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Pak agrees to keep LoC calm

India, Pak DGMOs say 2 armies will honour 2003 ceasefire pact; but it doesn't restrict Indian forces from carrying out anti-terrorist, anti-infiltration ops in J&K

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a major step to reduce tension at the Line of Control (LoC), India and Pakistan on Thursday decided to strictly adhere to a ceasefire for "mutually beneficial and sustainable peace." The agreement arrived at between the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) on Thursday was aimed at avoiding civilian casualties on either side during firing.

However, the ceasefire, which came into force from midnight of February 24-25, will not restrict the Indian security forces from carrying out anti-terrorist and anti-infiltration operations in Jammu & Kashmir, it was clarified here.

Agreeing to adhere to the ceasefire announced by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2003, a joint statement issued by both the countries said the two armies will observe all agreements on ceasefire along the 750-km long LoC and other sectors, according to a joint statement issued on Thursday.

The decision was taken during talks between India DGMO Lt General PS Sangha and his Pakistani counterpart Major General Nauman Zakaria on the hotline.

The two DGMOs held dis-



cussions and reviewed the situation along the LoC in a "free, frank and cordial atmosphere", the statement said.

It added that in the interest of achieving mutually beneficial and sustainable peace along the borders, the two DGMOs agreed to address each other's core issues and concerns which have propensity to disturb peace and lead to violence.

Both sides agreed for strict observance of all agreements, understandings and ceasefire along the LoC and all other sectors with effect from midnight 24/25 February 2021.

Both sides reiterated that existing mechanisms of hotline contact and border flag meetings will be utilised to resolve any unforeseen situation or

misunderstanding. Incidentally, the two armies in 2018 had also agreed to follow the 2003 guidelines. However, situation remained volatile at the LoC.

Sources said the latest pact came about after rounds of back channel talks between the two countries over the last few months, adding National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval held talks in this regard with Prime Minister Imran Khan's special assistant Moed W Yusuf.

Pakistan Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, the most powerful figure there to shape the national policies, earlier this month also favoured talks and said it is time to extend a hand of peace in all directions.

In Pakistan, Army

spokesperson Major General Babar Iftikhar said regarding the joint statement that "there have been contacts between India and Pakistan on a hotline level since 1987. Frequently, the DGMOs of both countries stay in contact through this established mechanism."

According to media report from there, he also said from 2014 there was a spike in ceasefire violations along the LoC. "Both the DGMOs have agreed that the existing 2003 understanding should be implemented in letter and spirit," he added.

Dawn newspaper said the latest development is seen as a thaw after years of tension between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. Both Prime Minister Imran Khan and Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa recently offered India to resolve all issues through dialogue.

Ties between India and Pakistan nosedived after a terror attack on the Pathankot Air Force base in 2016 by terror groups based in the neighbouring country. Subsequent attacks, including one on the Indian Army camp in Uri, deteriorated the relationship.

The relationship dipped further after IAF carried out air strikes against a Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terrorist training camp in Balakot on

February 26, 2019 in response to the Pulwama terror attack in which 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans were killed on February 15 the same year.

The ties between the two countries worsened after India in 2019 announced abrogation of Article 370 giving special status to Jammu & Kashmir and divided the State into two Union Territories.

There were 5,133 ceasefire violations last year in which 22 civilians were killed and 71 injured on the Indian side. Moreover, 24 security personnel were also killed in the firing while 126 were wounded. Moreover, nearly 300 incidents of ceasefire violation were recorded till January end this year.

In a written response to a question in the Lok Sabha earlier this month, Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy said a total of 10,752 cases of ceasefire violations have taken place along India's border with Pakistan in the last three years, in which 72 security personnel and 70 civilians were killed.

He said 364 security personnel and 341 civilians were injured in cross-border firings along the International Border and the LoC in Jammu & Kashmir in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Centre frames rules for OTT, social media apps

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Tightening its grip on unregulated media, the Government on Thursday announced a set of stringent regulations for social media firm like Facebook and Twitter as well as OTT players such as Netflix, requiring them to remove any content flagged by authorities within 36 hours and setting up a complaint redressal mechanism with an officer being based in the country.

The guidelines will also apply to popular mobile apps like WhatsApp and Telegram. The Government also announced guidelines for news portals operating from India, asking them to keep the rules and norms applicable to print and TV channel codes.

This is the first time such rules have been framed for digital and online media operating within the country's jurisdiction. IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad addressing media with I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar said concerns have been raised over rampant abuse of social media platforms and spread of fake news. To fix the fake ID users, the guidelines also insisted that social media platforms must verify the users through mobile phone firms.

"Social media companies are welcome to do business in India, and empower Indians... We welcome criti-



Union Minister of Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad addresses a press conference as Union Minister for Environment Prakash Javadekar looks on in New Delhi on Thursday

as Twitter and WhatsApp to identify the originator of a message that authorities consider to be anti-national and against the security and sovereignty of the country. The rules about digital media and OTT focus more on in-house and self-regulation mechanism whereby a robust grievance redressal mechanism has been provided while upholding journalistic and creative freedom.

Prasad said intermediaries will fall into two categories — social media intermediary and significant social media intermediary. This distinction is based on the number of users on the social media platform, and the Government will soon notify the threshold of the user base that will distinguish the two. The rules require the "significant" social media intermediaries to follow additional due diligence including the appointment of chief compliance officer, a nodal contact person and a resident grievance officer. All the three officials will have to be resident-citizens of India.

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As per the guidelines, all social media, OTT platforms and news portals must have a resident Indian citizen grievance officer to handle the complaints. He must make a decision in 15 days and must maintain monthly data of such complaints. Social media and OTT firms also must have resident Indian citizen compliance officer and nodal officer, who will be responsible in responding to the Government agencies.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren along with his Cabinet Ministers and MLAs of the ruling grand alliance in the State during legislative party meeting in Ranchi on Thursday

Cabinet nod to increase pension of Jharkhand revolutionaries

Govt to increase MGNREGA wages to ₹225

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State Cabinet on Thursday gave its nod to increase the pension amount and job reservation in third and fourth grade category for participants of separate statehood movement of Jharkhand.

As per Cabinet decision, those *aandolankaris* (separate statehood movement activists), who had been jailed for more than six months will now get ₹7,000, while those who have been jailed for period of three to six months will get ₹5,000, similarly those *aandolankaris*, who had served jail term less than three months will get ₹3,500 as pension amount by the State Government.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren talking to media persons about the decision said, "The dream with which people played an active part in the Jharkhand movement, today how can any State ignore it. How can a State that came into existence with the sacrifice of its agitators forget them and move forward for 20 years. Today, through this, I have got the opportunity to honour Baba's associates and their companions and it is a matter of pride for me. We are there because they sacrificed their today forever for our tomorrow."

State Cabinet department secretary (in-charge) Ajay Kumar Singh said, "The State



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Cabinet today decided to increase the pension amount of *aandolankaris*. Also, dependent of those *aandolankaris*, who were killed in police firing or in jail or having disability more than 40 per cent will get preference in third and fourth grade Government jobs." The JMM/BJP Government in 2012 had announced monthly life-long pension for participants of separate statehood movement.

The State Cabinet today gave its nod to imposing green cess of 15 paise per unit from electricity producing companies. The State energy department will charge green cess of 15 paise per unit from power producing companies in the State.

However, the cess will not be imposed on companies, in which the State governments

share is more than 51 per cent. Singh said, "The State Government has decided to impose a cess of 15 paise per unit of energy produced by energy companies in the State."

The State Cabinet also gave its nod for increasing daily remuneration of MGNREGA workers. MGNREGA workers of Jharkhand, who used to get ₹194 as daily remuneration will now get ₹225. The State Government will provide an increased amount of ₹31 from its share, which will cost ₹341 crore to the exchequer.

The State Cabinet also gave its nod banning consumption of tobacco products in public places under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. As per the Cabinet decision sale of tobacco products and cigarettes to persons with age below 21 years is punishable. Also, sale and use of tobacco and cigarettes near educational institutions, hospitals, religious places within the perimeter of 100 metres is prohibited and violators of rule will be fined upto ₹1,000. Singh said, "Earlier the fine was to the tune of ₹200, which has been increased to ₹1,000."

The State Cabinet also gave its nod for creation of five permanent posts which includes VC, registrar, examination controller, finance officer and librarian at Jamshedpur Women's University.

In Thursday's Cabinet meet nod to 28 proposals were cleared, which also include construction of 72 rural roads of ₹230.5 crore loan from NABARD, two other road projects from NABARD from loan of ₹61.9 crore among others.

DCGI seeks more data for Sputnik V emergency use approval in India

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Sputnik V, the Russian vaccine against the Covid-19, will have to wait longer to get approval for emergency use authorisation (EUA) in India.

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CM nod to release 26 prisoners

Soren chairs Sentence Review Board meeting

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State Sentence Review Board met on Thursday in the Jharkhand Ministry under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Hemant Soren. The meeting was organised in the light of the previous meeting of the State SRB, which was held on December 4, 2020.

In the meeting, Soren approved the recommendation for the release of 26 prisoners after considering and reviewing 50 prisoners for untimely release in the light of the recommendation of the State SRB. Action will be taken to release these 26 prisoners from prisons within the next few days.

The decision was taken under the chairmanship of the CM after a comprehensive analysis of the reports received from the court, Jail Superintendent, SP and Probation Officer regarding all the released prisoners and the impact on the society after they are imprisoned.

According to the rules, the



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proposal of the detainees, whose proposal has been rejected in Thursday's meeting will be brought to the State SRB for reconsideration after a year.

The CM said it is important to bring responsibility towards social interest in the life of a

criminal. There is a need to bring positive changes in their lives by connecting the detainees who come out after punishment to the mainstream of the society. He has appealed to the released prisoners to work for the benefit of the society.

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Director General of Police Neeraj Sinha, Inspector General of Prisons Birendra Bhusan, Judicial Commissioner, Ranchi Navneet Kumar, Principal Secretary cum Legal Counsel Sanjay Prasad, Prison Welfare Officer Kamaljit Singh and other officials were present in the meeting.

Ashwin fastest Indian to take 400 Test wickets

India win 3rd Test against England, inch closer to WTC final

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

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Indian bowler R Ashwin celebrates the dismissal of England's Jack Leach with his team on the second day of the 3rd cricket Test match between India and England at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday

England inside two days in the day-night third Test here on Thursday. The result was their lowest total against India — 81 all out in 30.4 overs leaving the hosts with a target of 49 which they achieved with minimum fuss taking a 2-1 lead in the four-match series. The visitors were also knocked out of contention from the WTC final.

opened in the winning cause. I can't really get a grip of what has happened in the last 2-3 months. It has been a dreamy run and a fairytale," Ashwin, who took seven wickets in the match to tally 431 victims from 77 Tests, said.

Skipper Kohli was effusive in his praise, saying, "I think we need to stand up and take notice of what Ashwin has done. In Tests, he is a modern day legend."

Ashwin credited his self-belief for reaching where he has. "It has been all about self belief. At the start of the Australian tour, I didn't think I would be starting, but then (Ravindra) Jadeja broke down and it might have had to happen," said Ashwin, who played a big role in India's historic Test series win last month.

Former captain Anil Kumble (619), Kapil Dev, (434), and Harbhajan Singh (417) are the other Indians who have 400 Test wickets to their cred-

it. Ashwin also became the second fastest to reach the milestone after Sri Lankan great Muttiah Muralitharan, who made it in his 72nd Test.

The veteran came into the match six short of the landmark and took three England wickets in the first innings.

Talking about the match, he said, "We were worried after getting bowled out for 145, didn't think we didn't have many runs on the board. But we then bowled beautifully on a wicket assisting us."

"I don't know if I'm ageing, but it's incredibly hard to watch the game. To come back (after losing first Test) and win it is even more special."

Asked this was his best as a bowler, Ashwin said, "In 2015-16 everyone asked me (if I'm bowling at my best), the same in 2016-17. One thing is sure I've always wanted to improve. I won't be surprised if I improve further in the future."

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NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
194/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	33 KV Disc Insulator (Polymer Type) 90 KN with H/W fitting	Set	1860	130375/-	11800/-	Manufacturer shall participate in this tender
	2	33 KV Pin Insulator (Polymer) with Pin	nos.	1600			
	3	11 KV Pin Insulator (Polymer) with pin	nos.	7000			
	4	11 KV Disc Insulator (Polymer Type) 70 KN with H/W	Set	3500			
	5	LT pin insulator with pin (porcelain type)	nos.	6248			
	6	LT shackle insulator with strap (porcelain type)	nos.	5348			
	7	33 KV Post Insulator	Set	228			
	8	11 KV Disc Insulator Polymer 45 KN with H/W fitting	Set	3400			

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
195/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	2.5 mm2 copper 2 core control cable (Armored)	Mtrs.	2100	51280/-	5900/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer shall participate in this tender
	2	2.5 mm2 copper 4 core control cable (Armored)	Mtrs.	1519			
	3	2.5 mm2 copper 6 core control cable (Armored)	Mtrs.	4000			
	4	2.5 mm2 copper 10 core control cable (Armored)	Mtrs.	1625			
	5	2.5 mm2 copper 12 core control cable (Armored)	Mtrs.	2600			
	6	GI wire 6 SWG	kg	1000			
	7	GI wire 8 SWG	kg	4070			
	8	GI wire no. 10 for Earthing	kg	1600			
	9	Aluminum binding wire	Kg	1220			
	10	Earthing G.I Strip for (65x6)	KG	1600			

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
196/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	Poly Carbonate Seal Bit	No.	24900	2715/-	590/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer/Supplier shall participate in this tender

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
197/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	Connector Pipe to Panther	nos.	940	74192/-	5900/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer shall participate in this tender
	2	Connector Panther to Panther	nos.	1280			
	3	Connector Panther to AB Switch	nos.	1180			
	4	Connector Pipe to AB switch	nos.	1040			
	5	Connector Dog to AB Switch	nos.	1680			
	6	PG Clamp for 150 sq mm conductor (wolf)	nos.	460			
	7	PG Clamp for 100 sq mm Conductor	nos.	1200			
	8	PG Clamp for 70 sq mm Conductor	nos.	3200			
	9	PG clamp for 100 sq mm	nos.	1535			
	10	LT phase separator	nos.	13100			
	11	Male female contact of 33 KV AB Switch 800 Amp	Set	429			
	12	Male female contact of 11 KV AB Switch 630 Amp	set	790			

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
198/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	Battery Charging unit complete with battery 80 AH 30 V	Set	08	10048/-	1475/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer/Supplier shall participate in this tender

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
199/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	33 KV Straight through Jointing Kit 400 mm2	Set	77	43171/-	5900/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer/Supplier shall participate in this tender
	2	33 KV Straight through Jointing Kit 300 mm2	Set	15			
	3	11 KV Straight through Jointing Kit 240 mm2	Set	20			
	4	Termination Kit for 400 mm2 (33KV) out door	Set	67			
	5	Termination Kit for 300 mm2 (33KV) out door	Set	5			
	6	Termination Kit for 240/300 mm2 (11 KV) out door	Set	20			
	7	Jointing sleeve for Panther/wolf	nos.	160			
	8	Jointing Sleeve for Dog	nos.	2800			
	9	Jointing Sleeve for rabbit	nos.	2975			

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
200/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	33 KV lightning Arrester (30 KV, 10 KA, Class II)	nos.	80	145173/-	11800/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer/Supplier shall participate in this tender
	2	11 KV lightning arrester (9KV, 10KV, class II)	set	470			
	3	11 KV lightning arrester S/stn. Type 9KV, 10KA Heavy	set	20			
	4	Earthing (Chemical) with GI earthing Pipe 40 mm 3.1 mtrs. Long (Bentonite as inermittent layers)	Set	42			
	5	Earthing (chemical) with GI earthing pipe 20 mm 2.5	set	1400			
	6	Earthing complete (Conventional) for Power	nos.	20			
	7	Rubber mat along length of panel	nos.	190			
	8	33 KV H.G. Fuse set	Set	24			
	9	11 kv HG Fuse set	set	140			
	10	MS Base Plate for 33 KV	nos.	55			

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201/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	MS Base Plate for 33 KV	nos.	55	24536/-	2950/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer/Supplier shall participate in this tender
	2	33 KV Angle stay clamp (50 x 6 mm) [Galvanized]	Set	580			
	3	Ant climbing Device (Barbed wire)	kg	100			
	4	Danger Board 33 KV	nos.	100			
	5	Earth clamp for earthwire (50x6 mm) [Galvanized]	pair	848			
	6	Danger Board 11 KV	nos.	1300			
	7	Earth clamp for earthwire (50x6 mm) [Galvanized]	pair	1400			
	8	GI earthing pipe 3.1 m long (40 mm dia)	set	400			
	9	M S nuts & bolts of different size	kg	5800			
	10	Angle/Side stay clamp (50x6 mm) for 8 mtr 200 kg pole PSC pole (Galvanized)	pair	1640			

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
202/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	Pre insulated mid span joint suitable 95mm2 phases	nos.	6600	236902/-	11800/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer shall participate in this tender
	2	Insulation piercing connector for DB charging	nos.	6600			
	3	Insulation piercing connector branching suitable for T joints	nos.	4600			
	4	Spring loaded distribution bus bar insulated box for fixing on pole suitable for AB XLPE cable and three phase connection 1 incoming and outgoing 3 phase connection as per field requirement	nos.	6000			

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
203/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	Fabricated Items for 11 kv & LT line (Galv.)	M.T	03	4931/-	590/-	Manufacturer shall participate in this tender
	2	Service main anchor clamp for proper support of service cable (4mm2 and 10 mm2)	nos.	1200			
	3	Suitable lugs	nos.	2000			
	4	Suspension clamp suitable for 35-95 sq. mm bare messenger (including 1 no. suspension clamp with bracket + 1.5 mtr. SS strap + 2 nos. SS buckle	nos.	900			
	5	Dead end clamp suitable for 70-95 sq mm bare messenger (including 1 no. dead end bracket + 1 no. dead end + 1.5 mtr. SS strap + 2 nos. SS buckle	nos.	460			
	6	Buckle for strap	nos.	6000			
	7	LT AB cable accessory 1 meter stainless steel strap IF207 (20x7)	mt	6000			

NIT No.	Sl. No.	Name of Materials	Unit	Materials for which tender to be floated	EMD Amount	Cost of BOQ with GST	Remarks
204/PR/J BVNL/20-21	1	Stone Base Plate for 11 DSS	nos.	400	56952/-	5900/-	Manufacturer/Authorized dealer/Supplier shall participate in this tender
	2	Stone Base Plate for 11 KV	nos.	2320			
	3	Stay set complete (1900x20 mm) with stay wire 7/10 SWG 8 Kgs & guy insulator	Set	560			
	4	Stay set complete (1800x16 mm) with stay wire 7/10 SWG 8 Kgs & guy insulator	set	670			
	5	stay set complete for DSS with wire	set	190			
	6	LT stay set complete (1700x16 mm) with stay wire 7/10 SWG	set	1700			

1. Availability of tender documents :- From 01.03.2021 to 15.03.2021 up to 18.00 Hrs.
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To monitor various telecom networks

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To ensure synergy across different networks and to synchronise/prioritise high bandwidth/critical circuits, BSNL dedicated Command Centre for Network Operation (CCNO) at Kadma exchange. The centre is designed to provide centralized monitoring of various telecom Networks such as Voice, Data, Leased Circuits, FTTH, Enterprise Circuits etc to ensure seamless availability of Telecom Service and to minimize downtime. BSNL is providing gamut of Telecom services to both retail and corporate customers including Landline, broadband, FTTH, Internet Leased Line, MPLS VPN, Mobile etc and seamless availability of telecom services is pre-requisite for sustained Operational Excellence. BSNL has been consistently striving to achieve uptime of more than 99.5% for its Core Network and for more than 95% for Its Access Network. Sufficient redundancy has been built up in the network to take care of any disruption, both internal or external, to obviate a single point of failure. This also requires continuous monitoring of different networks and taking corrective action, as and when the fault is detected. It was inaugurated by CGMT Jharkhand Circle, KK Singh, in the presence of Sujeet Kumar, general manager (CFA) Jharkhand Circle and general, Jamshedpur Business Area, Sanjeev Verma. In Jharkhand Circle, three such CCNO are established. The other two are at Ranchi and Dhanbad. Through One Network CCNO we will be able to identify the fault quickly through a cross functional centralized team which will enhance the Service Assurance parameters leading to increased customer satisfaction and improved Quality of Service. To start with the manning of the same will be done from 8AM to 10 PM on all days including Sunday and Holiday. This will ensure that adequate staff with requisite skill set is available every time so that any downtime / issues can be corrected immediately thereby improving uptime. For Core equipment, an uptime of more than 99.5% is to be maintained and for access equipment an uptime of more than 95% is to be achieved. Progressively, it will be made on round the clock basis. BSNL's Bharat Fibre Service, which is acting as a true enabler in synergizing the Work From Home (WFH) culture along with seamlessly providing e-education or ability to connect with each other, has received significant response across the country.

