constrained to recover the amount by sale of gold ornaments in public auction and if the auction does not fetch required amount, bank will proceed with the sale by private treaties/contract. Bank reserves its right to change/extend the date and venue of auction without assigning any reason.

S No	Name of borrower	Gross Weight of Pledge Items (in GM)	Overdue Gold Loan Account no.	Amount	Balance as on 22.02.2021
1	Ashok Bhardwaj	89	0300-04050336-00009	2,82,000/-	2,96,170.14/-
2	Manoj Kalra	15.8	0300-04087264-00001	36,000/-	41,541.84/-
3	Puneet Kalra	105.6	0300-04191791-00001	3,61,000/-	3,78,259.11/-
4	Parvish Kaushar	53.1	0300-04161792-00001	1,99,000/-	2,04,917.20/-
5	Rathis	90.6	0300-04158849-00002	3,01,000/-	3,18,581.77/-

The auction will be conducted at the premises of CSB Bank Limited, Faridabad branch premises situated at A/2-B, NH-1, Nehru Ground, Neelam Bata Road, Faridabad-121001 on 04.03.2021. Interested parties may contact the Branch Manager in the above address. Participants should attend the auction along with copy of Pan Card, passport size photo, valid identity proof and address proof on the date of auction.  
Place: Faridabad  
Date : 23-02-2021  
BRANCH MANAGER

# Be a technology lawyer

A decade back, one would have not imagined how studying BTech with LLB would be helpful, but in the last few years the integrated BTech-LLB programme has found a niche, says **DR VIJAY KUMAR SINGH**

Technology is the future. There is no sector which remains untouched from the influence of technology and the present pandemic has accelerated the pace of this influence. In our rapidly changing global economy, critical thinkers who have the confidence and flexibility to continually learn new skills are in high demand. Educational experts predict that people with multidisciplinary skills would be greatly in demand.

The New Education Policy also emphasizes on interdisciplinary thinking, discussion, debate, research and innovation at the centrality of the guidance on professional education. Future of technical education is also contemplated towards multidisciplinary approach so that educational institutions and programmes and have a renewed focus on opportunities to engage deeply with other disciplines.

Today there is an increasing demand for legal professionals who are well-versed with the concepts of engineering, in particular in the cutting-edge areas that are fast gaining prominence, such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), 3-D machining, big data analysis, and machine learning. Legal Industry itself is becoming technology and data driven thereby requiring new skillset.

Legal services delivery is evolving and requires new skillsets that include strategic planning, data analytics, technology support, knowledge management, and other competencies not presently taught at most law schools.

A decade ago, one would have not imagined how studying BTech with LLB would be helpful, but in the last few years the integrated BTech LLB programme has found its niche. It is a unique combination of two professional disciplines wherein a technolawyer is created who can understand an engineering contract, draft a patent or defend their company with profound understanding not only as a lawyer but also as a technical person which is a great combination. Technical understanding helps the lawyer to craft a customised legal compliance solutions for the technology companies which are emerging in large numbers due to the future requirements impacted by technological developments.

While a graduate with BTech



LLB has several opportunities at their doorsteps both from the technical and legal side, some of the career options exclusive to this specialisation.

**Intellectual Property Lawyers:** In today's competitive landscape, commercialisation of IPR is the buzzword. Demand for intellectual property lawyers is high. These lawyers focus on the protection of creative thought, whether it is a patent, design, trademark or copyright. A patent attorney having sound technical knowledge is a boon for a client as he understands the requirements best and takes care of the patent from filing to protecting it from infringement.

**IP Solicitor:** Intellectual property solicitor or consultant help companies make financial decisions by carefully evaluating the potential and commercial value of a specific project including the visible competition in the market. The information which an IP solicitor may provide can help the client in multiple ways, whether it is protecting their own IPR or avoiding infringing someone else's IPR. Both

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these incidents involve a great cost. We have seen several IP related litigations in major sectors like, technology, pharmaceuticals, and also media and entertainment industry.

**Cyber Law Consultants:** The internet has opened up several opportunities and challenges. There are several dimensions to these opportunities and challenges, some which have now established over a period like electronic contracts, jurisdiction issues, e-commerce relations, cybercrimes, domain name disputes, cyber piracy and cyber defamation. However, new opportunities are emerging in plenty in the new age technologies of future like Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IOT), Big Data, and Machine Learning. The future is for digital innovation and law.

**Cyber Forensics and Investigation:** A new destination for committing crimes is the online medium, which necessitates understanding of cyber forensics and cyber investigations. A technology lawyer

is best suited to work on the cyber evidence. Corporate fraud, bankruptcy fraud and banking fraud investigations employ professionals who are well versed with technology and the legal requirements of evidentiary value of an electronic evidence.

**Startups:** Millennial lawyers with engineering knowledge have founded a number of successful startups and the numbers are growing every day. A brief analysis of data on Startup India website shows how majority of the startups are now emerging in technology space including the areas like Agritech, big data, bitcoin and blockchain, billing and invoicing, business intelligence, clean tech, crowd funding, cyber security, digital media professionals, e-education, electronics and instrumentation, and many more. Venturing out as an entrepreneur armed with techno-legal knowledge would definitely provide an edge to the evangelist.

The writer is Dean, School of Law, UPES

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Mistakes are a part of being human. Precious life lessons that can only be learned the hard way. Unless it's a fatal mistake, which, at least, others can learn from.**

— **Al Franken**

## SRM honoured



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The SRM Kattankulathur Dental College and Hospital has bagged the Best Outreach Programme Award from The Indian Association of Public Health Dentistry (IAPHD). The college has been recognised for its best outreach activity and is honored with U Sumithra & Ramanath Bhat Award.

The department participated in this category for the year April 2019 to March 2020. The event which made its entry in this category was the World Health Day which was celebrated at the department in April 2019.

The World Health Day (April 7) is marked with global awareness on the prevention and control of diseases. This day was observed by the

department under the guidance of Dean Dr N Vivek and vice-principal Dr KT Magesh.

This event was an attempt initiated by the department where doctors and interns focused on undertaking oral health awareness programmes to different age groups as prescribed by WHO.

