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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

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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 mouth-piece *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 Nuduram Soren, Havaladar K Palani, Havaladar 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 join 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 Rajewal 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, Auchandi 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

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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 protests 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.

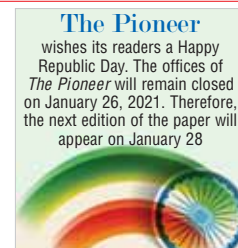
Foreign media, including BBC, Al Jazeera, Washington

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 sohni dharti maa, tu jag da palan har, hun tu jeeva 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.



CAPSULE

PASWAN NAMED FOR PADMA BHUSHAN

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

NEW-GEN AKASH MISSILE LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY

Balalore: India on Monday successfully test-fired the new-generation Akash missile from an integrated test range off the Odisha coast, an official statement said. The surface-to-air missile was launched from Chandipur ITR in the afternoon, it 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. She was found hanging and is said to have died by suicide, officials said, adding that investigation is going on.

Opp plans to force repeal of farm laws in Budget Session

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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 assent.

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 resigned from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Council of Ministers. "We are in touch with leaders of other political parties. Our

party chief (Sonia Gandhi) has already mandated us to force the government to repeal the laws and continue expressing solidarity with the farmers of the country. We will also try to work a joint front with other parties to take on the Government," said a Congress MP of Rajya Sabha.

The Opposition parties have so far maintained a distance from the protest to preserve its apolitical character. A senior Opposition leader said parties will have to keep this balance intact.

At the same time, we can't be seen not doing anything, he said. A joint delegation of Opposition parties has already met President Ram Nath Kovind on the issue.

Left parties issued a joint statement on the issue signed by CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D Raja, CPI(ML) general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya, All India Forward Bloc general secretary Debabrata Biswas and Revolutionary Socialist Party general secretary Manoj Bhattacharya, urging Government to stop being "obstinate" and called Government proposal to suspend laws for 18 months "a farce".

Punish rumour-mongers, fear has hit vaccination: Centre to States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Putting the blame on "misinformation" for sluggish vaccination drive that started on January 16, the Centre has asked the States to take penal action against those engaged in rumour-mongering.

In a communication to Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla also emphasised that the National Regulatory Authority in the country has found that the two vaccines — Covishield, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, and Covaxin, developed and manufactured by the Bharat Biotech Limited — were safe and immunogenic.

The Central Government, in close collaboration with the State Governments and UT administrations, has launched the inoculation drive of Covid-19 vaccination from January 16 across the country with the two vaccines.

"I would like to strongly emphasise that the National Regulatory Authority in the country has found both the vaccines safe and immunogenic. However, it has been reported that unfounded and misleading rumours are circu-



lating on social and other media, creating doubt about the safety and efficacy of these vaccines.

"Such kind of rumour mongering, particularly by vested interests, can create unwarranted doubts among people at large, and there is, therefore, a need to check all such kinds of unfounded scare mongering relating to the safety and immunogenicity of the vaccines," the communication said. Urging the States and UTs to put in place an appropriate mechanism to check the spread of such ill-informed rumours, Bhalla asked the chief secretaries to direct all the State authorities to take necessary measures to counter the spread of all such kind of "false information" about Covid-19 vaccines as well as promptly disseminate factual messages.

Odisha tribal youth's open-air gym draws praise

PNS ■ JEYPORE

Shibaram Kotia of Koraput District has followed his passion to keep himself fit as well as let others do so. Around 35 youths have been staying fit by undergoing fitness trainings regularly at an open-air gym for free of cost set up by the tribal youth near Panjiaguda in Koraput district.

Shibaram's initiative to set up the gym with fitness equipment made of easily available items in a forest is widely

admired. The equipment at the gym are not iron-made or branded products as he preferred using those made of tree branches, bricks, tyres, concrete pieces and sand.

More than two years, youths have been undergoing training and many of them are planning to join police and defence forces.

Shibaram had joined a gym at Christianpetta in the town with the small savings of his father Sitaram, a rickshaw puller. After six months, he



could not continue as he was unable to pay the fee further. Hence, he decided to set up an open-air gym for himself and to train youths free of cost.

State sees 1 more Covid death

130 NEW +VE CASES FOUND

TOTAL NOW 3,34,430

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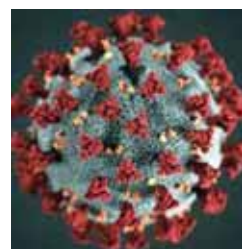
In a declining trend of corona prevalence, 130 new persons tested positive for Covid-19 in the State during the last 24 hours, with which the total tally increased to 3,34,430, official sources said on Monday.

Out of the 130 fresh cases, 76 were detected in quaran-

140 recover; total recoveries 3,31,284

tine and 54 were local contact cases. The day's highest 32 cases were reported from Sundargarh district followed by Sambalpur with 14. All other districts reported below 10 cases.

Meanwhile, one more person succumbed to the disease on the day, thereby increasing the total death toll to 1,906 in the State. The deceased was a 47-year-old man of Sundargarh district. However, 140 persons recov-



ered on the day, increasing the total recoveries to 3,31,284.

CM urges MPs, MLAs, judges to adopt schools

Under 'Mo School' initiative



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday urged Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Pratap Chandra Sarangi, Orissa High Court judges, all MLAs and MPs of the State to adopt schools under the State Government's 'Mo School' initiative.

In a letter to the elected representatives and judges, Patnaik advised them to adopt the schools in which they had studied or any school of their choice under the Mo School programme. A person can adopt a maximum of three schools under the initiative. Notably, Patnaik launched the Mo School campaign on November 14, 2017 in response to philanthropic interest from alumni of Odisha's schools residing in India and abroad.

State Credit Seminar

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Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari, attending the NABARD's State Credit Seminar for 2021-22 here on Monday, released the focus paper for Odisha.

Pujari emphasised upon increasing the agriculture term loan finance in allied sector activities such as animal husbandry, poultry, fisheries leading to asset formation and diversification of the income basket of farmers.

He also advised he RBI and all the banks to increase their banking outreach in unbanked areas of the State in order to help the State Government in effective implementation of various developmental programmes and also

NABARD estimates credit potential of 1,10,735 cr



increase the scope of digital banking and FI across the State. The Minister emphasised the need of a coordinated support from all the stakeholders to make Odisha a leading State in Indian economy. Pujari also congratulated the banking sector in advance towards achieving the priority sector lending target of Rs 1,00,000 crore for the financial

the year 2020-21. NABARD Chief General Manager (CGM) C Udayabaskar said the credit projections for Odisha for 2021-22 is Rs 1,10,735 crore which is based on the potential assessed under various sectors and sub sectors in all the agro climatic zones of the State.

He solicited cooperation of State Government, banks and other stakeholders towards

achieving the credit growth required to realise the potential identified under plan. He also highlighted the important business and developmental initiatives of NABARD in the State.

Development Commissioner PK Jena appreciated the efforts of NABARD in bringing out the State Focus Paper and holding the State Credit Seminar in time which will facilitate better credit planning in future Agriculture Production Commissioner Raj Kumar Sharma complimented NABARD for highlighting the importance of Agriculture and allied sector in overall credit potential of the State. Finance Principal Secretary Finance AKK Meena, RBI Regional Director MK Mall and SLBC Convener A Jena also spoke.

HC dismisses PIL against ArcelorMittal

PNS ■ CUTTACK

In a major relief to ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel Ltd (formerly Essar Steel India Ltd), Tata Steel BSL Ltd (formerly Bhushan Steel Ltd) and Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd, a Division Bench of Chief Justice S Muralidhar and Justice CR Dash of the High Court of Orissa on Monday disposed of a PIL challenging the auction process and issuance of Letter of Intent to these companies.

After hearing the counsels for various parties, the court informed them that the interim orders are vacated and the writ petition is disposed of in terms of a written order, which would follow.

‘United, we’re sure to turn tide in our favour in 2024’ BJD to go into oblivion after Naveen retires



shifted to western Odisha. The most important demand of people of the region is a Bench of the Orissa High Court, but it still remains a farfetched dream.

How do you view the present law and order situation in the State?

The law and order scenario is very grim. It is darkness at noon. On a daily average, seven women are sexually harassed or raped. At the national scenario, UP tops the list and Odisha occupies the second position in crime against women. But as per the population density, you can say Odisha is number one for crime against women. Dacoity, Rahajani and violence are on the spur; Mao activities have also escalated.

How do you rate the Naveen Patnaik regime?

Barring the solitary exception of Naveenbabu, all his Ministers and bureaucrats are doing little. Corruption has become all pervasive. The BJD may be in entity as long as Naveenbabu continues, but there is no future of the party after him. You ask any political



pundit; they must agree with me that the BJD will be lost into oblivion after Naveenbabu retires.

Are you not saddened by the internecine wrangling in your Congress party?

It is but natural that in a century-old grand party like the Congress, differences of opinion are bound to exist. Differences of opinion do not mean that there are altogether separate groups operating independently, indulging in intermittent bickering and backbiting. Differences of opinion should not be viewed as divisions in the party.

On the contrary, it reflects the internal democracy. We sink and swim together; and when occasion warrants, we right away come together to put a fight as a single powerful entity. If there are no differences of opinion in a democratic party, will not it amount to autocracy?

As a senior leader, what's your considered opinion for revival of the Congress in Odisha?

United we stand, divided we fall. Now this old adage is well-understood and realised by all the Congress rank and file. We have decided to strictly adhere to the party's policies and programmes. And only by

a united effort, we are sure to turn the tide in our favour in the forthcoming Assembly and Parliamentary polls in 2024.

Q. What is your response to the news and to the efforts of Ashok Gehlot that Rahul Gandhi will be the president of the Congress Party in near future?

I along with tens and thousands of congress workers, leaders rank and file sincerely lend our support behind the efforts of the Hon'ble C.M. of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot Ji, to see Rahul ji as the head of the AICC. Rahul Gandhi has captured the imagination and support of the youngsters of the country. He takes tours across the country trying to tie bonds with the common man.

He has recently travelled through the nook and corners of U.P and has set an ideal for others. He spends his time with the poorest of the poor, relishing their water-rice, spinach and spending nights with rustic folks of the country.

At one point of time, he had deliberately resisted the lure of office of prime minister. The whole nation has viewed through TV screen how he stood in a queue before a bank to get his exchange of Rs 4000.

He must be an asset adding a feather to the cap of the Congress Party, if he dons the mantle of the presidency of CWC. He must win encomiums of the youths of our country and inevitably earn their support to make the Congress Party an invincible fortress.

Q. Some congress veterans desire to have the AICC President as someone sans any member of the Gandhi Family. What is your response to this?

A. Old wine needs no bush. Rahul Gandhi as a representative of the Gandhi Family shall answer to the call of the time congress men have learnt from the maxim, "The greatest lesson of history is that it teaches us no lesson". Congress sans Gandhi family will not capture the imagination and aspirations of the people of all ages of India starting from the farmers, labourers to the youths of this country hence, there is no ideal substitute for Rahul Gandhi to fulfill the need of the hour.

Q. How do you think to catapult congress to power in 2024 against the popularity of Naveen Patnaik?

A. The law and order scenario in the state has gone to an all time low. The condition of the farmers are deplorable unemployment is at its height, corruption is prevailing everywhere a new era of officer raj has suffocated citizens of state. We shall all highlight these issues and will create a public opinion so strong as to emerge triumphant in 2024.

2nd Covid vaccine dose from Feb 14

First jab for health workers to end by Feb 10

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Government has a target to complete administration of the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine to all 3.50 lakh healthcare workers in the State by February 10.