EYE CAMP ORGANISED IN JHARIA

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD

Tata Steel's Jharia Division in collaboration with Shankar Nethralaya organised a free Cataract Camp for the community at Pemiya Rishikesh Memorial Public School, Banskapuria, Bhelatand, Sanjay Rajoria, General Manager, Jharia Division, Tata Steel, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. A total of 444 patients were screened during the checkup camp out of which 153 patients have been shortlisted for the free of cost cataract surgery. The selected patients will be operated upon from February 25 to March 2. Tata Steel in collaboration with Shankar Nethralaya organises cataract camps in its areas of operation as part of its CSR activities every year. In the last five years more than 4200 patients have been screened and a total of 1483 patients have been benefited in the region through this initiative. Dr Vinod Kumar, Chief Medical Officer, Tata Central Hospital (TCH), Jamadoba, Dinesh Mahato, Director Pemiya Rishikesh Memorial Public School, Dr Rekha Singh, Sr Consultant (Ophthalmology) TCH, Dr Gajendar Kumar Verma, Sr Consultant Shankara Nethralaya, Dr Dilip Reddi, Sr Consultant, Shankara Nethralaya, Dr PN Singh, Registrar, Jharia Division, Tata Steel Foundation and Rajesh Kumar, Unit Head, Jharia Division, Tata Steel Foundation besides others were present during the inaugural session.

Health Secy reviews facilities in Dhanbad

PANKAJ KUMAR ■ DHANBAD

Health Secretary KK Soan on Thursday inspected health facilities in Dhanbad both at the Sasaram Hospital as well as SNMMCH during his day-long stay. He held a meeting with district administration and health authorities to ensure that the facilities at district headquarters as well as rural areas were augmented for providing quality health services in coal capital. Soan directed deputy commissioner Uma Shankar Singh to initiate steps for setting up a generic medicine shop within premises of the Sadar hospital after inspecting the building and other facilities there. Later, he inspected different departments of SNMMCH and assured to provide all support for betterment of the college and hospital. It's worth mentioning that due to non-availability of senior faculty members the number of seats at this hospital could not be increased. Over 35 per cent of faculty posts including professor, associate professor and assistant professors are vacant since long. In another move interns of

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the SNMMCH met the health secretary and handed over a memorandum to him demanding hike in the monthly honorarium. Presently, they are getting Rs 15,000 per month. The interns have demanded a hike in the honorarium and make it at par with the interns of RIMS Ranchi. There the interns are receiving Rs 25,000 month. The health secretary assured to consider their demands. He also directed the Health officials to provide health facilities to Ayushman card holders too. Besides, Dhanbad DC, Civil Surgeon, Gopal Das, SNMMCH principal Shaileendra Kumar and superintendent RN Choudhary and others were present during the inspection and meetings.

Coronavirus vaccination slows down in Palamu?

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

Coronavirus vaccination has slowed down in Palamu. Sources said there is an utter lack of zest for it. This Wednesday more than 400 vaccinations were to be done. Palamu could finish with little over just one hundred on Wednesday. Civil Surgeon, Palamu, John F Kennedy has confirmed this saying he is urging front line workers to reach the vaccination session site and get the shot. Sources said a clumsy process of registration has pulled a brake on the speed of the Coronavirus vaccination. Sources said such is the clumsiness that DIG of police Palamu R K Lakra is waiting for his name and number to come on the Covid portal for the job. Kennedy said he has been

to national highways and state highways peeping into how the dhabas there are maintaining Covid appropriate behaviour. He said on Wednesday night he and one executive magistrate Aftab Alam visited a couple of dhabas on the national highway and state highways and found neither the dhaba owners nor the crew of the drivers etc is any concerned about Coronavirus. The drivers and their helpers looked more conscious of their tyre tube than fuel than this viral infection said Kennedy. Aftab Alam said there is a great need to launch a massive crackdown on the violators of the Covid appropriate behaviour without which nothing can help to tame people to wear masks and observe hand wash and physical distancing.

उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय, कोडरमा (उत्पाद शाखा)

खुदरा उत्पाद दुकानों की बंदोबस्ती हेतु सूचना।

विज्ञापित

एतद द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि विभागीय अधिसूचना संख्या 1/नीति-28/2018-2135 दिनांक 24.12.2018 द्वारा प्रकाशित 'आरखंड उत्पाद (महिरा की खुदरा बिक्री हेतु दुकानों की बंदोबस्ती एवं संचालन) नियमावली, 2018' (समय-समय पर यथासंशोधित) तथा राजस्व पत्र द्वारा अनुमोदित बिक्री अधिसूचना की शर्तों के तहत, दिनांक 01.04.2021 से 31.03.2022 हेतु, अथवा अनुज्ञापित निर्गत करने की तिथि से शेष बची अवधि के लिए, वित्तीय वर्ष 2020-21 की शेष बची अर्बोबस्त दुकानों एवं वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए अनधिकृत 'देशी शराब की दुकान', 'विदेशी शराब की दुकान' तथा 'कम्पोजिट दुकान' की बंदोबस्ती ई-लॉटरी प्रणाली द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार सम्पादित की जायेगी-

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4	ई-लॉटरी समर्पित करने हेतु वेबसाइट का पता	https://jhexcise.neml.in
5	बंदोबस्ती प्रदाधिकारी	उपायुक्त, कोडरमा

2. दुकानों की विस्तृत विवरणी :-

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Month-long Budget Session begins today

Employment, development issues to take centre Stage in budget session

PNS ■ RANCHI

Recruitments, lack of development, JPSC exams and government's alleged failure in developing infrastructure in the past one year are likely to take the centre stage during the month-long budget session of the Jharkhand Assembly set to begin on Friday, legislators from the ruling as well as opposition parties said on Thursday.

While the Opposition is planning to question the government over its alleged failure



State Assembly building

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in fulfilling the promises made during elections, the ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) is working on its game-plan to raise the issues of various Covid-induced challenges that made it difficult for the government to fulfill its election promises, party insiders said.

Another senior MLA of the party, who did not wish to be named, admitted that the government has been delaying development works promised during elections due to challenges triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic. "It was high time

JMM held a high level meeting of legislators on Thursday to decide the points that could be raised during the assembly session, the party's Bahragora MLA Samir Mohanty said. "Taking decisions for strengthening of the education sector following the Covid-19 jolt will be one of our top priorities during this session," said the legislator, adding that other infrastructure development works, which were stalled due to the pandemic, will be discussed.

that we start working on our election promises as the public may become impatient if development works are delayed any further," the MLA said.

Meanwhile, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the largest Opposition party in the State Assembly has decided to question the government over its alleged failure in maintaining law and order situation in the State and delay in fulfilling the ruling party's election promises.

"The ruling party has to be answerable for the lack of development in the State since the new government came to power. Lawlessness will also be one of the major issues during the assembly," said BJP MLA Anant Ojha, adding that his party has called for a meeting

of all legislators on Sunday to discuss the course of action during the assembly session.

The Budget session will commence on Friday with Governor Droupadi Murmu addressing the house. As per the official schedule of the State Assembly, the session will run from February 26 to March 23, but will remain functional only for 16 days. The house will not be functioning from February 27 to February 28. It will resume on March 1 and the budget will be tabled on March 3 by Finance Minister Rameshwar Oraon. In the month of March, the Assembly proceedings will remain suspended on March 6, March 7 and from March 11 to 14 and March 20 to 21.

INBRIEF

RN SAHAY PASSES AWAY

Ravi Nandan Sahay, benefactor of the Kayasthas, left for his heavenly abode today. Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Subodh Kant Sahay expressed grief on the demise of Sahay. Global Kayastha Conference president and JDU Spokesperson Rajiv Ranjan Prasad and National Spokesperson Atul Anand Sanu expressed grief over the sudden demise of Sahay, who was son of National President of All India Kayastha Mahasabha and son of Kayastha Ratna Late Krishna Nandan Sahay. Prasad and Anand said that the death of Sahay has caused irreparable damage to the society and the organization and there is nothingness in the society, which can never be filled. Late Sahay was a soft-spoken and a tolerant person. National Vice President of Global Kayastha Conference Deepak Kumar Abhishek, National Executive Member Madhub Mani Pikkur, National General Secretary of Youth Division Kumar Aryan, National Vice President of Political Cell Anil Kumar Verma, Prem Kumar, National President of Media Cell, National President of Arts and Culture Cell Dev Kumar Lal, National Secretary Sanjay Kumar, National President of Law Cell, Advocate Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Jharkhand State President Rajiv Ranjan Sinha, Jharkhand Youth State President Rishu Srivastava and members expressed deep condolences on the demise of Sahay.



UTS ON MOBILE APP

To decongest ticket booking counters & to ensure smooth compliance of social distancing norms, facility to book unreserved tickets through UTS ON MOBILE app is being reactivated by Indian Railways. On Indian Railways unreserved train services are being introduced in a phased manner. In order to avoid any inconvenience to passengers in booking unreserved tickets and to ensure norms of social distancing at booking counters while purchasing the tickets, it has been decided that in addition to UTS ON MOBILE App facility available on suburban sections, this facility may also be reintroduced on non-suburban sections of zonal Railways. Zonal Railways have been instructed that whenever unreserved train services are introduced on any zonal Railway, the zonal Railway concerned may accordingly enable UTS ON MOBILE app for issuing unreserved tickets.

CRPF JAWAN INJURED IN IED BLAST IN GUMLA

A CRPF Jawan got injured in a improvised Explosive Device (IED) blast occurred in Gumla district on Thursday. A search party was patrolling when the IED was blasted in the middle of Chainpur Keragni area. CRPF personnel came under the grip of blast and a jawan received a serious injury. The Jawan has been admitted to Medica hospital in Ranchi. According to the information received, the security forces had gone out on searching in the jungles. At the same time, Naxalites had planted bombs in those paths. As soon as the searching team from near the forests reached those paths, the IED was blasted. The injured soldiers are being brought to Ranchi for better treatment by helicopter.



CMPDI INKS MOU WITH GOVT OF AP

An MoU has signed between CMPDIL and Department of Geology & Mining (DGM), Govt of Arunachal Pradesh on Thursday at Itanagar for engaging CMPDI to take up exploration and allied activities for coal and non-coal minerals of Arunachal Pradesh. Arunachal Pradesh has abundant mineral deposit and this MoU will facilitate in establishing resources of state to be utilized for further development of industrial activities and to increase state revenue. The MoU was signed by Manoj Khadiya, HoD (Business Development), CMPDI and Anirudh Saran Singh, IRS, Secretary (Geology & Mining), Govt of Arunachal Pradesh. On this occasion, Tasser Talar, Director, Geology & Mining, AP, other officials of DGM, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and Rajiva Kumar Singh, Chief Manager (Geology) of CMPDI were present.



COURT ORDERS RETURN OF SANJEEV TO DHANBAD JAIL

The court of additional district and sessions judge Chabi Ranjan has ordered return of former Jharia MLA Sanjeev Singh to Dhanbad from Dumka jail. Sanjeev was shifted to Dumka on Sunday by order of Jail IG surpassing the court that is holding trial of the Neeraj Singh murder case, of which Sanjeev is prime accused. The order was passed following a petition filed by advocate of Sanjeev Singh that was filed on Monday. It's likely that Sanjeev would be brought back to Dhanbad on Friday.

Petrol pumps are now Modi's tax collection centres: Cong

MRITUNJAY KUMAR ■ RANCHI

Petrol pumps have now become Modi's tax collection centers and the pictures of Modi smiling at these pumps is the proof that he is happy to see the rising prices of petrol and diesel, said All India Congress Committee (AICC), National Spokesperson, Gaurav Ballabh during a press meet organised at the party office in the State Capital on Thursday.

Ballav said that the Narendra Modi Government at the Center has changed the name of GDP. "When this Government talks about increasing GDP, it means the increase in the prices of gas, diesel and petrol. Modi Government now considers name change to be a development. Names are being changed from stadium to university," he added.

Before holding the press meet Ballabh joined the Bicycle Rally organised by Jharkhand Youth Congress (JYC), which began from Babu Vatika in Morhabadi to the party head-quarter. MLAs Dipika Pandey Singh, Rajesh Kachhap and JYC Chief, Kumar Gaurav among others participated in the event.

Attacking the Centre, Ballabh said that the policies of the Central Government are responsible for the rising prices of petrol, diesel and gas. Today, the base price of petrol is Rs 31 per liter and on this, the



AICC National Spokesperson, Gaurav Ballabh addresses a press conference at Congress Bhawan in Ranchi on Thursday. JPC President cum Finance Minister Rameshwar Oraon, Rural Development Minister Alamgir Alam, Health Minister Banna Gupta and others are also seen in the picture. Ratan Lal | Pioneer

Government has imposed excise duty of Rs 32.5 per liter, he added.

"The tax imposed by the Government on the base price is more than 100 per cent. This is a gross injustice to the public. Similarly, where the excise duty on diesel was Rs 3.56 per liter during the tenure of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) Government, now it has been increased to Rs 31 per liter. That is, the excise duty on diesel has been increased by 250 per cent. The Government reduces the excise duty, then the VAT levied by the State Government itself will be reduced, because VAT is applied at full cost," he added.

Mocking at the Modi Government, Ballav said that the Government's argument on the increase in the prices of fuels is that it is not in their hands to stop the increase in prices. "The question is what is in the hands of this Government? If they do not have anything in their hands, then what right do they have to sit on power? In 2014 crude oil was \$ 108 per barrel, which has been reduced to \$ 62-63 per barrel, despite this, people have to buy Rs 100 per liter of petrol. The price of LPG has increased by Rs 175 per cylinder in 75 days. Where are those people who used to go around with a cylinder on the

head when the price increases by Rs 10?" he asked.

Ballav slammed the Government for using various ways for increasing earnings through petrol. "In the seven years of Modi rule, 21.5 thousand crore rupees have been earned through tax on petrol and diesel. In this budget, cess has been imposed on them by reducing taxes. This means that the Government will no longer contribute the states' share in this medium," he added.

State Congress president Rameshwar Oraon and many Congress Legislature Party Leaders were also present on the occasion.

Yogada Satsang Ashram to hold 2-day Sadhna Sangam

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Yogada Satsang Ashram will organize a two-day Sadhana Sangam on Saturday for truth-seekers.

The programme will be organised online under the leadership of Yogada ascetics. This spiritual organization founded by Paramahansa Yogananda has been organizing yoga, meditation, prayer and others online for some time.

The ashram informed that Sadhana Sangam is being organized for the convenience of spiritual practitioners and spiritual progress. Thousands of seekers from India and abroad will participate in the programme. In view of the world going through an epidemic, the closure of the Yogada Satsang Ashram and Meditation Center is being used in a very safe way for online yoga, meditation and prayer, in which lakhs of devotees are participating which will provide the benefit of collective attention. Paramahansa Yogananda had said that by meditating together by the rule of exchange of the group, each seeker supports his goal of self-realization.

According to the schedule



set by the ashram, strength-communication exercises and long meditation sessions will be held in English and Hindi at six in the morning of Saturday. The Hans-Siddhi method will be reviewed in Hindi at 11 am. There will be Shakti-sanchar exercises and meditation sessions in English and Hindi at five in the evening. There will be a motivational lecture in Hindi at eight o'clock at night. There will be a power-communication exercise like the first day at six in the morning of Sunday and a long meditation session in English and Hindi. Om method of Hindi at 11 o'clock will be reviewed. At two and a half there will be a review session of Shakti-Sanchar Exercise in Hindi, while Shakti-Sanchar Exercise, Meditation and Concluding Satsang will be held in Hindi at five in the evening.

More information is available on the website of Yogada Satsang Society.

BJP farmers' cell to create awareness on farm laws

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State BJP has decided to reach out to farmers highlighting the positive features of three farm laws. State BJP president Deepak Prakash chairing BJP Kisan morcha meet at party office directed the farmers' cell members to reach out to people highlighting the positive aspects of farm laws. Prakash said, "The Opposition parties including Congress are creating misconception about farm laws among farmers. Middlemen and brokers, who are eating the benefits of farmers, are opposing the farm laws."



State BJP President and Rajya Sabha MP Deepak Prakash alongwith party workers during a meeting at party office in Ranchi on Thursday. Ratan Lal | Pioneer

support price of paddy and wheat has been raised by one and half times and the credit goes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a lot of work has been initiated by NDA government for emanci-

pation and uplift of poor, downtrodden and farmers.

State BJP Kisan Morcha president Pawan Sahu said that there is resentment among farmers as the State government has failed in paddy pro-

urement. Sahu said, "The state government has made only eight per of paddy procurement. Farmers are also angered as the State government has closed Mukhyamantri Krishi Ahirward Yojana, under which farmers were getting Rs 5000 per acre of land with maximum upto Rs 25,000 for five acres of land."

In another development, Prakash also slammed the State government over deteriorating law and order situation in the State, especially atrocities against tribals and Dalits. State BJP president and Rajya Sabha member Deepak Prakash condemning the recent Kamdara (Gumla) incident where five

members of a family including a five-year-old boy were hacked to death said that the present incident indicates that there is no police mechanism left in the State.

Prakash said, "The Kamdara incident is shocking. Poor tribals and Dalits are the biggest victims of a worsening policing system as criminals have no fear of police." Prakash said that on Friday, a delegation of BJP leaders headed by the State president will visit the incident spot, meet the victim family members and will try to find out the reason behind the atrocities.

Five members of a family, including a five-year-old boy,

were hacked to death by unidentified assailants late on Tuesday night in Buruhatu Pahar-Amtoli village in Kamdara police station area of Gumla district. The deceased identified as Nikudin Toppo (60), wife Josphina Toppo (55), their son Vincent (35), daughter-in-law Shivani (30) and the elderly couple's grandson Balwina.

According to police, Nikudin, Vincent and Balwina were found hacked to death in one room while Nikudin was discovered dead at the veranda of their kutcha house. Josphina was found lying dead on the bed inside another room.

Saturday, No Car Day from March 13

Commute by bicycle at least a day in a week: Municipal Commissioner

PNS ■ RANCHI

Municipal Commissioner of Ranchi Mukesh Kumar has appealed to the residents of Capital City to use bicycles at least one day in a week, on Saturday. This move will ensure that they will be healthy and the environment of the Capital city will be clean, he said in a meeting organized to encourage cycling. Kumar said that the program "Saturday, no car" would be started from Saturday, 13 March 2021 at Morhabadi ground.

Speaking at a meeting based on 'India Cycle for Change Challenge' and 'Street for People' programme, at the Municipal Corporation Office, the Municipal Commissioner revealed the programme on Thursday.

Several issues were discussed in the meeting to make the roads of the capital bicycle friendly and directions were



Municipal Commissioner of Ranchi Mukesh Kumar during a meeting on 'India Cycle for Change Challenge' and 'Street for People' programme, at the Municipal Corporation Office in Ranchi on Thursday. Pioneer photo

also given to move towards the solution of problems. The Municipal Commissioner appealing to the people of the city, the officials and employees of all government, non-government offices said that everyone should accept bicycle as an urban transport for the city, at least on Saturday.

General Manager of Ranchi Smart City Corporation, Rakesh Kumar Nandyolyar also assured that the officials and employees of Ranchi Smart City Corporation will also commute to office on bicycles from March 13. With this, he also said that in order

to encourage cycling several programmes will be organised in the coming times.

Several important decisions were also taken in the meeting, which include setting up of bicycle stand near RMC building, RMC parking lots will have some space for cycles, RMC will request builders to make space for cycles in commercial and residential buildings, Road of Dhurva Dam will be developed as a no vehicle zone, Bicycle stand will be made on both sides of Dhurva Dam and on the roads of the Capital city will be filled. Ranchi Smart City

Corporation General Manager Rakesh Kumar Nandyolyar, Additional Municipal Commissioner Jyoti Kumar Singh, Deputy Municipal Commissioner Kunwar Singh Pahan, Smart City Public Relations Officer Amit Kumar, Cycle Mayor Kanishka Poddar, Cycle Specialist Shailesh Kumar, along with Municipal Commissioner Mukesh Kumar, Kishan Kumar, Manager of Smart City, Puspaha Martin and Chandan Bhagat from State Urban Development Agency, Mohammad Faraj from ITDP, City Manager Nandal Baraik were present in the meeting.

TEDxKanke completes one year of 'Breaking Barriers'

PNS ■ RANCHI

TEDx Kanke, an independent TED event celebrated its one year of 'Breaking Barriers', with people across the globe on online platforms by inviting all the great ideators and innovators from different countries.