Programmes like puzzles, games and storytelling which emphasize oral health were held at schools, communities, and oldage homes. Activities on oral and general health with an added benefit of free screening, treatment of basic oral ailments and referral system for complex procedures was undertaken as well.

This was sent to the IAPHD and SRM Kattankulathur Dental College and Hospital was selected for the award.

## Training to cook correctly

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

In a bid to keep its personnel fit, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has collaborated with LPU to establish Institute of Immunity and Nutrition Management at the Force Group Centre in Jalandhar, Punjab. The institute was inaugurated by DG CRPF, Dr AP Maheshwari. The institute will train the CRPF's cooking-staff to prepare tasty and nutritious meals keeping the physical and mental requirements of the force in mind.

The cooks from the CRPF will be trained and upskilled in 20 different modules prepared by the faculty members of LPU's School of Hotel Management. Through these modules, the faculty will teach them cooking, hygiene, working with kitchen appliances, food storage and preparing different dishes.

Understanding the psychology of a child, arranging for their learning and getting rid of the hindrances related to their learning is what we can term as a child centered approach. Basically, the outlay is to provide education keeping in mind the interests, tendencies and abilities of the child.

Education is an important and universal subject for the society today. A privilege that one and all has a right to. Education has helped in giving direction and form to the society in every era. The education system is now changing as per the needs of the society. Earlier all education meant was providing knowledge and information, but now it has altered a lot. Today education means developing the child's innate powers and working on a holistic development and not just academic performance.

It is no longer believed that teachers should be the only ones active in the education process, but child activism is considered equally crucial. For the child's effective active contribution, it is necessary that he is provided such facilities, so that he may get the opportunity to develop the strengths and abilities inherent in him.

The National Education Policy has also recommended that children are valuable assets of a nation, which should be carefully nurtured and developed. Since, every child has different development needs so, their education should also be made keeping in mind their particular interest and ability. The upcoming generation will have to be educated in such a way that they can develop confidence and

## New roles in place

Teachers should alter their teaching approach and emphasise on developing particular learning skills, says **RAJESH KUMAR**



ability to constructively solve problems with firmness while maintaining loyalty to human values and social justice.

Child-centered education means that the educational process should be conducted while keeping the child in the center. The child's place is important in today's educational system. Therefore, the teachers today should alter their teaching approach and emphasise on developing particular learning skills. A child's learning depends on his basic abilities of thinking, contemplation, reasoning, imagination and sensory perception.

Children are always observing every thing and event in their vicinity. Learning is a never ending process and the approach of learning has to be layered keeping these things in mind. Modern educationists also consider the child as the foundation of education, in this sense, the current education is called child-centered, in which the education system is determined according to the child.

**Principles of child-centered learning**

■ The subject matter should be selected according to the qualification of the children and their mental con-

dition should also be taken care of while teaching.

■ Sometimes student should be taught in a fun and interactive way of learning, it can be through various creative games or through modern education techniques.

■ The curriculum under child-centered education should be flexible, environment-based, knowledge-based and has to be as per students interest.

■ Teachers have to understand the children before imparting knowledge therefore, teacher should be well aware of the behavior, interest, ability, mental level and environment of the children.

**Role of a teacher:** Every student has their own independent personality, who have their personal thoughts and ideas. There are various values, which need to be groomed wisely by providing a holistic approach. The faculty plays a vital role in this direction. They need to take it upon themselves and carry out different roles along with teaching. Teachers need to play a role of a guide, counselor, friend and leader. In other words, today the teacher's work is not limited to teaching, but in also setting the right examples.

The writer is Educationist and Chairman of Kunwar Educational Foundation

## Be a wise leader

The onus is on the leader to knit the team and the individuals into a cohesive unit. This requires him to take proactive measures, says **SARVJEET SINGH**

The objective of a successful leadership should be two dimensional. To reach the goal making optimum use of skill inventory available within the team and ensuring that each member not only has the satisfaction of giving his best but also experiences an elevation in skill and confidence level personally.

The exercise of goal setting, mid course review and accomplishment would need intense involvement of each team member. At each step each team member needs to feel encouraged and valued for their role and contribution and confidence in each other. One way to ensure that team performance is linked to the individual, self development is to carry the process of self development through the entire pursuit of objective.

This has to be done in the form of self development milestones to be recognised by individual at each milestone of goal accomplishment.

The four dimensions of self-development can be built into the individual review of self through the journey to achieve goal. These are:

**Self insight:** Self insight/self awareness is an important tool to equip individual with knowledge of psychological triggers that guide



behavior and attitude.

**Self competence:** This involves a realistic self-assessment of ones abilities and noting addition in them.

**Self planning:** Constant application of self improvement strategies related to skills set in demand in the team can lead to closer engagement with team objective both at mental and emotional level.

**Self management:** Based on the basis of self insight, self competence and self planning a comprehensive strategy to treat oneself as an asset to the team to be used in best possible ways individually in whatever role is assigned has to be formed.

Having addressed dimensions that recognise and value each individual of the team the leadership has to focus on the team as an effective result oriented unit working in per-

fect harmony.

The onus is on the leader to knit the team and each individual in it as a cohesive unit. And this requires him to take some proactive measures.

**Putting team before self:** Each team leader is as good as his team deserves to get higher importance from the leader than the leader.

**Role clarity:** Some of best intensive and suitably skilled endeavors fall due to lack of clarity. It is for this that Role clarity that should be there for each member of the team.

**Batting for the Beleaguered vs Brick Bats:** When situation does not work on expectant lines and results are not forthcoming, the pressure emitted from the same can further demoralise team members and demolish the prospects of the team. The act of leader who stands by his team in crisis determines whether the team emerges from the experience stronger and wiser or defeated.

A leader who is integral part of the team and is acknowledged and appreciated by all members for the same would be more successful when the situation requires him/her to apply authority he wields.

The writer is Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi, YMCA

## IP university's award function

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The Indraprastha University Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IIQAC), IP University organised an award ceremony to honour its students and staff for their achievements in various fields.