The beneficiaries would be given the second dose of the vaccine in sequence from February 14, said Health and Family Welfare Department Director and State Vaccine-in-charge Bijay Panigrahi here on Monday. Sharing details on implementation of vaccination



drive, he said that so far, 1,52,351 healthcare workers have been vaccinated across the State. The target to vaccinate 1.92 lakh beneficiaries was achieved on Monday.

The process to vaccinate the rest out of the total 3.50 lakh healthcare workers would begin from January 28, he

added. "A database is being prepared for the second phase of the immunisation drive. So far, over 2 lakh corona warriors have been enlisted for the second phase vaccination. The full list will come up soon. In the third phase, people aged above 50 years will be vaccinated," Panigrahi further informed.

‘Paddy procured from only 45.5% farmers’

BJP alleges Govt-millers nexus

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Lakhs of farmers are sitting with their paddy on the roads. Despite this, the State Government is not procuring paddy from them, said BJP State general secretary Golak Mohapatra here on Monday.

The Central Government has given Rs 18,000 crore for procuring paddy this year. More than half of the mandis have not opened yet and paddy hasn't been procured from 50% farmers. Till now paddy has been procured from only 45.5% farmers. But the Food and Consumer Affairs Minister is

misleading the people by claiming that a large amount of paddy has been purchased from the farmers. The State Government is adopting an anti-farmer policy, alleged Mohapatra.

BJP State president Samir Mohanty said the millers are breaking all the rules and exploiting the farmers. On whose instruction is 'Katni-Chhatni' being carried out at the mandis, he demanded to know.

There is a nexus between the millers and the Government alleged Mohanty and asked five questions, including how many farmers were provided money under the Kalia scheme in the first phase and now what number it has reached.

CM sanctions 62 posts for Police Special Wing

To probe crimes against women, kids

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday sanctioned 62 posts for the Odisha Police's Special Wing to probe crimes against women and children.

The special wing would consist of 62 posts that include 60 police personnel and two for cyber forensic and IT experts.

The 60 police personnel include an IG-rank officer, who will head the special wing, two Additional Superintendent of Police (ASPs), 10 DCP-rank officers, nine Inspectors, 10 Sub-Inspectors, 8 ASIs and 14 Constables.

Besides, five ministerial staff posts have also been sanctioned. Earlier, the Chief Minister had announced to set up a special wing in the State police to probe various crimes against women and children with an aim to provide quality services to them.



A sculpture by eminent sand artist Subala Maharana is displayed for the 72nd Republic Day at the State Bank of India Local Head Office in Bhubaneswar on Monday

Sex racket at BBSR Divyang centre

Commission begins probe; hunt on for accused

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Commission for Persons with Disabilities on Monday began an investigation into the alleged sex racket and sexual harassment of inmates of the Government-run All Odisha Orthopaedically Handicapped Welfare Association at Palaspalli under Airport police station here. Commission Chairperson Sulochana Das, who took suo motu cognisance of the media

reports about the sex trade allegations, visited the centre and questioned the inmates and officials. However, she refused to comment on the matter as the investigation is underway. Besides, police have also launched a manhunt to nab the accused after registering a case in this connection. "Based on the complaint of some women, we have registered a case and formed a special squad to nab the accused. Accordingly, we have

carried out multiple raids in and outside the city," Bhubaneswar DCP Umashankar Das said.

It is alleged that a high profile sex racket was operated from training centre for persons with disabilities. The incident came to fore after a video containing immoral activities went viral on social media. An official of the training centre has lodged a complaint with police alleging that Secretary of centre was operating the flesh trade.

New exam pattern for + 2 students announced

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The State Government on Monday announced a new examination pattern for the students to appear in Plus Two annual examination, following a reduction in the syllabus owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. The new question pattern is meant for both regular and ex-regular students, who are registered in and after 2016.

However, the question pattern and syllabus for students registered in and before 2015 would remain unchanged, said School and Mass Education Minister Samir Ranjan Dash here. Around 50 per cent of the revised question set would have multiple choice questions (MCQ) with one mark for each. Besides, there would be 30 per cent objective questions and students would have more options to select from same. Each question would carry two or three marks.

Rest 20 per cent of question paper would have subjective questions carrying five marks each. In this category also, number of options has been increased, Minister added.

AirAsia begins BBSR-Pune flights

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

AirAsia India on Sunday commenced its operations on a new route connecting Bhubaneswar with nonstop flights to Pune six days every week.

Odisha Commerce and Transport Minister Padmanabha Behera flagged off the flight operations at the Biju Patnaik International Airport here.

AirAsia India chief commercial officer Ankur Garg said, "Bhubaneswar is a very special city for us as it was a part of our Umeed Ki Udaan initiative for which we had collaborated with the State Government and other individuals to help our migrant guests reach home safely." The



flight would operate every day except Saturday. The flight would depart from Bhubaneswar at 1:50 pm and arrive in Pune at 3:55 pm. The return flight would commence from Pune at 4:35 pm and reach Bhubaneswar at 6:40 pm. Among others, Commerce and Transport Secretary Madhusudan Padhi and senior AirAsia officials were present.

Hundreds join rally for girl child

SOS Children's Village holds Girl Child Day

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The SOS Children's Village, Bhubaneswar, organised an awareness programme on January 24 on the occasion of the National Girl Child's Day. The drive was held at Mahimanagar, Daspur, Kujimahal, Dalua, Bhola, Jamujhari, Krushnanagar and Chudang under Bhubaneswar and Jatni Block.

A rally was organised in the villages in which about 300 children participated and raised slogans holding the placards prepared by them. The SOS staff, Rashmirekha Das and Sandhya Rani Mallick provided leadership to the event in

Jamujhari, Krushnagar and Chudang. The animators of the organisation, Ashalata Pradhan, Baishakhi Mangal, Balhi Marandi, Raibari, Manta Sahoo, Bandana Das, Tapaswini Bhoi, Urmila Parida provided leadership to the event in their respective villages.

SOS's part time tutors, Purna, Akshaya, Rashmita, Rutusmita, Aparna Paltasing, Basudev, Manoj and Pradyumna were present. Apart from them,



community leaders, wards members, self help group leaders and volunteers supported to make the events successful. Assistant Director of SOS Children's Village Sukant Kumar Panda inaugurated the event in Dalua and shared the importance of the girl child and Government initiatives for the wellbeing of the girl children.

Girl children participated in dance, song, debate, quiz and short dramas and received prizes.

Economic blockade at Talcher launched

Coal production, transportation disrupted

PNS ■ ANGUL

The commercial activities based on coal and industry were disrupted at Talcher due to an economic blockade launched by the Talcher Surakshya Manch (TSM) on Monday for an indefinite period. TSM leaders demanded establishment of a new plant with the existing Thermal Power Plant (TTPS) at Tacher. Besides, they demanded immediate



functioning of the Talcher medical college, employment to the mining-affected people, completion of the Angul-Talcher rail loop and to ensure covering coal wagons as a measure to prevent pollution in the Talcher coal corridor.

Coal production and transportation were disrupted at all the ten coalmines, Kalinga, Hingula, Kaniha, Mahanadi,

Bhubaneswari, Lingaraj, Bharatpur, Ananta, Jagannath and Balamaram opencast mines projects due to the blockade. Coal supply to TTPS, NTPC Kaniha, JIPL, Nalco and other industries were affected due to the strike. The Talcher Surakshya Manch, an organisation of the ruling BJD, has called for the indefinite economic blockade.

Sports now BJD's rallying point to lure youths

Party plans

State-wide football, cricket tourneys

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In order to strengthen its rural base, the ruling BJD will organise football and cricket tournaments from panchayat to district level. And it will kick-start from Mayurbhanj, the district, which slowly has been turning out to be a stronghold of the BJP. With BJD gen-



eral secretary Pranab Prakash Das in charge of the tribal dominated district, sports would be a rallying point to

Begins with fast-emerging BJP stronghold Mayurbhanj

bolster the ruling party's prospects in the panchayat and urban local body polls expected likely in November this year and February 2022 respectively.

The tournaments will be organised by the Youth and Student Wings of the BJD without having the party's election symbol (Conch), but its logo will carry the picture of legendary leader and former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik after whom the regional outfit is named. Sports and Youth

Services Minister Tusharkanti Behera, Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Sudam Marndi, BJD Youth Wing president Byomkesh Ray and BJD Lawmaker Pranab Balabantray unveiled the logo, jersey and trophy for the Mayurbhanj Premier League (MPL-2021) at a function held here on Saturday. "The party will later extend the programme to other districts after witnessing the success of MPL," a BJD secretary said. He said holding tournament from Panchayat to dis-

trict level is the brainchild of BJD general secretary Das. The Mayurbhanj district is chosen for piloting the sporting experiment as the ruling party has performed poorly in both the previous panchayat polls in 2017 and later in general elections in 2019.

The ruling party candidates could win only in three of the nine Assembly segments in Mayurbhanj. The Opposition BJP won six Assembly seats and Mayurbhanj Lok Sabha seat in 2019 general elections. This

apart, the BJP also dominated the rural pockets of Mayurbhanj by winning 49 of the 56 Zilla Parishad seats while the ruling party finished with only seven seats.

While the football tournaments will start from February 8, the cricket leagues will begin from February 9, according to the match fixture. Party sources said that similar events will also be held in the districts of Koraput, Malkangiri, Kalahandi and Nuapada in 2021.

Rani helps student engaged as MGNREGA labourer

Provides girl money to clear college dues

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

A day after the sad story of an engineering student's struggle to get her college certificate was published in media, popular Jatra artist Rani Panda extended her helping hand to the poor girl on Monday.

The Jollywood star transferred Rs 25,000 to Loji Behera's bank account to help her obtain her diploma engineering certificate from the college. "Jatra artist Rani Panda has extended assistance by depositing Rs 25,000 at my bank account for which I and my family are grateful to her, said Loji in a video message.

Rani promised Loji to stand by her to make a bright career in studies in future. "I

was overwhelmed to see the news in media. Then, I decided to help the poor girl from the Pipili area, who is struggling to obtain her certificate.

I felt very bad to hear that the girl is working as a labourer under MGNREGA to get her certificate to pursue higher studies. I promise that I will help her continue her education and she need not get engaged in soil lifting work for studies," Rani Panda said in a video message.

Loji, daughter of Lokanatha Behera, had successfully completed her diploma degree in civil engineering from a private institution in 2019. However, she was denied to get certificate from the college as she had not cleared her college dues of Rs 24,000. She



had approached the college authorities and Khordha MLA to get the certificate, but her pleas were unheard as she was poor. Finally, she decided to join the MGNREGA as a worker to earn money to clear the college dues.

The skilled student was engaged in lifting soil at daily wage of only Rs 207. Through the media, she had appealed to the Government and other organisations to help her get her certificate. And it was Rani who quickly responded to her pleading.

President's Medal for 13 State cops

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

As many as 13 police personnel from Odisha have been conferred with the prestigious President's Medal in various categories on the eve of Republic Day-2021. Below are the awardees and their respective medals:

Fire Service Medal for Gallantry: Kasyap Kumar Pattanaik, Leading Fireman; President's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service: Kamala Kanta Puhan, Leading Fireman; Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service: Sarat Chandra Mallick, Assistant Fire Officer; Pradeep Kumar Pattanaik, Station Officer; Prakash Kumar Behera, Leading Fireman; Balabhadra Dehury, Driver Havildar. President's Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Gallantry: Late Banawasi Moharana, Home Guard;

President's Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Distinguished Service: Pradip Kumar Pattanaik, HG Company Commander; Sudam Charan Pattanaik, HG Platoon Commander; Home Guards & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service: Rajkumar Pal, Platoon Commander; Bhawani Sankar Kanhar, Home Guard; Sisirakant Sahu, Home Guard; Akshaya Kumar Nayak, Home Guard.

