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**BIGGEST** MOMENT OF MY LIFE: PANT

# SII, Biotech release jab dos & don'ts Withdraw unfair

Covid-19 vaccine makers' factsheet to help recipients understand shots' risks & benefits

hree days after the launch Three days are: the man tion drive and reports of sev-eral adverse events following immunisation (AEFI), Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech, makers of anti-Covid vaccine Covishield and Covaxin respectively, released a set of "Dos and Dont's aiming to help a recipient understand the risks and benefits of their vaccine."

Interestingly, soon after the approval of their vaccine by the DCGI early January, both firms had questioned the effi-cacy of each other's jabs. The Bharat Biotech fact-

sheet said that "it is advisable not to take the vaccine if a person has allergies, fever or bleed-ing disorder or is on a blood thinner. It also said that pregnant and breastfeeding women should also avoid taking Covaxin."

Those who are immune-

compromised or are on medi-cine that affects immune system, and those who have received another Covid-19 vaccine should also not get the Bharat Biotech's medicine, said the company whose vaccine is being refused by a section of doctors like the Resident Doctors' Association (RDA) of RML hospital in Delhi and Karnataka to name a few. They have preferred Covishield over

Private practitioners like Dr Rahul Bhargava, Director (Institute of Blood Disorder and Bone Marrow Transplant)
Fortis Hospital, Gurugram,
too, minced no words as he

doubted the efficacy of the

Covaxin.

He also felt that the two companies should have released the factsheets prior to the mega vaccination drive so that people were not only aware of the health impacts of the vaccines but also whether or not they are eligible for it.

The Hyderabad-based

biotechnology firm also said that the DCGI has authorised the restricted use of its vaccine under clinical trial mode. "Individuals, who are pri-

oritised under the public health programme of the Ministry of Health and Family welfare, will be covered under this endeavour. Informing the indi-viduals about the offer for vaccination with Covaxin will rest with the respective Government programme officials. Those offered Covaxin at pre-specified booths will have the options to receive or reject administration of the vaccine the factsheet stated.

The company document further described the ingredients in the Covaxin. It contains 64g of whole-virion inactivated SARS-CoV-2 antigen (Strain: NIV-2020-770), and the other inactive ingredients such as aluminum hydroxide such as aluminum nyaroxide gel (250 µg), TLR 7/8 agonist (imidazoquinolinone) 15 µg, 2-phenoxyethanol 2.5 mg, and phosphate buffer saline up to 0.5 ml.
"The vaccine thus has been

developed by using inactivated/killed virus along with the aforementioned chemicals," it said, adding that Covaxin is administered as an injection into the deltoid muscle of the upper arm. It is a two-dose series given four weeks

Not keen to be left behind in the race, within minutes the SII too released its factsheet, stating that people who are severely allergic to any ingre-dient of Covishield are advised not to take it. "Pregnant and lactating mothers should mention it to the healthcare provider before getting the jab. Also, do not forget to take the second dose!"

The SII said that one

should not get the Covishield vaccine if the person had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose of this vaccine which has "L-Histidine, L-Histidine hydrochloride mono hydrate, Magnesium chloride hexahydrate, Polysorbate 80, Ethanol, Sucrose, Sodium chloride, Disodium edetate dihydrate (EDTA), water for injection," as its ingredients.



A health worker receives a Covid-19 vaccine at a Government Hospital in Mumbai on Tuesday

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About the possible adverse effect of the vaccine, the SII said that "some of the very common side effects of the vaccines are tenderness, pain, warmth, redness, itching, swelling or bruis-

ing where the injection is given, generally feeling unwell, chills or feeling feverish, headache or joint aches."

However, if you feel dizzy, lack of appetite, abdominal

pain, enlarged lymph nodes. excessive sweating, itchy skin or rash, then you should contact the doctor as these are not very common symptoms, the release

vices.

The proposed changes to

sider its approach to informa-tion privacy, freedom of choice and data security.

the new privacy policy after user backlash over sharing of user data and information with the parent company, Facebook.

policy, Ministry orders WhatsApp **Govt seeks details** 

PNS NEW DELHI

A head of a meeting of a Parliamentary panel on Information technology on Thursday to discuss safety and security of users on social media, the Government on Tuesday asked WhatsApp to withdraw the recent changes in the privacy policy of the mes-saging app, saying unilateral changes are unfair and unacceptable.

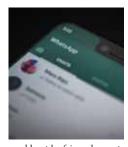
In a strongly-worded letter to WhatsApp CEO Will Cathcart, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology said India is home to the largest user base of WhatsApp globally and is one the biggest markets for its ser-

the WhatsApp Terms of Service and Privacy Policy, without giving users an option to opt-out, "raise grave concerns regarding the implications for the choice and autonomy of Indian citizens," it said.

The Ministry asked WhatsApp to withdraw the proposed changes and recon-

WhatsApp had on January 16 delayed the introduction of

Stating that Indians should be properly respected, the Ministry said, "Any unilateral changes to the WhatsApp Terms of Service and Privacy of services provided by WhatsApp in India, categories of data collected and consents sought



would not be fair and accept-

With over 400 million users in India, the changes will have a disproportionate impact on the country's citi-

zens, the letter said.

It asked WhatsApp to provide details of the services pro-vided by it in India, categories of data collected and permis-

of data collected and permis-sions and consents sought. Also, WhatsApp has been asked to explain if it conducts profiling of Indian users on the basis of their usage, as well as explain difference between the privacy policy in India and other countries. WhatsApp has also been

asked to provide policy on data and information security, privacy and encryption.

#### Adverse events here lowest in world, Govt allays fears taken. The whole world is clamouring for a vaccine. I workers not to hesitate to get

PNS NEW DELHI

A mid reports of vaccine hes-itancy among doctors and health workers, the Government on Tuesday tried to allay their fears saying that the concerns about adverse effects and serious problems, as of now, seem to be unfounded, negligible and insignificant and that the adverse events following immunisation reported "were fairly low, in fact lowest so far in the world in the first

three days."

It also urged healthcare

the Covid-19 vaccine as "it was their societal responsibility to get inoculated." Both the vaccines -

Covishield and Covaxin — are safe and a lot of effort has gone into making them, NITI Aayog member (health) Dr VK Paul said as he lamented that "It is saddening that healthcare workers, especially doctors and nurses, are declining to take

"We are not fulfilling our societal responsibility if a vac-cine assigned to us is not being

request you to please accept the jab. Vaccine hesitancy should extinguish because Covid-19 inoculation is taking us towards the elimination of this calamity," Paul said and disclosed that he himself has taken a jab of Covaxin.
"We are very fortunate that

we are running this vaccination drive at a time when the pan-demic looks like to be in a controlled situation. So in this period, by taking the jabs, we have to create a wall of vaccine-



induced immunity and be ready for any kind of eventuality in future," he said.

### **CM transfers ₹224.8 cr to 10,285 Sambal Yojana beneficiaries**

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Sambal Yojana provides support to the poor before birth till after death. Under the scheme, four thousand rupees is given before the birth of the child, sixteen thousand rupees after birth, then ex gratia assistance is provided for studies, ration, house, treatment and after death.

The previous Government stopped giving benefits of the scheme to the poor. Our Government has revived the scheme and every poor is being registered and benefits are being provided under the scheme. Chief Minister Chouhan transferred ex-gratia assistance amounting to ₹224 crore 08 lakh to 10 thousand 285 beneficiaries of Sambal Yojana through single click in a programme organized at Minto Hall on Tuesday.

CAPSULE

BBC APOLOGISES FOR 'Incomplete' india map

London: The BBC apologised

for any offence caused and rectified what it termed as the mistaken use of an inaccurate map of India, which had the

houndaries of J&K entirely

missing, triggering a formal

letter of complaint by Labour

Party MP Virendra Sharma.

SAJAD LONE'S PARTY QUITS GUPKAR ALLIANCE

Srinagar: People's Conference

announced his party's exit from

constituents of PAGD had fielded

**COVID-19 IN MADHYA PRADESH** 

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Bhopal 41707 74

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People's Alliance for Gupkar

proxy candidates in district

development council elections.

chairperson Sajad Lone

Declaration, saving some

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan transfers money to the accounts of beneficiaries of Sambal scheme at a programme at Minto Hall in Bhonal on Tuesday

Minister Brijendra Pratap Singh, MP V.D. Sharma, Principal Secretary Umakant Umrao and Labour Commissioner Ashutosh

Awasthi etc. were present. Chouhan said that the go ernment has decided that no poor will live in a kuchha house and by the year 2024 Minerals and Labour everyone will have a solid shel-

ter. Also, tap water will be pro-vided in every house. He said that the Madhya Pradesh government pays attention first and foremost to the person at the bottom and the ast person in the society. The government is arranging food, clothing, shelter, education and medicine for every poor.

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### CM to inaugurate 'Rozgar Utsav' at Minto Hall today

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hief Minister Shivrai Singh Chouhan will interact vir tually with youth and top employers from various dis-tricts of the state in 'Rozgar Utsav' programme organized at Minto Hall Bhopal in the context of "Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh. At the outset, the Chief Minister will inaugurate 'Rozgar Utsav' at 1 pm in Minto Hall.

The programme will be telecast live from Doordarshan. Technical Education, Skill Development and Employment Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia will be the special

Chouhan will also felicitate selected youths and employers in the programme. Shri chouhan will virtually interact with one youth each from Dhar Satna and Shivpuri districts, who have got employment.

## IAF team to go in for S-400 training, ignores US threat

India brushes aside sanctions warning by US

Brushing aside the US threat to impose sanctions, the first batch of IAF personnel will shortly leave for Moscow for training to operate S-400 air defence systems. India and Russia had inked a deal in 2018 worth over ₹45,000 crore for five defence systems. The first S-400 will arrive in India by this year end and the remaining four systems will be inducted

China has already inductand India needs it urgently to bolster its capabilities to secure its air space. The S-400 can Continued on Page 3 detect an incoming hostile air-



craft or missile from a distance of more than 500 km and shoot it down.

Giving details of the Indian team's departure to Moscow, Russian ambassador Nikolay Kudashev on Tuesday here described it as a "remarkable occasion" that will usher in "a airmen, will leave for Russia by

the end of this month for the

training.
"S-400 supplies initiative is one of the flagship projects in the Russian-Indian military and military-technical cooper-ation, which historically constitutes the main pillar of the special and privileged strategic partnership between our two friendly countries," the envoy said while hosting the Indian

### 14 migrants, baby girl sleeping by roadside mowed down by truck

Surat: Thirteen migrant labourers and a year-old-girl from Rajasthan who were sleeping by the roadside in Gujarat's Surat district were among 15 dead after a dumper truck ran over them on Tuesday, police said. Those killed include eight

women and a migrant worker from Madhya Pradesh, police said. While 12 of them died on the spot, three died during treatment at a hospital, police added. Except for the 19-year-old worker from Madhya Pradesh, all the other deceased were from villages in Banswara district in south Rajasthan. police said. Tragedy took place near Kosamba village, around 60 km from Surat. The truck driver, who apparently lost control over the vehicle after hitting a sugarcane laden tractor, has been booked under sections of the IPC and Motor Vehicles Act, police said.

### Young India take Gabba by storm

Brisbane: A fearless India, driven by its courageous youngsters, pulled of an exhilarating three-wicket win over Australia in the fourth Test to claim the series 2-1 and retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy on Tuesday.

Resuming at four for none on the final day, India overhauled the target with 18 balls to spare in a match that went down to the wire.

Rishabh Pant led the chase with his aggressive yet mature unbeaten 89 while Shubman Gill scored 91. Cheteshwar Pujara enduring many a painful blows on his body in his dogged 56-run knock that he raised with a 211ball vigil. Australia had won the pink-ball Adelaide Test while India struck back with victory in Melbourne. Third Test in Sydney had ended in a draw. India had won a historic Test series Down Under two years back and now the team is cherishing back-to-



back series victory.

Detailed report on P12

Team India players pose with the winning trophy after de test match at the Gabba, Brisbane, Australia, on Tuesday Team India players pose with the winning trophy after defeating Australia by three wickets on the final day of the fourth cricket

## **Biden to take up reins today** amid sky-high expectations

**US** Administration transition stands out for acrimony

PTI 🔳

oe Biden will be sworn in as the 46th President of the United States, while Kamala Harris will take oath as the first woman Vice President on Wednesday, in the midst of growing concerns over the safety of the historic inauguration following the recent violent attack on the Capitol Hill by pro-Trump supporters.

Evoking some of the nation's loftiest reforms helped This year, however, the Biden unseat President Donald Trump but left him with towering promises to keep. And he



creation on US President-elect Joe Biden in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday PTI

will be trying to deliver against the backdrop of searing national division and a pandemic that has killed nearly 400,000 Americans and upended the economy.

transition stands out for its acrimony. The process usually starts straight after the election,

President Donald Trump refused to accept the result of the November 3 election won by Biden, a Democrat. Trump has said he will not attend the inauguration. Trump, a Republican, will vacate the White House hours before the inauguration and is expected to travel to his Mar-a-Lago club in Florida. Chief Justice John Roberts

will administer the oath of office to Biden just after the clock strikes 12 (local time) at the West Front of the Capitol the traditional location under the unprecedented secu-rity umbrella of more than 25,000 National Guards, who have transformed the capital into a garrison city, mainly because of the threat of violent protest by Trump's supporters.

## CM to launch mobile governance on Jan 25

MP first State to take such step: CM STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The farmers and their family members will be getting basic revenue records and documents like maps, B1 copies, khasra on mobile from January 25 with the launch of India's unique mobile governance initiative by the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The Chief Minister will dedicate this innovative process to the people on January 25.

Farmers can get the benefit on a simple phone call on CM Helpline-181. The only requisites are Aadhaar and mobile numbers. The desired documents like B1, Khasra, and Maps will be sent on registered mobile number.

Under the evolving startup ecosystem in Madhya Pradesh

covering the social sector, agri-culture, agritech and food industry simultaneously for the first time in the country. The state govt is promoting startups and incubation centers

aggressively.

The Chief Minister informed that a new policy is being finalized. This will help at least 20 thousand youngsters get employment opportunities

Shivraj Singh said that we have moved towards Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Governance. Madhya Pradesh is India's first state to have taken steps in this direction.

Chouhan said that recent-

ly bold initiatives have been taken in the IT sector, the results of which will be visible He informed that out of 110 plots earmarked in IT Parks at Bhopal, Jabalpur and Indore at least 78 have been

provided to the investing companies following all the rules

that were processed within two to two-and-a-half months through online auction.
It also saved a revenue of

about 30 crore rupees while creating job prospects for about 20 thousand persons one or

CM said that the state has moved towards becoming Startup Hub. The Startups in Madhya Pradesh have touched more than 1132 figure and more than 3000 unregistered startups. Maximum startups have come up at Indore - 442 and in Bhopal - 346 are engaged in most startups in IT, most startups are IT services -184, Education 96, Health Care & Life Science 80, Agriculture 71, Food & Beverages 50 Industries are associated with

Madhya Pradesh also has large incubation centers, more than 39 incubation center net works have a capacity of more than 1200 seats, more than 200 startups are incubated.

### MP Police develops mascot 'Guddi' for women's public awareness campaign Samman

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Guddi' the mascot for the state-level women's public awareness campaign 'Samman' has been developed by Madhya Pradesh Police.

Guddi is a 16-year-old girl and socially aware and con-scious of his rights. She is able to differentiate between right and wrong. She does not get lured by anyone. The character of Guddi has been developed with the intention of creating ease in comparing girls of 14 to 18 year age group and could relate herself to that character.

In analysis of crimes relat-

ed to women in Madhya Pradesh it was found that most prone age group of girl victims is between 14 to 16 years and mostly they are the victims of sexual offenses. In the analysis it was found that this prone age group is targeted most and around 70 percent of the total kidnapping crimes, around 55

percent of the total cases of rape and around 52 percent of the total cases of human traffick-ing are face by this age group. Girls of this age also fall victim to cyber-crimes, human trafficking gangs. At this age

trafficking gangs. At this age, girls enter puberty from adolescence and also becoming independent in a way. For this purpose, the 16-year-old mascot was created by Madhya Pradesh Police in collaboration with Delhi-based cartoonist Jayato, who has worked in Tinkle, Target and Hindustan Times.

Different situations are

depicted through simple posters so that girls of that age can identify themselves with those situations and develop understanding. It has been dis-played in the poster that 'Guddi' does not fall into anyone's trap by protecting him self. Along with Guddi, 'Bhadiya Uncle,' Lomdi Aunty' and 'Dost Rani' also appear in

### FRAI urges PM to order recall of proposed COTPA amendments

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BHOPAL

 $F_{\text{Association of India (FRAI),}}^{\text{ederation of Retailer}}$ a representative body of about 4 crore micro, small and medium retailers from across the country with membership of 34 Retail Associations from Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western part of the country, on Tuesday appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to intervene and order a recall of the proposed 2020 amendments in the COTPA law which threaten to further attack the livelihoods of petty retailers selling tobacco and related products across India.

FRAI Madhya Pradesh Chapter on Tuesday staged a protest and has also appealed to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to save the interests and livelihoods of around 3 lakh micro retailers and their 10 lakh dependants in the state who sell multiple products to earn a meagre sum to look after

their families and save them from the potential harassment.

FRAI represents the interests of the poorest of the poor in the country and raise issues which impact their employ-ment opportunities and also render help to such people who are unable to express their views.FRAImembers sustain their livelihood by selling goods of daily needs which are demanded by general public like biscuits, soft drinks, mineral water, cigarettes, bidi, pan

etc. in the neighbourhood. The profit of these micro retailers in selling these essential products works out to about Rs 15,000 per month which is barely adequate to feed two square meals a day to their family members.

The Coronavirus triggered lockdowns and economic destruction has further damaged the economic condition of small retailers and any further adverse policy which destabi-lizes their business activity will be devastating.



Lighting at Gurudwara Nanaksar ahead of the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh, in Bhopal on Tuesday

### Pashudhan Sanjeevani Helpline 1962 has 85% satisfaction rate

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Launched by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan in 2008, '1962 - Pashudhan Sanjeevani', a veterinary care helpline was set-up as a joint initiative by the Animal Husbandry Department (AHD) of Madhya Pradesh and Bharat Financial Inclusion Ltd (BFIL), a 100% subsidiary of IndusInd Bank.

The service has till date attended over 9 lakh calls from farmers and provided treatment to more than 5 lakh cows in the state, with an 85% satisfaction

Cattle are especially critical to people in rural areas as they provide necessities such as farming, manure, food, transport, fuel and medicines. With a fee as low as ₹100, farmers, cattle and other livestock in Madhya Pradesh have greatly benefitted from the service. Even during the Lockdown, 1962 -Pashudhan Sanjeevani helpline



aided over 66000 farmers, treating 68,306 livestock, including red zones. This year however, in 2021, the fee charged will be raised to ₹150, owing to higher vehicular expenses and governmental budget constraints.
While talking to *The Pioneer* 

on Tuesday, J.N. Kansotiya Additional Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, Madhya Pradesh, said, Since its inception, 1962 -Pashudhan Sanjeevani has consistently served farmers with quality veterinary services, artificial insemination and vaccinations at their doorsteps. While the department of Animal Husbandry provides for doctors, AVFOs and medicinal supplies, BFIL supports the initiatives communication requirements tre & technology in Bhopal, essentially making sure every farmer is catered to.

Already being a leader in the livestock treatment landscape in the state of Madhya Pradesh, the Animal Husbandry Department will now integrate Pashudhan Sanjeevani. Provision has also been made for additional Gau-sevaks/AI workers involved in the project to deliver services in the field. The state govt is driving the project through all its machinery and has charted district level

plans.

The success of the initiative was followed by BFIL helping develop a Mobile App and other IT implementation tools to fur-ther aid farmers and livestock. Being a non-profit initiative, it is noteworthy that any proceeds received from services rendered go directly to Pashu Kalyan Samiti that works toward the welfare of animals.

### IGRMS organises exhibition on 'Maa Nanda Devi Raj Jaat'

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal is organizing an exhibition centered on the 'Maa Nanda Devi Raj Jaat' a ritual adieu to Himalayan Goddess. It was Himalayan Goddess. It was inaugurated by Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary, Culture, Tourism and Public Relations Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh. On this occasion, he said this exhibition reflects the said this exhibition reflects the socio-economic and cultural life of the people, their religious beliefs, ritual performances and spiritual-emotional bonding attached with the pilgrim-

In this regard, Praveen Kumar Mishra, Director, IGRMS said that the sacred Himalayas, peaks and moun-



tains are believed to be the abode of gods and goddesses with great power of control over the elements of nature. Nanda Devi, the second high-est Indian mountain deified as Devi is the preeminent goddess of Garhwal and Kumaon. The Nanda Devi Rai Jaat is considered one of the toughest pilgrimage covering a long route of 280 kms with 19 halts held around the Nanda Devi Mountain.

The entire journey is a rit-ual enactment of bidding adieu to Devi Nanda from her parental home in Nauti village, Chamoli to her husband's home in Homkund. The

When a soldier give his villagers a motive towards a

change and this small step

changes thier entire life. A movie

'Frontiers of Freedom' was

screened at Shaurya Smarak

showcasing an effort of a soldier.

The movie was screened here on Tuesday. The movie was

screened at the open air audito-

rium of Shaurya Samrak under

the regular series of film screen

The movie basically show-

cases the efforts of a soldier to

bring a change of betterment at

his village. As the soldiers pro-

tects and guards the country

from outside dangers, while returning to thier homes it is

realised that a war is to be sort

the front to his village, realises

that the war has not made any

impact on the villagers. The film shows the efforts put in by

this jawan to impress the villagers that though ceasefire has been

A jawan, just returned from

ed in their villages too.

