

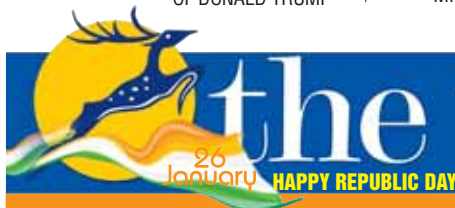
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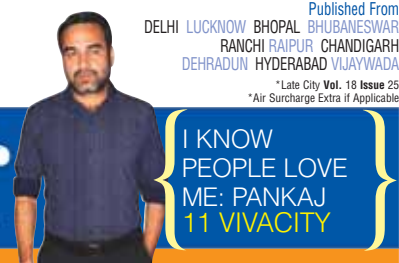
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China's bid to open new front in Sikkim foiled

Minor clash at Naku La on Jan 20, confirms Indian Army, but China claims no scuffle took place

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

When India and China were preparing for talks last week to defuse tension at the border in Ladakh, the People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops tried to breach the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Sikkim leading to a minor face-off when Indian Army intercepted the Chinese. Soldiers from both armies were injured. The situation was brought under control following the intervention of local commanders.

China on Monday, however, denied that such an incident ever took place. The Indian Army, on the other hand, confirmed the incident and said, "We have received several queries regarding a face-off between Indian Army and PLA troops in the Sikkim sector. It is clarified that there was a minor face-off at the Naku La area of North Sikkim on

January 20 and the same was resolved by local commanders as per established protocols. Media is requested to refrain from overplaying or exaggerating reports which are factually incorrect." Sources said the injuries were insignificant and minor in nature and roughly about 20 PLA soldiers and four Indians were injured in the melee. The fracas took place when the Chinese patrol tried to enter Indian territory, they added. The Naku La is located at a height of more than 13,000 feet. The latest stand-off took place at a time when the Corps Commanders of the two armies were getting ready for the talks on Sunday. The talks lasted more than 16 hours at the Chushul-Moldo border meeting point in Eastern Ladakh. However, there was no tangible breakthrough in the parleys.

The joint statement released here on Monday said the two sides had a candid and in-depth exchange of views on disengagement along the LAC. The two sides agreed that the ninth round of meeting was positive, practical and constructive, which further enhanced mutual trust and understanding. The two sides agreed to push for an early disengagement of the frontline troops.

Talking about the latest face-off, an official said, such an



incident had also taken place last year on May 9 at Naku La when tension was building up at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. Mountain pass is known as La in the Tibetan language. Even then, the troops from both sides exchanged blows after jostling each other. The intervention of local commanders prevented the situation from escalating.

Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Zhao Lijian told a daily briefing in Beijing on Monday that he had "no information to offer" on the reports of clashes. He also said the Chinese troops are committed to maintaining peace at the border and urged India to meet China halfway and refrain from any unilateral actions that may exacerbate the border situation. The Chinese army mouthpiece *The Global Times* termed the incident as fake news and said there is no record of this incident in the Chinese PLA front line patrol logs.

In recent days, the focus of the military's top leaders on both sides has been on the ninth round of Corps Commander-level talks, not a new border clash, and the two sides have not been involved in such clashes mentioned by the Indian media, it said.

There have been minor frictions between the frontline forces of the two countries, but if there had been friction

involving casualties, it is impossible for them not to be recorded in the Chinese patrol logs.

As regards the Corps Commander-level dialogue, the Indian delegation was headed by 14 Corps chief Lt General PK Menon while Major General Liu Lin led the Chinese team.

The statement said the two countries also agreed to follow the important consensus of their state leaders, maintain the good momentum of dialogue and negotiation, and hold the 10th round of the Corps Commander-level meeting at an early date to jointly advance de-escalation.

The two sides agreed to continue their effective efforts in ensuring the restraint of the frontline troops, stabilise and control the situation along the LAC in the Western Sector of the China-India border, and jointly maintain peace and tranquility.

India honours Galwan hero martyr Col Santosh Babu with Mahavir Chakra award

Veer Chakra to be conferred on 5 martyred soldiers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Colonel B Santosh Babu, who along with 19 other Army personnel, was martyred in a brawl with the Chinese troops in the Galwan valley last year, will be awarded the Mahavir Chakra posthumously on the occasion of Republic Day this year. This medal is the second highest wartime gallantry medal. Veer Chakra, the third highest wartime gallantry

medal, was conferred on five other soldiers. All these soldiers had died with Babu, the commanding officer of the 16 Bihar Regiment, in the bloody clashes on June 15 in Eastern Ladakh.

The Chinese used nailed batons and iron rods to attack the Indian Army team. More than 35 Chinese soldiers were also killed in the free for all. However, China is yet to announce the number of casualties on its side.

The Veer Chakra awardees include Naib Subedar Nudram Soren, Havaldar K Palani, Havaldar Tejinder Singh, Naik Deepak Singh and Naik Gurtej Singh.

Kisan to march on Parliament on Feb 1

Two lakh tractors to participate in kisan tractor rally on Republic Day

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Sanyukt Kisan Morcha on Monday announced that they will march towards Parliament from different locations on February 1 when the annual Union Budget is scheduled to be presented.

"We will march towards Parliament on foot from different locations on the Budget day on February 1. As far as tomorrow's tractor rally is concerned, it will give the Government an idea of our strength and they will know the agitation is not just limited to Haryana or Punjab but it is an agitation of the whole country," said Darshan Pal of the Krantikari Kisan Union.

"The farmers who have come for the tractor parade will not go back now and will continue the protest. The agitation will continue till our demands met. Our stand remains the same," Pal told a press conference, sharing the farmers' plans to intensify the protest.

The farmers' unions also claimed that around two lakh tractors are expected to participate in their tractor rally on the Republic Day in Delhi.

The rally is planned to be moved into the city from the Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders.

Protesting farmer unions opposing the three contentious farm laws said their parade will not enter central Delhi and it will start only after the official Republic Day parade concludes.

"It will be big event in the Indian democracy. We will celebrate Republic Day in its true sense tomorrow. The way the political leaders have played with the Constitution by constantly introducing amendments that kept violating human rights...we will continue to demand that they be rectified. It is the same Constitution in which they have introduced these three laws, which have created a problem not just for the farmers but also for the entire population of the country, against

Pawar: Farmers will destroy farm laws

Mumbai: The Centre may pass any law undermining the Constitution and on the back of its majority, but once the common man and farmers rise, they will not keep quiet until the new farm acts and the ruling party are destroyed, NCP president Sharad Pawar said on Monday.

which this protest has been happening for two months now. The agitation will continue until the government repeals these laws," Balbir Singh Rajwala of Bharatiya Kisan Union said.

To maintain vigil, around 6,000 security personnel have

been deployed by the Delhi police. Facial recognition system of Delhi Police has also been set up at vantage points for suspect identification. A five-layer security cover comprising border pickets, inner, middle and outer security has been deployed.

Avoid routes of march: Delhi Traffic advisory

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to ensure smooth flow of traffic movement across Delhi on Republic Day, the Delhi Traffic Police on Monday issued an advisory regarding farmers' tractors rally. Police asked commuters to avoid routes where farmers will conduct the parade.

According to Meenu Chaudhary, the Joint Commissioner of Police, traffic, the tractor rally will be taken out on Tuesday from three city borders and the traffic will remain affected on these routes and the roads leading to these routes.

"The first rally will start from Singhu Border to Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar, DTU, Shahabad Dairy, Barwala Village, Pooth Khurd Village,

Kanjhawala T-Point, Kanjhawala Chowk, Kutubgarh, Auchiandi Border and Kharkhoda Toll Plaza.



Tractors lined up on the National Highway 44 (GT Road) to participate in farmers' tractor rally as part of their ongoing agitation against farm reform laws near Singhu border in Sonapat district on Monday. PTI

World media to cover tractor rally

YouTube channels from UK, USA, Canada on Delhi borders for coverage

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Besides Indian media, a large number of foreign media has also lined up to cover the "kisan parade" on January 26 in the national Capital. A large number of YouTube channels from the UK, the USA, and Canada are present to cover the tractor rally.

Farmers' protests have drawn attention from across the world and foreign media has been highlighting the protests which entered its 61st

day on Monday.

According to ground reports, a large number of international media, both print and TV, has assembled at three protest sites — Tikri Border, Ghazipur Border and Singhu Border — in the national Capital to cover the tractor rally. This is for the first time since Independence the farmers will march in a unique kisan parade with National Flags. As thousands of farmers have started marching towards Delhi borders to participate in the tractor rally on Republic Day, agriculture organisations have decided to hold similar parades at State and district headquarters across the country.

Foreign media, including BBC, Al Jazeera, Washington

Post, the New York Times, Toronto Star, Reuters, the Province, Hamilton Spectator, CNN, CBC 24, Bloomberg, the Guardian and the Sun, were concentrated only on the Singhu Border till date. Now they have set up their crew at Ghazipur and Tikri borders.

Farmers' leaders have reported to have approached a large number of YouTube channels based in Canada, the USA, and the UK to cover their events. Foreign media is covering farmers' protests in a prominent way. Farmers' protests are making headlines across the world. Recently, a Pakistani singer Jawad Ahmed released an anthem inspired by the protests and dedicated to the farmers in India. Titled *Kisana*, the song which was released in December 2020, has been viewed thousands of times on YouTube. Several reaction videos on the song have also been released. The lyrics of the song say, "teri sohi dharti maa, tu jog da palan har, hun tu jee hai (This beautiful Earth belongs to you, you are the patron of this Earth, rise and live)," which roughly translates to peasants need to rise and that they are the providers of the world.

Last month, a group of seven American lawmakers had written to then US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to raise farmers' issue with his Indian counterpart.

The Pioneer wishes its readers a Happy Republic Day. The offices of *The Pioneer* will remain closed on January 26, 2021. Therefore, the next edition of the paper will appear on January 28.



PASWAN NAMED FOR PADMA BHUSHAN

New Delhi: The former Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution late Ram Vias Paswan was on Monday honoured with prestigious Padma Bhushan.

NEW-GEN AKASH MISSILE LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY
Belgaum: India on Monday successfully test-fired the new-generation Akash missile from an integrated test range off the Odisha coast, an official statement said.

ACTRESS JAYASHREE RAMAIAH FOUND DEAD
Bengaluru: Kannada actress Jayashree Ramaiah was found dead at an old-age and rehabilitation centre in the city on Monday, police sources said.

COVID-19 IN MADHYA PRADESH

	Bhopal	Indore	Gwalior
Cases	42171	12115	67
Deaths	16358	20	4

Opp plans to force repeal of farm laws in Budget Session

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Opposition parties are likely to meet on Thursday to strategise plans to corner the Government in the Budget Session and force it to repeal the farm laws. Sources said leaders of various political parties, including the erstwhile NDA partner SAD, have got in touch to make a joint effort to repeal the three laws in the forthcoming Budget Session beginning on January 29.

The main aim of the Opposition parties is to force the Government to repeal the

law as it cannot be suspended since the laws came into force with the President of India's consent.

Sources in the Congress and a couple of political parties confirmed that the Parliamentary floor leaders will meet to deliberate upon a strategy for the session on Thursday. A bigger convention of Opposition parties may also take place thereafter.

The SAD walked out of NDA in protest against the farm laws and its Lok Sabha MP Harsimrat Kaur signed from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Council of Ministers.

Cold wave, fog to prevail for next 24 hrs in State: MeT

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Weather conditions turned harsher after night temperatures dipped and cold winds were witnessed during the day, foggy conditions were witnessed at several places in the past two days and would prevail in the next 24 hours.

The weather conditions would be moderate after Monday and normal weather conditions would be witnessed in the State. The night temperatures once again dipped to extreme levels and lowest were recorded at 7 degree Celsius in Dhar and Guna on Sunday. State capital witnessed a

dip of 5.3 degree Celsius in the day temperature on Monday while night temperature was at 11.4 degree Celsius in the night on Sunday. The day and night temperatures are likely to be witnessed around 23 and 9 degree Celsius on Tuesday.

The day temperatures have witnessed decrease in the state and pattern has prevailed for the past two days. Among the divisions Ujjain and Gwalior recorded steep dip in the night temperatures in the past 24 hours.

The foggy conditions would maintain harshness in the weather conditions and warning for the same has been issued by Met department for

shallow to moderate fog in Umaria, Jabalpur, Raipur, Raigarh, Bhopal and Panna districts. More intense foggy conditions moderate to dense would be witnessed in Rewa and Chambal divisions and Datia, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur and Gwalior districts.

Jabalpur, Sagar and Hoshangabad divisions recorded temperatures above normal temperature. In the past 24 hours Rewa, Umaria, Jabalpur, Khajuraho, Nowgong, Tikamgarh, Gwalior and Bhopal witnessed moderate to dense fog.

The weather conditions would remain dry across the state in the next 3-4 days.



Young women hold a tricolour as they ride a motor boat at Upper lake on the eve of 72nd Republic Day in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

23 policemen from MP to get President's Awards

2 for Bravery, 4 for Distinguished Service, 17 for Commendable Service

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Union Home Ministry has announced to confer the President's awards for Gallantry services, Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medal on Republic Day-2021 to 23 dedicated officers and employees of Madhya Pradesh Police.

These include two Bravery, four Distinguished Service Medals and 17 Commendable Service Medals. Director General of Police Vivek Johri has congratulated all these officers and employees. Medals will be handed over to them on the occasion of Independence Day on 15 August 2021.

They will get the Police

Medal for Gallantry to Superintendent of Police Arvind Kumar Saxena and Additional Superintendent of Police Dhamayanti Singh.

President's Distinguished Service Medal would be felicitated to Additional Director General of Police, A.K. Branch State Police Headquarters, Bhopal, Pragna Richa Srivastava, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Indore, Santosh Kumar Upadhyay, Inspector (M) Administration, State Police Headquarters, Bhopal, Narendra Kumar Gangarad, Inspector Special Branch Police Headquarters, Bhopal, Ajay Turke, President.

Meritorious Service Medals will be awarded Superintendent of Police Rakesh Monica Shukla, Superintendent of Police Bhind Manoj Kumar Singh, Superintendent of Police Lokayati Rewa Rajendra Kumar Verma, Superintendent of Police

Lokayukta Indore Sabayashi Saraf, Additional Superintendent of Police Dewas Jagdish Singh Dagar, Police Superintendent Special Branch Bhopal Amit Saxena, Superintendent of Police Cyber Cell Indore Jitendra Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police Training Branch Laxmi Kushwaha, Deputy Superintendent of Police Traffic Ujjain Surendra Pal Singh Rathore, Deputy Superintendent of Police Special Branch Police Headquarters Alka Shukla, Inspector PTC Indore Sangeeta Joshi, Inspector (M) EOW Headquarters Bhopal Sudhir Kumar Srivastava, HCM 23rd Battalion Corps SAF Bhopal Jagat Singh Yadav, HCM, SAF Bhind Vishwanath Singh Yadav, Deputy Inspector RAPTC Indore Rajendra Prasad Lot, Sub Inspector (Radio) PITS Indore Prakash Suryavanshi and Assistant Sub Inspector (MT) Bhopal Santosh Kumar Patel.

25 cartons of illegal, country made liquor seized in Bhopal

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The excise department has seized a car transporting liquor illegally and recovered 25 cartons of country made liquor worth Rs 3 lakh near Lalghati square on Sunday; three persons were arrested who were carrying the liquor illegally. A cting on a tip off, a car bearing registration number MP04TB0384 was tracked and stopped and when the car was searched, 25 cartons of country made liquor were recovered. The driver along with two others accelerated and tried to evade but they were nabbed. Three persons were arrested who were identified as Sandeep Yadav, Bablu Lodhi and Rakesh Kushwaha of Bhopal.

The liquor was found packed in different packets and the customers which were scheduled to receive the liquor would be investigated in the further

investigation. During the investigation it was found that the accused have brought the liquor from Gulshan Polyols Chhindwara which is manufacturer but it was transported illegally to the state capital.

After the preliminary investigation, a case under section 34 (A) of the Excise Act. The buyers of the liquor provided by the accused would be investigated in the further investigation.

The action was taken in the ongoing drive to curb the increasing number of illegal trade of liquor in the city and outskirts of the city and received good success in the past few months.

The crime record of the accused and his involvement in illegal transport of liquor would be investigated. The nexus behind the illegal liquor trade would be unearthed in the further investigation.

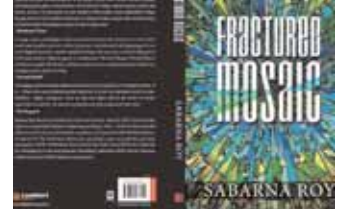
Sabarna Roy's 7th book, 'Fractured Mosaic' to hit stores in February

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

It's our own decisions which essentially define our lives. A great example would be Sabarna Roy a civil engineer with almost 20 years of experience who chose to become an author.

With over 100,000 copies of his books sold, Roy depicts life's peculiarities with a professional's finesse in each of his works which include 6 critically acclaimed books - Pentacles; Frosted Glass; Abyss; Winter Poems; Random Substratum; Mosaic; 2012 - 2018, an Etchings of the First Quarter of 2020.

