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SII, Biotech release jab dos & don'ts

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

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Three days after the launch of the nationwide vaccination drive and reports of several adverse events following immunisation (AEFI), Serum Institute of India (SII) and Bharat Biotech, makers of anti-Covid vaccine Covishield and Covaxin respectively, released a set of "Dos and don'ts aiming to help a recipient understand the risks and benefits of their vaccine."

Interestingly, soon after the approval of their vaccine by the DCGI early January, both firms had questioned the efficacy of each other's jabs.

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

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

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

doubted the efficacy of the Covaxin.

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

The Hyderabad-based biotechnology firm also said that the DCGI has authorised the restricted use of its vaccine under clinical trial mode.

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

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

"The vaccine thus has been developed by using inactivated/killed virus along with the aforementioned chemicals," it said, adding that Covaxin is administered as an injection into the deltoid muscle of the

upper arm. It is a two-dose series given four weeks apart.

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

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

About the possible adverse



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

AP

effect of the vaccine, the SII said that "some of the very common side effects of the vaccines are tenderness, pain, warmth, redness, itching, swelling or bruising where the injection is given,

generally feeling unwell, chills or feeling feverish, headache or joint aches."

However, if you feel dizzy, lack of appetite, abdominal pain, enlarged lymph nodes,

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

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Adverse events here lowest in world, Govt allays fears

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

It also urged healthcare

workers not to hesitate to get the Covid-19 vaccine as "it was their societal responsibility to get inoculated."

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

"We are not fulfilling our societal responsibility if a vaccine assigned to us is not being taken. The whole world is

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

"We are very fortunate that we are running this vaccination drive at a time when the pandemic looks like to be in a controlled situation. So in this period, by taking the jabs, we have to create a wall of vaccine-induced immunity and be



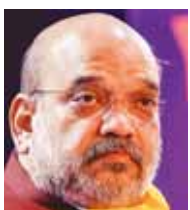
ready for any kind of eventualities in future," he said.

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EPS shuts door on Sasikala's return, calls on Modi, Shah

Tamil Nadu CM says no chance of her returning to ADMK, invites PM

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami, who is also the co-coordinator of the AIADMK, said in New Delhi on Tuesday that there was no possibility of VK Sasikala, the jailed aide to late Chief Minister J Jayalalitha, returning to the party.

The TN Chief Minister met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday and Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday. During his meeting with the Prime Minister, Palaniswami extended the former an invitation to visit the State for inaugurating a slew of projects there.

Ruling out Sasikala's inclusion in the AIADMK-led front, Palaniswami said, "There is no chance... She is not with the party now. I can say that ... 100 per cent...there is no chance of Sasikala returning to AIADMK."

The fact that he shut the door of Sasikala after his meeting with Modi and Shah is significant.

Sasikala is serving a four-year-jail term in Bengaluru's Parappana Agrahara Central Jail in connection with the disproportionate asset case in which she was an accused along with late Jayalalitha, and two others. All the accused

were sentenced to four-year rigorous imprisonment by a special court in Bengaluru which was upheld by the Supreme Court.

Sasikala's prison term is coming to an end on January 26 and she would be released on January 27, said her lawyer S Pandian. Sasikala was elected General Secretary of the AIADMK by its general council on December 29, 2016. Edappadi and O Panneerselvam convened a General Council meeting of the AIADMK in August 2017 and abolished the post of general secretary.

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Govt declares Bose birth anniversary as 'Parakram Diwas'

New Delhi: Ahead of the Bengal polls, the Centre on Tuesday announced to celebrate Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's birthday on January 23 as "Parakram Diwas" (Valour Day) every year with Prime Minister Narendra Modi all set to attend the first day of programme in Kolkata on Bose's 125th birth anniversary. He will also inaugurate an exhibition on the grounds of the National Library to mark the occasion in the State.

However, the decision was slammed by the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress which termed it as poll gimmicks while evoking a mixed response from Subhas Chandra Bose's grandnephew CK Bose, who is also a BJP leader. TMC leader Saugata Roy said that the declaration to celebrate the day as "Parakram Diwas" has been made with an eye on upcoming West Bengal Assembly polls.

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

India brushes aside sanctions warning by US

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Brushing aside the US threat to impose sanctions, the first batch of IAF personnel will shortly leave for Moscow for training to operate S-400 air defence systems. India and Russia had inked a deal in 2018 worth over ₹45,000 crore for five defence systems. The first S-400 will arrive in India by this year end and the remaining four systems will be inducted by 2023.

China has already inducted six S-400 air defence systems and India needs it urgently to bolster its capabilities to secure its air space. The S-400 can detect an incoming hostile aircraft or missile from a distance



of more than 500 km and shoot it down.

Giving details of the Indian team's departure to Moscow, Russian ambassador Nikolay Kudashev on Tuesday here described it as a "remarkable occasion" that will usher in "a new stage in our strategic partnership." More than 100 personnel, including officers and airmen, will leave for Russia by the end of this month

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

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

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

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

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CAPSULE

BBC APOLOGISES FOR 'INCOMPLETE' INDIA MAP

London: The BBC apologised for any offence caused and rectified what it termed as the mistaken use of an inaccurate map of India, which had the boundaries of J&K entirely missing, triggering a formal letter of complaint by Labour Party MP Virendra Sharma.

SAJAD LONE'S PARTY QUITS GUPKAR ALLIANCE

Srinagar: People's Conference chairperson Sajad Lone announced his party's exit from People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration, saying some constituents of PAGD had fielded proxy candidates in district development council elections.

SUBSIDY ON FOOD SERVED IN PARL ENDS

New Delhi: Food served in Parliament canteens for MPs and others will become costlier as a subsidy given for it has been stopped, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said.

Young India take Gabba by storm

Team India retain Border-Gavaskar trophy, win series 2-1



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

PTI

Biden to take up reins today amid sky-high expectations

US Administration transition stands out for acrimony

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

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

Evoking some of the nation's loftiest reforms helped Biden unseat President Donald Trump but left him with towering promises to keep. And he will be trying to deliver against



Miniature artist L Eswar Rao shows his creation on US President-elect Joe Biden in Bhubaneswar on Tuesday PTI

the backdrop of searing national division and a pandemic that has killed nearly 400,000 Americans and upended the economy.

This year, however, the transition stands out for its acrimony. The process usually starts straight after the election, but it started weeks late after

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

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

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BBC sorry for ‘incomplete’ India map after complaint

London: The BBC on Tuesday apologised for any offence caused and rectified what it termed as the mistaken use of an inaccurate map of India, which had the boundaries of Jammu and Kashmir entirely missing, triggering a formal letter of complaint by Labour Party MP Virendra Sharma.

In a video broadcast about President-elect Joe Biden on BBC World Service entitled 'US Election 2020: What do countries around the world want from Joe Biden', the graphic depicting the map of India was incompletely highlighted in red with the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir missing. Sharma, who is also chair of the Indo-British All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG), termed the action as "deeply insulting" in a letter addressed to the Director General of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Tim Davie, and called for an explanation of the editorial guidelines followed.

"This map shows an incomplete India, it does not highlight Jammu and Kashmir which is recognised as a core

From London we mistakenly published a map of India online which contained inaccuracies and is not the standard map used by BBC News. It has now been corrected. We apologise for any offence caused

and integral part of India. To represent Jammu and Kashmir as anything less than Indian is deeply insulting to millions of Indians living here in the UK and in India," read his letter, issued on Monday.

It called on the BBC to withdraw the graphic and republish with the correct geographical boundaries and also called for action to prevent this happening again.

"The BBC World Service is a fantastic resource, an amazing part of our soft-power and a real force for good around the world, this record is under

threat if the World Service is perceived as partisan and 'anti-India' as is currently being asserted online. As a member of the International Development Select Committee, I have seen the great work the World Service can do, I do not want to see that put at risk," added Sharma, who represents the heavily Indian diaspora constituency of Ealing-Southall in west London.

His letter followed a social media outpouring over the issue, with members of the Indian diaspora demanding immediate action.

The BBC responded with an apology and updated the online broadcast with the map of India reflecting the boundaries of Jammu and Kashmir in the standard format used by the news channel in the UK.

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PTI

Red Fort shut for public till Republic Day

Tests confirm dead birds from Red Fort had bird flu

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The historic Red Fort is now out of bounds of public at least till January 26 (Republic Day) as carcasses of dead crows found within the premises of the monument tested positive for the H5N1 virus that causes bird flu.

A sample collected from the monument, where 15 crows

died a few days ago, has tested positive for bird flu, the Animal Husbandry Department said and asked the Archeological Survey of India to ban the entry of the people at the Red Fort till Republic Day on January 26.

Rakesh Singh, director of the Delhi government's animal husbandry department, said that a sample from a dead bird was sent to a Jalandhar-based

laboratory for testing.

"Entry of the public into the monument has been restricted till January 26 as a precautionary measure," he said.

Following this, the ASI has issued notice for closure of the monument which is visited by thousands of tourists every day. The monument will be closed from January 19 to January 21 and then further to 26th as is done every year on account of Republic Day celebrations, said an ASI official.

On Saturday, reports came

that samples from a dead owl from Delhi Zoological Park had tested positive for avian influenza.

Last week, all 100 samples taken from Asia's largest chicken market in Ghazipur had tested negative for bird flu. The Delhi government, however, shut down the poultry market temporarily for 10 days as a precautionary measure before the results came.

The results came three days after samples taken from crows and ducks in the national capital tested positive for



avian influenza, causing the Delhi government to ban the sale of processed and packaged chicken brought from outside the city.

Dog's death: Case registered against veterinary doctor

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

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

The complainant Anees Rahil, of Sector-56 in Gurugram, who is also a owner of the dogs stated in her police complaint that in May 2020, she had visited the pet hospital located in the same vicinity along with a female dog after her health deteriorated.