The President also approved conferment of the following Correctional Service Medals on prison personnel from Odisha; President's Correctional Service Medals for Distinguished Service: Sujata Das, District Probation Officer; Debaraj Pradhan, Chief Warden; Maheswar Behera, Warden; Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service: D Ramesh, Warden; Bhagaban Pradhan, Warden.

B'garh PEO's ₹1.18-cr assets detected

PNS ■ BARGARH

On the allegation of acquisition and possession of disproportionate assets by Umesh Kumar Seth, Panchayat Executive Officer, Kelendapali and in-charge PEO Kessipali panchayat under Bhatli Block, Bargarh, his assets were raided and estimated to be worth Rs 1,18,26,399 by Vigilance. During search, the movable and immovable assets found include one triple storied building and eight plots at Bargarh worth of Rs 99,46,456.

Besides, movable assets like, costly household articles, furniture, electrical/electronic gadgets, gold and silver ornaments, three motor cycles, deposits in different banks and hard cash were detected.

In Ganjam 5 held for ex-Block Chairman murder

3 guns, ammo seized; political angle ruled out

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

Police on Monday cracked the case of murder of former Beguniapada Block Chairman Debraj Sahoo by arresting five persons allegedly involved in the broad daylight killing.

The cops also seized three pistols, five magazines and 63 bullets from their possession of the arrested persons. One Ajay Barik is said to be the mastermind of the case.

Police ruled out any political angle in the murder while attributing it to a revenge killing. "It is basically a revenge killing. So far, there is no clue of political angle. It is purely due to previous enmity over different reasons," said Southern Range DIG Satyabrata Bhoi.

"After a scuffle with Debraj Sahoo, Ajay was looking for opportunity to take revenge and procured firearms," Bhoi added. Notably, three bike-borne miscreants had opened fire at Debraj Sahoo at Sumandhar Chhak on January 20 while he was having tea at a shop. Sahoo succumbed to the bullet injuries on the spot.

'Girls important for family, society'

Rallies, meetings held in B'pur slums

PNS ■ BRAHMAPUR

The National Girl Child Day was celebrated on Sunday. On the occasion, the members of teen clubs in Brahmapur organised meetings and rallies at different slums such as Phulosundari Street, Old Berhampur Bauri Street, Raghupatinagar, Lanjipalli Goudabandha and Dhimira Street.

Teen club members conveyed the importance and need of girl child to their parents and communities. They also highlighted issues of female foeticide, poor enrolment of girl child in schools, early girl child marriage, poor

menstruation hygiene practice among girls, early pregnancy, maternal death, infant death and other issues related to children and adolescents.

They urged the elected representatives, Government and communities to equally take the responsibilities to protect the rights of the girl children and adolescents.

They particularly highlighted the role of citizen and various committees like slum committees, youth clubs, mother's committees and self-help groups and citizen committees like Gaon Kalyan Samiti, School Management Committee, Standing Committees of local self-

Governments to highlight the issues, monitor public programmes and prioritise the needs and aspirations of the girl children. On the occasion, teen club members such as Sibani Das, Durga Das, Tulasi Das and Ipsita Das actively

participated and from Youth for Social Development Purnima Dey, Ipsita Sur, Madhusmita Patra, Supriya Rout, Smriti Kumari Sahu, Subhasmita Patra, and Jayashree Kar facilitated the programme.



Tribal child weds dog in M'bhanj

To drive away planetary evil effects!

PNS ■ BARIPADA

In a bizarre incident, a five-year-old boy of the Ho tribe has married a female dog at Naupada village under Sukruli block of Mayurbhanj district with a belief of evading malefic planetary effects on him.

According to reports, the child developed crooked teeth, which is considered as a bad omen by the people of Ho tribe. They believe that marrying their children to dogs of oppo-

site gender keeps the evil effects at bay. As per the rituals, the boy was married to the female dog in the village on Saturday. He was treated as groom while the animal was treated as bride and the rituals were performed accordingly. Hundreds of people of the area gathered at the village to witness the unusual scene.



JSW's 'anti-worker' policy: CITU stir from February 1

Also workers to gherao Koira block office, demand officials' transfer

PNS ■ ROURKELA

The Sundargarh Khadan Mazdoor Union, an affiliated body of CITU, will hold indefinite strike from February 1 against JSW's anti workers policy. To mobilize common people to involve in the strike from Monday, a padayatra and street corner meetings will be held in different pockets of Koira block, informed CITU national vice president Bishnu Mohanty.

Mohanty said in six railway sidings at Bimalagarh, Barsuan, Roxy, Renjada, Pattasahi and Bandiposh, about 12,000 labourers have been engaged in loading job. Though the minimum wages of the Central Government should be applicable and each labourer should get at least Rs 250 per ton as wage but presently, the labourers are getting Rs 100. Though it is very less but still his union has remained silent about it as it has been a source of livelihood for the poor tribals who otherwise would have joined Maoist activities, said Mohanty. But after getting the lease of Gana and Narayanpasi mines, the JSW has been conspiring to engage certain contractors of mafia nature in those loading sides at Rs 40 per ton ignoring all legal norms. So, the contractor would be engaging the machines in loading job at the cost of 12,000 labourers, he informed. Even the JSW has



already issued loading contract order in favour of a woman at Barsuan side who happens to be the wife of a scrap mafia (in past several times police have put him behind the bar). Now that mafia using his muscles power is trying to remove the labourers to engage the machine, Mohanty said.

He reiterated that by no means would his union bear it. Mohanty further said due to the anti labour attitude of JSW, thousands of labourers would not only be rendered jobless but they would be forced to choose the unethical path by which the Maoist activities may gear up once again. So, to break the JSW in its anti labour policy, the strike is inevitable and in this regard a notice has been served to the appropriate authorities. For any consequence the JSW will be responsible. Even during padayatra the protest will lead to JSW office, he added.

Bonai MLA and CITU State vice president Laxman Munda said, "Enough is enough. We will take to the streets on the principle of 'do or die' against the anti labour attitude of the JSW. We may get bullet but will not allow JSW to get success in its anti labour

policy." Besides fight against JSW, a fight against the anti-people policy of Koira BDO and a JE will be launched on January 27, informed Munda. He said JE Sukanta Das had been posted in the Block 14 years ago.

He is less a JE and more an agent of PC. Similarly, BDO, Koira Pallavirani Rai has been causing annoyance to her subordinate officers as well as people's representatives and creating hurdles for smooth implementation of development programme, told Munda. Earlier while she was in Lephripada Block, she was allegedly involved in corruption in construction of latrine under Swachha Bharat Mission, he told.

Consequent upon the allegation the Government had transferred her to Koira where she has started to resort to similar corrupt practices, Munda told, claiming that more than a dozen allegations had been lodged against her. Munda said 10,000 people would gherao the block office, demanding immediate transfer of both the BDO and the JE. Among others, CITU leaders Pramod Samal, Jahangir Ali, Biman Maity, Rajkishore Pradhan, Basanta Nayak were present.

Two Bargarh women selected to join BSF

PNS ■ BARGARH

Breaking the stereotypes, two women from the State's remote Bargarh district have been selected to join the Border Security Force (BSF), the primary border guarding organisation of the country.

Twenty-one year-old Medhabi Mahakur, who got married at a young age in 2017, has qualified the SSC Constable (GD) Examination to join the BSF. The results of the exam were declared recently. A resident of Gambharipali village under Attabira block, Medhabi had all kinds of support from her husband Manoranjan Pradhan to realise her dream. She will join the force in March.

A strong willpower to serve the country despite leading a marital life helped the young

women achieve her desire, said a local. Similarly, Meenakshi Nayak of Bilaspur village under Jharbandh block in Padampur sub-division in the district has qualified to join as a BSF Jawan. She has been selected on a quota basis.



IIE FOUNDATION DAY IN BBSR ON JAN 27

Bhubaneswar: The challenges and opportunities for industrial engineers in the present situation would be the focus at the 63rd Foundation Day celebration of the Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering (IIIE) to be held here on January 27. The theme for the Foundation Day Lecture is "Atmanirbhar Bharat: Challenges and opportunities for industrial engineers in the present pandemic". Radhasyam Mohapatra, Director (HR), Naico, would be chief guest and RS Das, former Deputy General Manager (TQM), Naico, guest of honour. Prof RP Mohanty, National President of IIIE, would preside over the function to be held at 3.30 pm at the IIIE Odisha Chapter premises at OPSP, Chandaka Industrial Estate, Chandrasekharpur.

RS 5L FAKE GUTKHA SEIZED IN GAJAPATI

Paralakhemundi: The Kashi Nagar police in Gajapati district have seized 93 bags of fake gutkha. The estimated price of the confiscated tobacco was Rs 5 lakh. Police have an arrested a resident, Sushupalli Sudhir, of Munibar village in this connection and registered a case and forwarded him to court. Earlier, police had got information that a huge quantity of fake gutkha products had been stockpiled in a godown in the village. Further investigations were on to ascertain as to outlets the fake products were supplied.



KAILASH BEHERA MEMORIAL CRICKET FINAL MATCH

Keonjhar: Anandpur Cricket Club won the 2nd Kailash Behera memorial final cricket match defeating Kapurni Club held at the Ghasipura block playground, Anandpur on January 24. Local MLA Bhagirathi Sethy was chief guest and Pandit Jitu Das and Suryanarayan Kar, secretary, Truck Owners' Association, Keonjhar, were guests of honour. The match is held to promote cricket among rural youths.



BARBIL COPS COLLECT PENALTY FROM DEFAULTERS

CHAMPUA: After the inauguration of a special traffic unit at Barbil by Kavita Jallan, IG (Western Range), recently, police have started intensifying their activities to resolve the traffic problem and collecting penalty from defaulters of the Motor Vehicles Act like overtaking, wrong-side drive and without helmet. Police have collected Rs 26,000, Rs 95,000 and Rs 1,28,000 on January 18, January 18 and January 19, respectively, as penalty. Police station IIC Sushanta Kumar Dash said police would be more active in future to regulate the traffic problem in the mining areas of Joda and Barbil.



Centre denies TMC claim of 'wrong' Bose portrait



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Monday refuted the claim that the portrait of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose unveiled by President Ram Nath Kovind in 'Rashtrapati Bhavan' was "fake" and that of Bengali actor Prosenjit Chatterjee, who had played the role of Bose in a film.

This is yet another controversy over which BJP and TMC have clashed with each other as the latter charged the former with showing disrespect to 'Netaji'.

Terming the debate as "fake", the Central Government clarified that the portrait of Netaji in 'Rashtrapati Bhavan' is based on an original photo of the freedom fighter. "Shows how the entire debate is fake and based on poor research," the Government said.

President Kovind on January 23 unveiled a portrait of Bose at the Rashtrapati Bhavan to mark the beginning of celebrations to commemo-

rate the freedom fighter's 125th birth anniversary.

TMC MP Mahua Moitra, however, claimed on Twitter that there was a mix-up and that the portrait unveiled by the President was not of Netaji but of actor Prosenjit.

Actor Prosenjit played Bose in a 2019 Bengali film Gumnaami, which deals with the freedom fighter's death mystery.

The 'Gumnaami Baba', who lived in an out-house of 'Ram-Bhawan' at Faizabad, UP, since 1983, died in 1985, without anyone, outside his close followers, ever seeing him.

It is claimed by some that he was Netaji himself living in anonymity. After his death, bundles of The Pioneer daily, besides other things, were also reportedly recovered from his mysterious dwelling.

The TMC MP not only attacked the Central government over the alleged faux pas but also had a dig at the President. The TMC MP tweeted, "After donating ₹5

lakh to the Ram temple the President honours Netaji by unveiling a portrait of Prosenjit, the actor who played him in biopic, God Save India (because this government certainly can't)," Moitra said.