"My first book - an anthology of English poems - titled: Roy seems to deftly weave compelling tales around lives of characters that are a lot like us. Readers who like hard hitting



because I write about life, which is happening even as we sleep. I am perceptible and sensitive and I can see how and why a situation can affect someone in a particular way. I can even anticipate their response and this makes writing easy," says Roy.

Being a master of his craft, Roy seems to deftly weave compelling tales around lives of characters that are a lot like us. Readers who like hard hitting

fiction about life with poetic realism just love Roy's works. His latest book, Fractured Mosaic is yet another kaleidoscope that will take readers into a mesmerizing whirlpool of philosophy, politics, and stories. Most of Roy's works published in the book have earlier been published in reputed media houses as his musings. Fractured Mosaic is expected to be available in bookstores from February 2021.

18th Federation Cup Junior Under-20 Championship kicks off

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The 18th Federation Cup Junior Under-20 National Athletics Championship began on Monday at the Tatya Tope Stadium.

Inaugurating the three-day competition, Director General of Police Madhya Pradesh Vivek Johri said that it is a courageous decision to host the biggest national competition in the Corona era. He congratulated the Sports Department and said that the event is being organized by following all the rules and precaution of Corona, which is praiseworthy.

Praising the participating players from various states, DGP Johri said that the players have in many ways relied on their fitness and the arrangements made here. Shri Johri wished the players by following all the rules while remaining safe and encouraging them to perform well.

The special guest of the programme, Chief Income Tax Commissioner Rakesh Kumar Palwal said that due to this national event, a mini India is visible at the city stadium. He said that in our time it was a tradition that parents did not give much time to play.



Madhya Pradesh DGP Vivek Johri addresses the inaugural ceremony of 18th National Federation Cup U-20 Athletics Championship-2021 at TG Nagar Stadium in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer Photo

A total of 39 players including 24 boys and 15 girls will be part of the competition in Madhya Pradesh team

Palwal said that Madhya Pradesh is now becoming a part of the Games and its medal table is constantly increasing. He said that now the sports tradition is also strengthening in tribal areas. The winners from rural areas are winning gold medals in traditional sports like archery. While

encouraging the players, Shri Palwal said that it is necessary to give the best performance in your game, not by losing or winning.

Director, Sports and Youth Welfare Pawan Kumar Jain said that this is the first start of any national competition in the country. He informed that more than 500 boys and girls players from 20 states across the country are participating in this championship.

A total of 39 players including 24 boys and 15 girls will be part of the competition in Madhya Pradesh team. The selected players from this

championship will represent the country at the Junior World Athletics Championship held in Nairobi (Kenya) from 17 to 22 August 2021.

Rowing Academy gold medalists Mehul Krishnani and Khushpreet Kaur and the acting captain Captain Dahir Singh were felicitated with mementos.

The children of Mallakhamba Academy performed brilliantly to the tune of Hanuman Chalisa. Principal Secretary, Sports and Youth Welfare Pankaj Raj, ADG Shri Upendra Jain were present on the occasion.

Sony's new show starts from tonight

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Continuing its endeavour to bring well-researched, differentiated and relevant shows to its viewers, Sony Entertainment Television is all set to launch Kyun Utthe Dil Chod Aye starting tonight. Set in the pre-partition era, in the year 1947, the show traces the journey of three young women - Amrit, Vashna and Radha.

Based in Lahore, a city that was culturally rich and progressive; where writers and poets thrived with passion; where people enjoyed a dynamic milieu, these three young women, on the threshold of adulthood, were hoping to realise their dreams, hope, aspirations and love. But with the changing fate of the country, how did life change for them? What did the new independent India hold in store for them?

Produced by Shashi Sumet Productions, known for their distinct narratives, and bringing alive an era on television, Kyun Utthe Dil Chod Aye premieres tonight and will air every Mon-Fri at 9:00PM only on Sony Entertainment Television. Mura plays an important part in this narrative and well-known music director Uttam Singh, known for his contributions to films like Gadar: Ek Prem Katha, Pinjar and many others has composed the title track for the show.

Ivory bangle of Rabari community 'Muthio' exhibited at IGRMS

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Under the latest and popular online series of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya entitled Exhibit of the Week 'The MUTHIO, An Ivory Bangle collected from 1990. The Rabari community of Kutch, Gujarat. It's Measurement Height - 9.5 cm., Cir - 31 cm. displayed in the audience as The Fourth Exhibit of the month of January, 2021 through official website, Facebook, Instagram and twitter page of the IGRMS.

In this regard Praveen Kumar Mishra, Director, IGRMS said that Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (National

Museum of Mankind), Initially this series will focus on the masterpieces from its collection which are considered as unique for their contribution to the cultural history of a particular ethnic group or area. Since time immemorial, ivory has become a distinctive ornament for the property of its staidness purity of white colour and comparative scarcity.

The available literature and archaeological findings have provided ample evidence about the richness of ivory craft in ancient India. This hourglass-shaped wristlet is meticulously carved out of a single ivory piece. The size of the hollow upper rim is bigger than that of

the other to facilitate easeful wearing. It is used by the Dhebaria women of the Rabari group to decorate their wrists after marriage.

Regarding this object Sudeepa Roy said that Wearing of ivory bangle among the Rabaris is common for all stages of life. The Rabari women covered their hand up to shoulder by wearing Muthio and Chudo to show their marital identity, whereas the unmarried women covered up to elbow only. The Muthio is regarded as an important item of the gift, presented to the bride by the maternal uncle's family one day ahead of the marriage ceremony.

Youth booked for raping girl

Bhopal: Khajuri police have booked a youth for sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl at Baigargh Kalan on November 1, friend of victim's mother raped victim when she was alone, search for the accused has been intensified. A case was registered after complaint was lodged by the victim with the Khajuri police stating that the victim was alone at her house when the accused came and closed the door from inside and raped her and before leaving threatened her of life and told to keep mum.

Later victim reached Khajuri police and lodged a complaint against the accused identified as Kamlesh Yadav, the accused is still absconding and search has been intensified, said police. The accused work as milkman and was acquainted with the victim's mother. Based on the complaint the Police have registered a case under sections 376 and 506 of the IPC and sections of POCSO Act and have started further investigation. The accused is yet to be arrested. During the investigation police found that the accused and victim used to live in same locality and accused used to sell milk in the area and later when the victim was alone at her house on November 1 last year accused came and raped her. SR

SPS organises health drive at Rohit Nagar campus

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Sagar Public School organized 3600 Fitness along with Unlocking Music Talent at its Katara Extension & Rohit Nagar campus. The health drive was organized at SPS Katara Extension for a healthy mind for citizens of Bhopal whereas the musical talent showcased in singing and music as city unlock itself.

Over 400 citizens of city and Sagarites participated in Yoga, Zumba and sports activities at Katara Extension school and participated in recreational games snakes and ladders, kite flying, basketball etc. Sagarites messaged citizens to Save the Trees and Save Life by distributing saplings and seed-balls.

At SPS Rohit Nagar, the musical talent show showcased the talent in singing and music with over 45+ parents and children participation as city moves towards unlocking.

The participants were welcomed by the live band performance of Sagarites comprising of school band 'SPSRN Roots' playing the instrumental with Numb Link-in and Sindbad the Sailor from Rock

On welcoming the audiences, The much-awaited talent shows also witnessed mash-up performances of participants and Sagarites on Jiya Re, Dua, Zinda Hoon Mein, Yeh Mera Dil, No Awara, Meethi Mere Saware Ki Bansi, classical presentation of Shiv Shambhi with dedication on National Girl Child Day Sun Re Chiraiya by Garunah Mr Heart Will Go On etc got the unlocking of entertainment roll.

The fitness drive and Unlocking Musical Talent Show witnessed the practice of social distancing and wearing of masks with relish of healthy food for mind body and soul.

The talent show was organized in categories of Duo, Song/Instrument and Competition (Child and Parent Duo) with Ananya Srivastava, Rudra Nair, Saksham, Siddhi Nair and Shrikunika Reddy emerged as winners in respective categories.

Speaking to audience Principals said, "Our health drive and talent shows are unique and are much awaited in the city. Parents should encourage, support and motivate children to participate and showcase their talent to chase their dreams."

Satrbucks opens stores in Bhopal

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Tata Starbucks Private Limited has opened its first store in Bhopal at Arera Colony and DB City Mall in Bhopal. The new stores will offer the premium Starbucks Experience to more customers across the country.

"We are excited to expand our footprint in India as we arrive into Bhopal offering a unique and unparalleled Starbucks experience. As we enter the state capital, we look forward to offering a welcoming Third Place for our customers in Bhopal," said Navin Gurnaney, CEO, Tata Starbucks Pvt. Ltd.

The Starbucks flagship store in Bhopal is located at DB City Mall. The store showcases a modernized interpretation of weaving patterns on the feature wall and beautiful backdrops in the form of prints hand-crafted by local artists representing the coffee regions and paying a tribute to coffee farmers and local artisans.

Located at Arera Colony, a vibrant neighbourhood surrounded by contemporary architecture, features second signature retail location in Bhopal.

Lokrang to start at Ravindra Bhavan from today

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The 'Lokrang' organized by the Madhya Pradesh Government Culture Department will begin from January 26 at the Ravindra Bhavan.

The 36th Lokrang ceremony is being organized this year from January 26 to 30 limiting the implementation of Covid-19 guidelines. This year, along with regional and tribal life, art, culture, and the creed of Madhya Pradesh, a convergence will be organized on the multi-cultural aspects of other states. Cultural performances in this festival will

take place on the main stage daily from 07 to January 26.

Chief guest of 'Lokrang' function will be Shri Singh Chauhan, Chief Minister-Madhya Pradesh and will be chaired by Usha Thakur, Minister, Department of Culture, Spirituality and Tourism, Madhya Pradesh. Every citizen is free to enter the five-day multi-cultural ceremony.

In the programme this year, the Bundelkhand and art-based concert 'Bodhi', which incorporates the traditional dance and singing forms prevalent in Bundelkhand, will be featured.

The songs of West Bengal

bowls, Bundeli singing of Madhya Pradesh, Bhojpuri singing - Bihar, Malvi singing - Madhya Pradesh, Kashmiri singing - Kashmir and Nimari singing - Madhya Pradesh will be organized under the program.

Dance performances of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Uttarakhand states will be organized along with the performance of Samvat Nitya-unmukt based on Bhil art.

Children's films will be screened on January 27 under the euphoria, which will be inaugurated at 2 pm by noted film actor Rakesh Srivastava.

Mumbai, Iran will have a cultural presentation on January 28 under longdude.

About 75 traditional craftsmen of the state and other states will display and sell their crafts under the craft fair of various craft mediums. Iron, bamboo, grass, wood, iron, brass, leaf, lac, craftsmen of various types of textile traditions are participating. Along with this, this year a workshop of various crafts of Madhya Pradesh is being organized, in which clay, bamboo, dolls, lac tribal ornaments, mandana, tattoo, goand and beel tribal paintings as well as textile dyeing, printing.

A combination of the exhibition 'Pranati' centered on the contribution of Pemafatya and Gond tribal painter Kalabi Shyam.

On January 30, on the occasion of the death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, 'Pir Parai Jaane Re'... Music will be sung by famous Sufi singers Rohani Sisters, New Delhi.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan felicitates Government officials for their excellent contribution to good governance and public service during a programme organised on the completion of ten year of Public Service Guarantee Act, at Minto Hall in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

R-DAY TRACTOR RALLY — Capt appeals to farmers to maintain peace during tractor rally

PNM ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday appealed to the farmers to ensure that their Republic Day Tractor Rally remains peaceful, just as their anti-farm law protests have been so far.

At the same time, the Chief Minister urged the Centre once again to heed the troubled voice of the farming community in the true spirit of the Indian Republic.

"Peace has been the hallmark of your (farmers') democratic protests all these months and should remain integral to your agitation in the days ahead, including the R-Day Tractor Rally into the national capital," said the Chief Minister, in his Republic Day eve message.

"The sight of your (farmers') tractors on Delhi roads tomorrow will underline the fact that the ethos of the Indian Constitution and the essence of our Republic is inalienable and uncompromisable," he said, adding that the farmers' arduous battle for survival "will always remind us of this truth,

and it will always help us remember (let us forget), that the principles on which stands the edifice of the India we know, and our forefathers strove to build, cannot be destroyed or demolished on the whims of a few."

Lamenting that the federal structure on which India's polity is founded is facing one of its biggest threats under the present Indian regime, the Chief Minister said that the brazen manner in which the three farm laws were pushed through, without debate or discussion, cannot, and should not be accepted in the world's largest democracy.

The Chief Minister said that their collective fight, in which his Government was standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the farmers, was aimed at protecting the federal core of the Indian Constitution.

The Chief Minister also extended his respects to all those farmers who had lost their lives in the prolonged agitation, which could have been avoided in the first place and could have been brought to an end long back had the "insensitive" Government of India,



led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) not chosen to stand on unwarranted ego.

SAD PRESIDENT CALLS FOR DISCIPLINED CONDUCT OF TRACTOR RALLY

Shriomani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday said that the peaceful and disciplined conduct of the tractor march on Tuesday will be the harbinger of a huge victory for our farmers.

"I am fully confident that the tractor march on Tuesday will be a totally peaceful event. Peace is the top priority for everyone and the participants in the farmers' struggle so far have demonstrated an unprecedented and commendable discipline. This has made this

movement one of the most unique democratic events in recent history.

It is remarkable that hundreds of thousands of people have been protesting for over two months now in a most peaceful manner, despite provocations and conspiracies against them. Everyone participating in this movement and all Punjabis deserve full credit for this," said Sukhbir.

SAD chief, at the same time, urged the Central Government "to ensure that the Police and other law enforcing agencies deal with the March tomorrow with utmost sensitivity and patience." Sukhbir also issued directions to the party workers, taking part in the March, to act as "vigilantes for peace."

SECURITY TIGHTENED IN PUNJAB AND HARYANA

Security has been stepped up across Punjab and Haryana ahead of Republic Day celebrations on Tuesday.

Adequate security personnel have been deployed in Haryana's Sonapat, Panipat and Jhajjar, the districts near the

national capital, in view of the farmers' tractor parade in Delhi on January 26.

Services of bomb disposal squad and sniffer dog units were being taken to sensitise the vulnerable places across Punjab and Haryana, and the vehicles entering the two states were being checked thoroughly, officials said.

Sonapat's Superintendent of Police Jashandeep Randhawa said police have made foolproof security arrangements to ensure Republic Day celebrations pass off smoothly. Traffic diversion plans have been put in place as the tractor parade is likely to cause some disruptions. "We are coordinating with neighbouring districts Karnal and Panipat so that heavy vehicle traffic can be diverted from there," he said.

Haryana Police has issued an advisory stating that in view of the security and traffic arrangements for Republic Day and the tractor parade, there would be disruptions in vehicular movement on the national highway from Karnal and Rohtak towards Delhi during January 25-27.

Nadda assures a major airport in Himachal

PNM ■ SHIMLA

BJP national president Jagat Prakash Nadda on Monday gave assurance to Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on working towards getting a major airport in the hill state to ensure its growth as an international tourist destination.

Nadda gave the assurance to Thakur after the Chief Minister, while addressing a function at the Ridge Maidan here on the golden jubilee day of Himachal's statehood, said a major airport in the heart of the state is the need of the hour for the growth of international tourism here.

Taking note of the Chief Minister's demand for a major airport, Nadda, while addressing the function later, sought to assure the Chief Minister that he would work towards the state getting a major airport.

Nadda said that the young team led by Himachal Chief Minister has taken a big leap in the state's development, which many leaders across party lines had in the past initiated to change the state's landscape.

Nahargarh Patwari nabbed for taking bribe



PNM ■ MANDSAUR

The accused demanded bribe of Rs15000 for facilitating the work of diversion of agricultural land after which victim agreed and accused was provided Rs 5000 for the work but later decided to lodge a complaint with the Lokayukta.

On the receipt of the complaint lokayukta found that the Patwari was involved in demanding bribe and laid a trap for the accused and asked the victim to provide money to the accused on Monday and while he was accepting the bribe lokayukta officials nabbed him red-handed.

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First time voters show their voter identity cards during a programme organised on 11th National Voters' Day in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

People protest in support of farmers at national Capital, dispersed peacefully

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A group of people had gathered in Central Delhi's Connaught Place in support of farmers agitating against the Centre's new farm laws. Police said that the protesters were stopped near Shivaji Stadium Metro Station and later dispersed peacefully.

According to a senior police official, on Sunday at 3:15 PM around 20 to 25 people gathered near the A and B Block of Connaught Place to protest in support of farmers.

"The protesters were not permitted there and were asked to disperse peacefully, but they wanted to go towards Bangla Sahab Gurudwara and Bha Khara Singh Marg carrying

pamphlets in support of farmers," said the senior police official.

"They were stopped near Shivaji Stadium metro station, BKS Road, Connaught Place.

"They were briefed about the law-and-order situation and imposition of section 144 Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc) in the area. They were dispersed peacefully," the senior police official added.