"At the hospital, Dr. Dangi assured the complainant that her dog is under-

nourished and would recover soon, later the dog was referred to 'Animalia Veterinary Policy clinic' Sector-47 for ultrasound and X-rays. Thereafter the dog was admitted at the doctor's hospital for further treatment," the complainant alleged in her complaint.

On 25 May 2020, the complainant again brought her male dog as he was too looking unwell.

"The dog was taken to the same hospital at that day the doctor was not available but in his absence the compounder Anup Singh started treating the dog and gave him some drugs and injected him," the complainant told the police.

She then went home and later got a call from the hospital that the dog had passed away. A few hours later, a call from the hospital again that her female dog had expired too.

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

The complainant alleged that the dogs died due to negligence by the doctor and the compounder of the hospital. "Dr. Dangi was not registered with

Haryana Veterinary Council as per the norms of Indian Veterinary Council and Haryana State Veterinary Council. Animal Husbandry department, Gurugram in his letter to Deputy Director Animal Husbandry has also recommended revocation of license of the alleged doctor for a period of six months" the complainant told the police.

A case under relevant sections of the IPC and Section 11 (4) of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act was registered against Doctor Rahul Dangi and compounder Anup Singh of 'ARD pet hospital' at Sector-56 police station, the police said.

Wild elephants kill pet pachyderm in Jharkhand

Ranchi: Two wild elephants killed one pet pachyderm at the Beta National Park in Latehar district of Jharkhand on Tuesday, a forest official said.

Early on Tuesday morning, the pet elephant, which was tied with chain, was attacked by two wild elephants of the park. The mahout of the pet elephant heard screams of the elephant and rushed to the spot. He drove away the wild elephants and informed the forest ranger of the park. The pet elephant's stomach was badly hit by the tusk of the wild elephants. The elephant, known as Kal Bhairav which was brought to the park from Karnataka in 2018, died on the spot.

"Four pet elephants were left in the park. Kal Bhairav was tied with a chain as he was

injured. Two wild elephants reached the spot on Monday morning and attacked Kal Bhairav" said Lal Bihari Singh, the mahout of the pet elephant.

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He said, "Currently Russia and India are deeply involved in joint development and production of military equipment, components and spare parts as well as technologies sharing, improving after-sales service system. We have developed an advanced legal base for this purpose."

India and Russia had firmed up the deal for five S-400 Triumf regiments despite objections from the US and the threat of sanctions under Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA). Incidentally, the US has imposed sanctions against Turkey for striking deal for S-400s with Russia.

In a farewell address early this month, outgoing US Ambassador Kenneth Juster declined to comment on whether the US would proceed with CAATSA sanctions

against India over the S-400 purchase, but said India should consider the impact of such purchases that constrain "technology transfers" and other defence cooperation between India and the US.

On the ongoing defence cooperation, Kudashev said along with the S-400, the two sides successfully moving towards implementation of AK-203 rifle contract, 200 Ka-226T utility helicopters supplies among others.

He also said the two countries are looking forward to an early implementation of the spare parts joint production agreement besides strengthening maritime cooperation, including in the Indian Ocean."

As regards the S-400 deal, he said it was within the framework of "just and equal relations based on the international law and the UN Charter.

The Russian envoy last

month had said Russia's ongoing deals with India for military hardware, including S-400 air defence systems, were "advancing well" despite the threat of potential US sanctions.

Clarifying India's stand on the deal, the External Affairs Ministry earlier this month had said it was part of India's independent foreign policy that guides defence acquisitions in line with national security interests.

"India and the US have a comprehensive global strategic partnership. India has a special and privileged strategic partnership with Russia," Ministry spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

India has always pursued an independent foreign policy. This also applies to our defence acquisitions and supplies which are guided by our national security interests," he added.

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"Data show that we are in a comfortable situation and we would like to reassure you that the two Covid-19 vaccines are safe. Of total vaccinated, 0.18

per cent were adverse events following immunisation, while 0.002 per cent had to be hospitalised which is fairly low," said Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan at a press conference here.

"These are fairly low, in fact lowest so far as we know in the world in the first three days," Bhushan assured in the backdrop of a section of health workers from across the country questioning the efficacy of the vaccines.

Latest updated data shows that overall, India has vaccinated 6.31 lakh healthcare workers since the commencement of the drive on January

16. No case of severe or serious AEFI reported in any State today," the Ministry said in a statement.

He said that in a span of 24 hrs, 2,23,669 people were vaccinated for Covid-19 across 3,930 sessions taking the cumulative total of people vaccinated to 4,54,049 (across 7,860 sessions conducted so far) in the country, he said.

"The important point here is that if we look at the first week figures then the US conducted vaccinations of 5,56,208 people so that number will already cross by day 3. In the UK, in the first seven days 1,37,897 were vaccinated, 516

people were vaccinated in France in the first week and in Russia 52,000 people were vaccinated in the first week. So these are the comparative figures for you and we have just started so we will pick up speed," he said.

About whether a person is liable for compensation in case of an adverse event, Bhushan said, "The vaccine (Covaxin) which has been given emergency use authorisation under clinical trial mode is accompanied by three documents. One is the factsheet which is read out and explained to beneficiaries, second is a consent form... And

the third is an adverse event reporting form where the recipient has to report the adverse event for the first seven days.

"There, it is clearly mentioned that if there is a causal relationship between immunisation and the adverse event whether it is severe or serious the hospitalisation costs would be borne by the authorities. That is the position as it exists now," he said.

Bhushan said nine States, including Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, are among the better performing States and Union Territories with over 70 per cent coverage.

lift the country from the devastation of a raging pandemic that has killed more than 400,000 Americans and thrown millions into economic distress. Revival of the economy, which has been badly bruised by the pandemic, is another challenge that he faces.

Meanwhile, the American capital has been virtually turned into a garrison city, amidst multiple reports of threats and more armed violence by pro-Trump supporters to disrupt the events.

The area in and around Capitol Hill, a large part of Pennsylvania Avenue and the White House has been made out of bounds for the general public with eight-feet high iron barricades being erected.

The entire city is on high-alert as authorities are receiving multiple reports of violent threats from various groups at the level of the incident that happened on January 6, when hundreds of supporters of Trump stormed Capitol Hill. At least five people, including a police officer, died in the incident.

In addition to converting

downtown Washington DC. Into a fortress, security in and around 50 State Capitols has also been put on high alert to ensure a peaceful transition of power. The Federal Bureau of Investigation in its internal bulletins has warned of the potential for violence in Washington DC and at all 50 state Capitols.

US defence officials say they are also worried about an insider attack or other threat from service members involved in securing Biden's inauguration, prompting the FBI to vet all of the 25,000 National Guard troops deployed for the event.

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EPS shuts...

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Palaniswamy said on Tuesday that Sasikala entered the party only after the demise of Jayalalithaa, but he was silent about the December 29, 2016 general council meeting held at Chennai (which was attended by him also) that unanimously elected Sasikala as General Secretary.

Hints of a patch-up between the AIADMK and

Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam floated by TTV Dhinakaran (Sasikala's nephew) are in the air. Former AIADMK Minister Gokula Indira had staged a demonstration against Udhayanidhi Stalin, the heir apparent in the DMK, for his derogatory speech against Palaniswamy and Sasikala. A number of current MLAs over their position to the Chinnamma (as Sasikala is addressed even by Palaniswamy).

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Note: Video Conferencing facility will be available at the Meeting. Director(s) may opt to participate in the Meeting through Video Conferencing.

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CENTRE'S CALL AHEAD OF BENGAL POLLS

Bose's birth anniversary declared 'Parakram Diwas'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

should be 'Deshprem Diwas'. We believe Netaji deserves much better. We will observe this day on our own with Mamata Banerjee leading a procession in the State," said Roy.

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

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

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

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

"The Government has

decided to observe January 23 as 'Parakram Diwas' to commemorate the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose," Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the first 'Parakram Diwas' programme in Kolkata on January 23 on Bose's 125th birth anniversary and inaugurate an exhibition on the grounds of National Library to mark the occasion, Patel said.

Patel said PM Modi will also felicitate prominent members of the Indian National Army formed by Bose and their family members in Kolkata on Saturday.

He said 200 Patua artists from West Bengal will make a painting on a 400-metre-long canvas depicting Bose's life.

Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will participate in a programme in Cuttack, Odisha, where Bose was born while another programme will be held in Haripura village in Gujarat's Surat district where Bose was elected as president of the Indian National Congress in 1938.

The culture ministry is also considering building a memorial in the honour of around 26,000 martyred members of the INA, Patel said adding that a 85-member high-level committee helmed by PM Modi has been formed to plan year-round programmes to mark the 125th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter.

Rahul raps PM on national security



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

"China has a clear strategic vision of shaping the world which India doesn't have. India does this and that but doesn't work strategically. China has

Cong gave away land to China, ignored farmers' interest: BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

Rahul Gandhi had repeatedly attacked the ruling BJP Government in the Centre on

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

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

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

He accused Rahul of "provoking and misleading" farmers and alleged double standards.

"Why did farmers remain poor for decades under

Congress governments? Does he feel sympathy for farmers only in opposition?" he asked.

"Why is he spreading lies?," Nadda sought to ask.

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

He accused Congress party of demoralising the country on all issues be it related to border, national security or fighting Coronavirus pandemic.

"Rahul Gandhi spared no opportunity to demotivate the nation in the spirited fight against COVID-19. Today when India has one of the lowest cases and our scientists have come up with a vaccine, why hasn't he congratulated the scientists and lauded 130 crore Indians even once?," BJP head asked.

inch chest," Surjewala tweeted. Chidambaram had demanded answers from the government on the issue, alleging that BJP MP Tapir Gao has claimed that China has built a 100-house village in the "disputed area" deep into Arunachal Pradesh. He said if the allegation made out by the BJP MP is true, will the government again give a clean hit to China or will blame the previous Governments for it.