According to an official statement, the portrait of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was unveiled at the 'Rashtrapati Bhavan' to mark the beginning of year-long celebrations to commemorate his 125th birth anniversary.

The Government has decided to observe January 23 as "Parakram Divas" to commemorate the birth anniversary of Bose, who was born on this day in 1897.

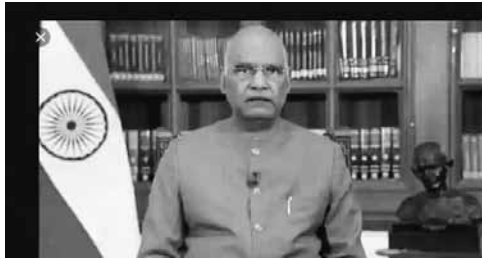
BJP sources said the photo was provided by Netaji's family to famous Padma Shri award-winning artist Paresh Maity, who painted the portrait. "The photo does not resemble Prosenjit at all. It is an unnecessary controversy," the sources said.

Chandra Kumar Bose, Netaji's grand-nephew and a member of the BJP, also posted on the micro-blogging site that the portrait was based on the leader's original photograph.

In fact, Prosenjit also himself tweeted to put the controversy to rest: "Would like to congratulate Paresh Maity for the wonderful piece of art in remembrance of our National hero Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. As an Actor, I'm elated that people thought, that the painting resembles my character in Gumnaami."

TMC MP Moitra has since deleted her tweet.

Govt dedicated to farmers' welfare despite misapprehensions: Prez



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday paid tributes to farmers saying every Indian is grateful to them for ensuring food security in our vast and populous country, and gave the assurance that the Government is devoted to farmers' welfare.

"Every Indian salutes our farmers, who have made our vast and populous country self-reliant in food-grains and dairy products. Despite adversities of nature, numerous other challenges and the COVID-19 pandemic, our farmers sustained the agricultural production," he said in his address on the eve of the 72nd Republic Day.

"A grateful nation is fully committed to the welfare of our farmers. Just as our hardworking farmers ensure food security for the country, the brave soldiers of the armed forces ensure security of our national boundaries amid severest conditions," Kovind said.

The comments by the President come against the backdrop of the ongoing agitation by farmers against three new farm laws.

The President said the path to reforms in the initial stages may cause misapprehensions, but the government is devoted to farmers' welfare.

"Economic reforms have continued apace and have been supplemented by long-pending reforms in the areas of labour and agriculture through legislation. The path to reform at the initial stages may cause misapprehensions.

However, it is beyond doubt that the government remains singularly devoted to farmers' welfare," he said.

Kovind said the country's farmers, soldiers and scientists deserve special appreciation and the entire nation is grateful to them.

"From space to the farms, from educational institutions to hospitals, the community of scientists has enriched our life and work. Our scientists have been working day and night for decoding the Coronavirus and they have succeeded in developing the vaccine in record time. With this accomplishment, our scientists have added a glorious chapter of contribution to the well-being of humanity.

Modi lauds children's role in raising awareness about handwashing during Covid

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday lauded the contribution of children in raising awareness about handwashing during the Covid-19 pandemic, and said that a programme tastes success if they become part of it. In an interaction with the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' awardees via video conferencing, Modi praised the winners and said they should never stop working and stay humble all the time.

Thirty-two children have been chosen for the Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar this year for displaying valour, exceptional abilities and outstanding accomplishments in various fields, including arts, culture, archery and swimming.

Modi asked them to work for the country, urging them to think of what they can do as the nation approaches the 75th year of its Independence. The Prime Minister also asked them to read biographies and said it will keep inspiring them. Union Minister Smriti Irani also inter-

acted with the children.

Jyoti Kumari, 16, cycled to her native place Darbhanga district in Bihar from Gurgaon in Haryana covering around 1,200 km with her father on the rear carrier amid the nationwide lockdown in May last year. She has been awarded for her bravery. "During the COVID-19 lockdown, she traversed 1,200 kms from Sikandarpur in Bihar to reach home," the citation issued for her by the Women and Child Development Ministry said.

207 get police bravery medals, 89 President's police medals for excellent services

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

CRPF Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) Mohan Lal who "chased and fired" at an explosives-laden car that rammed into a force bus in Pulwama killing him and 39 troops onboard in 2019 has been decorated with the highest police medal for gallantry on the eve of the Republic Day on Monday. A total of 207 police bravery medals were declared by the Government apart from 89 President's police medals for distinguished service and 650 police medals for meritorious service, as per a list published by the Union Home Ministry.

Only two police personnel have been decorated with the top category President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG) in this time, CRPF's Lal and late Jharkhand Police ASI Banua Oraon. As many as 205 personnel have been decorated with the second-highest police medal for gallantry or the PMG. 50-year-old ASI Lal was the picket commander of the CRPF road opening party deployed on February 14, 2019 at milestone number 272 near the BSNL Tower in Lethpora, Pulwama on the Jammu-Srinagar highway when the dastardly terror attack was carried out by the Jaish-e-Mohammad terrorist outfit.

The attack car was being driven by suicide bomber Adil Ahmed Dar with about 200 kgs of explosives inside. The CRPF said Lal, after passing of few vehicles of the cavalcade, noticed this car "running alongside the convoy and trying to enter between the convoy vehicles." The brave official "signalled and chased the car to stop but could not match its speed." "Ultimately, finding no other option, he fired towards the suspicious car to stop but the car rammed into a nearby running CRPF bus and a huge blast took place," the force said. The massive blast killed a total of 40 CRPF personnel, 39

on the bus and Lal, it said.

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the lead force for anti-Naxal operations and counter-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir, also led the gallantry medals tally with a total 69 medals (1 PPMG and 68 PMG) followed by 52 earned by the JK Police, 20 by the Border Security Force, 17 by the Delhi Police and 13 by Maharashtra Police and others. Two personnel of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) force, tasked to guard the Line of Actual Control with China, have also been given the police medal for gallantry.

Deputy Commandant Rajesh Kumar Luthra has been decorated for displaying courage and presence of mind to defuse a faceoff with Chinese troops at Ladakh in July, 2019 while another officer of the border guarding force, Assistant Commandant Anurag Kumar Singh, has been given a gallantry medal for the second time for undertaking a counter-terrorist operation in Jammu and Kashmir in 2017.

The other recipients from ITBP include Inspector General (IG) Deepam Seth, awarded the meritorious service medal, and Deputy IG (veterinary) Sudhakar Natarajan who has been bestowed the distinguished service medal. Seth, a 1995-batch Indian Police Service officer of Uttarakhand cadre, is heading the ITBP northwest frontier formation based in Ladakh since mid-2019.

Delhi Police officer Mahesh Bhardwaj, deputed as Senior Superintendent of Police in the CBI to probe extrajudicial killings in Manipur, has been awarded the President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service on the occasion of Republic Day. Bhardwaj, who joined Delhi Police as Assistant Commissioner in the year 1993, has worked extensively with United Nations Police,

Andaman Nicobar and Mizoram police, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). In February, 2018, he was deputed in the CBI on the direction of Supreme Court to associate with the investigation of alleged extra judicial killings and human rights violations by security forces in Manipur.

BSF's Assistant Commandant Gajender Singh, ASI Braj Kishore Yadav, Constables Amresh Kumar and Abhijit Nandy were awarded gallantry awards posthumously. Gallantry awards were given to DIG Surjeet Singh Guleria, DIG Hari Lal and Assistant Commandants Raman Gupta and Prateek Vashishth. Medals for distinguished service were awarded to DIGs Umesh Kumar Nayal, Surjit Singh, Dharmendra Pareek, Ajit Kumar Tete and Ranveer Singh Shaktawat.

Officers and personnel of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) have been awarded with the prestigious 'Police Medal for Meritorious Service' on the occasion of Republic Day-2021. The Police Medal for Meritorious Service is awarded to the personnel of Central police and security organization who have completed a minimum service of 18 years. The medal is awarded to personnel for their commendable work whether operational or administrative. Love Kumar, Second-in-Command, Surendra Kumar, Assistant Commandant, Inspector Ramakant Singh and Assistant Sub-Inspector Moenuddin Khan have been awarded with the 'Police Medal for Meritorious Service' in recognition to their outstanding services. So far 10 NDRF Officers/personnel have been awarded with President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and 74 personnel with Police Medal for Meritorious Service, said NDRF in statement.

Successful conduct of polls during pandemic extraordinary feat of our democracy: Kovind

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday termed the successful conduct of elections during pandemic an extraordinary achievement of our democracy and said that the right to vote must be respected, noting that people around the world have struggled a lot to earn this right.

Addressing through virtual mode an event to celebrate the 11th National Voters' Day, Kovind said even in America, one of the leading democracies in the world, people had to undertake decades of struggle to get this right. In Britain, women got the right to vote after a long fight, he said.

The condition was similar in India before Independence.

But after India earned its freedom, anyone of 21 years of age and above were allowed to vote which was later reduced to 18, he said. "We should always respect the valuable right to vote. The right to vote is not a simple right. People around the world have struggled a lot for this. Since Independence, our Constitution has given equal voting rights to all citizens without any discrimination on the basis of merit, religion, race, caste," Kovind said.

For his part, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad defended the Electronic Voting Machine, describing it as an instrument designed to empower the ordinary Indian. "We can have difference of opinion on the use of electronic voting machine. But can we deny that the EVM

is an instrument which has given power to nearly all the political formations of India in different parts, in varying degree," he asked. Opposition leaders including Jairam Ramesh of Congress and Derek O'Brien of the Trinamool Congress were present when Prasad made these remarks.

Some parties have on multiple occasions questioned the reliability of the EVMs. The Election Commission has all along maintained that the machines are tamper-proof. Prasad also launched the e-EPIC programme and distributed e-EPICs and Elector Photo Identity Cards to five new voters. Three publications were also launched by Prasad.

The electronic version of the voters' photo identity card can be stored on mobile phones and downloaded on personal computers.

Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora said that the mock trials for remote voting facility for electors would begin soon. A research project on remote voting using cutting-edge technology has already begun, he revealed.

Modi's silence on Chinese intrusion lifts enemy's spirits: Rahul



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi stating that his alleged silence over the Chinese encroachment in the country's border, was increasing the enemy's spirits.

Taking to Twitter, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi stated that China is expanding its occupation into the Indian territory, while the Prime Minister has not said the word 'China' for months. Slamming PM Modi, the Congress leader said, "Mr 56-inch" who had promised to never compromise the border security, could start by saying the word 'China'.

Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala also attacked the Prime Minister, stating that his alleged silence over the Chinese encroachment in the country's border, was increasing the enemy's spirits. He called on the government to come to clear the situation along the border and to take the nation in confidence.

Historical mistake corrected on Dec 6, 1992: Javadekar on Ram temple

New Delhi: Foreign invaders chose Ram temple for demolition because they knew that the soul of India resides there, said Union Minister Prakash Javadekar on Sunday.

Speaking at a felicitation event for donors of Shri Ram Janam Bhoomi Mandir Nidhi Samarpan Abhiyan in Delhi, the Union Minister said that a "historical mistake" was corrected on December 6, 1992, with the demolition of Babri Mosque in Ayodhya.

When foreign invaders like Babur came to India, why did they choose the Ram temple for demolition because they knew that the soul of the country resides in Ram temple.

Late singer Balasubramanian, Japan's ex-PM Shinzo Abe among Padma Vibhushan awardees

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday awarded Padma Vibhushan awards to seven eminent persons including late singer SP Balasubramanian and Japan's former Prime Minister Shinzo

Abe and noted archeologist B.B.Lal who headed excavation of Ayodhya. Others are famous doctor BM Hegde, spiritual leader Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, artist Sudarshan Sahoo and US based scientist late Narinder Singh Kapany.