Breaking Barriers that started on February 23, 2020, with a vision to inculcate TED's objective, "ideas worth spreading" marked its one-year anniversary on Wednesday by completing more than 25 webinars with around 30 profound speakers even in the era of corona-pandemic.

A two-hour session held digitally on the zoom app and streamed live on Facebook to keep it open for all on February 23, which was moderated by Rajeev Gupta, Curator, Tedxkanke.

TEDxKanke invited people from different backgrounds, countries as well as ages to engage a community who made their contribution to motivate and guide everyone



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with their powerful speeches and innovative messages. Each speaker showed their eagerness to improve society and make this planet a better place to survive.

Hannah Kern, traveller, blogger, solo-cyclist from the UK who helps and supports people suffering from drug addiction, sexual abuse, and domestic violence shared how she continued to evolve her journey and shared her ideas to take TEDx to next level. She shared how the event "Breaking Barriers" changed her life and inspired her to do better. She encouraged viewers to continue to adapt even if things don't go as they wish.

Dr. Shreeranjana, IAS and TEDxKanke advisor who also

worked in the government sector as a senior-most IAS officer, guided to create a platform with a sense to contribute more to society. Prior to sharing his views, he congratulated the entire team for a dynamic start and showed a new way to see the pause brought by the pandemic that opened new innovative ideas of materialistic growth in agriculture, the digital world, etc. He explained how connectedness with nature couldn't be halted even by the pandemic.

Sunil Barawal, current Joint Secretary at Ministry of Home, GOI shared his views on this anniversary meeting being conducted from Ranchi. He shared his glimpse of the 2020 event and expressed his views on technology that got facilitated due to the thump of coronavirus and eased things for everyone. He also expressed his views to bring the local talents to this platform so local community will be benefitted more.

Kanishka Poddar, Co-organizer of TEDxKanke brought a broad view to the upcoming TEDxKanke events. He shared the theme - "The Billion Dreams" for the Year 2021 wherein the team aims to harness and unleash the power of dreams. He announced the first event for the year 2021 by TEDxKanke that is scheduled to be conducted on July 4th, under the title "The Billion Dreams".

He also announced the arrival of TEDxKankeStudio event to conduct events in a more flexible manner in both physical as well as digital ways. The webinar series will also be continued for whole year to create impact all across. The major program and activities during 2021 will be: Independent TEDxKanke event- 4th July 2021, TEDxKankeStudio- At regular interval physically and virtual, TEDxKanke webinar series- Throughout whole year on virtual platform, TEDxKanke Circle- Small gathering to build community to discuss on different themes throughout the year on virtual or even physically presence.

No let up in Covid cases in Maha, 7 other States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

There is no let up in the renewed rise in daily new cases in States like Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh.

A total of 16,738 new daily Covid-19 cases have been recorded in a span of 24 hours taking the total tally of active infection to 1,51,708.

The Union Health Ministry said 89.57 per cent of the new cases are from the seven states with Maharashtra continuing to top the chart at the highest daily new cases at 8,807. It is followed by Kerala with 4,106 cases while Punjab reported 558 new cases. In fact, Maharashtra reported 80 deaths, highest in two months (since December 24, when 89 deaths were reported). With this, the total cases in the State jumped to 21,21,119 and the toll touched 51,937. The Centre has already deputed high-level multi-disciplinary teams there to ascertain reasons for the surge and coordinate with the state health departments in Covid-19 control and containment measures.

The Centre has also written to states and UTs to focus on undertaking aggressive



measures to break the chain of transmission.

States and UTs have been advised to increase testing in a focussed manner in the affected districts with the appropriate split of RT-PCR and rapid antigen tests and to also ensure that all symptomatic negatives of antigen tests are compulsorily tested via RT-PCR tests. The positive persons are to be isolated/hospitalised, all their close contacts be traced and also tested without delay. They have been advised to critically review the emerging situation on a regular basis with district officials concerned to ensure that gains made so far in Covid-19 management are not lost.

India has administered over 1.30 Crore vaccine doses so far. A total of 1,30,67,047 vaccine doses have been given through 2,77,303 Sessions, as per the provisional report till 6

The five most affected States by total cases are Maharashtra (2,121,119), Kerala (1,045,009), Karnataka (949,183), Andhra Pradesh (889,503), and Tamil Nadu (849,629)

pm on Thursday. These include 65,82,007 HCWs (75.5%) who have taken the 1st dose and 18,60,859 HCWs (63.6%) who have taken the 2nd dose, along with 46,24,181 frontline workers (FLWs) (1st dose) (45.1%). While the countrywide vaccination drive was rolled out on 16th Jan 2021

Vaccination of the FLWs started on 2nd Feb 2021. Just eight states account for more than 56 per cent of the total vaccine doses.

Constitutional institutions should work together for a strong democracy: Speaker

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday said it is important for all constitutional institutions to complement and cooperate with each other for a strong democracy. "Democracy can be strengthened only when all constitutional institutions work in tandem and cooperate with each other within their respective constitutional jurisdictions. All the institutions should complement each other," Birla said, addressing the members of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

"There can be dissent during discussions but we should not reach an impasse. Our discussions should lead to the welfare of the people of the country," the Speaker added.

Birla, who is currently on a two-day visit to Meghalaya, said one of his foremost priorities in Parliament was to make women, young and newly-elected MPs aware of various parliamentary conventions and practices. "I always promote and welcome their active participation in debates and dis-

cussions that take place in the House. It is very important to ensure the capacity-building of the members to pave way for constructive debates in Parliament," he said.

The Speaker also talked about some of the new initiatives being taken in Lok Sabha to enhance the practical knowledge of the members, including briefing sessions on the bills being introduced in the lower house.

He advised that similar programmes should be organised in the legislative assemblies as well. Birla also talked about PRISM, a new service that was introduced in Parliament during the Budget Session, to provide MPs with parliamentary research and information support.

"I would like you to set up a similar modern research wing in the legislative assembly to provide round-the-clock support to the members. We will be happy to provide all possible support for setting up such a research wing," he told the MLAs.

Among facilities that were underway, he said, was the NeVA (National E Vidhan Application) that would make proceedings and debates of Parliament and State legislature available on a single platform.

NIA files chargesheet against TPC commander

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NIA on Thursday filed a chargesheet against the self-styled Zonal Commander of Tertiary Prastuti Committee (TPC), a Jharkhand based terrorist group of Naxal hue.

The second supplementary chargesheet was filed before the NIA special court, Ranchi against Vikas Ganju, who is known with aliases like Avinash, Dashrath Ganju and Varun Ji, is a Zonal Commander of TPC. The agency chargesheeted him under Indian Penal Code Sections relating to criminal conspiracy and extortion besides provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Criminal Law Amendment Act.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 157/2017 at Police Station Panki, Palamu, Jharkhand on November 23, 2017 after recovery of ₹5 lakhs cash along with arms and ammunition from Shyam Bhakta alias DC, a TPC operative.

The Tertiary Prastuti Committee (TPC), a break-away terrorist group of CPI (Maoist) is also an unlawful organisation proscribed by Jharkhand government under CLA Act, 1908.

City Innovation Exchange platform launched to find solutions to challenges



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The City Innovation Exchange (CiX) platform was launched by Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, at an online event on Thursday. The platform will be a significant addition to the growing innovation ecosystem of India and focuses on fostering innovative practices in cities. CiX, through an 'open innovation' process, engages with innovators to design-test-deliver on solutions to pressing urban challenges.

According to the HUA ministry, this initiative is among the ongoing efforts of the Government to realise Prime Minister's vision of New and AtmaNirbhar Bharat, by making cities more self-reliant and enabled to meet the needs

of and provide services to their citizens. Anil Agrawal, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Kunal Kumar, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission, CEOs of Smart Cities and other officers of the Central and State Governments were also present at the event.

The City Innovation Exchange (CiX) will connect cities to innovators across the national ecosystem to design innovative solutions for their pressing challenges. The platform will ease the discovery, design & validation of solutions through a robust, transparent and user centric process that will reduce barriers for innovators and cities to discover fitting solutions.

MoU pushes for farming, fisheries ops & income

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a first step towards setting up of the Farmers Produce Organisations (FPOs) and Fish Farmer Producer Organisations (FFPOs) in the Union Territory Lakshadweep, the island administration and National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC), have inked a pact to scale up farming operations of the agricultural and coastal communities for better access to quality input, technology, credit and market through economies of scale.

The MoU was signed recently by Sundeep Kumar Nayak, Managing Director of NCDC on behalf of the apex finance entity under the Union Agriculture Ministry with A Anbarasu, Advisor to Lakshadweep Administrator in the presence of UT Administrator Praful Patel.



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As part of the collaboration, among various activities, the NCDC would also appoint Community based Business Organisation (CBBO) to pro-

mote FPOs and FFPOs by collaborating with them in a holistic manner, said Nayak.

The NCDC will provide handholding to these organisations for next five years to

help them realise a better price of their farm produce and make them self-reliant in the long term, he added.

On his part, Anbarasu welcomed the initiative saying that the collaboration will bring innumerable benefits in the region. "This will ensure employment and entrepreneurship skills among farmers and fishermen in the island. One out of seven persons is a fisherman here engaged in coastal activities like fisheries, seaweed business and coconut trade besides farming. This is a good beginning and we are looking forward to forming entities of the farmers and fishermen for their benefits besides all round development of the community."

Setting up the FPOs and FFPOs is the part of the Narendra Modi Government's

scheme of bringing more and more small and marginal farmers on a big platform as a joint entity for which budgetary support of ₹4,496 crore by 2024 has been allocated. Aim is to form and promote at least 10,000 new FPOs by that period across the States.

Currently, there are over 3,000 FPOs in the country, considered to be quite low given the fact that the total marginal and small farmers, having landholding size of up to five acres, account for over 85 per cent of total farmers in the country.

Besides, as per the pact, the NCDC and Lakshadweep administration will also work together on areas such as animal husbandry, dairy, agriculture, food processing, rural finance and women issues through cooperative principles in the island.

Fishers need independent Ministry, says Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Thursday said fisherfolk need an independent fisheries ministry and not just a department within a Ministry, responding to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's swipe at him.

At a public meeting in Puducherry, the Prime Minister expressed shock over Rahul Gandhi's statement last week that there was no "dedicated" fisheries ministry. At the time, BJP leaders, including Union ministers, had also taken a swipe at Gandhi.

Responding to the PM's swipe, Rahul tweeted, "Dear PM, Fisherfolk need an independent and dedicated ministry of fisheries, not just a department within a ministry." "PS-

'Hum do Humare do' obviously hurt bad," he said referring to the jibe he had used against the Government recently to allege that it is being run by Modi and his "corporate friends".

Modi, in his remarks in Puducherry, said, "Congress leaders say we will make a fisheries ministry. I was shocked. The truth is, it is the current NDA government that had made a ministry for fisheries in 2019." In 2019, the Modi Government had formed a Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

In a separate tweet, Rahul Gandhi also attacked the government over a media report claiming that the government has started clearing foreign direct investment proposals from China on a case-by-case basis.

Govt cannot implement farm laws as matter is with SC: Tomar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At a time when farmer unions have decided to support the Bharat Bandh called by transport and trade unions on February 26 and appealed farmers to make it success, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Thursday said the Government cannot implement the farm laws as the matter is with the Supreme Court and the SC-constituted committee is yet to submit its feedback. The Minister also added that the farmer unions, which have been protesting against the farm laws for nearly three months, have not given their feedback on the centre's proposal of putting the farm laws on hold for 1.5 years.

The Minister said that the Government is fully sensitive towards farmers. "The government has held 12 rounds of talks with the farmers and they are ready to talk to farmers anytime. We have held several rounds of talks (with unions). We proposed many amendments as well as keeping the farm reform Acts on hold for 1.5 years and setting up a joint panel to find solutions. But, they have not responded to our proposals," Tomar said on the sidelines of an event on Thursday.

"We can't implement the farm laws as the matter is with Supreme Court. The Supreme Court constituted committee is yet to submit its feedback. They did not respond to the proposal. We are ready for talks whenever farmers bring their views on the government's proposal," Tomar added.

Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender
No. SSA/Esst/Pre-Primary/Furniture/406/2020/4616 Date: 25.02.2021
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-tender through e-Tendering process from reputed Manufacturer /Authorized Dealer/Distributor of manufacturer of plastic moulded furniture for supply of Plastic Moulded Storage Cupboard.
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

Sd/-Executive Director,
Janasanyog /CF/5357/20
SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE
The Deputy Chief Engineer/Survey & Const., Tilak Bridge, Northern Railway, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender for the following work:

Mode of Tender	E-Tender (Single Packet)
Tender Notice No.	257-W/SURVEY/TKJ Dated : 24.02.2021
Full name of work	Renovation of existing Survey and construction office space on first floor building of DyCE/S&C Office at Tilak Bridge, Near ITO, New Delhi.
Approx. cost	Rs. 8399151/- (Rs. Eighty Three Lakhs Ninety nine thousand One Hundred and Fifty one).
Completion period	05 months (Five months)
Earnest money amount	Rs. Nil.
Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 02.03.2021 to 17.03.2021 upto 11:30 hrs.
Last date/Time of upload of tenders	17.03.2021 upto 11:30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer(s) on IREPS website w.e.f. 02.03.2021 to 17.03.2021.
Date and time of opening of tender	17.03.2021 at 11:30 hours (Immediately after close of uploading of tender (D2) in the office of Deputy Chief Engineer/Survey & Const., N.Rly. Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002.

This notice is available on www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in website and documents on www.ireps.gov.in site is available.
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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

JNCASR scientists develop molecule to halt dementia

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After nearly a decade of research, scientists from the Jawaharlar Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, have developed a molecule that could be a potential drug candidate to halt or cure the leading cause of dementia (70-80 per cent) worldwide. The research has been published in the journal Advanced Therapeutics.

About 5-6 per cent of individuals between the ages of 65-70 years in India suffer from Alzheimer's disease, a neuro degenerative condition which is incurable. However, a recent trend has been observed where people in their 30s or 40s are

also developing signs of Alzheimer's disease, which is a cause of worry.

In such a dismal scenario, the study by the JNCASR, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science & Technology (DST) is a ray of hope for many.

As per the study, Dr T Govindaraju, Professor, JNCASR, and his team designed and synthesised molecules which can reduce the toxicity of amyloid peptide—that accumulates in the central nervous system. "The molecule, called TGR63, can rescue neuronal cells from amyloid toxicity. We saw that the molecule helped in reducing the clumping and slowly reversing the cognitive decline," claimed Dr

Govindaraju.

He pointed out that the experiment was carried out on mice with and without Alzheimer's disease. "Mice brain affected with Alzheimer's showed a significant reduction of amyloid deposits when treated with TGR63. The mice also showed reduction in learning deficiency, memory impairment and cognitive decline as revealed by distinct behavioural tests.

These key attributes have validated the potential of TGR63 as a promising drug candidate, he said. "We are looking for pharmaceutical companies to fund our project to start clinical trials," Dr Govindaraju said.

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, ROHTAK	RESTORATION OF ROAD CUT ON NH-10 FROM KM. 74.800 TO 75.800 IN ROHTAK CITY.	23.02.2021 08.03.2021	21.84 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416685641 pwideep3nhrk@gmail.com
2	PWD B&R, KARNAL	CONSTRUCTION OF SHC ATERNA DISTT. SONIPAT (PDG. EI ONLY) AND CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTS STADIUM AT VILLAGE RINDHANA DISTT. SONIPAT (PDG. EI ONLY).	24.02.2021 03.03.2021	4.52 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01842265696 pwd-eeed-karnal@hry.nic.in
3	PWD B&R, FATEHABAD	SPECIAL REPAIR OF CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING, FOOTPATH, PARAPHERY PATH ALONG BOUNDARY WALL INSIDE, CHECK POST ON MAIN GATE IN GUAWA RESEARCH NURSERY CENTRE AT BHUNA IN FATEHABAD DISTT. + OTHER 05 WORKS.	22.02.2021 18.03.2021	48.90 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01667220120 pwd-eeep-dhahabad@hry.nic.in
4	PANCHAYATI RAJ,AMBALA	PDG E.I. IN VILLAGE KNOWLEDGE CENTER IN VILLAGES ODHI, TANKRI, MOHANPUR BLOCK BAWAL, BHANDHOR, MAYAN, BASS DUDA BLOCK KHOL DISTRICT REWARI + 1 OTHER WORK	24.02.2021 04.03.2021	14.22 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2980510 prexeengelec.amb@hry.nic.in
5	FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HARYANA	AUCTION OF DAMAGED WHEAT	26.02.2021 05.03.2021	2.28 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416687064 djscnpg@gmail.com
6	HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION, PANCHKULA	FOR PROVIDING TENT SERVICES IN HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION	24.02.2021 17.03.2021	1 LACS	https://hssc.gov.in/	0172-2586501 Secretary,hssc-hry@gov.in
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8	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA,CHARKHI DADR	PROVIDING UNSKILLED, SEMI-SKILLED AND SKILLED MANPOWER UNDER OUTSOURCING POLICY IN THE OFFICE OF M/GAR CANAL DIVISION CHARKHI DADR	CLOSING DATE 08.03.2021	EMD 1.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xen-wsmgarhcdrr.irr@gov.in
9	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA,JIND	REMODELING OF WATER COURSE AT O/L RD 33800/L MSL MINOR + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 09.03.2021	114.05LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenwsjd@gmail.com
10	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA,JIND	LAYING PIPE LINE FOR DEWATERING OF FLOOD WATER OF VILLAGE GATOLI & JAI JAI WANTI OUTFALLING AT RD 15200/R KARSOLA MINOR + 5 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 09.03.2021	483.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9464040970 xenwsjd@gmail.com
11	IRRIGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA,GURUGRAM	DISTEMPERING, PAINTING EXTERIOR ACRYLIC EMULSION PAINT APEX AND OTHER MISC REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF DOOR AND WINDOW AND WATER SUPPLY ARRANGEMENT IN CLASS-III QUARTER IN CANAL COLONY, GURUGRAM +2 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 17.03.2021	7.77 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9653630001 xen-gwsgrg.irr@hry.gov.in

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UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF SENIOR MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICER (PURCHASE I) SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES SOURA, SRINAGAR-190011 Extension: 2275, Email: ammopurchase1@skims.ac.in, Tele/Fax NO: 0194-2403929

Subject: Amendment
The tentative quantity / specifications (including BOQ) of haemodialysis fluids etc. attached as Annexure "C" to e-NIT No: SIMS 325 (PI) Tender 03 of 2021 Dated: 16.02.2021 is modified & shall now be as per following insted of existing:

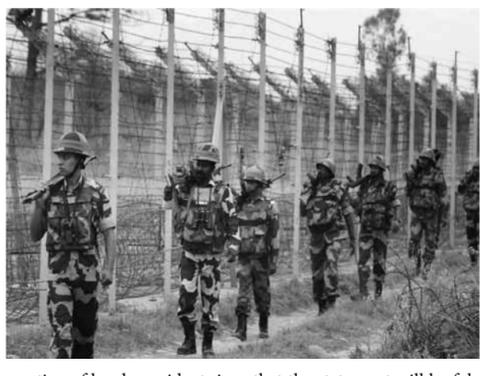
S. No.	Description	Unit/Size	Tentative 2 year requirement
01.	Inj. Haemodialysis Fluid with Potassium	10 Litre Cans	4000 Cans
02.	Inj. Haemodialysis Fluid without Potassium	10 Litre Cans	360 Cans
03.	Inj. Haemodialysis Fluid "Ca" free (Calcium free or without calcium)	10 Litre Cans	40 Cans
04.	Inj. Haemodialysis Fluid with low calcium	10 Litre Cans	40 Cans
05.	Inj. Haemodialysis Fluid with Dextrose	10 Litre Cans	200 Cans
06.	Inj. Peritoneal Dialysis Fluid with Potassium	1000 ml Bottle	1200 Bottles
07.	Inj. Peritoneal Dialysis Fluid without Potassium	1000 ml Bottle	1000 Bottles

Rest of the NIT shall remain unchanged
No: SIMS 325 P (I)-e-Tender 03 of 2021-1135-40-6101-04. Dated: 25.02.2021
Sd/- Sr. MATERIALS MANAGEMENT OFFICER PURCHASE I

Can't trust Pak: LoC residents

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Despite facing the brunt of heavy shelling along the Line of Control in Poonch and Rajouri sectors large number of border residents living in the direct line of firing on Thursday reacted cautiously to the joint statement by the India and Pakistan army to strictly observe all agreements, understandings and ceasefire along the Line of Control and all other sectors with effect from midnight 24/25 Feb 2021.



reaction of border residents in the Nowshera area of Rajouri was no different. Most of the villagers engaged in the farming activity said, we always want peace to prevail and lead peaceful lives without facing the brunt of border firing. We have seen armies standing eyeball to eyeball and now we want to see our next generation to live in peace and focus on their careers. Meanwhile, political parties in Jammu and Kashmir welcomed the agreement between armies of India and Pakistan on ceasefire along the Line of Control (LoC) and other sectors. "We welcome it and hope

that the statement will be followed in letter & spirit. JKNC has always been a strong supporter of the ceasefire along the LoC," the party said in a statement. "This will allow people living along the LoC & IB (International Border) to go about their normal lives with minimal disruption & risk," the party said. Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) President Mehbooba Mufti in a tweet welcomed the ceasefire announcement and said dialogue was the only way forward. "A big & welcome development that India & Pakistan have agreed to a ceasefire along

the LoC. Dialogue is the only way forward if both countries want to stop the unending cycle of violence & bloodshed across the borders and J&K," Mehbooba said.