Rahul brings booklet to highlight loopholes in agriculture laws

Accuses Modi of monopolising farm sector

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

"There is a tragedy unfolding today in the country. Govt wants to ignore the issue and misinform the country," Rahul said while addressing a press conference after the release. "I am not going to speak about farmers alone as it is only part

of the tragedy. It is important for youngsters. This is not about present but about your future," he added.

"Today, every industry is under a monopoly of three to five people.Be it airport, telecom or power. Modi Government wants to give the agriculture sector as well to those four to five industrialists," he added.

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

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

"We were a preeminent economy, now we are a laughing stock," Rahul Gandhi also said.

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

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

SC seeks to know steps taken for cleaning Yamuna water

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

In the proceedings con-

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

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

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

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

NFR bribery case: CBI seizes ₹2.04 cr more

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

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

So far, ₹4.43 crore have been recovered.

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

India to provide Covid jabs to friendly countries



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

It will also send shipments to Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius as well on receipt of necessary regulatory clearances.

However, India said that it will be ensured that domestic manufacturers will have adequate stocks to meet domestic requirements while supplying abroad.

In a tweet, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is deeply honoured to be a "long-trusted" partner in meeting the healthcare needs of the global community and that supplies of the vaccines to several countries will commence on Wednesday, and more will follow in the days ahead.

India is one of the world's biggest drugmakers, and an increasing number of countries have already approached it for

procuring the coronavirus vaccines.

The Ministry of External Affairs said India will supply Covid-19 vaccines to partner countries over the coming weeks and months in a phased manner keeping in view the domestic requirements.

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

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

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

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

Meanwhile, Union Health Ministry officials said that the total number of persons found positive with UK strain of

End of subsidy in Parl canteens

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Agreeing to the long term demand, Parliament has decided to end the subsidy in the canteens which may save annually around ₹8 crore.

Briefing the media on Tuesday, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said that Lok Sabha Secretariat which was bearing the cost of subsidy has decided to stop the practice of subsidised price of food items in the canteens and the canteens will be run by ITDC in place of Northern Railway.

Talking to reporters about preparations for the next Parliament session, beginning January 29, Birla said Question Hour and Zero Hours will be in this session. Members of Parliament will be requested to undergo the COVID-19 test before the start of the Budget session.

While Rajya Sabha will sit from 9 am to 2 pm, Lok Sabha will function in the second half from 4-8 pm. The Question Hour will be allowed during the session for an already fixed time of one hour.

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

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



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

After their first meeting here, Ghanwat said the first round of consultations with farmers and other stakeholders has been scheduled for Thursday.

The Supreme Court had set up the four-member panel on January 11, but one of them, Bhupinder Singh Mann, recused himself later after questions were raised by the agitating farmer unions

about the views expressed by all members in the past in support of the contentious laws, against which thousands are protesting on Delhi borders for almost two months now.

Separately, nine rounds of talks have taken place between the government and agitating unions without any concrete resolution. Ghanwat, who is the president of the the Shetkari Sanghatana, said the panel will hold its first round of talks with farmers and other stakeholders on January 21.

"The biggest challenge for panel is to convince agitating farmers to come and speak with us. We will try our best," he said.

Ghanwat further said the committee will seek views of farmers and all other stakeholders on the new farm laws, besides the central and state governments.

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

Centre rushes team to Lakshadweep to contain Covid virus

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Cracks in Gupkar Alliance, Sajad Lone pulls out

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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

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

revoking Abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A.

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

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

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

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

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

In most places other parties were silent bystanders or

worst compounded the problem by fielding proxy candidates".

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

We believe that the votes polled against the PAGD are majority the votes cast by proxies of PAGD constituent parties against official PAGD candidates. And the net outcome of selectively voting for and against PAGD is a very poor

vote share. This is certainly not the vote share that people of J and K deserved post August 5", Sajjad Lone wrote.

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

candidates.

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

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

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

Kerala: Factionalism out in open in Cong ahead of polls

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

A day after the Congress High Command appointed Oommen Chandi, former Chief Minister, as the head of the campaign committee for the upcoming Assembly election in Kerala, discontentment among a section of the party leaders have come out in the open.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BJP more dangerous than Maoists, will ruin Bengal: Didi

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

"Let them use terror tactic, let them issue any amount of threat but we shall not bow our heads before these outsiders who do not know about the real culture of Bengal who break the statues of Vidya Sagar, humiliate Rabindranath Tagore," Banerjee said comparing the saffron leaders with cobra.

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

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

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

Back to Purulia: Comparing the saffron out-

fit with cobra Banerjee said, "These people are as venomous as cobra ... they will come, catch, swallow, eat and digest you before moving ahead as if nothing happened," adding, "these are rioters, looters who create division in the society, set one community against the other, promise but do not deliver ... ask them as to what happened to the Rs 15 lakh that they had promised before coming to power in Delhi."

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

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

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

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

Two districts away Adhikari hit back at Banerjee from a rally at Khejuri near Nandigram saying the Chief Minister should get the "ex word" printed on her letter pads as "very soon she will be out of power."

Girl raped by 38 persons undergoing counselling, 20 arrested so far: Cops

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

Based on the girl's disclosure in November last, a total of 29 cases had been registered so far and 20 persons arrested in this connection, a top police official said.

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

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

Three held for rape, murder of 18-year-old Dalit woman in UP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Girl flees uncle's home to escape child marriage, found pursuing nursing course 4 years later

New Delhi: A girl who went "missing" from her maternal uncle's house here nearly four years ago has been found by the Delhi Police who said onTuesday that she had left to escape being married off as a minor and is now pursuing a nursing course.

Officials said she had left the house in May 2017, when she would be around 16, and the matter was reported at the Shalimar Bagh police station in northwest Delhi where a kidnapping case was registered and an investigation initiated. The police had in 2019 also announced a reward of Rs 50,000 for anybody providing information that helped to locate her, they said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime) Bhisham Singh said, "Our (Crime Branch) team contacted and examined the

relatives, friends and acquaintances of the girl. After analysing Call Detail Records, we found that the girl was somewhere in Bihar." Head Constable Ramdas received an input Monday that the girl was coming to Delhi by a bus and would reach Anand Vihar Inter-state Bus Terminal in the morning, he said.

Based on this tip-off, a team was sent to the ISBT and the girl was found, he said. He said the girl told the police her parents had passed away when she was a child and she and her brother used to live with her maternal uncle in Delhi.

"When she was in Class 10, her maternal uncle was forcing her to marry a person of his choice, but she did not want to get married as she was interested in studying further. So she left her maternal uncle's house in 2017 without telling any-

one and reached her maternal grandmother's house in Samastipur district of Bihar," he said. None of her relatives visited her in the Bihar house and her maternal grandmother too did not inform anyone about her being there and supported her in pursuing her studies, according to the DCP.

She completed her school education and took admission in a nursing course in Samastipur, the DCP said. The girl was not aware that an FIR had been lodged in this regard, he said, adding the Crime Branch handed her to the Shalimar Bagh Police Station, where the cases was registered.

The police then presented her before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and further action will be taken in the matter on the direction of CWC. **PTI**

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



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

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

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

The tragedy took place near Kosamba village, around 60 km from Surat, police said. The truck driver, who apparently lost control over the vehi-

cle after hitting a sugarcane laden tractor, has been booked under sections of the IPC and Motor Vehicles Act, police said. The truck driver and the vehicle's 'cleaner' were also injured in the accident and are being treated at a hospital.

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

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

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

pane shattered on impact, which blocked the driver's vision. The truck then veered off the road and crashed into the sleeping labourers," she said.

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

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

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

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Director, Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt, of Tripura invites online Bids on two bid system from reputed & registered caterers/agencies/contractors/individuals/traders /Co-op Societies/SHG/Companies/Hoteliers/Restaurants owners having minimum annual turnover of Rs. 50.00 lakh each for last 3(three) years (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20) & having not less than 3 years experience for providing catering services (early morning snacks, Breakfast, lunch, Tiffin & Dinner etc.) to the trainees/guest/faculty etc. of Tripura Sports School, Badharghat, Agartala as per weekly diet chart initially for a period of 2(two) year w.e.f. (April 01, 2021 to 31 March, 2023) and may be extended for 1(one) year subject to satisfactory performance of the authority of Youth Affairs & Sports Department.

Tender document car. be seen on website **www.tenders.gov.in** and **www.tripuratenders.gov.in**. however, Bid can only be submitted on-line at State Government e-Procurement Portal - **www.tripuratenders.gov.in** by uploading the relevant documents as specified by the Department. Start date of online bid submission from 15/01/2021 at 5:30PM and End date of online bid submission upto 30/01/2021 at 5:00 PM.

Sd/-
(Saradindu Chaudhuri)

Director
Youth Affairs & Sports Department
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With the help of live streaming/telecast of draw proceeding on youtube live. Due to ongoing situation of Covid-19 pandemic and restrictions imposed by MHA /DTC/Haryana/DC Gurugram, over public gathering in order to prevent spreading of corona virus disease.
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Gabba forever!

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



One month ago, editorials across newspapers were bemoaning the state of Indian cricket. An almost full-strength Indian cricket team was bowled out for 36 runs in Adelaide and, despite drawing the white-ball matches three-all, many feared the worst in the forthcoming Tests. After all, India’s talismanic batsman and captain Virat Kohli was headed home to be with his wife for the birth of their first child. Injuries had begun to take their toll even before the first match and, given Australia’s strict two-week quarantine rules, flying in replacements at a moment’s notice was actually impossible. Foreign commentators, always quick to slam India, predicted a whitewash. Yet, somehow in an incredible show of resilience and extraordinary leadership and batsmanship by stand-in captain Ajinkya Rahane, India won the second Test at Melbourne, the best possible gift they could have given Indian cricket fans heading into the start of the new year after what had been a truly woeful 2020 for almost everyone. In and of itself, that was a great story of redemption, coming back from Indian cricket’s worst moment in contemporary history to win handsomely. Many compared that moment to the heroics of VVS Laxman and Rahul Dravid at the Eden Gardens two decades ago. But that was a simple redemption story; this play needed a third act. An act that began with the first match of the new year in Sydney, where a brave Indian second-innings rearguard performance prevented the hosts from winning the Test.