जिला सहकारी केन्द्रीय बैंक मर्यादित, मंदसौर

बैंक के सम्माननीय अमानतदारों, कृपया सदस्यों एवं नागरिकों को

गणतंत्र दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं

जिला सहकारी केन्द्रीय बैंक मर्यादित मंदसौर की आभारपूर्वक तः एवं अमनन योजनाओं का लाभ लेने के लिये सहकारी बैंक की नवद्वी की सहाज में सम्पर्क करें।

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2. बैंक की जिला मंदसौर एवं वीरवार विभाग मरस 35 राजाजी अर्धवर्षीय कम्प्यूटरीज
3. RTGS/NEFT सुविधाएं उपलब्ध
4. अमनन ऋण सुविधा उपलब्ध
5. बैंक की मर्यादित मर्यादों में नूतनम रती पर सार्वजनिक सुविधा उपलब्ध
6. अमननों पर सम्बंधित व्याज दर
7. वीरवार नागरिकों को अमननों पर 0.50 प्रतिशत अधिक व्याज दर

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Kejriwal lauds corona warriors' sacrifices

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal commended the contributions and sacrifices made by the Corona warriors during the COVID pandemic and its successive lockdown. Addressing the public on 72nd Republic Day celebrations held at the Delhi secretariat, he said that the people of Delhi and the government have collectively strengthened the health infrastructure which is why Delhi's health system was intact even after a severe Corona outbreak unlike New York where the health system had collapsed completely during the peak.

The Chief Minister said that the Delhi government's dream initiative of providing door-step delivery of ration will be launched till March this year which will be a revolutionary step in changing the ration system in Delhi. "The Delhi government is working on providing flats to people living in slums and the slum dwellers will be able to have their own pucca houses soon.

The government is also going to issue health cards, under which all health records of a person would be stored.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BHOPAL

Water Works Department
NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Second Call Bhopal Dated: 23-01-2021

No. 37/2019/M/W/D/BMC/2020-21

Online digitally sealed tenders in 2 envelope system (A & B) are hereby invited from **Manufacturers** on behalf of Municipal Corporation Bhopal for the following works on Form 'B' item rate tender and same will be received online at <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> as per day rates.

Corrigendum for this NIT shall not be issued separately in newspapers. Corrigendum regarding correction can be seen on the website. Detailed NIT and other information can be seen on the website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>

S. No.	System No.	System Name	Details of Work	Estimated Cost in Rupees
1.	2121_UAD_125490_1	Supply of 2200 MT ISI Mark Ferric Alum Grade-4 in loose slates and in 25/250/2121 up to date amendment including all duties and Taxes, loading, unloading, stacking and transportation up to different filter plants of Water Works, Municipal Corporation Bhopal .		Rs. 1,53,40,600.00

T.N. 1576/2020/021

City Engineer (H)
Municipal Corporation, Bhopal

आशुता शर्मा
Ashta Branch : Ashta

POSSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 28.10.2020 to the following borrowers/guarantors, calling upon them to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices.

The under mentioned borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act with rule 8 of the said rules from this 21st day of January of the year 2021.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Bank of Baroda, Ashta Branch** for an amount herein below mentioned.

Name of Account / Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property	Amount outstanding as per Notice
Borrower: Mr. Akhlesh Rathore S/o Mr. Ramesh Rathore	All Piece and Plots of parcel no 175, measuring 900 Sqft situated at Mau Vashvani Nagar on land bearing Survey No 849/13, 849/14 & 849/15 Ward no 15, Ashta, Tehsil-Ashta, Distt-Sahebraj, P.P. Boundaries of property(As per Sale Deed): North- Plot No 174, South- Plot No 176, East- Colony Road, West- Plot No 189	as on 24/09/2020 ₹18,52,548.39 + interest & other charges

Date: 21-01-2021, Place : Ashta
Authorized Officer, Bank of Baroda

PUBLIC NOTICE – AUCTION CUM SALE OF PROPERTIES

Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

(i) Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (i) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/pledged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company India Ltd (ARCI) an Asset Reconstruction Company registered with Reserve Bank of India under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002. ARCI has acquired from the banks / financial institutions mentioned below the financial assets and has acquired the rights of the Secured Creditor. The assets will be sold on "As is where is", "No as is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars mentioned as per instructions/conditions.

Sr. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Original Borrower / Co-Borrower / Legal Heir	Trust Name	Type/Size/Nature of Property	Total Outstanding in INR (₹)	Current Month EMI (₹)	Reserve Price (₹)	Date of Inspection	Date and Time of Auction	Use of Property
(1)	DAHLBH00040403	Manish Sharma / Premish Sharma	Acrit Retail Loan Portfolio: 022A-A Trust	Land : N.A. Sq. Feet Const/Fat: 997 Sq. Feet (Freehold)	52,67,802.88/- as on 12/01/2021	1,20,000/-	12,00,000/-	02-03-2021	12-03-2021 11:30 am	Physical
Secured Property Address: Flat No. 503, 5th Floor, Indus Super, Village Navi Naga, Part of Kharnu No. 99/1/2, 101/1/1, 102/1/1, 102/2/1, 102/2/2, 103/1, 103/4 & 105/2/1, 21/1/5, 21/2/1/5, 21/2/2/1/5, 21/2/2/2/1/5, 21/2/2/3/1/5, 21/2/2/4/1/5, 21/2/2/5/1/5, 21/2/2/6/1/5, 21/2/2/7/1/5, 21/2/2/8/1/5, 21/2/2/9/1/5, 21/2/2/10/1/5, 21/2/2/11/1/5, 21/2/2/12/1/5, 21/2/2/13/1/5, 21/2/2/14/1/5, 21/2/2/15/1/5, 21/2/2/16/1/5, 21/2/2/17/1/5, 21/2/2/18/1/5, 21/2/2/19/1/5, 21/2/2/20/1/5, 21/2/2/21/1/5, 21/2/2/22/1/5, 21/2/2/23/1/5, 21/2/2/24/1/5, 21/2/2/25/1/5, 21/2/2/26/1/5, 21/2/2/27/1/5, 21/2/2/28/1/5, 21/2/2/29/1/5, 21/2/2/30/1/5, 21/2/2/31/1/5, 21/2/2/32/1/5, 21/2/2/33/1/5, 21/2/2/34/1/5, 21/2/2/35/1/5, 21/2/2/36/1/5, 21/2/2/37/1/5, 21/2/2/38/1/5, 21/2/2/39/1/5, 21/2/2/40/1/5, 21/2/2/41/1/5, 21/2/2/42/1/5, 21/2/2/43/1/5, 21/2/2/44/1/5, 21/2/2/45/1/5, 21/2/2/46/1/5, 21/2/2/47/1/5, 21/2/2/48/1/5, 21/2/2/49/1/5, 21/2/2/50/1/5, 21/2/2/51/1/5, 21/2/2/52/1/5, 21/2/2/53/1/5, 21/2/2/54/1/5, 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Netaji insulted, I was teased: Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Two days after the Victoria Memorial incident when Mamata Banerjee refused to deliver a speech after allegedly "teased" with Jai Shri Ram slogans by BJP supporters the Bengal Chief Minister on Monday attacked the saffron leadership for not only insulting her but also Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in whose remembrance the grand event was organized by the Union Government. The programme was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Lashing out at the BJP Banerjee said "Netaji stood for communal unity... he belonged

to everyone... but what BJP supporters did in a bid to tease me in front of the Prime Minister has not only insulted me but also Netaji and Bengal".

Terming the BJP as Bharat Jhalo Party (Burn India Party) Banerjee said that the BJP has been continuously insulting the icons of Bengal, Netaji being the "latest addition to the list". She had earlier flayed the BJP national president JP Nadra for insulting Rabindranath Tagore by wrongly quoting his place of birth and the saffron workers for vandalizing the statue of 19th century reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidya Sagar during a 2019 political rally of Home Minister Amit Shah.

Major controversy was sparked after Banerjee publicly chased BJP supporters, and threatened them with dire consequences... who raised Jai Shri Ram slogans when her convoy passed their areas during 2019 general elections.

Attacking the turncoats who were quitting the Trinamool Congress to join the BJP, Banerjee said "these people are leaving the party because they know they will not get ticket from TMC... I want more such people to quit the party early so that our work becomes easier".

About a dozen TMC ministers, legislators and other functionaries like Suvendu Adhikari, Laxmi Ratan Shukla, Rajiv Banerjee, Sunil Mandal, and others have either quit the Cabinet or the party in the past one month. The "betrayers"

would never be welcomed back, she said.

The BJP soon hit back at the Chief Minister saying she always failed to appreciate in her urgency to play vote bank politics that Lord Rama had always been an essential part of Indian culture.

She is known for her earlier reactions to Lord Rama's name... His name is taken whenever there is a festive occasion... January 23 was a festive occasion when we were celebrating Netaji... but she had to appease a section of people for vote bank politics and so this controversy was created... she could have ignored this, BJP leader Samik Bhattacharya said.

Sasikala to be released from prison on Jan 27: Dhinakaran

Chennai: Expelled AIADMK leader VK Sasikala, serving a jail term in Bengaluru in a corruption case and presently under treatment for coronavirus, will be released from prison on Wednesday "according to all our expectations," her nephew T T V Dhinakaran said on Monday.

With the former aide of late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J Jayalalitha recuperating in a Bengaluru hospital, her discharge from the medical facility will be made known later, he said in a tweet.

"According to all our expectations... Chinamma (Sasikala) will be released (from prison) day after tomorrow, 27-01-2021," Dhinakaran said.

Independent legislator Dhinakaran, Sasikala's nephew and founder of Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) said his aunt was recuperating from coronavirus and that her discharge from the hospital will be made known later after consulting doctors.

Navy Commander's daughter among 5 Bal Shakti award winners from Maharashtra

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Kaanya Karthikeyan, the teenage daughter of Indian Navy Commander S Karthikeyan and Lavanya, is among the five children from Maharashtra chosen for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Shakti Puraskar (PMRBSPP)-2021 on the occasion of Republic Day.

She is the only girl among five children from Maharashtra who have bagged the PMRBSPP-2021 honour for their excellence in different fields. The other award winners are Shreerambh Majeed, Agrawal, Kameshwar Jagannath Waghmare, Archit Rahul Pani and Sonit Siolekar. Thirteen-year-old Kaanya is studying in Class VIII of the Navy Children School here. She is awarded for her unprecedented feat in mountaineering and this is the highest award for citizens below 18 years.

Bengal poll: LF, Cong clinch deal for 77 seats

PNS ■ KOLKATA

After failing to clinch a seat-sharing deal in earlier rounds of talks the Left Front and Congress on Monday announced an understanding over 77 seats, senior Left leader Biman Bose and his Congress counterpart Pradip Bhattacharya said.

"We have an understanding on 77 seats for the coming Assembly elections and will hold talks on the remaining 217 seats on January 28," the Left leaders said adding by February 2 the seat-sharing talks would be over.

The Left had won about 7.5 percent vote share while the Congress little more than 5 percent in the 2019 general elections. Meanwhile, the Election Commission of India sources said that 1000 companies of central forces would be sent to Bengal for a peaceful conduct of elections. In 2019 parliamentary polls 700 companies of CPF were deployed.

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Rajasthan Govt staff take oath to maintain Covid measures

Jaiपुर: On Monday, on the occasion of National Voters' Day, Commissioner Mahendra Soni at the Public Relations Headquarters at the Secretariat, said that all the officers and employees of the department are fearless keeping the dignity of democratic traditions and keeping the dignity of free, fair and peaceful elections intact. Sworn to exercise all his/her franchise without being influenced by class, caste, community, language or any other inducement.

Taking the oath, Covid-19 safety standards were enforced collectively by all officers and employees.

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Army helicopter crash in J&K, one pilot dies

Jammu: Indian Army's Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv made a forced landing after it developed a technical snag in Lakhanpur area of Kathua district late Monday evening. Two pilots received injuries.

One of the two seriously injured pilots succumbed to his injuries in the Military Base Hospital in Pathankot. The other pilot was rushed to the military base hospital in Pathankot. Local media reports claimed eyewitness reports suggested soon after the helicopter took off it crashed landed inside the Army camp due to some technical snag. The Army authorities are expected to announce a formal inquiry to ascertain the exact reason behind the forced landing.

Maha Guv has time for Kangana but not for farmers, says Pawar

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari found himself at the receiving end of farmers' protests in Mumbai on Monday. NCP chief Sharad Pawar charged that the Governor "has time to meet Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut but has no time to meet our farmers".

The NCP chief said the Governor's moral responsibility to meet the agitating farmers and accept their memorandum. He was expected to come face to face with the farmers (who have marched from various districts of the state to meet him). But he had no decency to meet them. At least he should have been staying put at Raj Bhavan to receive the farmers' memorandum," Pawar said.

Ticked off by the "shocking" absence of the Governor in Mumbai at a time when they were going to meet him, the farmer and political leaders - led by All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) President Dr. Ashok Dhawale and Mumbai Congress' new president Bhai Jagtap - tore copies of memorandum demanding the repeal of three farm bills, that they were carrying with them to submit to Koshiyari in protest against the latter's failure to meet them.

Anger erupted among the agitating farmers gathered at the historic Azad Maidan when they heard from Pawar about the unavailability of the Governor for meeting with their leaders. During his address to the farmers, Pawar disclosed that Koshiyari had left for Goa without bothering to meet them and charged that the latter had neither "moral responsibility" or "decency" to live up as a person holding the gubernatorial office.

Mincing no words in his attack against the Governor, Pawar told the farmers' gathering, "While I appreciate your your mammoth show of strength against the pow-

Farmers could have chosen any other day instead of January 26: Narendra Singh Tomar on tractor rally

New Delhi: Ahead of the tractor rally, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Monday termed the Government's proposal to suspend new farm laws for 1-1.5 years as the "best offer" and hoped that the protesting farmers' unions will soon reconsider it and convey their decision. The Minister also said that the agitating farmers could have chosen any other day instead of January 26 for the tractor rally.

The talks between the government and 41 protesting farm unions have remained inconclusive even after 11 rounds of discussions.

During the 10th round of talks, the government had climbed down and offered a proposal to keep the new laws in abeyance for 1-1.5 years, but it

was rejected by the unions. In the 11th round of discussion, the government asked unions to reconsider the proposal and convey their final decision. "The government has given the best offer that they will convey their decision to us after discussing it among themselves. Once they communicate, we will take it forward," Tomar said. PNS

Over 19.5L healthcare workers vaccinated against Covid so far

New Delhi: On the tenth day of the nationwide vaccination against Covid-19 was launched on January 16, as many as 3,34,679 beneficiaries were given the anti-pathogen jab through 7,171 sessions till 7.10 pm on Monday.

As a result, the cumulative number of healthcare workers vaccinated against Covid-19 has crossed 19.5 lakh till date. A total of 19,50,183 beneficiaries (till 7.10 pm today) were vaccinated through 35,785 sessions per the provisional report available from the

Union Health Ministry. Final reports would be completed for the day by late tonight, said an official from the Ministry. On the tenth day, 348 AEFI's have been reported till 7.10 pm following the vaccination drive.

Meanwhile, India's active caseload has fallen to 1.84 lakh (1,84,182) on Monday. The share of active cases in the total positive cases has further dropped to 1.73 per cent. A bulk of the active cases is contributed by merely two States.



A security person stands guard near the Taj Mahal on the eve of Republic Day, in Agra on Monday

BJP hatching conspiracy to refuse diesel for farmers' tractor rally: Akhilesh

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav accused the BJP of hatching a conspiracy against farmers by issuing directions for non-provision of diesel for their tractor rally on Tuesday, while the BSP requested the Centre to withdraw the three contentious agriculture laws.

"Today, the Constitution, Republic-Democracy and Independence are in danger. Yadav said in a document titled 'Gantanta Divas Mahagoshna' that was shared by him on Twitter on Monday.

"Got the news that directions have been issued to fuel pumps not to give diesel to tractors in order to stop the farmers from taking out a tractor rally on Republic Day.

The BJP is hatching a conspiracy of the lowest kind against the farmers. If the farmers give a reply to 'Diesel-bandi' (non-supply of diesel) with BJP's 'naakaabandi' (concealing the BJP), then what will happen?" he said.

In the 'Gantanta Divas Mahagoshna' document, Yadav said, "Today, the Constitution, Republic-Democracy and Independence are in danger. Hence, the SP is going to give a new declaration to face the new challenges with new pledge -- nayee hawa hai, nayee SP hai, barho kaa haath, yuva kaa saath".

He said instead of hatred and non-confidence, society, state and the country should be strengthened with mutual love and confidence. "Our inspiration is true development and good work (vikaas sachaa aur kaam achhaa). Peace and harmony are our mantra. We know that without unity, there is no peace, and without peace there is no development."

He said everyone should come together and avoid "misguidance and disorientation (bahkaave-bhathkaave)" and make every effort for peace and harmony.

Meanwhile, in a tweet in Hindi BSP chief Mayawati said, "The BSP once again requests the Centre to withdraw the three farm laws, so that on January 26 no new tradition gets started. And, as per the Delhi Police's suspicion, no untoward incident takes place."

No fresh Covid case in Andamans, tally at 4,993

Port Blair: Andaman and Nicobar Islands did not record a single fresh Covid-19 case in the last 24 hours, a health department official said on Monday.

The coronavirus tally in the union territory remained at 4,993, while a total of 62 people have died so far due to the contagion, he said.