In a statement, Congress party said that it always favoured any initiatives aimed at restoration of peace on the borders and LOC and ensuring safety of our residents and jawans in Jammu and Kashmir but questioned whether the infiltration and cross border terrorism has been stopped by Pakistan. Reacting to the latest developments, JKPC Chief G A Mir Thursday questioned the Modi government for its flip flop policy as it had been stating that the talks and terrorism / cross border firing can't go together.

BJP had been always saying that the no talks are possible with Pakistan till it stops cross border terrorism and infiltration. It had been targeting the previous UPA government for track two diplomacy and dialogue on the ground that no talks should be held till Pakistan stops cross border Terrorism and firing. It always advocated tough posturing with Pakistan by claiming that you need a 56" chest to deal with Pakistan.

5 killed in blast in fireworks factory in Tamil Nadu

More than ten sheds where chemicals had been stored were razed to the ground in the mishap

PTI ■ VIRUDHUNAGAR (TN)

Five people were killed and six injured in an explosion at a fireworks factory near Sivakasi in the district on Thursday, police said.

More than ten sheds where chemicals had been stored were razed to the ground in the mishap, the second such incident this month in a cracker manufacturing unit in this region, the country's fireworks hub.

Fire and rescue service teams battled the blaze in the unit at Kalayar Kurichi, police said, adding the injured were rushed to hospitals.

The cause of the explosion was not known immediately.

More than 20 people had died and around 30 injured in a major explosion in a fireworks unit at Achankulam village near Sattur in this district on February 2.

Go for BEST, reject Congress' feudal culture: PM in Puducherry

ANS ■ PUDUCHERRY

Virtually launching BJP's campaign for upcoming Assembly elections in Puducherry, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday urged people to vote for NDA's good governance agenda and reject anti-development forces.

Addressing a party rally in the union territory, a day after Centre recommending imposition of President's Rule following collapse of the Congress Government, the Prime Minister appealed to the people to bring to power a government that will restore Puducherry's glory.

He said NDA wants to make Puducherry BEST -- B for business hub, E for education, S for spiritual hub and T for tourism hub. While the Congress "are gold, silver and bronze medal winners in telling lies" and neither work nor allow others to work.

Launching a scathing attack on the Congress party for failing to live up to people's expectations, he said: "In 2016 Puducherry did not get a people's government. They got a government that was busy serving Congress high command in

Delhi. Their priorities were different."

Attacking former Chief Minister V. Narayanasamy, Modi said: "Your former chief minister was an expert at lifting slippers of his top party leaders but he did not have interest to lift people out of poverty."

The Prime Minister said Puducherry deserve a government whose high command are people of Puducherry and not a small group of Congress leaders sitting in Delhi. "NDA assures the people of Puducherry that the next government will be people-powered government."

Modi claimed that the enthusiasm and energy he was seeing at the rally was a harbinger of the change in political direction of the state.

"I am seeing great happiness -- this joy for two reasons. One there are many development works which were inaugurated today and second people of Puducherry are celebrating freedom from misgovernance of Congress," he said.

He alleged that Congress government damaged every sector of economy. "Congress does not believe in working for

people I can understand that but what I can't understand is why Congress does not want others to work for people," he said alleging that the there was non-cooperation from Congress government.

Modi also mentioned about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent visit to Puducherry during which then Chief Minister Narayansamy gave wrong translation of a woman who was complaining about the government.

"Instead of telling truth to the nation, the chief minister gave wrong translation. He lied to people and his own leader. Can a party whose culture based on lies ever serve the people," he asked.

He also slammed Congress for not holding panchayat elections in Puducherry. He said while Congress leave no opportunity to call others anti-democratic but they need to look at themselves in mirrors. He said people will punish anti-democratic mindset of Congress.

He said while colonial rulers had the policy of divide and rule, Congress divide, lie and rule. "They are gold, silver and bronze medal winners in telling lies," the PM said.

All students of classes 9, 10, 11 declared pass: Tamil Nadu CM

ANS ■ CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K. Palaniswami on Thursday announced that students of Classes 9, 10 and 11 will be declared passed without writing their annual/board exams for the academic year 2020-21.

of the parents, students of 9, 10 and 11 classes will be declared as all pass without them writing the annual school or board exams.

He also said the government will announce the detailed norms for calculating the marks for the students for the academic year 2020-21.

Palaniswami said the schools were closed due to the pandemic and the students learnt through the Kalvi TV channel and online. Their study portions were also reduced.

N-E will be India's growth hub: Shah

ANS ■ GUWAHATI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has identified the Northeast region as India's "Growth Hub".

Addressing a gathering in Nagaon district's Batadrava Than, Shah said the Modi government has already started work to make the region as the growth engine of India.

"To take the Northeast development in a mission mode, the Prime Minister had visited the region 35 times in the past five years. The Congress leaders and ministers visited Assam only during the election time," the senior BJP leader said.

"Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stewardship, a new era of development has started in Assam and the Northeast region. Entire Northeast region is transforming. Northeast India will emerge as the highest contributor in the GDP of India," said Shah.

Urging the people to reinstall the BJP government for the second time, Shah promised that his party's vision is to make Assam an infiltration free, flood free, corruption free, violence free, agitation free and number one state in India. "A satellite based survey has been conducted and plans are afoot to permanently

resolve the flood problem and to undertake many projects to develop tourism and other infrastructures," he said.

The Batadrava Than in central Assam's Nagaon district is the birthplace of social reformer Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva, who was a 15th-16th century Assamese saint, scholar, poet, playwright, social-religious reformer and a figure of importance in Assam's cultural and religious history.

Shah on Thursday launched the work of a state-funded Rs 188-crore project for the beautification of Batadrava Than.

Saying that the Centre and state double engine governments of the BJP have undertaken a large number of steps for the all round development of Assam and protection of Assamese culture and traditions. He said the NDA government has awarded late famous singer and composer Bhupen Hazarika with Bharat Ratna; and the Padma Bhushan award posthumously to former Assam Chief Minister and Congress leader Tarun Gogoi.

"Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh represented Assam, the Congress ruled Assam for 15 years (2001-2016) but did nothing for the betterment of Assam and its people. "The BJP-led NDA gov-

ernment has constructed over 20,000 km road, bridges, airports, railway projects, approved a lot of gas and oil based projects, mega health institutions including AIIMS and many educational institutions," he pointed out.

The Home Minister said that the BJP government in Assam, to protect and promote the traditions and culture of Assam had provided Rs 2.5 lakh each to 8,000 'Namghars' (traditional Vaishnavite monasteries of Assam) under the Assam 'Darshan' programme.

"Namghars", literally meaning Prayer House, introduced by Srimanta Sankardeva, are places for congregational worship associated with the entire Assamese community and the Ekasarana sect of Hinduism, in particular, which is native to Assam.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, state's Finance, Education and Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma also addressed the gatherings. Later in the day, Shah will visit the hill district of Karbi Anglong where he will address another public meeting at Dengaon and is expected to meet surrendered extremists.

Earlier, Shah visited Assam on February 11 and January 23, and addressed several public rallies.

'Without arms, violence, Modi Govt fulfilling all demands of North-East'

ANS ■ GUWAHATI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday said that without peace in northeast no development is possible and without arms and violence, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Government has been fulfilling all demands and requirements.

Addressing an impressive gathering in the hill district of central Assam's Karbi Anglong, Shah said that the Union and Assam government had already successfully convinced hundreds of extremists belonging to nine outlawed outfits to shun violence and just on Tuesday 1,040 more terrorists of five outfits led by wanted terrorist leader Ingti Kathar Songbijit surrendered to the Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.

"The tribal guerillas have deposited 338 sophisticated arms including AK series rifles, LMGs, rocket launchers and over 11,000 various types of ammunition," the home minister said, ensuring the surrendered militants to fulfil the promises given to them by the

Assam government within one year.

"If you want education, health and other sectors to develop then peace is the foremost condition. Development cannot happen at the cost of weapons. AWe have successfully signed agreements with Bodoland based militants, resolving decades old Reang ethnic community problems in Tripura. Bring BJP once again to power in Assam, Karbi Anglong would become the most developed region," Shah said.

While praising the surrendered extremists for their decision to lay down arms, who assembled in the gatherings, the home minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader said: "You have the same rights in India as I am enjoying. Assam would be most developed state if you voted BJP for the second time."

Hitting out at Congress, he said the party (Congress) ruled Assam for so many years but there was no development and when the BJP came to power in Assam in 2017, it has progressed.

Kerala tense following murder of RSS leader

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The dawn-to-dusk hartal called by Sangh Parivar in Kerala's Alappuzha district on Thursday turned out to be total with most of the shops and business establishments remaining shut down and vehicles staying off the roads. The hartal call was to condemn the murder of 22-year-old Nandhu R Krishna, a district level RSS leader late Wednesday night. Two RSS activists who were injured seriously in the attack have been admitted to hospital.

Activists of SDPI, an Islamic extremist outfit, hacked to death in a gruesome manner Nandhu around 9 pm by Wednesday night. The murder of Nandhu is believed to be the continuation of the tension prevailing in the region between Sangh Parivar and SDPI following the visit of Yogi Adityanath, chief minister of Uttar Pradesh to Kasaragod last week.

Leaders of the SDPI, known as Sudapis, had reportedly delivered provocative speeches during a public meeting and this set off a chain reaction which culminated in the hacking of Nandhu.

COVID 19 No let up in spurt of cases in Maha, records 8,702 cases, 56 people die

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

With no let up in the continued increase in the number of Covid-19 infections, Maharashtra shot past 8700 cases for the second consecutive day to register 8,702 fresh cases on Thursday, while 56 people succumbed to the pandemic in various parts of the state.

dropped marginally from 94.70 per cent to 94.49 per cent..

With five fresh deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai rose from 11,458 to 11,463, while the infected cases went up by 1145 to trigger a jump in the infections from 3,21,699 to 3,22,844.

Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" total cases in the state went up from 59,358 to 64,260. The fatality rate in the state dropped from 2.45 per cent to 2.44 per cent.

Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra, saw the total number of cases increase from 4,03,782 to 4,05,307, while the total number of deaths in Pune went up from 8,044 to 8,048.

Thane district remained in the third spot --after Pune and Mumbai -- after the total number of infections rose from 2,77,580 to 2,78,288 while the total deaths climbed from 5,795 to 5,803.

Of the 1,59,41,773 samples sent to laboratories, 21,21,119 have tested positive (13.31 per cent) for COVID-19 until Thursday.

Currently, 2,95,578 people are in home quarantine while 2,446 people are in institutional quarantine.

Kerala caught between devil and deep sea?

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Allegations of massive corruption and illegal sale of deep sea fishing rights to a dubious firm from the United States have taken whatever sheen remained on the CPI(M)-led Pinarayi Vijayan Government in Kerala, says Oommen Chandi, former Chief Minister of Kerala.

Though Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and Fisheries Minister J Mercykutty claimed that the MoU with the US company for deep sea fishing off Kerala Coast was signed without the concurrence of the Kerala Government, neither the fishermen nor the general public are willing to believe the argument. "The deal was signed by the State-owned Kerala State Industrial development Corporation and Kerala Inland Navigation Corporation with the US company which itself has dubious track records. It is certain that this is not a clean and transparent deal," said Hari S Kartha, widely respected political commentator in the State.

According to Kartha, the CPI(M) is fighting a losing battle against the UDF. "The Pinarayi Vijayan government had squandered all the good will it had among the people when it assumed office in 2016. Tuesday's UDF rally at Thiruvananthapuram should be seen in this context," he said.

Oommen Chandi who presided over the meeting

which also saw the participation of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, turned out to be a run-away success, he said. "Chandi was the unquestioned star of the show and this is a warning signal to the LDF," said Kartha.

The LDF Government is in a fire-fighting mode and is issuing advertisements in all newspapers and TV channels claiming that Kerala witnessed tremendous growth in number of industries in the past four and a half years. "Kerala has become a role model of progress. One of the departments that has added feather in its growth cap is the industries department," claims E P Jayarajan, minister of industries.

The industries department claims that NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index has ranked Kerala as one of the most investment friendly States in India. Vijayan and the CPI(M) had lambasted the Centre for disbanding the Planning Commission of India and introducing the NITI Aayog.

The NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index says the Ease of Doing Business (EDB) in Kerala is 3.57 while that of neighbouring Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are 53.57 and 42.86 respectively. Andhra Pradesh tops the Index with a score of 100. The EDB is the yardstick which entrepreneurs and investors use to measure the investment and industrial climate of a State or a country.

entrepreneurs committing suicide in the State, citing harassment and tormenting by local political chieftains. Kochi, once known as the industrial hub of the State is now known as an industrial graveyard as many industrialists downed their shutters and left for other States.

"Though the Government claims that 1.5 lakh persons were employed by it during the last four years, aa the appointments were based on recommendations of CPI(M) leaders. Only the relations and associates of party bigwigs have been appointed," said M S Giri, Thiruvananthapuram based entrepreneur.

Oommen Chandi, who restrained himself from using harsh comments said the State deserves a much better government and administration. "I have seen youth agitating for jobs in the past but the kind of agitation which we see in front of the secretariat is unseen in the past. This is proof of sheer irresponsibility," said Chandi.

The CPI(M) leaders and ministers are busy making the Kerala Yatra by the party's acting secretary A Vijayaraghavan a success. The secretary hinslef has courted controversy for getting his spouse employed as vice-principal of a government college though she does not possess the specified qualification. But a recent survey by a satellite news channel claimed that the CPI(M) would retain power in Kerala.

Didi protests petro price hike, rides e-scooty to office

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The poll-bound politics of Bengal rode the e-wheels with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday riding too-and-fro to State Secretariat Nabanna on an electronic scooty to drive home the point on scorching fuel prices.

A day after hurling "Dangabaj" (rioter) and "Doitya" (Demon) abuses on Prime Minister Narendra Modi the Chief Minister on Thursday rode a battery-driven scooty instead of the usual Santro car that she uses to travel 8 km from her house at Kalighat to Nabanna.

While State Minister Firhad Hakim rode her to the secretariat in the morning, in the evening the Chief Minister rode back on her own with the security network in pursuit. In her trademark white cotton sari, Banerjee put on a helmet and mask during the ride which was trailed by a group of other people on the ruling Trinamool Congress.

The entire ride was telecast through Facebook Live. Later even as the Chief Minister addressed the media, seated on the battery-operated scooter she attacked the Prime Minister saying, "this was a ride taken to remind Modi of his duties towards the common man whose lives he has made miserable by effecting massive rise

in petro prices."

Ridiculing the Prime Minister for giving free LPG gas connection and then charging Rs 800 per cylinder, Banerjee said "think about a family that needs two gases per month spending Rs 1,600 on that account ... then how will that family buy foods and spend on education and health."

At a time "when the price of crude has come down to half this Government has effected a 100 percent rise in the price of cooking gas... It sold for Rs 400 with subsidy then and it is selling for Rs 800 now after Modi removed that subsidy that was a dire necessity for the people ... even yesterday it was increased by Rs 25," Banerjee said, adding how "even the subsidy on kerosene has been taken away."

She asked, "what the 2 crore people of my State who use kerosene oil will do? About 20 crore people of India survive on kerosene oil. They cannot buy gas for Rs 800, they cannot get subsidy on kerosene ... then what will they eat," demanding an immediate rollback on fuel prices.

"I want Modi ji either to tack back the prices or go back from power," Banerjee said adding she would continue her agitation in Bengal and would appeal to the opposition ruled states to do the same. "I will request Uddhav Thackeray,

MK Stalin, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan and all other Governments to take up the matter in a coordinated manner," Banerjee said.

"Modi is selling the country. This government is anti-people, anti-women, anti-farmer, and anti-young generation. We want this government to go," the Chief Minister said.

Attacking the Prime Minister for allowing a cricket stadium in Gujarat to be named after him, Banerjee said "this is height of dictatorship where the President of India is made to inaugurate a stadium named after the Prime Minister."

In an apparent reference to how the two ends of the stadium was named after two top industrialists of the country Banerjee, said "it is like a complete circle of events where there will be only "Hum do ... humare do" apparently indicating at the Prime Minister, Home Minister Amit Shah and the two industrialists.

However, lampooning Banerjee for making the people's cause an election issue, Congress Lok Sabha leader said "she is making it an election publicity stunt instead of cutting taxes on her own end ... Why does she not lift her own taxes ... the Chhattisgarh Government has done it by reducing Rs 12 on fuel prices."

Tejashwi raises Sitamarhi encounter in Assembly, hits out at Government

ANS ■ PATNA

The Bihar Government is on the backfoot after an encounter with the liquor mafia in Sitamarhi district on Wednesday claimed the life of a sub-inspector while a guard sustained grievous injuries.

Vidhan Sabha on Thursday. He said that the law and order situation in Bihar is in a bad shape. This is the reason why police officers are getting killed in broad daylight.

"Transfers and postings would be done for only those police officers who used to give "RCP tax" (Bribe) to top bosses in the Nitish Kumar government," Tejashwi said.

Leader of Opposition and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav raised this incident in the



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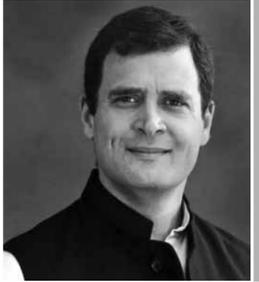
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PAPER WITH PASSION

Slip of the tongue?

Rahul's remarks in Kerala, if made off the cuff, should not lead to a 'divisive politics' slugfest

Whether it was the heat of the moment or well-considered action, only the Gandhi scion would know. But the bullet has been fired and now it is for Rahul and the Congress to bear the recoil. At a recent rally in Kerala, Rahul said: "For the first 15 years, I was a Member of Parliament from the North, so I had got used to a different type of politics. For me, coming to Kerala was very refreshing because suddenly I found that people (here) are interested in issues, and not just superficially but in detail." Whether it will reap dividends or prove counterproductive to the 'Grand Old Party' in the forthcoming Assembly elections is best left to the wisdom of voters but Rahul's latest statement has provided the BJP with fresh fodder to attack the Congress. To be fair, Rahul is not known for making statements that reek of divisive politics: He is straightforward, to the point and plain, and this is what makes him vulnerable. His statements often lend themselves to the creation of memes, courtesy Information Technology (IT) cells affiliated to other political parties who strive hard to prove that Rahul doesn't have the "potential" to be a leader, forget about becoming the Prime Minister in future. However, if the statement was made after due consideration, it's probably time for him to think about changing his advisors. What he said, could still have been conveyed without generating a controversy had he been a little more careful with his choice of words.



On the face of it, there is nothing inappropriate in the statement unless implied meanings are derived from it. But such derivations are common in politics and if Rahul is ignorant of it, it's his fault. Going by the adage that "politics is all about opportunity", senior BJP leaders jumped at the chance and accused the Congress leader of indulging in divisive politics for gains in the Kerala elections. In a country where leaders regularly stoop to new lows and then get away by claiming that they didn't actually mean what they said, Rahul's comment is nothing to make such a hullabaloo about. Our heads still drop in shame when we are reminded of remarks like "khaki underwear" by Azam Khan or when Mulayam Singh Yadav justified rape, saying "Boys err at times, wrong to hang rapists", or even Lalu Prasad's boastful remark that "Bihar's roads would be made like the cheeks of Hema Malini". Now, Rahul has cancelled his Left-Congress joint rally in Bengal, apparently to focus more on Kerala. It could be that the southern State seems more promising to him since the Congress' prospects are rather bleak in West Bengal where the fight is directly between the TMC and the BJP. Well, while Rahul is caught in a storm, the Congress old guard have come up with some sound advice, with Kapil Sibal saying the "wisdom of the electors" should be respected for their know "who to vote for and why". With leaders of such acumen, balance and maturity still serving the party, one wonders why Rahul doesn't seek their advice before making such foot-in-the-mouth remarks. Could it be something to do with the internal fault lines? Let's leave it for the Congress to decide.