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

Remove Chinese hamlet

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



Even as India and China are locked in a bitter border standoff in eastern Ladakh for over eight months, and both the countries have held several rounds of military and diplomatic dialogue in order to resolve the standoff but without making any significant headway, reports have emerged that China has built a village comprising 120 houses five km inside the disputed territory in Arunachal Pradesh. The provocative development, which ostensibly pertains to November last year, was detected by satellite images taken by Planet Labs. This is the same area where the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) had detained five locals last year. The village is on the banks of the Tsari Chu river in the Upper Subansiri district and China has all along disputed India’s ownership claim over the area. It is feared that China wants to maintain pressure on India by opening several fronts along the 3,488-km Line of Actual Control (LAC), stretching from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east. The development has understandably rung alarm bells in India’s security establishment and the Opposition has also rolled up its sleeves to take on the Government. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi trained his guns on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue of national security after the development was reported. “Remember his promise — ‘*Mai desh jhukne nahi dunga*’,” Rahul wrote on Twitter. Randeep Surjewala, another Congress leader, also slammed the Prime Minister, asking: “...Where is the ‘56-inch chest’?” Returning the fire, BJP president JP Nadha said that the scion, his party and family had repeatedly lied on the issue of China: “When will Rahul Gandhi, his dynasty and the Congress stop lying on China? Can he deny that thousands of km, including the one in Arunachal Pradesh he is referring to, was gifted by none other than Nehru to the Chinese? Time and again, why does Congress surrender to China?” The BJP chief added: “Does Rahul Gandhi have any intention to cancel the Congress party’s MoU with China and their Communist Party? Does he intend to return the Chinese largesse to trusts controlled by his family? Or will their policies and practices continue to be dictated by Chinese money and MoU?”

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

Indefensibility of amorality

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



BHOPIINDER SINGH

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

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



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

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

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

The weight of the 10 Republicans who bolted out of the Trump bandwagon is much more than its arithmetical significance, as it is about the assertion of bipartisan courage, democratic values and basic common sense. In many ways, this internal dissenting note has allowed the Republicans of absolve and permanently cleanse themselves of Trumpism, post-January 20, 2021. While the impeachment process was rushed through the last days of Trump’s presi-

dency, its necessity is contextualised to the public healing of the shame of “coup” and offering a restorative opportunity and agenda for bipartisan politics hereinafter. The singular Republican who had yielded to the dictates of his personal conscience in voting against Trump’s first impeachment, Mitt Romney, noted evocatively in Trump’s second “coming” that there must be “meaningful consequences” when a President incites an attack against the Congress and, more importantly, against all known tenets of democracy.

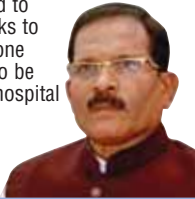
Opinions now abound that the new President, Biden, need not federally prosecute Trump and sustain the divisive and inflammatory ‘Donald Trump show’ to linger, irate passions and sustain dangerous rumours. Trump’s descent into indefensible infamy and notoriety that had toyed with reckless ideas like attacking Iran before elections, imposing quasi-martial law or actually triggering social unrest by insisting upon his allegations of “fraudulent elections”, “can’t play in the hands of these people”, “elections that were stolen” and suchlike, has already brought the US to the unthinkable brink of anarchy and civil war. The isolation of Trump among his

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

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

S O U N D B I T E

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



MoS Defence Shripad Naik

The EU has planned to start raising and allocating in the next few months the main part of the \$906 billion recovery fund to bail out the bloc’s economies hit by COVID.



EU commissioner (economy) Paolo Gentiloni

The characters that are my favourite are not liked by people much. I am not saying that the audience is wrong. It’s just that my likes and dislikes are different.



Actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui

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



Polish FA president Zbigniew Boniek

L E T T E R S T O T H E E D I T O R

BJP’s poll gimmick

Sir — The decision of the Central Government to observe the birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose that falls on January 23 as “Parakram Diwas” from now on is a political stunt with an eye on the forthcoming West Bengal Assembly elections. It is a move to appease voters in West Bengal. Netaji is our real hero who fought for the freedom of the nation and floated the Azad Hind Fauj to fight for India’s independence. The Governments latest move reeks of dirty politics as the BJP or the NDA Government did not have time to remember Netaji during the last six years. But the people of Bengal are wise enough to not fall into such traps and vote judiciously on the basis of the work done and schemes floated by the Government.

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

Bhagwan Thadani
Mumbai

Pride justifiable, but don’t go overboard

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

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



N Sadhasiva Reddy
Bengaluru

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

Azhar A Khan
Rampur

Respect the Tricolour

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

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

Jubel D’Cruz
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The courts in both the countries are working effectively to protect the rights of citizens when it comes to forced conversions. Recently, while hearing a case pertaining to a 14-year-old girl who had converted, the Lahore High Court gave a judgment that religion is a matter of heart and conviction and the court cannot adjudicate on such matters.

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In the last two months, as many as 86 people have been named in 16 First Information Reports (FIRs) since the notification of the new Ordinance in the State. Out of these, 79 are Muslims, who have been slapped with charges of enticing a woman/girl and forcing her to convert to Islam. In one case 26 people,

The coerced conversion, especially of young Hindu and Christian girls in Sindh and Punjab province in Pakistan, continues unabated in absence of explicit laws criminalising it. According to data

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

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

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

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

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

The United Nations' policy brief on the impact of COVID-19 on the world's education system points to the fact that the closure of schools and other learning spaces has impacted up to 99 per cent of students in low and middle-income countries. It warns that the effects on child labour and trafficking could be enormous. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), 152 million minors worldwide are involved in child labour, of which 73 million are involved in slavery, bonded labour, dangerous work and sexual exploitation. It is feared that in poorer countries, many children will completely lose their connection to education and will not return to school at all, as they have to contribute to their family income. They have started believing that their family can no longer afford to educate them and most of the time this is true. India has the highest number of child labourers. According to the Census 2011, there are 10.13 million child workers. The ILO's 2016 data

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Biden Admin will engage the world ‘as it is’, not ‘as it was’: Blinken

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

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

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

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

tional system, and a technological revolution that is reshaping every aspect of our lives, especially in cyberspace," said 58-year-old Blinken, who if confirmed by the Senate, will succeed Mike Pompeo as the next Secretary of State.

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

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

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

Biden nominee says intel won't be politicised

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

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

Haines served in the Obama administration as deputy director of the CIA and deputy national security adviser.

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

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

Washington: Vice President-elect Kamala Harris has acknowledged the challenges that lie ahead for Joe Biden when he will be sworn in as the 46th President of the United States on Wednesday, saying "it is not going to be easy."

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

"We're going into Wednesday knowing that we're ready to do the work, and we've got a lot of work to do. It's not going to be easy," Harris told reporters at Martha's Table in Anacostia here on Monday, observing the National Day of Service.

Every year on the third Monday in January, Americans honour the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., who in the 1950s and 1960s organised non-violent protests for Black equality and voting rights.

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

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

"Some of them say that ours are ambitious goals, but we do believe with hard work and with the cooperation and collaboration of the members of the United States Congress that we can get it done," Harris said in response to a question. **PTI**

Violent attempt at US Capitol to 'overturn' election shocking, incendiary: Independent UN experts

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

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

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

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

Inaugural event to celebrate resiliency of Black Americans

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

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

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

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

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

Biden picks transgender woman as assistant health secy

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

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

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

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

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

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

travel restrictions on European and Brazil.

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

A decision in this regard, he said, is being taken after the January 12 directive of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requiring proof of a negative COVID-19 test or documentation of

having recovered from COVID-19 for all air passengers arriving from a foreign country to the United States.

However, the incoming Biden Administration indicated that it will enforce a strong travel restriction.

"On the advice of our medical team, the Administration does not intend to lift these restrictions on 1/26. In fact, we plan to strengthen public health measures around international travel in order to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19," Psaki said in another tweet. **PTI**

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

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

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

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

"The reality is that only a minority of countries took full advantage of the information available to them to respond to the evidence of an emerging pandemic," the panel said.

The experts also wondered why WHO did not declare a global public health emergency sooner. **AP**

Earthquake injures three in Argentina; tremor also felt in Chile

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

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

The U.S. Geological Survey said the epicenter was 27.6 kilometers (17 miles) southwest of the Argentine town of Porcito and struck at a depth of 14 kilometers (nearly nine miles).

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

Libya's rivals meet in Egyptian resort over constitution

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

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

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

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

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

Kremlin brushes off Western calls to release Navalny

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

Statements have come from around the globe condemning the arrest and calling for the immediate release of Navalny, who blames his poisoning on President Vladimir Putin's government.

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

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

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

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Thai court gives record 43-year sentence for insulting king

Bangkok: A court in Thailand on on Tuesday sentenced a former civil servant to a record prison term of 43 years and six months for breaching the country's strict law on insulting or defaming the monarchy, lawyers said.

The Bangkok Criminal Court found the woman guilty on 29 counts of violating the country's lese majeste law for posting audio clips to Facebook and YouTube with comments deemed critical of the monarchy, the group Thai Lawyers for Human Rights said. The sentence, which comes amid an ongoing protest movement that has seen unprecedented public criticism of the monarchy, was swiftly condemned by rights groups. **AP**

1 dead, 24 migrants rescued on Greek island of Lesbos

Athens: The Greek coast guard says it has rescued 24 people and recovered the body of one man from the southern part of the Aegean island of Lesbos, while a search and rescue operation has been launched for potentially missing people.

The 25, believed to be migrants who had arrived from nearby Turkey, were located on an inaccessible part of the island's coast on Tuesday and were transported from the area by a coast guard vessel, the coast guard said.