The vice-chancellor of the university Professor Mahesh Verma said that award is a testimony of hard work. Dr Jitendra Tripathi, Joint Secretary, University Grant Commission, the guest of honour, said that the activities of the cell will motivate other universities to work in a similar fashion.

The students who were awarded were: Akash Gautam, Anshu Dahiya, Apoorva Vashistha, Shelly Gupta, Prashant Kumar

Arnab Tavetia, Ishant Shakya, Chetan and Yogender Rathore from University School of Biotechnology, Sunny (University School of Law & Legal Studies), Sachin Kundu, Vikas Rana (University School of Architecture & Planning), Mandeep Sehrawat (University School of Law & Legal Studies), Shubham Verma and Jitender Singh Punia from University School of Information, Communication & Technology, Deepak University School of Management Studies).

Two faculty members — Dr Satyabrata Mohapatra, University school of Basic & Applied Sciences and Dr Manoj Kumar, University School of Information, Communication & Technology were also awarded at the occasion.

## Foundation ceremony of IIL in KIT

The foundation plaque of Indian Institute of Law (IIL) was unveiled by Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, Judge, Supreme Court of India; Justice Bhusan Ramkrishna Gavai, Judge, Supreme Court of India; and Justice V Ramasubramanian, Judge, Supreme Court of India in Bhubaneswar on February 20, 2021. Manan Kumar Mishra, Sr Advocate and Chairman, Bar Council of India (BCI) & Bar Council of India Trust (BCIT);

Ashok Parija, Advocate General, Odisha; Debi Prasad Dhal, Sr Advocate and Executive Chairman, BCIT; Prof Achyuta Samanta, Associate Managing Trustee, BCIT and Founder, KIIT & KISS and a host of legal luminaries graced the Foundation Ceremony of Establishment of Indian Institute of Law (IIL) by BCIT at KIIT deemed to be university.

IIL, being set up by the Bar Council of India through its trust (BCIT) with the support of KIIT Deemed to be University, will be a model institute of law teachers' academy for promoting continuous legal education and research along with skill development of law teachers and practising lawyers.

The institute will facilitate young law school teachers of the country and advocates to enhance their expertise, professional skills and acumen. Speaking at the Foundation Ceremony, Hon'ble Justice Uday Umesh

Lalit welcomed the establishment of the IIL and commended BCIT and KIIT Deemed to be University for the step. "Continuing education is important in every profession; it is part of everybody's life. Perhaps, this is the first step which will again imbibe the culture when we will be having more and more such institutes, and more and more the idea of continuing education taking root in everybody's mind," he stated.

## Webinar on data science

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Great Learning, an edtech company for professional and higher education will host a webinar on Data Science for beginners on February 24, 2021 at 12 pm. The one-hour long live session is free of cost and can be attended by anyone who is willing to kickstart a career in data science.

The live session on "Data Science for beginners" by Anirudh Rao, Expert of Python, Machine learning & Data Analysis will talk about

various aspects of Data Science, including its significance in the coming years, components that fit into the ecosystem of Data Science and its architecture which denotes its working. The instructor will further breakdown the concepts into bite-sized pieces along with giving the attendees a sense of direction that they can consider when beginning to chalk out a career path in this domain.

Log on to <https://www.greatlearning.in/academy/learn-for-free/courses/data-science-for-beginners.1>

With the economy recovering in post-COVID world, organisations have a skill-based approach while hiring workforce.

NIKUNJ SANGHI lists must haves that will impact the job market

# MUST HAVE NEWAGE SKILLS



At the beginning of the year 2020, there were innumerable career predictions, most of which fell flat. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, a lot of careers have been impacted in one way or the other.

The year will be distinctively remembered because of the paradigm shift it has brought to the world. With this shift, business operations, jobs and various elements of the ecosystem have undergone fundamental changes.

There are many industries that incurred losses and witnessed slowdown, which directly impacted employment situation in many sectors. However, sector like Healthcare, Pharmaceutical, E-commerce, Ed-Tech and FMCG logged growth even during the pandemic and many opportunities were created within the industries.

The need for specific and advanced skills was already stemming up, but the pandemic further accelerated the need. From here on, agility and creativity will be the top preferences for organisations, along with digitisation, as organisations re-imagine operations to maintain continuity.

With this at the backdrop

there are certain career and skill trends we see this year and will impact the job market.

**Digital competencies:** Counted amongst the most employable new age skills, digital skills are the most sought after. Considering the fact that work from is here to stay, employers will expect their employees to be digitally savvy and socially fit. Skilled labours in cyber security, web technology and social media will enjoy preferences of organisation.

**Technology skills:** Technology has influenced work world over. We have all come a long way from basic mechanisation to complex technologies. As the global supply chain suffered immensely due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with the trans-border restrictions; it further pushed companies to go local. With this accelerated adoption, companies have realised that these technologies ensure high productivity and is also cost effective. This accelerated adoption of technology, warrants niche domain knowledge of technical skills like mechatronics, robotics, data architect and networking software coders for designing platforms

There are certain career and skill trends we see this year and will impact the job market.

**yyyyyyyyyThe need for specific and advanced skills was already stemming up, but the pandemic further accelerated the need. From here on, agility and creativity will be the top preferences for organisations, along with digitisation, as organisations re-imagine operations to maintain continuity**

**Analytical skills:** This is skills that has always been appreciated by employers, as it helps in future planning and decision making. Making the right decision although involves a lot of data crunching, but only an analytical mind can put it in the right perspective. Moreover these skills are also essential for various other functions such as financial planning, customer satisfaction, marketing strategies.

**Communication and social skills:** Along with the above mentioned technical skills, communication and social competencies to get along with colleagues are skills organisations are looking for to create a good work culture. In view of the uncertainties launched by the pandemic, employers are looking for proficiencies like ability to communicate eloquently with clarity of thoughts and the capability to align self with business objectives. Alongside, good social skills will be greatly appreciated as it encourages group and peer-to-peer learning.

**Growth outlook:** Continued learning mindset is one thing that every employer will be happy to hire. Despite being a very basic

skillset, it is very important and relevant considering the current times, more so, to deal with after effects of the pandemic. Growth mindset reflects learnability and openness of mind for constructive criticism. Business growth and self-growth demands the capability and the willingness to adopt and adapt. Apart from willingness to learn, the growth mindset also speaks volumes of a person's risk-taking abilities, creativity and innovation.