10 persons were awarded Padma Bhushan including late Chief Ministers of Gujarat and Assam Keshubhai Patel and Tarun Gogoi and former Union Minister late Ram Vilas Paswan. Former Lok Sabha Speaker Smriti Mahajan and Nripendra Misra, former Principal Secretary of Prime Minister. Other who got Padma Bhushan are Tarlochan Singh,

former Chairman of Minorities Commission, spiritual leader late Kalbe Sadiq, noted singer K.S. Chitra, Chandrasekhar Kambara, writer from Karnataka and industrialist RD Shroff.

102 persons are awarded Padma Shri. "This year the President has approved conferment of 119 Padma Awards including 1 duo case (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one) as per list below. The list comprises 7 Padma Vibhushan, 10 Padma Bhushan and 102 Padma Shri Awards. 29 of the awardees are women and the list also includes 10 persons from the



category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI, 16 Posthumous awardees and 1 transgender awardee," said Government in a statement.

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<u>Invitation of tender through E-Tendering</u>	
<u>(e-Procurement Systems)</u>	
NIT No.	116-S/AMC/TSS/CMS Equipments/M-1/2020(Ref-II)
Name of work and its location	"CAMS for Integrated Terminal Support System Equipments (Hardware) for Computerized Crew Management System application over Delhi division at Jakhai, Jind, Rohtak, Shakurbasti, Delhi Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Main and Meerut City Stations on various Diesel Lobbies and DRM's office for the period of Two years from the Date of Execution" from OEM (M/s acer only) or Authorised Dealer of M/s "acer" only as per scope of work.
Approx Cost of work	Rs. 14,53,200/- (Fourteen lakh Fifty Three Thousand Two Hundred only) plus GST as applicable
Earnest Money	Rs. 29,100/-
Completion period of work	Two years i.e. 24 months from the date of execution of work
Cost of tender document on cash/by post	Rs. 2360/- with GST @18%
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 12.00 hrs on 22.02.2020 Opening of Tender at 12.15 hrs
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
No.: 116-S/AMC/TSS/CMS Equipments/M-1/2020 (Ref-II) Dated: 25.01.2021 193/2021	
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General public is hereby informed that my client Mr. Manoj Kumar Thakur W/o Sh. Binod Kumar Thakur & his wife Smt. Babita Sharma R/o H.No.B-1/521, Gali No.19, Harsh Vihar, Delhi-110093 have been debarred and disowned his son namely Gaurav Sharma and his wife Akansha Sharma from their movable and immovable property and severed all relation with them due to their misconduct, if anybody dealing with both of them about any matter, he/she shall be responsible from the same at his/her own risk and consequences. My clients shall not be responsible for their any acts the transactions.	
Punit Budhiraja (Advocate)	

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The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.					
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S.L. No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF POSSESSION
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
1.	(Loan No. XH0HEDE000092010 & XH0HEDE0001202326) 1. Rahul Arany, 2. Praveesh Rajput, 3. Yash Pal Singh, H.No.165, First Floor, Block B, Hari Nagar, Delhi - 110 028.	20/02/2020	Rs.48,34,975.31/- as on 20/02/2020	Entire First Floor without roof rights of Property No. B-165, area measuring 110 sq. yds out of Kharsa No. 2012, situated at village Tikar Colony known as Hari Nagar Clock Tower New Delhi	23/01/2021
Date: 23.01.2021 Place: Delhi					
Authorized Officer M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited					

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This is to bring to your notice that below (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number and address below mentioned. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.		
The Bank has informed the same to the borrower through letter dated DECEMBER 26, 2018 informing that. EARTHCON has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the date of this publication.		
Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder.		
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Property Address
1.	Avinash S Dixit, Aarti Dixit LBNOD00002283212	Flat No. B- 607 6th Floor Earthcon Casa Grande Plot No. 7a Sector Chiv Greater Noida 201307
Dated: January 25, 2021 Place: Delhi/NCR		
For ICICI Bank Limited Sd-		

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General Public is hereby informed that my client Mr. Sandeep Giri S/o Mr. Chintia Prasad Giri has purchased the Flat No. SF-3, Second Floor, (rear LHS), Plot No. 107-C, Shalimar Garden Ext.-II, Village-Pasoda, Ghaziabad from its owner Mr. Rajeev Aggarwal. Initially the subject plot was in the name of Mr. Deep Chand Kapoor, who executed a registered Will dated 22.05.2007 in favour of Mr. Hitesh Chand Kapoor, later on Mr. Deep Chand Kapoor died. There is no Survivor Certificate of Late Deep Chand Kapoor and Probate Order of Will dated 22.05.2007 is on record.	
Any person having any claim in respect of the above mentioned property thereof by way of inheritance, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise, whatsoever, are requested to inform the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned on below mentioned address within 14 days from the date of publication hereof together with copies of all documents on the basis of which claims are made, failing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any, will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on our Clients.	
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PH: 01334-227006	Email: nagamigamharidwar@gmail.com
Letter 3110 dated: 25/01/2021	
Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)	
Office of Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, HARIDWAR on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites following short term re-tender under two bid system through E-tendering Process. Detailed eligibility criteria, EMD, ITB, and other terms & conditions of the tender document can be seen at https://uktenders.gov.in . Any amendment in future against the tender shall be uploaded on https://uktenders.gov.in	
Time schedule	Supplying Vehicles and machinery for collection & transportation of solid waste at Haridwar during Maha Kumbh 2021.
Document Download Start Date	26.01.2021 at 1000 hrs
Proposal Due Date	02.02.2021 up to 1500 hrs
Opening of Technical Bids	02.02.2021 at 1600 hrs
Cost of Tender Document	INR 5900/-
Municipal Commissioner, Nagar Nigam, Haridwar	

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 being 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 Jalao 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.

“Will you invite me to your house for a dinner and then slap me and turn me out ... this is what they did ... They shouted slogans --- which had no relation with Netaji’s anniversary -- only to tease me... I was insulted in front of the Prime Minister of the country... I was invited to that programme ... This is their culture ... but this cannot be the culture of Bengal or our country,” Banerjee said adding she would have not objected had the slogans been raised hailing Netaji.

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 that 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 Suwendu 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 Jayalalithaa recuperating in a Bengaluru hospital, her discharge from the medical facility will be made known later, he said in a tweet.

“According all our expectations... Chinnamma (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. **PTI**

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

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Kaamya Karthikeyan, the teenaged 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 (PMRBSP)-2021 on the occasion of Republic Day.

She is the only girl among five children from Maharashtra who have bagged the PMRBSP-2021 honour for their excellence in different fields. The other award winners are: Shreenabh Muojesh Agrawal, Kameshwar Jagannath Waghmare, Archit Rahul Pani and Sonit Sisolekar. Thirteen-year-old Kaamya is studying in Class VIII of the Navy Children School here. She is awarded for her unprecedented feats 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 arrived at 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.

According to sources the ECI which had a full bench visit of Bengal last week may announces elections in the first half of February.

Rajasthan Govt staff take oath to maintain Covid measures

Jaipur: On Monday, on the occasion of National Voters’ Day, Commissioner Mahendra Soni at the Information and 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 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.



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 late Monday evening while the condition of the other pilot continues to be critical.

Official sources said the other is struggling for life on the ventilator support. Meanwhile, district authorities in Kathua who rushed to the spot confirmed, the Army helicopter made a forced landing around 7.10-7.15 p.m

inside an Army camp in Lakhanpur.

The district authorities said, “The helicopter was on a routine reconnaissance sortie when it abruptly developed a technical snag and made a forced landing inside an army area in Lakhanpur.”

The injured pilots were rushed to the military base hospital in Pathankot. Local media reports claimed eyewitness reports suggested soon after the helicopter took off it crash 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. **PNS**

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

some 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 to farmers’ unions. I am hopeful 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, as 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 AEFIs 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 shrunk to 1.73 per cent. A bulk of the active cases is contributed by merely two States. **PNS**



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

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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 ‘Gantantra Divas Mahaghochnaa’ 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-bandhi’ (non-supply of diesel) with BJP’s ‘naakaabandi’ (cornering the BJP), then what will happen?” he said.

In the ‘Gantantra Divas Mahaghochnaa’ 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 hava 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 confi-

dence. “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-bhaktkaave)” 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.” **PTI**

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.

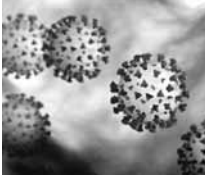
The coronavirus tally in the union territory remained at 4,993, while a total of 62 people have died so far due to the contagion, he said.

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. **PTI**



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.

Q: 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 US, 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 and if 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. **IANS**

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 Abdullah had ordered the closure of the Rain Forest resort after she visited the place on Sunday along with the Divisional Forest Officer and the Vythiri 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 Omana 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. **PTI**

Right to vote powerful instrument in people’s hands: AP Guv

Amaravati: 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 advised 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 Bhavan to commemorate the 11th national voters day. K. Vijayanand, chief electoral officer, said that the voters day is being celebrated all over the country with the theme ‘make our voters empowered, vigilant, safe and informed’. **IANS**

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 capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu, for the celebrations on Tuesday. Random frisking of passengers and private vehicles, mobile security bunkers, makeshift checkpoints, CCTV surveillance, sniffer dogs, deployment of sharpshooters atop 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.



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 motor-

cycle-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 Schilika 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. It will also display the culture and tradition related to the ancient temple town. On the other hand, the Republic Day — which is celebrated with patriotism and fervour — will be marred by the farmers' tractor rally on restricted routes inside the Capital.

PICTALK



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

AP

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 institutes. 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 Navratras. 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



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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 tinpot 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 "DHMO", or Dihydrogen Monoxide, as the basis of his science project, titled "How Gullible Are We?" The experiment involved calling for a cohort of other tinpot dictators and autocrats globally, suddenly free to do as they pleased, with little fear of retribution.



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 more circumspect and less colourful — has been just as damaging for our democracy. Our secular traditions are in tatters, empathetic behaviour forgotten and democratic institutions have all but crumbled, lacking even a shred of credibility. A vast majority of our media have become willing handmaidens of the Government. The military is being incrementally politicised and even our final bulwark, the judiciary, especially the apex court, is perceived to be functioning in tandem with the Government. Worst of all, we have no Opposition leadership worth the name, debilitated by the cancer of dynastic ambition.

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. Despite being deprived of its charismatic leader, another stepped up from the shadows, doing the impossible and leading the team to victory. Similarly, we too should shun fear and do the right thing; the rest will follow.

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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 portaying 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 up 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

Party (BJP) at the national level is nothing but a joke.

Now, instead of working upon the electoral challenges of the Assembly polls over the next five months, the rank and file of the Congress will be mulling over the direction the party should take in its leadership choices. For a section of the party's workers, the fear of past factionalism in the party makes the Gandhi family an effective glue to bind various factions together and maintain overall discipline.

Even if that comes at the cost of the party being accused of being captive to dynastic politics, the lack of alternative leadership still makes Rahul Gandhi a formidable choice. However, its inability to find an adept leadership is not only pushing the party into irrelevance but also causing a huge void in the Opposition space — giving a free run to the ruling BJP Government at the Centre.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

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 an unprecedented challenge 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

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SOUNDBITE

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 fixed 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 demoniac culture. No demon can love Lord Ram. Banerjee is a dishonest and evil person.

Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA — Surendra Singh

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 dynasts 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 befriend 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



ROBIN DAVID

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" and 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 assumed 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

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

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-



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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

Stress Inappropriate Promise Physical Contact Remarks Sexual Harassment Effects Intimidations Women Victims Request Illegal Discrimination

CAUSES AND FAILED ALLIES

Celebrity activism is a misnomer in Pakistan. *MeToo* 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 their 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 trial, 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 heeded 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 party 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. **AP**

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 in and around its landmarks, resulting in an unprecedented lockdown for Biden's inauguration.