A helicopter and several coast guard vessels were searching the area following reports from the migrants that there could be a further three people missing. **AP**

Afghan officials: Taliban attacks, violence kills dozens

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

According to the ministry, 15 Taliban fighters were also killed and 12 were wounded. The details were impossible to independently verify as Kunduz is off limits to journalists and the Taliban hold sway across most of the province's rural areas.

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

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

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

Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, said the insurgents were behind all the attacks. The Taliban were able to seize weapons and ammunition from the checkpoints, he said.

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

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TOO BIG TO FAIL

SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain D-SIBs: RBI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The RBI on Tuesday said state-owned SBI, along with private sector lenders ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank continue to be Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) or institutions which are “too big to fail”.

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

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

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

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



statement.

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

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

Based on the bucket in

The D-SIB framework requires the central to disclose the names of banks designated as D-SIBs starting from 2015 and place these lenders in appropriate buckets depending upon their Systemic Importance Scores

which a D-SIB is placed, an additional common equity requirement has to be applied to it.

In case a foreign bank having branch presence in India is a Global Systemically Important Bank (G-SIB), it has to maintain additional CET1 capital surcharge in the country as applicable, proportionate to its RWAs.

SIBs are seen as “too big to fail (TBTF)”, creating expectation of government support for them in times of financial distress. These banks also enjoy certain advantages in funding markets.

Sensex soars 834 pts as bulls make a comeback

HDFC twins, RIL lead charge

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Reversing two days of heavy losses, the Sensex posted its biggest jump in almost four months on Tuesday as investors returned to buying mode amid expectations of fresh stimulus in the US and other economies.

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

The 30-share BSE Sensex soared 834.02 points or 1.72 per cent to close at 49,398.29. It was its biggest single-day gain since September 25, 2020, when it had climbed 835 points. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rallied 239.85 points or 1.68 per cent to finish at 14,521.15.

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

half of the benchmark's gains.

Only three Sensex components closed in the red — Tech Mahindra, ITC and M&M, shedding up to 0.54 per cent.

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

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

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

“The current market will get further boost by foreign inflow if additional US stimulus kicks in. However, recent

volatility in the market has increased due to concerns over high valuations and bond yields, and investors should be watchful,” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

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

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices jumped up to 2.31 per cent.

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

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

Rupee rises 11 paise to 73.17 against dollar on equity rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee gained 11 paise to settle at 73.17 against the US dollar on Tuesday on the back of rally in domestic equities and weak American currency.

A rebound in regional currencies amid growing risk appetite among investors also supported the local currency.

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

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.22 per cent to 90.52 ahead of the testimony of US Secretary of the Treasury nominee Janet Yellen later in the day.

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

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

Aluminium industry seeks Govt support; looks forward to supportive measures in Budget

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The aluminium industry has urged the Government to increase the basic custom duty on primary aluminium and aluminium scrap to 10 per cent, eliminate the cess on coal among others as the sector is going through a challenging phase and is under immense threat by rising imports.

In a representation to the government ahead of the Union Budget for 2021-22, the Aluminium Association of India said,

“The Indian aluminium industry seeks immediate government support to tide over this challenging phase and look forward for supportive measures in the forthcoming Union Budget 2021-22.

In this regard, it said the budget suggestions for aluminium industry are “increase in basic custom duty on aluminium scrap at par with pri-

mary metal to proposed 10 per cent, as in line with other non-ferrous metals like copper, zinc, lead, nickel, tin etc...Elimination of cess on coal (GST Compensation cess of ₹400/MT) to support highly power intensive industries like aluminium”, among others. The industry has also sought reduction in basic custom duty and correction of inverted duty in structure on critical raw materials for aluminium industry value chain like aluminium fluoroide and coal tar pitch.

“The Indian aluminium industry is going through a challenging phase and is under immense threat by rising imports, declining domestic market share, increasing production and logistics costs,” it said.

These challenges have been further compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic which has adversely impacted the domestic demand for aluminium.

Amazon partners with Startup India, others to boost e-commerce exports from India

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amazon on Tuesday said it has partnered with Startup India, Sequoia Capital India and Fireside Ventures to launch an accelerator programme to help early-stage startups take their brands to global audiences.

The Amazon Global Selling Propel (AGSP) programme has been designed to support early stage startups (raised funding in post seed to pre-series A stage, if funded) in the consumer products space to launch in international markets and create global brands from India through Amazon's Global Selling programme.

As part of the Startup Accelerator, Amazon has constituted a mentorship board consisting of Amazon leaders from India and across the world, VCs and senior leaders from Startup India.

The application process will be open for about three weeks, following which 10 startups would be chosen for the accelerator.

The programme will feature a six-week 1:1 mentorship module for the shortlisted participants where they will get to interact with Amazon leaders from India and worldwide and get firsthand knowledge on building and scaling up exports business through e-commerce, Abhijit Kamra, Director - Global Trade at Amazon India, said. Amazon will provide the support for these startups to launch their products worldwide through its exports programme — Amazon Global Selling, he added.

These startups will then get an opportunity to showcase their business proposition to partner VC firms — Sequoia Capital India and Fireside Ventures and three of them will get a chance to win a total equity free grant of \$50,000 from Amazon.

Amazon will also host open virtual mentorship sessions focused on peer learning by inviting veteran entrepreneurs and members from its mentorship board for startups, to network and learn from their existing ecosystem.

“The adoption of technology and digital transformation has paved the way for India to be at the forefront of innovation, giving rise to some of the best startups in the world. There are many promising, emerging brands that have the capability to become big and go global.

“This is a timely initiative by Amazon which can prove to be a big stepping stone for startups to build their business and get access to global markets, Deepak Bagla, MD and CEO of Invest India, said.

Amit Agarwal, Global Senior Vice President and Country Head Amazon India, said Amazon Global Selling is witnessing tremendous momentum with increasing interest from exporters across India.

“With Amazon Global Selling we will continue to make exports simple and accessible to businesses of all sizes and fulfill our commitment of enabling \$10 billion in e-commerce exports from India by 2025,” he added.

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POSTPONEMENT NOTICE

Tender notice no. BCT/20-21/309 to 311 dt. 08.01.2021 which is to be opened on 02.02.2021 is Postponed and now to be opened on dt.16.02.2021. (Due to technical reason) 586

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India must remain an integral part of global economy: Niti Aayog CEO

New Delhi: India must remain an integral part of the global economy if it has to grow at 9-10 per cent over the next three decades, Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant said on Tuesday. Speaking at the 15th India Digital Summit, Kant said India needs to become a major global exporting nation, without that it will not be possible to become richer and create wealth for its people over the next three decades.

“If India has to grow at 9-10 per cent over a three-decade period, it must be open, it must be an integral part of the global economy.

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

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

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

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

“The logistics team is trying to work towards integrating the various means of transport, various documentation and the various stakeholders including customs, ports, shipping companies, railways, trucking companies, inland waterways...

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

Jan Dhan accounts cross 41 cr: FinMin

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

As on January 6, 2021, the total number of Jan Dhan accounts stood at 41.6 crore. “Govt. Committed to #FinancialInclusion to all citizens. As on 6/1/21, #PMJDY accounts cross 41 Cr. And Zero Balance Accounts decline to 7.5% from 58% in March 2015. Clearly showing the use and adaption by every account holder,” the Finance Ministry said in a tweet.

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

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

Petrol and diesel prices were hiked by 25 paise per litre each, according to a price notification from oil marketing companies.

This took the petrol price in Delhi to ₹85.20 per litre and to ₹91.80 in Mumbai.

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

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

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Tenders are invited from parties in the business of event management. The firms in the business for past Seven years may apply for provision of temporary infrastructure facilities and celebrity Management for the event called “International Yog Festival 2021” to be held at Ganga Resort, Muni Ki Reti, Rishikesh from 1st to 7th March 2021. Last date of applying for the E-Tender is 03.02.2021, 15:00 Hrs. The terms and conditions of the tender process as mention in tender document along with information can be downloaded from the website www.uktenders.gov.in. Cost of tender is Rs. 5000.00 and EMD is Rs 3,00,000.00 (Three Lakh Only) The tender can only be uploaded through E-tendering Procedure on the website www.uktenders.gov.in

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General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Khazan Chand, S/o: Khem Chand, R/o: B-94, Street No. 2, Rajeev Nagar, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **21.12.2020** at 09:00 am. from the area of P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 44A dated 27.12.2020** has been lodged at P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. The description of the missing male are as under: **Age: 33 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Black colour T-shirt and blue colour jeans.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this male kindly inform to the following.

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INBRIEF

GOVT HONORS RAVEE SINGH AHLUWALIA



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

BHEL WINS ICAI NATIONAL AWARD

New Delhi: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has won the coveted “ICAI National Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting” for the financial year 2019-20. The award was received by Subodh Gupta, Director (Finance), BHEL from Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises. Significantly, winning this prestigious recognition is a rare distinction achieved by BHEL after nearly four decades. The last time this recognition was granted to BHEL by ICAI, was in the year 1981-82. Notably, an independent jury unanimously selected BHEL in the ‘Infrastructure and Construction Sector’ category, for the Award for FY 2019-20 after screening at various levels.

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

MARKEM-IMAJE BEGINS WORK AT BHIWADI PLANT
New Delhi: Markem-Imaje, a wholly owned subsidiary of the US-based Dover Corporation, announced the commencement of work at its first plant at RIICO Industrial Area, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan. It will also be the head office of the company in the country and the facility is intended to cater to the domestic market. “I am convinced the best days are still to come and see India as a huge growth opportunity for us and our customers,” said Vincent Vanderpoel, CEO of Markem-Imaje .

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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.