Organisations across the world have relooked their HR strategies to ensure productivity, cost effectiveness and social engagement. Alongside, organizations are also investing in a supportive work environment that also encourages learning. Such investment and initiatives will continue over the next few years.

It is of utmost importance for an individual to keep upgrading skills in order to stay relevant to the corporates and work. In the post COVID world, the revival of economy will warrant organisation to have skill-based approach, while hiring their workforce.

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## 'The future lies in digital processes'

Fashion industry will see innovations as new technology and changing customer trends and demands will transform the industry challenging students, says TARUN GOEL

The fashion industry will see huge amounts of innovation in coming years as new technology and changing customer trends and demands will transform the industry which brings more new challenges for students. Apparel industry moves at breakneck speed and due to COVID-19 outbreak has sped up the pace considerably fashion industry operators have had to switch to a multi-channel strategy and become more data-driven in their decision-making. Here are few changes that must be required in 2021 for the professionals working in the fashion design industry.

**Data-Driven:** Many stores and brands use data to predict the rise and fall of trends. Predictive analytics consider everything from climate to color preferences, social media trends and political movements. The benefits of using data in fashion are numerous from only producing pieces consumers will actually wear to reducing waste and connecting the right consumers with pieces they will enjoy. Data also helps brands run more efficiently, giving them room to innovate and balance supply and demand.

Fashion brands now use data to understand and monitor their customer preferences, their shopping behaviour and after analysing they create products that meet their needs.

**Sustainability:** Over recent years sustainability has been one of the hottest topics in terms of fashion because after all, fashion is one of the most polluting industries on the planet. With fast-fashion taking over, clothes quickly becoming outdated, and being made with cheap materials it isn't setting the world up for much hope. But the tides are changing, and brands are moving towards more sustainable fabrics and manufacturing methods. Although brands are trying to incorporate more sustainable practices.

**Digitalisation:** Due to restrictions of COVID-19, consumers increasingly prefer the convenience and speed of online shopping, even if it means not being able to try an item on in person. Successful fashion brands of the future



Tarun Goel  
Director, The Design Institute of India

won't just make their clothing available online they will also create an immersive digital shopping experience with virtual showrooms, virtual fits or sizing tools and virtual style lists. The future of fashion is happening online, and brands will have to adjust how they create and sell clothing to make it work in a digital world. With more shoppers taking advantage of online shopping, fashion retailers have to follow suit.

Fashion brands will also leverage technology like AR and VR to allow consumers to try on items digitally from the comfort of their own homes.

**Simplified:** With many people working from home and social distancing for the foreseeable future, mostly fashion brands have toned down their styling in favour of comfortable loungewear and clothing that works for sleeping and living. Even after the pandemic, clothing will likely stay simple and comfortable.

The new shift in fashion is to two collections a year spring/summer and fall/winter. The future of fashion will focus on customers and provide an innovative experience. The industry is continually evolving, but changes in the future will create a more sustainable, customer-centric and efficient industry.

Reports of surveys conducted have found a severe lack of information about what it's like to work in the technology sector, what it takes to get in, or what a job in tech involves. Living in an internet age has made it easier for us to access information, which is one touch away. The worrisome part is that the spread of misinformation is on the rise that is outdated or somewhat downright false.

### Myths surrounding IT industry

The first and foremost myth is that one needs to have a full-fledged tech background to work in the tech industry. However, that's not true. All one needs is a deep interest and the willingness to learn the tricks of the trade that says on the job

learnings always improve the technical aspects. Second, it isn't just a field for men. The gender imbalance in the industry has been a self-perpetuating phenomenon. Third, one doesn't need to have much experience to launch themselves into the industry. Companies can later shape and educate their resources. The absence of prior knowledge is not a deterrent.

When one decides to pursue a career in the IT sector, it's essential to look back at one's prior experience. In the first instance, it may seem like one lacks the skills listed on the job postings. But soft skills can surprisingly work and be given more regard for carving out a career for oneself in the field, and many such skills are conveniently

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transferable into IT roles.

Here are some of the essential soft skills that can help one get their foot in the door of the IT ecosystem:

■ Acquiring the requisite certifications is the fastest way to break into the IT industry. While a regular tech degree could take up to one to four years, certifications can instead be studied for and earned in just a few weeks. Certifications can show the prospective employers that the candidate has the required skills, which goes a long way in making up for the lack of adequate

degree and experience.

■ One should be mindful of the fact that they may have to start over in IT. The experience of working at the bottom of the ladder will be valuable as one grows into a more challenging role. One's willingness to move forward defines their learning and earning capacity and, in this process, makes them the master of the craft.

■ In the domain of tech, there are a million things one could learn to improve their resumes. From understanding Salesforce to knowing how to use

WordPress, one could upskill themselves to make themselves employable. Free training videos on YouTube can help immensely in learning new skills. Adding these skills to the resume after becoming adept at them will make the difference in getting hired.

■ When looking to fill a vacancy, employers are more likely to hire somebody based on a recommendation than interviewing a bunch of strangers. Therefore, networking with the right lot can go a long way in helping one land a desirable role. One needs to develop organizational knowledge and become savvy to exert influence across various departments. It's essential to network with other people within and outside the

organisation.

■ Those who aspire to be a part of the IT industry need to develop the skills required for translating between IT and business language. Project management skills are a big plus as the ability to get the job done and remain focused on business priorities will surely take one ahead in the game. Effective leadership skills, people management, and teamwork are all skills essential for success in the IT industry.

One should not be quickly taken in by the myths surrounding the industry and instead work on building the skills needed to find a place for themselves.

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Applications are open for the international scholarships for the academic year 2021-2022. This funding programme is administered by the Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Indian students can apply. Award: Up to \$22,000 per year Eligibility: Must have a high school certificate with an excellent record. Supporting Documents: To apply, candidates must be ready to submit the previous transcripts at the university.