One more person was cured of the disease in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of recoveries in the archipelago to 4,908, the official said.

The union territory now has 23 active COVID-19 cases and all the cases are in South Andaman district.

The Andaman and Nicobar administration has conducted 2,13,467 sample tests for COVID-19 so far, and the positivity rate stands at 2.34 per cent, he added.

A total of 2,111 beneficiaries have received jabs of COVID-19 vaccine till January 24 in the union territory, the official said.

Kerala Health Minister seeks better local public health to fight epidemics

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Health Minister K.K. Shailaja says that improving the public health system and increasing the number of Primary Health Centres is the best way to contain contagious diseases like coronavirus.

In an interview to IANS, she noted that Kerala is still in the process of containing COVID-19 and that the government is on the right track. She said that delaying the peak was one of the strategies and that containing the mortality rate has been a

major achievement for the health workers and the state government.

Following are excerpts of the interview.

"Kerala had contained the Covid pandemic and flattened the curve during the early days and you had won accolades from across the globe. However, the situation is turning worse and the state is now at the number one position in the country as far as the daily Covid cases are concerned. Why is this?"

A: Kerala did manage

Covid-19 in a systematic and strategic manner and we could contain the disease while it was surging ahead across the globe including in advanced and developed countries like the UK and throughout Europe. During lockdown, we were improving our health facilities, increasing the number of beds, equipping ICUs and all the health infrastructure in general and we were successful.

As of now, there is a surge in the disease as the state has not yet peaked and we are focusing

on delaying the peaking. It is also important to note that the mortality rate of the state owing to Covid is very less compared to developed countries and other states of India.

This was our primary focus and we are successful in that. It may be noted that during peak of the disease in several countries, many people lost their lives and mortality rate was too high. This we could contain and saving lives are more important.

Q: The test positivity rate is

also at a high, rather the highest in the country. What do you say?"

A: Test positivity rate is directly proportional to the number of samples tested per day as there is a surge in the cases, naturally test positivity rate will also increase. However the methods we have adopted will bring results and as I said in my previous answer, we are focusing mostly in preventing the mortality of the patients and to a large extent, we are successful in that.

Security beefed up ahead of Republic Day in J&K

IANS ■ JAMMU/SRINAGAR

Security in Jammu and Kashmir was beefed up on Monday to ensure that the 72nd Republic Day functions pass off peacefully a day later in the union territory.

Although authorities maintain that security scenario is more relaxed in J&K in comparison to previous years, a

multi-layered security was put in place, especially in the twin capitals of Srinagar and Jammu, for the celebrations on Tuesday. Random frisking of passengers and private vehicles, mobile security checkers, CCTV surveillance, sniffer dogs, deployment of sharpshooters at high-rise buildings in close vicinity of the main parade

venues in Jammu and Srinagar were among the arrangements made. All entry and exit points to Srinagar were sealed and movement into the city allowed only after thorough checking of vehicles and frisking of occupants.

"Drone surveillance was also mounted to ensure fool-proof security arrangements," a senior police officer said.

WOMAN'S DEATH IN ELEPHANT ATTACK

Kerala village panchayat orders closure of all resorts under its jurisdiction

Wayanad (Ker): A Kerala village panchayat on Monday ordered the closure of all tourist resorts under its jurisdiction, two days after a 26-year-old woman was trampled to death by a wild elephant at a resort here.

Authorities of the Meppadi gram panchayat in Wayanad directed all resorts in the panchayat to close down till further orders, official sources here said.

Shahana, a college lecturer hailing from Kannur district was attacked around 8 pm at the remote Rain forest resort located on the forest fringe frequented by wild ele-

phants on Saturday. Shahana and two others came out of their tent on hearing a trumpeting sound. While the other two managed to run away to safety, she was killed, police said.

Earlier, district collector Dr Adeela Abdulla had ordered the closure of the Rain Forest resort after she visited the place on Sunday along with the Divisional Forest Officer and the Ythini Tahsildar.

A scrutiny of documents revealed that the resort had no license. It also did not have any permission from the forest department to set up tents in the resort, which is close to the

forest, or necessary safety measures. The Meppadi gram panchayat president Omara Ramesh also confirmed that the resort had no proper license to function.

In the light of such a breach of rules by a resort, resulting in the tragic death of a tourist, the panchayat council, which met on Monday. Decided to order the closure of all resorts functioning in the panchayat.

According to a forest official, district authorities have decided to verify the documents and safety conditions of all the resorts in the neighbouring forest areas in the coming days.

Right to vote powerful instrument in people's hands: AP Gov

Amravati: Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhushan Harichandan on Monday said that the right to vote, which is a powerful instrument in the hands of people and makes them sentinels of the noble tradition of democracy, should not be exercised just mechanically. "The right to vote is the mother of all political rights provided under the Constitution. Every citizen of the country, including youth, should feel proud of performing their respective Constitutional duties as this will ensure their meaningful participation and significant contribution to the growth of the nation and the society," said Harichandan.

He called for the new and young voters to come forward and actively participate in the

celebration of our democracy and said that the actual participation and exercise of the right to vote would empower and enable youth to contribute for the welfare of the society.

"In a democracy, voters are not subject to any pressure or fear and they are free to choose the candidate of their choice and elect youth to come forward and register themselves as voters once they become eligible," said the Governor at the programme held at the durbar hall in the Raj Bhawan to commemorate the 11th national voter day. K. Vijayanand, chief electoral officer, said that the voters day is being celebrated all over the country with the theme 'make our votes empowered, vigilant, safe and informed'.



Police personnel conduct a march on the eve of the Republic Day in Lucknow on Monday

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Happy new R-Day!

Being celebrated in the midst of a raging pandemic, this year's parade will register many firsts

The Republic Day is all about pomp, show and gaiety. Primarily, it showcases India's military might and features its tanks, missiles, torpedoes, submarines, fighter jets and, of course, its men. The event related to the nation's prowess is accentuated by tableaux displaying the rich cultural heritage, diversity, its values, principles, the Government's initiatives and schemes, milestones achieved and the road ahead. However, the 72nd Republic Day, which is being celebrated in the midst of a raging pandemic, will not be the same. It will be a low-key affair marked by several firsts and many first-time misses. First and foremost, there will be no chief guest, making it the first R-Day parade in over 50 years without the presence of the most important guest; thus making it a bit insipid. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson had been invited as the chief guest but he had to cancel his visit in the backdrop of the outbreak of a new COVID strain at home. Before this, India didn't have a chief guest for the R-Day parade in 1952, 1953 and in 1966. Second, due to COVID restrictions the route of the parade, which begins at the Rashtrapati Bhavan, has been cut short and it will this year conclude at the National Stadium (India Gate) instead of the Red Fort as every year. The soldiers marching down Rajpath would wear masks, as will the spectators. Further, there will be no gravity-defying stunts by the motorcycle-borne men and the size of the marching contingents has been reduced from the regular 144 to 96. The veterans' parade has also been cancelled this year due to the pandemic. All this has been done to ensure that the social distancing protocol is adhered to. Even the number of spectators has been brought down to 25,000 from 1.25 lakh last year.



The tableau of the Union Territory of Ladakh will participate in the parade for the first time, featuring the Indian Astronomical Observatory, located at Hanle near Leh, one of the world's highest sites for optical, infrared and gamma-ray telescopes. Among the other firsts will be the participation of the country's first woman fighter pilot, Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth, and a flypast with the newly-inducted Rafale jets that will be part of different formations during the flypast. In yet another first, at least 122 soldiers of the Bangladesh Armed Forces will take part in the R-Day parade. Reportedly, this is only the third time since Independence that a foreign military contingent has been invited to be part of the national parade. The upgraded Shikha weapon system will showcase India's strength in the parade, led by the only woman contingent commander from the Army. In another first, Uttar Pradesh's tableau will showcase a replica of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. The all this has been done to ensure that the social distancing protocol is adhered to. Even the number of spectators has been brought down to 25,000 from 1.25 lakh last year.

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A worker pastes a sticker on a carpet ahead of the Republic Day parade in New Delhi

Not a one-day wonder

Srishti becoming the Uttarakhand CM for a day is symbolic but let's learn to respect women all other days, too

Days after Kamala Harris assumed charge as the United States Vice-President with many firsts to her credit — the first woman, first coloured person and the first Asian-American to reach that office — 20-year-old Haridwar student Srishti Goswami has become probably the first Indian to take over the chief ministerial reins of any State, albeit for only a day, without winning any election or without being a member of any legislature. Following an initiative by the Uttarakhand State Child Rights Commission, as January 24 is celebrated as the National Girl Child Day since 2008, Srishti held meetings with the State's top bureaucrats and asked the officials to take steps for checking the migration of youth, especially from the rural areas, and expressed concern over the growing instances of drug peddling in the State. She also instructed the officials to clamp a ban on the sale of tobacco products within a 500m radius from educational institutions. Talking about the inevitable comparisons with Anil Kapoor-starrer *Nayak*, a confident-looking Srishti, whose father is a shopkeeper, said: "He (Anil Kapoor) was a real-life *nayak*. Here, I became a real-life *nayak*, and I wish to continue on this path by entering politics at some stage."



Of course, the development is largely symbolic and seemingly aimed at wooing the State's women voters. It reminds one of seeking the blessings of very young girls to mark the single day of *kanya puja* towards the end of Navratri. But why stop the deifying at only one day? What's really needed is that we, as a people, treat the fair gender fairly and as an absolute equal. The skewed gender ratio needs to be balanced and improved. Women may be empowered by educating them, not exposing them to discrimination and harassment and trusting them with responsibilities. Give them what they deserve rather than giving them something in charity. There are varied ways to empower women other than symbolically making them the Chief Minister. Though it was done in a noble spirit, the trustees are not authorised to be the owners of a trust. People's representatives had better work for what they are chosen for rather than making attention-grabbing short-sighted moves. Gimmicks don't work anymore. Only performance counts.

In the footsteps of Donald Trump

Under him, America abdicated its role as the beacon of democratic norms. Trumpism may be on the wane there but it is alive and flourishing in India



DEEPAK SINHA

Former United States President Donald Trump's blatant disregard for all norms of civilised behaviour, his overt racism combined with an outsized ego and the propensity to lie — 21 per day during his term as per *The Washington Post* — are well known. Yet, despite this, or the 400,000 pandemic deaths directly attributable to his lack of leadership, or his futile and rather ludicrous attempts to overturn the election results, he still continues to enjoy the support of approximately 34 per cent of the population as per the latest Gallup Poll.

This is indeed intriguing, and while much of it can be attributed to racism, bigotry and illiteracy, it was his sophisticated use of the media, especially social media, that was probably the game-changer. Unfortunately, while his brash and uncouth ways may have made him a laughing stock internationally, it also made for a very dangerous and unstable world, in which America had abdicated its role as the beacon of democratic norms and human decency. Worse, he became the poster boy for a cohort of other untold dictators and autocrats globally, suddenly free to do as they pleased, with little fear of retribution.

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it," said Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Minister for Propaganda. However, he did add a caveat: "The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie and thus, by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State." It's something every autocrat and dictator instinctively understands.

While swatting flies with a sledgehammer has its advantages, there are those who have understood and utilised the concept of "Zohnerism" to their benefit. The term, coined by journalist James Glassman, refers to "the use of true facts to lead a scientifically and mathematically ignorant public to a false conclusion". It is derived from the experiment conducted in 1997 by Nathan Zohner, a 14-year-old student, who gathered petitions to ban "DIEGO" or Dihydrogen Monoxide, as the basis of his science project, titled "How Gullible Are We?"

The experiment involved calling water by an unfamiliar scientific name and listing some of its effects in a particularly alarming manner, such as causing burns when in a gaseous form, accelerating corrosion and causing suffocation! Incidentally, Zohner convinced 86 per cent of his classmates to sign the petition calling for its ban, which tells us a lot about human nature.

Trump used this phenomenon to good effect. While established media outlets may not have fully played along, the conservative and extreme Right-wing media outlets, like *Fox News* and *One America News Network*, did broadcast his lies and conspiracy theories with telling effect. The digital social media platforms too, such as Facebook and Twitter, were no less complicit in spreading his message of hate till they finally banned him for inciting violence.

After what we have witnessed during his presidency, it would be fair to say that the American democracy, despite



its deep roots stretching back 244 years, has survived a direct assault on its very foundation by Trump and his acolytes by a hair's breadth. Thanks, in no small measure, to the strength of its democratic institutions and the upstanding character of the people who run these. An outstanding example, but not the only one, being that of former Vice-President Mike Pence, who did not let his unwavering support and loyalty to President Trump get in the way of doing the right thing, despite intense pressure to subvert the constitutional process.

The other institution that deserves accolades, surviving with its dignity and reputation intact, was the judiciary. Trump had expected that having appointed a total of 200 Federal Judges with lifetime tenures, including two to the Supreme Court, they would remain beholden to him and act in a manner to support his agenda. He was, therefore, understandably shocked and disappointed when nearly all of his 60-plus challenges to the election results were summarily rejected by the courts, including two by the Supreme Court.

While Trumpism may be on the decline in America, it is alive and flourishing here in India. Make no mistake, the current dispensation — while



YET, HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL. AFTER ALL, WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED A YOUNG UNTESTED INDIAN CRICKET TEAM RISE LIKE A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES OF ITS WORST DEFEAT. WE TOO SHOULD SHUN FEAR AND DO THE RIGHT THING; THE REST WILL FOLLOW.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BJP'S POLL GIMMICK IN WEST BENGAL

Sir — The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is playing dirty politics in West Bengal. The party and its leaders are trying to gain sympathy of voters by portraying that they are the only ones who really respect the great Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his ideology. The visit of the BJP leaders to West Bengal on the 125th birth anniversary of Bose on January 23 was only a political stunt with an eye on the forthcoming Assembly elections. The BJP is reminded of such great leaders only at the time of elections.

The ruling party leaders are trying to fool the people but the voters of West Bengal are wise enough not to fall into their trap. The people have realised that the BJP leaders can go to any extent just for the sake of winning the elections. The State can even be plunged into widespread violence for the sake of politics. The BJP will gain votes by creating a law and order situation. It is high time that the BJP concentrated on the real issues confronting the State and its people rather than showing off its bogus image. West Bengal is grappling with poverty, unemployment, illiteracy and several other problems besides COVID. Both the Centre and the State Government must focus on the real issues troubling the people and not on poll gimmicks.

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

FARMERS HAVE NO OPTION

Sir — India is all set to witness a majestic march past at the Rajpath and a mammoth tractor rally by the farmers in Delhi on the Republic Day. The farmers' rally will attract wide attention. The farmers have reiterated that repeal of the laws is the only acceptable proposition for withdrawal of the agitation. In fact, the offer of the Government to put the laws on hold for 18 months itself is illogical as the Supreme Court has already stayed their implementation until further orders. However, the court can withdraw the stay soon, and the laws will come into force immediately. Faced with such vagueness, farmers fear

Congress faces Hobson's choice



This refers to the editorial 'Missing cohesion' (January 25). Now it's clear that the tenure of the Congress party's interim president Sonia Gandhi will be longer than that of its last full-time president. The fervid desire of Sonia Gandhi to see her son Rahul, a reluctant politician, at the helm of affairs of the grand old party — and the idea to build the party as an alternative to the mighty Bharatiya Janata

that a decision to retreat after accepting the offer could prove costly for them eventually.

An argument advanced against giving legal status to the Minimum Support Price (MSP) is that it would put a heavy burden on the national exchequer. It runs counter to the repeated assertions that farmers are free to sell their produce anywhere in the country. Here, wouldn't the envisioned higher prices for agricultural produce in the market — being 'opened up' now — reduce the dependence on the MSP and lessen the burden on the Budget? Farmers have deciphered the intentions and the arguments.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

TAKE THE JAB FOR HERD IMMUNITY

Sir — In 2020, all the countries including India faced unprecedented challenges in the form of the COVID-19 pandemic. In some countries like the UK and the US, Coronavirus is still rearing its ugly head and hospitals are looking like war

zones. It will take some more time for all the countries to recover from the unwelcome guest's impact. At this juncture, the decision to supply millions of COVID-19 vaccines free of cost from India to multiple countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, Myanmar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Brazil, Morocco and so on is really laudable. The UK, Dominica, South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and the UAE are some other countries interested in COVID-19 vaccines from India as these vaccines are safe and cost-effective without compromising on safety standards.

India is clearly upstaging China in the COVID vaccines supply. India is planning to vaccinate its 300 million people, almost the population of the US. Indians should dismiss all their apprehensions in taking vaccine jabs. We must come forward to make the inoculation drive successful.

V Nagendra Kumar | Hyderabad

N. Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

SOUND BITE

The LDF Government recommending a CBI inquiry against me is a clear case of political vendetta.

I and my party colleagues are not afraid of the inquiry.

Former Kerala Chief Minister — Oommen Chandy

One of the benefits of being 65 is that I'm eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. I got my first dose this week, and I feel great. Thanks to the scientists and all others.

Microsoft founder — Bill Gates

I know people love me. I get to know about it through social media. Sometimes I feel that the love of the audience is like a fever deposit with me and I have to pay them back with interest.