Nanda-Jaat is held annually in Chamoli, Pithoragarh and Bagheswar area, where the palki of Devi is taken around in procession. Nanda Devi Raj laat is conducted once in every welve year when a Chau singa Kharu (four- horned ram) is born who is believed to be the incarnation of goddess, leads the Raj Jaat as guide. Local deities and common people of the entire region join in this yatra and enjoy royal patron-

Regarding this exhibition Programme coordinator of the exhibition, R.M. Nayal told that a wide range of objects supported with some rare pho-tographs are used to enhance this exhibition focusing on mid Himalayan culture in general and Nanda Devi Yatra in

### TI&TI Next to host 50% off Republic Day sale from Jan 23

Indore's favourite shopping destinations, Treasure Island and TI NEXT will host four days of FLAT 50% OFF as a part of their 'Republic Day Sale' from January 23 and shall conclude on January 26 with over 200 prominent brands. The most sought-after brands like Marks & Spencer, Max, Project Eve, The Body Shop, Raymond, Arrow, Park Avenue, Skechers, Central, H&M, Trends, Biba, Regal Shoes, INC 5 and more will all be a part of this sale. Both the malls on this occasion will have the 'Republic Day Special Décor with Treasure Island having a theme of 'India Gate' and TI NEXT installing

Treasure Island & TI NEXT mall will have something very exciting to look forward to; Treasure Island Mall will be offering free Private Screening at PVR to the highest shoppers of the day from January 23 to 31. Patrons can win the comfort of having the entire cinema hall for their family and friends, for shopping at the mall.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajat Bhargava, Centre Director, Treasure Island, and Treasure Island NEXT said, "At some point in all our lifetimes, we have always wanted to have the entire cinema hall to ourselves, our friends and family and that is exactly what we are offering our patrons this time around, for being the highest shopper with us until the end of the month. Besides this, from January 23 to 26, over 200 prominent brands across both malls shall be offering a FLAT 50% off for four days. We are doing all this by ensuring full safety of our patrons and providing them with the most hygienic conditions for families to come and avail the best deals that the city has to offer."

Both the malls will be following the industry-best prac-tices to ensure Safety and Hygiene is maintained at the mall premises. Keeping in mind the safety of the patrons when they are at the mall, both the malls have joined hands with Bureau Veritas to ensure industry-best practices have been implemented.

### mobile phone store owner

4 held for duping



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Piplani police have arrested Photo finite direction of three persons for duping a mobile phone store owner to the tune of lakhs of rupees by selling over 125 mobile phones in the period of 2017 to 2019

The complainant Varsha The complainant Varsha Singh owns Mobile Junction near Jublee gate who lodged a complaint against Arvind Singh, Aditya Singh and Nitesh who were partners in the shop and used to sell mobile phones at the shop and during the peri-od they sold numerous mobile phones without maintaining audit was conducted fraud was

The police have registered a case under sections 420 and 406 of the IPC and started further investigation.

The fraud surfaced when the shop was to be shifted and audit was done and initially 35 mobile phones were found to be sold without receipts which was found to be done by the three accused.

Victim started business with the three who were part-ners and used to work at sale counter as well and in the two years of time, the accused sold over 125 mobile phones which is found in the investigation and number would high in the further investigation.

The estimated fraud is

### MP shooters to represent India | Movie 'Frontiers of Freedom' showing valour in upcoming ISSF World Cup of soldier screened at Shaurya Smarak

Talented sportsmen Manisha Keer and Neeru Dhanda of Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy will represent the Indian team in the upcoming ISSF World

In recent National Shooting Trial in Delhi, both the players performed brilliantly and made it to the selected top-5 shotgun players. Manisha Keer was third with 109.62 national rankings and Neeru Dhanda was fifth with 106.08. It is noteworthy that the ISSF World Cup is scheduled to be held in Cairo in February 2021, India in March and Korea

in April 2021. In the National Rankings released by the NRAI after the first and second trials held in Delhi, shooting academy player Akash Kushwaha took second place in Trap Event Junior and Arjun Thakur got Skeet Event and Preity Razak finished fourth in Trap Event.

Academy's star rifle player

nrst plac with a score of 11.76 in the 22 Three Position Event.

Players returned to Bhopal after participating in the recently concluded National Shooting Trial in Delhi. Sports Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia met the players.

. Yashodhara Raje Scindia applauded the great performance by the academy players in the trial held in Delhi. She expressed her happiness and congratulated Manisha Keer and Neeru Dhanda's selection in the World Cup. She said that our daughters are unfurling the state with their excellent performance, which we are proud

Director Sports and Youth Welfare Pawan Jain informed the Sports Minister about the departmental achievements.

Director Sports Vinod Pradhan and B.S. Yadav and other officers, Assistant Instructor Chatgan Indrajit Sikdar were

The soldier brought a change in his village by running a cleanliness drive. He encouraged the villagers to keep their surroundings clean, and it was not less than a fight. The soldiers

and also spreading awareness about the same. When he had to return to the front, he almost changed the scenario of the village. It was a commendable job.



During his Delhi visit, Protem Speaker Rameshwar Sharma on Tuesday called on Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and handed him a memento of the State Assembly

### Rama Takshak's book launched at Rabindranath Tagore varsity

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The new book 'Jab Maa Kuch Kehti Main Chup Reh Sunta' by Rama Takshak was released on Tuesday, in a pro-gramme held at Rabindranath Tagore University

The event was organised by AISECT Publication in a joint event of Vanmali Srujan Peeth Overseas Indian Literature and Culture Research Center, Faculty of Humanities and Languages, Tagore World Arts Culture and Culture Center, Rabindranath Tagore University

under Vishwarang.
Takshak is the National Director of Vishwarang International Events in Netherlands, Rama Takshak is one of the personalities who has maintained the charm of Hindi in abroad. He not only write but also gather writers around the world, organize seminars and maintain an active environment in favor of Hindi.

In this Hindi poetry book, mother has been represented as a symbol of love, kindness, compassion and kind heart. In mother spreads to the realm of the wider humanity where it extend sensations through many images from nature and society to history. His collection should be read as compositions of representative creators of diaspora.

On this occasion, Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University Santosh Choubey said that the Pravasi Bharatiya Literature and Culture Research Center, Language Education Center, Translation Center has been established in Rabindranath Tagore University It is the dirst event under this centre. Soon, workshops and seminars will be organized at international level and creative works will be edited for migrant literature and litterateurs.

On this occasion, Marion Riders, a resident of the Netherlands, expressed his Various renowned poets and writers were present on the

around Rs 35 lakh which has been revealed in the investigation and total loss might be more as the further investigation. The accessories were also be checked which were also

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### Many depts doing best work | Dist court sentences man to for public welfare: Chouhan

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that many departments are doing best work related to public welfare. Many innovations have been adopted. Information regarding this should be made available to the general public by ministers who should take the lead and apprise the public through various activities. Other departments and individuals are also motivated in this direction on getting the

details of good works.

Chief Minister Shri
Chouhan was addressing the
Cabinet members before the Cabinet meeting at Mantralaya

today.

The Chief Minister said that we are policy makers. Ministers should also present the idea of a particular innovation or work related to their department. If the ministers are aware of the important activities of the department along with the Government, it would be the best. Ministers should also be departments. Decision on the ideas presented by the ministers will be taken after deliberation. All departments will give their presentations as per order.

Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh broke all records in wheat procurement. Madhya Pradesh became the highest earning state in the country. Similarly, the purchase of paddy was also historic. The farmer of Madhya Pradesh is satisfied. Payments were made procurement of paddy in the state was done systematically. Ministers also deserve to be congratulated. This achieve-ment was possible with the cooperation of all.

Chouhan said that liquor mafia has to be crushed completely in the state. Deaths due to consumption of poisonous liquor in Morena are a matter of grief and misfortune. The administration has started a campaign against liquor mafia, which will continue. The Chief Minister said that we will

of mafia are eliminated. From time to time, the progress of campaign against various mafia and adulterators is being sought after communicating with the Commissioners and IG level

Chouhan said that he will consider the transfer policy. The policy will be made in rational. The Chief Minister said that the ban on transfer will be lifted from April 1 to 30. Efforts will be made to implement a transparent system on humanitarian and administrative grounds. No transfers will be made throughout the year. For this, every department should review and make necessary preparations.
Chouhan said that the

ministers should study the present form, justification and necessary amendments of the schemes of the departments. The concerned ministers and every department should review their schemes in the context of the upcoming bud-

# 5-yr RI for molesting 10-yr-old

#### Also imposes fine of ₹20,000

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Adistrict court on Tuesday sentenced a 24-year-old accused to 5 years of rigorous imprisonment and also imposed a fine of Rs 2000 for molesting, wrongful restraint of

a 10 year-old girl.

The accused was sentenced in the court of Kumudini Patel in which accused was sentenced 5 years of imprisonment for case under sections 9 and 10 of POCSO Act, 3 years for wrongful restraint by trespass-ing and 1 year of imprisonment for case under section 354 of

According to prosecution, the accused Vinod Meena, came to house regrading enquiry of house on rent when victim was alone and when she replied and went inside accused came inside house locked the

ed her, the victim raised alert and locals rushed to her rescue and nabbed the accused.

The molester also intimi-

dated her not to tell anybody about the incident. The accused tried to strangulate her and threatened that he would kill her on raising alert. The case was registered in the year 2014 and presented in the court in the year 2015. Meanwhile, the 32nd Road

Safety month would be observed from January 18 to February 17 and under the week traffic awareness rally was organized by Traffic Police Bhopal was organized on Tuesday at at Motilal Stadium, Lalparade Ground of state cap

The chief guest of this program was Avinash Lavania, Collector Bhopal, Chairman Irshad Wali Commissioner Municipal Corporation Bhopal Aditya Singh CEO as special

guest in the program.

Additional Superintendent
of Police Sandeep Dixit said

jointly organized by responsi-ble departments on information, engineering, education, emergency, golden rules of traffic, over speeding, use of mobile during driving, wrong lane driving, drunk and dri-ving, over taking, helmet, seat belt, safe pedestrian.

These will be disseminated through VMS, PA system, smart poll, banner poster, leaflets, short films, street plays, awareness chariots, socials, electronic and print media.

### AAP to join the 'KissanTractor Parade' on Jan 26 in Delhi

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday announced to join the 'Kissan Tractor Parade' on January 26 in Delhi with the party volunteers from every village set to join with

"AAP volunteers across the state would join the parade with tractors from every village. AAP would join this agitation not as a political party but as a farmer, a labourer, and a vol-

unteer of the party.

AAP is a party of common people who are mostly farmers and labourers," said AAP's Punjab unit president and Sangur MP Bhagwant Mann. Mann said that today, the

eaceful agitation being waged by the farmers for their survival and existence had become the largest agitation in the world with the participation of such a large number of people and in a planned and peaceful manner.

"This fight is not only to repeal the black laws but also to save the country's Constitution. It is the constitutional right of the farmers to take out the tractor march in a peaceful manner which the Government is trying to take

Mann said that the Modi Government at the Centre should give up its stubborn attitude and immediately accept the demands of the farmers, repealing the three black laws.

### Bagheli Gayan, folk dance performed under MPSTM's Gamak series

Under Gamak series, Bagheli Gayan and folk dance forms were performed at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum here on Tuesday. Shashi Kumar Pandey and group from Rewa performed 'Bagheli Gayan' and Jiyalal and group from Dindori performed Gond tribal dance Saila and Karma'.

The series of spellbinding performances began with Bagheli Gayan by Shashi Kumar Pandey and group. They began, with 'Alari Nimiya ke dar, parare jhulna'. The perfor-mance was followed by Nahchhu song- Bolai diate ho salgi nagar ajodhya ki Basant song-' Vedardi se kahi de sandesh ' , 'Tappa- Kahna Ke Ahe Kahan Jaabe', Dadra- 'Naina Ladi Jaaye Úde Pink Chunariya', Suagit- 'Siya Hare Ravan Jaye, Siya Romai Rathma Baithe', and Varsha Gayan - 'Jhoola Jhule Jhun Kunwar Kanhaiva'

On the stage Shashi Kumar Pandey was accompanied by Manisha Singh, Shivani and Shivangi Pandey on vocals, on banjo by Pawan Giri, on Dholak by Sachin Vishwakarma, on tabla by Sanjeev Nagar, Nagadia and on Manjira by Martand

Tiwari. Pandey was born in a musical family, he has been singing Bagheli since child-hood, he took the education of folk music from his mother, Savitri Pandey. Pandey is an 'A' grade artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan, and has performed in many prestigious forums in the country.

The second performance was by Jiyalal with his fourteen fellow performers. They performed the Gond tribal dance-'Saila aur Karama'

Saila Dance is performed on the moonlight nights of autumn. It was named Saila due to the poles of about a quarter of a hand. Saila dance is practiced to please Adidev. Karama Saila is a popular dance of the Gond

Karma Dance is the dance that inspires 'Karma', Karmapuja is celebrated in eastern Madhya Pradesh, Karma dance is per-formed in it. Both young men and women take part in the dance. Gond Adivasis dance in almost all seasons except the rainy season. The field of Karama dance-song is very wide in Madhya Pradesh. It extends from remote Chhattisgarh to Gond and Baiga tribals of Mandla.

### Dog's death: case registered against veterinary doctor

**Gurugram:** Following a court order the Gurugram police have booked a veterinary doctor and attendant/compounder for negligence that led to the death of two stray pet dogs belonging to a Sector-56 residence in Gurugram. The complainant Anees Rahil, of Sector-56 in Gurugram, who

is also a owner of the dogs stated in her police complaint that in May 2020, she had visited the pet hospital located in the same vicinity along with a female dog after her health deteriorated.

"At the hospital, Dr. Dangi assured the complainant that her dog is undernourished and would recover soon, later the dog was referred to 'Animalia Veterinary Policy clinic' Sector-47 for ultrasound and X-rays. Thereafter the dog was admitted at the doctor's hospital for further treatment," the complainant alleged

in her complaint.
On 25 May 2020, the complainant again brought her male dog as he was too looking unwell.
"The dog was taken to the same hospital at that day the doc-

tor was not available but in his absence the compounder Anup Singh started treating the dog and gave him some drugs and injected him," the complainant told the police.

She then went home and later got a call from the hospital

that the dog had passed away. A few hours later, a call from the hospital again that her female dog had expired too.

The complainant alleged that when she had visited the hospital to fetch the dog's body she was shocked as it was kept outside the hospital tied up in a plastic bag despite the fact that the dog was in a breathing state. She called for help but in the meantime, the dog passed away.

Police personnel take part in an awareness rally at the beginning of 32nd Road Safety Month, in Bhopal on Tuesday

### Mobilisation for Republic Day tractor rally in Delhi gains momentum in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A head of the proposed Republic Day tractor rally in Delhi, farmer unions have begun holding tractor rallies at villages in Punjab to mobilise people for their parade in the national Capital.

Farmer leaders said tractor rallies have been held in places like Nawanshahr and Gurdaspur as a build-up to the proposed January 26 event and more are January 26 event and more are planned over the next two days. "There is a great enthusiasm among people in Punjab to become part of the tractor parade," Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ekta Ugrahan) general secre-tary Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan

### CM to inaugurate 'Rozgar Utsav' ...

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It may be noted that in opportunities to the youth of the state by providing job-oriented training in technical skills under Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh. the Technical Education, Skill Development and Employment Department provided job opportunities to thousands of youths through more than 100 employ ment fairs last month. In this financial year, so far about one lakh 45,000 youths have been provided employment and selfemployment opportunities by various departments.

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said on Tuesday. He claimed that five to 10 tractors are ready to leave for Delhi from many villages, and in some over 50 are lined up.

We are fully geared up for a tractor parade. We have given a call for taking out tractor marches in all villages in the state on January 20 and 21 in view of the January 26 tractor parade," said Kokrikalan. "We are taking out tractor marches to make people aware of the January 26 tractor parade," a farmer who took part in a rally in Gurdaspur said. He said the aim is to get the maximum participation possible for the Republic Day event to press for the repeal of the three "black

laws" on farming.

Another farmer said they wanted to let the government know that there are still many tractors left in Punjab, even after the massing of tractor-trolleys by farmers protesting at Delhi's border. "We still have a large number of tractors back home that will move towards another farmer said.

Farmer unions have announced that they would hold the parade on Delhi's Outer Ring Road as part of the protest against the new agri-marketing laws enacted at the

Centre. Farmer unions have said they planned to hold their parade on the periphery of the national capital and would not disrupt the official Republic Day event. Bhartiya Kisan Union (Sidhupur) president

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Jagjit Singh Dallewal said 20,000-25,000 tractors would come to Delhi from Punjab alone for the planned parade. Farmers with their tractors will leave for Delhi later this week union leaders said. "Our batches will start moving towards Delhi from January 23 and 24,"

Kokrikalan said. Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee general secretary Sarwan Singh Pandher said their batches will head for the capital on January 20 and January 22. BKU (Ekta Ugrahan) vice president Harinder Kaur Bindu said women who are camping at the Delhi border and those who come later from Punjab will take part in the parade. "Several women will also drive tractors

on January 26," she said. Kokrikalan said announce ments are being made from gur-dwaras and from vehicles fitted with loudspeakers for mobilis-ing people for the parade Farmer leaders have earlier said their tractors would fly the national flag and also carry the flag of their organisations.

#### YOUNG VOLUNTEERS GIVE A HELPING HAND

Lending a hand to mobilize more and more support for the January 26 'Kisan Tractor March at the national capital, 'Punjal First' - an organization by the young volunteers - have launched a campaign to cover the State's prominent places with yellow flags in solidarity with the agitating farmers.

### 40% health care workers turn up for Covid-19 vaccination in Chandigarh vaccinated in Chandigarh since the launch of vaccination drive

A round 40 percent of health-care workers against the registered beneficiaries turned up for the COVID-19 vaccination in the union territory of Chandigarh on the second day of vaccination drive on Tuesday

A total of 204 health care workers were given doses of vaccination on Tuesday against the upper limit of 500 beneficiaries and no major side effects were reported, said an official spokesman of Administration.

Five sites were set up for the rive sites were set up to the vaccination drive in the city. The spokesman said that a total of 90 beneficiaries were vaccinated in GMSH-16, 20 HCWs in CH-Sector 45, 35 HCWs at GMCH-32 site one, 29 at GMCH-32 at site two and 30 HCWs at Air Force Station here. Around 100 beneficiaries are allowed to be vaccinated at

each session site. Till now, 578 healthcare workers (HCWs) have been

held on Thursday, the spokesman added. The Administration had received 12000 doses of Covishield, developed by the Oxford University scientists in collaboration with the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca.

for COVID-19 on January 16. On the day of the launch of vac-

cination, 374 health workers had received their first dose of

The next vaccination ses

sion in Chandigarh would be

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FRESH CASES IN CHANDIGARH 31 fresh COVID-19 cases were detected in Chandigarh on Tuesday taking the total infections to 20595.

In the last 24 hours, no death has been reported in the city due to the virus. The death toll due to COVID-19 stood at 330, as per the Chandigarh Health Department's evening

### Delhi Traffic Police to organise Road Safety Month

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Traffic Police is organising road safety month to motivate commuters to obey and follow traffic rules and regulations. Police said that the initiative, which began on Monday, will continue till February 16. Surendra Choudhary, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Traffic, inaugurated a series of events from Ring Road opposite Gate No. 2 AIIMS, where the traffic staff of Defense Colony Traffic circle educated commuters. The volunteers from JK Tyres displayed cardboards with messages on road safety. "The traffic police staff from the Road Safety Cell briefed the commuters through loudspeakers, and the circle staff managed the traffic regulations and briefed them to obey traffic rules and regulations for their own safety as well as for the safety of others, said the DCP. Similar awareness drive was carried out in other areas of the city as well, where volunteers from an NGO also educated the traffic commuters and distributed helmets to commuters found riding without wearing a headgear," the DCP said.

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Chouhan said that four Shramodaya schools are being run to provide good education to the children of labourers in the state. With a view to expanding education, more Shramodaya schools will be opened in the state The Chief Minister said that everyone has the right over

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rights to the po who earn more will take tax and help those who do

not. In a virtual conversation with Mumtaz Bano of Betul district, Chief Minister Sarkar and Shivraj are with you". Mumtaz Bano said that with the ex gratia assistance of Rs 2 lakhs, she will start rearing goats and open a grocery for livelihood. Her husband passed away due to can-

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End of

subsidy in

Parl canteens

Agreeing to the long term demand, Parliament has

decided to end the subsidy in the canteens which may save annually around ₹8 crore.

Briefing the media on Tuesday, Lok Sabha Speaker

Om Birla said that Lok Sabha Secretariat which was bearing

the cost of subsidy has decided to stop the practice of sub-

sidised price of food items in

the canteens and the canteens

will be run by ITDC in place of

Talking to reporters about preparations for the next Parliament session, beginning

January 29, Birla said Question Hour and Zero Hours will be

in this session. Members of

Parliament will be requested to undergo the COVID-19 test

before the start of the Budget

Northern Railway.

#### **CENTRE'S CALL AHEAD OF BENGAL POLLS**

## **Bose's birth anniversary** declared 'Parakram Diwas'

PNS NEW DELHI

 $A^{
m head}$  of the Bengal polls, the Centre on Tuesday announced to celebrate Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth day on January 23 as 'Parakram Diwas' (Valour Day) every year with Prime Minister Narendra Modi all set to attend the first day of programme in Kolkata on Bose's 125th birth anniversary. He will also inaugurate an exhibition on the grounds of the National Library to mark the occasion in the state.

However, the decision was slammed by the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress which termed it as poll gimmicks while evoking a mixed response from Subhas Chandra Bose's grandnephew CK Bose, who is also a BJP

TMC leader Saugata Roy said that the declaration to celebrate the day as 'Parakram Diwas' has been made with an eye on upcoming West Bengal Assembly polls. He said that there shouldn't be politics in

Netaji's name.
Roy added that if the Prime Minister wanted to do it, he could have done it six months ago. "Why on the eve of Netaji's birthday and just before the Assembly Elections in the Atate?"

He added that TMC is not

happy with the Government's decision. "We are not satisfied with the Government's decision to celebrate Netaji's birthday as 'Parakram Diwas'. It

We believe Netaji deserves much better. We will observe this day on our own with Mamata Banerjee leading a

Earlier, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting the Modi Government to declare the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as a national holiday.

Naren Chatterjee, state secretary of the Forward Bloc, the party formed by Netaji in 1939, said, "Instead of 'Parakram Diwas', the day should be celebrated as 'Desh Prem Diwas'. The demand to observe January 23 as 'Patriotism Day' was made by the Left Front when it was in

CK Bose, a BJP leader and Netaji's grandnephew said that "Netaji was India's liberator. We welcome the announcement welcome the announcement but people have been cele-brating January 23rd as 'Deshprem Diwas' It would've been more appropriate, had the government announced it as Deshprem Diwas. But we're happy about the announce-ment."