Undergraduate degree will be awarded in any subject offered by the university

**Admission requirements:** For admission, applicants must meet all entry requirement of university.

**Language requirement:** Students need to demonstrate that they have a good level of written and spoken English.

**How to apply:** If you want to apply for this studentship then you are required to take admission in an undergraduate degree at the university. After being enrolled, applicants can apply through the online application form.

**Application deadline:** May 1, 2021.

Applications are invited for Study a Bachelor's in the US Scholarship providing a tuition award for undergraduate students for the 2021 fall semester.

There is one scholarship of \$5000 that will help you cover your

tuition and get you one step closer to your next great adventure. The programme is open to students from any country who will be studying a bachelor's degree abroad at a college or university in the US.

**Eligibility:** You must have applied (or will apply) to a college or university in the US. You must have applied (or will apply) for a bachelor's-level degree starting in the Fall 2021 semester. The degree programme must be studied either on campus or online via distance learning from an institute based in the US. You must hold or be eligible to apply for a relevant study visa

You mustn't be a US citizen and you can't currently reside in the US unless you're currently studying abroad. You must be at least 18 years old by the time of the application deadline.

**Admission requirements:** Applicants must hold a previous degree with excellent marks. **Language requirement:** Must be proficient in written and spoken the English language.

**Supporting documents:** Submitting a short essay (500-700 words) that answers the question: Why did you choose the US as a study abroad destination, and how will it help you to shape your future? Proof of acceptance into a university in the form of a copy of your acceptance letter. Proof that you've finished high school in the form of a copy of your transcript. A copy of your passport to prove your identity

**How to apply:** Submit essay at info@educations.com. Application deadline: August 31, 2021.

**CONTENT DEVELOPMENT (CHEMISTRY) AT DOUBTNUT**  
Location: Delhi, Gurgaon  
Stipend: ₹20,000/Month  
Link: internshala.com/i/7247517  
Deadline: March 2, 2021

**DATA ANALYTICS AT KISAN FINANCE (IFFCO GROUP)**  
Location: Delhi  
Stipend: ₹10,000/Month  
Link: internshala.com/i/7247518  
Deadline: March 2, 2021

**VIDEO MAKING/EDITING AT CALIFORNIA MEDICAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
Location: Lucknow  
Stipend: ₹5,000/Month  
Link: internshala.com/i/7247519  
Deadline: March 30, 2021

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT BLAZE MEDIA**  
Location: Chandigarh  
Stipend: ₹7,500-12,000/Month  
Link: internshala.com/i/7247520  
Deadline: March 2, 2021

**PHP DEVELOPMENT AT KALAM ACADEMY**  
Location: Ranchi  
Stipend: ₹3,000-5,000/Month  
Link: internshala.com/i/7247596  
Deadline: March 1, 2021

**DIGITAL MARKETING AT TEAM HI TECH**  
Location: Bhubaneswar  
Stipend: ₹2,000/Month  
Link: internshala.com/i/7247522  
Deadline: February 27, 2021

**OPERATIONS AT CAMP K12**  
Location: Work from Home  
Stipend: ₹5000-8,000/Month  
Link: internshala.com/i/7247523  
Deadline: March 2,2021

### STUDY ABROAD

## How to make the right choice

Choosing the right university to study abroad can be daunting. Hence, it is necessary to keep key points in mind

Even if you are keen about your choice of university, it is advisable that you apply to at least three universities as an option.



There have been incidents when students have decided to go ahead with their second choice, and found that it was a wonderful stroke of luck.

When it comes to applying to a university abroad, students primarily do it through the university website. However, it is time consuming. With the advent of AI driven study abroad platforms like Edvoy, the application process has been simplified.

Such platforms allow students to apply for five universities with one click. They just need to upload their documents, and they can track their application status. All this is done with complete transparency.

Leaving paperwork to the last minute equals major

headaches. There is a list of important documents that are required while applying for a university. This list may vary, depending from university to university and country to country.

However, in general, universities will require documents such as mark sheets of 10th to graduation, an updated resume, at least 3 letters of recommendation, Statement of Purpose, and experience letters if interned or worked. You must also have completed English proficiency tests like IELTS, TOEFL etc. and aptitude tests like GMAT, GRE, depending on university's preference.

Students can apply for scholarship options provided by the government as well as the university to support their education. Applying for scholarships can be confusing. Students can seek guidance from advisors on digital study abroad platforms such as Edvoy, who can help them through the process as they have direct partnerships with universities abroad.

## Merit awards announced by VIT-AP University

Dr Sekar Viswanathan, vice-president, VIT has announced the GV Merit Scholarship and Tmt. The Rajeswari Ammal Merit scholarship is aimed at supporting candidates enrolling at the university's BBA, Law, BCom, BSc and BA programmes, in addition to the flagship USR activity STARS programme.

Dr S V Kota Reddy, vice-chancellor, VIT-AP expounded that the scholarship is for any Board topper. Under this scholarship, the student will get scholarship for all years of the UG programme.

Dr CLV Sivakumar said that in order to avail the scholarship, the candidate must be a district topper from any State. The student is eligible for a 50 per cent scholarship on the tuition fee. If the district topper is a girl, she will get an additional 25 per cent scholarship (making it a 75 per cent scholarship).

The university offers the following programmes under general management with specialisation in Business Analytics, Fintech and Digital



Marketing, in BA LLB (Hons - five years), B Com with dual degree programmes. This programme is unique since it offers the fundamentals of CMA, CA, CFA and ACS embedded in its three-year programme. The university also offers BA and MA in Public Services and BSc and MSc in Data Science.