Bollywood actor — Pankaj Tripathi

The best England players will want to play as many games as possible against India, in India. Pick them! Then they go to IPL and earn everything they deserve.

Former England cricketer — Kevin Pietersen

There is a defect in the DNA of Mamata Banerjee, and she hails from a demerit culture. No demon can love Lord Ram. Banerjee is a dishonest and evil person.

Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA — Surendra Singh

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FIRST COLUMN

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE


The Congress is at a 'historic low.' It will sit in Opposition again if CWC polls are not held soon



KALYANI SHANKAR

Will the Gandhi family continue to control the over 136-year-old Congress Party? Will it shrink further? This are the questions bothering not just Congress leaders but also millions of party workers and supporters. The party is in the grip of a serious leadership crisis that is symptomatic of a larger malaise. Now it has reached a stage where some senior Congress leaders are questioning the dynasty openly. For instance, last August, 23 Congress leaders, including the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Ghulam Nabi Azad, his deputy Anand Sharma and some former Congress Chief Ministers, had written a letter to interim party chief Sonia Gandhi demanding a "full time" leadership, dissolution of power to State units and revamping the Congress Working Committee (CWC) in line with the party's constitution. Though Sonia managed to douse the fire then, the dissent continues, as was confirmed in last week's CWC meeting, where there was a public spat between the 'old guard' and the Gandhis. The leaders realise that just Modi-bashing or the past glory of the party are not enough to get the Congress back in power. Added to that, are concerns over talented leaders leaving the party for greener pastures. For instance, a young leader like Jyotiraditya Scindia, who was close to Congress scion Rahul Gandhi, left the party to join the BJP.

If the Congress is serious about revival, it has to introspect. With the funds unable to get the party back to power for two consecutive terms, the family and consequently the party, has become weak. As for the leadership crisis, Sonia has had her innings. Rahul has failed twice and the Priyanka Gandhi Vadra magic has not worked in Uttar Pradesh. Above all, the Gandhis want to continue in power, so there's no possibility of fresh blood leading the grand old party.



So, in order to cure the sickness in the Congress, one has to diagnose the root cause first. While the AK Antony Committee was set up in 2014 for this purpose, the findings of the report were never even discussed in the party. After its loss in 2019, the party didn't even bother to go through the motions of setting up a committee. Then, there is the lack of a smooth generational change in the organisation. While Sonia was able to install her son as the party chief and induct her daughter as general secretary, she could not check the party's erosion or build trust in the apprehensive old guard. When Rahul took complete charge between 2013 and 2019, his evident discomfort with the seniors and the latter's animosity against 'Team Rahul' was very evident. This must change.

Plus, the party must go back to grassroots politics and prepare the cadre, which will work during the elections. This is vital as the Congress has lost contact with the people. Also, there is a need for decentralisation of authority in order to empower State and district-level leaders and give up Delhi-centric functioning. The party must also develop second-rung leaders. There was a time when the States had strong Chief Ministers, and the presidents of various Pradesh Congress Committees (PCCs) wielded power. In such a situation, if the party lost in a region, then accountability could be fixed. That is not the case anymore. Also, in a coalition era, the Congress needs to redefine itself and believe regional parties. The Gandhis need to change the way they have run the Congress in the last decade or so. They need to create a new narrative to attract voters and redefine the party's ideology. If the Gandhis do not wake up now, the party will deteriorate further. As Azad said, the party is at a 'historic low.' It will continue to sit in the Opposition for the next 50 years if elections to the CWC and key organisational posts are not held. The Congress must wake up and smell the coffee.

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Fraternity must to preserve Indian unity

Kinship not only acts as the binding element between unity and equality, it gives birth to new rights which facilitate the constitutional goal of an egalitarian society

The Indian Constitution came into effect on January 26, 1950 and the Constituent Assembly first met on December 9, 1946 to draft it in the Constitution Hall, now known as the Central Hall of the Parliament. The Constituent Assembly firmly resolved to mould the dreams and aspirations of Indians after the freedom struggle.

Historical background: Since the beginning, the Constitution makers were transparent and knew their purpose and direction. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru while moving the Objectives Resolution in the Constituent Assembly said: "Laws are made of words but this Resolution is something higher than the law." He urged the members of the Assembly to treat the Objectives Resolution as a declaration, an undertaking and a pledge to achieve what they promised the people of India and the yet unborn citizens: A Constitution to call their own.

The Objective Resolution declared India as an independent, sovereign, republic. Pandit Nehru said: "India is bound to be sovereign, it is bound to be independent, and it is bound to be a republic." Clearly, the Constituent Assembly's intention was to end the monarchical system. The debates and deliberations in the House led to the Objective Resolution taking the form of the Preamble of the Constitution. However, the 'Mountbatten plan' divided India into two new dominions on June 3, 1947, causing political changes to the Constituent Assembly. Thus, the Resolution needed amendment to factor in the changed political context.

On August 29, 1947, the Constituent Assembly formed the Drafting Committee, of which BR Ambedkar was the convener. The Drafting Committee rendered meaning and form to the Preamble and incorporated other matters in the body of the Constitution. It took two years, 11 months and 17 days to complete the historic task of drafting the Constitution of India.

Preamble: Ambedkar's new preamble defined the essential features of the Indian State and its socio-political objectives. While drafting the Constitution, the makers imagined an egalitarian society built on the values and the spirit embodied in the Resolution. Pandit Thakur Das Bhargava, a member of the Constituent Assembly, said: "The Preamble is the most precious part of the Constitution. It is the soul of the Constitution. It is the key to the Constitution. It is a jewel set in the Constitution. It is a proper yardstick with which one can measure the worth of the Constitution."

The trinity of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity: The egalitarian society the founding fathers envisioned, rests on four pillars established in the Preamble: The pillars of Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. However, the word 'Fraternity' is mentioned in the Constitution only once. Also, 'Fraternity' has not occupied much space in judicial discourse by the Supreme Court compared to Justice, Liberty and Equality. The French Revolution inspired the Drafting Committee to adopt the trinitarian concept of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity preceded by Justice. The French were the first to raise the slogan, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity!" against oppression by the State, to demand political participation and to promote brotherhood. Of the three revolutionary slogans, *fraternité*, called for unity and solidarity, to be bound as citizens of one nation. In his concluding remarks on November 25, 1949, Ambedkar said: "We must make our political democracy a social democracy as well. Political democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base of it social democracy. What does social democracy mean? It means a way of life which recognises liberty, equality and fraternity as the principles of life."

Ambedkar asserted that the principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are to be treated as

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a trinity and not as separate and mutually exclusive items. They must be seen as enforcing elements that cannot be divorced from each other. He said: "They form a union of trinity in the sense that to divorce one from the other is to defeat the very purpose of democracy. Liberty cannot be divorced from equality, equality cannot be divorced from liberty. Nor can liberty and equality be divorced from fraternity. Without equality, liberty would produce the supremacy of the few over the many. Equality without liberty would kill individual initiative. Without fraternity, liberty would produce the supremacy of the few over the many. Equality without liberty would kill individual initiative. Without fraternity, liberty and equality could not become a natural course of things. It would require a constable to enforce them."

Ambedkar pointed to the existing social and economic inequality in Indian society and the significance of the ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity to eliminate those inequalities. On October 17, 1949, Acharya Kripalani applauded the inclusion of Fraternity in the Preamble. "Again I come to the great doctrine of fraternity, which is allied with democracy. It means that we are sons of the same God, as the religious would say, but as the mystic would say, that there is one life pulsating through us all, or as the Holy Bible says, 'We are one of another.' There can be no fraternity without this."

Courts on fraternity: The Bombay High Court in the Indian National Mines Overmen vs Western Coalfields Limited case, challenging the compulsory deduction of ₹50 from the salary/wages of its employees for transfer to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund cited the explanation given by Ambedkar on Fraternity. The court said that "Fraternity means a sense of common brotherhood of all Indians. In a country like ours with disruptive forces of regionalism, communalism and linguism, it is necessary to emphasise and re-emphasise that the unity and integrity of India can be preserved only by a spirit of brotherhood. India has one common citizenship and every citizen should feel that s/he is Indian first, irrespective of other basis. In this view, any measure at bringing about equality should be welcome." The court relied on 'Fraternity' in the Preamble and Ambedkar's speech on obligations imposed under the Fundamental Duties chapter, which do not otherwise have any legal sanction.

In the Prathvi Raj Chauhan vs Union of India case, addressing the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, Justice Ravindra Bhat of the Supreme Court said that fraternity holds a crucial place in the scheme of our nation's consciousness and polity. However, he said that 'Fraternity' is one of the lesser explored areas in the Constitutional discourse of the judiciary. The court observed that, "The 'Fraternity' assured by the Preamble is not a declaration of a ritual handshake or cordiality between communities that are diverse and have occupied different spaces. It is far more."

While evaluating the constitutional validity of the appointment of local tribals as special police officers in Maoist-hit regions of Chhattisgarh in the Nandini Sundar vs State of Chhattisgarh case, the apex court stressed on the importance of fraternity. It said, "Our Constitution posits that unless we secure... conditions of



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social, economic and political justice for all who live in India, we would not have achieved human dignity for our citizens, nor would we be able to promote fraternity among groups of them. Policies that run counter to that essential truth destroy national unity and integrity." The court said that the Constitution casts a positive obligation on the State to take necessary steps to protect the fundamental rights of all citizens. The State is obliged to secure conditions where dignity of its citizens is protected to enable all to live in conditions of fraternity. Fraternity not only acts as the binding element between unity and equality, it gives birth to new rights which facilitate the constitutional goal of an egalitarian society. The right to live with dignity and respect, free from oppression and untouchability. The fundamental rights granted in the Constitution are structured on the principles liberty, equality, and fraternity. These ideals are inscribed in the Constitution's Preamble. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948, which is contemporaneous with the Indian Constitution, recognises inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family. This is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.

Thus, the Constitutional value of 'Fraternity' must be palpably seen in the actions of the State and Constitutional functionaries. Fraternity must be seen in the laws and enactments by Parliament and the Legislature. Fraternity must percolate into people's lives to uphold a sense of brotherhood that the Constitution makers envisioned for India. The ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are coexistent, interdependent and inseparable.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

TESLA HAS TAKEN A MISGUIDED APPROACH TO DEVELOPING FULLY AUTONOMOUS CARS AND ITS FULL SELF-DRIVING SYSTEM WILL FAIL.

—WAYMO CEO JOHN KRAFCIK




TO MY SURPRISE, TESLA HAS BETTER ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AS COMPARED TO WAYMO (MONEY)

—TESLA CEO ELON MUSK

Heal sick healthcare sector with booster shot in Budget

If the Govt truly seeks to involve private capital, the Union Budget must relax unrealistic price restrictions and nix outdated rules



GURPREET SANDHU

Now when the Union Budget 2021-22 is around the corner, in the midst of one of the worst public health emergencies faced by humanity in recent memory, it is high time for the healthcare industry to articulate its concerns and expectations. Only a well-formulated and balanced annual financial statement with adequate allocation and focus on all critical segments, as well as on secondary aspects, can prepare the country to improve its health services and meet the challenges of inoculating such a large population as ours.

Need to address poor spending on healthcare: There is an urgent need to raise the allocation on health as a propor-

tion of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The gap is so large and the population so underserved that this would have to be done for several years in succession to alleviate the situation.

The forthcoming financial statement should focus on significantly higher allocations for Research & Development (R&D) in biotechnology, epidemiology and pharmaceuticals including vaccines and in building healthcare infrastructure. The ongoing pandemic reiterates the need for increased public spending on healthcare which is still in the range of 1.3 per cent of the GDP, far lower than what has been stated and promised.

More allocation must for infrastructure and skill development: It is another key area that the Government should prioritise. India has less than a bed and a doctor per 1,000 population, far lower than the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) standards. We need to invest in setting up an increased number of medical colleges with requisite infrastructure while giving due importance to key departments which play a significant role in preventing infections in hospital environments, apart from the operating rooms and Intensive Care Units (ICUs). There is also a pressing need to contain the problem of antibiotic and antimicrobial resistance for getting the desired

improvement in overall outcomes. If the Centre truly seeks to involve private capital it must relax unrealistic price restrictions and do away with outdated rules. One initiative that can be taken is to ask the medical and pharmaceutical companies to direct their Corporate Social

Responsibility funds for development of healthcare infrastructure and capacity building.

Expansion of digital healthcare must be the focus of the Union Budget: The country needs connected healthcare — a digital ecosystem where real-time data from top Government and private hospitals and diagnostic centres flows into a data centre that tracks, monitors and predicts changes in disease patterns, so that timely action can be initiated to obviate the expensive follow-on treatment. In this context, the National Digital Health Mission is a step in the right direction. It needs to be strengthened and investments are required to be made to create the infrastruc-

ture and capacity for collecting and analysing data.

Need to expand the ambit of medical insurance: The annual financial statement 2021 also needs to ensure that medical insurance is extended as much as possible to drive the idea of universal healthcare in the country. Treatments like dental procedures, mental healthcare and homecare for the sick need to be included as part of health insurance policies.

Therefore, the Union Budget must be a well-thought out document from the healthcare sector's perspective and the allocation of 1.6 per cent of the GDP in the previous Budget must be improved under all circumstances.

FOREIGN EYE

Sexual Harassment
Victims Sues
Inappropriate Promise

CAUSES AND FAILED ALLIES

Celebrity activism is a misnomer in Pakistan. Me Too exposed sexual coercion by media moguls who controlled women's careers and revealed how power of the perpetrator are drivers of sex crimes. Moreover, it is only possible to get justice for the offence in the formal workplace. The exclusion of students and informal workers from protection is a travesty. (Dawn editorial)

House sending Trump impeachment to Senate, GOP opposes trial

Washington: As the House prepares to bring the impeachment charge against Donald Trump to the Senate for trial, a growing number of Republican senators say they are opposed to the proceeding, dimming the chances that former president will be convicted on the charge that he incited a siege of the US Capitol.

House Democrats will carry the sole impeachment charge of 'incitement of insurrection' across the Capitol late Monday evening, a rare and ceremonial walk to the Senate by the prosecutors who will argue the case. They are hoping that strong Republican denunciations of Trump after the Jan. 6 riot will translate into a conviction and a separate vote to bar Trump from holding office again.

But instead, GOP passions appear to have cooled since the insurrection. Now that Trump's presidency is over, Republican senators who will serve as jurors in the trial are rallying to his legal defense, as they did during his first impeachment trial last year.

"I think the trial is stupid, I think it's counterproductive," said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. He said that the "first chance I get to vote to end this trial, I'll

do it" because he believes it would be bad for the country and further inflame partisan divisions.

Trump is the first former president to face impeachment, and it will test his grip on the Republican Party as well as the legacy of his tenure, which came to a close as a mob of loyal supporters headed his rally cry by storming the

Capitol and trying to overturn Joe Biden's election.

The proceedings will also force Democrats, who have a full sweep of control of the White House and Congress, to balance their promise to hold the former president accountable while also rushing to deliver on Biden's priorities.

Lawmakers threatened ahead of impeachment trial

Washington: Federal law enforcement officials are examining a number of threats aimed at members of Congress as the second trial of former President Donald Trump nears, including ominous chatter about killing legislators or attacking them outside of the U.S. Capitol, a U.S. Official told The Associated Press.

The threats, and concerns that armed protesters could return to sack the Capitol anew, have prompted the U.S. Capitol Police and other federal law enforcement to insist thousands of National Guard troops remain in

Washington as the Senate moves forward with plans for Trump's trial, the official said.

The shocking insurrection at the Capitol by a pro-Trump mob prompted federal officials to rethink security and around its landmarks, resulting in an unprecedented lockdown for Biden's inauguration.

However the event went off without any problems and armed protesters around the country did not materialize, the threats to lawmakers ahead of Trump's trial exemplified the continued potential for danger.

AP source: Biden to drop Trump's military transgender ban

Washington: President Joe Biden is set to issue an executive order to reverse a Pentagon policy that largely bars transgender individuals from joining the military, dumping a ban ordered by President Donald Trump in a tweet during his first year in office, a person briefed on the decision tells The Associated Press.

Biden has been widely expected to overturn the Trump policy in his early days in office.

The White House could announce the move as early as Monday, according to the person briefed on the decision who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the order.

The move to reverse the policy has the support of Biden's newly confirmed defense secretary, retired Army Gen. Lloyd Austin, who spoke of the need to overturn it during his Senate confirmation hearing last week.

"I support the president's plan or plan to overturn the ban," Austin said. "If you're fit and you're qualified to serve and you can maintain the standards, you should be allowed to serve."

The decision comes as Biden plans to turn his attention to equity issues that he believes continue to shadow nearly all aspects of American life. Ahead of his inauguration, Biden's transition team circulated a memo from Ron Klein, now the White House chief of staff, that asked about Biden's plan to use the first full week as president "to advance equity and support communities of color and other underserved communities."

The move to overturn the transgender ban is also the latest example of Biden using executive authority in his first days as president to dismantle Trump's legacy.

Biden to sign executive orders to promote 'Made in America' products

Washington: US President Joe Biden will sign a series of executive orders on Monday to promote "Made in America" products and strengthen supply chains, senior officials said, asserting that the new administration remains committed to working with partners and allies to modernise international trade rules.