Earlier in the day, Union minister Prahlad Singh Patel had at a press conference announced the Government's decision and said that in this regard a notification has also

"The Government has

# Rahul raps PM on national security



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

23 as 'Parakram Diwas' to

commemorate the birth

anniversary of Netaji Subhas

Chandra Bose," Prime Minister

Narendra Modi will participate

in the first 'Parakram Diwas'

programme in Kolkata on January 23 on Bose's 125th

birth anniversary and inaugu-rate an exhibition on the

grounds of National Library to

mark the occasion, Patel said.
Patel said PM Modi will

also felicitate prominent mem-bers of the Indian National

Army formed by Bose and their family members in

from West Bengal will make a painting on a 400-metre-long

canvas depicting Bose's life.
Petroleum Minister
Dharmendra Pradhan will par-

ticipate in a programme in Cuttack, Odisha, where Bose

was born while another pro-gramme will be held in Haripura village in Gujarat's

Surat district where Bose was elected as president of the

Indian National Congress in 1938.

also considering building a memorial in the honour of

around 26,000 martyred members of the INA, Patel said

adding that a 85-member high-

level committee helmed by

PM Modi has been formed to

plan year-round programmes to mark the 125th birth anniversary of the freedom

The culture ministry is

He said 200 Patua artistes

Kolkata on Saturday.

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m ormer\,Congress\,chief\,Rahul}_{
m Gandhi\,on\,Tuesday\,hit\,out}$ at Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of national security after reports that China has built a village in Arunachal Pradesh, He also alleged that India doesn't have a clear strategy like China to assert its dominance in the world and unless India sends out a clear message, Beijing won't stay quiet.

"Remember his (PM) promise — Mai desh jhukne nahi dunga (Will not let the country bow)," Rahul said.
Congress leaders P Chidambaram, Randeep Surjewala and Manish Tewari also attacked the Prime

Minister on the matter. Recalling the two recent incidents in Doklam and Ladakh where Indian and Chinese soldiers clashed, he said China will make the most out of India's shortcomings and the day will come soon

when we will suffer damages. During a Press conference Rahul launched a blistering attack at the Modi government over the reported discovery of Chinese settlements in Arunachal Pradesh.

"China has a clear strate-gic vision of shaping the world which India doesn't have. India does this and that but doesn't work strategically. China has Cong gave away land to China, ignored farmers' interest: BJP

As Congress leader Rahul Gandhi attacked the Modi-Government on the Chinese border incursions and the unresolved farmers agita-tion, BJP top leaders on Tuesday hit-back saying Congress gave away thousands km land to China and that "dynasty-ruled party" ignored farmers interests and indulged in "double-speak".

Political temperatures

increased as BJP's own MP from Arunachal Pradesh Tapir Gao said that Chinese had constructed a village on the Indian side in Arunachal Pradesh.

BJP President J P Nadda and Union Information & Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar took turns sepa-rately to attack Rahul and the Congress after the latter took iibe at the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the reports

tested twice. Once in Doklam and other in Ladakh."

"If India doesn't give a clear message to them and make clear military, econom-ic geopolitical strategy, China won't stay quiet but will make the most out of it. The day it will happen, we will suffer damages," added the Congress

Rahul Gandhi had repeat-edly attacked the ruling BJP Government in the Centre on

village in Arunachal Pradesh and questioned him on the issues of national security

"Now that Mr Rahul Gandhi has returned from his monthly vacation, I would like to ask him some questions. I hope he will answer them in his today's Press Conference," tweeted the BJP President.

"When will Rahul Gandhi, his dynasty and Congress stop lying on China? Can he denv that thousands of kms, includ ing the one in Arunachal Pradesh he is referring to was gifted by none other than Pandit Nehru to the Chinese? Time and again, why does Congress surrender to China?" Nadda tweeted.

He accused Rahul of "provoking and misleading" farmers and alleged double stan-

dards.
"Why did farmers remain poor for decades under

issues of China's intrusion in Indian Territory, its stands on

the farm laws, and the Centre's

handling of the COVID-19

Earlier in the day, the Gandhi scion also tweeted a

news report alleging China has established a village in

Indian territory, with the cap-tion "Remember his promise-

'I will not let the country

pandemic in the country

he feel sympathy for farmers only in opposition?" he asked. "Why is he spreading lies ?", Nadda sought to ask. Nadda accused Congress

and the 'dynasty' striking an MOU with the Chinese Communist Party and receiving money in a fund controlled by the Gandhi family.

He accused Congress party of demoralising the country on all issues be it relat-ed to border, national security or fighting Coronavirus

"Rahul Gandhi spared no opportunity to demotivate the nation in the spirited fight against COVID-19. Today when India has one of the low-

inch chest," Surjewala tweeted. Chidambaram had demanded

answers from the government

on the issue, alleging that BJP

MP Tapir Gao has claimed that

China has built a 100-house

village in the "disputed area"

deep into Arunachal Pradesh

He said if the allegation made

out by the BJP MP is true, will the government again give a

clean chit to China or will blame the previous

est cases and our scientists have come up with a vaccine, why hasn't he congratulated the scientists and lauded 130 While Rajya Sabha will sit from 9 am to 2 pm, Lok Sabha will function in the second half from 4-8 pm. The Question Hour will be allowed during crore Indians even once?", BJP head asked.

the session for an already fixed time of one hour. He said all arrangements have also been made for RTPCR COVID-19 tests of MPs near their residence. In Parliament premises, the RTPCR tests will be conducted on January 27-28, while arrangements have also been made for these tests of families and staff members of MPs. Birla said the vaccination drive policy finalised by the Centre and states will apply to parlia-

mentarians as well.

## Rahul brings booklet to highlight loopholes in agriculture laws

#### **Accuses Modi of** monopolising farm sector

PNS NEW DELHI

 $F_{\text{Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday}}^{\text{ormer Congress chief}}$  accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of monopolising the agriculture sector as he renewed his attack against the Centre over the contentious farm laws. He also released a booklet to highlight the pitfalls of the legislation enacted in September last

year.
"There is a tragedy unfolding today in the country, Govt wants to ignore the issue and misinform the country," Rahul said while addressing a press conference after the release. "I am not going to speak about farmers alone as it is only part for youngsters. This is not about present but about your future," he added.

"Today, every industry is under a monopoly of three to five people.Be it airport, tele-com or power. Modi Government wants to give the agriculture sector as well to those four to five industrial-

those four to five industrialists," he added.

The Congress leader also said that the new farm reforms are designed to destroy India's agriculture sector. "The biggest business in this country is agriculture. Sixty per cent of our people are engaged in agriculture and in terms of value, agri-culture is by far the biggest hit. Now we are seeing is that the last bastion which was protected from monopoly is now being overrun. Three new laws have been passed. They are designed to destroy agriculture by destroying the

Commodities Act, and by making sure that no Indian farmer can go to court to protect himself," he added.

We were a preeminent economy, now we are a laugh ing stock," Rahul Gandhi also

Farmers are agitating against the farm laws for over 50 days now and the govern-ment has held nine round of talks so far. However, it has failed to bring any resolution to the matter. The farmers are adamant on the demand to repeal the laws which the government has refused and is firm on their offer to amend the legislation

In the last meeting, the Centre had suggested that the unions constitute their own informal group to pre-pare a concrete proposal on the three farm laws for further discussion at their next meet

### SC seeks to know steps taken for cleaning Yamuna water

PNS III NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought a report from a committee, set up by the NGT, on its recommendations for improving the water quality of the Yamuna river and the extent to which the authorities have implemented them.

The National Green Tribunal, on July 26, 2018, had constituted the monitoring committee comprising its former expert member B S Sajwan and former Delhi chief secretary Shailaja Chandra on the cleaning of the Yamuna and had directed it to submit an action plan in this regard.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde took note of the submission of amicus curiae and senior advocate Meenakshi Arora that the NGT-appointed panel has been monitoring the cleaning

of Yamuna water.
In the proceedings con-

ducted through video conferencing, the bench, also comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and Vineet Saran, asked the committee to submit its report on recommendations made by it for improving the quality of water of Yamuna and the extent to which they have been imple-

Earlier, the top court had taken suo motu cognizance of contamination of rivers by effluent in the country and had decided to take up the pollution of Yamuna river

While taking cognisance of contamination of rivers, the top court had said that the pollution-free water is a fundamental right which a wel-fare state is "bound to ensure".

It had asked Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to submit a report identifying municipalities along the Yamuna which have not installed total treatment plants for sewage.

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### Governments for it. bow". "Modiji where is that 56-NFR bribery case: CBI seizes ₹2.04 cr more

PNS NEW DELHI

The CBI has recovered an additional ₹2.04 crore during further searches conduct-ed in the bribery case related to senior officers of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR).

It was found during further searches at the premises of a private firm located at Kailash Colony here that certain items were removed and concealed at other places in Delhi. Earlier, ₹2.39 crore in cash was recovered during searches. On Tuesday, searches were

also conducted in Sikkim and Kanpur. During earlier searches at 26 locations, including at Delhi, Uttarakhand, Assam, Tripura and West Bengal, a total amount of ₹2.39 crore was recovered. This includes an

alleged bribe of Rs 1 crore, which exchanged hands and is stated to be one of the biggest bribe money trapped, the CBI

CENTRAL BUREAU

Besides this, there were recoveries of jewellery and documents related to property from the locations of accused.

So far, ₹4.43 crore have been

The CBI has registered a case against a Chief Administrative Officer of NFR, Mahendra Singh Chauhan and others under relevant sections of IPC and Prevention of

## India to provide Covid jabs to friendly countries



Following request from several countries for its two vaccines—Covishield and Covaxin, India is all set to provide the jabs under grant assistance to Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles, to begin with

to Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius as well on receipt of necessary regulatory clearances.

However, India said that it

will be ensured that domestic manufacturers will have adequate stocks to meet domestic requirements while supplying

In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is deeply honoured to be a "longtrusted" partner in meeting the healthcare needs of the global community and that supplies of the vaccines to several coun-

India is one of the world's

cines.

The Ministry

of External Affairs manner keeping in view the domestic

In a statement, the MFA said India has received several requests for the supply of Indian-manufactured vaccines from neighbouring and key partner countries.
"In response to these

requests, and in keeping with India's stated commitment to use India's vaccine production and delivery capacity to help all of humanity fight the Covid pandemic, supplies under grant assistance to Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles will begin from January 20," it said.

"In respect of Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius, we are awaiting their confirmation of necessary regulatory clear-ances," it added.

"India fulfils commitment give vaccines to humanity. Supplies to our neighbours will start on 20th January. The Pharmacy of the World will deliver to overcome the COVID challenge," External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Twitter.

Meanwhile, Union Health

Ministry officials said that the total number of persons found positive with UK strain of

a new low with 10,064 cases adding up to the national tally in the last 24 hours after seven months. India's total active caseload has dropped to 2 lakh (2,00,528), said the official.

### Centre rushes team to Lakshadweep to contain Covid virus PNS NEW DELHI

With the Union Territory of Lakshadweep W of Lakshadweep reporting its first ever case of Covid-19 on Tuesday, the Union Health Ministry has rushed a team of medical experts to contain the situation there. The index case is a traveler who had come to Lakshadweep from Kochi in Kerala on 4th January 2021 by a ship. "The traveler had reported to hospital with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 and was tested positive. Initially 31 primary contacts of the patient have been traced and quarantined of which 14 have now been found to be positive and have been isolated.

"56 contacts of positive cases detected so far have also been traced and quarantined. The UT antined. The UT Administration has initiated disinfection procedures and intensive risk-communication activity has been oper-ationalised," said the

### NGT directs Telangana PCB to recover ₹1.55 cr from pharma firms for causing pollution



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he National Green Tribunal}}_{\text{has directed the Telangana}}$ Pollution Control Board (PCB) to recover Rs 1.55 crore penalty from pharmaceutical companies for causing pollution in

the state.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel asked the state PCB to recover the assessed compensation and take coercive measures for default in payment. including closure till compliance

The NGT passed the order after a committee recommended to impose environmental compensation for one year for all pharma formulation industries Pharma which is engaged in Ayurvedic Ashwagandha extraction, as the pollution load is less.

"In view of the fact that the industrial area in question is a polluted area and the industries

in question are 'red category' industries, strict vigilance is required to be maintained for upholding the environmental norms," the bench said.

The green panel asked Telangana state pollution control board to enforce the principle of Polluter Pays' in respect of the units which have been found to be violating the environmental

The tribunal's direction came on a plea filed by advocate Sravan Kumar alleging pollution caused by the pharmaceutical companies at TSIIC SEZ in Jadcherla of Mahabubnagar dis-

According to the plea these pharma companies are not com-

plying with the pollution laws.

The plea claimed that the companies are not properly maintaining the Effluent Treatment Systems and sought setting aside of approvals grant-ed to them for violating causing

### Climate change may change rainfall patterns in southern India, intensify floods: Study

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $F_{\text{cause an uneven shifting of}}^{\text{uture climate change will}}$ row band of heavy precipitation near the Earth's equator — leading to increased flooding in parts of India, a new study

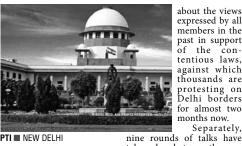
The study, published in the journal Nature Climate Change, examined computer simulations from 27 state-of-the-art climate models, and measured the tropical rain belt's response to a future scenario in which greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise through the end of the current

According to the research, a northward shift of the tropi-cal rain belt over the eastern Africa and the Indian Ocean could result in "intensified flooding in southern India, and may impact global biodiversity and food security by

The scientists, including those from the University of California (UC) Irvine in the US, said this "sweeping shift" of the rain belt was disguised in previous studies that provided a global average
of the influence of climate

However, they said climate change caused the atmosphere to heat up by different amounts

### 'Members of SC-appointed panel on farm laws neutral



PTI NEW DELHI

Members of the Supreme Court-appointed panel on farm laws will not let their personal views on these Acts come in the way of their deliberations with various stakeholders, key committee member Anil Ghanwat said on Tuesday, while asserting that they are not on the side of any party or the Government.

vernment.
After their first meeting here, Ghanwat said the first round of consultations with farmers and other stakehold-ers has been scheduled for Thursday.
The Supreme Court had

after questions were raised by

the agitating farmer unions

committee will seek views of farmers and all other stakeholders on the new farm laws. besides the central and state set up the four-member panel on January 11, but one of governments. "Panel members will keep them, Bhupinder Singh Mann, recused himself later

president

their personal views on farm aside while preparing report to be submitted to the Supreme Court," he said.

### from Wednesday. It will also send shipments ernment and agitating unions tion. Ghanwat, who is the

Shetkari Sanghatana, said the panel will hold its first round of talks with farmers and other stakeholders on January "The biggest challenge for panel is to convince agitating farmers to come abroad.

and speak with us. We will try our best," he said. Ghanwat further said the Wednesday, and more will folow in the days ahead.

> biggest drugmakers, and an increasing number of countries have already approached it for

### said India will sup-ply Covid-19 vaccines to partner coming weeks and

requirements.



# Cracks in Gupkar Alliance, Sajad Lone pulls out

Internal bickering in the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) came to the fore on Tuesday after People's Conference Chairman Sajjad Lone announced the decision to pull out of the alliance, almost a month after the announcement of District Development Council election

The Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration was floated by the Kashmir based mainstream political parties ahead of the DDC polls. The PAGD contested the DDC polls on the slogan of restoring the special status of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir and

Sajjad Lone, who was made spokesman of the alliance ahead of the DDC polls, also shot off a three page letter to the Chairman of the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration Dr Farooq Abdullah citing reasons behind the pull out.

According to the letter circulated in the media by the People's Conference, Sajjad Lone wrote, "There has been a breach of trust between part-ners which we believe is beyond remedy".

"The majoritarian view in our party is that we should pull out of the alliance in an ami-cable manner rather than wait-

And I am confirming that we will no longer be a part of the PAGD alliance". Sharing his angst, Sajjad further wrote, "We fought against each other in Kashmir province not against the perpetrators of August 5,2019.

And those who perpetrated August 5 and their minions are now vocally gleeful "Sajjad wrote in the letter. Exposing the facade of unity in the PAGD Sajjad said, "in majority of the places the party fielding the candidate on behalf of PAGD was left to fend for itself and secured the votes that his party managed.

In most places other parties were silent bystanders or lem by fielding proxy candi-

dates".

"On the face of it, PAGD won these elections unam-biguously having won the maximum number of seats. We can't hide statistics and apart from the number of seats that PAGD won, another important statistical variable in the context of August 5 is the number of votes polled against the PAGD.

We believe that the votes polled against the PAGD are majorly the votes cast by proxies of PAGD constituent parties against official PAGD candidates. And the net outcome of selectively voting for and against PAGD is a very poor the vote share that people of J and K deserved post August 5", Sajjad Lone wrote.

People's Conference, one of the constituents of PAGD, had won a total number of 8 seats in the DDC polls while Jammu and Kashmir National Conference (JKNC) had won maximum number of 67 seats followed by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) which managed to secure 27 seats.
Despite contesting the DDC
polls under the banner of
PAGD, the party constituents had failed to project a united face after the announcement of poll results. No formal event was organised to 'unitedly' cel-ebrate the victory of the PAGD

Referring to the internal audit within his own party, Sajjad said, "It is difficult for us to stay on and pretend as if nothing has hap-

This alliance needed sac rifice. Every party had to sacrifice on the ground in terms of giving space to fellow allies. No party is willing to cede space, no party is willing to sacrifice"

added Sajjad Lone.
"I would however want to add that we are divorcing from the alliance not its objectives. We will continue to adhere to the objectives that we set out when this alliance was made", Sajjad Lone con-cluded.

### Kerala: Factionalism out in open in Cong ahead of polls

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

day after the Congress Aday after the Congress High Command appoint-ed Oommen Chandi, former Chief Minister, as the head of the campaign committee for the upcoming Assembly election in Kerala, discontentment among a section of the party open.

Chandi, a two time Chief Minister, has wide acceptability in the Congress as well as in the cross section of the Kerala society. Though he is known for his Christian spiritualism, the Hindus and Muslims in the State have no reservations against him unlike other leaders in the party. A person with more than six decades of clean political life, Chandi is certain to give the ruling CPI(M) a run for their money

But by Tuesday, group leaders were out in the open challenging Congress presi-dent Sonia Gandhi's decision to field the old warhorse as the de facto chief ministerial candidate of the party. Ramesh Chennithala, Leader of the Opposition, made use of his lowers in the party to make known his displeasure over the cold shouldering he received from the Congress president.

"You cannot ignore the contributions made by Ramesh Chennithala during the last five years. The precedence in the years. The precedence in the party has been to appoint the Leader of the Opposition as the Chief Ministerial candidate in the next election," said Chandrasekhar, a faction leader more loyal to Chennithala

than the Congress.

The Congress High
Command is worried over the powerful Christian lobby's displeasure over the party for its stance on issues like Love Jihad and special privileges to the Muslim community, according Javashankar "It is to win over the Christian community that Sonia Gandhi has recalled Chandi to lead the Congress as well as the United Democratic

This was substantiated by P C George, MLA and leader of Jana Paksham, a political outfit in Kerala. "The Marxists regime is discriminating the Christians in the allocation of funds meant for the welfare of minorities. The Muslims are allocated 80 per cent of the resources while the Christians are given a mere 20 per cent. This has definitely antagonised the Catholic Church," said George who is expected to cast his lot with the Congress-led UDF in the upcoming elec-

Tuesday's meeting the senior Cardinals of the Church had with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the subsequent statement by Cardinal George Alencherry that the Church does not have any untouchability with the BJP too has to be noted in this

Oommen Chandi, at 77, is not in the best of his health. Though the Marxists have left no stones unturned in attacking him and his family members with allegations of all kinds, Chandi came out unscathed and strong. "At the moment he is the one and only leader who is respected wide ly all over Kerala. He is the right choice for the chief minister's

post," said George.

Another person to join the fray is Mullappalli Ramachandran, the president of Pradesh Congress Committee. But Ramachandran's day one as chief minister candidate evoked strong reaction from the Muslim League as the former declared his intention to contest from Kalpetta assembly constituency in Wyandu district. Yahya Khan, the district chief of the Muslim League declared that his party would not give up its claim over Kalpetta, a traditional strong-

hold of the party.
The CPI(M)-led LDF which is plagued by a number of corruption charges could heave a sigh of relief if Chennithala Ramachandran sustain their chief ministerial dreams.

### 14 migrant workers, baby girl killed as truck runs over them in Surat



Surat: Thirteen migrant labourers and a year-old-girl from Rajasthan who were sleeping by the roadside in Gujarat's Surat district were among 15 dead after a dumper truck ran over them on Tuesday, police said.

Those killed include eight women and a migrant worker from Madhya Pradesh, police said. While 12 of them died on the spot, three died during treatment at a hospital, police added.

Except for the 19-year-old worker from Madhya Pradesh, all the other deceased were from villages in Banswara district in south Rajasthan, police

The tragedy took place near Kosamba village, around 60 km from Surat, police said The truck driver, who apparently lost control over the vehicle after hitting a sugarcane laden tractor has been booked under sections of the IPC and Motor Vehicles Act, police said. The truck driver and the vehicle's 'cleaner' were also injured in the accident and are being treated at a hospital.

The truck ran over the migrant construction workers on the Kim-Mandyi road shortly after midnight, Surat SP Usha Rada said

The truck driver lost control over his vehicle after dashing against the tractor and veered off the road onto the pavement where the workers were sleeping, she said.

'The truck was on its way to Mandvi from Kim. The driver lost control of the vehicle after it hit sugarcane hanging out of the tractor trolley coming from the opposite direction. "The truck's front window

which blocked the driver's off the road and crashed into the sleeping labourers," she said. Three workers injured in

pane shattered on impact

the tragedy are being treated in a nearby hospital, the police official said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that ex-gra-tia of Rs two lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund would be given to the next of kin of each person killed in the accident and Rs 50,000 would be given to each injured.

The loss of lives due to a truck accident in Surat is tragic. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. Praying that the injured recover at the earliest," the PMO tweeted, quoting Modi.

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### J&K records 113 new Covid cases, 1 death

PTI ■ SRINAGAR

Tammu and Kashmir on Tuesday recorded 113 new coronavirus cases that raised its tally to 1,23,538, while one more fatality pushed the death count to 1,923, officials said.