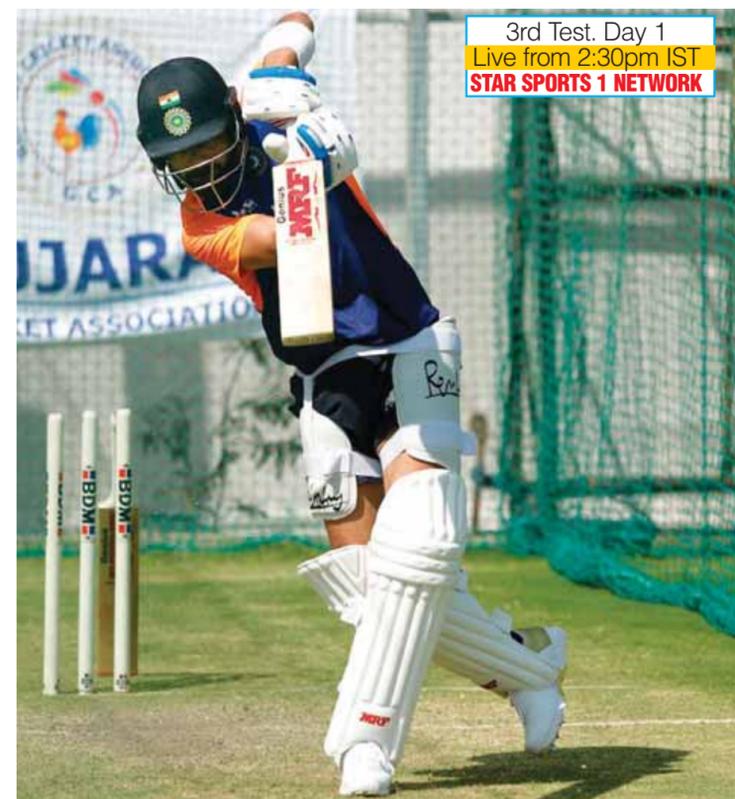
These two merit scholarships can be availed by all candidates appearing for the UG non-engineering programmes for the academic year 2021.

The last date to apply is May 31, 2021. For details visit: [www.vitap.ac.in](http://www.vitap.ac.in) or write to [admission@vitap.ac.in](mailto:admission@vitap.ac.in). One can call 7901091283 and speak with Dr R Thahiya Afzal, assistant director, Admissions, VIT-AP University



# Test of Night Life

## India venture into unknown, England seek answers for 'pink ball turner' in world's biggest cricket stadium



3rd Test, Day 1  
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**PTI ■ AHMEDABAD**  
A virgin Motera strip has become the big talking point as India captain Virat Kohli prepares the right pink ball questionnaire to trouble a spoilt-for-choice England in the day-night third Test starting here on Wednesday. Ahmedabad as a cricketing venue has been witness to a lot

of cricketing feats in Indian cricket — from Sunil Gavaskar's famous late cut to complete 10,000 runs in Tests to Kapil Dev's best bowling figures of 9 for 83 and also him eclipsing Richard Hadlee's then world record of highest wickets. On Wednesday, Ishant Sharma joining Kapil as the second Indian pacer to play 100 Tests would add to the momen-

tous occasion and Kohli scoring a hundred is just what the 55,000 odd spectators, who would be allowed in, might crave for. The refurbished Sardar Patel Stadium looks colossal under lights but the first Test match in many years would mean that even the home team wouldn't expect a lot of advantage. It would prefer a square

turner to go 2-1 up in a high-stakes game but whether it actually gets one remains to be seen.

As senior opener Rohit Sharma was clear in team's choice of surface — a turner that helps Ravichandran Ashwin and Axar Patel just like Joe Root would have opted for a green top at the Headingley or the Old Trafford.

There are a few more questions that would demand answers. How would the twilight period be for the batsmen as James Anderson feels that the ball swings more in that phase? Will the extra lacquer on the 'SG Test Pink' make it difficult for the Ashwin-Axar combo which wreaked havoc on the Chepauk snake pit? And with a 2:30 pm start, how much will the dew have a bearing during the final session? The ball would be difficult to grip at that point for slow bowlers and the pitch, despite grass being shaved off, might ease out with ball skidding off the surface.

When there are so many unknown variables that warrant factoring, any captain would like to assess conditions.

Umesh Yadav passing the fitness test was good news for the Indian camp as Kuldeep Yadav is likely to be dropped from the playing XI.

Umesh, along with Ishant and the now injured Mohammed Shami, had polished off Bangladesh twice inside six sessions in the inaugural Pink Test match in Kolkata.

But this England team, with Joe Root, Ben Stokes, Jonny Bairstow, will pose a far greater challenge.

Hardik Pandya has been kept with the Test team with an

# Pacers can't be ignored in D/N Test: Kohli

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

A rank turner is being anticipated at Motera but India captain Virat Kohli expects pacers to have as big a role as spinners in the day-night third Test against England, a side riddled with "many weaknesses" according to him.

Both teams have won a game each in the four-match series and ahead of third Test here starting on Wednesday, the talk has been incessantly focussed on the nature of the virgin track at the refurbished stadium.

Asked if the ball is unlikely to swing much in the third Test, Kohli said he expects the pacers to be in the game till the ball is "nice and shiny".

"I don't think that is an accurate assessment (that ball will not swing). The pink ball does tend to swing a lot more than the red ball. We experienced that when we played for the first time in 2019 (against Bangladesh)," Kohli said in the pre-match press conference.

Kohli also rejected the assessment that England would have an edge if the pitch favours pacers.



"...Not really bothered about what the strengths and weaknesses of the English team are. We have beaten them in their home as well, where the ball does way more and hold them out every time so we're not really bothered with that. It's just about playing well as a team," he said.

"And yeah, there are many, many weaknesses in the opposition side as well, if you are keen to exploit them. If it's a seamer friendly track for them

it's for us as well.

"And we probably have, you know, among other teams, the best bowling attack in the world so we're not really bothered by what the ball might bring differently to the table. We're ready for anything that comes our way," he asserted.

Kohli said facing the pink ball is more challenging than the red ball irrespective of the nature of the surface.

"It is much more challenging to play with pink ball

regardless of the pitch you play on. Especially in the evening, if as a batting team, you are starting your innings under lights then that one and a half hour is very challenging," he said.

"Yes spin will come into play for sure but I don't think the new ball and fast bowlers can be ignored. The pink ball does bring them into the game till the ball is nice and shiny, something we are very well aware of and preparing accordingly," added Kohli.

Talking about the experience his team has gained from the two outings, Kohli said: "Last time we experienced that the first session is probably the nicest to bat when the sun is out and ball doesn't do much. But when it starts to get dark, especially during that Twilight, it gets very tricky.