Prominent among the executive orders include a strict enforcement of procuring products made inside the country by federal agencies. This is very significant given that contracting alone accounts for nearly USD 600 billion in federal spending.

Biden is taking action to reset the US government's longstanding approach to domestic preferences to create an approach that will remain durable for years to come and good quality, union jobs, according to a senior administration official.

It is long overdue that the US government utilizes the full force of current domestic preferences to support America's workers and businesses, strengthening the economy, workers, and communities across the country, the official said.

The President's Executive Order establishes the goals and standards necessary to use federal purchasing, and other forms of federal assistance with domestic preference requirements, as

a way to proactively invest in American industry so it can continue to lead in the global marketplace, the White House said.

For the executive order, Made in America refers to domestic preferences related to federal procurement, federal grants, and other forms of federal assistance. Buy American, and Buy America refers to the specific statutes that go by those names, it said.

The executive order to be signed by Biden at the White House, directs agencies to close current loopholes in how domestic content is measured and increase domestic content requirements and appoints a new senior leader in the Executive Office of the President in charge of the government's Made in America policy approach.

This order creates a central review of agency waivers of 'Buy American' requirements, fulfilling the president's commitment to crack down on unnecessary waivers. It also directs the General Services Administration to publish relevant waivers on a publicly available website.

President will continue to be a strong advocate for the Jones Act and its mandate that only US-flag vessels carry cargo between US ports, which supports American production and America's workers.

EU weighs response to Navalny arrest, protest crackdown

Brussels: European Union foreign Ministers on Monday debated the 27-nation bloc's response to the arrest of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny and a weekend police crackdown that saw thousands taken into custody during protests in support of President Vladimir Putin's most well-known critic.

"This wave of detention is something that worries us a lot, as well as the detention of Mr. Navalny," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said as he arrived to chair the ministerial meeting in Brussels. More than 3,500 people were reportedly taken into custody during the nationwide protests.

Disinformation being used to interfere in internal affairs of countries: India

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India has called on technology companies to ensure transparency and a check on misinformation on their platforms, cautioning that there is a growing tendency of foreign interference in the internal affairs of other countries through disinformation campaigns.

Addressing the Arria-formula meeting on media freedom in Belarus organised by the Estonian Permanent Mission on Friday, India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador K. Nagari Naidu said that the information revolution has both benefited and weakened media systems.

"Today, the global economy of

disinformation rests on the complex interaction between data sets, algorithms and information infrastructure built by technology companies. These algorithms govern not just what information is available to different populations, but also to whom, and with what frequency," Naidu said.

"As such, tech companies have the obligation to make sure that the platforms they have deployed are transparent and their users are not misinformed," he said.

Sounding a note of caution, Naidu said there is also a 'growing tendency of foreign interference in the internal affairs of other countries through use of disinformation campaigns to advance ulterior political agendas'.

Pakistani dissident Baloch activist buried amid tight security

Islamabad: The body of Karima Baloch, a 37-year-old Pakistani dissident from the ethnic Baloch community, was buried in a prominent women's rights activist, who died in mysterious circumstances while in exile in Canada, was brought home and buried in her village in the restive Balochistan province amid tight security, officials said on Monday.

Karima, who was highly critical of Pakistan's security agencies and campaigned extensively against disappearances and human rights violations in the troubled Balochistan province, was found dead in Toronto downtown waterfront on December 22.

Officials said that her immediate family was present at the funeral on Sunday in the Tump village of the Keach area of the restive province.

Security was tight due to the fear

of protests by the Baloch nationalists who cherished her as their leader. Her supporters claimed on social media the media was virtually sealed off so that people from other areas could not attend the funeral.

In some videos, people are seen requesting security forces to allow them to attend the funeral prayers.

Security sources said that the mobile phone services were suspended in the area to avoid any untoward incidents as militants often use it to carry out acts of sabotage. Toronto police have not treated her death as suspicious though there were allegations by her supporters that she was killed.

Her family members are not sure what happened. According to police in Toronto, her body was found near Lake Ontario, but no further details were given.

Biden, Macron vow to strengthen US-France ties in first phone call

Washington: Joe Biden sought to mend and bolster US strained ties with France in his first phone call as American President to his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron, as the two leaders pledged to work together on shared foreign policy priorities, including China, and fight the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change.

Biden called Macron on Sunday and expressed his desire to strengthen bilateral ties. He also stressed his commitment to bolstering the transatlantic relationship, including through NATO and the United States' partnership with the European Union, the White House said.

The leaders agreed on the need for close coordination, including through multilateral organisations, in tackling common challenges such as climate change, Covid-19 and the global economic recovery, it said in a statement.

Mexico's President says he's tested +ve for Covid

Mexico City (Mexico): Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has said that he has tested positive for Covid-19 and that the symptoms are mild.

Mexico's president, who has been criticised for his handling of his country's pandemic and for not setting an example of prevention in public, said on his official Twitter account that he is under medical treatment.

"I regret to inform you that I am infected with Covid-19," he tweeted. "The symptoms are mild, but I am already under medical treatment."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra Bank has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

- ASHOK LEYLAND ECOMET 1212 REG. NO. HR74A1718-YOM-2012
- ASHOK LEYLAND 1214 REG. NO. UP65F3224 YOM 2017
- VE1110FB EICHR VECV REG. NO. DLICG4601 YOM 2015
- BHARATBENZ 4928 REG. NO. PB13C6862 YOM 2016
- CB VE 11.10 FULLY BUILT REG. NO. HR3854605 YOM 2013
- ECCO MARUTIS REG. NO. UP 14 GT 9553-YOM-2018
- ECCO MARUTIS REG. NO. UP14GT9555-YOM-2018
- TATA MOTOR LPT 2515 REG. NO. UK04CB1066 YOM 2011
- FORCETTCFV FORCE REG. NO. DL1VCV2104-YOM-2019
- CB. ALECOMET1214 ASHOK LEYLAND LIMITED REG. NO. HR73 A 1267 YOM 2018
- ALECOM1214 REG. NO. UP 16 ET 3380-YOM-2017
- EICHR VECV1059FB REG. NO. DL1LR9331 YOM 2012
- TATA MOTORS LTD. TATA 2518 REG. NO. HR38R727-YOM-2012
- TATA ACE ZIP GOODS TATA MOTORS-REG. NO. DL1LAB1922-YOM-2018
- M&M SCORPIO REG. NO. HR42C5661-YOM-2014
- CHEVROLET BEAT REG. NO. HR12AC7393-YOM-2016

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"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS WITH IN 07 DAYS

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK 3RD FLOOR, 32 OF 7, SECTOR 125, NODA-201313 OR CONTACT: RAJESH ANIL

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. CONTACT: 9711173320

ICICI Bank

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

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

(See coming to rule 80(1))
Notice for sale of Non-Movable Assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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

The online auction will be conducted on website NXL.NexusSolutionsPrivateLimited.com or www.auctioneers.com on the date and time specified below. The prospective bidders must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column 4) at ICICI Bank New Rohtak Road, Plot No. 23, Shal Tower 3rd Floor New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 and there after they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before February 24, 2021 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, income prospective bidders are given a last chance to pay the full due with further interest in February 24, 2021 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

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For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 93727 30494 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited at 93727 30494. Please note that Marketing agencies i.e. NexXen Solution Private Limited 2. Augus Asset Management Pvt Ltd 3. Proprietary AMC have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/464
Date: Delhi NCR
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

INDO COTSPIN LIMITED

REGD. OFFICE: 75 K.M. DELHI DELHI STONE, G.T. ROAD, NH-1, VILLAGE JATPURI, POST BOX NO. 2, POST OFFICE SAMBAHANA, RAIPUR - 151013
CIN: 1111881967/0003541 Website: www.indocotspin.com
Email: info@indocotspin.com indocotspin@indocotspin.com
Stocks are available on the Stock Exchange under the name of Indo Cotspin Limited
Date: 2020.01.20

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NOTE: (i) There is no qualification for the Un-audited report for the quarter ended 31st December, 2020. (ii) The Financials are subject of the audit of the Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 32 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosures Regulations) Regulations, 2015. The Full form of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange website. www.sebiindia.com
Telephone: +91-9896-034879

For Info Contact: Mr. Bal Kishan Aggarwal Managing Director (CIN: 0404219)

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(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)

ई-पुनर्विनिर्माण आयोग सूचना संख्या-78 / 2020-21

- विद्युत आपूर्ति का प्रदायक एवं सहायक: मुख्य आपूर्तिकर्ता, बिहार राज्य मयन निगम लि., अजमेर रोड, हाजीपुर, पटना-800023 दिनांक: 22.01.2021
- विद्युत आपूर्ति की तिथि: 06.02.2021 से 27.02.2021 के 15:00 बजे तक।
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TCS once again becomes most valued domestic firm

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Country's largest software exporter Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Monday surpassed Reliance Industries Ltd to become the country's most valued firm by market capitalisation.

In another milestone, TCS also emerged as the most valued IT company in the world as its market valuation went past that of Accenture.

TCS dipped 0.40 per cent to close at ₹3,290.20 after gaining 1.26 per cent to its one-year

high of ₹3,345.25 during the

Shares of RIL declined 5.36 per cent to close at ₹1,939.70 on the BSE after its earnings failed to cheer investors.

In March last year also, TCS had reclaimed the status of the country's most valued firm by market valuation.

So far this month, TCS shares have gained nearly 13 per cent on the BSE.

Multinational tech firm Accenture's market capitalisation was at USD 168.44 billion as of Friday close on the NYSE. As of Monday, TCS valuation in dollar terms was at USD 169.26 billion. Tech giant SAP's market valuation was at USD 155.50 billion and that of IBM was at USD 105.69 billion.

Govt may tweak customs duties on host of goods in Budget 2021

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government may tweak customs duties in the Budget next week on several goods, including furniture raw materials, copper scrap, certain chemicals, telecom equipment and rubber products, to promote domestic manufacturing.

They said that while import duties could be tweaked on over 20 products such as cut and polished diamonds, rubber goods, leather garments, telecom equipment and carpet, the customs duties could be removed on select raw materials (like wood in rough, sawn wood and hard board) used for furniture manufacturing and copper concentrate.

RBI refutes reports of withdrawal of old ₹100, ₹10, ₹5 currency notes

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday refuted reports of withdrawal of old series of ₹100, ₹10 and ₹5 currency notes.

"With regard to reports in certain sections of media on withdrawal of old series of ₹100, ₹10 & ₹5 banknotes from circulation in near future, it is clarified that such reports are incorrect," the RBI said in

While announcing the issuance of new ₹100 denomination banknotes with base colour Lavender in July 2018, RBI had said banknotes in the denomination of ₹100 issued by it in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender.

IN BRIEF

BOTTLE FOR CHANGE CAMPAIGN

South Zone today in association with Biseri International started Bottle For Change campaign and organised an exhibition at Zonal office. A plastic recycling corner was also installed at office. Zonal Chairperson Dr. Nandini Sharma, Deputy Chairperson Maya Bisht, Deputy Commissioner G Sudhakar, Assistant Commissioner Mahesh Meena were present at the occasion.

M-SEND POLICY WILL PROVE TO BE A GAME CHANGER: CM

Jaipur: Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that the State Government building committed to meeting the gravel needs of the people for the works and The Manufactured Sand (M-Sand) Policy-2020 brought in the direction will prove to be a game changer. They Said that due to this much awaited policy, use of M-sand and its production in the state will increase and our dependence on gravel coming out of rivers will decrease. Along with this, the solution of the problem of waste coming out of the mines in the mining areas of the state And there will be employment opportunities at the local level due to the large number of M-Sand units installed Will be born Shri Gehlot inaugurated M-Sand Policy-2020 at Chief Minister's residence on Monday Were addressing the program.

BIKE RALLY ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL TOURISM DAY

To celebrate the National Tourism Day, 2021, a bike rally was organised by Directorate of Tourism, Jammu. The rally was flagged off by Chander Mohan Gupta, Mayor, Jammu Municipal Corporation and Sh. R.K. Katoch, Director Tourism, Jammu from Jammu Tawi Golf Course in which around 50 bikers participated. The Bike Rally will cover tourist destinations of Surinsar, Mansar, Mahoregarh Fort and Chichi Mata Mandir.

Sensex tanks 531 pts; energy, IT stocks play spoilsport

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The benchmark Sensex dived nearly 531 points to close at 48,348 on Monday, extending its losses to the third straight session due to massive selling in energy and IT stocks. After swinging nearly 1,000 points during the session, the BSE benchmark settled with a loss of 530.95 points or 1.09 per cent at 48,348.50.

The 30-share index opened over 375 points higher and hit the day's high of 49,263.15 before succumbing to selling pressure that took the

index to the session's lowest point at 48,274.92.

The broader NSE Nifty plunged 133 points or 0.93 per cent to end the session at 14,238.90.

Over the last three sessions, the BSE Sensex has lost 1,444.53 points or 2.90 per cent and the NSE Nifty has shed 405.80 points or 2.77 per cent. "Domestic equities were quite volatile today and were

Investors continued to prefer in taking profits off the table ahead of union budget and F&O expiry.

₹ rises for 5th session, settles 2

Mumbai: The rupee rose 1

3 paise to settle at 72.94 against the US dollar on Monday, extending its gains for the fifth straight session despite heavy selling in the domestic equity market. At the interbank foreign market

the interbank forex market, the rupee opened at 72.95 against the American currency, and hit an intra-day high of 72.89 and a low of 72.96 in day trade.

Amazon files plea with Delhi HC to enforce SIAC interim order


PTI ■ NEW DELHI

US online retail giant Amazon has moved Delhi High Court to block partner Future Group from selling retail assets to Reliance Industries that had received a nod from market regulator SEBI and stock exchanges.

The e-commerce giant is seeking enforcement of the Singapore arbitrator's interim order to stall ₹24,713-crore Future-Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) deal.

Inclusive Finance
India Awards

New Delhi: With an aim to celebrate and encourage deserving institutions to continue to enhance outreach to the poor by way of motivating management and staff through recognition to their painstaking efforts and enhancing credibility of the institution, the Inclusive Finance India Awards were constituted by ACCESS Development Services in partnership with HSBC India, recently in Delhi. The winners were felicitated by Union Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur and NABARD Chairman G. Chintala.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>  ICI CI BANK </div> <div> SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE </div> <div> Branch Office: ICI CI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Sahi Tower 3rd Floor New Rohan Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 </div> </div>				
<p>Whereas</p> <p>The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICI CI Bank Limited under the Securitization, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13 (1) read with Rule 3 of the Securitization (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice:</p> <p>As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Securitization (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The said property and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICI CI Bank Limited.</p>				
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property and Symbolic Possession	Amount of Demand Notice in Demand Rupees	Name of the Branch
1.	Ka Lakshman Rao And Anota Lakshmi S. P. No. 11, Ft. Kranti Chikita Arava, Plot No. B-2, Sai Priva Gardens Chhatrapati, Mandali, West Road Society, 100N Village, Vengaloor, Vengaloor - 5300107 LBPVMM00001176238.	Schedule-4/ An Undivided And Symbolic Share Of Land Measuring 32 Sq. Yds Or 26.75 Sq. Mts. Out Of The Total Extent Of 1555 Sq. Yds Or 129.99 Sq. Mts. Together With The Right Of Way And Right Of Access To The Plot No. 11, Ft. Kranti Chikita Arava, Plot No. B-2, Sai Priva Gardens Chhatrapati, Mandali, West Road Society, 100N Village, Vengaloor, Vengaloor - 5300107. The said Plot No. 11, Ft. Kranti Chikita Arava, Plot No. B-2, Sai Priva Gardens Chhatrapati, Mandali, West Road Society, 100N Village, Vengaloor, Vengaloor - 5300107. The said Plot No. 11, Ft. Kranti Chikita Arava, Plot No. B-2, Sai Priva Gardens Chhatrapati, Mandali, West Road Society, 100N Village, Vengaloor, Vengaloor - 5300107. The said Plot No. 11, Ft. Kranti Chikita Arava, Plot No. B-2, Sai Priva Gardens Chhatrapati, Mandali, West Road Society, 100N Village, Vengaloor, Vengaloor - 5300107.	26,08,020 Rs. 51,074,000 Rs.	Vishakhapatnam

 NORTHERN RAILWAY		
TENDER NOTICE		
Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU-SDS, Shukhsakthi and on behalf of President of Indian Railways E-Invites Bids for the under noted work.		
Tender No.	2586/102/SSBIR2	
Name of work	Provision for Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of SJ (Bela Road Industrial) system of 1407 BD Crane No. 142271 at DEMU-SDS, Shukhsakthi working over DJJ division for a period of three years.	
Approximate Cost	Rs. 5,54,00,000/- including GST @ 18%.	
Earnest money	Rs. 19,30,000/- (Nineteen Lakhs) - It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FORT NOT be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IRPS as per Tender/Bidder letter no. 2015/CR/CTCT/ST dated 31.08.2016)	
Completion period of the work	03 years	
Cost of tender document	Rs. 2,380/- with GST @ 18% (Nineteen). - It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. FORT NOT be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IRPS as per Tender/Bidder letter no. 2015/CR/CTCT/ST dated 31.08.2016)	
Date and time of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 15.02.2021 Opening of Tender at 15:00 hrs.	
Website particulars where bidders can obtain complete details of the tender	Above tender is available on IRPS site i.e. www.irps.gov.in	
Seal	Can be seen	
No.	2586/102/SSBIR2	Date: 21.01.2021
For Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Northern Railway, DEMU-SDS, Shukhsakthi		18/10/2020

**NOTICE
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

No. RMSAS/NSQF/EOI/1363/2020/1987 Date: 25/01/2021

This is an invitation to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) by firms/individuals for Implementation of Vocational Education under National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) in Government and Provisionalised secondary schools across Assam through procurement system of Govt. of Assam i.e. <https://assamenders.gov.in>

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Scope of Work:
Implementation of Vocational Education services in secondary schools under NSQF in the following trades:

- 1.TIT/ITE, 2. Agriculture, 3. Healthcare, 4. Beauty & Wellness, 5. Electronics & Hardware 6. Automotive, 7. Tourism & Hospitality, 8. Retail, 9. Private Security.