PICTALK



A gun store owner holds a rifle in Americana, Brazil AP

Blood on hands

Over 6,500 migrants, including 2,711 Indians, have died working on Qatar's World Cup-related projects

It's called "The beautiful game". The loftiest event of the sport, known as the World Cup, garners the maximum number of viewers in any discipline of any sporting contest across the globe. The "greatest spectacle on Earth" involves glamour, charisma, passion, superhuman athleticism, national pride and, certainly not the least, zillions of dollars for the host country as well as for the Zurich-headquartered Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) in television broadcast and other rights. The FIFA World Cup taxes the host nation a lot in terms of manpower, infrastructure and other facilities, but the monetary returns far outweigh the cost input and the moolah raked in is a purse bigger than what you'd see from any other event, even the Olympics. And Qatar is the proud host of the next edition of the World Cup in November 2022. But behind all the glitz and razzmatazz of the shiny stadia and the spruced setup in the Persian Gulf nation, is a sordid tale of hardships, torture and human rights abuse, ending in death. According to *The Guardian*, thousands of migrant workers have died in Qatar since it was unexpectedly chosen as the host for the extravaganza in December 2010.

More than 6,500 migrant labourers from five South Asian countries — India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka have died, on an average of 12 deaths each week, according to the British daily. While 2,711 of those who died hailed from India, Nepali workers accounted for 1,641 deaths, followed by Bangladesh at more than 1,000 and Pakistan 824. With inconsistent and imprecise records, it is difficult to assess the exact causes for the deaths but official records range from "blunt trauma" to "asphyxia" and "hanging", though the most common is "natural death". The actual toll is likely to be significantly higher given that the analysis did not include deaths from other countries known to send large numbers of workers to Qatar, such as Kenya and the Philippines. It is likely that a significant number of the total deaths occurred on projects related to the World Cup as Qatar has undertaken a massive construction programme to prepare for the tournament, including building seven stadiums, a new airport as well as broad additions to its public transportation network. It's time for the Indian Government, as well as the United Nations Human Rights Council, to finally take cognisance of the pitiable working and dwelling conditions of migrant workers in Qatar and censure it severely.

West Bengal and Bangladesh

There has been a major change in people's thinking ahead of State poll; even the most secular of them fear that Bengal might become another Bangladesh



PRAFULL GORADIA

As lucidly brought out by Timur Kuran, a Turkish American economist who teaches at the Duke University, the practice of Islam inhibits business growth and, therefore, does not enable economic progress or development. The prohibition of usury is an example. This explains why Islamic societies have not been economically productive. Therefore, they had to become adept at the conquest of other lands in search of resources.

Bangladesh has an added handicap. For centuries, the Bengali elite was more land-owning than business-running. The Bangladeshi culture took its cue from the Bengali elite. Islam is a comprehensive prescription for living, including politics, with the *Quran* as the ultimate reference point. No Muslim ruler could deviate from that path. Ideally, *jumhuriyat* (consensus) was the solution. Monarchy, autocracy and oligarchy were the only alternatives, which left democracy no space.

Sheikh Hasina Wazed somehow fights elections. She has won four terms in all, is relatively secular and grateful to India for the freedom of Bangladesh. Her predecessor, Begum Khaleda Zia, was not. Khaleda's husband Ziaur Rahman was almost pro-Pakistani, being a Muslim *ashraf* (a descendant of Prophet Muhammad). But what after Hasina Wazed retires or relinquishes power? Would not there be a change in the country's foreign policy, especially *vis-à-vis* India?

It is uncanny that the Bengali Hindu elite founded a Hindu political ideology. Raj Narain Bose is reputed to have coined the term "Hindutva", or at least used it for the first time in 1863. He was the grandfather of Yogi Aurobindo Ghosh. The Hindu Anushilan Samiti was founded and functioned only in Bengal, with even the great poet Rabindranath Tagore being its leading light. The movement against the partition of Bengal in 1905 was largely led by Yogi Aurobindo and actively supported by Tagore. The Bengal Renaissance was a Hindu phenomenon.



With the annulment of the partition of Bengal by Emperor George V in 1911 at the Delhi Durbar, the Hindu punch softened with the idea of having Hindu-Muslim cordiality. That was the inauguration of so-called secularism in Bengal. The Bengali elite began regretting their conduct towards Muslims. Say, inviting a Muslim co-villager to a wedding dinner, making him sit separately to eat and then expecting him to carry his *thali* to clean. This is just one example.

With the rise of Netaji Subhas, the Hindu-Muslim cordiality tended towards friendship. A moderate leader, Fazlur Rahman of the Krishak Party, became the Premier of Bengal; this secular trend continued. By early 1947, Netaji's elder brother Sarat Bose, Fazlur Rahman and Sir Abdul Rahim were discussing the prospects of a third dominion, namely, undivided Bengal in addition to Hindustan and Pakistan.

After Independence, the Nehruvian ethos and the appeasement of Muslims for their votes inflated this trend. The Partition, which displaced many Hindus, did not lead to any real antagonism against Muslims in Bengal in its immediate aftermath as well as later. So much so that being associ-

ated with the RSS, the Hindu Mahasabha or the Jana Sangh became infra dig. The Hindu political movement could not throw up a popular leader after Syama Prasad Mookerjee died mysteriously in Kashmir. Jana Sangh leader Haripada Bharati was respected but without mass appeal. The secular show persisted and infiltrators from Bangladesh were encouraged for their votes.

Yet, the Islamist penny dropped at last in the Bengali Hindu's mind. Clearly a revolutionary change is taking place that may well have a reaction across the border in Bangladesh. There has been a cataclysmic change in the thinking of people in West Bengal with the approaching Assembly election. It is truly a metamorphosis because, for decades, West Bengal has both resisted the domination of what the *bhadralok* would call a "Hindi heartland party" and has prided itself on its avowedly secular outlook; the Bengali identity has been preponderant over the religious one.

However, the incessant mollycoddling of the religious minority and even the most radical jihadist elements has slowly but surely brought on an about-turn in the Bengali mind. To the extent that even the most

secular among them have begun to fear that their State might become another Bangladesh. The first major sign of West Bengal's changing political mood was the 2019 Lok Sabha election in which the BJP won 18 out of 42 parliamentary seats. The rapidly shifting scenario with the approach of the 2021 Assembly election is the beginning of a new chapter in West Bengal's political journey, one that will have implications beyond the State.

West Bengal is very much in the news, especially because of the impending Assembly elections. The country is witnessing an acrimonious tussle where the ruling Trinamool Congress' incumbent Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is fighting to save her Government in the face of a determined assault by the BJP. The remarkable drama of the West Bengal elections is the by-now-discernible wave of discontent against Mamata — sitting Ministers and political heavyweights do not otherwise quit on poll eve to join the Opposition. But more significant is the change taking place in the Bengali psyche. There is growing willingness to be more integrally an arm of Bharat.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PROTECT COVID VACCINES FROM MAFIA

Sir — It is indeed great that the Government has decided to involve private hospitals in the vaccination drive. The step was much needed as it is almost impossible to vaccinate such a large population as ours through the Government machinery only.

The Government cares for the elderly population, that's why it took the decision that everyone above 60 years of age and those over 45 years with comorbidities will be able to get COVID-19 vaccines from March 1 for free in 10,000 Government medical facilities and for a charge at over 20,000 private hospitals. However, how much this charge will be is yet to be seen. The Government must ensure that private hospitals do not charge "too much" for the jobs.

It is often seen that corrupt employees of Government hospitals, often in collusion with private entities, create such a scenario that medicines are not available in hospital pharmacies or run out of stock while these are sold at exorbitant prices by private ones. If the COVID vaccine meets the same fate, it will be unfortunate and the ambitious programme will fall flat. Meanwhile, we must not be ready to dole out whatever cost the private hospitals quote for the job. The private hospitals often take undue advantage as we want to avoid long queues in Government hospitals just to save time. We must remember that they charge extra only because we are ready to pay it.

M Pradyu | Kanuru

IT'S DO-OR-DIE SITUATION FOR INDIANS

Sir — It refers to the editorial 'Continuing travails' (February 25). With several States reporting a surge in COVID-19 cases, it is high time that the RT-PCR test should be made mandatory for entry into all States. There should also be reasonable restrictions over interstate movement while unnecessary movement should not be allowed at all.

The increase in Coronavirus cases is because many people have stopped follow-

Beat the stress but not on driver's seat



It's unfortunate that world-renowned golfer Tiger Woods got injured in a dramatic rollover crash involving his SUV. However, the American golfer was lucky to get immediate help from the authorities present nearby. Accidents can be avoided if necessary precautions are taken. In any accident, first aid and timely help matters a lot.

In India, we see that people are largely indif-

ferent towards road accident victims. This is because they don't want to land in any sort of trouble or unnecessary questioning by the police. They are not completely wrong, for the police often misbehaves with those who help road accident victims. Instead of commending or boosting their morale, the cops usually look upon them as suspects.

Many personalities from the fields of sports and films must be used to driving at high speeds to cope with the tension and stress they face in their daily lives. But rather than driving madly and crazily, there are several other ways to chill out and beat stress. Playing indoor games, spending time with children, taking water therapy like a deep plunge into water bodies, visiting natural vistas and watering a garden are some of these ways. People from all walks of life must visit natural places like pristine forests for getting rejuvenated. We wish good health and recovery to Tiger Woods!

P Senthil | Mumbai

ing the precautions and are lackadaisical in their approach. People are seen wearing masks improperly and are not sanitising their hands. Further, the Government also relaxed the norms as we have seen in Maharashtra, where all categories of commuters were allowed to travel in the local trains. This added to the problem which is now assuming gigantic proportions.

The situation is worse in villages and small towns where people don't even care to wear a mask. They have developed a self-conceived notion that "Corona has gone" and vaccines have been developed, hence there is no need to worry. Its time that the Government spread more awareness and told people that there is no substitute to the precautions. The situation is do-or-die but we are not ready to accept it.

Bal Govind | Noida

WHY DO WE HAVE CASINOS?

Sir — Why do we have casinos and why do Governments want them? What ben-

efit are they? Is it because of the great amount of money the Government receives from them? The casinos are involved in crimes like money laundering.

I would like to make just a short comment on casinos. Several Australian casinos have been accused of money laundering and generally poor control. The new one in Sydney cannot yet get a licence to operate until it changes its processes.

I must admit that I personally don't like casinos and the fact that most people will lose money, as is obvious by the fact they are profitable. I don't mind the occasional bet on horses and a lottery ticket even though I don't expect to win every week. But casinos are a lucrative business for the Government and the profits are high.

Dennis Fitzgerald | Melbourne

SOUNDBITE

Since the last three months, the price of domestic LPG has increased by ₹200 while petrol and diesel are inching towards ₹100. The Modi Government is battling for its billionaire friends from both ends while the common man is suffering.

Congress leader — Priyanka Gandhi

Law enforcement forces have prevented 72 terrorist crimes in the country in 2020, up from 57 a year earlier.

Russian President — Vladimir Putin

Bollywood producers neither have the money nor talent to cater to audiences who want something beyond the popular and the mainstream.

Actor — Abhay Deol

The IOC Future Host Commission recommended that the executive committee initiate a targeted dialogue with Brisbane and the Australian Olympic Committee for the organisation of the 2032 Olympics.

IOC president — Thomas Bach

The Assembly proceedings will not be conducted on notified Government holidays during the upcoming Budget session of the Assembly.

Goa Chief Minister — Pramod Sawant

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FIRST COLUMN

COVID LESSONS FOR ENTREPRENEURS

It's vital to be calm, think rationally and make decisions that affect your work environment positively



PRITIKA SINGH

The year 2020, and the Coronavirus outbreak that dominated it, set everyone back, whether it was work or life. However, the contagion's economic impact was felt more than the social one. The financial implications of the pandemic had everyone in a tizzy, confused and thinking, will I make it? Will I survive? It took a toll on the global economy, businesses, work, personal affairs at home and made everyone question and rethink their priorities and then put them in survival mode. One of the key takeaways from the outbreak, especially for entrepreneurs leading organisations was: Invest in your mental health. That is and should be a priority. If you have peace of mind, in spite of everything else falling, crumbling around you, half the battle is won. It's important to be calm, think rationally and make decisions that affect your health and your work environment in a positive way.

The healthcare sector was overwhelmed when the pandemic hit the country. Doctors and nurses were overworked as was the other hospital staff. People were in a state of panic. However, there is no overcoming something if you are in a constant state of flux. This is especially true of leaders tasked with guiding an organisation. They have to come to grips with the reality that the pandemic will stay for a long time and the only way to work and move forward is to be transparent with staff, hear them out, value their inputs and look after them.



The biggest change that the outbreak brought to our lives was the need to maintain social distancing, which gave birth to the culture of work from home (WFH). Hospitals were overflowing with Coronavirus patients and medical professionals were in constant contact with people, other than patients. It was important for most medical facilities to cut down on administrative staff and allow WFH in order to curb the spread of the contagion. This move gave doctors and nurses free movement, enabled quick decisions and resulted in quicker turnarounds.

As the CEO of a hospital, it was amazing to see people adapt to two roles and the extra workload more efficiently and quickly. It made one realise that the biggest learning from the pandemic was WFH. It changed the way we function as human beings and value the time and effort that someone else puts in. It also increased efficiency and kept employees and their families safe.

There was a lesson for leaders as well. If you take tough but benevolent decisions when you are the head of an organisation, people value you more, respect you and put in that extra bit to make sure that the company succeeds. Cutting down on manpower and cost-cutting is never the solution. The mental health of staff is very important, not just good salaries and, employees run a company based on the top leadership's vision.

Another lesson that the contagion taught us was the fact that women, who have always been a stabilising and calming factor in society, are equally adept at dealing with an emergency. During this pandemic, women COVID warriors, frontline workers, office-goers, homemakers and Government employees rose to the occasion and in some cases were leading from the front.

Lastly, technology has come to the rescue of mankind as we have been forced to change the way we work, handle documents, process information, hold meetings, seminars and even deliver healthcare. One also has to realise that even though we are in this situation right now, it will change and things will go back to normal. But for now, we need to learn and adapt to this so-called new normal. Entrepreneurs, especially women leaders, have to learn and grow from this.

(The writer is CEO, Prayag Hospital. The views expressed are personal.)

Should the global debt pandemic worry us?

As long as primary Budget deficits are not too large, the main problem is to stabilise public debt, independent of the size of the economy so that it may not go beyond control



GOVIND BHATTACHARJEE

The previous decade saw the fastest increase in debt in emerging economies in the last 50 years. The IMF estimated that global public debt at the end of 2020 would touch 98 per cent of the GDP, and India's gross Government debt would be at 90 per cent of the GDP. According to the IMF's *Fiscal Monitor*, the debt-to-GDP ratio exceeds 100 per cent in most OECD countries and close to 100 per cent in emerging ones. Among the major economies, only China (66.5 per cent), Australia (70 per cent) and Germany (72 per cent) have fared better. The problem economies of Italy and Greece have seen debt levels rising to 158 per cent and 200 per cent of the GDP, respectively, while Japan's debt is 264 per cent. From 2021 onwards, global debt will rise higher than in the pre-COVID times. A credible medium-term fiscal framework is essential to combat rising debt, but with the pandemic still out of control, additional revenue mobilisation necessary for public spending on health and infrastructure is now more difficult than ever before in most developing countries. The saving grace is that borrowing is now cheap, thanks to the interest rates falling to exceptionally low levels and is expected to remain lower than the growth rates in most countries. According to S&P Global, in 2023, growth will outpace interest rates not only in all rich countries, but also in 53 out of 60 emerging economies. The "growth-corrected interest rate", the differential between interest and nominal growth rates, will be -3.6 per cent in India, -6.5 per cent in China and -33.8 per cent in Argentina.

This legitimately raises the question, should emerging economies also rethink their fiscal limits? *The Economist* quoted India's budgeted fiscal deficit of 9.5 per cent of the GDP this fiscal year with no road map to bring it below the three per cent limit prescribed by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, while it noted that the latest *Economic Survey* had also highlighted that India's interest rate has been below its growth rate "by norm, not by exception", and its assertion that higher debt and fiscal spending during an economic crisis should not cause unnecessary worries. But Fitch Ratings, noted that in the last decade, the average interest rate had fallen from four per cent to two per cent in developed economies, while across emerging markets, it had increased from 4.3-5.1 per cent. Thus the benefits of lower rates are mostly available to rich nations.

The classical Domar Model lays down two conditions for sustainability of Government debt: First, the nominal growth rate should exceed the interest rate on public debt and, second, the primary account of the Government, which means taking out the interest payment, should not have any deficit. If both conditions are satisfied, the debt stock in GDP will decrease fast, and even if the primary account has a deficit, it will ultimately converge to a sustainable level. But if the growth rate lags behind the interest rate, then public debt will increase indefinitely to be unsustainable. Thus public debt can stabilise at a higher level but this would render a country vulnerable to economic shocks. However, since this model does not consider the interdependencies existing between the interest rate, the structure of public spending, the degree of public indebtedness and the growth rate which influence each other, economists Hamilton and Flavin suggested another model. According to it, the inter-temporal Budget constraint must be satisfied to make the debt



AS THE PANDEMIC NOW TESTS THE RESILIENCE OF ECONOMIES, A GLOBAL RECESSION WHICH WAS ALREADY RAGING, IS NOW PUSHING THE WORLD INTO A DEEP DEBT CRISIS, WHICH MARKED THE END OF EACH PREVIOUS WAVE. LIKE IN THE CASE OF PREVIOUS WAVES, NOW ALSO DEEPER STRUCTURAL REFORMS ARE CALLED FOR

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stock sustainable, which requires the present value of future primary surpluses to cover the size of the current public debt. The uncertainty of future values of projections, interest rates and inflation remains the weakness of this model, but whatever model is used, increasing public debt does not necessarily imply its unsustainability, especially when a country needs additional finance to carry out structural forms or for making capital investments on infrastructure.

As long as primary Budget deficits are not too large, the main problem is to stabilise public debt, independent of the size of the economy so that it may not go beyond control. This is simple budgetary arithmetic. If the debt was stable at 60 per cent of the GDP with a primary deficit of three per cent, to stabilise it at 80 per cent would require the primary deficit to be limited to four per cent. *The Economic Survey* points out that GDP growth in India has always exceeded interest rates in the last 25 years, though the primary account has often been in deficit, but less than the maximum limit defined by the debt sustainability equations. The survey concludes that even in the worst case scenario, with real growth being only four per cent for the next 10 years and high primary deficits 6.8 per cent of the GDP (Centre plus States), five per cent inflation and a nominal interest rate of six per cent, public debt will still be sustainable. This scenario is not peculiar to India. The IMF says that emerging economies have experienced growth rates exceeding interest rates 75 per cent of the time. Of course, there is an element of risk in

case of high prevalence of external debt in the overall debt portfolio because if the exchange rate weakens, the debt-to-GDP ratio will rise sharply even if the interest rate remains modest. But for India, this risk is minimal as external debt constitutes only about six per cent of our total liabilities (₹5.85 lakh crore in 2019-20).

Government debt amounted to 73.8 per cent of the GDP in 2019-20, before the pandemic pushed it much higher. As per the road map prescribed by the 15th Finance Commission, India's debt should decline marginally from 89.8 per cent to 85.7 per cent of the GDP over 2020-26, but the decline will practically take place in the last three years. Thus we need to stabilise our debt around that level provided these projections hold. This may not be the case as additional spending will be required on health and infrastructure.

But the moot question is whether the high debt level is desirable even if it is sustainable, as public borrowing generally crowds out private investment and hurts the economy. Perhaps the answer lies in how the borrowed funds are used. If the Government spends on investment, like the 26 per cent increase in capital spending budgeted for the next fiscal, this risk would be less, especially when the economy is operating below capacity as is the case now; public spending can then bring in additional private investment by improving incomes and profitability.

However, this is not the first time a debt pandemic has hit the world and there were three earlier waves of debt

accumulation during 1970-89, 1990-2001 and 2002-09, all of which began during periods of low real interest rates and easy access to borrowing from the financial markets. Each caused global recessions in 1982, 1991 and 2009 and economic downturns in 1998 and 2001, and were followed by structural reforms designed to lower vulnerabilities, with greater reserve accumulation and strengthening of policy frameworks. Controls like inflation targeting, fiscal rules and more robust financial sector supervision became the norm.