"The light changes, it's difficult to see the ball and then under lights, it is like playing the first session in the morning. In a normal Test match the ball does tend to swing a lot (in morning). So, I think it's a reversal of roles and something that you need to adjust to quite quickly," he explained.

# 'Credit to Ishant for prioritising Test cricket'

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD



India captain Virat Kohli on Tuesday lauded Ishant Sharma's commitment towards Test cricket, saying the veteran pacer could have easily prioritised white-ball cricket to prolong his career but chose to focus on the longest format instead.

The 32-year-old Ishant is set to become only the second Indian pacer after the legendary Kapil Dev to play in 100 Tests when he takes the field in the day-night

third match on Wednesday. "It's a great achievement in modern day cricket. To maintain your body and play 100 Tests, it's rare to see a pacer have such longevity these days. He could have easily prioritised white-ball cricket but full credit to him that he didn't," Kohli said at the pre-match press conference.

"A lot of people even lose their motivation. He has the skills, if he wanted he could have improved his four over, 10 over cricket and played in the IPL regularly, or presented himself in T20 and ODIs. But he gave his full commitment to Test cricket," Kohli added.

Ishant last played in an ODI in 2016 and a T20I match in 2013.

# Eng yet to decide team combination



PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

England skipper Joe Root on Tuesday said he is yet to have "real clarity" on what should be his bowling combination for the day-night third Test and will wait some more before finalising it.

"We're going to take our time with the limited information we have on this ground and pink ball cricket. You know, we are going to make sure, we give ourselves as much (time) as possible heading into the game before we make a decision," Root said on the eve of the match.

The England think tank has a selection headache both in

bowling and batting departments.

In bowling they have Jofra Archer fit and available along with veteran pace spearhead James Anderson, who is back in fray after workload management kept him out of the second Test. Stuart Broad is also in contention for a spot.

"It's great to see him (Archer) back bowling again, we are excited. He is a world class performer and have got all the skills...It's a very exciting place to be to have now a battery of fast bowlers to choose from," Root said.

Root hinted that they're weighing a three-seam option with the possibility of playing

# 'Ashwin is world-class bowler'

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Ravichandran Ashwin has proved to be England's nemesis in the first two Tests and, well aware of his abilities now, visiting skipper Joe Root on Tuesday described the India off-spinner as a "world-class performer" in all conditions.

Ashwin has already taken 17 wickets in the series so far and is expected to add some more to his kitty in the third Test.

"Yeah, he (Ashwin) is a world-class performer. I think it's been quite tricky for everyone but as you mentioned, in particular, the left-handers is against him... Because you know how skilful he is, how good his record is against left-handers in world cricket," Root said.

both Anderson and Broad together as the pink ball will have "a bit more lateral movement".

"Yeah, they have got a chance and as I say it's a great selection headache to have... The fact that there might be extra lateral movement will obviously work in our favour as well," Root said.

Senior wicketkeeper bats-

said.

The 34-year-old Ashwin has been Virat Kohli's go-to man in this series. Besides his nine wickets in the first Test and eight in second, Ashwin has also scored a century on a Chepauk track, where most of the specialist batsmen struggled against the turning ball.

"So, he is a fine performer at home and guys just have to keep working hard to try and figure out how they're going to score every run," Root added.

He also lauded young wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant for his batting skills but said he gives the opposition chances.

"We know Rishabh is extremely talented but he will give you a chance, and we just got to be ready to take that when it comes," said Root.

man Jonny Bairstow has also returned to the squad and it remains to be seen whether they can keep in-form Ben Foakes out or play both of them.

"We will get you the squad when we're ready... That's how we want to do things. We just want to make sure, we're really sure on everything. When we're absolutely ready we'll give you the full squad together."

# Mustafizur ready to sacrifice IPL for national duty



PTI ■ DHAKA

A "patriotic" Mustafizur Rahman on Tuesday said he is willing to skip the upcoming Indian Premier League for national duty and be available for next month's Test series against Sri Lanka if picked in the squad.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has allowed its players, including Mustafizur, to participate in the IPL despite the fact that the lucrative T20 league is likely to clash with their international assignments.

But the left-arm pacer, who was picked up by Rajasthan Royals for ₹1 crore, has decided to give precedence to national duty. "I will do what BCB asks me to do. If they keep me in Test squad

(for the tour of Sri Lanka) then I will play Tests and if they (BCB) don't keep me in Test then they know what I should do," Mustafizur told reporters before leaving for New Zealand.

"My first priority is to play for my country and if I am picked in the Test series against Sri Lanka, I will naturally play. If I am not picked then BCB will tell me that I am not included. At that point, if I am given NOC to play in the IPL then I will play but patriotism comes first for me."

The Test series in Sri Lanka will be followed by a three-match ODI rubber in May but the fixtures have not been finalised yet.

**CLAUSES IN CONTRACTS**

Premier all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan's request seeking a longer stint in the IPL has left the Bangladesh Cricket Board "disappointed" and it has decided to add new clauses in the players' central contracts to avoid a similar situation in future.

Signing the annual contract with new clauses would ensure the players commit themselves to playing for Bangladesh. "We will enter into a new contact with the players (for 2021)," BCB president Nazmul Hassan told reporters.

"It will be mentioned clearly who wants to play which format. They have to inform us. If they have any other engagement, they have to be clear about their availability."

# Leach ready for different challenge with pink ball

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

England's lead spinner Jack Leach says he is ready for a new role as the day/night pink ball Test against India looks set to bring the seamers back into the forefront after the tweakers' domination in the first two matches.

Leach is aware that with the pink ball, which tends to move around a lot more than the traditional red cherry, his role could change over the next few days.

"We want to be adaptable, we feel like we've got all bases covered in our squad so I think it's going to be a fascinating Test match if the ball is moving around, and if so, it might be a slightly different role for me," Leach wrote in *Sky Sports*.

"I've definitely thought about that — it'll be a different challenge and I'll be ready."