Though the event went off without any problems and armed protests around the country did not materialize, the threats to lawmakers ahead of Trump's trial exemplified the continuing potential for danger. **AP**

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 Klain, now the White House chief of staff, that sketched out Biden's plan to use his 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. **AP**

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. **AP**

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. Nagaraj 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 and 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 that the village 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. **PTI**

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. **PTI**

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. **AP**

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 grow quality, union jobs, according to a senior administration official.

It is long overdue that the US government utilises 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. **PTI**

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

VEHICLES FOR SALE

- 1) ASHOK LEYLAND ECOMET 1212 REG. NO. HR74A1718-YOM -2012
- 2) ASHOK LEYLAND 1214 REG. NO. UP65FT3224 YOM 2017
- 3) VE1110FB EICHR VECV REG. NO. DL1GC4601 YOM 2015
- 4) BHARATBENZ 4928 REG. NO. PB13CB6862 YOM 2016
- 5) CB_VE 11.10 FULLY BUILT REG. NO. HR38S4605 YOM 2013
- 6) EECO MARUTIS REG. NO. UP 14 GT 9553-YOM -2018
- 7) ECCO MARUTIS REG. NO. UP14GT9555-YOM -2018
- 8) TATA MOTOR LPT 2515 REG. NO. UK04CB1066 YOM 2011
- 9) FORCETTFB FORCE REG. NO. DL1VC2104-YOM -2019
- 10) CB_ALECOMET1214 ASHOK LEYLAND LIMITED REG. NO. HR73 A 1267 YOM 2018
- 11) ALECOM1214 REG. NO. UP 16 ET 3380 -YOM -2017
- 12) EICHR VECVVE1059FB REG. NO. DL1LR9531 YOM 2012
- 13) TATA MOTORS LTD. - TATA 2518 REG. NO. HR38R8727-YOM -2012
- 14) TATA_ACE ZIP_GOODS TATA MOTORS-REG. NO. DL1LAB1922-YOM -2018
- 15) M&M SCORPIO REG. NO. HR42C5661- YOM -2014
- 16) CHEVROLET BEAT REG. NO. HR12AC7393-YOM -2016

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KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK 3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO 7, SECTOR 125, NOIDA-201313 OR CONTACT : RAJESH ANTIL 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 proviso to rule 8(6))
Notice for sale of Non-movable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (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 Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Satyaveer Singh (Borrower), Suman (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00001386142	Flat No.1, 1st Floor Plot No. S-2 BLK-A Shalimar Garden Extn-2 Ghaziabad Area: 748 Sq.Ft	Rs. 32,66,780.5/- (as on January,15, 2021.)	Rs. 16,00,000/- From 11:00 AM To 01:00 PM	February 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM To 01:00 PM	February 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM To 01:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposahub.com>) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **February 24, 2021 before 05:00 P.M** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower 3rd Floor New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** and there after they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **February 24, 2021 before 05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, incase prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, Plot No 23, Shal Tower 3rd Floor New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **February 24, 2021 before 05:00 P.M**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 93727 30494** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/9810029926/01244233933**

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

Date: January 25, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

INDO COTSPIN LIMITED				
REGD. OFFICE : 78 K.M. DELHI MILE STONE, G.T. ROAD, NH-1, VILLAGE JATTIPUR, POST BOX NO. 3, POST OFFICE SAMALKHA, PANIPAT - 132103 CIN:- U111HR1095PL0022541 Website:www.indocotspin.com Email ID:rajpalaggarwal12000@yahoo.com, info@indocotspin.com Statement of Standalone Un-audited Financial Results for the Quarter ended December 31, 2020				
PARTICULARS	3 MONTHS ENDED	YEAR TO DATE FIGURES FOR PERIOD CURRENT ENDED	CORRESPONDING 3 MONTHS ENDED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR	
	31/12/2020	31/03/2020	31/12/2019	
	UN-AUDITED	AUDITED	UN-AUDITED	
Total Income from operations (net)	222.84	997.37	391.61	
Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary activities after Tax	-13.31	10.64	3.34	
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary Items)	-13.34	10.64	3.34	
Paid Up Equity Share Capital	420.05	420.05	420.05	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of Previous Year)	-13.31	214.38	3.34	
Earnings Per Share (before Extraordinary Items) (of Rs. 10/-each) Basic and Diluted (in Rupees)	-0.32	0.25	0.08	
Earnings Per Share (after Extraordinary Items) (of Rs. 10/-each) Basic and Diluted (in Rupees)	-0.32	0.25	0.08	

NOTE: (i) There is no qualification on the Un-audited report for the quarter ended 31st December, 2020 (ii) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and Telephone:-91-98996 034879

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Sd/-
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Advt. No. 05/2020 and Advt. No. 06/2020

Advertisement for the positions of Distinguished Scientist and Outstanding Scientist in CSIR

CSIR invites applications/nominations for the posts of Distinguished Scientist in Level 16 (Rs. 2,05,400-2,24,400) and Outstanding Scientist in Level 15 of pay-matrix (Rs.1,82,200-2,24,100) plus allowances, as applicable in CSIR, from time to time.

For details kindly see the complete Advertisement No. 05/2020 and 06/2020 on CSIR Website www.csir.res.in. Applications/ Nominations with complete biodata and list of publications/ patents etc. may kindly be sent through e-mail on e-mail ID dr@csir.res.in or by post to Director Recruitment Cell, CSIR, Anusandhan Bhawan, 2, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001 on or before **15.02.2021**.

The advertisement No. 02/2018 issued earlier for the position of Distinguished Scientist may be treated as cancelled and withdrawn. Those who wish to be considered for the position of Distinguished Scientist need to apply afresh, as per the terms of advertisement no 05/2020, available on CSIR Website.

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बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम,लि0 पटना
(बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)
ई0-पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या-78 /2020-21

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता:- मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-800023 दिनांक: 22.01.2021
- निविदा आमंत्रण की तिथि:- दिनांक: 06.02.2021 से 27.02.2021 के 15:00 बजे तक।
- निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (काउनलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- दिनांक: 28.02.2021 के 15:00 बजे तक।
- निविदा जमा (अपलोड) करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:- केवल वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर दिनांक: 19.02.2021 को 04:00 बजे अपराह्न मुख्य महाप्रबंधक,बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, अस्पताल रोड, शास्त्रीनगर, पटना-23
- निविदा बिडो की स्थान:- दिनांक: 01.03.2021 को 15:00 बजे।
- प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान:- तत्कनीकी मूल्यांकन के बाद।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- (टेकनीकल बीड) 120 दिन
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय:- (वित्तीय बीड)
- निविदा पैदा की तिथि:-
- कार्य का विवरण :-

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	पटना	कालीभुर, गोलबरी, दमदली (पुनरा कार्य 00-00), कार्य 00-07, (सीट 00-00) पुनरावर्धन-0000 में 0-2 जग सेवा केन्द्र का निर्माण कार्य। (ई0-पुनर्निविदा)	42,35,890.00	85,000.00	5,000.00	As per website	09 (नौ)	पटना
2	पटना	केल बंगला, पटना सिटी, कार्य 00-07, (सीट 00-00) पुनरावर्धन-0000 में 0-2 जग सेवा केन्द्र का निर्माण कार्य। (ई0-पुनर्निविदा)	42,35,890.00	85,000.00	5,000.00	As per website	09 (नौ)	पटना
3	पटना	कावेरी नगर के निवास, पटना सिटी, कार्य 00-00, (सीट 00-00) पुनरावर्धन-0000 में 0-2 जग सेवा केन्द्र का निर्माण कार्य। (ई0-पुनर्निविदा)	42,35,890.00	85,000.00	5,000.00	As per website	09 (नौ)	पटना
4	पटना	सहायक, पटना सिटी, कार्य 00-07, (सीट 00-00) पुनरावर्धन-0000 में 0-2 जग सेवा केन्द्र का निर्माण कार्य। (ई0-पुनर्निविदा)	42,35,890.00	85,000.00	5,000.00	As per website	09 (नौ)	पटना
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6	पटना	पटना सिटी के निवास, पटना सिटी, कार्य 00-00, (सीट 00-00) पुनरावर्धन-0000 में 0-2 जग सेवा केन्द्र का निर्माण कार्य। (ई0-पुनर्निविदा)	1,31,98,861.00	2,64,000.00	10,000-00	As per web site	06 (छ)	पटना
7	पटना	00 जग सेवा केन्द्र निर्माण कार्य, पटना सिटी, कार्य 00-00, (सीट 00-00) पुनरावर्धन-0000 में 0-2 जग सेवा केन्द्र का निर्माण कार्य। (ई0-पुनर्निविदा)	88,47,163.00	1,77,000.00	10,000-00	As per web site	03 (तीन)	पटना

- भवन भवन निर्माण निगम के समुचित श्रेणी में निविदाएं एवं अद्यतन नवीकृत संशोधक ही इस निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं, विनं-संभन स्तर से विस्तृत जानकारी का भी निवेदन प्राप्त हो।
- निविदा केवल ई-निविदा पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) पर निष्पादित किया जाएगा।
- ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया से संबंधित जानकारी Toll Free No.-18005726571 से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
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- निविदादाताओं को सिर्फ वेबसाइट पर ही, निविदा कागजात प्राप्त (काउनलोड) एवं जमा (अपलोड) करना होगा। सुनिश्चित जाहो पर भरे गये निविदा प्रश्नों को एवं आवश्यक कागजातों को समर्पित करना होगा। निविदा खुलने की जानकारी तथा निविदा संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार के शुद्धि-पत्र की जानकारी निगम लि0 (कौलस 9 के अनुसार) वेबसाइट www.bsbccl.bih.nic.in/www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in से प्राप्त होगी।
- भवन विवरण के मुख्य की राशि (जो किसी भी स्थिति में लोटाया नहीं जायेगा) का भुगतान ऑन लाईन अर्थात Internet Payment Gateway (IPG) के माध्यम से जमा करना होगा एवं उक्त ऑनलाइन Internet Payment Gateway (IPG) की छाया प्रति संबंधित उप महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0 (कौलस 9 के अनुसार) अथवा महाप्रबंधक (दक्षिण), बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, पटना अथवा मुख्य महाप्रबंधक, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, पटना के कार्यालय में निविदा प्रपत्र उपलब्ध है। निविदा प्रपत्र में दस्तावेज एवं वस्तुएं से ही अद्यतन की राशि सहीवाई होगी।
- कार्य की पूर्ण जानकारी के लिए संबंधित उप महाप्रबंधक, पटना, बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0 / महाप्रबंधक (दक्षिण), बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0 पटना / मुख्य महाप्रबंधक बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, पटना के कार्यालय से किसी कार्य दिवस के कार्य अवधि में सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।
- कार्यालय के पश्चात् बिहार सरकार द्वारा जारी संकल्प एवं परिश्रमों में दिये गये निर्देशों का निर्माण कार्य में पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- किया कारण बताये निविदा को अस्वीकृत करने/रद्द करने का अधिकार स्वयं पदाधिकारी को सुरक्षित है।
- प्राक्कलित राशि धट बट सकती है।
- भवन निर्माण निगम का पत्रांक-566 (नं), दिनांक: 17.01.2020 के आलोक में प्रतिशत दर निविदा (In Percentage Rate tender) पद्धति में निविदा दर की न्यूनतम अधिचर्या को समाप्त कर दिया गया है तदनुसार निविदादाता को उक्त पत्र के आलोक में एकरचनामा के समय उक्त हारा निविदा दर के अनुसार additional performance guarantee जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- निविदादाता निविदा अपलोड करते समय एक राक्य-पत्र अपलोड करने जिसमें यह वर्णित होना चाहिए कि यह बिहार सरकार/ भारत सरकार/ सार्वजनिक उपक्रम/ आदि से बिहार/ कालीक त नहीं है। निविदा निष्पादन के दौरान अगर संहान में आता है कि निविदादाता बिहार सरकार/ भारत सरकार/ सार्वजनिक उपक्रम/ आदि से बिहार/ कालीक त है, तो उनकी निविदा अमान्य की जाएगी और आगे कागजी कार्यवाई की जाएगी।
- Work/ Agreement/Payment/Monitoring etc. will be done as per Advisory no.-15, dated 14.01.2019 of MoUHA, Go (Client Bihar Sharif Smart City Ltd.) (संशिका-25 सिचं क्रमांक-01 से 04 पर वर्णित योजना के लिए लागू होगा)।

मुख्य महाप्रबंधक,
बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लि0, पटना

नोटस कोटीना के संबंध में विस्तृत जानकारी एवं सहायोग हेतु **104** पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं।

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.