We are now riding the crest of the fourth wave that began in 2010 but peaked during the pandemic with the slowing of economic growth in most countries. The conditions were remarkably similar to those after the 2008 meltdown, when interest rates were low and access to financial markets for capital was easy due to the banks having extended their outreach remarkably. As the pandemic now tests the resilience of economies, a global recession which was already raging, is now pushing the world into a deep debt crisis, which marked the end of each previous wave. Like in the case of previous waves, now also deeper structural reforms are called for. In the Indian context, this will mean many more reforms of the factor markets, along with reform of agriculture and financial sectors while strengthening the overall regulatory mechanisms. Appropriate policy choices are crucial because once recovery gets underway, only reforms and the accompanying institutional mechanisms can help restore our fiscal and debt sustainability.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

FOR ME, COMING TO KERALA WAS REFRESHING AS I FOUND THAT PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN ISSUES. NOT SUPERFICIALLY BUT GOING INTO DETAILS.
—CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



INSULTING INDIANS IS A FAVOURITE PASTIME OF RAHUL GANDHI. INDIANS ARE NOT SUPERFICIAL BUT YOU ARE, MR RAHUL GANDHI.
—UNION MINISTER PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

India needs a standard metric for the social cost of GHG

We must also develop a metric for quantifying the social cost of other components so that the impact of local air pollution, too, can be monetised for policy formulation

Actions on the climate change front are again in the news in the US after President Joe Biden took charge. One of his first executive orders pertained to reassembling a federal, cross-Government team to figure out the "social cost of carbon."



AMIT KUMAR

So, what is the social cost of carbon (SCC) or of Green House Gases (GHG)? SCC is the present value of future harm caused by an incremental ton of carbon dioxide emissions.

It is difficult to estimate SCC because carbon emissions, climate change, and economic harm are related through complex processes that are not fully understood. Additionally, the rate at which to discount future harm is contentious and critical to the magnitude of the present value.

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As per the Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon, the US Government's technical support document 2010: "The SCC is an estimate of the monetised damages associated with an incremental increase in carbon emissions in a given year. It is intended to include (but is not limited to) changes in net agricultural productivity, human health, property damages from increased flood risk and the value of ecosystem services due to climate change."

It is a well-established fact that consequent to climate change, countries face a slew of adverse impacts; damages that are not adequately quantified while assessing these impacts. Developing economies like India are going to bear an unduly larger share of such

impacts. An analysis of the *Climate Risk Index (CRI), 2021*, shows India to be among the top 10 most affected countries in 2019 on account of climate change-induced extreme weather events.

India's annual monsoon season continued for a month longer than usual. From June to the end of September 2019, 110 per cent of the normal rainfall occurred, a record since 1994.

According to the CRI, the floods caused by the heavy rains were responsible for 1,800 deaths across 14 States and led to the displacement of 1.8 million people. Overall, 11.8 million people were affected by the intense monsoon season with the economic damage estimated to be \$10 billion.



Furthermore, with a total of eight tropical cyclones, 2019 was one of the most active Northern Indian Ocean cyclone seasons on record. Six of the eight cyclones intensified to become "very severe." The worst was Cyclone Fani that occurred in May 2019 and impacted a total of 28 million people, killing nearly 90 people in India and

Bangladesh and causing economic losses of \$8.1 billion. Then, there are other consequences in terms of impacts on human health and on food security, to name a few.

The relation between fossil fuels and climate change, too, is now accepted beyond any doubt. However, while carrying out the cost-benefit analysis of different options to replace fossil fuels, these damages — also known as "externalities" — are either not taken into account or remain fuzzy. And that is where a tool like the SCC may help.

As per the Institute for Policy Integrity, the SCC is "a metric designed to quantify and monetise climate damages, representing the net economic cost of carbon dioxide emissions."

In a country like ours that is trying to transition to

clean energy through its ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in terms of emission-intensity reductions and quantum increase in non-fossil electricity; it is imperative that policymaking and regulatory frameworks are informed by scientific evidence.

This, in turn, demands a methodology to quantify the impacts that are based on verifiable numbers and are standardised across sectors. But even more importantly, it is developed in an academically rigorous, transparent and peer-reviewed process so as to have universal acceptability.

And that is where an inter-agency or an inter-ministerial approach helps in forging a joint ownership. Given that this is not a one-time exercise, a formal mechanism needs to be put in place.

The Apex Committee for Implementation of Paris Agreement (AIPA) constituted by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MoEFCC) may very well provide such a unified platform. The mechanism must also provide for engaging with the public and other stakeholders in an ongoing fashion.

Going forward, we should aim at not only developing a metric for quantifying the social cost of GHG but also of other components so that the impact of local air pollution, too, can be holistically monetised from a policy formulation perspective. It is time that such complex matters attract a more science-based approach, thereby obviating any kind of biases.

Junta supporters attack anti-coup demonstrators

Yangon: Supporters of Myanmar's junta attacked protesters demanding the end to the military government that took power in a coup, using slingshots, iron rods and knives Thursday to injure several of the demonstrators.

The violence complicates an already intractable standoff between the military and a protest movement that has been staging large rallies daily to demand that Aung San Suu Kyi's elected government be restored to power. She and other politicians were ousted and arrested on February 1 in a takeover that shocked the international community and reversed years of slow progress toward democracy.

Facebook, meanwhile, announced that it would ban all accounts linked to the country's military as well as ads from military-controlled companies — a reflection of international outrage over the takeover.

On Thursday, tensions escalated on the streets between anti-coup protesters and supporters of the military. Photos and videos posted on social media showed groups attacking



A woman helps an unidentified man lying on the sidewalk of Sule Pagoda Road after he was attacked by a group of Junta supporters in Yangon, Myanmar on Thursday

people in downtown Yangon as police stood by without intervening. The number of injured people and their condition was not immediately clear.

According to accounts and photos posted on social media, hundreds of people marched Thursday in support of the coup. They carried banners in English with the slogans "We Stand With Our Defense Services" and "We Stand With State Administration Council," which is the official name of the new junta.

When the marchers were

Facebook bans all Myanmar military-linked accounts, ads

Yangon: Social media giant Facebook announced on Thursday it was banning all accounts linked to Myanmar's military as well as ads from military-controlled companies in the wake of the army's seizure of power on February 1.

It said in a statement that it was treating the post-coup situation in Myanmar as an "emergency," explaining that the ban was precipitated by events since the coup, including "deadly violence."



Facebook already has banned several military-linked accounts since the coup, including army-controlled Myawaddy TV and state television broadcaster MRTV.

The bans are also being applied on Instagram, which is owned by Facebook. Facebook and other social media platforms came under enormous criticism in 2017 when right groups said they failed to act enough to stop hate speech against Myanmar's Muslim Rohingya minority.

Xi claims complete victory in eradicating poverty in China

Beijing: President Xi Jinping on Thursday declared that China has scored a "complete victory" in its fight against poverty by lifting over 770 million people out of it in the last four decades, calling it another "miracle" created by the country that will go down in history.

Absolute poverty has been eradicated in the world's most populous country, Xi announced while addressing a gathering held here to mark the country's accomplishments in poverty alleviation and honour its model poverty fighters.

China has a population of around 1.4 billion.

"No country has been able to lift hundreds of millions of

people out of poverty in such a short time," Xi said.

Xi said that all poor people in rural areas have been lifted out of poverty.

With this, China has achieved the UN goal of poverty eradication 10 years ahead of the 2030 deadline, he said.

Over the past eight years, the final 98.99 million impoverished rural residents living under the current poverty line have all been lifted out of poverty. All the 832 impoverished counties and 1,28,000 impoverished villages have been removed from the poverty list, he said.

Since the launch of the reform and opening up in the

late 1970s, 770 million impoverished rural residents have shaken off poverty when calculated according to China's current poverty line, he said.

China has contributed to more than 70 per cent of global poverty reduction over the same period, Xi, also General Secretary of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC), said.

With such achievements, China has created another "miracle" that will "go down in history," he said.

Xi said since he assumed power, China has invested accumulative fiscal funds of nearly 1.6 trillion yuan (about \$246 billion) into poverty alleviation

over the past eight years.

He said according to the World Bank's international poverty line, the number of Chinese people lifted out of poverty over the past 40 years accounts for more than 70 per cent of the global total.

China considers extreme rural poor are those with annual per capita income of less than \$620, or about \$1.69 a day at current exchange rates, which compared closely with the World Bank's minimum standard of \$1.90 a day.

Complete eradication of poverty in China was the main goal announced by Xi when he came to power towards the end of 2012.

China denies subjecting US diplomats to coronavirus anal tests

AP ■ BEIJING

China on Thursday denied subjecting US diplomats to COVID-19 anal tests following reports from Washington that some of its personnel were being made to undergo the procedure.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian told reporters at a daily briefing that "China has never asked US diplomats in China to go through anal swab tests."

A US State Department spokesperson said Washington was "committed to guaranteeing the safety and security of American diplomats and their families while preserving their dignity, consistent with the

Countering Chinese Propaganda Act introduced in US Congress

Washington: A legislation has been introduced in the US Congress for countering the Chinese propaganda by creating a new sanctions authority against state-backed disinformation networks.

Republican Study Committee Chairman Congressman Jim Banks and Senator Tom Cotton on Wednesday introduced the Countering Chinese Propaganda Act.

The bill requires the Secretary of State to examine whether or not the United Front Work Department meets the criteria to be sanctioned under this new authority.

The legislation is based on recommendations from the Republican Study Committee's National Security Strategy and authorises sanctions against the United Front Work Department

GOP rallies solidly against Dems' virus relief package

Washington: Republicans rallied solidly against Democrats' proposed \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill as lawmakers awaited a decision by the Senate's parliamentarian that could bolster or potentially kill a pivotal provision hiking the federal minimum wage.

Despite their paper-thin congressional majorities, Democratic leaders were poised to push the sweeping package through the House on Friday. They were hoping the Senate, where changes seem likely, would follow quickly enough to have legislation on President Joe Biden's desk by mid-March.



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy

By late Wednesday, not one Republican in either chamber had publicly said he or she would back the legislation. GOP leaders were honing attacks on the package as a job killer that does too little to reopen schools or businesses shuttered for the coronavirus pandemic and that was not only wasteful but also even unscrupulous.

"I haven't seen a Republican yet that's found something in there that they agree with," said House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif. "I think all

the assistance the measure would spread to people, businesses and state and local governments.

"If congressional Republicans want to oppose all that, my response is: Good luck," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said on the Senate floor.

By Wednesday evening, the most suspense was over a decision anticipated from Elizabeth MacDonough, the Senate's nonpartisan arbiter of its rules, that promised enormous political and legislative consequences.

The relief bill includes a provision that over five years would hike the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour. The parliamentarian is involved because Democrats are pushing the overall \$1.9 trillion measure through Congress under special rules that will let them avoid a Senate filibuster by Republicans.

Those same rules prohibit provisions with only an "incidental" impact on the federal budget because they are chiefly driven by other policy purposes. The parliamentarian decides if a provision passes that test.

Republicans push back on Pelosi proposal for riot commission

Washington: Republican leaders in the House and Senate say a proposed plan for an independent commission to study the Capitol insurrection is overly tilted toward Democrats, arguing that the panel should have an even party split like the one formed to study the September 11 terrorist attacks.

House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said Wednesday that a legitimate commission would be comprised of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats. A draft proposed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi would create an 11-member commission with four Republicans and seven Democrats, three of whom would be chosen by President Joe Biden, according to one of multiple aides who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the details under negotiation.

Pelosi has not commented on the draft or said why there should be more Democratic members.

Haldwani Rudrapur Cluster SWM Society (HRCSSWMs) (Nagar Nigam Haldwani -Kathgodam)

Reference No. 31 Date 25/02/2021

Corrigendum

E Tender Notice (Reference No.29, Date 12/02/2021) for Request for proposal are invited for the development of "Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Processing & Disposal Facility, SLF & Bio-mining of legacy waste on site for HRCSSWM Haldwani Distt-Nainital"

The changed dates of Proposal Due Date & Opening of Pre-qualification & Technical Bids for above mentioned E Tender as follows:

Proposal Due Date : **15-03-2021** Till 13.00 hours.

Opening of Pre-qualification & Technical Bids: **15-03-2021** 14.00 hours.

There will be no change in the remaining dates. Pre Bid Meeting related corrigendum will be available in www.uktenders.gov.in from 26/02/2021 14.00 hours onward.

(Chandra Singh Martolia) (Dr.Jogendra Pal Singh Rautela)
Member Secretary HRCSSWMs/ Honourable Chairman HRCSSWMs/
Nagar Aayukta Nagar Nigam Haldwani Mayor Nagar Nigam Haldwani

Public Notice

To be known to all that my client, Pradeep Kharbada S/o Late Sh. Harbans Lal Kharbada, R/o Flat No.76, Gali No.5, Madangir, New Delhi Alotee/ Mutatee of Plot No.12, Pocket-C-1, Sector-35, meas. 60.00sq. Mtrs. Under MIG Category, in Rohini Resd. Scheme, Delhi. The original documents i.e. Demand-Cum-Allotment Letter, Possession Letter and Site Possession Slip of the above said plot has been lost. An F.I.R./NCR/LR No.172114/2021 dated 24/02/2021 in this effect has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone 9999354545 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (L&B) Rohini or Director (R), C Block, 3rd floor, DDA, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi

German police raid suspected Islamic extremists in Berlin

AP ■ BERLIN

Hundreds of German police officers conducted coordinated raids early on Thursday in Berlin and the surrounding state of Brandenburg in the investigation of an organisation banned over allegations of Islamic extremism.

Some 850 police, including SWAT teams, were involved in the raids of apartments linked to members of the organisation known as Jama'atu Berlin, the state Interior Ministry said.

The organisation, whose name translates literally as the "Berlin Group," was banned by Berlin's state Interior Minister Andreas Geisel ahead of the raids on the grounds it was a "very radical" group that followed the Islamic State group's ideology.

"The ban is another clear signal to all religious extremists," Geisel said. "We will fight the roots of terror. We will tolerate no place where terror is preached and the so-called Islamic State is glorified."

Medical oxygen scarce in Africa

AP ■ DAKAR

A crisis over the supply of medical oxygen for coronavirus patients has struck nations in Africa and Latin America, where warnings went unheeded at the start of the pandemic and doctors say the shortage has led to unnecessary deaths.

It takes about 12 weeks to install a hospital oxygen plant and even less time to convert industrial oxygen manufacturing systems into a medical-grade network. But in Brazil and Nigeria, as well as in less-populous nations, decisions to fully address inadequate supplies only started being made last month, after hospitals were overwhelmed and patients started to die.

The gap in medical oxygen availability "is one of the defining health equity issues, I think, of our age," said Peter Piot, director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, who said he survived a severe coronavirus infection thanks to the oxygen he received.

Doctors in Nigeria anxiously monitor traffic as oxygen deliveries move through the gridlocked streets of Lagos. Desperate families of patients

Armenian PM faces military's demand to resign, talks of coup

Yerevan: Armenia's prime minister accused top military officers on Thursday of attempting a coup after they demanded he step down, adding fuel to months long protests calling for his resignation following the nation's defeat in a conflict with Azerbaijan over the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

The demonstrations began immediately after Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan signed a November 10 peace deal that saw Azerbaijan reclaim control over large parts of Nagorno-Karabakh and surrounding areas that had been held by Armenian forces for more than a quarter-century.

Those protests have gathered pace this week, and the feud with his top military commanders has weakened Pashinyan's position. The immediate trigger for the standoff was Pashinyan's deci-

sion to oust the first deputy chief of the military's General Staff, a group of the armed forces' top commanders.

In response, the General Staff called for Pashinyan's resignation — but the prime minister doubled down and dismissed the chief of the General Staff.

He described the military's statement as a "military coup attempt" and urged troops to only listen to his orders.

He also called on his backers to come to the streets and then later walked among them, using a loudspeaker to rally support. "We need a conversation, not a confrontation," he said.

Pashinyan denied rumors that he was preparing to flee the country.

Supporters of Pashinyan and the opposition engaged in sporadic scuffles on the streets of Yerevan on Thursday.

around the world sometimes turn to the black market. Governments take action only after hospitals are overwhelmed and the infected die by the dozens.

In Brazil's Amazonas state, a pair of swindlers were caught reselling fire extinguishers painted to look like medical oxygen tanks. In Peru, people camped out in lines to get cylinders for sick relatives.

Only after the lack of oxygen was blamed for the deaths of four people at an Egyptian hospital in January and six people at one in Pakistan in December did governments address the problems.

John Nkengasong, director of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said medical oxygen is a "huge critical need" across the continent of 1.3 billion people and is a main reason that Covid-19 patients are more likely to die there during surges.

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Dated : 22.02.2021. Sealed Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Dy. Chief Engineer (Con)-I/ Eastern Railway, Howrah for the following work : **Name of work :** Supply of 75000 cum of 50 mm size machine crushed track stone ballast in any types of Railway Wagon including all sorts of incidental charges for Bakudih quarry under the jurisdiction of Construction Department of Eastern Railway. **Tender Value :** Rs. 9,18,75,000/- **Earnest Money:** Nil. **Date of opening :** 05.04.2021 at 12.00 hrs. The Tender document and other details can be obtained from the website : www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if submitted shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected.

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Notice Inviting Re-e-Tender

No.SSA/MDMS/Plates & Glass/20/2020/4630 Date: 25.02.2021

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhiyan Mission cum State Nodal Officer-MDM, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-tender through e-Tendering process from manufacturer/Supplier of Steel Utensil for supply of Stainless Steel Plates and Stainless Steel Glass for Mid Day Meal.

To participate in this 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 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 Abhiyan 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.

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SUSHMITA SEN CONFIRMS AARYA2

Bollywood actress **SUSHMITA SEN** on Thursday confirmed a second season of her web series *Aarya*, which marked her digital debut last year. "She sees a storm coming...in the mirror. #Aarya #season2. Your wish is our command. Let's do this," the actress wrote on Instagram. Sushmita made her comeback on screen with the Ram Madhvani web series. The series was a hit and fans have been waiting for a second season. The series marked the actor's return to the screen five years after her last release, the 2015 Bengali film *Nirbaak*.

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KRITI SANON



"I don't think you can be scared and cautious and still move ahead in your career. Fear pulls you back. Once I know why I am doing a project, there is no fear. You like the film, the storyline, the scene. You know you are doing something slightly different. Yes, it can be experimental but that's your reason for doing it. I believe in all the films I am doing right now."

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ABHAY DEOL



"OTT platforms are a limited space for content, not at the mercy of multiplexes and single screen cinemas that get taken over by bigger films and producers that don't allow space for newer ideas. While the OTT platforms have to make popular cinema as they should, they have the ability to cater to those who want something outside the mainstream."

THERON OPENS UP ON RELATIONSHIPS

Academy Award winning actress **CHARLIZE THERON** opened up about men and past relationships in a show hosted by Hollywood star **Drew Barrymore**. Theron says she thinks back how she made herself smaller for a guy or in a relationship.



LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Adventure sports help to discover ourselves and overcome fears. **NIHARIKA NIGAM** shares the change in perspective in the last decade towards this field

Experiential travel has gained momentum over the years. People want to spend on experiences and creating memories more than ever, and this has become a favourable trend for the adventure sports industry. Comprising of various diverse activities and experiences, it has created a niche for itself in all holiday packages and itineraries, be it budget trips or luxury vacations.

The term 'extreme sports' is associated with high-adrenaline activities like bungee jumping, skydiving, scuba diving, surfing, rock climbing, etc. They are different from our usual sporting activities, in the sense that they are more mentally challenging and about overcoming fears. They consciously establish equanimity amidst 'perceived chaos' or usually fearful situations, rather than a test of skill and stamina. This is why standing at the edge of the bungee bridge, you can have an athlete back off, while someone at 110 kgs could not only attempt it but accomplish as well. It's an entirely different ball game and we love seeing people face their fears and rise above them.

Why indulge in adventure sports?
 They offer thrill, excitement and adrenaline rush of accomplishing a milestone by overcoming fears. By indulging in these action-packed activities, people get to have their once-in-a-lifetime experiences and memories to be cherished forever. Needless to say, it's a great de-stressor too.

Discover yourself
 Adventure sports are also a way towards self-discovery. Extreme sports such as mountain biking, scuba diving, kayaking, rafting, and bungee jumping are life-changing experiences that demand extreme courage



and mental strength. Those who step out of their comfort zone for leisure are considered to be extremely audacious.

Research published in the Journal of Humanistic Psychology reveals that adventure sports lead to a positive transformation in courage and humility. Bane, one of the research participants discussed his experience of windsurfing in storm conditions and admitted that it triggered an absolute life transformation, making him better and stronger.

Test your limits
 People participating in adventure sports go beyond their limits to overcome the anxiety and negativity in their lives. Moreover, they acquire self-reliance, improved self-esteem, and confidence to face challenges and situations more optimistically. Such experiences often result in better well-being and improved life expectancy, reveals the researches.