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2.	Sonika Chauhan, Pankaj Chauhan/ LBFD800002277228	Flat No B103 Tower B 1st Floor, Plot Bearing No GH-07-07A Casa Grande Sector-CHI-V Greater Noida
3.	Faisal Arif, Hina Naz, Mukarram Ali/ LBNOD00002408962	Flat No 901, 9th Floor Tower-A Plot No GH- 07A Casa Grande Sector- CHI-V Greater Noida
4.	Faisal Arif, Hina Naz, Mukarram Ali/ LBNOD00002394509	Flat No 1101, Flat No 1101 11th Floor Tower A Casa Grande Plot No Bearing No GH 07A Sector CHI VI Greater Noida Noida
5.	Vinod Kumar, Sonia Teotia/ LBNOD00002270175	B- 605 6th Floor Block B, Casa Grande Plot No 7A Sector CHI-V Greater Noida
6.	Varun Bhardwaj, Kamakshi Bajaj/ LBDEL00002550031	Flat No B 707, 7th Floor Casa Grande Plot Bearing No GH-07-07A Sector-CHI-V Greater Noida
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Dated: January 20, 2021
Place: Delhi/NCR

For ICICI Bank Limited
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NAIL YOUR INTERVIEW

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

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

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

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

is not a good way to impress your interviewer and for certain professions, smiling too much can undermine your success in a job interview.

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

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

Mirror your recruiter's body language
Let's face it; your interviewer is going to base a major part of their decision on whether or not they like your personality. Therefore, it's suggested to mimic the recruiter's mannerisms as by reflecting their behaviour, the similarities establish a bond. This approach puts the interviewer at ease, promoting trust and likeability. For example, note the interviewer's communication style (whether formal or casual), and try to adapt the same. If they lean forward, likewise adjust your posture. Furthermore, echoing their voice tone and pitch is another great psy-

chological trick that you can employ in your next job interview

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

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

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

In a study conducted at Northeastern

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

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

Don't interrupt
Interrupting someone elicits negative feelings. Never interrupt your recruiter, even when you think that your thoughts align with him/her and it shows that you're on the same page. Interruption can seem to be rude and also depicts a lack of listening skills.

It would be witty to consider the above-mentioned checks before landing for an interview. No interview is good or bad, successful or failed, but an experience in itself to understand the value of communication.

The writer is Founder & CEO, Vasitum

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

— Paul Goodman

EXPERTSAY

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

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

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

— Dr Sunita Gandhi, Founder — Global Classroom Pvt Ltd & Global Education Training Institute

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

— Gaurav Tyagi, Founder — Career Xpert

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

— Rustom Kerawalla, Chairman, Ampersand Group

The year 2020 will be remembered for many events from economic slowdown to President Trump's defeat and from stock market crash to rumour of Kim Jong (North Korea leader) being dead. But one that leaves the mark in minds and impacted everyone is COVID-19, which has changed the way we work, live, communicate or think. Many technology professionals and enthusiasts lost their jobs during this pandemic and technology start-ups shut shop due to limited cash flows. 2020 college graduates faced difficulty to kick start their career and those graduating in 2021 are confused or stressed.

Not everything is gloomy though as COVID had few positive impacts such as corporates adopting work from home, professionals learning new skills and most important driving digital transformation adoption by 3x times for most of the businesses, governments and consumers across the globe.

A career mantra we recommend and which is applicable for any professional any time and more so for 2021 is 3L — Learn, Leverage and Lead to build "T-shape" profile.

Learn: 2020 taught us that we need to learn to adapt lifelong and not get in our comfort zones. Technology professionals should continue to re-skill or up skill themselves in the latest technologies and trends. Cloud architects and developers can learn new cloud platforms, mobile app developers can ensure to know a few competing languages or frameworks (ex: React, Android, Angular or Flutter) and so

Follow the 3Ls

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



on. While I advise to build a deep expertise in one or two areas, at times it is good to have few breadths in other relevant technologies or functional domains. Someone with T-shape skill profile can always move to adjacent domains or expertise if their existing area becomes irrelevant or too competitive. Example would be embedded software programmer while having strength in C, Python or NodeJS should also build some understanding of hardware architecture, PCB designing, design optimisation and probably soft skills to build

stronger EQ (Emotional Quotient).

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

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

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

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

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

The writer is Head — Digital Solutions at Napino

KISS of fortune

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

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

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

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

But amongst all these troubles, Swapna nurtured a beautiful dream in her heart. She wanted to study. But it was a day dream for her as the village had no roads or schools nearby. At this juncture, her fate took a turn for the better and a determined Swapna could reach KISS, accompanied by a villager who was trying to get her own daughter admitted to KISS. Before this, Swapna had only heard about the institute. Her long cherished dream had begun to take shape & she was admitted to class-I in 2010.

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

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

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

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

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

Results out for CS programme

The result of Company Secretaries Foundation Programme examination held in 149 centres across the nation including one overseas centre at Dubai on December 26 and December 27, 2021 has been declared on January 18, 2021 at 11:00 am at New Delhi and released to all the Regional and Chapter Offices of the Institute throughout the country for information of all concerned.

In addition to making available the result along with subject wise break-up of marks on the institute's website — www.icsi.edu the ICSI has extended the facility of downloading of e-Result-

cum-Marks Statement by the candidates. In December, 2020 session, 70.22 per cent of candidates passed the Foundation Programme examination.

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

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

National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries

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

The first session of the day on Enhancing Quality & Governance encompassed a discussion on an assemblage of Secretarial Standards, Secretarial

Audit, Auditing Standards, UDIN, ECSIN, Peer Review, Code of Conduct and Ethics.

The second session on Embracing Winning Strategies dealt in details with the Art of Advocacy, Opinion writing, Mega Firms, Networking and Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships giving an insight of the dynamism and chal-



lenges of the practice side.

Sharing his experience as a Practising

Company Secretary and as the President of the Institute, CS Ashish Garg, President, The

ICSI, said, "While the Institute has taken the responsibility of promoting a culture of good governance in all spheres in the country; on the other, it is the members i.e. the Company Secretaries and the Governance Professionals who are entrusted with the responsibility of dispensing off their duties with greater enthusiasm and transparency."

New appointments

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India has elected CS Nagendra D Rao, as President and CS Devendra V Deshpande, as Vice-President of the year 2021 w.e.f. January 19, 2021.

A fellow member of The ICSI, CS Nagendra D Rao is a Designated Partner and Founder of CS Nagendra D Rao and Associates, LLP, a firm of Practising Company Secretaries in

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

A fellow member of the ICSI, CS Devendra V Deshpande was elected to the Central Council of the ICSI for the term 2019 — 2022. He is a Nominee Director at ICSI IIP.

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



Be a pioneer in your field

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

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

Traffic Communication Skills

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

plays a catalytic role not only in the success of entrepreneurs but also all paves the way for the success of each one of us in almost every walk of life. Pandemic is a golden time for students to learn various skills that helps them to shape their future. A good communicator will emerge victorious in almost all walks of life.

Upgrading Skills

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

Thus entrepreneurs reoriented their business model and strategies. Thus willingness to upgrade and acclimatise to any situation befall on you determines your success. Thus this trait

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should be inculcated by us in 2021. These entrepreneurial skills will let students stride on path of success.

Crisis Management Skills

It's not easy to tackle any crisis but your role to manage the situation is define your skills or mind-set towards it. For students the most important skill set that leads to the sparkling success of any entrepreneur is his acumen for crisis management. Standing firm in the face of crisis, wading through the crisis and emerging victorious are few traits associated with entrepreneurs. But this skill holds immense value in our lives when we should be ready to grapple with any untoward incident and emerge victoriously. So, it would be apt to say we all should strive to inculcate this entrepreneurial trait in 2021 when 2020 shows us that we have to hold strong in the face of crisis and any extenuating circumstances.

Optimal Use of resources

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

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

Ability to Take Risks

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

Thus 2020 brought lessons for us that it's not only for students or entrepreneurs to enhance their skills but it's equally important to learn entrepreneurial skills to sail through all the extenuating circumstances of life.

The writer is founder-chairman, Saba Group and Anankee Foundation

‘Let’s build self-reliant & digital India’

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

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

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



Rahul Garg
Founder-CEO, Moglix

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

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

from offline to online processes through the pandemic.

The new decade will bring disruptions characterised by high volume, velocity, and variety of change. Fiscal policy interventions from governments, advisories from consulting companies, and businesses' initiatives will have to be a step ahead of such unseen changes and build deterrence capabilities well in advance. Institutions will have to move towards a new normal of collecting, analysing, and interpreting data for decision making, getting higher predictability about the future, and staying ahead of the curve. Startups born from technology innovations in emerging technologies like big data, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and cloud computing will enable businesses, Governments, and social enterprises to achieve unprecedented levels of proactive institutional behavior.

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

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

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

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

The NEP 2020 aims to increase public investment in education from 4.4% of India's GDP to 6% and improve education for nearly 300 million students. Towards this, the policy sets out comprehensive reforms that will affect every student, from the play schoolers to ambitious master's

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

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

use of technology in college education.

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

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

and integrate continually changing data.

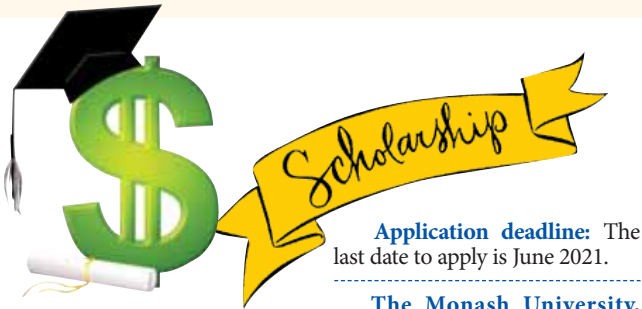
Flexible paths and more choice of subjects: Students will have various courses and subjects to choose from. The HECI is expected to set up a solitary all-encompassing umbrella body for all advanced education streams, barring clinical and legal training. Vocational or skill-based learning will also be included. The new system is expected to provide flexibility.

Project-based and experiential learning: Accurate assessment is the process of uncovering, understanding and figuring out what a learner does and does not understand, and moving forward from there. Project-based and experiential learnings may well become the norm then.

Mobile learning and self-directed learning could form the core of formal education models: Regardless of whether through versatile learning applications or 1:1 mixed learning or customised learning calculations, or self-coordinated learning, the fate of learning is without a doubt portable, individual, and self-coordinated.