# Shreyas' ton scripts Mumbai second win

PTI ■ JAIPUR

Mumbai rode on skipper Shreyas Iyer's unbeaten 103 to beat Maharashtra by six wickets in their Elite Group D game of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Tuesday.

This was Mumbai's second successive win after they had beaten Delhi in the lung-opener.

Opting to bat first, Maharashtra posted 279/9, with centuries from Yash Nahar (119) and Azim Kazi (104) despite experienced Mumbai pacer Dhawal Kulkarni (5/44) running through their top-order.

But it was Iyer, who anchored the Mumbai chase and saw them home in 47.2 overs.

Chasing 280, Mumbai openers Yashasvi Jaiswal (40) and Prithvi Shaw (34) conjured 67 for the first wicket.

Iyer, who walked in at three, was in his elements and hammered nine boundaries and one six, in his unbeaten knock, he found able partners in Suryakumar Yadav (29), Shivam Dube (47) as they



Mumbai batsman Suryakumar Yadav celebrates his team's win in Vijay Hazare trophy SKY/Instagram

played their roles to perfection. In other matches of the group, Delhi beat Pondicherry by 179 runs while Rajasthan lost to Himachal Pradesh by four wickets.

**CHANDIGARH ON TOP**

**Kolkata:** In Group E clash at Eden Gardens, Chandigarh continued their giant-killing run in their Elite debut, stunning hosts Bengal by five wickets.

Fresh from their win over neighbours Haryana, Chandigarh who were playing their second domestic season chased down Bengal's 253/9 with seven balls to spare to climb up to the top of the group table, ahead of Saurashtra on net-run rate.

Saurashtra secured a thrilling one-wicket win over star-studded Haryana at the 22 Yards Academy in Saltlake.

Hosts Bengal, who made a group stage exit in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20s, dropped to third spot with one win and a loss.

Elsewhere at JU Second Campus ground in Saltlake, Jammu & Kashmir

beat Services by three wickets.

**UK'S SECOND WIN**

**Chennai:** Opener Jay Bista starred with a 61-ball 71 as Uttarakhand outplayed Manipur by seven wickets for their second consecutive win in Plate Group encounter.

Sent in to bat, Manipur lost the openers by the sixth over and the rest of the batsmen struggled against a disciplined bowling attack.

In reply, Bista continued his good form with a knock of 71 (8 fours, 2 sixes) to follow up his 141 on Sunday against Meghalaya to set up the win. He added 113 runs for the first wicket with Kamal Singh (41) and set the platform for Uttarakhand's win.

Assam also notched up their second win, beating Arunachal Pradesh by five wickets to join Uttarakhand at the top of the standings with eight points.

In another match, Mizoram went down by 29 runs to Nagaland despite tons by Pratik Desai (141) and Taruwar Kohli (108).

# SINGLES

**UNSEEDED ROGERS STUNS 3RD SEED KONTA**

**ADELAIDE:** Unseeded American Shelby Rogers stunned third seed Johanna Konta with a display of raw power in the second round of the Adelaide International on Tuesday. Rogers served superbly and was ruthless with her returns to see off the Konta 6-2, 6-2 in 76 minutes. There were no problems for the three other seeded players in action, all playing their first round matches. Fifth seeded Iga Swiatek, Petra Martic, the sixth seed, and seventh ranked Yulia Putintseva all progressed.

**ROBERTSON'S BRACE TAKES RKFC TO TOP**

**KOLKATA:** Mason Robertson's fine brace helped a dominant Real Kashmir FC beat Aizawl FC 3-1 and jump to the top of the I-League table at the VYBK Stadium here on Tuesday. After a defensive error had given Aizawl FC the lead through Lalremsanga in the 26th minute, Lukman Adefemi's strike in the first half and a double by Robertson in the second powered the Snow Leopards to a thumping win.

**INDIA TO PLAY OMAN & UAE IN MARCH**

**NEW DELHI:** The Indian men's team will play two international friendlies — against Oman on March 25 and United Arab Emirates on March 29, the AIFC said on Tuesday. Both the matches will be held in Dubai. As part of preparation for the two matches, the national team will assemble in a camp from March 15. The camp will also be held in Dubai under head coach Igor Stimac to allow the players to acclimatise to the conditions faster.

**HALEP PULLS OUT OF QATAR OPEN**

**PARIS:** World number three Simona Halep has pulled out of next week's Qatar Open, organisers of the WTA event announced on Tuesday. Her withdrawal follows her Australian Open quarter-final loss to Serena Williams. "Unfortunately I've decided to withdraw, I can't wait to be back in Doha next year," organisers quoted her as saying on Instagram. She gave no reason for her absence from the March 1-6 tournament.

**DEEPAK IN Q/F OF STRANDJA MEMORIAL**

**NEW DELHI:** Asian Silver-medallist Deepak Kumar (52kg) advanced to the quarterfinals with a facile win as Indian boxers got off to a mixed start at the 72nd Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia. Deepak defeated Olzhas Bainiyazov 5-0 in his opening bout to make the last-eight stage. Other winners on Monday included Naveen Kumar (91kg) among men and Jyoti (51kg) in the women's draw. However, Shashi Chopra (60kg), Lalita (69kg) and Sakshi (57kg) lost their opening bouts to bow out of the competition.

**UPUL THARANGA ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

**COLOMBO:** Veteran Sri Lanka opener Upul Tharanga on Tuesday announced his retirement from international cricket after a career spanning 15 years and during which he also enjoyed a brief stint as captain. Tharanga, 36, who was at the helm from July to November in 2017, last represented the national team during his tour of South Africa in 2019. "I have decided to retire from international cricket," Tharanga wrote on his Twitter handle. He enjoyed more success in the ODIs, making 6951 runs in the 235 matches he played.

**INDIA-SA SERIES IN LUCKNOW FROM MARCH 7**

**NEW DELHI:** The Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association on Tuesday confirmed that it will be hosting the eight-match limited overs series between the women's teams of India and South Africa in Lucknow from March 7. The ODI, all of them day-games, will be played on March 7, 9, 12, 14 and 17 and will be followed by the T20 matches on March 20, 21 and 24 with the first two games to be played under lights at the Ekana International Stadium. Agencies