Joy of living

It is a common misconception that adventure sports are for fitness/adventure enthusiasts or 'experts'. Just like any other activity in life, while better fitness levels improve the experience, it is definitely not a prerequisite. In fact, one must experience these activities to generally improve their joy of living.

Find your calm

When the pandemic struck us, tourism was the worst hit. However, once everything started getting unlocked, people found solace in traveling and adventure sports to satiate their wanderlust.

Pushing your mental confines, adventure sports often put you in extreme situations which naturally make you handle it maturely and calmly. Flying in the open air after jumping out of the plane is not a cakewalk. Being in such a situation triggers chemical reactions in your mind but keeping your cool is what it demands. Such epiphanies develop you into a more matured and composed personality.

Broaden your horizons

Meeting new people and visiting new places introduce you to a new world every time. It expands the range of your knowledge and perception. New culture, habits and lifestyle help you become adaptive to the environment. You get the opportunity to indulge in unexplored terrains of life and perpetually gain better perspective. Involving in adventurous activities is an ideal getaway from the anxious life. This is a self-realisation journey that welcomes you to an entirely different world of thrill and positivity.

(The writer is Director-Business Development of an adventure sports company, Jumpin Heights.)

Vaani gears up for 3 releases



Actor **Vaani Kapoor** is gearing up for three back-to-back releases in three months. With *Bell-Bottom* locking May 28 as its release date, *Shamshera* releasing on June 25 and *Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui* on July 9, Vaani will be in an intensely hectic promotional schedule starting April. She is thrilled that all her films are slated to be big screen entertainers.

Vaani says, "It is remarkable that I have three back-to-back releases in three months. So, I'm mentally preparing myself for an intensely hectic work schedule. I don't think I will have a single minute for myself for the next five months and I'm not complaining about that."

The actor is excited to present herself in three different and diverse avatars in a span of three months. "It is exciting that

the audience will see me in three extremely diverse ways through these projects. I'm only hoping that all these three films are accepted by audiences and play an instrumental role in making people come back to the theatres," she says.

Vaani expects the audience to come back to the theatres to watch good cinema that gives them an unforgettable experience. She says, "I have shot for these films during the pandemic. The industry has shown its intent to only entertain audiences when COVID-19 subsides. So, I'm really looking forward to how the audience will support our films and the industry. We will offer them some of the best films and I'm hoping people will appreciate the content and head to the theatres."

A JAB OF EXCITEMENT

Sacre bleu, the Kiger is actually good



their eyes open, realised that India was a price-sensitive market and entered with the Duster, a built-to-a-price vehicle from Renault's Dacia stable in Romania. As we all know, the Duster was a hit. Yes, Renault's alliance with Mahindra was an ill-fated one which likely hit the success of the Logan sedan, but so did India's bizarre four-metre rule for cars. The Fluence and the Kaptur were commercial failures, possibly because Renault India did not have the pricing power that management thought they did, but conversely that is why the Kwid was a hit. Renault is clearly viewed as a value-for-money carmaker that doesn't make bad cars.

Honestly, the Kiger is a good car for the money that you are paying for it. Prices

start at ₹5.45 lakh for the base model with the 72PS naturally-aspirated engine. The RXZ variant powered by the 100PS turbocharged engine that I was driving had an ex-show-room price of ₹8.55 lakh and had been specified with features like a wireless charger and a two-tone colour scheme which would have brought up the price a bit, but even at eight and a half lakh, you are flabbergasted at just how good the value on the car is.

Let me get one thing straight up front, is this the best car in its class? No, it is not as nice inside and to drive as the Korean twins, the Sonet and Venue. The handling is not as sharp and while this turbo-engine responds faster and sounds smoother than what you experience on its rivals, the

overall ride comfort, handling and interiors, particularly the quality of the seats and plastics are better on the Korean cars. That said, you will be paying almost two lakh more for a properly specified variant compared to this manual turbo Kiger. And it isn't as if you don't get some nice features, you can specify wireless charging as an accessory which allows for wireless smartphone integration. The Renault infotainment operating system feels simpler than those on its rivals, but its simplicity means it is easier to navigate. The seven-inch digital display for the instrument cluster is well laid out and can be changed depending on which of the three drive modes (Eco, Urban or Sport) you select. Sport mode does

really does sharpen the engine and on the narrow winding roads of Goa's interiors, if you are willing to deal with some slight floatiness when you corner hand. My biggest gripe about the Kiger was actually the stitching on the steering wheel that isn't flush and when your hands need to move about a bit can be irritating.

Between the Magnite and the Kiger then, which one should you choose? Keep in mind that these two cars have far more in common than the Sonet and Venue, not least because unlike Kia and Hyundai they have their own separate factories. While the Sonet and Venue as well as the Creta and Seltos are built on the same platform, the vehicles don't only look very dif-

ferent, they have noticeable differences in the way that they drive and handle. The Kiger and Magnite are built on the same production line by the same assembly workers and honestly, I would probably be nitpicking if I really wanted to find ride and handling differences.

The main differences are in the looks and interiors. Now, I heard a comment that called the Kiger 'a Kwid on steroids' but, that said, I actually like the Kwid's looks particularly after the refresh. Personally, I think the Renault looks smarter because while the Magnite is not bad-looking, I really do not like the grille. But aesthetics are a personal choice. But, I do prefer the interiors of the Kiger, things feel a bit better laid out, and while the interiors are similar to the Triber, the Triber does have a nice passenger cabin. So, for me, it would be the Kiger, but things are marginal here as well, you are more than welcome to disagree with me on this.

But the biggest difference is between the two brands, as I wrote earlier, Renault is well-established. The Duster, Kwid and Triber have all done relatively well in the Indian market, there is a trust about the brand, you know that the product will be good and sales and service should not be worries. Nissan has not had that success over the years, and while the new management of the company is trying to make a difference, in the short run, I'm pretty sure the Kiger will outsell the Magnite even though both cars pretty much cost the same.

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CLASSICS IN CONTEMPORARY FORM

Each dish at The House of Celeste is centered around one core ingredient and is created to perfection with contrasting textures, colours and flavours, says AYUSHI SHARMA



Mixologist Dhawan Singh Jeena



Corporate chef Valice Francis



Sous chef Ishan Ahluwalia

How would you define good times? Rather, how would you describe that I am really "into" the food? For me, it's when a dish lands at my table and 'just one bite' turns into five... The next thing I know is I am overeating just to hit that single moment of satisfaction over and over again. Doesn't it happen with you too? Well, tucked away in Gurugram's upmarket 32nd Milestone, THC — The House of Celeste is an Indian restaurant that triggered this feeling of contentment.

You know what they say, "The best chefs don't merely prepare food, but they serve memories." And it makes so much sense because once your belly is full, your sense of taste has been stimulated and your craving mitigated, what lives on are the memories. You may not remember all that you ate for a particular dinner but you will consistently recall the fulfillment you felt toward its end, perhaps, because of the freshness of the ingredients or the aroma of a specific dish. And that's why I think my visit to The House of Celeste was worth it!

Walking past the exteriors, through a hallway, I made my way into the cafe, which was segregated into different parts. The interiors were done up with round mirrors. The ambience — replete with solid colours, peppered with floral upholstery — seemed to be tailor-made for experimentation. As I ran my eyes over the menu, I realised that the cafe's USP was to offer a sense of familiarity and nostalgia. For instance, the very first dish corporate chef Valice Francis brought to the table was *Puchka Pebbles*. He asked me to have it in one go, which I did, and later to my surprise, I found out that they were a modern take on *pani puris* aka *gol gappas*. The 'pebbles' were made of white chocolate and had a chilly shell with a filling of tamarind chutney, mint and coriander water, and saffron tart. This sweet-salty, not so spicy treat was a great way



to start the meal. "This idea actually came from a molten choco lava cake," chef Francis shared. The cafe presents 'borderless cuisine with Indian elements'. The main endeavour was to provide rich and flavourful food made with local ingredients and vegetables, which have been sourced with highest safety standards in mind. It presented an innovative and contemporary menu offering small plates, large plates, sides and desserts with the season's finest ingredients. Each dish was centered around one core ingredient and was created to perfection with contrasting textures, colours and flavours.

Next in line was the *THC Papadi Chaat*. It was prepared using crisp fried dough wafers known as *papadi*, along with boiled chickpeas, boiled potatoes, *dahi* (yogurt), tamarind chutney, and topped with *chat masala* and *sev*. The dish had sweet, sour, tangy and spicy flavours blended in one. I can still feel its creamy and crunchy texture in my mouth.

The next dish that caught my fancy was *Calcutta Beat*

Balls. Yes, it very much resembles the non-vegetarian meat balls. It was an unique entirely vegetarian creation that imitates non-vegetarian flavours. The tiny red balls were made of beetroot with a filling of smoked goat cheese cream to give an illusion of the meat balls — both visually and in taste. The flavours were impeccable, but the way it was presented was what stole the show. The chef rightly said as he chuckled, "It's an ideal option for a vegetarian who wishes to know what meat tastes like."

Typically, people, especially the more gastronomically experienced ones, concur that being a vegetarian is "out of place" with being a foodie. However, I can proudly say that I am both — a vegetarian and a foodie. And the menu bore witness to it too as it had a delectable list of vegetarian dishes.

Just like the food, the specially-curated cocktails were nothing short of indulgent. The cocktail menu aimed to elevate pleasure to a celestial level, where the familiar takes on a new sparkle, where the comfort-

ing becomes playful, and where classics find a contemporary form. Mixologist Dhawan Singh Jeena shared that they had an absolute-zero-waste bar. "For instance, fruit peels, dry flowers, coffee powder, leftover mint stems, squeezed limes, orange shells or other freeze-dried items are usually used in syrups and concoctions," said he. He believes that small steps can result in big changes.

To accompany the delectable food, the mixologist made a few cocktails like *Coffee Colada*, *Bittle Blush*, *Celest Mule* and more. Mixologist Dhawan shared that they haven't finalised their cocktail menu yet as they are still testing and poking around in the bar to create something refreshing and new. They would continue to add drinks to the menu, which seemed like a bonus for me to return.

The cafe had an inviting, comforting and laidback atmosphere. As I was still sampling food, *Paneer Khurchan* made its way to my plate. Apparently, the idea of the dish was derived from

the Hindi word '*khurchana*' which means 'to scrape'. So it was basically scraped paneer in a semi-dry gravy with some *achar* cream in it. The filling was stuffed in a steamed bun, which looked similar to a mini *kulcha*. I can bet one could eat this not so spicy and creamy delicacy even on a full stomach.

As I neared a saturation, the main course was in line, which included *Paneer Pasanda*, *Soya Keema Chettinad*, *Dal Moradabadi* along with *Gobi-Matar Kulcha* and traditional *Jodhpuri Chur Chur Naan*. The sous chef Ishan Ahluwalia's approach towards *Paneer Pasanda* was a little European and hence, he engineered the dish in the form of *Ravioli*. The cherry on top was that the *paneer* was baked instead of fried. The chef explained, "The authentic one is usually shallow fried. The stuffing has a lot of variations, but people prefer adding *khoya* and chopped nuts to it." It was served with parmesan crisp as garnish. Its gravy was a modification of *Makhani* gravy with the addition of onion paste. Well, full marks to the presentation as well as for setting my tongue on fire.

I am sure you would agree that *Keema* recipes are a popular element among all the meat lovers. THC's *Soya Keema*, prepared in a very Chettinad way, is a bonus for vegetarians like me. It had South-inspired flavours. They garnished it with *Malgapudi*, a South Indian spice mix, traditionally served with *idlis*. When you have travelled approximately 45 kms on traffic-stuffed streets that too on a weeknight with very little expectations from the food, but are welcomed with something marvellous, it is bound to win hearts.

With all this and more, what made my visit to THC priceless was the care and attention that chef Francis, sous chef Ishan and mixologist Dhawan put into every element, from the flavours, texture, presentation to the smell and the taste.



You are what you eat

Ahead of Protein Day, nutrition expert Dr JAGMEET MADAN shares that issues around this important nutrient need to be constantly discussed and propagated

While a number of socio-economic issues hound us today, our right to basic nutrition and health is one that should be demanded across the globe, especially in India. It is, therefore, not surprising that the second goal in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is 'Zero Hunger', which aims to reduce malnutrition in infants and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and older people. While India continues towards its commitment to becoming a malnutrition-free country, a number of hurdles, further exacerbated by the pandemic, continue to hinder and slowdown the progress. It is estimated that the pandemic will lead to a rise in hunger, with approximately 270 million people facing food insecurity as opposed to the 149 million during pre-COVID times. These findings are not only grave but a serious cause for alarm — India ranks 94 out of 107 countries on the Global Hunger Index 2020; in addition to grappling with an advanced protein deficiency issue with more than 70 per cent of our population at a risk of protein deficiency across age groups. A recent survey indicated that every second household in India has experienced a reduction in their intake of cereals, pulses and vegetables, even months after lockdown restrictions were lifted in most parts of the country.

It is, therefore, important — nay critical — to tackle the pressing issue of malnutrition and protein deficiency in specific head-on by not only creating awareness of protein-rich food sources but also dispelling misconceptions around accessibility, affordability, cultural nuances, and inherent hyperlocal habits. And this Protein Day, celebrated on February 27, with its theme of *Powering With Plant Protein*, let's delve into everything protein.

WHY PLANT PROTEIN?

We are perhaps the country with the single largest vegetarian population in the world with also a sizable population of flexitarians i.e. those who prefer a vegetarian diet while still enjoying meat (animal protein) in moderation. One of the key myths affecting the protein deficiency debate in India is the perception that not only are protein-rich foods expensive but that there is limited variety for those who don't eat meat — over 76 per cent recently surveyed shared this sentiment. Moreover, when presented with a number of protein-rich sources, a large segment of Indian mothers could only identify three out of 11 protein-rich foods correctly; thereby eliminating several key protein-rich sources completely.

This lack of knowledge coupled with the misconceptions that plant-protein is nutritionally inferior is myth to dispel as we continue in our quest to educate Indians about the role of proteins, especially plant-based protein rich diets that will help bridge the protein based nutrition and affordability gap.

IS IT FOR EVERYONE?

The quantity, quality and timing of protein consumed throughout the day across one's life span together play a role

in determining the health benefits of dietary protein. While one needs different levels of protein across different phases of life, the underlying key fact remains — protein is a key micronutrient that is essential for one's growth and development throughout life.

It begins with pregnant women and lactating mothers. A woman's diet during and immediately after pregnancy is pivotal for both, mother, and child, with proteins playing a key role in overall health and the baby's development. Diversity of diet and adequate quantity and quality of protein through variety of sources like pulses, dals, millets, whole grain cereals, milk and milk products, variety of beans and nuts and oilseeds are pertinent to be included in daily diet. For babies, the immunoglobulin of the breast milk derived from the colostrums adds to the benefits accrued from exclusive breast feeding of a baby for a minimum of six months which needs to be emphasised to all lactating mothers. The good quality protein based weaning foods with plant protein diversity should be an integral part of an infant's weaning foods.

For growing children, the need for protein intake is even more augmented as it not only helps in muscle and bone growth but also adds significantly to strengthening their immunity. Be it the usual routine at school, extra-curricular activities and cognitive development, protein plays an important role. The variety can be obtained from pulses and legumes, nuts and oilseeds, millets, oats, soybeans, almond or soy milk and peanut butter.

For healthy adults, who go about their day-to-day life, it is much required to continue to build immunity, maintain a healthy gut and repair of muscle wear and tear. In fact, it is believed that we may begin to naturally lose as much as eight per cent of overall muscle mass every decade after we turn 40, making it more important than ever to consume more protein as we age. Be it increased amounts of nuts, seeds, tofu, soy chunks, plant-based milk, beans such as edamame, green vegetables, jackfruit and pulses and legumes, adequate protein consumption based on one's requirements and lifestyle is crucial.

And while one may believe that protein's role with age might diminish, it is quite the contrary: With reports suggesting that one in three adults over the age of 50 experiences advanced muscle and strength loss, and thus, adequate protein intake is recommended for aging adults to support muscle and strength requirements.

Even as we recognise and act this Protein Day, it is important to make note that this cannot be a one-time or one-day discourse. Protein-related issues are very much an ongoing concern that need constant discussion, dialogue and education to continue on India's journey in becoming a healthy nation with sustainable well-being at its core.

(The writer is the National President of Indian Dietetic Association and supporter of the Right To Protein initiative.)

R E C I P E S

GULAB JAMUN CHEESECAKE

WHAT YOU NEED

- Plain digestive biscuits: 350 gm
- Ghee or unsalted butter: 120 gm
- Cream cheese: 600 gm
- Jaggery: 350 gm
- Gulab Jamun: 8
- Sour cream: 1 cup
- Thickened cream: 200 ml
- Eggs (lightly beaten): 4
- Cornflour: 1/3 cup
- Lemon juice: 2 tsp
- Blueberry compote: 50 gm

METHOD

● Preheat the oven to 180 C. Grease a round 20 cm springform cake pan and line the base. Side with baking paper.

● Place biscuits in a food processor and whiz to crumbs. Add ghee and whiz to combine. Press into the base of prepared pan and chill until needed.



● Place cream cheese and 250 gm jaggery in a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat until smooth. Beat in sour cream. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in

cornflour and lemon juice. Cut the *gulab jamuns* into halves and place them on the biscuit base. Then pour the cream cheese mix over it. Wrap the outside of the pan in three layers of foil and place in a large roasting pan. Add enough boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the cake.

● Reduce oven to 150 C and bake cake for one hour 40 minutes or until just set with a gentle wobble in the centre.

● Turn off oven and cool for three hours approximately or until cold. Remove from pan and place on a serving plate.

● When ready to serve, melt remaining 100 gm jaggery in a small saucepan over medium heat with two tablespoons of water, stirring to dissolve the jaggery. Cool completely, then pour over the cake.

● Garnish with blueberry compote and fresh mint leaves.

Courtesy: Chef Anas Qureshi at Molecule.

YAM FISH CURRY IN GOA ORGANIC MASALA

WHAT YOU NEED

- Yam: 3 cup
- Red pepper
- Coconut milk: 5 cup
- Onion (medium): 1
- Salt to taste
- ORCO hand-ground organic fish masala
- Organic ginger powder
- Organic cinnamon powder: 1/4 tsp
- Garlic: 4
- Organic Kashmiri chilli powder: 3 tsp
- Organic paprika powder:
- Balsamic or apple cider vinegar: 1/4 cup

METHOD

● In a steamer or pressure cooker, cook the yam pieces for 10 to 15 minutes until tender. Pierce the yams with a fork on all sides to allow the organic



masala to be absorbed. Keep aside.

● While the yams are steaming, grind together all the organic masala ingredients into a fine paste.

● This paste can stay for three months so if you like, you can make a large batch and store in the fridge.

● In a pan on medium flame, add one cup of water, the organic masala and the onion and stir. Cook until the water is almost gone and you are left with a thick paste.

● Add the cooked yam pieces, coconut milk and salt. Stir

thoroughly to mix and boil it.

● Once boiling, lower the heat, add the red pepper slices and turn off the heat.

● Serve hot with rice or millets.

Courtesy: ORCO

Pitch was good, quality of batting wasn't: Kohli

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

India captain Virat Kohli on Thursday said poor batting and not the pitch was responsible for the day-night third Test against England winding up inside two days and described the performance of batsmen on both sides as "bizarre".

Kohli insisted there were no demons in the pitch, which has been called "not ideal" by several former players like Michael Vaughan and Harbhajan Singh. Kohli said the track was absolutely fine at least in the first innings and only the odd ball was turning in the game which India won by 10 wickets on Thursday.

"To be honest, I don't think the quality of batting was up to standards. We were 100 for 3 and bowled out for less than 150. It was just that the odd ball turning and it was a good wicket to bat in the first innings," the India skipper said in his defence of the pitch.

Kohli said batsmen of both the sides did not apply themselves enough. Only Rohit Sharma (66 and 25 not out) and from England Zak Crawley (53 in first innings) managed to bat with ease.

"It was bizarre that 21 of the 30 wickets fell to straight balls. Test cricket is about trusting your defence. Lack of application ensured it was a quick finish," Kohli said.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel stole the limelight in only his second Test along side veteran Ravichandran Ashwin by returning with match figures of 11 for 70 to earn the



player-of-the-match award as India decimated England by 10 wickets to take an unassailable 2-1 lead in the four-match series.

Off-spinner Ashwin (15-3-48-4) also became the fourth Indian bowler and second fastest in the world to complete a commendable milestone of 400 Test wickets on Thursday.

Kohli showered praise on his two spinners for their match-winning efforts.

"A bizarre game which got over in 2 days. A lot of

Guptill finds form in run fest

AFP ■ DUNEDIN

Veteran batsman Martin Gupthill returned to form with a blistering 97 as New Zealand held on for a nail-biting win over Australia in the second T20I in Dunedin on Thursday.