Of the fresh cases, 53 were recorded from the Jammu division and 60 from the Kashmir division of the union

territory, they said.
The officials said Jammu district recorded the highest of 40 cases, followed by 37 in

Srinagar district.
While six districts Anantnag, Ganderbal, Doda, Rajouri, Reasi and Udhampur -- did not report any new case, 12 other districts had fresh cases in single digits, they said.

The number of active cases dropped to 1,103 in the union territory, while 1,20,512 patients have recovered so far, the officials said.

The UT reported only one COVID-19 related death in the past 24 hours from the Kashmir division, taking the death toll to 1,923, they said,

### 5 new corona cases push Nagaland's tally to 12,066

Kohima: Nagaland on Tuesday reported five New COVID-19 cases, pushing the tally in the state to 12,066, a senior Health Department official said.

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the state now is 112, the official said.

Seven more patients recuperated from the disease, taking the total number of recoveries in the state to 11,724, he

said.
"5 COVID-19 positive cases 3 in Dimapur and 2 in Kohima were reported today, while 7 patients 5 in Dimapur and 2 in Kohima also recovered during the last 24 hours", said Director of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Denis Hangsing in the daily COVID-19 bulletin.

The recovery rate in the state is 97.16 per cent while the active cases are merely 0.93 per cent of the total caseload, the

Altogether 88 people have succumbed to the disease, of which 78 are due to contagion and 10 had comorbidities, while another 142 patients have migrated to other states,

### BJP more dangerous than Maoists, will ruin Bengal: Didi fit with cobra Banerjee said, "These people are as venomous as cobra ... they will come, catch,

Pre-poll war of words intensified as did head Pon clashes between Trinamool Congress and the BJP as Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday attacked the saffron out-fit calling it worse than Maoists and more venomous than snakes.

Apparently playing on the fears of the Red menace in an erstwhile ultra-Red zone the Chief Minister while addressing a mega rally at Purulia said, "the BJP is more dangerous than the Maoists ... they will ruin Bengal, discontinue all the pro-poor schemes started by us," once again raking up the outsider issue.

"Let them use terror tactic, let them issue

any amount of threat but we shall not bow our heads before these outsiders who do not know about the real culture of Bengal who break the statues of Vidya Sagar, humiliate Rabindranath Tagore," Banerjee said comparing the saffron

Criticising the Centre for christening January 23 the birth day of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as "Parakram Diwas" Banerjee said that her government was "not happy with Centre's decision," adding her Government would call it "Desh Prem Diwas." The Chief Minister will hold a 'padayatra' (foot-march ) in

Kolkata to mark the special occasion.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Kolkata on January 23 to inaugurate the main ogramme to celebrate the birth anniversary of Bose. The celebrations will be held at Victoria Hall.

During his visit, PM is also likely to be a part of an event at the National Library, where he will inaugurate restored architectural sites and dedicate them to the people of West Bengal, Government sources said adding Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar will also be a part of the events that Modi is likely to attend.

Back to Purulia: Comparing the saffron out-

# swallow, eat and digest you before moving ahead

as if nothing happened," adding, "these are rioters, looters who create division in the society set one community against the other, promise but do not deliver ... ask them as to what hap-pened to the Rs 15 lakh that they had promised before coming to power in Delhi." Asking the people to "drive these outsiders

away when they come to ask for votes," Banerjee attacked the BJP Government for browbeating the media into submission. "I do not understand how such big media houses give in to the threats of the BJP which is forcing them to run false news," she said how the "BJP is trying to terrorise even the civil society.

"They are threatening the film people, the

civil society but I will not tolerate this in Bengal... let them touch our film fraternity at Tollywood and then see the consequence." She

Attacking the central government for its alleged "anti-farmer policy" Banerjee said "they are giving tall promises to farmers in Bengal but torturing the farmers of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh who are sitting in the open in these cold months demanding the scrapping of the anti-farmer laws," adding "these laws will help the corporate and the rich people to loot away your crop and reduce you into their

Attacking the leaders like Suvendu Adhikari who left the Trinamool Congress to join the BJP Banerjee said "some people are leaving our party thinking that this will bother us... but we are relieved that these people are leaving the party ... they are burden on us."

Two districts away Adhikari hit back at Name of the state of the state

#### Girl raped by 38 persons undergoing counselling, Dalit woman in UP 20 arrested so far: Cops

Malappuram (Kerala):A 17-year-oldgirl, Who recently disclosed that she had allegedly been sexually abused by 38 persons, is stillundergoing psycho-social counselling, police said on Tuesday. The girl was being counselled at the state-run Nirbhaya Centre here and there was no plan to send her back

home, considering her safety, the police said. Based on the girl's disclosure in November last, a total of 29 cases had been registered so far and 20 persons arrested in

this connection, a top police official said.
"We have registered 13 and 16 cases separately. Of the total 40 accused, 20 have already been arrested and weare on a hunt to trace 20 more accused, district police chief Abdul Karim U told PTI. Of the arrested 20, 15 went out on bail and five were remanded, he said. He said mother was the lone close relative the victim had and it was not safe to send the girlback home.

sellingat the Nirbhaya centre. Ifhigher-ups seek any report from us in this regard, we will object to sending her back home to join her mother due to safety reasons. We take into considerationher mental condition also," the officer added. The teenager's ordeal came to light during a counselling session at the Nirbhaya centre recently, police

New Delhi: A girl who went "missing"

from her maternal uncle's house here nearly four years ago has been found by the

Delhi Police who said on Tuesday that she

had left to escape being married off as a

minor and is now pursuing a nursing Officials said she had left the house in

May 2017, when she would be around 16,

and the matter was reported at the

Shalimar Bagh police station in northwest Delhi where a kidnapping case was regis-

tered and an investigation initiated. The police had in 2019 also announced a

reward of Rs 50,000 for anybody providing information that helped to locate her,

(Crime) Bhisham Singh said, "Our (Crime

Branch) team contacted and examined the

Deputy Commissioner of Police

### Three held for rape, murder of 18-year-old

Mahoba (UP): Three people were arrested in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday for allegedly raping and killing a Dalit woman, whose body was found hanging from a tree here, police

The 18-year-old victim, who was in Class 12, left home to buy veg-etables on Saturday afternoon but did not return. Later, her family mem-bers found her body hanging from a tree in the Belatal area, Circle Officer Rampravesh Rai had said.

An FIR was registered against the trio, Rohit, Bhupendra and Tarun, on charges of rape and under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, SHO, Kulpahad police station, Ravindra Tiwari had said. Further investigation is under-

The woman's aunt told the police on Sunday that she was being harassed by a man in their locali ty, who was making phone calls to her for the last one month. She alleged that the victim's body was hanged from the tree after she was killed, the officer had said

Girl flees uncle's home to escape child marriage,

relatives, friends and acquaintances of the

girl. After analysing Call Detail Records, we found that the girl was somewhere in

received an input Monday that the girl was coming to Delhi by a bus and would reach Anand Vihar Inter-state Bus Terminal in

Based on this tip-off, a team was sent to the ISBT and the girl was found, he said.

He said the girl told the police her parents had passed away when she was a child and

she and her brother used to live with her

maternal uncle was forcing her to marry a person of his choice, but she did not want

to get married as she was interested in studying further. So she left her maternal

uncle's house in 2017 without telling any-

"When she was in Class 10, her

Head Constable Ramdas

found pursuing nursing course 4 years later

the morning, he said.

### Man sentenced to life in jail till death for raping 3 minor girls

Kota (Raj): A 27-year-old man was sentenced to life in jail till death for raping three five-to-nine-year-old girls in his village under Simliya police station area of Kota district over three

A special court set up under provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act sentenced Mithun alias Gajendra Rao after convicting him of the offence of rape and various other offences under the POCSO Act and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Public Prosecutor Suresh Verma said on Tuesday.

Special Judge Hanuman Prasad convicted
Rao on Monday while observing that "no unnecessary compassion should be displayed' while sentencing such criminals who "affect the entire judicial system and also obliterate public sentiments". The public prosecutor said the judge also imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 on the

The case against Rao was lodged in July 2017 on the complaint of the mother of a nineyear-old girl, accusing him of raping her

During the investigation of the case, it transpired that Rao had also raped two other girls of the village, aged five and seven years respectively. The police subsequently filed the charge-sheet in the case indicting Rao of all three rapes. **PT** 

one and reached her maternal grand-

mother's house in Samastipur district of Bihar," he said. None of her relatives vis-

ited her in the Bihar house and her

maternal grandmother too did not inform

anyone about her being there and sup-ported her in pursuing her studies, accord-

and took admission in a nursing course in

Samastipur, the DCP said. The girl was not aware that an FIR had been lodged

in this regard, he said, adding the Crime Branch handed her to the Shalimar Bagh

Police Station, where the cases was regis

the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and further action will be taken in the matter

on the direction of CWC.

The police then presented here before

She completed her school education

ing to the DCP.

### Schools for Class 10, 12 reopen in TN with strict Covid precautions

Chennai: After a gap of 10 months, Schools were reopened for classes 10 and 12 in Tamil Nadu on Tuesday with students undergoing body temperature and oxygen level checks before entering the premises.

Tamil Nadu government

last week announced reopening of schools from January 19 which were shut following the COVID-19 outbreak since March 2020 while Chief Minister K Palaniswami appealed to parents and teachers to extend their full cooperation to the government in its efforts aimed at the welfare of students. With the government directing school administration to allow students not exceeding more than 25 per classroom, those who attended all COVID-19 protocol including wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

After being glued to moni-tors for online classes over the past few months, students today expressed happiness on being

able to attend classes in person, meet friends and teachers, and prepare better for the board

"Instead of attending classes online, it was good to come and attend classes besides meeting our friends and teachers.Attending classes will also help us prepare better for the board examinations," a student of a government higher sec-ondary school in Tiruchirappalli said.

School authorities also followed governmenet guidelines like allowing only those students who had come with the 'letter of consent' from their respective parents besides checking body temperature and also providing vitamin tablets to the pupils. Palaniswami, while allowing

had said based on the opinion of public health and medical experts, district collectors, senior ministers and considering the view of majority of parents, schools shall open only for stu-dents of classes 10 and 12. PTI

### Injured pachyderm dies at Theppakkadu elephant camp

Udhagamandalam: A seriously injured Elephant, under treatment at a town in Nilgiris district, died on Tuesday after it was translocated to the nearby Theppakkadu elephant camp, forest department officials said.

The 40-year-old elephant was found lying near Maravakandi dam on January 15 with a cut ear and was being treated in that town. However the wound wors

ened and there was puss formation, following which forest department officials and a veterinarian kept the pachyderm under observation and decided to shift it to Theppakkadu



Youngsters play with sledges on a snow laden hilltop after heavy snowfall on the outskirts of Srinagar on Tuesday

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### **Gabba forever!**

The 2020-21 Australian tour will remain etched in the memory of Indian cricket fans as long as they live



ne month ago, editorials across newspapers were bemoaning the state of Indian cricket. An almost full-strength Indian cricket team was bowled out for 36 runs in Adelaide and, despite drawing the whiteball matches three-all, many feared the worst in the forthcoming Tests. After all, India's talismanic batsman and captain Virat Kohli was headed home to be with his wife for the birth of their first child. Injuries had begun to take their toll even before the first match and, given Australia's strict two-week quarantine rules, flying in replacements at a moment's notice was actually impossible. Foreign commentators, always quick to slam India, predicted a whitewash. Yet, somehow in an incredible show of resilience and extraordinary leadership and bats-

manship by stand-in captain Ajinkya Rahane, India won the second Test at Melbourne, the best possible gift they could have given Indian cricket fans heading into the start of the new year after what had been a truly woeful 2020 for almost everyone. In and of itself, that was a great story of redemption, coming back from Indian cricket's worst moment in contemporary history to win handsomely. Many compared that moment to the heroics of VVS Laxman and Rahul Dravid at the Eden Gardens two decades ago. But that was a simple redemption story; this play needed a third act. An act that began with the first match of the new year in Sydney, where a brave Indian second-innings rearguard performance prevented the hosts from winning the Test.

But the play ended in Australia's fortress of the Gabba in Brisbane, a ground where the home team had not lost in over three decades. And India playing essentially their second XI, giving a part-timer Washington Sundar — who had not played a first-class match in three years — his first cap and boasting a bowling line-up with just five caps among them. On top of that, a young batting line-up was facing an experienced Australian pace battery and a spin bowler playing his hundredth Test. India's heroics at Melbourne and Sydney were commendable, but most Indian cricket fans thought that a draw at the Gabba would be a great result. The last Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series will remain etched in the minds and memory of the cricket aficionados as the ultimate decider that tested the resilience, composure and physical fitness of the players. The young and largely inexperienced Indian team battled it all in this Test series, within themselves and with the world outside: Issues with facilities, racial slurs, losing key players at crucial junctures, injury after injury, issues with bubble life for multiple months et al. However, the actions of one of India's former heroes, Rahul Dravid, in shaping this new Indian team under his tutelage as the coach of India's 'A' team must not be dismissed. There was a sense of resilience in this team that 'The Wall' himself would have been proud of. Not only did Washington Sundar and Shardul Thakur play the most unexpectedly pleasant seventh-wicket partnership, keeping India in the game in the first innings, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, the senior man whose body faced blow after blow, and finally Rishabh Pant, the Delhi boy whose abilities have been openly questioned and in whose perseverance in the team many allegations of favouritism have been thrown at India's management, a young India found its new cricketing heroes. This is more than a redemption story, this is more than a coming-of-age story; this is an epic, a story for the ages. The Indian cricket team's grit and determination, particularly by a group of inexperienced young men is a story for the ages. When India won the 2011 World Cup at the Wankhede Stadium, they got an open-top bus ride through Mumbai and while COVID-19 protocols might mean that this team cannot get one, make no mistake, they truly deserve it.

### **Remove Chinese hamlet**

The Govt, Opposition trade barbs over reports of a village having come up in a disputed area of Arunachal Pradesh



ven as India and China are locked in a bitter border standoff in eastern Ladakh for over eight months, and both the countries have held several rounds of military and diplomatic dialogue in order to resolve the standoff but without making any significant headway, reports have emerged that China has built a village comprising 120 houses five km inside the disputed territory in Arunachal Pradesh. The provocative development, which ostensibly pertains to November last year, was detected by satellite images taken by Planet Labs. This is the same area where the People's Liberation Army (PLA) had detained five locals last year. The village is on the banks of the Tsari Chu river in the Upper Subansiri

district and China has all along disputed India's ownership claim over the area. It is feared that China wants to maintain pressure on India by opening several fronts along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control (LAC), stretching from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east. The development has understandably rung alarm bells in India's security establishment and the  $\rm \acute{O}pposition$  has also rolled up its sleeves to take on the Government. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi trained his guns on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of national security after the development was reported. "Remember his promise — 'Mai desh jhukne nahi dunga'," Rahul wrote on Twitter. Randeep Surjewala, another Congress leader, also slammed the Prime Minister, asking: "...Where is the '56-inch chest'?" Returning the fire, BJP president JP Nadda said that the scion, his party and family had repeatedly lied on the issue of China: "When will Rahul Gandhi, his dynasty and the Congress stop lying on China? Can he deny that thousands of km, including the one in Arunachal Pradesh he is referring to, was gifted by none other than Nehru to the Chinese? Time and again, why does Congress surrender to China?" The BJP chief added: "Does Rahul Gandhi have any intention to cancel the Congress party's MoU with China and their Communist Party? Does he intend to return the Chinese largesse to trusts controlled by his family? Or will their policies and practices continue to be dictated by Chinese money and MoU?"

For its part, the Government has "taken note of the construction" along the border and ramped up its infrastructure development projects. The Indian security establishment maintains that the coming up of this village is in violation of several agreements between the countries. The pacts clearly say both countries to "safeguard due interests of their settled population in the border areas" and "strictly respect and observe the LAC". This piece of land was apparently under Chinese occupation since 1965 but, as disputed territory, no country should change the status quo as per international law. "If this is true, it is clear that the Chinese have altered the status quo by converting a disputed area into a permanent settlement of Chinese nationals. What does the Government have to say about these startling facts?" Congress leader P Chidambaram said. If the Government's claim that it is Indian territory is correct, it should unequivocally take up the matter with Beijing and get the settlement removed. Earlier on June 15-16, 2020, Indian and Chinese troops had clashed on the Galwan valley ridges at a height of nearly 14,000 ft; at least 76 Indian soldiers were reportedly injured in addition to the 20 dead. Indian intercepts also revealed that the Chinese side suffered 43 casualties.

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# Indefensibility of amorality

Though only three US Presidents have been tainted with the blot, Donald Trump is the only one who has faced two impeachments



mpeachment is essentially symbolic, but the sort of sticky symbolism with a moral dimension that stands the test of time. History books that transcend time and lives bear the impeached person's name with an unflattering asterisk of transgression. Only three Presidents of the United States (US), out of the 45 that preceded Joe Biden, were tainted with this blot, with Donald Trump going down in posterity as the unique one, with two impeachments! The Constitution of the US describes acts that are deemed "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanours" to be impeachment-worthy. Beyond the legality of formal conviction in a classic justice sense, impeachment is tantamount to abuse of public and constitutional trust, with possible intersection of legal criminality, subsequent-ly. But the man whom the usual-ly reserved Dalai Lama suggested had a "lack of moral principle' i.e. Trump, remains brazen and unrepentant.
Others like Richard Nixon

others like Richard Nixon, who had faced a near-certain prospect of getting impeached, had resigned from office just before impeachment. The other two impeached US Presidents, Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, had in hindsight considerably less deletaries and violents. erably less deleterious and viola-tive portents to democracy as compared to the ingloriousness of Trump's acts. Andrew Johnson, arguably a racist himself who had succeeded the colossus of democracy, Abraham Lincoln, was impeached for a technicality of violating the Tenure of Office Act when he removed a federal appointee without consulting the Senate. History reflects that impeachment as more of a partisan act that seized upon an unacceptable presidential action but perhaps not warranting the burden of impeachment. Similarly, Bill Clinton had perjured himself by lying to the investigators about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, as also encouraging the White House staff to toe the said line. The undeniable dereliction and misconduct was perhaps still short of breaching the high rails of "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanours. The fine difference was illustrated by a rival Republican Senator, Susan Collins, who agreed that Clinton had conducted himself disgracefully, but perhaps short of

a crime, when she still voted against the impeachment by stating: "In voting to acquit the President, I do so with grave misgivings for I do not mean in any way to exonerate this man." Bill Clinton was visibly, and admittedly, embarrassed and repentant. Trump was, on the other hand, first impeached for the

abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. He had allegedly pushed Ukraine to snoop into the commercial affairs of his ultimate nemesis, Joe Biden, and therefore enlist-ed a foreign power in corrupt-ing the democratic elections. Trump had also withheld milfunds from the Ukrainians in order to coerce them to do so. But Trump's misdemeanours had continued with his denialist approach by further ordering the Executive Branch to not comply with the Congressional subpoenas for the trailing documents and testimonies. However, unlike the bipartisan expressions that surrounded the Clinton or Nixon build-up, Trump had managed to polarise and divide the nation into extremities that ensured that, barring one Republican Senator, all had acquiesced blindly to Trump. The second Trump impeachment was unprecedented in its

seriousness of accusative import, "incitement for insurrection". The self-interest of Republicans, which was in play to defend Trump during the first impeachment on par tisan lines, was equally visible in the second impeachment, with 10 Republican Senators disassociating themselves from supporting Trump, owing to worse consequences in repeating their partisan decision. The Joint Chief of Staff had issued an internal memo that sought to remind the uniformed fraternity of their sole fidelity to the Constitution and alluded to the potential disruption of the Biden inauguration as "against the law" — further suggesting the graveness of the unconstitutionali-

ty that Trump was accused of.
The weight of the 10
Republicans who bolted out of
the Trump bandwagon is much
more than its arithmetical significance, as it is about the assertion of bipartisan courage, democratic values and basic common sense. In many ways, this internal dissenting note has allowed the Republicans of absolve and permanently cleanse themselves of Trumpism, post-January 20, 2021. While the impeachment process was rushed through the last days of Trump's presidency, its necessity is contex-tualised to the public healing of the shame of "coup" and offering a restorative opportunity and agenda for bipartisan politics hereinafter. The singular Republican who had yielded to the dictates of his personal conscience in voting against Trump's first impeachment, Mitt Romney, noted evocativethat there must be "meaning-ful consequences" when a President incites an attack against the Congress and, more importantly, against all known tenets of democracy.

Opinions now abound that

the new President, Biden, need not federally prosecute Trump and sustain the divisive and inflammatory 'Donald Trump show' to linger, irate passions and sustain dangerous rumours. Trump's descent into indefensible infamy and notoriety that had toyed with

reckless ideas like attacking Iran before elections, imposing quasi-martial law or actually triggering social unrest by insisting upon his allegations of "fraudulent elections", "can't play in the hands of these people" "elections that were stolen" and suchlike, has already brought the US to the unthinkable brink of anarchy and civil war. The isolation of Trump among his

own party leaders and ostensi-ble loyalists has shifted gears from private murmurs behind closed doors to open calls for introspection within. The triggers for the much-needed course correction have not been the legality, but the loss of morality, surrounding Trump's indefensibility. In a shifting sign of times, Republican leader Mitch McConnell had freed Republican Senators from toeing any party line and, instead, urged them to "vote with their conscience"; the subliminal writing on the wall for Trump is unmistakable. Indeed, Trump will be expected to continue his slanderous rants, unsubstantiated falsehoods and desperation to retain the centre-stage but the loss of moral high ground for the Republican Party, going for-ward, will drop Trump from the only political anchorage that sustains his relevance. It is not the electoral triumphs, unchallenged dominance or legality in the court, but the diminishment of morality as captured in this symbolic impeachment that ended a destructive streak and individual.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views



I have finally managed to see the daylight, thanks to blessings from everyone and God. I am likely to be discharged from the hospita in four to five days



The EU has planned to start raising and allocating in the next few months the main part of the \$906 billion recovery



people much. I am not saying that the audience is wrong It's just that my likes and dislikes are different.