Details of EOI:

- 1.Rs.16.80 lakh as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) have to submit in favour of Mission Director, RMSA, Assam payable at Guwahati.
- 2.The EOI can be downloaded from the website <https://assamenders.gov.in>
- 3.The Proposal has to be submitted as described in the EOI, Submission start date: 27/01/2021, 12.00 Noon & Last date for submission: 15/02/2021, 2.00 PM.
- 6.Date of opening of EOI: 15/02/2021, 3.00 PM.

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Sd/-Executive Director,
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SEARCH FOR MISSING



Rahul

General Public is hereby informed that one person namely **Rahul, S/o Rajesh, R/o H.No. A-316/C-1, Netaji Marg, Main Road, Manipal, Delhi, Age: About 31 years, Height: 5'8", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Build: Normal, Hair: Black, ID Mark: Injury mark on forehead, Wearing:** White colour shirt, grey colour pant and bare feet, has been missing since 01.01.2021 from Gate No. 4, Dr. Ram Narayan Hospital, New Delhi, P.S. North Avenue, New Delhi. In this regards a case DD No. 40-A-Dated 14.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. North Avenue, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this missing person please inform

undersigned.
Website: <http://cicbtl.nic.in>
E-mail id - cicbtlcib@gov.in
Ph: 011-24366833, 24366841
Fax No. 011-24366839
DP/15ND02/2021

SHO
PS North Avenue, New Delhi
Ph. No. 011-23093040, 9810245276

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** approx. 40 years, **Height:** 5' 5", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black, **Id:** L.O.Y. tattoo on right hand, **Wearing:** Red/white colour shirt, marmala coat and white colour pant, who was found at Kesari Chowk, Old Lalpat Rai Market, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 39A/2021 dated 19.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi.

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

Sd/- SHO
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1	Interconnection of 1500 mm dia water main with feeder line of A 2 LGRI by 1500 mm main using trenchless technology under EEE/SW-II, AC-43	Ra. 27.19,151/- Rs. 100/-	21.01.2021 Tender I.D.No. 2021_JLB_199032_1	06.02.2021 At 2:00 PM		
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1	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK GHARHINDA	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 preetee@hry.nic.in
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5	PWD(B & R) JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF DIRT-SAFED ROAD TO MULAR IN JIND DISTT. (ROAD ID 6702)	CLOSING DATE 11.02.2021	44.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-249416 pwd-eeep-jind@gmail.com
6	PANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR	PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF STP (BASED ON JOHNSON) / ADVANCED MBBR TECHNOLOGY AT DIFFERENT VILLAGES OF HISAR DISTRICT I.E. INCLUDING DESIGNING, COMMISSIONING, 1 YEAR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (+ EXTENDED MAINTENANCE FOR 4 YEARS).	23.01.2021 08.02.2021	5.15 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9467251500 preetee.hry@hry.nic.in
7	PWD(B & R) HANSI	PERIODICAL RENOVATION BY PROVIDING HEAVY PATCHWORK ON KOTPUTLI (IN THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN) NARNAUL MAHENDERGARH CHARGED DADO-BHOWANI-HANSI- BARKWALA-TOHANA (IN THE STATE OF HARYANA) (NH-148-B) KM 163-468 TO 196.503 & 197.201 TO 204.902 (RE-DEVELOPED)	22.01.2021 12.02.2021	121.67 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416136946 pwd-eeep-hansi@hry.nic.in
8	PHE SWANVI	GUJHRA-PRODUCTION HOUSE ROAD TAP CONNECTION (PHTC) AND LAYING OF GI PIPE LINE UNDER JKH CATEGORY-JIND (JKH) IN VILLAGE GUJHRA, LAYING OF GI PIPE LINE AND MAKING FET CONNECTIONS IN VILLAGE GUJHRA AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT "THERETO" + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 28.01.2021	5.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01255-277666 eesian@phed.govt.in
9	IRRIGATION HISAR	REMODELING OF NEW SWANVI FEEDER FROM RD 0 TO 7670.	27.01.2021 10.02.2021	2548 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-237146 venkatesh@phed.govt.in
10	BRIGATION AMBALA	CONSTRUCTING 1 NO. STONE STUD FOR THE PROTECTION OF ABUT OF VILLAGE RAMGARH MAJRA FLOOD VILLAGE OF RIVER TANGRI + 23 OTHERS	06.01.2021 06.02.2021	611.04 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	94167-398156 venkatesh@ambalambdoo.govt.in
11	PANCHAYATI RAJ ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF 16 NOS. VILLAGE ANGANWARI AT DISTRICT ROHTAK	23.01.2021 04.02.2021	143.84 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9467725150 preetee@hry.nic.in
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16	PWD(B & R) JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF JALANA-BADODHAPUR ROAD FROM RD 0.000 TO 1.110 IN JIND DISTT. (ROAD ID 6559) + 1 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 17.02.2021	446.34 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-249416 pwd-eeep-jind@hry.nic.in
17	PANCHAYATI RAJ JIND	CONSTRUCTION OF ANGANWARI CENTRES IN DISTRICT JIND	25.01.2021 10.02.2021	90.2 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-245124 preetee.jind@hry.nic.in
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RO NO. 154



Cat&Covid

In the first case involving a pet, a kitten has tested positive for the Covid-19 in South Korea. The infected kitten tested positive on Thursday and was found at a religious facility in the southeastern city of Jinju in South Gyeongsang Province, according to Government officials



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Lung cancer in never-smokers



Most of us tend to believe that not smoking a cigarette will insure us against lung cancer. Unfortunately, this is not true. A growing number of non-smokers in India are reporting lung cancer today. What's worse is the fact that the disease in non-smokers shows more subtle symptoms that are often difficult to diagnose initially. Non-smokers also tend to write off the possibility of contracting this disease as they believe they do not run the risk.

While it is true that smoking tobacco is the most significant risk factor for lung cancer, not all people who get the disease have smoked. The American Cancer Society estimates that around 20 per cent of people who die from lung cancer in the US every year have never consumed tobacco in any form. While we do not have any such consolidated estimates for India, Oncologists are reporting a clear trend of rising disease incidence among non-smokers.

Interestingly, it has been observed that lung cancers in smokers and non-smokers are different on genetic and molecular levels. In fact, a bulk of the non-smokers who report lung cancer are women. A number of factors can trigger lung cancer in non-smokers; these include exposure to carcinogens in some form or certain gene changes. Non-smoking lung cancer patients are also found to be relatively younger.

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While most lung cancers are treated in a similar way, Oncologists are now developing a deeper understanding of the genetic differences and triggers of different types of cancers. Patients with genetic cancer triggers such as EGFR mutation and ALK (anaplastic lymphoma kinase) gene rearrangements respond better to a different line of treatment than chemotherapy. Most commonly, these gene mutations are responsible for triggering cancers in non-smokers.

Never ignore these symptoms: As mentioned above lung cancers in non-smokers are often different as compared to the disease type in smokers. This is why sometimes, the disease manifests differently in these two sub categories of patients. People who do not smoke may present with more subtle symptoms such as shortness of breath, fatigue, pain in the back along with cough. Sometimes, these symptoms may initially be taken for any other condition, delaying the disease diagnosis and treatment.

Whether you smoke or not, it is important not to take any aberration in the respiratory health lightly. Always report to the doctor if you experience the following symptoms:

- A cough that lasts more than 2 weeks
- Shortness of breath
- Chronic fatigue or malaise accompanied by respiratory distress
- Experiencing pain while breathing
- Recurrent chest infections.

WARMFOODS

CHERRY: If one wants to go for both health and taste, then cherry is here to their rescue. They are high in antioxidants and anti-inflammatory compounds, which may reduce chronic disease risk and promote overall health. It can also help relieve exercise-induced muscle pain, reduce inflammation, and improve circulation.

Increasing your intake of nutrient-dense fruits like cherries is a tasty way to protect your heart. Many studies show that diets rich in fruits are associated with a reduced risk of heart disease.

LISTEN TO ORAL CALL

Dental health is not considered as significant as mental health, in fact it is not a primary concern at all for many. DR TANVI PARKAR tells you why maintaining dental hygiene is just as important as overall hygiene



The stress and anxiety related to the infection coupled with the mental fatigue of calibrating oneself to the new normal, has made people realise the importance of mental wellness. To add to these, news of celebrities breathing their last owing to mental illness, has put this issue in the limelight. As we browse along the myriad of discourses on wellbeing, we quickly can realise that dental health is not considered as significant as mental health, in fact dental health is not a primary concern at all.

Oral cavity is one of the most important parts of our bodies that dentists dedicate five years of their lives learning. The fact that they spend most of their curricular time (even more by post-graduates), on such a small part of the body, itself, makes it so significant. Sadly, this seems to be a trivial subject for many. Maybe they feel that dentists shall only talk about brushing twice a day which is covered by a toothpaste as it is, so what's more to it? The relevance of dental health and why it should be a part of workplace wellbeing programme is what is discussed in the article.

Some of the significant aspects of oral cavity and dental health are as follows:

Functions of oral cavity: The oral cavity and its components have various functions like chewing food, enabling us to pronounce words, and giving shape and form to the face.

Oral manifestations of sys-

temic diseases: A lot of systemic diseases have oral manifestations. These include diabetes, certain infections, gastrointestinal problems as well as nutritional deficiencies.

Entry to the digestive system: The oral cavity is the portal to the digestive system. It is here that food is tasted and enjoyed, masticated with the teeth and mixed with saliva to form a bolus — an ingestible and digestible form of food that enters the oesophagus. It is also in the mouth that the food is mixed with digestible enzymes from the saliva for easy digestion.

Workplace grooming and halitosis: We are supposed to meet a lot of people for work related matters. These could be bosses, co-workers, clients, and other people. It is expected that we are well groomed and follow etiquettes during our meetings. One of the important aspects of this is oral hygiene. It is not necessary that we must go for a celebrity level smile design, however, it is pertinent that we do not show the food that's stuck in our teeth while we are talking or smiling. Halitosis or bad breath is also one of the concerns and a huge turn off while interacting socially.

Significance of oral health in COVID-19 situation:

Nasopharynx and oropharynx: The oral cavity is an entrance to the respiratory tract and maintaining good oral hygiene can prevent COVID-19 infection.

Saliva and oral mucosa: The oral mucosa and salivary glands are lined with ACE2 (angiotensin con-

verting enzyme 2) receptors, which are used by SARS-CoV-2 virus to enter epithelial cells. In addition, SARS-CoV RNA can be detected in saliva before lung lesions appear. This may explain the presence of asymptomatic infections. Thus, the potential infectivity of saliva alone must not be ignored.

Xerostomia and dysgeusia: The inflammation caused by the viral infection leads to reduced salivary secretions and dry mouth.

Alteration in the quantity and composition of saliva also leads to loss or altered taste.

Mask mouth: Wearing mask for prolonged duration results in decreased salivation or dry mouth that results in cavities, gum disease and sore breath.

Loss of teeth in long haulers: A phenomenon where idiopathic bone loss and falling out of teeth have been reported by few people who have been experiencing COVID-19 symptoms for a very long time. Although a thorough research and more evidence is required to substantiate this phenomenon, it is speculated that the infection caused inflammation that could attack the gums and mouth, which might be able to trigger tooth loss.

As we can observe from the above, oral care plays a vital role in the overall health of a person. This has become crucial in the pandemic times. Dental treatments are currently not covered in most insurance programmes in the country. Ergo, oral health needs to be an important aspect of workplace wellness since education, awareness and early detection are key to good outcomes. As the famous saying goes, "Dentistry is not expensive, neglect is!" we must ensure that we always maintain good oral hygiene. In conclusion, we must provide equal attention to dental health as we provide to mental health in the workplace.

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LET THE SKIN DO THE TALKING



Following a proper skincare routine is important. DR AJAY RANA shares tips that will help you get healthy and glowing skin

Almost one month into the New Year, it is high time to make a routine for your skin and make sure you follow it. Morning is the best time to start taking care of your skin. Your skin is fresh from a goodnight's sleep and you should make sure to prepare it before you begin your day. Everyday our face faces a lot of dust, sun rays, UV rays, pollution, hence, having a proper skincare routine in the morning is of utmost importance.

Here are a few tips to make your skin glowing this year:

Cleanse with water: Cleansing your face with water is the first and the foremost step for the glowing skin. Our face needs the right amount of water so that all the dryness from the night is removed.

Use a toner: The next big step is to use a toner. Toning your face is very important. A good toner helps to remove any remaining bits of oil and dirt left behind by a cleanser. It also shrinks the pores. Toners prevent the skin from producing excess oil.

Serum: After you are done using a toner, get ready to use a serum. The serum is specifically made to handle all your skin problems. Take a few drops of the serum and warm it up by rubbing it in between your palms. Apply the serum on the skin, starting from the nose, and work your way outwards. Leave it on for two-three minutes to absorb into the skin.

Always remove your makeup: It is very important to remove the makeup, no matter where you are, before you go to bed, or if you have been wearing it for a very long time. It is important that you give time to your skin to breathe. Use a good water makeup cleanser, and remove all the layers.

Skincare routines are incomplete without the use of a moisturiser: Moisturise your skin with a dermatologist-recommended moisturiser as often as you can based on your skin type.

Clean the makeup brushes regularly: It is important to clean your makeup brushes to avoid a buildup of makeup residue and bacteria. Use a shampoo and conditioner to clean your brushes, as you do with your hair. Cleaning brushes helps to smooth and even apply makeup every time.

Apply sunscreen: Don't forget to use sunscreen before you head out. Wear a good sunscreen with SPF of 40 or higher and try to avoid the sun as much as possible.

Lip moisturiser: Using a lip moisturiser would be a good idea. During the winter season, our lips tend to get really dry, because of which we sometimes develop the habit of licking our lips. This can lead to dermatitis around the mouth. In order to avoid this, even using a basic moisturizer like Vaseline would help.

Take multivitamins and antioxidants: Not getting enough sun causes a dip in your Vitamin D levels, so adding Vitamin C and D to the supplements, in addition to omega fatty acids and antioxidants. Avoid taking sugar and alcohol.

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DadiKa Kehna

Motion sickness or infections can result in nausea. While it is not painful, it is definitely uncomfortable.

ROSHANI DEVI shares remedies that can help relieve it



Nausea can happen because of several reasons. If one has taken pills on an empty stomach, motion sickness and infections are the most common triggers for nausea.

Here are a few tips that can help. While eating ginger is synonymous to catching cold, there is lot more that it can do. Experts believe that compounds in ginger may work in a similar way to anti-nausea medication. In fact, several studies agree that ginger is effective at reducing nausea in various situations.

Control your breathing. Taking slow, deep breaths can also help reduce nausea.

Certain spices like fennel powder, cinnamon and cumin extract also helps reducing nausea. Fennel powder may reduce menstrual symptoms, including nausea. Cinnamon may reduce the severity of nausea that women experience during menstruation. Cumin extract may help improve symptoms such as abdominal pain, nausea, constipation and diarrhea in individuals suffering from IBS.

Making good choices is key

SWAMI MUKUNDANANDA tells you how behavioural momentum helps you change your life for the better

Life presents us with an array of choices. We select our thoughts, priorities, emotions, and behaviours. Regardless of how good or bad we may presently be, we can always choose to make our future better. Regrettably, we also have the option of choosing to make our future worse. Nowadays, there is no dearth of advertisements promising you an annual income of two crores, if you simply spend two hours daily on the internet; a weight loss of twenty kilos by wearing a special belt; and perfection in meditation if you take initiation in a particular mantra. Surprisingly, people are willing to get duped into believing these alluring marketing lines.

The problem is that our human nature wants quick fixes—excellence without toil, and perfection without practice. But life mastery and enlightenment are not cheap bargains. They are achieved through sacrifice, dedication, and perseverance.

The good news is that the level of difficulty does not remain the same throughout the journey. In fact, every incremental step becomes easier than the previous one. Social scientists have discovered a concept called behavioural momentum.

We are familiar with the momentum of solid objects. You may have had the experience of pushing someone's car. When the engine does not turn on with the ignition switch, passengers get out of the car and

Interestingly, the same phenomenon applies to human behaviour as well. As you strive to improve yourself, the velocity of your self-transformation keeps speeding up. The reason is that any learned behaviour becomes easier with every repetition, until it finally becomes a habit.