Gupthill's Black Caps set Australia a challenging target of 220 after losing the toss but were made to sweat as Australia came within four runs of victory.

Both sides took advantage of University Oval's short boundaries in a thrilling match that featured 30 sixes and 434 runs at an average of 10.9 an over.

Marcus Stoinis starred for the Australians with 78 from 37 balls but Gupthill's 97 from 50 laid the foundation for New Zealand's win.

Black Caps spinner Mitchell Santner also shone amid the batting fireworks, taking four for 31, while Australian paceman Kane Richardson managed three for 43.

New Zealand allrounder Jimmy Neesham was another exceptional performer, taking two wickets in the final over when a rampant Australia needed 15 runs for victory. Neesham

also scored an undefeated 45, including six sixes.

The result puts New Zealand 2-0 up in the five-match series, on the brink of a win over the world's second-ranked T20 team.

Gupthill's innings gave him the record for the most sixes in T20 Internationals with 132, taking him past India's Rohit Sharma on 127.

The 34-year-old clubbed the ball over the boundary eight times, bludgeoning all comers in the Australian attack. He fell just short of his third Twenty20 century after being caught trying to hit a Daniel Sams delivery out of the ground.

Gupthill averaged only 17 in the recent series against the West Indies and Pakistan, then managed just 11.5 in the domestic competition before picking up a hamstring injury.

Pressure on the opener intensified when he made a duck in the first match against Australia on Monday, with calls for uncapped Finn Allen to join the squad. But he answered his critics with a return to his big-hitting best, bringing up 50 off 27 balls, with eight boundaries, including four sixes.

SINGLES

BOORA IN STRANDJA MEDAL ROUNDS

NEW DELHI: Naveen Boora (69kg) assured himself of at least a Bronze by advancing to the semifinals while Manjeet Singh (+91kg) entered the quarters on an all-win day for Indian boxers at the 72nd Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria. Boora defeated Brazil's Eravio Edson in his quarterfinal bout, prevailing 5-0 in the contest. Manjeet, on the other hand, got the better of Ireland's Gytis Lisinskas in his last-16 stage bout.

INDIA SKEET SHOOTERS IN LINE FOR MEDALS

CAIRO: Indian skeet shooters, including Olympic quota holders Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Angad Vir Singh Bajwa, were in line for medals in the team events at the Shotgun World Cup. On Wednesday, both the men's and women's three-member teams ended the first three qualification rounds in medal winning positions, with two more qualification rounds to go before the finals.

HEWITT NAMED TO TENNIS HALL OF FAME

LONDON: Two-time Grand Slam winner Lleyton Hewitt was named to the International Tennis Hall of Fame class of 2021 on Wednesday, along with the Original 9 of the women's professional tour. The honor for former world number one Hewitt came on his 40th birthday. Hewitt, who amassed 30 tour-level singles titles in his 18-year career, will be inducted in the Player Category.

GAUFF ADVANCES TO ADELAIDE SEMIS

ADELAIDE: Coco Gauff and Jil Teichmann advanced to the Adelaide International semifinals on Thursday after three-set wins on the Memorial Drive hard courts. The 16-year-old Gauff beat Shelby Rogers 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, and Teichmann defeated Anastasia Sevastova 6-4, 6-7 (8), 7-5. Gauff will next face second-seeded Belinda Bencic, who beat Storm Sanders 6-2, 6-4.

MASHAL SPORTS INVITE BIDS FOR MEDIA RIGHTS

NEW DELHI: Mashal Sports, the co-owners of the Pro Kabaddi League have issued a tender for the auction of the media rights for the next five editions of the league. The document can be purchased online at ₹2,50,000 plus taxes for entities incorporated in India and \$ 3,500 plus taxes for entities incorporated outside India. The shortlisted, eligible bidders can subsequently place bids for one or more of the following media rights packages, through an e-auction process. Star India was the broadcaster of the first seven editions of the league and were also the majority stakeholders in the league since the second edition of the competition.

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बजरिये इस नोटिस के द्वारा आपको दैनिक समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से निम्न भूमि से संबंधित वाद में आप लंबे अवधि से उपस्थित नहीं हो रहे हैं। जिसके कारण वाद लंबित है। इस वाद की अगली सुनवाई की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 08.03.21 निर्धारित की गयी है।

ग्राम	थाना/थाना नं०	खाता नं०	खेसरा नं०	रकबा(एकड़ में)
लोधमा	कर्रा 162	136 एवं 139	कुल प्लॉट 21	कुल रकबा 16.72 एकड़

अतः उक्त तिथि को अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के न्यायालय में उपस्थित होकर उपरोक्त वाद से संबंधित मामले में सभी साक्ष्य/प्रमाणित कागजात प्रस्तुत करें। उक्त तिथि तक उपस्थित नहीं होने पर यह मान लिया जायेगा कि उक्त वाद में आपको कुछ नहीं कहना है। तत्पश्चात एकतरफा सुनवाई कर आदेश पारित कर दी जायेगी। आज दिनांक-24.02.21 को मेरे हस्ताक्षर तथा कोर्ट की मुहर से जारी किया गया। इसे सक्त ताकिद ज्ञाने।

कार्यालय अभिहित अधिकारी -सह- अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी, चास (जिला बोकारो)

प्रेस विज्ञापित

चास अनुमण्डल क्षेत्र के सभी खाद्य कारोबारियों को सूचित किया जाता है कि भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा एवं मानक अधिनियम 2006 के अन्तर्गत प्रावधान के अनुसार खाद्य कारोबार करने से पहले अनुज्ञापित/पंजीकरण कराने क आवश्यकता होती है। बिना अनुज्ञापित/पंजीकरण के कारोबार करना कानून दण्डनीय अपराध है तथा छ: माह का कारावास एवं पाँच लाख रुपये की जुर्माना का प्रावधान है। इस हेतु अनुमण्डल क्षेत्र के सभी खाद्य कारोबारियों को अनुज्ञापित/पंजीकरण हेतु आवेदन प्राप्त करने के लिए अनुमण्डल कार्यालय परिसर में दिनांक 01.03.2021 एवं 02.03.2021 को कैम्प का आयोजन किया गया है, जिसका विवरण निम्न प्रकार है :-

क्र/सं०	दिनांक	आवेदन का प्रकार	कारोबारियों का प्रकार	शुल्क	आयोजन स्थल
01	01.03.2021	FSSAI Licence	12 लाख से अधिक कार्टन आवरे	2000-3000 ₹० सलाना	अनुमण्डल
02	02.03.2021	FSSAI Registration	12 लाख से कम कार्टन आवरे	100 ₹० सलाना	कार्यालय, चास

अनुज्ञापित हेतु आवश्यक दस्तावेज की विवरणी :-

- प्रोपराइटर्स/डाइरेक्टरर्स की सम्पूर्ण विवरणी (पता/मो०नं०/ईमेल आई०डी० इत्यादि)
- आवेदक/प्रोपराइटर का पहचान पत्र
- व्यवसाय स्थल के स्वामित्व का प्रमाण पत्र (नोटरीआइज्ड, सेल डीड, बिजली बिल, रेंट एग्रीमेन्ट, राजस्व रसीद इत्यादि)
- प्रोपराइटरसीप से संबंधित स्वी घोषणा पत्र/पार्टनरशिप डीड
- आवेदक/प्रोपराइटर मेडिकल फिटनेस प्रमाण-पत्र
- मैनुफैक्चरिंग के लिए अतिरिक्त दस्तावेज
- मैनुफैक्चरिंग युनिट का फोटो, प्रोसेसिंग एरिया सहित
- उत्पादन इकाई का ले-आउट/क्यूटिड क्षमता के अनुरूप
- मैनुफैक्चरिंग उत्पाद की सूची
- उपयोग में लाए जा रहे पेयजल की शुद्धता का जाँच रिपोर्ट
- होटल/कैटर/रस्टुरेंट के लिए अतिरिक्त दस्तावेज
- बुध्दखाना, मांस विक्रेता आदि के लिए नगर निगम क्षेत्र/पंचायत से अपनापति प्रमाण पत्र

पंजीकरण हेतु दस्तावेजों की सूची :-

- आवेदक का पहचान पत्र
- अगर पहचान पत्र में व्यवसाय स्थल का पता नहीं है तो व्यवसाय स्थल के लिए पता का प्रमाण-पत्र
- एक पासपोर्ट आकार का फोटो

नोट-सभी दस्तावेजों को स्वअभिप्रमाणित रूप में जमा करना है।

अतः चास अनुमण्डल क्षेत्र के सभी खाद्य कारोबारी जैसे-खुदरा विक्रेता, थोक विक्रेता, वितरक, विनिर्माता, होटल, रेस्टोरेंट, कैटर, बुध्दखाना, मछली दुकान, अण्डा दुकान, दुध दुकान, सब्जी-फल दुकान, फूड सप्लीमेन्ट बेचने वाले दवा दुकान, सरकारी एवं अर्द्ध सरकारी कार्यालय परिसर में संचालित कैंटीन, स्टोर रूम इत्यादि के संचालक/मालिक/प्रोपराइटर/पार्टनर इत्यादि को सूचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त तिथियों को कैम्प में सभी आवश्यक दस्तावेजों के साथ उपस्थित होकर अनुज्ञापित/पंजीकरण हेतु आवेदन समर्पित कर सकते हैं। आवेदन संबंधी किसी प्रकार की अधिक जानकारी हेतु अनुमण्डल कार्यालय, चास में पूर्वा 10:00 बजे से अपरा 05:00 बजे तक सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

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मुख्यमंत्री रोजगार सृजन योजना अन्तर्गत पिछड़ा वर्ग (BC) के बेरोजगार युवक/युवतियों के लिए सावधि ऋण योजना

झारखण्ड राज्य आदिवासी सहकारी विकास निगम लिमिटेड के माध्यम से झारखण्ड राज्य के पिछड़ा वर्ग (BC) के बेरोजगार युवक/युवतियों को सावधि ऋण पर आधारित निम्नलिखित योजनाओं को लेने हेतु विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। किसी भी कार्यदिवस पर आवेदन संबंधित कार्यालय में जमा किए जा सकते हैं। योजना का नाम - ऋण ऋण योजना, लघु व्यवसाय ऋण योजना, व्यवसायिक वाहन ऋण योजना, महिला समृद्धि योजना, व्यवसाय हेतु ऋण योजना।

नोट: इस संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवेदन की शर्तें झारखण्ड राज्य आदिवासी सहकारी विकास निगम लिमिटेड, राँची के प्रधान कार्यालय/शाखा कार्यालय/वेबसाईट www.jstcdc.org.in अथवा संबंधित जिलों के जिला कल्याण पदाधिकारी कार्यालय से कार्यालय में प्राप्त की जा सकती है। आवेदन प्राप्त एवं जमा करने हेतु आवेदक अपने जिला के जिला कल्याण पदाधिकारी कार्यालय/संबंधित निगम के शाखा कार्यालय से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं :-

क्र. सं.	जिला का नाम	निगम का प्रमण्डलीय शाखा कार्यालय	दूरभाष
1	राँची/खूँटी/सिमडेगा/लोहरदगा/मुन्दा	राँची शाखा- बलिहार रोड, मोराबादी, राँची	8084622679
2	हजारीबाग/रामगढ़/भतरा/कोडरमा/धनबाद/बोकारो/गिरिडीह	हजारीबाग शाखा-बहुउद्देशीय भवन, नियर ट्रेकर बस स्टैंड, हजारीबाग।	7004600628
3	लातेहार/पलामू/गढ़वा	झारखण्ड शाखा-मुन्दाबजार भवन, बाईपास रोड, झारखण्ड।	9031825488
4	पूर्वी सिंहभूम/पश्चिमी सिंहभूम/सरायकेला-खरसावा	चाईबासा शाखा-सुरोपियन क्वार्टर, चाईबासा	9934134105
5	जामताड़ा/देवघर/दुमका/गोड्डा/साहेबगंज/पाकुड़	दुमका शाखा-कचहरी हाता, कॉर्पोरेट बैंक के सामने, दुमका।	9905187885

पिछड़ा वर्ग के अर्थवर्गी को आवेदन पत्र के साथ सक्षम पदाधिकारी से निर्मांकित प्रमाण-पत्रों की अभिप्रमाणित प्रति संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा :-

- आवेदक का नवीनतम 2(दो) पासपोर्ट साईज फोटोग्राफ।
- झारखण्ड राज्य से अंमलानाई/ऑनलाइन निर्गत 1) जाति प्रमाण पत्र, 2) या प्रमाण पत्र एवं 3) आवासीय प्रमाण पत्र।
- उन्नत संबंधी प्रमाण-पत्र - विद्यालय/महाविद्यालय/संस्थान के प्राचार्य/प्रधान द्वारा निर्गत या सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा निर्गत जन्म प्रमाण पत्र।
- आधार कार्ड एवं बैंक खाता नम्बर(पासबुक के प्रथम पृष्ठ) की छायाप्रति।
- तकनीकी योग्यता, यदि योजना के लिए आवश्यक हो।
- संचालित की जाने वाली योजना से संबंधित योजना प्रस्ताव की हस्ताक्षरित प्रति संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- वाहन ऋण के आवेदकों के लिए-1) पूर्व का बना हुआ व्यवसायिक ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस की छायाप्रति 2) वाहन का कोटेडन।

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प्रबन्ध निदेशक,
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people were relieved when Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja) got injured. But then this guy (Axar) comes in. Bowls it quicker and from a bigger height as well. If the wicket has something in it, Axar is very lethal.

"I think we need to stand up and take notice of what Ashwin has done. In Tests, he is a modern day legend. As a captain, I am so pleased he is in my team," he said.

England skipper Joe Root was in no mood to give excuses for the heavy defeat, saying the tourists failed to capitalise on a decent start in the first innings after opting to bat.

"We were 70 for 2. But we didn't really capitalise on it. 250 on that wicket would

have made it different. We will come back using this hurt and come back as a better team," he said.

Instead of blaming the pitch, Root said it was India's "high quality bowling" that made the difference.

"The plastic coating on the ball gathered pace of the wicket. It was high quality bowling as well. Both sides struggled on that wicket. We don't define ourselves on a performance like this," he said.

"We shouldn't have any baggage from the previous games going into the last game. We have seen with the ball in hand, we can pick up wickets. I think it sums up the wicket, if I am getting a fifer."

He also congratulated

Ishant Sharma for playing his landmark 100 Tests and Ashwin for his 400 Test wickets.

Man-of-the-match Axar said his focus would remain on bowling wicket-to-wicket, a plan which has reaped him rich dividends so far in his nascent Test career.

"When it happens, it feels so easy, not so much when it doesn't," he joked.

"I am not thinking much. I want to continue this form. I am happy that if I am not contributing with the bat, I am doing it with the ball.

"My strength is to bowl wicket-to-wicket and not give any room...I just want to bowl as many dot balls as possible and make life difficult for batsmen," he said.

उपायुक्त-सह-जिला दण्डाधिकारी का कार्यालय, धनबाद (उत्पाद शाखा) खुदरा उत्पाद दुकानों की बन्दोबस्ती हेतु सुनवा विज्ञापित

एतद द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि विभागीय अधिसूचना संख्या 1/नीति-28/2018-2135 दिनांक 24.12.2018 द्वारा प्रकाशित झारखण्ड उत्पाद (मदिरा की खुदरा बिक्री हेतु दुकानों की बंदोबस्ती एवं संचालन) नियमावली, 2018 (समय-समय पर यथा संशोधित) तथा राजस्व पत्र द्वारा अनुमोदित बिक्री अधिसूचना की शर्तों के तहत, दिनांक 01.04.2021 से 31.03.2022 हेतु अथवा अनुज्ञापित निर्गत करने की तिथि से शेष बची अवधि के लिए तथा वित्तीय वर्ष 2020-21 की शेष बची अबन्दोबस्त दुकानों एवं वित्तीय वर्ष-2021-22 के लिए अनवीकृत धनबाद जिलान्तर्गत "देशी शराब की 07 (सात) दुकानों", "विदेशी शराब की 13 (तेरह) दुकानों" तथा "कम्पोजिट दुकान की 16 (सोलह) दुकानों" अर्थात् कुल-36 खुदरा उत्पाद दुकानों की बंदोबस्ती 33 समूहों में ई-लॉटरी प्रणाली द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार सम्पादित की जायेगी -

क्र	विषय	तिथि
1	"देशी शराब की दुकान", "विदेशी शराब की दुकान" तथा "कम्पोजिट दुकान" की बंदोबस्ती हेतु आनलाइन अय्यावेदन समर्पित करने की तिथि व समय	दिनांक 28/02/2021 के पूर्वहन 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 13/03/2021 के संध्य 07:00 बजे तक
2	ई-लॉटरी की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक 15/03/2021 के पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से
3	ई-लॉटरी का स्थान	जिला समाहणालय का सभाकक्ष
4	ई-लॉटरी समर्पित करने हेतु वेबसाइट का पता	https://jhexcise.neml.in
5	बंदोबस्ती पदाधिकारी	उपायुक्त, धनबाद

2.दुकानों की विस्तृत विवरणी:-

जिला का नाम	युक्त का नाम	दुकान की प्रकृति	दुकान का नाम एवं अवस्थिति	वार्षिक अनुशासुक	वार्षिक न्युनतम प्रत्याभूत राजस्व (ANNUAL MGR)	आवेदन शुल्क (एग्जैसी चार्ज +GST सहित)														
धनबाद	06_DHN_F_08	विश्रा	बेकारबांध धनबाद नगर निगम	1,00,000	0	32951644	32951644	6,83,223												
			कुल योग:-	1,00,000	0	32951644	32951644	6,83,223												
			धनबाद	06_DHN_C_02	देश्रा	बेकारबांध धनबाद नगर निगम	50,000	300000	0	3000000	72,390									
						कुल योग:-	50,000	3000000	0	3000000	72,390									
						धनबाद	06_DHN_F_02	विश्रा	भूली-02 धनबाद नगर निगम	1,00,000	0	21678352	21678352	4,57,757						
									कुल योग:-	1,00,000	0	21678352	21678352	4,57,757						
									धनबाद	06_DHN_F_03	विश्रा	गोमो-01 ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	25,000	0	29260218	29260218	5,91,694			
												कुल योग:-	25,000	0	29260218	29260218	5,91,694			
												धनबाद	06_DHN_C_03	देश्रा	गोमो-01 ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	15,000	1200000	0	1200000	28,130
															कुल योग:-	15,000	1200000	0	1200000	28,130
धनबाद	06_DHN_F_10	विश्रा													बिरकुच-02 बिरकुच नगर परिषद	75,000	0	19098624	19098624	4,00,262
															कुल योग:-	75,000	0	19098624	19098624	4,00,262
			धनबाद	06_DHN_F_11	विश्रा										केन्दुआ-02 धनबाद नगर निगम	1,00,000	0	27456768	27456768	5,73,325
															कुल योग:-	1,00,000	0	27456768	27456768	5,73,325
						धनबाद	06_DHN_F_12	विश्रा							हर्णा चौक ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	25,000	0	27430620	27430620	5,55,102
															कुल योग:-	25,000	0	27430620	27430620	5,55,102
									धनबाद	06_DHN_C_04	देश्रा				हर्णा चौक ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	15,000	1800000	0	1800000	40,130
															कुल योग:-	15,000	1800000	0	1800000	40,130
												धनबाद	06_DHN_M_23	कम्पोजिट	खरीयो ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	25,000	765573	9361059	10126632	2,09,023
															कुल योग:-	25,000	765573	9361059	10126632	2,09,023
धनबाद	06_DHN_F_03	विश्रा													कातरस-03 धनबाद नगर निगम	1,00,000	0	31253238	31253238	6,49,255
															कुल योग:-	1,00,000	0	31253238	31253238	6,49,255
			धनबाद	06_DHN_F_04	विश्रा										चसनाला धनबाद नगर निगम	1,00,000	0	19858068	19858068	4,21,351
															कुल योग:-	1,00,000	0	19858068	19858068	4,21,351
						धनबाद	06_DHN_F_13	विश्रा							बलियापुर-02 ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	25,000	0	22886856	22886856	4,64,227
															कुल योग:-	25,000	0	22886856	22886856	4,64,227
									धनबाद	06_DHN_M_28	कम्पोजिट				प्रधानखटा ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	25,000	691454	8454766	9146220	1,89,414
															कुल योग:-	25,000	691454	8454766	9146220	1,89,414
												धनबाद	06_DHN_F_07	विश्रा	मैधन-02 ग्रामीण क्षेत्र	25,000	0	25851390	25851390	5,23,518
															कुल योग:-	25,000	0	25851390	25851390	5,23,518
धनबाद	06_DHN_M_17	कम्पोजिट																		