Nawazuddin Siddigui



I am terribly sorry because it is not nice to say goodbye to the coach. It's my decision and I take responsibility



#### **BJP's poll gimmick**

Sir — The decision of the Central Government to observe the birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose that falls on January 23 as "Parakram Diwas' from now on is a political stunt with an eye on the forthcoming West Bengal Assembly elections

It is a move to appease voters in West Bengal. Neta*ji* is our real hero who fought for the freedom of the nation and floated the Azad Hind Fauj to fight for India's independence. The Governments latest move reeks of dirty politics as the BJP or the NDA Government did not have time to remember Netaji during the last six years. But the people of Bengal are wise enough to not fall into such traps and vote judi-ciously on the basis of the work done and schemes floated by the

We, as responsible citizens, must rise to the occasion and show the door to such politicians and parties. The BIP must stop fooling and misguiding people and should concentrate on real issues like unemployment, malnutrition, poverty, illiteracy,

Bhagwan Thadani

### Pride justifiable, but don't go overboard

his refers to the editorial 'Diaspora power' (January 19). It is heartening that President-elect Joe Biden has appointed as many as 20 Indian-Americans in the US Administration, with 17 of them at various positions in the White House — 13 out of 20 also happen to be women. Leading the charge is, of course, Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris. But from finance and management to health, law to Press relations, foreign policy to national security, those who trace their roots to India have found snace

This is indeed a reflection of how well the Indian-Americans have done in that country. It also reflects their talent and acumen and, more importantly, none of these appointments have raised any evebrows. But even as India takes justifiable pride in the achievements of these individuals, it is important to remember that all those who are in the new administration are American citizens Their first loyalty is to the US Constitution and American national interests as defined by the President who has appointed them. Yes, their presence will enhance understanding of India in the administration and is symbolic of close ties. But these individuals have their own



varied social and political influences and worldviews India would do well to cultivate them, as it would cultivate any US official at high levels, but respect their identity beyond their Indian roots. India must look forward to further strengthen ties with America and keep the relationship dynamic and in the best interests of both the nations. The world is keenly watching

Bengaluru

#### **Audience verdict is final**

Sir — It refers to the editorial 'OTT Tandav' (January 19). It seems that such controversies serve the interests of both the film makers and political parties as these give the much-needed publicity to a web series and also help the political parties in polarising society. The films, as well as seri-

als, are called the mirror of society, reflecting exactly what's hap-pening. The flip side is that moviemaking is a professional line where the *raison detre* happens to be the business alone

The fact that every movie or serial has to undergo scrutiny as per the guidelines laid down by Information Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry before release notwithstanding, one or the other controversy keeps raising its ugly head every now and then. It is really disap pointing and shows that such controversies are politically motivated. We, as audiences, should use our wisdom to judge what is offensive and what is not

Azhar A Khan

### **Respect the Tricolour**

Sir - It is very unfortunate that every year after the Republic Day and Independence Day cel-ebrations, hundreds of flags are strewn on pavements and streets and people keep stomping on them. We must remember that the national flag is our pride and we must respect the symbol of democracy, freedom and brotherhood.

Similarly, we must respect our national anthem and national song. It is often seen that even when the national anthem is being played on radio or television, many people don't stand up to pay respect. They are busy talking on their mobile phones or hatting with their friends. The Independence Day and Republic Day represent the true spirit of independent India and mark the patriotic fervour of all Indians who celebrate these events with great enthusiasm. By disrespect-ing our national symbols like the Tricolour, we inadvertently disre-Constitution and our nation

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### Unite for the sake of the nation

It is high time the Opp stood united and formed a strategy to keep the Govt on its toes in the Budget Session



KALYANI SHANKAR

he forthcoming Budget Session of Parliament is likely to be a boisterous one, with a lot of controversial issues expected to be raised by the Opposition. Although Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi has stated that the Narendra Modi Government is ready to face all the issues, the Opposition is sharpening its knives. This Parliament session is important as it is the first one of the year. Though it is being held amid the COVID-19 pandemic, all protocols will be in place to protect the members. The Parliament session will commence on January 29 and conclude by April 8, with a recess of 20 days between February 15 and March 8. President Ram Nath Kovind will address the customary joint session on January 29. This will be followed by the placing of the Economic Survey the next day and on February 1, the Union Budget will be presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. It will be her third consecutive one. Budget making in the middle of a raging pandemic is a difficult process and breaking the age-old tradition the Finance Ministry will not print the Union Budget for 2021 and will go paperless. All eyes are on the Government as the Budget would shed light on how the Centre allocates the funds to different sectors. Almost all the pillars of the economy are affected and it is going to be a challenge to balance revenue and expenditure. Sitharaman has promised to build a "stronger economy" and stated that the Budget will be an unprecedented one, as never before in living memory has a Government faced a situation "where tax collections are struggling to keep up with the budgeted number" and "the demand for goods and services is sluggish.

The Opposition has enough ammunition to attack the Government with, including the COVID vaccination drive, the ongoing farmers' agitation, the struggling economy, China's aggressive postures, price rise, the job loss scenario, the continuation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) agitation, the plan to construct a new Parliament building, allegedly at a budget of ₹20,000 crore and so on. A senior Congress leader claims that though the political parties stayed away from the farmers' agitation but in Parliament, they will be vocal about their support to the growers. The Opposition plans to question the Government on employment generation, reverse migration, the border impasse with China and Indo-Pakistan relations, the Government's handling of the pandemic and the vaccination drive that was kicked off on January 16. Plus, weak States would seek more financial assistance to deal with the pandemic and the Health Ministry and other important sectors need more allocation of funds. The Finance Minister has said: "The Budget would take note of all the inputs received from the health sector to take this forward."

The Government is also getting ready with some key legislation like the Personal Data Protection Bill, pending Bills from last year, including the DNA Technology (Use and Application) Regulation Bill, the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens (Amendment) Bill, the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill and the Dam Safety Bill.

However, the big question is whether the highly divided Opposition will be effective in cornering the Government in Parliament? There is no leader tall enough to unite them, although Congress chief Sonia Gandhi tries to hold a meeting before the Parliament session each year. However, the Congress is undergoing a crisis with a section of leaders questioning the Gandhi family. The party has bought time with the promise of an AICC session in early 2021. According to senior Congress leader Anand Sharma, there will be floor coordination. There are speculations that the non-BJP non-Congress Opposition might unite under Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar.

Though the BJP is close to getting a majority in the Rajya Sabha, the strategy is to divide the Opposition to get even controversial legislations passed. That was how the NDA Government managed to get legislation like the triple talaq, the CAA, repeal of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, passed. The Opposition should change its strategy of walkouts, rushing to the Well of the House and so on and instead focus on participating in debates and raising issues so that the Government is forced to answer questions. The lawmakers should fulfil their duty of scrutinising the Budget and keep the Government on its toes. The way a responsible Opposition would function is to use the Question Hour, Calling Attention Motions and debate on the President's address to hold the Ğovernment accountable. On its part, the Government, too, should take the Opposition into confidence. Sadly for the nation, both believe in confrontation. With elections to five States on the horizon, all the parties will play to the gallery. It is a matter of concern that the country lacks a strong and vigilant Opposition because a vibrant democracy needs one. The Opposition parties should show a united face in Parliament. When the late Rajiv Gandhi won 403 seats in 1984, the Opposition with a dozen vocal leaders, highlighted the Bofors Scam successfully, which led to his ouster. So it is not the numbers that matter but the strategy to deal with the Government that is important. It is high time the Opposition stood united and formed a strategy to keep the Government on its toes.

(The writer is a senior journalist

#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

YOU MAY WIN MANY ELECTIONS BUT I VOW FROM THIS HOLY LAND OF NANDIGRAM THAT I WILL NEVER ALLOW THE BJP TO ENTER BENGAL. **—WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER MAMATA BANERJEE** 





I TAKE A VOW TODAY THAT IF I CANNOT DEFEAT HER (MAMATA) IN NANDIGRAM BY A MARGIN OF HALF A LAKH VOTES, I WILL QUIT POLITICS.

—BJP LEADER SUVENDU ADHIKARI

# A tricky situation

Islam does not allow conversions for the sake of marriage. One has to convert out of love for the religion and not for any other reason. But still forced conversions take place in India and Pak



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orced conversions are not new in the subcon-→ tinent. Reports regularly pour in from India
as well as Pakistan about illegal conversions of women/girls through force, deceit or other methods which are in contravention of the law of the land. The issue was highlighted after the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government brought a legislation termed the Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance, 2020, that is meant to stop forceful conversion of women/girls from other reli-gions to Islam, which the Right-wing sympathis-ers call the "Love Jihad Act." Around the same time in Pakistan, a report claimed that about 1,000 women/girls are converted to Islam every year in the country.

It is the minority community which faces the

brunt of an interfaith marriage, when it goes wrong. In India, Muslims who are in a minority, account for 15 per cent of the population while minority Hindus make up 1.60 per cent of the total popu-lation of Pakistan. Likewise, the Christian population comprises of 1.59 per cent of the total population of the Islamic Republic. Both the countries are facing the problem of conversion of non-Muslim women/girls. Sometimes this change of faith is coerced and many a time it is by mutual consent. But in both the cases sparks fly, creating

a law and order problem.

Human Rights activist and advocate in Pakistan's Supreme Court, M Shoaib Ashraf says: "There is no law to stop forced conversion in our country. But it is also true that Islam does not allow conversions for the sake of marriage. This is considered exploitation of the faith. One has to convert out of the love for the religion and not for any other reason."

However, the Indian Constitution upholds that the right to marry is a component of the right to life which comes under Article 21. It states: "No person shall be deprived of his life and personal liberty except according to the procedure established by law."

Delivering a historic judgment in the Hadiya and Shefin Jahan case, Justice DY Chandrachud of the Supreme Court of India said: "The choice of a partner whether within or outside marriage lies within the exclusive domain of each individ-ual. Intimacies of marriage lie within a core zone of privacy, which is inviolable. The absolute right of an individual to choose a life partner is not in the least affected by matters of faith. The Constitution guarantees to each individual the right to freely practise, profess and propagate religion. Choices of faith and belief as indeed choices in matters of marriage lie within an area where individ-ual autonomy is supreme.

"They form the essence of personal liberty

under the Constitution. Matters of belief and faith, including whether to believe, are at the core of constitutional liberty. The Constitution exists for believers as well as for agnostics...Matters of dress and of food, of ideas and ideologies, of love and partnership are within the central aspects of identity...Society has no role to play in determining our chair of partners. ing our choice of partners."

The courts in both the countries are working

effectively to protect the rights of citizens when it comes to forced conversions. Recently, while hearing a case pertaining to a 14-year-old girl who had converted, the Lahore High Court gave a judgment that religion is a matter of heart and conviction and



THE JUDICIARY PROTECTING THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE AND PRIVACY THE ISSUE OF INTERFAITH MARRIAGE HAS BEEN USED BY **POLITICAL** PARTIES AND ORGANISATIONS

IN BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN TO FURTHER THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS.
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EMERGES AS A BLOT ON A CIVILISED SOCIETY AND SHOULD END AS IT OFTEN LEADS TO VIOLENCE AND





While delivering the verdict the court said: "What one believes in his or her heart is not a judicial matter." These decisions hold good when an interfaith marriage carries the purity and virtue which the institution of marriage espouses. However, incidents of forced conversions are galore and sometimes they take a political hue.

on August 21, the Meerut police recovered the bodies of Priya and her daughter Kashish. They were allegedly killed by Shamshad. Priya, a divorcee, befriended Shamshad on a social net-working site where he impersonated himself as Amit Gurjar — a Hindu. When Priya came to know about the truth she protested. In another case the Budaun police arrested Asif who posed as a Hindu man called Rajkumar and befriended Neha. A year later he alleged-ly killed her when she came to know of the truth.
But then, there are cases of true love

where a person converts to another religion freely or wants to marry out of their own community/religion of their own free will. For instance, take the case of Muskan (Pinki) who married Rashid in Dehradun in July 2020. They duly informed the Superintendent of Police as informed the Superintendent of Police as required under the Uttarakhand Freedom of Religion Act, 2018. But both Rashid and Muskan were arrested under the new law when they paid a visit to Moradabad in UP. Muskan was pregnant at that time and later she alleged that she lost her bayb because of police attractive.

lost her baby because of police atrocity. In the last two months, as many as 86 people have been named in 16 First Information Reports (FIRs) since the notification of the new Ordinance in the State. Out of these, 79 are Muslims, who have been slapped with charges of enticing a woman/girl and forcing her to conincluding five women, were booked in Etah for allegedly converting a 21-year-old woman by force. In Mau, 16 people have been named in an FIR whereas in Sitapur, 14 were booked in another such

However, in Pakistan there is no law to stop forced conversions. "In the absence of legislation explicitly banning and criminalising forced conversion from minority religions to Islam, the affected families (mainly Hindus, Sikhs and Christians) have to use other laws. and Christians) have to use other laws, including those against kidnapping, forced marriage, child marriage and rape of minors to penalise the offender," says Tahira Abdullah, a social activist.

Ashraf says that in the absence of a law in Pakistan, if the victim claims she has converted on her own, there is little that can be done to prove her wrong. "We cannot determine what is behind the consent. If a girl from a poor family converts to marry a man from a rich background, there is no way to know whether she has converted out of love or if she has been lured. But this should also in a way form of coercion has always been used,"

he says.

Jibran Nasir, advocate and lead campaigner at Never Forget Pakistan and trustee Elaj Trust, says: "Young girls are kidnapped and converted and video mes-sages are circulated in which the girl says that she is happy after being converted. We argue in court that girls do not necessarily scream or shout, for us to known that it is a forced conversion. Forced conversion is a crime whether one who is coerced openly admits it or not."

The coerced conversion, especially of young Hindu and Christian girls in Sindh and Punjab province in Pakistan, continues unabated in absence of explic-

provided by the Centre for Social Justice, Pakistan between 2013 and 2020 the highest number of cases of alleged forced conversions were in Punjab (52 er cent) followed by Sindh (44 per cent). clause on forced conversion, inserted into a draft law by Hindu legislators, was actually removed before enactment failed enactment in the national Parliament, despite clear directives from the Supreme Court of Pakistan)," says

Ashraf seconds her claims saying that the term forced conversion is very vague the term forced conversion is very vague in Pakistan. "It denotes some form of force being used — whether verbal, physical or psychological like threats to family. When the same person is brought to court and they say they have converted of their own will, there is not much the court can do about it," he says.

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In Pakistan on the insistence of the family, the court can send the person to some safe place so as to give them some time and space to review their decision. The courts have no criteria to determine if force was used except if the person tells the judges that there was no coercion. Experts opine that the courts can only give decisions based on legal provisions

and not beyond.

Despite the judiciary protecting the institution of marriage and privacy of a person, the issue of interfaith marriage has been used by political parties and organisations in both India and Pakistan to further their personal interests. This situation emerges as a blot on a civilised society and should end as it often leads

to violence and religious clashes.
(Banerjee is Executive Director, (News), The Pioneer, Lucknow, India while Lubna is Freelance Journalist and Human Right activist, based in Karachi. The views

## Reopen schools for younger children soon

By cutting off or limiting access to education, the pandemic has worsened existing inequalities and hampered the economic growth of poor families



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early 10 months after the nationwide lockdown began, India is now in the process of reopening its schools, albeit, in a phased manner, with all COVID protocols in place. However, most States that have decided to reopen schools are only allowing grade 10 and 12 stu-dents to attend classes. The younger children are still confined to their homes and online classes will continue till it is deemed fit to open all schools fully, from nursery to grade

It is a sad fact that many children from vulnerable communities in India depend on schools for one

square meal a day. The Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme was the reason many went to school. The closure of schools hit underprivileged children the most, because not only were they hungry, they did not have a smart phone, laptop or internet connection to continue their education online. unlike their privileged counterparts

According to a study by Oxfam India, as many as 80 per cent of Indian students were unable to access online schooling during the lock-down and many might not even return to classrooms when they eventually reopen for everyone.

Many of these children were the first in their family to attend school and get an education. Their parents and grandparents never got a chance to do so because of various socio-economic reasons. By cutting off or limiting access to education, the pandemic has effectively worsened existing inequalities and hampered the economic growth of low-income families. In a country where over half the population is below the age of 25, lack of access to education is a

deterrent which will prevent children from becoming contributing and productive members of society

Government data suggest that despite having 600 million internet users, only 20 per cent know how to leverage the same. If one glances through the latest National Family Health Survey (NHFS), over 60 per cent women in 12 States and Union Territories have never used the internet, which begs the question: How will their children study online? The absence of digital literacy programmes in the country is a glaring gap, which came to the forefront once the schools shut down and education went online. According to a Telecom Regulatory Authority of India survey Bihar — a State where child trafficking for sex and cheap labour is rampant — has the lowest number of internet subscribers in the country with just 32 people in every 100 having access to it.

Yes, the lockdown was announced to curb the spread of a highly contagious virus. But even as India began to "unlock" in phases,

schools continued to remain shut. Earlier, daily wage earners, who were working in the informal sector, with no social security went to work knowing that their children were safe at school. Now, because of the pandemic, their children accompany them to work sites. They are picking up the trade. They are struggling like their parents and their chance to build a different life is being snatched away from them. In addition to this, their parents no longer have steady jobs. Hence, they are struggling to make ends meet, are no longer being paid and are having to resort to borrowing funds from moneylenders. friends and other family members. Several organisations which are

working against child labour have reported that moneylenders are charging alarmingly high interest rates. They also report that several people are having to borrow money for their daily needs such as food and water. A lot of these people are extremely poor and are suffering from some form of debt bondage. They are mostly Dalits, who have

spent the majority of their lives in nerable to predatory traffickers. servitude and salvery.

They often borrow money but are unable to pay the same back and, therefore, have to "work off" debts. Often this means that their child is also put to work. Take the example of 12-year-old Rahul from Gaya, Bihar, who has been complete ly deprived of any learning opportunity in his village since the pandemic began. As a result of the same, he has fallen into the trap of child traf-ficking. Before the pandemic began, his father, under duress, gave consent to a trafficker, because of which Rahul was employed in a bangle factory in Jaipur. He was lucky enough to have been rescued (in Jaipur) before being taken to the factory. He and 29 other minors from the same district were rescued from a luxury bus that was engaged in transporting children all the way from Gaya to Jaipur. All the 30-odd students were enrolled in different schools and were regular with their classes before the lockdown was imposed. Now they remain unoccupied, bored and vul-

The United Nations' policy brief on the impact of COVID-19 on the world's education system points to the fact that the closure of schools and other learning spaces has impacted up to 99 per cent of students in low and middle-income countries. It warns that the effects on child labour and trafficking could be enormous. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), 152 million minors worldwide are involved in child labour, of which 73 million are involved in slavery, bonded labour, dangerous work and sexual exploitation. It is feared that in poorer countries, many children will completely lose their connection to education and will not return to school at all, as they have to contribute to their family income. They have started believing that their family can no longer afford to edu-cate them and most of the time this is true. India has the highest number of child labourers. According to the

Census 2011, there are 10.13 million

child workers. The ILO's 2016 data

indicates that there are 23.8 million child labourers in India. Schools and programmes for children, such as protection centres or youth clubs, are also currently failing in their function as early warning systems. The pan-demic has effectively hidden from sight occurrences of domestic violence in families as well as attempts by local child traffickers or moneylenders to recruit children as workers. The focus must now be to ensure the safety of students and teachers. All stakeholders must put in place protocols for reopening of schools even for the younger children. There has to be an extensive assessment on the learning loss and a well thought out plan to bridge the gap and schemes to retain students. The Government will also have to arrange for funds required to equip both schools and students in rural India to continue their learning

(The writer is Executive Director, Center DIRECT, Human Liberty Network. The views expressed are personal.)



## Biden Admin will engage the world 'as it is', not 'as it was': Blinken

Washington: Underlining America's "growing rivalry" with China and Russia, US Secretary of State-designate Antony Blinken on Tuesday said the Biden administration will engage the world "as it is" and not "as it was", indicating that the diplomacy of the next president would be driven by ground

Blinken, a close confidant of President-elect Joe Biden, in his prepared testimony to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations ahead of his confir-mation hearing also did not rule out a military intervention overseas if the lives of Americans were at stake.

"Working across govern-ment and with partners around the world, we will revitalise American diplomacy to take on the most pressing challenges of our time. We'll show up again, day-in, day-out whenever and wherever the safety and wellbeing of Americans is at stake," said Blinken, a foreign policy

expert.
"We'll engage the world not as it was, but as it is. A world of rising nationalism, receding democracy, growing rivalry with China, Russia, and other authoritarian states, mounting threats to a stable and open interna-

ical revolution that is reshaping every aspect of our lives, especially in cyberspace," said 58year-old Blinken, who if con-firmed by the Senate, will succeed Mike Pompeo as the next Secretary of State.

Blinken is expected to be confirmed by the Senate soon after Biden is sworn in as the president on January 20.

On Tuesday, a day before the inauguration, Senate committees are also holding confirmation hearings of Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, Defence Secretary Lloyd J Austin, Homeland Security Secretary Aleniandro N Mayorkas and Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines. In his prepared testimony, Blinken said, "For all that has changed, some things remain constant, American leadership still matters."

The reality is that the world doesn't organise itself. When we're not engaged, when we don't lead, then one of two things happen: either some other country tries to take our place, but probably not in a way that advances our interests or values. Or no one does, and then you get chaos. Either way, that does not serve the American people," he said.

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### Biden nominee says intel won't be politicised

Washington: President-elect Ioe Biden's pick for national intelligence director is planning to tell Senate lawmakers that intelligence and national security issues will not be politicised under her watch. Avril Haines faces a confirmation hearing on Tuesday before the Senate intelligence committee.

Haines will also tell lawmakers that the Office of the Director of National Intelligence must not shy away from "speak-ing truth to power" even if inconvenient or difficult. That's according to excerpts of her prepared remarks released ahead of the hearing.

Haines served in the Obama administration as deputy direc tor of the CIA and deputy

national security adviser.

If confirmed, Haines would be tasked with restoring stability to an intelligence community that has been repeatedly den-igrated by President Donald Trump. She would also be the first woman to hold the position. AP

### It's not going to be easy, says Kamala Harris on challenges facing America

Washington: Vice President-elect Kamala Harris has acknowledged the challenges that lie ahead for Joe Biden when he will be sworn in as the 46th President of the United States on

Wednesday, saying "it is not going to be easy."

Biden enters the White House on January 20 with the top challenge to lift the country from the devastation of a raging pandemic that has killed more than 398,000 Americans and thrown millions into economic distress.