Slowly, the choices, which we keep repeating, grow onto us and become a part of us. That is why it is said, "First to awaken Your Best Self, be discuss the most important divine laws of life. What are these laws? How can our life be enriched by their knowledge and application? This joyous journey is accomplished through the seven chapters of the book.

The writer is a global spiritual leader, best-selling author and Vedic scholar

England whitewash Lanka

AFP ■ GALLE

Dom Sibley and Jos Buttler anchored a run chase as Sri Lanka by six wickets on Monday in the second Test to sweep the series 2-0.

Sibley and Buttler put on an unbeaten 75-run stand as England, who were struggling at 89/4, got to their target of 164 in an extended final session on the fourth day in Galle.

The result gave England a second successive Test whitewash in Sri Lanka after winning all three matches in the island nation in 2018.

England were given a deadline to finish in the day after spinners Jack Leach and Dom Bess skittled out Sri Lanka for 126 in their second innings.

Left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya claimed three wickets that gave Sri Lanka hope and helped him to his Test-best match figures of 10-20.

Debutant spinner Ramesh Mendis got the key wicket of skipper Joe Root on scored 11 after his 186 in England's first innings total of 344, to add to the scare given to the tourists. Embuldeniya took Zak Crawley for 13 and then ended Jonny Bairstow's stay after a quickfire 29, putting England's nerves on edge, but Sibley calmly moved to his third Test half-century.

Leach and Sibley took four wickets each to set up England's win.

The hosts started their second innings early in the day with a lead of 37 but it came to an end in the afternoon session.

Number 10 Embuldeniya top-scored with 40, after taking



Joe Root holds winners' trophy after England beat Sri Lanka in 2nd Test

seven wickets with his left-arm spin to end England's first innings on 344. He was the only batsman to score more than 20 as Sri Lanka collapsed from 29 for one in their second innings.

Embuldeniya put up some resistance with a ninth-wicket stand of 48 with Suranga Lakmal, who made 11 not out, before Root took the final two wickets with his off-spin.

Leach's left-arm spin got Kusal Perera trapped lbw for 14, and off-spinner Bess sent back Oshada Fernando for three in the first session. First-

innings centurion Angelo Mathews was then bowled by Bess for five and Chandimal fell to Leach, with James Anderson taking a superb running catch.

Earlier Dilruwan Perera trapped overnight batsman Leach lbw for one on just the 11th ball of the day after England resumed on 339 for nine in Galle.

Leach took a single and number 11 Anderson hit a boundary off Embuldeniya, who returned career-best figures of 7-137 in just his ninth Test, to add five runs to the overnight score. Riding on Root's 228,

We'll carry confidence from SL win against 'world's best' India: Root

AFP ■ GALLE

Skipper Joe Root on Monday said England will take confidence from their 2-0 Test sweep in Sri Lanka to challenge world No 1 India on their own patch.

Root, who led by example with match-winning knocks of 228 and 186 in the first and second match respectively, said the team looks in good shape ahead of the four-Test series in India that starts in Chennai on February 5.

"We've got four very important games against arguably the best team in the world in their own conditions," Root said. "We'll have to play right at the top of our game to win out there but we couldn't be in a better place to go and challenge them."

The England team face a period of quarantine upon entry to India ahead of the series, but Root said the idea of the team not facing the square wicket was a relief.

"We're gonna have seven or eight days with no cricket, six days in quarantine and then three very important days of prep ahead of the series," he said. "But what we have got is a huge amount of confidence coming out of these two games."

'DEFINITELY PROGRESS'
England have won five

England won the opening Test of the resumed series, which started last March but was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

straight Tests away from home as they got past hosts South Africa in the final three matches of a four-match series to triumph 3-1 in January last year.

"Definitely progress. As I mentioned before this game, we have in the past struggled in away conditions," said Root.

"For us to be able to turn that around, find ways of consistently taking 20 wickets is really impressive. We have just got to stay hungry and keep looking to get better."

England though will be without Jonny Bairstow for the opening two India Tests as part of the team's rest and rotate policy for its players during the coronavirus pandemic. Buttler, who scored 55 and an unbeaten 46 in the second Test, will return home after the first Test.

Root said the team, which will be boosted by the return of Ben Stokes and Jofra Archer, will have to keep up with player rotation in these uncertain times.

"We always want our best players there as often as possible, because of the world we're in right now it's not feasible and we have to manage that the best we can," said Root.

"But he's still got an opportunity to affect the series and sure he'll be desperate to keep up the good form."

England now head to India for a four-Test series starting February 5 in Chennai. The first two Tests will be played to empty stadiums.

Babar hopes to counter tough Proteas in home

AP ■ KARACHI

Babar Azam will make his Test captaincy debut on Tuesday against a tough South Africa team that is touring Pakistan for the first time in more than 13 years.

Azam has recovered from a thumb injury that kept him out of the two-Test series in New Zealand, which Pakistan lost 2-0.

"I missed the series against New Zealand, but it's a proud moment for me that I am doing my captaincy debut in my own country," Azam said on Monday. "South Africa is a good team. You can't take them lightly, but conditions suit us more because most of us have played here."

South Africa last toured Pakistan in 2007 because the country was forced to organize its "home" Test series in the United Arab Emirates following a terrorist attack on a bus carrying the Sri Lanka team in Lahore in 2009.

The second Test will be played in Rawalpindi from February 4, followed by the three-match Twenty20 series in Lahore from February 11-14.

Pakistan is out of the race to qualify for the World Test Championship final at Lord's in June while South Africa has only a mathematical chance to make it with India, New Zealand, Australia and England among the top contenders.

Azam is well aware of Pakistan's poor Test record against South Africa, winning only four of 26 against the Proteas. One of Pakistan's 15 losses came at the National Stadium — the venue for the



first Test — when South Africa toured in 2007.

"We should not think about past, we should focus on what's ahead of us," Azam said. "It's a fact that we don't have a good record against them, but we have prepared well and we hope to give our best against them this time."

Pakistan has included five uncapped players in a 17-man squad. Opening batsman Imran Butt and left-arm spinner Numan Ali could make their Test debuts on Tuesday.

Azam also said Pakistan might go with an additional spinner along with Yasir Shah. "We have practised here for a week now and the wicket looks a bit slow," Azam said.

Only South Africa coach Mark Boucher has previously played red-ball cricket in Pakistan, while the experienced Farid Plessis has twice toured Pakistan over the last four years but played only in the T20 format.

"I'm sure this Pakistan team is going to be tough," South Africa captain Quinton de Kock said when the team arrived. "I think our biggest challenge is the conditions that we could face, the unknowing of the things that we have to deal with."

Boucher said he expected the wickets in Karachi to help spinners and it might tempt him to include an extra spinner along with first choice left-arm spinner Keshav Mahara.

"It's (the wicket) definitely going to turn," Boucher said. "The conditions are going to be proper subcontinent conditions where I don't think there's a lot of assistance for seamers."

"We've definitely come in with the mindset that if you want to win a series away from home, you've got to make a couple of brave calls at the end, (and) the selectors and the team are going with that mindset into the game."

Final chance for domestic players to impress in Mushtaq knock-outs

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

It will be the last chance for the domestic players to impress before the all-important IPL auction when the knock-outs of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy begin here on Tuesday.

While Karnataka will go all out looking to retain the title, the seven other teams which have made it to the quarter-finals, will be itching to make an impact and get their names inscribed on the trophy.

The event marked the resumption of the much-delayed 2021 domestic season in the country.

A mighty Punjab team stands between Karnataka and their title defence as the two teams will square-off in the first quarter-final, which is expected to be an even battle.

Punjab made it to the knock-outs from Elite Group A after winning all their five games in the league stage, while Karnataka also scraped to the final eight, despite being second on the points table in Group A, having lost one game.

The match could be touted as battle of openers as Punjab possesses the young Prabhshimran Singh, who is in good form, with 277 runs, while Karnataka will bank on the stylish southpaw Devdutt Padikkal, who has 207 runs from five games.

Both the sides have an equally strong middle-order. However, Punjab could have a slight edge in their pace attack



with Sidharth Kaul (10 wickets) and Sandeep Sharma in their arsenal.

Sharma in particular is lethal in the shortest format of the game. But Karnataka have the likes of Abhinav Mani and Prasidh Krishna, who can be equally dangerous.

Even the contest is somewhat equal among the spinners as Punjab has Mayank Markande while Karnataka will bank on the lead spin duo of experienced J. Suresh and Shreyas Gopal.

In the second quarter-final, for Tamil Nadu, who were runners-up last season, attacking opener N Jagadeesan, who is the leading run-getter in the tournament so far with 315 runs and skipper Dinesh Karthik, who

clash against Himachal Pradesh, who came through from Elite

Group C. The TN bowling unit did a superb job for skipper Karthik though it was without ace spinner R Ashwin, yorker specialist T Natarajan and all-rounder Washington Sundar who were away on national duty in Australia.

Leg-spinner M Ashwin and left-arm spinner R Sai Kishore were quite a handful but it was Baba Aparajith, who was the surprise package, taking the new ball and enjoying a great degree of success too.

The trio will have a crucial role to play in the knockouts if TN has to go all the way as would the pacers — Sandeep Sharma, who was away on national duty in Australia.

In the third quarter-final too, it could be tough for Baroda to overcome the challenge of Haryana, without the services of

the Pandya brothers — Hardik and Krunal.

While Hardik did not play the tournament as he was practicing for the white-ball series against England, Krunal had to leave the tournament mid-way following his father's demise.

Haryana have been in splendid form and it is their spinners — India player Yuzvendra Chahal, Jayant Yadav and Rahul Tewatia, who will give them an upper hand against Baroda.

But Baroda led by Kedar Devdhar, who has amassed 226 runs in five games, can spring a surprise. And for that to happen, left-arm info pacer Lukman Meriwala (11 wickets) and Aftab Sherzad (8 wickets) hold the key against a vulnerable Haryana top-order.

In the fourth quarter-final, Rajasthan, who qualified from Group D, will be the run-away favourites against Bihar, who have qualified from the Plate Group.

The Mushtaq knock-outs, will also be the first time that matches will be played at the refurbished Sardar Patel Motera Stadium. It will be interesting to see how the pitch behaves with the two Tests between India and England to follow at the venue.

Line Ups: Quarter-final 1: January 26: At 12 noon: Punjab vs Karnataka. Quarter-final 2: January 26: At 7 PM: Tamil Nadu vs Himachal Pradesh. Quarter-final 3: January 27: At 12 noon: Haryana vs Baroda. Quarter-final 4: January 27: At 7 PM: Rajasthan vs Bihar.

Chelsea sack Lampard

AFP ■ LONDON

Chelsea sacked manager Frank Lampard on Monday after 18 months in charge, with former Paris Saint-Germain boss Thomas Tuchel reportedly set to replace him at Stamford Bridge.

Sunday's 3-1 FA Cup fourth-round win against Championship side Luton was not enough to save Lampard, whose team have slumped to ninth place in the Premier League.

"We are grateful to Frank for what he has achieved in his time as head coach of the club," Chelsea said in a statement. "However, recent results and performances have not met the club's expectations, leaving the club mid-table without any clear path to sustained improvement."

The club's Russian owner Roman Abramovich said: "This was a very difficult decision for the club, not least because I have an excellent personal relationship with Frank and I have the utmost respect for him."

"He is a man of great integrity and the highest work ethics. However, under current circumstances we believe it is best to change managers."

Former PSG boss Tuchel, who was abruptly sacked by the French champions in December, is in line to take over, reports said.

Poms to host NZ for 2 Tests

London: England will host New Zealand for two Test matches in June for the home side's first games of the summer.

England also announced a three-match T20 series against Sri Lanka at Sophia Gardens in Cardiff on June 23 and 24 and the Aggers Bowl in Southampton on June 26, starting before a three-match ODI series against the same opponents.

The announcement means

England is struggling in ninth place in the Premier League table, 11 points behind leaders Manchester United.

They have lost five of their past eight Premier League matches after a good start to the season.

Lampard signed a three-year deal in 2019 and despite a transfer ban, led them to the FA Cup final and a fourth-place finish in his first managerial campaign at Stamford Bridge.

But a huge outlay of around £220 million on new players including Ben Chilwell and German attackers Kai Havertz and Timo Werner has failed to translate into improved results.

Lampard's points-per-game average of 1.67 is the fourth-lowest of any permanent Chelsea manager in the Premier League.

Tuchel only became available a month ago when he left PSG, less than five months after taking them to the Champions League final, which they lost to Bayern Munich.

The 47-year-old German won back-to-back league titles with PSG, but that was not

enough to satisfy the club's Qatari owners, who replaced him with former Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino.

Prior to PSG, Tuchel impressed at Borussia Dortmund, having started his managerial career with Augsburg and then Mainz.

Lampard is Chelsea's record goalscorer and won three Premier League titles during his glittering playing career at Stamford Bridge, as well as the Champions and Europa Leagues and other domestic honours.

His first managerial posting was at Championship club Derby. In his one season in charge, they reached the Championship play-off final, where they lost to Aston Villa.

Lampard then became the 10th full-time manager appointed by Abramovich since the billionaire bought the club in 2003.

"He is an important icon of this great club and his status here remains undiminished," said Abramovich. "He will always be warmly welcomed back at Stamford Bridge."

ATM restore 7 point lead

AFP ■ MADRID

Luis Suarez scored a brilliant team goal as Atletico Madrid came from behind to beat Valencia 3-1 on Sunday and move seven points clear at the top of La Liga.

After Real Madrid thrashed Alaves on Saturday, Barca had earlier followed suit with a scrappy victory over Elche.

But Atletico were under-terred in the capital, as their considerable advantage was restored again, with a game in hand.

"We don't get carried away or think too far ahead, we think about getting better," said Atletico coach Diego Simeone.

Suarez finished off a flowing move that had started almost on Atletico's goal-line before substitute Angel Correa capped another slick string of passes to end Valencia's resistance.

The visitors had taken an

early lead in stunning fashion, Urosacic curling into the top corner from 35 yards but Joao Felix equalised and Atletico came back, in a way that has begun to feel expected.

Felix was replaced by Correa after an hour by Simeone after assisting Suarez and scoring a goal for himself that should send a message to his coach, who has handed the 21-year-old a spell on the bench in recent weeks.

"It's not written that footballers have to play 90 minutes," said Simeone. "Joao scored a goal, made an assist, he came off and on came Correa, who scored a goal and was close to another. The competition is healthy."

Simeone knows the pressure will mount as the La Liga trophy comes more into view, yet his team are showing an assuredness now that is offering little encouragement for heavyweights Barcelona and Real Madrid.

B'desh complete WI clean sweep



Bangladesh players & support staff pose with winners' trophy

AP ■ CHATTOTGRAM

Bangladesh completed a clean sweep of the West Indies by securing a 120-run victory on Monday in the third and final ODI.

Skipper Tamim Iqbal, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah all hit half-centuries to help Bangladesh post 297-6 after five overs.

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Off-spinner Mehidy Hasan and Saifuddin in action

deceived to bowl first. The West Indies, however, were bowled out for 177 in 44.2 overs, with Bangladesh's bowlers denying them any significant partnerships.

Tamim scored 64 from 80 balls at the top of the order to establish the innings while Mushfiqur Rahim and Mahmudullah paced the innings toward the end. All three scored 64.

Shakib hit a patient 51, his

first half-century since returning to cricket following a suspension imposed by the ICC for his failure to report corrupt approaches. Bangladesh fast bowler Mustafizur Rahman denied West Indies a fluent start in its pursuit of a stiff chase. He broke through with the wicket of Kieron Pollard before removing Sumit Ramji (13) for the third time in a row in the series.

Off-spinner Mehidy Hasan and Saifuddin then ripped through the middle order, reducing the visitors to 93-5.

Roman Powell counter-attacked and hit 47 off 49 balls with two fours and two sixes to be the team's top-scorer.

Saifuddin returned 3-51 while fast bowler Mustafizur Rahman and Hasan claimed two wickets each.

The two teams will now play a two-match Test series, starting on February 3.



Practice makes perfect for Fernandes

AFP ■ MANCHESTER

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer hailed Bruno Fernandes' dedication to perfecting his free-kick technique as the Portuguese's stunning strike earned Manchester United a thrilling 3-2 win over Liverpool to reach the FA Cup fifth round on Sunday.

Solskjaer handed Fernandes a rare rest from the start with United leading the way in a tight Premier League title race.

"He's never happy with me



Bruno Fernandes celebrating

But the Red Devils' talisman came off the bench to win a cup tie at Old Trafford, devoid of the caution both sides showed in a 0-0 draw when they met a week ago on league duty.

"When you leave him out like I did today, he stayed about 45 minutes after training yesterday shooting free kicks so I was pretty confident he could score one if he got the chance," said Solskjaer.

"He's never happy with me



Liverpool players in action

Liverpool's wait for a first domestic cup win of Jurgen Klopp's reign goes on to compound their faltering league form.

The English champions have fallen six points behind United after failing to score in their last four league games.

However, there was hope for Klopp of a revival as Mohamed Salah scored twice.

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