Many believe that if the new policy is implemented sincerely with a careful designing of syllabi and curricula, it can transform India into a self-reliant knowledge superpower. The 2021 educationists should hook on to thinking about students as individuals and inspire students to learn.

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Application deadline: The last date to apply is June 2021.

The Monash University, Melbourne, Australia invites applications for up to 25 Engineering International Undergraduate Excellence studentships to students willing to enlist in a bachelor engineering programme.

Eligibility: You can apply for this high achiever prize if you are an international student who is currently in year 12 (or equivalent), or completed year 12 (or equivalent) in the previous year and have not undertaken any other tertiary study. The candidates must have a full offer or a conditional offer on meeting English requirements.

Supporting documents: Applicants must prepare to submit a transcript, a statement, a copy of educational certificates and other required at the time of application. Check all required documents needed. Email your documents as a single PDF to sebs.csu.documents@monash.edu.

Admission requirements: Applicants must have achieved a minimum equivalent ATAR score of 95.00 to take enrolment in an engineering course at Monash.

Language requirement: Before you apply to Monash, you must meet the minimum English language requirements.

How to apply: Applications are not necessary, when you submit a course application at the Monash University you will automatically eligible for the grant program.

Application deadline: Apply now.

The University of Sheffield, UK invites applications for its Computer Science Excellence Scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded in recognition of academic excellence to overseas students starting an undergraduate degree September 2021 in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Sheffield.

Award: Up to £2000

Eligibility: Attain A level grades of A*A*A (or above), or equivalent, including an A* in Mathematics.

Make the University of Sheffield your first (firm) choice in the UCAS application process for 2021 entry.

Apply to study a full-time undergraduate programme in the Department of Computer Science.

Be classed as an international student for tuition fee purposes.

Be taking all prerequisite subjects for your selected degree

The university will offer the scholarship in the form of a cash bursary at the start of your course should you be eligible.

How to apply: The scholarship amount is depended on your academic achievement please email the Undergraduate Admissions Team: ug-compisci@sheffield.ac.uk

For full details and terms please visit - <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/engineering/study/scholarships-international-excellence>

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Skill(s): English (Spoken & Written)

STUDY ABROAD

‘Many benefits of studying MBBS abroad’

Fee hike, bond sign and increase in NEET cut-off has made students apply to foreign colleges, says VP BENIWAL

Many students have opted for MBBS abroad. Many medical colleges in India have increased their fee this year. Also some State medical colleges and institutes have levied the filling of bonds.

Haryana has increased its fee from ₹4 lakh to ₹10 lakh per year with the conditions to sign a bond. The students can pay this amount by taking the loans and the Government would repay the instalments of the loan. According to the bond, a student on completing MBBS will have to serve at the public health centres in rural areas. If the persons quits to work under the said conditions, the bond repayments shall not be borne by the Government.

Fee hike in Southern States like Kerala has also

been reported this year. Where the fee was around ₹5-₹6 lakh till last year for private medical colleges, this year it has hiked to ₹12-₹13 lakh per year. Such high fee is creating financial burden on parents.

Also, the NEET cut off for Government medical colleges has hiked. Hence the students scoring close to 600 have also not got the medical colleges of their choice in India. Such students were left with options to choose either a private medical college if they could afford or opt for MBBS abroad where the latter seems to be a wise decision. Where such students could not secure their medical seat in India, these students are offered scholarships with premium Government universities abroad.

With these changes students tend to get attracted towards MBBS abroad. Some have even cracked the opportunity this year while other are hopeful to apply after NEET 2021.

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IN BRIEF

THE LITTLE SINGHAM HITS A MILLION DOWNLOADS

The Little Singham: Kids Early Learning App launched last year by Creative Galileo has hit a million downloads in just six months with an average rating of 4.70. Creative Galileo is an e-learning app that weaves together the best of education and entertainment to create personalised, integrated learning experiences for young minds.

This educational app is a paradigm shift from traditional teaching practices and targets children from three to eight years to teach them about colours, numbers, shapes, phonics, etc. Delivered via extremely engaging storylines of Little

Singham and his friends, Babil, Lattu, Hawaldar Karate, and many others, this app helps to inculcate friendship, kindness, helpfulness, and morality in kids.

Talking about the app, founder Prerna Jhunjhunwala, said: "Traditionally, education and fun were supposed to be two things that are the complete opposite of each other, but we believe that when the children are having fun, then they are more interested in learning. Our carefully curated content brings together the best of education and entertainment. This is a holistic kid's app that meets the end to end needs of parents and children."

COVISHIELD VACCINE DRIVE AT SIMS HOSPITALS

The SIMS Hospitals (SRM Institutes for Medical Science), Vadapalani, one of the leading multi specialty hospitals in Chennai, joins India's biggest vaccination drive against COVID 19 with Covishield vaccine, beginning today.

Inaugurated by Dr J Radhakrishnan, Principal Secretary, Health & Family

Welfare Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, the Covishield vaccine will be provided free of cost to about 1500 healthcare workers as well as frontline workers of SIMS Hospital, in this phase-I of vaccination drive. Using their Government identity cards, health workers can register to avail the free vaccine.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Radhakrishnan said: "Building trust and confidence to motivate people to get vaccinated against COVID 19 is very important. I got the immunisation vaccine administered to emphasise the vaccine's safety and efficacy. I am elated that those who have already got vaccinated are responding well to the vaccination too."

13TH ED LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE

We are in the middle of the most challenging years for Indian education sector. The Ed Leadership Roundtable Conference acts as a medium to initiate critical conversations, those that define the future of education.

The 13th edition of Ed Leadership Conference, organised by GETI, is going to be held from January 21 — January 24, 2021. The chief guests of the event are Anurag Tripathi, senior bureaucrat of 1998 batch officer of IRPS and Secretary of Central Board of Secondary Education

since May 2017 and Dr. Dinesh Sharma, the Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

The first ever Ed Leadership International Roundtable happened in the year 2008 and ever since, 12 more have taken place where attendees are given a participation certificate, followed by Innovation-in-Process Fellowships and International Education Innovator Awards.

The virtual conference is free for all the attendees and can be booked online (<https://www.edleader.in/register.aspx>).

Ajinkya India

Rahane & Co does winning talk, pull off historic Test series win Down Under

PTI ■ BRISBANE

They say heroes are ordinary people doing extraordinary stuff. If one wanted to see a Live demonstration of it, Gabba was the place to be where Australia's cricketing pride and invincibility was torn to shreds by a bunch of Indian rookies who didn't seem to care for either history or reputations.

A target of 328 lay in front of them and with all the broken bones and bruised bodies in the dressing room, it would have been perfectly understandable to chase a draw to retain that coveted Border-Gavaskar trophy.

But they wanted more and that's precisely what they walked away with.

So what if their regular captain was on paternity leave? So what if their pace spearhead and premier all-rounder were out injured? So what if the crowd in Sydney had caused some mental scars with their racist chants?

So what? Asked a lot which had seen adversity of a more intense kind in their personal lives. They knew all about it and on the field, they showed how to stand up to it.

On Tuesday, a minefield of talent called Rishabh Pant (89 not out off 138 balls) channelled his inner *Mad Max* to scare the daylight out of the Australians with his breathtaking strokeplay. He couldn't care less for the history that the home team had not lost at 'Fortress Gabba' in the past 32 years.

He was out to change it. Coach Ravi Shastri knew how momentous it was. He would know, he was part of the ride and he made no bones about it.

"It is the toughest tour ever. Nothing surpasses this. After 36 all out, this is unreal," Shastri said, admitting that at the end of it all, he had tears in his eyes.

If Shastri's intense declaration reflected his flamboyance, stand-in captain Ajinkya Rahane's reticence shone through in his response.



"I looked good because everyone contributed," he said.

The highlights package of Pant's battle with Nathan Lyon can be enjoyed repeatedly in times to come as he demolished the 100-Test man in company of debutant Washington Sundar (22), who hooked the world's best fast bowler, Pat Cummins, for a six.

No one moved from their seats as Pant cut, drove, and paddle-swept to make a statement to his detractors while gifting India one of their finest overseas wins during the dying moments of the final session with an off-driven boundary.

While Shubman Gill (91 off 146 balls) announced his arrival on the global stage, Cheteshwar Pujara (56 off 211 balls) surpassed all the pain barriers en route his slowest Test fifty that held the game in balance for Pant to launch a final assault.

The Australian team wouldn't feel too good about not being able to win a Test match with an opposition that was finding it difficult to field a fit first XI a day prior to the Test match.

Add to it, the visitors were also left quite hurt by the racial slurs directed at the likes of Mohammed Siraj and Jasprit Bumrah by the crowd during the Sydney Test.

The series will be remembered for ages and the impact that Ajinkya Rahane's team had on the cricketing fraternity and the fans in general will be written in golden words when a fresh history of Test cricket after 2000 is written.

In terms of relevance, a series win without Virat Kohli, Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah not being available at various points, is zillion times more significant than the 2-1 win in 2018-19 when the opposition didn't have Steve Smith and David Warner in its ranks.

First time, people celebrated draws, became empathetic to players with limited abilities and believed in their team.

The stands were near-about empty at the Gabba thanks to the Covid-19 crowd restrictions but make no mistake that Test cricket seemed well and truly alive and kicking.

With its beautiful ebbs and flows, the fifth day was witness to three separate schools of batsmanship, so very dissimilar to each other.

Gill, who is now going to be the "Real Deal", was free-flowing in his stroke-making with his "beside the line of the ball" technique as he rode the bounce to ham-

mer home the advantage and briefly make India favourites to win the battle.

The two sixes off Mitchell Starc — a slash over backward point and a thump over deep mid-wicket — will be the ones for the keeps.

The disdain while thrashing the Australian bowlers would have made even Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli proud. India have now got Kohli's heir apparent and the 21-year-old is here to stay for the longest time.