During the close of trade, the market valuation of TCS was at ₹12,34,609.62 crore while that of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) stood at ₹12,29,661.32 crore on the BSE.

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 day.

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 and exports, sources said.

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, swan 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 a tweet.

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.

INBRIEF

BOTTLE FOR CHANGE CAMPAIGN

South Zone today in association with Bisleri 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 Send (M-Send) 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-Send units installed will be born. Shri Gehlot inaugurated M-Send Policy-2020 at Chief Minister's residence on Monday. He was 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.

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 GR Chintala.

ICICI Bank

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Kota Lakshman Rao And Kota Lakshmi S. No. 234/P, 1st Fl., In Kranthi Classic Apts, Flat No. B-2, Sai Priya Gardens Chinagadali Mandal, Madhurawada, VSP Vishakapatnam – 530016/ LBVPM00001178238.	Schedule-A An Undivided And Unspecified Share Of Land Measuring 32 Sq. Yds Or 26.75 Sq.Mts., Out Of The Total Extent Of 1555 Sq. Yds Or 1299.98 Sq.Mts, Together With A Flat Bearing No. B-2, In First Floor, In Kranthi Classic, Having Plinth Area Of 780 Sq. Ft. Constructed Upto Slabe Level, Covered By S.no.234/part, In Madhurawada Village And Panchayat, In The Registration Sub District Of Madhurawada And In The Registration District Of Visakhapatnam And Bounded By :- Boundaries For The Entire Site : East : Land Belongs To Vendors West : Land Belongs To Vendors North : 40ft Wide Road South : 100ft Wide Road Measurements East Wing : 140ft Or 42.672 Mts West Wing : 140 Ft Or 42.672 Mts North Wing: 100 Ft Or 30.48 Mts South Wing : 100 Ft Or 30.48 Mts Schedule-b Boundaries For The Flat No B-2 In First Floor Having Plinth Area Of 780 Sft East : Open Space West : Common Corridor And Flat No. B-7 North: Flat No.B-1 South : Flat No.B- 3 / Date Of Symbolic Possession 20.01.2021	26.08.2020 Rs. 510740.00/-	Vishakapatnam

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : January 25, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW)-III

SECTOR-VII, R.K. PURAM, NEW DELHI-110022

"STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

N.I.T. NO.37(2020-21) SW-III

S. No.	Description	Amount Put to Tender, Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement Solution	Last date/Time of receipt of Tender Through E-Procurement Solution
1	Interconnection of 1500 mm dia water main with feeder line of A-2 UGR by 500 mm dia water main using trenchless technology under EE(SW)-III, AC-43	Rs. 27.01,151/- Rs. 500/-	21-01-2021 Tender I.D.No. 2021_DJB_199032_1	05.02.2021 At 2:00 P.M.
2	Replacement of old/damaged/ silted up sewerline behind Ravi Das Mandir & nearby area at village Hauz Rani under SW-III, AC-43	Rs. 25.19,361/- Rs. 500/-	21-01-2021 Tender I.D.No. 2021_DJB_199032_2	05.02.2021 At 2:00 P.M.

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 338 (2020-21)

Sd/-
(Naveen Kumar Khare)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SW)-III

KAVYAM AFFORDABLE GROUP HOUSING

Being Developed by Agrante Realty Ltd, having License No. 101 of 2017 dated 30.11.2017 HARERA No. RC/REP/HARERA/GGM/2018/23 dated 22.11.2018

Hotel "The Plazzo Hotel, 292-296 Sector-29 City Centre Gurugram- Haryana

22 जनवरी 2021 शुक्रवार को आयोजित काव्यम अफोर्डेबल ग्रुप हाउसिंग प्रोजेक्ट सेक्टर-108, गुरुग्राम स्थित प्लैट्स के ड्रा के सफल आवेदकों एवं प्रतीक्षा आवेदकों की सूची:-

TYPE-1 2 BHK 512.50 Sq.ft

9228	10537	10540	10536	10413	9935	10571	10387	10502	10538	10553	10407
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10525	10515	10605	10514	3679	10244	10600	10612	9937	10606	10618	10523

TYPE-3 2 BHK 488.30 Sq.ft

10661	10658	10620	10221	10656	10513	10522	10355	10660	10663	10619	10621
10549	10662	10550	10592	10554	10617	9184	10563	10505	10557	10530	9633

प्रतिष्ठा सूची – TYPE-3 2 BHK 488.30 Sq.ft

10541	10533	10651
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डिस्कलेयर:- काव्यम के प्लैट्स का ड्रा हरियाणा अफोर्डेबल हाउसिंग पॉलिसी गृहमंत्रालय/जी.टी. सी.पी. हरियाणा/जी.सी. गुरुग्राम द्वारा जारी दिशा निर्देशों के तहत रखे गये मापदंडों के आधार पर त्था संबंध प्रशासिकी की नियन्त्री में किया गया है। सुनिश्चित आबंटन सूची आवेदन पत्र संख्या व ड्रा के क्रमांक के अनुसार है। अधिक जानकारी के लिये www.kavyamhomes.com पर लॉग ऑन करेज हों सफल आवेदकों की सूची, नाम व प्लैट नंबर संहित उपलब्ध हैं।

अग्रान्ते रियल्टी लिमिटेड सिननंबर **U70101DL2013PLC248731** रजिस्टर्ड ऑफिस 704 डीएलएफ टावर-बीजसोला नई दिल्ली-110025 अधिक जानकारी के लिए संपर्क करें-वेबसाइट www.kavyamhomes.com ईमेल contact@agrante.com 011-41924100-199, 8800499674

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT/AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD DEPARTMENT/AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK GHARAUNDA	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
2	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK NISSING	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
3	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK MUNAK	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
4	PWD(B & R) SONEPAT	CONSTRUCTION OF REVENUE RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR SDM & TEHSILDAR IN MINI SECT. AT KHARKHODA IN SONEPAT DISTT. (HON'BLE C.M. ANNOUNCEMENT CODE 15158 DATED 16.10.2016 + 2 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 11.02.2021	2406.55 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0130-2244690 pwd-eeep1-sonapat@hry.nic.in
5	PWD(B & R) JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF JIND-SAFIDON ROAD TO MALAR IN JIND DISTT. (ROAD ID 6702)	CLOSING DATE 11.02.2021	44.60 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-249416 pwddeepjind@gmail.com
6	PANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR	PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF STP BASED ON JOHKASOU / ADVANCED MBRR 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 prexeeng.hsr@hry.nic.in
7	PWD(B & R) HANSI	PERIODICAL RENEWAL BY PROVIDING HEAVY PATCHWORK ON KOTPUTLI (IN THE STATE OF RAJASTHAN) NARNAUL-MAHENDERGARH-CHARKHI DADRI-BHIWANI- HANSI- BARWALA-TOHANA (IN THE STATE OF HARYANA) (NH-148-B) KM 163.468 TO 196.520 & 197.270 TO 204.920 (RE-INVITED)	22.01.2021 12.02.2021	121.67 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416136946 pwd-eeepd-hansi@hry.nic.in
8	PHE SIWANI	GUDHA- PROVIDING FUNCTIONAL HOUSE HOLD TAP CONNECTION (FHTC) AND LAYING OF DI PIPE LINE UNDER JIM CATEGORY-IIND (JIM) IN VILLAGE GUDHA, "LAYING OF DI PIPE LINE AND MAKING FHTC CONNECTIONS IN VILLAGE GUDHA AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO." + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 28.01.2021	5.30 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01255-277066 eesiwani@phedsiwani.gov.in
9	IRRIGATION HISAR	REMODELLING OF NEW SIWANI FEEDER FROM RD 0 TO 76170.	27.01.2021 10.02.2021	2548 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01662-237166 xenconst7hsr@gmail.com
10	IRRIGATION AMBALA	CONSTRUCTING 1 NO. STONE STUD FOR THE PROTECTION OF ABAOI OF VILLAGE RAMGARH MAJRA FLOOD WATER OF RIVER TANGRI + 23 OTHERS	29.01.2021 05.02.2021	611.04 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2981541 xenwsdvnamb588@yahoo.co.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 prexeeng.roh@hry.nic.in
12	PWD(B & R) FARIDABAD.	CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD FROM SHAHJANPUR KHADAR TO LATIPUR KM. 0.00 TO 2.445 IN FARIDABAD DISTRICT CMA 21007 REINVITED	22.01.2021 11.02.2021	111.27 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	0129-2288187 pwd-eeep1-faridabad@hry.nic.in
13	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK JNDRI	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
14	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK KUNJUPURA	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
15	PANCHAYATS KARNAL	SUPPLY OF RAW AND BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK NILOKHARI	22.01.2021 03.02.2021	-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416290875 prexeeng.krl@hry.nic.in
16	PWD(B & R) JIND	SPECIAL REPAIR OF JULANA-BADCHAPPER ROAD FROM RD 0.000 TO 1.110 IN JIND DISTT. (ROAD ID 6559) + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 17.02.2021	446.34 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01681-249416 pwd-eeepd-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 prexeeng.jnd@hry.nic.in
18	PWD(B & R) NARNAUL	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL OF CIVIL AIR STRIP BACHHOD (NARNAUL) IN MOHINDERGARH DISTRICT + 1 OTHER WORK	25.01.2021 15.02.2021	306.13 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01282251267 pwd-eeepd-narnaul@hry.nic.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

RO NO. 1541

NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

No. RMSA/NSQF/EOI/1363/2020/1897 Date: 25/01/2021

This is an invitation to submit an Expression of interest party(s)/ firm(s) for implementation of Vocational Education under National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF) in Government and Provincialised secondary schools across Assam through e-procurement system of Govt. of Assam i.e. <https://assamtenders.gov.in>

Detailed document may be seen at <https://assamtenders.gov.in> for eligibility, scope of work, Eol terms and conditions etc. The Eol document can be purchased by registering at <https://assamtenders.gov.in> from 26/01/2021 to 15/02/2021, 14:00 hours and making payment of non-refundable Eol processing fee of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of DD/Banker cheque in favour of Mission Director, RMSA, Assam payable at Guwahati. The Eol is to be submitted online through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Assam i.e. <https://assamtenders.gov.in> only on or before 15/02/2021, 14:00 hours.

Scope of Work:
Implementation of Vocational Education services in secondary schools under NSQF in the following trades:
1.IT//TeS. 2. Agriculture. 3.Healthcare. 4.Beauty & Wellness. 5.Electronics & Hardware.6.Automotive.7.Tourism & Hospitality. 8.Retail.9. Private Security.

Details of Eol:
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 Eol can be downloaded from the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>. 3.The proposal has to be submitted as described in the Eol.4.Submission start date : 27/01/2021, 12.00 Noon.5.Last date/time for submission : 15/02/2021, 2.00 P.M. 6.Date of opening of Eol : 15/02/2021, 3.00 P.M. RMSA, Assam reserves the right to amend or cancel the Eol without assigning any notice or reason thereof. Moreover, in case of non-availability of sufficient bidder (or less than three bidders), authority has the right to take decision without prior notice.