"We're going into Wednesday knowing that we're ready to

do the work, and we've got a lot of work to do. It's not going to be easy," Harris told reporters at Martha's Table in Anacostia

here on Monday, observing the National Day of Service. Every year on the third Monday in January, Americans honour the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., who in the 1950s and 1960s organised non-violent protests for Black equality and voting rights. The holiday traditionally features people commemorat-

ing King's work by participating in community service projects. However, both the pandemic and warnings of violence in cities across the country following the January 6 insurrection by pro-Trump supporters in the US Capitol affected the events this

year. "As we have discussed, Joe has outlined our plan for vaccinations, our plan for recovery, and in particular relief for working people, for families. And there is a lot to do.

Some of them say that ours are ambitious goals, but we do believe with hard work and with the cooperation and collaboration of the members of the United States Congress that we can get it done," Harris said in response to a question. Violent attempt at US Capitol to 'overturn' election shocking, incendiary: Independent UN experts

United Nations: Describing the attack on the Capitol as a shocking and incendiary attempt to 'overturn" results of a free and fair election, a group of independent UN rights experts has expressed hope that the US democracy will emerge stronger from this crisis with renewed commitment to peaceful plu-ralism and rule of law.

Twenty-three Special Rapporteurs and members of Working Groups have recently signed a statement in which they strongly condemned the US Capitol attack and the incitement to violence and hatred online and offline, calling for accountability.

They said the "violent

attempt to overturn the results of a free and fair election at the US Capitol on January 6 was a shocking and incendiary event"

The group affirmed and expressed their "solidarity with the American people who stand for democracy, equality and the rule of law at this critical

### Inaugural event to celebrate resiliency of Black Americans

Detroit (US): The resiliency, culture and heroism of Black Americans and the African diaspora will be the central theme of a virtual event that will celebrate the nation's diversity on the eve of President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris is slated to speak at Tuesday's event, "We Are One," which will also honour the historic nature of her being the first Black and South Asian woman to become US vice president.

Black voters nationwide helped deliver Biden's presidency, overwhelmingly sup-

porting him from the start of his White House bid. Black-led organising work across the nation galvanised voters of colour and contributed to historic turnout in key battleground states.

Tony Allen, CEO of the

inaugural committee, said the programming will "honour acts of resilience, heroism, and commitment to unity" from Black, Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities "as the coalitions that make up our nation come together to celebrate a new chapter in our his-

Biden picks transgender woman as assistant health secy

Washington: President-elect Joe Biden has tapped Pennsylvania Health Secretary Rachel Levine to be his assistant secretary of health, leaving her poised to become the first openly transgender federal official to be confirmed by the US Senate.

A pediatrician and former Pennsylvania physician general, Levine was appointed to her current post by Democratic Gov Tom Wolf in 2017, making her one of the few transgender people serving in elected or appointed positions nationwide.

She won past confirmation by the Republican-majority Pennsylvania Senate and has emerged as the public face of th state's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

### Not the right time to lift restrictions on int'l travel: Incoming WH Press Secretary

Washington: The incoming Biden Administration on Monday opposed the move of the outgoing President Donald Trump to lift travel restrictions on Europe and Brazil arguing that this is not the right time to do so in the midst of worsening of the coronavirus pandemic.

"With the pandemic worsening, and more contagious variants emerging around the world, this is not the time to be lifting restrictions on interna-tional travel," incoming White House Press Secretary Ien Psaki said in a tweet soon after Trump issued an executive order to lift

12 slain, dumped on road in rural

Mexico City: Authorities in Gulf coast state

of Veracruz said on Monday that 12 men were

killed and their bodies dumped on a roadside

in what may have been a dispute between cat-

tle ranchers. The killings occurred in the rural

town of La Choapas, near the border with the neighbouring state of Tabasco.

a statement that "initial investigations suggest

a division between ranchers and helpers from

Veracruz Gov Cuitláhuac Garcia wrote in

dispute in southern Mexico

travel restrictions on European and Brazil.

In an executive order, Trump said he is removing the restrictions applicable to the European Union, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and Brazil, while leaving in place the restrictions applicable to China

and Iran. A decision in this regard, he said, is being taken after the January 12 directive of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requiring proof of a negative COVID-19 test or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 for all air passengers arriving from a foreign country to the United States.

However, the incoming Biden Administration indicated that it will enforce a strong travel restriction. "On the advice of our med-

ical team, the Administration does not intend to lift these restrictions on 1/26. In fact, we plan to strengthen public health around international travel in order to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19," Psaki said in

another tweet.

### Panel: China, WHO should have | Earthquake acted quicker to stop pandemic

Geneva: A panel of experts commissioned by the World Health Organisation has criticised China and other countries for not moving to stem the initial outbreak of the coronavirus earlier and questioned whether the UN health agency should have labelled it a pandemic sooner.

In a report issued on Monday, the panel led by for-mer Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and former Iew Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark said there were d in "lost opportunities to apply basic public health measures at

the earliest opportunity" and that Chinese authorities could have applied their efforts "more forcefully" in January shortly after the coronavirus began sickening clusters of sickening people.
"The reality is that only a

minority of countries took full advantage of the information available to them to respond to the evidence of an emerging pandemic," the panel

why WHO did not declare a global public health emergency

The U.S. Geological Survey

meters (nearly nine miles).

The quake was followed by reports of damage.

### injures three in Argentina; tremor also felt in Chile

Buenos Aires (Argentina): A 6.4-magnitude earthquake struck in northwestern Argentina near the border with central Chile, injuring at least three people, authorities said on Tuesday.

Two children and an adult were hospitalised in San Juan province in Argentina after the quake hit just before midnight Monday, provincial Gov. Sergio Uñac said. The shaking caused the collapse of a house, damage to roads and some other buildings in several cities, as well power and water cuts,

said the epicenter was 27.6 kilometers (17 miles) southwest of the Argentine town of Porcito and struck at a depth of 14 kilo-

a magnitude 5.0 aftershock about 15 minutes later and then at least five more strong aftershocks in the next hour ranging from magnitude 5.3 to 4.8, the USGS said. Strong shaking was felt in Chile's capital Santiago. Chilean officials said there were no immediate

### Libya's rivals meet in Egyptian resort over constitution

Cairo: Libyan officials from rival administrations on Tuesday began talks in an Egyptian Red Sea resort about constitutional arrangements for presidential and mentary elections later this year, the United Nations said.

According to the U.N Acting envoy for Libya, Stephanie Williams, failure to find an arrangement will have "negative repercussions on the other tracks, including the security and economic situation. She urged the gathering via

videocall to wrap up their discussions within a two-month deadline agreed to in November in Tunisia. That agreement also called for presidential and parliamentary elections to be held on December 24, 2021.

Oil-rich Libya sunk into chaos following a NATO-backed uprising that overthrew and later killed dictator Moammar Gadhafi in 2011.

The North African country is today divided into two rival administrations, each backed by an array of militias and foreign powers. An administration backed by military commander Khalifa Hifter rules the east and south while a U.N.-supported government based in the capital, Tripoli, controls the west. AP

### Kremlin brushes off Western calls to release Navalny

**Moscow:** The Kremlin on Tuesday brushed off calls from US and European officials to release opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who was arrested after returned to Russia from Germany following treatment for nerve agent poisoning, calling the situation with Navalny "an absolutely internal matter."
Statements have come

from around the globe con-demning the arrest and calling for the immediate release of Navalny, who blames his poisoning on President Vladimir Putin's government.

They add to the existing

tensions between Russia and the West, with some EU countries suggesting the imposition of additional sanctions against Moscow.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Tuesday that "we can't and are not going to take these statements into account."

"We are talking about a

fact of non-compliance with the Russian law by a citizen of Russia. This is an absolutely internal matter and we will not allow anyone to interfere in it and do not intend to listen to such statements," Peskov told reporters. Navalny was detained at passport control at Moscow's Sheremetvevo airport after flying in Sunday evening from Berlin, where he was treated following the poisoning in August.

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occupy its land. The move comes after officials of the District Evacuee Property Trust Committee and District Revenue in a meeting with Deputy Commissioner,

Tuesday to protect a Hindu temple in northwest Pakistan's Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa province, days after a leader of the minority community demanded protection for the place of

worship fearing an attack by some mis-chievous elements who wanted to

Abbotabad, on Tuesday held that Havelian temple in Abbottabad district is a historic religious structure and needs

Thai court gives record 43-year

Bangkok: A court in Thailand on on Tuesday sen

tenced a former civil servant to a record prison

term of 43 years and six months for breaching the country's strict law on insulting or defaming the

The Bangkok Criminal Court found the woman guilty on 29 counts of violating the coun-

try's lese majeste law for posting audio clips to Facebook and YouTube with comments deemed

critical of the monarchy, the group Thai Lawyers for Human Rights said. The sentence, which comes

amid an ongoing protest movement that has seen unprecedented public criticism of the monarchy,

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the officials in the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Mughees Sanaullah directed deployment of police personnel at the temple site for its protection.
On Sunday, Hindu community

Hindu temple given protection in Pakistan

leader Haroon Sarab Dayal said the temple in Havelian city is an old structure and now the land mafia is out to destroy this heritage.
"A handful of mischievous elements

wanted to occupy the temple land in Havelian city to spread anarchy in the country," he said. The of fi-cials also held that the lease owner of the temple could neither demolish nor

1 dead, 24 migrants rescued

Athens: The Greek coast guard says it has res-

cued 24 people and recovered the body of one man from the southern part of the Aegean

island of Lesbos, while a search and rescue oper-

ation has been launched for potentially miss ing people.

The 25, believed to be migrants who had

arrived from nearby Turkey, were located on an

inaccessible part of the island's coast on

Tuesday and were transported from the area by

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The officials informed the meeting

that as per District Revenue Record, the existed at the land which was leased out to one Sardar Ramzan in 2013. Before that, the building was also used by other people for different pur-

In December, a temple in Terri village in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Karak district was attacked by a mob after members of the Hindu community received permission from local authorities to renovate its decades-old build-

### Afghan officials: Taliban attacks, violence kills dozens

Kabul: A wave of Taliban attacks and violence has killed dozens across Afghanistan, even as talks are underway between the government and the insurgents in Oatar, officials said on Tuesday. A statement from the defence ministry said four army soldiers were killed late Monday night in Taliban attacks on checkpoints in Zabihullah Mujahid, said the

ignters were also killed and 12 were wounded. nition from the checkpoints, he The details were impossible to independently verify as Kunduz is off limits to journalists and the Taliban hold sway across most of the province's rural areas.

However, Ghulam Rabani Rabani, a provincial council member in Kunduz, gave a significantly higher casualty toll.

gunifican on Monday nig said Abdul Nabi Elham, provincial governor Helmand.

At least 25 members of the security forces were killed by the Taliban in separate attacks in the Dasht-e-Archi district. including 13 soldiers and four policemen, he said.

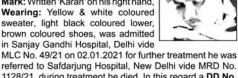
At least eight other soldiers were killed near Kunduz city, the provincial capital, he said.

insurgents were behind all the According to the ministry, attacks. The Taliban were able said.

Meanwhile, in southern Helmand province, Abdul Zahir Haqyar, administration chief in Washer's district, was shot and killed by unknown gunmen on Monday night, said Abdul Nabi Elham, the

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that a male Namely Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown Age: about 35 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Hair: Black, ID Mark: Written 'Karan' on his right hand, Wearing: Yellow & white coloured sweater, light black coloured lower, brown coloured shoes, was admitted in Saniay Gandhi Hospital, Delhi vide



referred to Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi vide MRD No. 1128/21, during treatment he died. In this regard a DD No. 53-A dated 15.01.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Prem

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about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

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Bharat Bhusan R/o H.No. 212, Near MCD School, Village Harewali, Delhi Age: 18 years Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Build: Thin, wearing black colour jacket, black colour lower and sports shoes in feet, has been missing since

General public is hereby informed

that this person namely Rohit S/o

lodged at P.S. Bawana, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this

SHO: P.S. Bawana, Delhi E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-27751949,



26.12.2020 at about 05:00 P.M. from his house. In this regard DD No. 82-A dated 27.12.2020 has been

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### **TOO BIG TO FAIL SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain D-SIBs: RBI**

 $T^{
m he\ RBI}$  on Tuesday said state-owned SBI, along with private sector lenders ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) or institutions which are "too big to fail".

SIBs are subjected to higher levels of supervision so as to prevent disruption in financial services in the event of any fail-

The Reserve Bank had issued the framework for dealing with D-SIBs in July 2014. The D-SIB framework

requires the central to disclose the names of banks designated as D-SIBs starting from 2015 and place these lenders in appropriate buckets depending upon their Systemic Importance Scores (SISs). "SBI, ICICI Bank, and

HDFC Bank continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), under the same bucketing structure as in the 2018 list of D-SIBs," RBI said in a

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 $T^{\text{he aluminium industry has}}_{\text{urged the Government to}}$  increase the basic custom duty

on primary aluminium and aluminium scrap to 10 per

cent, eliminate the cess on coal

among others as the sector is

going through a challenging phase and is under immense

In a representation to the government ahead of the

Union Budget for 2021-22, the Aluminium Association of

industry seeks immediate gov-ernment support to tide over

this challenging phase and look forward for supportive measures in the forthcoming

budget suggestions for alu-minium industry are "increase

in basic custom duty on alu-minium scrap at par with pri-

In this regard, it said the

Union Budget 2021-22.

"The Indian aluminium

threat by rising imports.

Aluminium industry seeks

Govt support; looks forward to

supportive measures in Budget



statement.

The additional Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) requirement for D-SIBs was phased-in from April 1, 2016 and became fully effective from April 1, 2019. The additional CET1 requirement will be in addition to the capital conservation buffer, the central bank

The additional CET1 requirement as a percentage of Risk Weighted Assets (RWAs) in case of the State Bank of India (SBI) is 0.6 per cent, while for the other two banks it is 0.2

mary metal to proposed 10 per cent, as in line with other non-ferrous metals like copper, zinc,

lead, nickel, tin etc...Elimination of cess on

coal (GST Compensation cess of ₹400/MT) to support high-

ly power intensive industries like aluminium, among others.

The industry has also sought reduction in basic custom duty

and correction of inverted duty

structure on critical raw mate

rials for aluminium industry

value chain like aluminium fluoride and coal tar pitch.

industry is going through a challenging phase and is under immense threat by rising

imports, declining domestic

market share, increasing pro-

duction and logistics costs," it

further compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic which has

adversely impacted the domestic demand for aluminium.

These challenges have been

"The Indian aluminium

## Sensex soars 834 pts as bulls make a comeback

### HDFC twins, RIL half of the benchmark's gains. lead charge

requires the central to

disclose the names of

banks designated as

D-SIBs starting from

2015 and place these lenders in appropriate

buckets depending upon

their Systemic

Importance Scores

which a D-SIB is placed, an

requirement has to be applied

country as applicable, proportionate to its RWAs.

SIBs are seen as "too big to

fail (TBTF)", creating expecta-

tion of government support for them in times of financial dis-

tress. These banks also enjoy

certain advantages in funding markets.

A mazon on Tuesday said it has partnered with Startup

India, Sequoia Capital India and Fireside Ventures to launch

an accelerator programme to

help early-stage startups take their brands to global audi-

ences.
The Amazon Global

Selling Propel (AGSP) programme has been designed to

support early stage startups (raised funding in post seed to pre-series A stage, if funded) in the consumer products space to launch in international markets

and create global brands from India through Amazon's Global

Selling programme.
As part of the Startup

Accelerator, Amazon has con-

stituted a mentorship board

consisting of Amazon leaders

from India and across the world, VCs and senior leaders

will be open for about three

weeks, following which 10 star-

tups would be chosen for the

The application process

from Startup India.

In case a foreign bank hav

 $R^{\rm eversing\ two\ days\ of\ heavy}_{\rm losses,\ the\ Sensex\ posted\ its}$ biggest jump in almost four months on Tuesday as investors returned to buying mode amid expectations of fresh stimulus in the US and other economies.

A recovering rupee and persistent foreign capital inflows further buoyed sentiment, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex soared 834.02 points or 1.72 per cent to close at 49,398.29. It was its biggest single-day gain since September 25, 2020, when it had climbed 835 ing branch presence in India is a Global Systemically Important Bank (G-SIB), it has to maintain additional CET1 capital surcharge in the points. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rallied 239.85 points or 1.68 per cent to finish at 14,521.15.

Bajaj Finserv was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, jumping 6.77 per cent, fol-lowed by Bajaj Finance, HDFC, L&T, ICICI Bank, Sun Pharma and NTPC. HDFC twins, Reliance Industries and ICICI Bank accounted for almost

**Amazon partners with Startup India, others** 

The programme will feature a six-week 1:1 mentorship

module for the shortlisted par-

ticipants where they will get to

interact with Amazon leaders

from India and worldwide and

get firsthand knowledge on building and scaling up exports business through e-commerce,

Abhijit Kamra, Director -Global Trade at Amazon India,

said. Amazon will provide the support for these startups to

launch their products world-wide through its exports pro-

gramme — Amazon Global Selling, he added.

an opportunity to showcase their business proposition to partner VC firms — Sequoia Capital India and Fireside Ventures and

three of them will get a chance to win a total equity free grant of

Amazon will also host open virtual mentorship ses-

sions focused on peer learning

by inviting veteran entrepre-

neurs and members from its

mentorship board for startups,

to network and learn from

their existing ecosystem.

\$50,000 from Amazon.

These startups will then get

to boost e-commerce exports from India

Only three Sensex components closed in the red — Tech Mahindra, ITC and M&M,

shedding up to 0.54 per cent. Global equities were on an upswing after US President-elect Joe Biden's nominee for treasury secretary, former Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen batted for more measures to fight the recession and avoid an even worse downturn.

In testimony prepared for her confirmation hearing on Tuesday before the Senate Finance Committee, Yellen said more aid is needed to get coronavirus vaccines distributed and help families struggling with job losses stay fed and housed.

"Bulls took control after two days of massive selloff, tracking positive cues from Asian markets and in expectation of a bigger US stimulus to keep the liquidity alive. Buying was seen across sectors with realty and PSU Banks out-

shining.
"The current market will get further boost by foreign inflow if additional US stimu-lus kicks in. However, recent

"The adoption of technol-

ogy and digital transformation

has paved the way for India to be at the forefront of innova-

capability to become big and go

by Amazon which can prove to be a big stepping stone for star-tups to build their business and

get access to global markets, Deepak Bagla, MD and CEO of

Invest India, said.

Amit Agarwal, Global

Senior Vice President and Country Head Amazon India,

said Amazon Global Selling is

witnessing tremendous momentum with increasing

interest from exporters across India.
"With Amazon Global

Selling we will continue to

make exports simple and accessible to businesses of all sizes

and fulfill our commitment of

enabling \$10 billion in e-com-

merce exports from India by

2025," he added.

volatility in the market has yields, and investors should be watchful," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.
All sectoral indices ended

with gains. BSE realty, metal, power, capital goods, industrials and finance indices rallied up to 4.04 per cent.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices jumped up to

2.31 per cent.
Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo ended with significant gains, while Shanghai was in the red.

Stocks exchanges in Europe were also trading on a positive note in early deals.

### **paise to 73.17** against dollar on equity rally

The rupee gained 11 paise to settle at 73.17 against the US dollar on Tuesday on the back of rally in domestic equi-ties and weak American cur-

rency.
A rebound in regional cur-

tion, giving rise to some of the best startups in the world. There are many promising, emerging brands that have the This is a timely initiative

Meanwhile, the dollar Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the green-back's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.22 per cent to 90.52 ahead of the testimony of US Secretary of the Treasury nominee Janet Yellen

later in the day.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 834.02 points or 1.72 per cent higher at 49,398.29 while the broader NSE Nifty advanced 239.85 points or 1.68 per cent to 14,521.15.

Foreign institutional investors were net buyers in the capital market as they purchased shares worth ₹650.60 crore on a net basis on Monday, according to provisional exchange data.

# Rupee rises 11

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rencies amid growing risk appetite among investors also supported the local currency. At the interbank forex mar-

ket, the rupee opened at 73.16, and hit an intra-day high of 73.14 and a low of 73.31. It finally finished at 73.17, higher by 11 paise over its last close.

### **INBRIEF**

#### GOVT HONORS RAVEE SINGH AHLUWALIA



Chandigarh: Ravee Singh Ahluwalia, Chief functionary of Patiala Foundation, has been presented with the Award for outstanding work in Road Safety/Good Samaritan by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari and Secretary- Road Transport and Highways Dr. VK Singh honoured Ahluwalia on January 18, 2021 at the inauguration of National Road Safety month at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. With great enthusiasm and strong vision in mind, Ahluwalia has been passionately working in the field of social work since the last 12 years. He has also been awarded the prestigious Punjab State Award and District Awards twice in the field of Social Service by Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh

#### **BHEL WINS ICAI NATIONAL AWARD** New Delhi: Bharat Heavy

Electricals Limited (BHEL) has won the coveted "ICA National Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting" for the financial year 2019-20. by Subodh Gupta, Directo (Finance), BHEL from Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State for Heavy Industries & Public winning this prestigious



recognition is a rare distinction achieved by BHEL after nearly four decades. The last time this recognition was granted to BHEL by ICAI, was in the year 1981-82. Notably, an independent jury unanimously selected BHEL in the 'Infrastructure and Construction Sector' category, for the Award for FY 2019-20 after screening at various levels.

#### E-AUCTION OF PREMIUM PROPERTIES OF RAJ STARTS

Jaipur: Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora informed that a total of 50 residential/commercial premium properties of Jaipur, Kota, Bikaner and Dausa of Raiasthan Housing Board will be sold through e-auction from January 19 to January 22, 2021. These include e-auction of 32 premium properties in Jainur 5 in Kota 2 in Dausa and 11 in Bikaner He informed that the process of participating in e-auction of these premium properties has been made very easy. Any person can participate in the e-auction by sitting at home or visiting the e-friend and registering and paying the prescribed security deposit. In order to allow maximum number of people to participate in the e-auction, the security deposit has been changed from 5 per cent to 2 per cent. Along with this, huge discounts have also been provided in the

#### MARKEM-IMAJE BEGINS WORK AT BHIWADI PLANT New Delhi: Markem-Imaje, a wholly owned subsidiary of the US-based

Dover Corporation, announced the commencement of work at its first plant at RIICO Industrial Area, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan. It will also be the head office of the company in the country and the facility is intended to cater to the domestic market. "I am convinced the best days are still to come and see India as a huge growth opportunity for us and our customers," said Vincent Vanderpoel, CEO of Markem-Imaje

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### **India must remain** an integral part of global economy: **Niti Aavoq CEO**

New Delhi: India must remain an integral part of the global economy if it has to grow at 9-10 per cent over the next three decades, Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said on Tuesday. Speaking at the 15th India Digital Summit, Kant said India

needs to become a major global exporting nation, without that it will not be possible to become richer and create wealth for its people over the next three decades.