Pujara, on the other hand, saw the Australian try out the menacing short ball tactic. He took a few on the helmet, a few more on the chest and other parts and a painful one on the knuckles but remained unfazed.

Gill and Pujara showed that there are multiple ways to skin a cat.

If Pujara was ready to duck, sway and cop body blows off Josh Hazlewood and Cummins, showing the art of survival, Gill, on his first tour of Australia, was ready to be the intimidator by bringing the pull shot out of his repertoire.

The duo, during its 114-run stand, showed that very contrasting styles can co-exist without conflict even as fans of both genres argue who has the more appropri-

ate approach for the format.

Even Pant with his cavalier ways would have added his two cents to the debate on various styles.

But for the uninitiated, the three distinct schools can be suitably de-constructed — Pujara's was more of investing in an LIC policy with safe returns while Gill's approach, with his collars-up, was akin to mutual funds and Pant would most likely play his game in high-stakes stock market where winner takes it all but at times at a heavy price.

While the final day performance is sure to hold a special place but the story of this match won't be complete without a more than honourable mention of what Shardul Thakur and Washington Sundar did on the third morning and afternoon.

Had that partnership not been there, it wouldn't have been as easy for India as it seemed in the end. Thakur and Washington gave hope of a fight, Pujara, Gill and Pant, with their performances, honoured that fight.

Coach Ravi Shastri was once panned for his "best travelling Indian team" comment but after January 19, very few would disagree that this is the "toughest Indian team on road".

Biggest moment of my life: Pant

PTI ■ BRISBANE

After playing a key role in India's breathtaking and successful run chase in the series-deciding fourth Test against Australia, Rishabh Pant on Tuesday called the historic win as the "biggest moment" of his life.

"This is one of the biggest moments of my life now, and I'm happy that all the support staff and all my teammates supported me even when I wasn't playing," Pant said at the post-match presentation ceremony.

India did not play Pant in either the preceding ODI or the T20 series. But the young wicketkeeper-batsman made an impression in the Test series, playing a combative 97-run knock in the second innings in Sydney and again here on Tuesday.

"It's been a dream series. The team management always backs me and tells me, you are a match-winner and you have



to go win the match for the team. I keep thinking every day that I want to win matches for India, and I did it today," Pant said.

India skipper Ajinkya Rahane initially struggled to find words but gathered himself to praise his courageous teammates.

"It means a lot to us. I don't know how to describe this, but our boys showed a lot of character and determination after the Adelaide Test," Rahane, who led India in the absence of Virat Kohli, said.

"I'm really proud of each individual." Australia captain Tim Paine graciously admitted that they were outplayed by the Indians.

"We were here to win the series, but we have just been outplayed by a disciplined and tough Indian side who fully deserve the series win. We have to look back over a lot of things, and we'll go through it as a group.

"We have been outplayed by a better side this series," he said.

'Never ever underestimate India'

PTI ■ BRISBANE

Outplayed by an inexperienced and injury-plagued India, a shocked Australia head coach Justin Langer on Tuesday said one massive lesson that he has learnt from the setback is to "never ever, ever underestimate" the "really tough" players from that country.

A visibly shaken Langer lauded India for the lion-hearted effort to win the Border-Gavaskar Trophy 2-1 despite playing with a second-string side, especially after being decimated inside three days in the series-opener in Adelaide. That loss included India's lowest-ever Test score of 36 in the second innings.

"It was an incredible Test series and in the end there is always a winner or a loser. Today Test cricket is the winner. It's gonna hurt us big time. India deserved full credit. They have been outstanding but we have learnt lessons from it," Langer told *Channel 7*.

"First, you can never take anything for granted, second never ever, ever underestimate the Indians. There are 1.5 billions Indians and if you play in that first eleven you got to be really tough, don't you?"

Langer said the fightback after the Adelaide debacle was nothing short of remarkable especially after injury-forced ouster of big players like Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja.

India found new stars such as Shubman Gill, Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur and Mohammed Siraj among others who surprised the Aussies with their never-say-die spirit.

"I can't compliment India enough. They haven't gone away after that first Test match which we won in three days, bowled them out for 30 odd. For them to fight back like they did is amazing, credit to them. The big lesson for us is that you can't take anything for granted. India never got away," he said.

HISTORY MAKERS

Know Your Heroes: A few good men and a story of a lifetime

Delhi in wee hours of morning on weekends to attend training at the famed Sonnet Club and before the crack of dawn rest at the Gurdwara before heading to the ground. He played an IPL game days after his father Rajendra's sudden demise.

MOHAMMED SIRAJ

Son of an auto-rickshaw driver from Hyderabad's Lancer. He lost his father during the tour but decided to stay for the team and miss the last rites. He got a maiden five for in his debut series and was all choked up while dedicating the feat to the memory of his father. The youngster handled racist abuse from Australian fans with the same resolve.

NAVDEEP SAINI

Son of a bus driver from Karnal, he used to play tennis ball matches for ₹1000. Delhi

first-class player Sumit Narwal brought him for the Ranji Trophy nets where then captain Gautam Gambhir picked him for tournament-proper. It was met with stiff resistance from none other than Bishan Singh Bedi who protested that a player outside Delhi domicile was being picked. This led to Gambhir putting his foot down and he never misses an opportunity to remind the detractors what Saini seemed capable of even at that time.

SHUBMAN GILL

The heir apparent of Virat Kohli was born in a Punjab village called Fazilka to an affluent farmer family. His grandfather had prepared a pitch in the farming field for his dearest grandson before his father decided to shift to Mohali so that his son's cricketing ambitions got wings. He was a member of the India U-19 World Cup team. Recently, on his Instagram account, he had

voiced his support for ongoing farmers' protest.



CHETESHWAR PUJARA

The man from Rajkot is not very expressive but has dealt with adversity because of a strong mental make-up largely due to his coach and father Arvind Pujara. He lost his mother while playing junior cricket but never wavered from his goal despite the tragedy. Those hits on the body and knuckles in Brisbane on Tuesday will be the medals he would like to wear all his life.

SHARDUL THAKUR



He comes from Palghar and as a 13-year-old had hit six sixes for his school Vivekananda International Borivali in a Harris Shield Match. Who is the most celebrated alumni of Vivekananda International? India's white ball legend Rohit Sharma. Both Shardul and Rohit have had the same childhood coach — Dinesh Lad, whose son Siddhesh also plays for Mumbai.

WASHINGTON SUNDAR

The name Washington was his father's tribute to his own mentor PD Washington, who had funded his studies and kits when he was young and faced financial hardships. A month after PD Washington's death, his own son was born and he named him Washington Sundar.

We are all overjoyed at the success of the Indian Cricket Team in Australia. Their remarkable energy and passion was visible throughout. So was their stellar intent, remarkable grit and determination. Congratulations to the team! Best wishes for your future endeavors.
—PM NARENDRA MODI

A historic cricketing triumph scripted in Australia! Congratulations to India's talented young cricket team for winning the hard-fought test series. The team showed exceptional skills and resilience. The nation is proud of their achievement.
—PRESIDENT RAM NATH KOVIND

EVERY SESSION WE DISCOVERED A NEW HERO. Every time we got hit, we stayed put & stood taller. We pushed boundaries of belief to play fearless but not careless cricket. Injuries & uncertainties were countered with poise & confidence. One of the greatest series wins! Congrats India.
—SACHIN TENDULKAR

WHAT A WIN!!! Yesssssss. To everyone who doubted us after Adelaide, stand up and take notice. Exemplary performance but the grit and determination was the standout for us the whole way. Well done to all the boys and the management. Enjoy this historic feat lads. Cheers @BCCI
—VIRAT KOHLI

Khushi ke maare pagal. This is the new India. *Ghar mein ghuskar maarta hai.* From what happened in Adelaide to this, these young guys have given us a joy of a lifetime. There have been World Cup wins but this is special. And yes, there is a reason Pant is extra special.
—VIRENDER SEHWAG

Well done captain @ajinkyarahane88 this this biggest series win I feel.. Without many big names you guys have showed the way how it's done congratulations @BCCI
—HARBHAJAN SINGH

Test cricket's heart is beating strongly! That was an extraordinary win @BCCI & a fantastic series to watch. Aussies not lost at The Gabba since 1988. Wow
—STUART BROAD

What a Test match! The depth of Indian Cricket is scary. @RishabhPant17, sweet number 17. Well played young man. #testcricket at its very best
—AB DE VILLIERS

Only issue with India beating Australia in such an INCREDIBLE manner, is that the Test was played in Brisbane. A city that doesn't deserve an event so good! Rolling on the floor laughing. Pant — the boy who turned into a man today in Australia, in cricketing terms!
—KEVIN PIERSON

The Greatest Test series win of all time ... Well done #India you have just shown the way for England to get back those Ashes back later in the year ...
—MICHAEL VAUGHAN

Remarkable. Injuries galore, absent players, & beating Australia at their fortress at the Gabba. This has been the most remarkable test series victory I've watched in my experience. India's depth of talent, heart and character must forever lift an entire nation. Congratulations.
—IAN BISHOP

Congrats to the Indian cricket team @BCCI! That's one of the best series wins I can ever remember on Aust soil & to do it after being bowled out for 36, plus a depleted squad—shows tremendous character, resilience, courage & belief. Just fantastic @RaviShastri0fc @ajinkyarahane88.
—SHANE WARNE

Speechless !!! Fortress Gabba has been breached !! What a great great game of Test match cricket . I still have goosebumps . Complete team effort . *Jab hausle ho Buland toh har mushkil lage aasaan !* #TeamIndia Flag of India #Merabharatmahaan
—MITHALI RAJ

One of the greatest test series wins ever. Congrats India and well played Australia, what a series #INDvsAUS.
—GOOGLE CEO SUNDAR PICHAI

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Rourkee has always been known for its finest engineering college, now an IIT



but this is also the hometown of Rishabh Pant, son of school owner parents. There was a time that on occasions a young Pant, accompanied by his mother would reach