Sd/-Executive Director,
Samagra Shiksha, Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Janasanyog/CF/4111/20

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Rahul

General Public is hereby informed that one person namely **Rahul, S/o Rajesh, R/o H.No. A-31/6 C/1, Netaji Marg, Main Road, Maujpur, Delhi, Age: About 31 years, Height: 5'8", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Hair: Black, ID Mark: Injury mark on forehead, Wearing: White colour shirt, grey colour pant and bare feet, has been missing since 09.01.2021** from Gate No.4, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi from the area of 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://cbl.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbl.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/195/NDD/2021

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

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely: 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, matmaila coat and white colour pant, who was found at Kesari Chowk, Old Lajpat Rai Market, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 39A 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
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
Tel.: 011-2395 3442

DP/902/N/2021(UIDB)

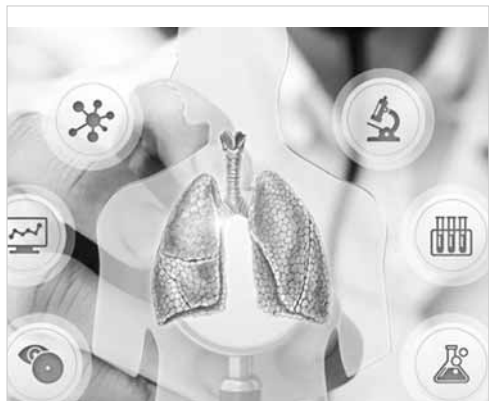
DOCYARD
DR (COL) R RANGA RAO

Chairman, Paras Cancer Centre

PARAS HEALTHCARE



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 its 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 compare 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.

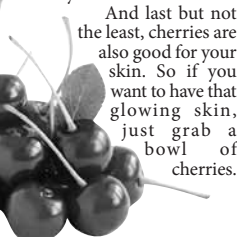
Whether you smoke or not, it is important not to take any aberration in the respiratory health lightly. Always report to the doctor if you experience the following symptoms:

- 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, damage, and inflammation.

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 tooth-paste 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 etiquetteduring 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 whileinteracting 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 sour 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 or 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 up 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 acid supplements. Avoid taking sugar and alcohol.

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DadiKaKehna

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 this herb 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, and help women experience shorter periods

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

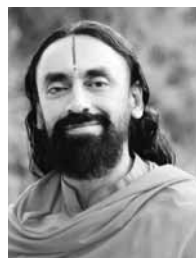
Life presents us with an array of choices. We select our thoughts, priorities, emotions, and behaviours. Regardless of how good or bad we may presently be, we can always choose to make our future better. Regrettably, we also have the option of choosing to make our future worse. Nowadays, there is no 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



begin pushing it. Initially, your every muscle gets exerted to overcome the vehicle's static inertia. But slowly, the movement begins and then keeps picking speed. When the driver sees the car has gathered enough momentum, she releases the clutch, to engage the engine with a jerk and kick start it.

This is an illustration of the momentum of physical objects.

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 we make choices and then the choices make us." Now, if our choices are harmful, the momentum will build up in the wrong direction and work to our detriment. But if we keep repeating good choices, the impetus will develop in the beneficial direction and will work to our advantage.

This explains why the most difficult part of any behavioural modification is the initial phase. It is when our brain is breaking the neural pathways of old habits and establishing circuitry for new ones. Once the behavioural momentum builds up, we reach the auto mode and enjoy the ride, because progress in life has almost reached the automatic level.

In his latest book, *7 Divine Laws to Awaken Your Best Self*, he discusses 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 global spiritual leader, best selling author and Vedic scholar

REPUBLIC DAY SPECIAL

**Trend
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I know people love me: Pankaj

PANKAJ TRIPATHI surprises you by saying he doesn't quite understand what it means to be a star. However, he gets to know that people love him through social media reactions.

"Nothing has changed. I don't have an idea if I am a star and I don't know what it's like to be a star. I don't have an idea about stardom. I used to work with honesty and I am doing it with sincerity till now," Pankaj said.

"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 fixed deposit with me and I have to give them back with interest. So, the responsibility and trust increases," he added.



'I still remember meeting this kid (Varun Dhawan) in Goa! Long hair, big dreams in his eyes and a swag that was waiting to explode on celluloid! A few years later he was my Assistant on MNK! (My Name Is Khan). When he faced the camera for me for the first time, I developed an immediately protective feeling of love and care for him... And that feeling today came alive in abundance as I saw him walk with his loved one around the holy fire of trust and commitment...'

—Karan Johar

Actor and yoga enthusiastic **SHILPA SHETTY KUNDRA** suggested the right yoga to bust stress, and improve core strength and flexibility of the hip joints and legs.

"For almost a year now, in some or the other way, we've all been in rough waters. For me, the best way to beat the stress is to occasionally draw out the 'boat' pose or the *Naukasana*. It can row you out of many issues that your body maybe undergoing. #MondayMotivation," she said.



I miss dressing up: Kim

American reality TV star **KIM KARDASHIAN** strikes a stylish pose in a new snapshot she has posted on social media, though she says she misses dressing up.

In the picture she posted in the early hours of Monday, according to India time, Kim is seen stepping out of her car. Colour-coordinated with the all-black power wheels, Kim is dressed in all-black, too. She wears a front-open black leather jacket that falls way below her knees, with a black leather off-shoulder short dress that has a cross embroidered on the torso.



The 40-year-old celebrity adds to her minimalistic no-makeup look with the caption she writes on the picture: "I miss dressing up."

WE, THE PEOPLE

The Republic Day march makes for a visual treat. But is that still relevant and important? Experts speak. By CHAHAK MITTAL

Magnificent marches by the regiments of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, Police and Paramilitary forces, display of the Indian Defence prowess, latest missiles, aircrafts, weapon systems, colourful tableaux showcasing the beauty of different states of India — the Republic Day parade in Delhi has always been a visual treat. But beyond appearances, what does the idea of celebrating this day holds out for people besides inconveniencing a large part of the populace in the capital? Does it still have some importance among the citizens of India or is it merely a public holiday for them? We might find the tricolour at a roadside vendor's shop or children selling them at traffic signals only to be trampled upon later.

We speak to experts from various fields to know how the idea of Republic Day has changed over the years and what it means now.



Devdutt Pattanaik, Author and Illustrator:

It is a modern-day ritual designed to construct the idea of a nation-state. Just as the flag is a modern-day symbol and

standing up while singing National Anthem is a ritual. Through rituals and symbols were constructed ideas that create organisa-

tions such as tribe and nation. They help bind people together, grant pride and identity to a people. These are not a

natural phenomenon but cultural myths, i.e. people's truths. It is what humans do to establish a community.



Harish Iyer, Gay Rights Activist:

The idea of republic is basically an oath to the Constitution, which strives to see all of us as equals. The truth is that we are distinct and com-

pletely different from one another. We all define equality in the ways we perceive it. The idea of equality

too is different for everybody. Hence, this Republic Day, it's time to remember that equality is the key for a society to perform well and excel. It might be

different for various sections of the society, including the marginalised one. After the historic verdict by the Supreme Court, decriminalising Section 377, a lot changed and I think now, the LGBTQIA+ community is very much a part of the Republic.



Dr Bhuvan Lall, Author:

As a biographer of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, over the years, I have observed that the respect he gained from ordinary Indians, most of whom were born post-1947, is incredible. This Republic Day, we need to remember that people like him and our Armed Forces in difficult terrains and inhospitable weather conditions, continuously defending and standing up for the biggest democracy in the world. Jai Hind!

As India witnesses more and more game developers going mainstream, along with a thrust on creating a new gaming ecosystem in the country, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) has taken up the cudgels to find and nurture talent in the field of gaming.

Driven by smartphones, the online gaming industry in India is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 40 per cent to \$2.8 billion by 2022, up from \$1.1 billion in 2019, according to a Deloitte India report that came out last week.

India is one of the top five mobile gaming markets in the world, with a 13 per cent share of global game sessions. The online gaming industry in India is expected to add 40 million online gamers during the 2020-22 period.

According to Jodie Azhar, winner of the 2016 BAFTA Breakthrough Initiative and currently games director at Teazelcat Games, the biggest challenge is to make right connections with the people who can help you get your games onto various online platforms where people can buy it, and help you market it to the audience that will be interested in your games.

"I think that's where organisations like BAFTA can really help because they have such a wide network, both in the video games industry as well as film and TV. It is really interesting to see the merging industries and making those connections, to help you develop games and get it in front of people who want to play it," Azhar said.

The applications for 'BAFTA Breakthrough India', supported by Netflix, are currently open and the entry window has been extended to February 8.

As part of the initiative, a jury of the British and Indian industry experts will select five talents from across India to take part in the year-long mentoring and guidance programme.

"Game developers from India should apply right now as it is a brilliant initiative. People who have worked on AAA games, who have worked on independent projects, they all have a wealth of knowledge and by being part of BAFTA through this ini-



Talent search

BAFTA set to push Indians to create world-class games

tiative, you get access to that knowledge," she elaborated.

AAA (or Triple-A) video games are to the gaming world what blockbusters are to the film industry. Just like blockbusters, they usually involve huge teams working for months to years to make a finished product, employed by a big studio.

According to Azhar, they are seeing more virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) games, like *Pokemon go*, where you leave your house and move around.

"But we still see people who want to play games sitting on their sofa sets, just to find a kind of escape from their everyday lives. What we're seeing is different types of games, dictated by

the kind of hardware that's available and popular with consumers," she said.

The games professionals chosen by the 'Breakthrough' initiative will receive one-to-one mentoring, global networking opportunities, free access to BAFTA events and screenings for 12 months, and full voting BAFTA membership.

The chosen talent will also connect with and learn from some of the best in the British and Indian creative industries, share their expertise with peers around the world, gain access to opportunities beyond geographical borders, and be promoted as BAFTA Breakthrough artists globally.

'Theatres are safe'

Actor **SHARAD KELKAR** questions that if people are partying big time, why are they hesitant to return to cinema halls?

Actor Sharad Kelkar is surprised that the audience is still hesitant to return to the cinema theatres, although other areas of the hospitality and entertainment industry have started to open up, post-COVID lockdown.

"People have started going to pubs, coffee shops, restaurants, weddings and even to places like Goa on vacation. People are partying big time, so I don't know why they are not going to the theatres," Sharad said.

"Theatres are much safer, and also there is 50 per cent occupancy. Theaters are regularly cleaned and sanitised. This is one of the biggest industries we have, and it is dependent upon the audience. So I'd request everyone that if you can party, you can also go to the theatre," he added.

Quizzed about how the pandemic and lockdown have affected him, the actor said: "I am known as a workaholic in my friend circle. I

am active and love to run around all the time. This pandemic taught me patience. Sitting at home doing nothing was a new experience for me for the first time in the last 18 years that I started working. Not going out to work and not meeting people was initially a little depressing but ultimately I understood that in life you need to be a little patient!"

Sharad, who impressed all playing Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in Ajay Devgn's blockbuster film *Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior* last year, reveals he had rejected historical roles for almost 15 years of his acting career.

"I have been getting offers for historical shows right from my initial years when I started doing TV, due to my voice, height and physical structure. But I was always afraid of doing it. There was a fear of having to wear a lot of costumes, which I thought would be tedious. So I almost avoided historical roles for 15 years," he said.



Chelsea sack Lampard

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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.

Chelsea said it had been a "very difficult decision" to part ways with the 42-year-old, who replaced Maurizio Sarri in July 2019.

"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 has the highest of 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.

Chelsea are 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."

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