10 per cent over a three-decade period, it must be open, it must be an integral part of the glob-

"It must be an integral part of the global supply chain," he said. Kant further pointed out that the Government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative is not about protectionism, it is about making India part of the global supply chain. According to the Niti Aayog CEO, post Covid-19 pandemic, only those countries will grow who will use digital ecosystem.

"Post pandemic global supply chain will be restructured, and you can be only competitive if you can use the power of technology," he said.

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### Logistics division trying to integrate various elements to promote ease of doing biz: Goval

New Delhi: The logistics division is trying to integrate various elements of the sector with a view to promote ease of doing business in the country. Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday. He said the proposed national logistics policy is under consultation.

"The logistics team is trying to work towards integrating the various means of transport, various documentation and including customs, ports, ship-ping companies, railways, trucking companies, inland

"We are working to bring the entire ecosystem through technology platforms into a much-simplified way of working," he said at the first national conference of states on logistics.

Tenders are invited from parties in

the business of event management. The firms in the business for past Seven years may apply for provision of temporary

nfrastructure facilities and celebrity

Management for the event calle

### Jan Dhan accounts cross 41 cr: FinMin

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry on Tuesday said that more than 41 crore people benefited from the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), a flagship scheme of the Government to promote

As on January 6, 2021, the total number of Jan Dhan accounts stood at 41.6 crore.

"Govt. Committed to #FinancialInclusion to all citizens. As on 6/1/21, #PMJDY accounts cross 41 Cr. And Zero Balance Accounts decline 2015. Clearly showing the use and adaption by every account holder," the Finance Ministry said in a tweet

The Jan Dhan Yojana, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day address in 2014, was launched on August 28 in the same year. PTI

### **Petrol crosses ₹85** mark for first time in Delhi, nears ₹92 in Mumbai

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Petrol price on Tuesday breached the ₹85 a litre mark in the national capital and diesel neared record high after rates were raised for the second consecutive day.

Petrol and diesel prices

were hiked by 25 paise per litre each, according to a price notification from oil marketing This took the petrol price

to ₹91.80 in Mumbai.

Diesel rate climbed to ₹75.38 a litre in the national capital - just shying away from its record high — and to an all-time high of ₹82.13 in Mumbai,

Petrol and diesel prices were hiked by 25 paise per litre each on Monday as well.

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#### **WESTERN RAILWAY** POSTPONEMENT NOTICE

Tender notice no. BCT/20-21/309 to 311 dt. 08.01.2021 which is to be opened on 02.02.2021 is Postponed and now to be opened on dt.16.02.2021. (Due to technical reason)



**Tender Notice** 

Office of the EE (M&G), Dhakrani Power Station invites s from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below NIT No. 29/EE(M&G)/DKN/2020-21:- Overhauling of super structure

NIT No.30/EE(M&G)/DKN/2020-21:- Replacement of pipeline of penstock filling valve at Dhakrani power Station .

NIT No.31/EE(M&G)/DKN/2020-21:- Overhauling of gantry Cranes of

draft tubes and stop log gates at Dhakrani power Station Estimated cost: Rs 1250000.00, Rs 1750000.00 & Rs 775000.00

Date of availability of bid document on website: - 20/01/2021 Last date of submission of tender: - 10/02/2021 up to 15:00 Hrs

For further & further details, kindly visit our website. The tende documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

Executive Engineer (M&G Executive Engineer (M&G)

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#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



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identification. In this regard DD No. 84-A. dated 12.01.2021 U/s 174 Cr. P.C has been lodged at Police Station, Kotwali, Delhi Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under

Name: Unknown, Age: About 70-75 Years, Height: 5'7" Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing Grev colour Shirt, Black Colour Pant and Bare feet. If anyone have any information or clue about this male decease

### unidentified dead body of a male namely



General public is hereby informed that an Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 12.01.2021 at between Road Divider, Infront of Bank of Baroda, Mair Road, Chandani Chowk, Delhi. Dead Body has been preserved in AAAG Hospital, Subzi Mandi, Delhi mortuary for 72 hours for

may kindly be inform undersigned.

Police Station Kotwali, Delhi Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121



SUNITA

General Public is hereby informed that one lady **Namely**: Sunita, **W/o**: Padam, **R/o**: KH No-57/17, Kishan Colony, Prahladpur Banger, Delhi, **Age**: 40 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Mehroon/Red Saree, Red Blouse and Hawai Chappal in Feet has been missing/kidnapped since 24.12.2020 from the area of P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi. In this regard FIR/DD No. 33-A, Dated 26.12.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped lady please inform the undersigned.

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P.S. Shahbad Dairy, Delhi Ph.: 011-27821047, 27822206 & 7065036322

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

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This is to bring to your notice that below (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number and address below mentioned The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement. The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated JANUARY 8, 2021 informing that, EARTHCON has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the date of this publication.

Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder.

Property Address

	Naeem, Iffat Gulamabbas Saiyed/ LBGHZ00002539542	Constructions Plot No 7A Casa Grande SEC CHI V Greater Noida				
2.	Sonika Chauhan, Pankaj Chauhan/ LBFDB00002277228	Flat No B103 Tower B 1st Floor, Plot Bearing No GH-07-07A Casa Grande Sector-CHI-V Greater Noida				
3.	Faisal Arif, Hina Naz, Mukarram Ali/ LBNOD00002408962	Flat No 901, 9th Floor Tower-A Plot No GH- 07A Casa Grande Sector- CHI-V Greater Noida				
4.	Faisal Arif, Hina Naz, Mukarram Ali/ LBNOD00002394509	Flat No 1101, Flat No 1101 11th Floor Tower A Casa Grande Plot No Bearing No GH 07A Sector CHI VI Greater Noida Noida				
5.	Vinod Kumar, Sonia Teotia/ LBNOD00002270175	B- 605 6th Floor Block B, Casa Grande Plot No 7A Sector CHI-V Greater Noida				

Flat No B 707, 7th Floor Casa Grande Plot Bearing No GH-07-07A Sector-CHI-V Greater Noida Flat No A 201, Tower A 2nd Floor Casa Grande Sector CHI V Greate Noida Prakash, Anannya Jewelry/ LBFDB00002201330

Dated: January 20, 2021 Place: Delhi/NCR For ICICI Bank Limited

"International Yog Festival 2021" to be held at Ganga Resort, Muni K Reti, Rishikesh from 1" to 7" March 2021. Last date of applying for the E-Tender is 03.02.2021, 15:00 Hrs ender document along with information can be downloaded from the website www.uktenders.gov.in. Cost of tender is Rs. 5000.00 and EMD is Rs. 3,00,000.00 (Three Lakh Only) The tender can only be uploaded through E-tendering Procedure on the website www.uktenders.gov.in Managing Directo

Khazan Chand

General Public is hereby informed that one male Namely: Khazan Chand. S/o: Khem Chand, R/o: B-94, Street No. 2, Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 21.12.2020 at 09:00 am. from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 44A dated 27.12.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi.

The description of the missing male are as under: Age: 33 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Black colour T-shirt and blue colour jeans. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this male kindly inform to the following. Website: http//cbi.nic.in

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### It is necessary to learn a few psychological interview tricks before one attempts to land their dream job, says VIKRAM WADHAWAN

whether you realise it or not, psychology impacts every aspect of your life. It doesn't matter if you have ever taken a psychology course or if you have preexisting supreme knowledge and information about this topic. What's necessary is that you learn to use a few psychological interview tricks before you attempt to land your dream job. After all, you only get one chance to make a good first

Make sure time is on your side

If the hiring manager offers you some flexibility in choosing an interview time, be sure you choose it wisely. Psychological reasons, says, it's wisest to look for an interview slot between 10 and 10:30 am on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. As your interviewer will be in a better head space to pay attention to your answers. Also, he/she will be more likely to be in a decent mood, which will make it convenient to build a

The year 2020 will be remembered for many events from economic slowdown to President

Trump's defeat and from stock market crash to rumour of Kim Jong (North Korea leader) being

dead. But one that leaves the mark in minds and impacted everyone is

COVID-19, which has changed the

impacts such as corporates adopt-

Avoid excessive smiling
There's no need to scowl at your interviewer — but you'll also want to avoid keeping a giant grin across your face And it's not that you're mean, it's purely psychological. A person that smiles too often is believed to be less serious and also too much smiling can look fake. Moreover, studies have also discovered that excessive smiling is not a good way to impress your interviewer and for certain professions, smiling too much can undermine your success in a job interview.

Address your interviewer by name "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language," wrote Dale Carnegie in his book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*.

The recruiter will instantly warm up to you once you will address them by their name. Subsequently, the interviewer probably has more interest in what you are saying. Moreover, Carnegie suggests using interviewer's name a few times in an interview where appropriate, especially when you're saying goodbye can make a lasting impression.

Mirror your recruiter's body language
Let's face it; your interviewer is going to base
a major part of their decision on whether or not they like your personality. Therefore, it's suggested to mimic the recruiter's mannerisms as by reflecting their behaviour, the similarities establish a bond. This approach puts the inter-

viewer at ease, promoting trust and likeability.
For example, note the interviewer's com munication style (whether formal or casual), and try to adapt the same. If they lean forward, likewise adjust your posture. Furthermore, echoing their voice tone and pitch is another great psychological trick that you can employ in your next University, researchers asked participants to

Confidence is the key

Act confident, even if you don't feel confident. This is because recruiters don't only take your professionalism and experience into account, but also your confidence level. When you come off as authentic, passionate, confident, comfortable, and enthusiastic, recruiters are more likely to hire you and it increases your chances of gétting selécted

Colour check is necessary

Did you know that colors portray certain traits? Base your color choice on the image you wish to project as the color of your clothes has a big impact on how other people see you. For example, if you're wearing a blue or a brown suit, it means that you're a serious candidate and grey signifies you're logical, focused, and analytical However, keep the point in consideration to not wear a lot of orange because it's sometimes viewed as unprofessional.

Don't forget to make eye contact

Don't be bashful — when you first meet your interviewer or your interviewer comes to greet you, look them in the eye. Moreover, it's also wise to make eye contact off and on throughout the entire interview.

In a study conducted at Northeastern

watch videos of strangers talking to each other for the first time and then rate how knowledgeable each person seemed. Results showed that the people who consistently made eye contact while speaking were considered more intelligent than those who didn't make eye contact.

Demonstrate reflective listening Reflective listening means to repeat back

your interviewer's statement or question in your own words, while you are answering. Studies have shown that reflective listening can increase your chances of getting hired, as it does not make you look and sound interested and intelligent, but it also shows you have good listening skills.

Don't interrupt

Interrupting someone elicits negative feelings. Never interrupt your recruiter, even when you think that your thoughts align with him/her and it shows that you're on the same page. Interruption can seem to be rude and also depicts a lack of listening skills.

It would be witty to consider the above-men-

tioned checks before landing for an interview. No interview is good or bad, successful or failed, but an experience in itself to understand the value

The writer is Founder & CEO, Vasitum

### **4** QUOTE OF THE DAY

The philosophic aim of education must be to get each one out of his isolated class and into the one humanity. Prudence and responsibility are not middleclass virtues but human virtues.

Paul Goodman

#### **EXPERTSAY**

The Indian IT and IT-enabled Services (IT & ITeS) sector has witnessed a complete turnaround and an unprecedented boost in the wake of COVID-19. Furthermore, the year 2021 promises to be a huge year for the sector fuelled by the growing need and adoption of digital technologies across the board. Given, the current business scenario, we expect a strong push towards policies promoting IT innovation by pushing business-critical and bold policy interventions to propel digital adoption across multiple industries. 'Digital-first' and 'Data-centric', should be the key focus areas for the Government in our view as we push for Digital innovation as an important building block for India's future growth.

— Deepak Mittal, CEO & Co-founder, To The New

The previous year proved to be a gamechanger for the education industry by drastically replacing traditional classrooms with online teaching methods. This along with the introduction of National Education Policy 2020 made a strong foundation for the following year. We expect the 2021 Union Budget to be open to creating an Edtech ecosystem with greater access to the internet and robust data protection. By allowing innovation in the sector and improving the basic digital infrastructure of the country, the Government can ensure that our education system is immune to any pandemic in the future. Our education system needs a perfect combination of digitisation and traditional classroom learning; the budget must elevate startups in the EdTech sector which reciprocate the same beliefs.

– Dr Sunita Gandhi, Founder – Global Classroom Pvt ltd & Global

The biggest challenge the healthcare sector/industry is facing currently is the shortage of skilled medical workforce. Our country needs more MBBS, MS and MD medical post-graduates and well-equipped hospitals and colleges. The Government should allot funds for medical education in rural areas. The health facilities should be improved in rural areas with qualified doctors and better equipment. The special allowances should also be provided to the doctors and their paramedical staff. The health scheme for children should be launched by the Government that should especially focus on the paramedical courses. New courses should be started in the existing Government colleges. There needs to be a system where we can focus on skilling and upgrading medical workforce skills in the needed geographies. In order to achieve this, major reforms are

- Gaurav Tyagi, Founder - Career Xperl

As the country recovers from the Covid-19 pandemic, it is hoped that the budget 2021-22 kick-starts the economy while boosting expenditure on education and healthcare infrastructure. In this regard, the Government could plan to forego fiscal restraints and increase capital expenditure in these particular sectors. There should be transparency and accountability in every rupee spent on education and ensure equitable distribution of funds. It is expected that the budget should look at boosting private investments and give a fillip to avenues of employment generation. The focus should be on upgrading the basic infrastructure and digitalisation of educational institutions, measures to encourage student retention, and comprehensive teacher training programmes to remain updated with global learning standards.

Rustom Kerawalla, Chairman, Ampersand Group

# Follow the 3Ls

The career mantra of learn, leverage and lead will help professionals in all sectors to stand out of the clutter, says VINAY SOLANKI



A career mantra we recomany professional any time and more expertise in one or two areas, at so for 2021 is 3L — Learn, Leverage and Lead to build "T-shape" profile. times it is good to have few breadths in other relevant technologies or Learn: 2020 taught us that we functional domains. Someone with need to learn to adapt lifelong and T-shape skill profile can always not get in our comfort zones. Technology professionals should move to adiacent domains or expertise if their existing area becomes continue to re-skill or up skill irrelevant or too competitive. themselves in the latest technologies Example would be embedded soft and trends. Cloud architects and ware programmer while having developers can learn new cloud platstrength in C, Python or NodeJS forms, mobile app developers can should also build some underensure to know a few competing standing of hardware architecture, PCB designing, design optimisation and probably soft skills to build languages or frameworks (ex: React,

Leverage: Technology professionals at times ignore power of building wider and stronger network but in situationsahead of us it becomes important to not only have technology skills but people skills and relationship building attitude. Finding the right job or career path can be easier if you learn how to leverage your network. If you know how to give back to your net-work you will always find someone referring you for an excellent job or position. One can build network within their organisation, online on

LinkedIn, participating in communities, attending focus groups or simply following people. Mentor who can guide you closely can also play a critical role in your career

Lead: Technology professionals with experience of 8+ years usually find it boring or stagnating if they continue to work in the same area or domain for long. Some opt for management programs in order to move up the career chain and oth-ers shift domain or skills.

I strongly advise that in addition to building technology skills to focus on functional and soft skills. Take initiatives at your work place by teaching, building focus groups eating on th hand and show you can drive a project, a team or open to take more responsibilities. Future is unpredictable hence it is critical you build leadership skills to differentiate in

a hyper competitive environment.

The economic growth moves in cycles so there will be uptime and again downward trends hence it's key to use the time you have in 2021 to follow my 3L strategy and strive to have a "T-shape" career or skill

The writer is Head — Digital Solutions

The KISS is the world's largest residential tribal university, home to thirty thousand indigenous students who are pro-vided nutrition, holistic formal & vocational education from KG to PG absolutely free of cost. It was established in 1992-93 by renowned edu-cationist & social activist Prof Dr Achyuta Samanta. Further it is the embodiment of empowerment of the marginalised, underprivileged group of students who have become change agents for their communities by providing emancipation from acute poverty through education.

Swapna, is a small girl following the trail of light & life from the distant horizon of darkness. She is nature's child, yet teary eyed facing the vicissitudes of life. Her beloved parents who have shown her the light of the day are no longer in this d leaving her alone to live a life without an identity. Yes, she is Swapna Kujur, the daughter of Sunil and Sia Kujur from the remote Bansikar village of Sundergarh district, belonging to the Oraon tribal community. She had lost both of her parents in early childhood & grew up without parental love &

affection.

After the death of her parents, all the three siblings along with Swapna came to the streets with the old grandmother accompanying them. Of course the old & helpless lady could hardly support her grand-

daughters. Even two squares of meals were out of reach and they suffered from pangs of hunger & acute poverty. She had to go to the forest to gather fire wood to arrange for food. The struggles increased day by day. Swapna became a road con-struction worker to survive, when she had not understood even the meaning of life. The siblings did not have a roof on their heads. Even the children had no clothes to cover their naked bodies. Such is the condition of dire poverty. Mother nature could no longer tolerate their plight. A good Samaritan of the village gave them shelter in his house, when they were clutching to the last straw for their survival Memories of late parents surged in & they cried

But amongst all these troubles, Swapna nurtured a beautiful dream But it was a day dream for her as the village had no roads or schools near-by. At this juncture, her fate took a turn for the better and a determined Swapna could reach KISS, accompanied by a villager who was trying to get her own daughter admitted to KISS. Before this, Swapna had only heard about the institute. Her long cherished dream had begun to take shape & she was admitted to class -

Her ecstasy knew no bounds as she entered the hallowed portals of KISS, the temple of learning for

many disadvantaged children like her. She enjoyed first full meal & was lost in a peaceful sleep at KISS on a mattress in the hostel building.

Days have passed by. Swapna is now in Class VIII &. She could find her long lost parents amidst the teachers of KISS. Happy productive days are here for Swapna. Gone are the days, when she did not find a single piece of cloth to cover her body & took refuge under the open sky in the jungles. KISS has given a new lease of life to her & she is enjoying every moment of her new found experience. Yet she is unhappy with the continuing poverty stricken life of her siblings.

She feels the comfort of nature's lap in KISS. She is aware, had it not been for KISS, she would not have been anywhere. She is indebted to the father like figure of Prof many marginalised, poor children like her from the jaws of acute pover-ty & hunger. It is Prof Samanta who has understood the meaning of hunger in its true sense & has been providing free education, food, shelter & clothing to thousands of poor & little children like her.

Because of KISS, Swapna is growing in the path of progress. She is getting opportunity to develop her culture and craft. Now she is the change agent for her community & is in the path of realising her long cherished dreams.

### Results out for CS programme

 $T^{
m he\ result}$  of Company Secretaries Foundation Programme examination held in 149 centres across the nation including one overseas centre at Dubai on December 26 and December , 2020 has been declared on January 18, 2021 at 11:00 am at New Delhi and released to all the Regional and Chapter Offices of the Institute throughout the country for information of all con-

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In addition to making available the result along with subject wise break-up of marks on the institute's website w.icsi.edu the ICSI has extended the facility of downloading of e-Resultcum-Marks Statement by the candidates. In December, 2020 session, 70.22 per cent of candidates passed the Foundation Program undation Programme examination

Balaji B G from Bengaluru Centre ecured All India first rank; Priya Jain from Jabalpur centre and Aparna Mukesh Agrawal from Bhayander cen-tre jointly secured All India second rank; and Nikita Jain from Bhubaneswar centre and Chiraag Agarwal from Kolkata (North) centre jointly secured All India third rank in the examination.

The next examination will be held on June 5 and 6, 2021

### National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries New appointments

The two day National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries culminated in Udaipur on 16 January, 2021 with invaluably intriguing technical sessions.

The first session of Ouality & Governance encompassed a discussion on an assemblage Secretarial Standards, Secretarial Audit, Auditing Standards, UDIN, ECSIN, Peer Review, Code of Conduct and Ethics. The second session

on Embracing Winning Strategies dealt in details with the Art of Advocacy, Opinion writing, Mega Firms, Networking and Multi-D i s c i p l i n a r y Partnerships giving an insight of the dynamism and chal-



Company Secretary side and as the President of Sharing his experithe Institute, CS Ashish Garg, President, The

ence as a Practising

responsibility of dispensing off their duties with greater enthusiasm and transparency.

responsibility of promoting a culture of good governance in all spheres in the country; on the other, it is the members i.e. the Company Secretaries and the Governance Professionals who are entrusted with the

The Institute of C o m p a n y Secretaries of India has elected CS Nagendra D Rao, as President and CS Devendra V Deshpande, as Vice-President of for the year 2021 w.e.f.

January 19, 2021. A fellow member of The ICSI, CS Nagendra Partner and Founder of CS Nagendra D Rao and Associates, LLP, a firm of Practising Company Secretaries

Bengaluru. He was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019-2022 and served as Vice-President of The ICSI for the year 2020 before being elected as President for 2021. A fellow member of the ICSI, CS

Devendra V Deshpande was elected to Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019 2022. He is a Nominee Director at ICSI IIP.

COVID-19 pandemic affected all of us especially those who embarked on the journey of entrepreneurship. DR MALINI SABA lists traits that will make one equipped to take life challenges head-on



# Be a pioneer in your field

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ntrepreneurship means willing to take risks, organise and live your dream in an ever evolving and competitive global market. Entrepreneurs are those who desire to innovate, produce, lead and pioneer in their own field, but 2020 was the year that imparted some valuable lessons to everyone all across the

The COVID-19 pandemic hurled innumerable challenges for entrepreneurs especially for those who just embarked on the journey of entrepreneurship. But as the worst is behind us, we know the success mantra of all entrepreneurs in this pandemic was the up-gradation of skills. And entrepreneurship is all about upgrading your skills over time. In 2021, to wade through the tough terrain of life we all should inculcate entrepreneurial skills in students. So here are specific traits of entrepreneurs that will make one equipped to take life challenges

### Traffic Communication Skills

One of the most prominent skills for being entrepreneurs is terrific communication skills. That

success of entrepreneurs but also all paves the way for the success of each one of us in almost every walk of life. Pandemic is a golden time for students to learn various skills that helps them to shape their future. A good communicator will emerge victorious in almost all walks of life.

#### Upgrading Skills

Learning is a never ending process for students which helps them to upgrade themselves for creating their better version in their desired field. One success sutra uncovered by this pandemic is that how quickly acclimatise vourself in consonance with any ituation determined your success During the pandemic when a formidable existential crisis was posed by the pandemic the success of entrepreneurs and ventures was determined on the premise of how quickly they pivoted to new businesses.

Thus entrepreneurs reoriented their business model and strategies. Thus willingness to upgrade and acclimatise to any situation befallen on you deter-mines your success. Thus this trait

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students stride on path of success Crisis Management Skills It's not easy to tackle any cri-**Entrepreneurship** 

sis but your role to manage the sit-uation is define your skills or mind-set towards it. For students the most important skill set that leads to the sparkling success of any entrepreneur is his acumen for crisis management. Standing firm in the face of crisis, wading through the crisis and emerging victorious are few traits associated with entrepreneurs. But this skill holds immense value in our lives when we should be ready to grapple with any untoward incident and emerge victoriously. So, it would be apt to say we all should strive to inculcate this entrepreneurial trait in 2021 when 2020 shows us that we have to hold strong in the face of crisis and any

These entrepreneurial skills will let

extenuating circumstances.

Optimal Use of resources
Resources are mostly limited in nature whether its natural or man-made, so students need to always keep in mind to use resources potentiality. Another

important entrepreneurial skill that leads to success is their ability to optimally use all the resources. And that is the quality that if transpired into our personal lives will also make our personal and professional lives hassle-free and smooth. This trait can not

only give entrepreneurs marvel-lous success but can also bring

#### Ability to Take Risks

huge success for you.

Entrepreneurship is the pro-fession associated with taking risks and making the maximum out of any opportunity. But this risk-taking ability will not create rags to riches story only for the entrepreneurs rather this can be a game changer for all of us even in our personal lives. The 2021 will be all about risk-taking abilities and entrepreneurial skill will come to rescue in your personal life too. Thus 2020 brought lessons for

us that it's not only for students or entrepreneurs to enhance their skills but it's equally important to learn entrepreneurial skills to sail through all the extenuating circumstances of life.

The writer is founder-chairman,

Saba Group and Anannke Foundation

## 'Let's build self-reliant & digital India'

The biggest priority for start-ups in 2021 will be to build business models that are efficient, agile and sustainable, says RAHUL GARG

The 2021 marks the beginning of not only a new decade but also a new normal. This new normal will pose new challenges to old processes and old ways that old businesses have thus far followed. The growing strength of start-ups and new ventures will become the foundation of a new selfreliant and digital India. Start-ups with new processes and new technologies are defining the new normal.

The biggest priority for start-ups in 2021 will be to build business models that are efficient, agile, and sustainable. It will be critical for start-ups to start searching for the right combination of processes, technology, and people in processes, technology, and people in 2021 to provide new and better ways around such challenges. To achieve this, they will need to be modular. Start-ups will have to integrate people, processes, and technology into a single model that allows each of these elements to be repeatedly dismantled, designed, and deployed to adapt to distributions.

deployed to adapt to disruptions.

Businesses have been using processes that were deemed right until processes that were deemed right until some time ago. These processes have low technology penetration, offline col-laboration platforms, and disjoint workflows that necessitate people's onsite presence and increase exposure to health risks. The pandemic has cre-ated new benchmarks. Old businesses now need to test and validate their existing processes against first princi-ples. They need to introspect on how an economy of 1.3 billion people can continue to produce goods and services, have access to stable income streams, and get recognised for creating value in the face of adversity. Innovation focused start-ups can enable legacy businesses to explore new processes. Start-ups will first come about

using new processes that provide new ways where none previously existed and better alternatives than the existing ones. They will enter the fray as product and process innovation providers that create balance sheet impact for old businesses. Those that will be agile will businesses. I nose that will be agile will be the first to roll out new products and processes in the market will earn the tag of belonging to a select group of businesses that truly innovate. A lot of this innovation will involve digitalisation and technology integration in diverse capacities, as is evidenced by the shift



Rahul Garg Founder-CEO , Moglix

from offline to online processes through the pandemic.

The new decade will bring disruptions characterised by high volume, velocity, and variety of change. Fiscal policy interventions from governments, advisories from consulting companies, and businesses' initiatives will have to be a step ahead of such unseen changes and build deterrence capabilities well in advance. Institutions will have to move towards a new nor-mal of collecting, analysing, and interpreting data for decision making, get-ting higher predictability about the future, and staying ahead of the curve. Startups born from technology innovations in emerging technologies like big data, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and cloud computing will enable businesses, Governments, and social enterprises to achieve unprecedented levels of proactive institutional behavior.

New techniques that demonstrate tangible value for customers, and protect the lives and livelihoods of people, will sustain, attract talent, and get support from investors and Government to grow into new businesses of tomorrow. 2021 will, in a way, set the preconditions for start-ups to take off towards building a self-reliant and digital India.

he changes in India's education sector, some forced — some welcome, in this year will continue to impact the sector for many years to come. First and foremost the pandemic forced the schools and colleges to shift to online learning almost overnight. Online learning introduced many new paradigms in education like virtual classrooms, learning anytime, personalised learning at one's own pace and speed, remote examinations and admissions and

many others. The education sector continues to reel under the impact of the pandemic induced changes and some roll-over effect in terms of delayed exams and sessions etc. will likely be experienced for the next few years.

The second significant change that will have far-reaching effects on Indian education is the announcement of the New Education Policy 2020 (NEP) after a gap of almost 34 years. The NEP is a futuristic policy document which envisions more paradigm shifts in education as we know it. There is a strong emphasis on digitizing higher education and open learning systems to boost the GER.

India's GDP to 6% and improve education for nearly 300 million students. Towards this, the policy sets out comprehensive reforms that will affect every student, from

The NEP 2020 aims to increase public investment in education from 4.4% of the play schoolers to ambitious master's

degree pursuers considering a PhD. The activities could go from ability improvement and inventive financing to empowering research yield.

Another critical reform will be the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) setting, which will work as a single body for all higher education, barring medical and legal education. It will replace all other remaining regulatory bodies like the UGC or the AICTE. Creating a National Educational Technology Forum, an autonomous body, will also encourage the

use of technology in college education. Hence, much can be expected from the sector, and the sector itself has much to look forward to from 2021 onwards. Together, in the backdrop of these significant impact events, Indian education

can look to the following soon:

Learn anytime learning and at any place: It will be easier for the students to learn and upgrade their skills. Students will be able to learn new courses from international universities. The modern learners will be able to consume, evaluate,

and integrate continually changing data Flexible paths and more choice of subjects: Students will have various courses and subjects to choose from. The HECI is expected to set up a solitary all-

encompassing umbrella body for all advanced education streams, barring clinical and legal training. Vocational or skill-based learning will also be included. The new system is expected to provide flexibility.

Project-based and experiential learning: Accurate assessment is the process of uncovering, understanding and figuring out what a learner does and does not understand, and moving forward from there. Project-based and experiential learnings may well become the norm then. Mobile learning and self-directed learning could form the core of formal education models: Regardless of whether through versatile learning applications or 1:1 mixed learning or customised learning calculations, or self-coordinated learning, the fate of learning is without a doubt

portable, individual, and self-coordinated.

Many believe that if the new policy is implemented sincerely with a careful designing of syllabi and curricula, it can transform India into a self-reliant knowledge superpower. The 2021 educationists should hook on to thinking about students as individuals and inspire students to learn.

> The writer is Ashwani Awasthi, Managing Director- RICS School of Built Environment

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### STUDY ABROAD -

### 'Many benefits of studying MBBS abroad'

Fee hike, bond sign and increase in NEET cut-off has made students apply to foreign colleges, says VP BENIWAL

opted for MBBS abroad. Many medical colleges in India have increased their fee this vear.

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Harvana has increased its fee from ₹4 lakh to ₹10 lakh per vear with the conditions to sign a bond. The students can pay this amount by taking the loans and the Government would repay the instalments of the loan. According to the

bond, a student on completing MBBS will have to serve at the public health centres in rural areas. If the persons guits to work under the said conditions, the bond repayments shall not be borne by the Government.

Fee hike in Southern States like Kerala has also

been reported this year. Where the fee was around ₹5-₹6 lakh till last year for private medical colleges, this year it has hiked to ₹12-₹13 lakh per year. Such high fee is creating financial burden on parents.

Also, the NEET cut off for Government medical colleges has hiked. Hence the students scoring close to 600 have also not got the medical colleges of their choice in India. Such students were left with options to choose either a private medical college if they could afford or opt for MBBS abroad where the latter seems to be a wise decision. Where such students could not secure their medical seat in India, these students are offered scholarships with premium Government universi-

ties abroad. With these changes students tend to get attracted towards MBBS abroad. Some have even cracked the opportunity this year while other are hopeful to apply after NEET 2021.

The writer is Director, Jagvimal

### **IN BRIEF-**

### THE LITTLE SINGHAM HITS A MILLION DOWNLOADS

he Little Singham: Kids Early Learning App launched last year by Creative Galileo has hit a million downloads in just six months with an average rating of 4.70. Creative Galileo is an e-learning app that weaves together the best of education and entertainment to create personalised. integrated learning experiences for young

This educational app is a paradigm shift from traditional teaching practices and targets children from three to eight years to teach them about colours, numbers, shapes, phonics, etc. Delivered via extremely engaging storylines of Little

Hawaldar Karate and many others this app helps to inculcate friendship, kindness

helpfulness, and morality in kids Talking about the app, founder Prerna Jhunjhunwala, said: "Traditionally, education and fun were supposed to be two things that are the complete opposite of each other, but we believe that when the children are having fun, then they are more interested in learning. Our carefully curated content brings together the best of education and entertainment. This is a holistic kid's app that meets the end to end needs of parents and children."

#### COVISHIELD VACCINE DRIVE AT SIMS HOSPITALS Welfare Department

he SIMS Hospitals Medical Science). /adapalani, one of the leading multi specialty hospitals in Chennai, joins India's biggest vaccination drive against COVID 19 with Covishield vaccine, beginning today.

Inaugurated by Dr J Radhakrishnan, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Government of Tamil Nadu, the Covishield vaccine will be provided free of cost to about 1500 healthcare workers as well as frontline workers of SIMS Hospital, in this phase-I of vaccination drive. Using their Government identity cards, health workers can register

to avail the free vaccine. Speaking on the

occasion Dr Radhakrishnan said: "Building trust and confidence to motivate people to get vaccinated against COVID 19 is very important. I got the immunisation vaccine administered to emphasise the vaccine's safety and efficacy. I am elated that those who have already got vaccinated are responding well to the vaccination too.

#### 13TH ED LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE

e are in the middle of the most challenging years for Indian V education sector. The Ed Leadership Roundtable Conference acts as a medium to initiate critical conversations, those that define the future of education.

The 13th edition of Ed Leadership Conference, organised by GETI, is going to be held from January 21 — January 24, 2021. The chief guests of the event are Anurag Tripathi, senior bureaucrat of 1998 batch officer of IRPS and Secretary of Central Board of Secondary Education

since May 2017 and Dr. Dinesh Sharma the Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh The first ever Ed Leadership

International Roundtable happened in the year 2008 and ever since, 12 more have taken place where attendees are given a participation certificate, followed by Innovation-in-Process Fellowships and International Education Innovator Awards

The virtual conference is free for all the attendees and can be booked online (https://www.edleader.in/register.aspx)

India does winning talk, pull off historic Test series win

hey say heroes are ordinary people doing extraordinary stuff. If one wanted to see a Live demonstration of it, Gabba was the place to be where Australia's cricketing pride and invincibility was torn to shreds by a bunch of Indian rookies who didn't seem

Down Under

to care for either history or reputations. A target of 328 lay in front of them and with all the broken bones and bruised bodies in the dressing room, it would have been perfectly understandable to chase a draw to retain that coveted Border-Gavaskar trophy

But they wanted more and that's precisely what they walked away with. So what if their regular captain was on

paternity leave? So what if their pace spear-head and premier all-rounder were out injured? So what if the crowd in Sydney had caused some mental scars with their racist chants?

So what? Asked a lot which had seen adversity of a more intense kind in their per sonal lives. They knew all about it and on the field, they showed how to stand up to

On Tuesday, a minefield of talent called Rishabh Pant (89 not out off 138 balls) channelled his inner *Mad Max* to scare the day-lights out of the Australians with his breathtaking strokeplay. He couldn't care less for the history that the home team had not lost at 'Fortress Gabba' in the past 32 years. He was out to change it.

Coach Ravi Shastri knew how momen tous it was. He would know, he was part of the ride and he made no bones about it.

"It is the toughest tour ever. Nothing surpasses this. After 36 all out, this is unreal," Shastri said, admitting that at the end of it all, he had tears in his eyes.

If Shastri's intense declaration reflected his flamboyance, stand-in captain Ajinkya Rahane's reticence shone through in his

tributed," he said.

The highlights package of Pant's battle with Nathan Lyon can be enjoyed repeatedly in times to come as he demolished the 100-Test man in company of debutant Washington Sundar (22), who hooked the world's best fast bowler, Pat Cummins, for

"I looked good because everyone con-

No one moved from their seats as Pant cut, drove, and paddle-swept to make a statement to his detractors while gifting India one of their finest overseas wins during the dying moments of the final session with an off-driven boundary.

While Shubman Gill (91 off 146 balls) announced his arrival on the global stage,

Cheteshwar Pujara (56 off 211 balls) sur-passed all the pain barriers en route his slow-est Test fifty that held the game in balance for Pant to launch a final assault.

The Australian team wouldn't feel too good about not being able to win a Test match with an opposition that was finding it difficult to field a fit first XI a day prior to the Test match.

Add to it, the visitors were also left quite hurt by the racial slurs directed at the likes of Mohammed Siraj and Jasprit Bumrah by the crowd during the Sydney Test. The series will be remembered for ages

and the impact that Ajinkya Rahane's team

had on the cricketing fraternity and the fans in general will be written in golden words when a fresh history of Test cricket after 2000 is written.

In terms of relevance, a series win without Virat Kohli, Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah not being available at various points, is zillion times more significant than the 2-1 win in 2018-19 when the opposition didn't have Steve Smith and David Warner in its ranks.

First time, people celebrated draws, became empathetic to players with limited abilities and believed in their team.

The stands were near-about empty at the Gabba thanks to the Covid-19 crowd restrictions but make no mistake that Test cricket seemed well and truly alive and kick-

With its beautiful ebbs and flows, the fifth day was witness to three separate schools of batsmanship, so very dissimilar to each other.

Gill, who is now going to be the "Real Deal", was free-flowing in his stroke-making with his "beside the line of the ball" technique as he rode the bounce to hammer home the advantage and briefly make India favourites to win the battle.

The two sixes off Mitchell Starc — a slash over backward point and a thump over

deep mid-wicket - will be the ones for the keeps.

The disdain while thrashing the

Australian bowlers would have made even Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli

India have now got Kohli's heir apparent and the 21-year-old is here to

stay for the longest time. Pujara, on the other hand, saw the Australian try out the menacing short ball tactic. He took a few on the helmet, a few more on the chest and other parts and a painful one on the knuckles but remained unfazed. Gill and Pujara showed that there are multiple ways to skin a cat. If Pujara was ready to duck, sway and cop body blows off Josh Hazlewood and Cummins, showing the art of survival. Gill, on his first tour of Australia, was ready to be the intimidator by bringing the pull shot out of

The duo, during its 114-run stand, showed that very contrasting styles can co-exist without conflict even as fans of both genres argue who has the more appropriate approach for the format. Even Pant with his cavalier ways

would have added his two cents to the debate on various styles. But for the uninitiated, the three distinct schools can be suitably de-constructed — Pujara's was more of investing in an LIC policy with safe returns while Gill's approach, with his collars-up, was akin to mutual funds and Pant would most likely play his game in high-stakes stock market where winner takes it all but at times at a heavy price. While the final day performance is sure to hold a special place but the story of this match won't be complete without a more than honourable mention of what Shardul Thakur and Washington Sundar did on the third morning and afternoon

We are all overjoyed at the succes of the Indian Cricket Team in Australia. Their remarkable energy and passion was visible throughout. So was their stellar intent, remarkable grit and determination. Congratulations to the team Best wishes for your future endeavours

A historic cricketing triumph scripted in

Congratulations to India's talented young cricket team for winning the hard-fought test series. The team showed exceptional skills and resilience. The nation is proud of their achievement.

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Every time we got hit, we stayed put & stood taller. We pushed boundaries of belief to play fearless but not careless cricket. Injuries & confidence. One of the greatest series wins!

-SACHIN TENDULKAR

WHAT A WIN!!! Yesssss. To everyone who doubted us after Adelaide, stand up and take notice. Exemplary performance but the grit and determination was the standout for us the whole way. Well done to all the boys and the management. Enjoy this historic feat lads. Cheers @BCCI

-VIRAT KOHLI

Khushi ke maare pagal. This is the new India. *Ghar mein ghuskar maarta hai*. From what happened in Adelaide to this, these young guys have given us a joy of a lifetime. There have been World Cup wins but this is special. And yes, there is a reason Pant is extra special

Well done captain @ajinkyarahane88 this this biggest series win I feel.. Without many big names you guys have showed the way how it's done congratulations @BCCI

Test cricket's heart is beating strongly! That was an extraordinary win @BCCI & a fantastic series to watch. Aussies not lost at The Gabba since 1988. Wow

What a Test match! The depth of Indian Cricket is scary. *@RishabhPant17*, sweet number 17. Well played young man. #testcricket at its very best

Only issue with India beating Australia in such an INCREDIBLE manner, is that the Test was played in Brisbane. A city that doesn't deserve an event so good! Rolling on the floor laughing. Pant — the boy who turned into a man today in Australia, in cricketing

## Biggest moment of my life: Pant

fter playing a key role in India's After playing a key role in mana-breathtaking and successful run chase in the series-deciding fourth Test against the historic win as the "biggest moment of his life.

"This is one of the biggest moments of my life now, and I'm happy that all the support staff and all my teammates sup-ported me even when I wasn't playing," Pant said at the post-match presentation India did not play Pant in either the

preceding ODI or the T20 series. But the young wicketkeeper-batsman made an impression in the Test series, playing a combative 97-run knock in the second innings in Sydney and again here on

"It's been a dream series. The team management always backs me and tells me, you are a match-winner and you have



to go win the match for the team. I keep thinking every day that I want to win matches for India, and I did it today," Pant

India skipper Ajinkya Rahane initially struggled to find words but gathered himself to praise his courageous team-

"It means a lot to us. I don't know how to describe this, but our boys showed a lot of character and determination after the Adelaide Test," Rahane, who led India in the absence of Virat Kohli, said.
"I'm really proud of each individual."

Australia captain Tim Paine gracious-admitted that they were outplayed by the

'We were here to win the series, but we have just been outplayed by a disciplined and tough Indian side who fully deserve the series win. We have to look back over a lot of things, and we'll go through it as a group.
"We have been outplayed by a better

side this series," he said.

### n amalgamation of fascinating life stories that scripted one of the most memorable moments in the histo-

ry of Indian cricket. The men who humbled Australia in their own backyard, defying odds and naysavers, are not the ones staring from the billboards in manic metro cities but shy, quiet and unassuming characters from the suburbs and the hinterlands.

These are strong character artists of an

author-backed film rather than mega stars with bulging biceps of 200-crore potboil-

Pioneer Sport presents back stories of the magnificent bunch which gave Indian cricket 'a win to remember' for ages to

#### **RISHABH PANT**

Rourkee has always been known for its finest engineering college, now an IIT but this is also the hometown of Rishabh Pant. son of school owner parents. There was a time that on occasions a young Pant, accompanied by his mother would reach Delhi in wee hours of morning on weekends to attend training at the famed Sonnet Club and before the crack of dawn rest at the Gurdwara before heading to the ground. He played an IPL game days after his father Rajendra's sudden demise.

#### **MOHAMMED SIRAJ**

Son of an auto-rickshaw driver from Hyderabad's Lancer. He lost his father during the tour but decided to stay for the team

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and miss the last rites. He got a maiden five for in his debut series and was all choked up while dedicating the feat to the memory of his father. The youngster handled racist abuse from Australian fans with the

#### **NAVDEEP SAINI**

Son of a bus driver from Karnal, he used to play tennis ball matches for ₹1000. Delhi first-class player Sumit Narwal brought him for the Ranji Trophy nets where then captain Gautam Gambhir picked him for tournament-proper. It was met with stiff resistance from none other than Bishan Singh Bedi who protested that a player outside Delhi domicile was being picked. This led to Gambhir putting his foot down and he never misses an opportunity to remind the detractors what Saini seemed capable of even at that time.

#### **SHUBMAN GILL**

The heir apparent of Virat Kohli was born in a Punjab village called Fazilka to an affluent farmer family. His grandfather had prepared a pitch in the farming field for his dearest grandson before his father decided to shift to Mohali so that his son's

cricketing ambitions got wings. He was a member of the India U-19 World Cup team. Recently, on his Instagram account, he had voiced his support for ongoing

The man from Rajkot is not very expressive but has dealt with adversity because of a strong mental make-up large-ly due to his coach and father Arvind Pujara. He lost his mother while playing junior cricket but never wavered from his goal despite the tragedy. Those hits on the body and knuckles in Brisbane on Tuesday will be the medals he would like to wear

### **SHARDUL THAKUR**He comes from Palghar and as a 13-

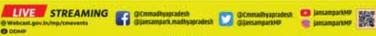
\With inputs from PTI

farmers' protest.

CHETESHWAR PUJARA

year-old had hit six sixes for his school Vivekananda International Borivali in a Harris Shield Match. Who is the most celebrated alumni of Vivekananda International? India's white ball legend Rohit Sharma. Both Shardul and Rohit have had the same childhood coach Dinesh Lad, whose son Siddhesh also plays for Mumbai.





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