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Mamata meets PM; chai pe charcha with Sonia today

Bengal CM on mission to unite Opp leaders

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on a high-profile visit to the national Capital met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence on Tuesday ahead of a series of meetings with top Opposition leaders to prepare the strategy for a unified challenge to the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

On Wednesday, Mamata will hold "chai pe charcha" with Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

This was the Bengal Chief Minister's first meeting with the Prime Minister after the bitter Bengal election campaign.

Mamata told reporters after the meeting that there should be a Supreme Courtmonitored enquiry into the Pegasus scandal involving Opposition leaders, two Union Ministers and 40 journalists revealed as potential targets of surveillance using Israeli Pegasus spyware that is sold only to Governments.

Mamata's nephew Abhishek Banerjee is among the potential targets whose name has surfaced as part of a worldwide investigation by a media consortium that includes India's The Wire. Mamata announced a judicial enquiry led by former Supreme Court judges on Monday.

Mamata described her meeting with the PM as a "courtesy visit" and said she discussed the Covid situation, the supply of vaccines and medicine to the State and also a proposal to rename Bengal

"I should not speak what the PM said," she told reporters when pressed for details.

Apart from Sonia, Mamata



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee during their meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday

Opposition leaders like NCP Om Prakash Chautala, Shiv chief Sharad Pawar, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Opposition leaders like NCP Om Prakash Chautala, Shiv and political strategist Prashant Kishor. Continued on Page 2

6th day of Monsoon Session washed out, Modi slams Opp Congress for obstructing business in both Houses and asked

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 $P^{\text{lacards of "Big Brother is}}_{\text{Watching" and ear-split-}}$ ting slogans were the only highlight of the sixth day of the Parliament session which ended without transacting any business on Tuesday even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave tongue-lashing to the

BJP MPs to "expose" the Opposition party.

Both Houses of Parliament have barely transacted any business as they have been

witnessing a repeat adjournments on account of Congressled vociferous protest on a range of issues, including farm-

Members protest in the Well of the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon Session of

ers' agitation and Pegasus spyware controversy.

Both the Lok Sabha and

the Rajya Sabha were adjourned multiple times on Tuesday as members of the Opposition continued their vociferous protests on the Pegasus snooping issue, seeking an independent judicial probe into the matter.

Apart from the reports by the Pegasus Project partners, the issues of the farmers' demand to repeal the three farm laws and petrol prices skyrocketing have also been raised by Opposition members.

However, it was the Pegasus issue that has dominated proceedings in both the Houses so far. As soon as the Raiva Sabha and the Lok Sabha resumed their sessions, the Opposition members began raising slogans in support of their demands for a probe.

Rakesh Asthana

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STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI General of the Border Security

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Force (BSF), will join

as the Delhi Police

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Shrivastava, 1988

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was appointed as the acting

Delhi Police Commissioner

after then incumbent SN

Special Director of the Central

Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

During his stint in the CBI, he

was engaged in an unsavoury

spat with then CBI Director

Asthana has served as the

Shrivastava retired.

BSY's Man Friday is K'taka new CM

Basavaraj Bommai, a Lingayat, to take oath as CM today

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

Basavaraj S Bommai, 61, the State Home Minister, a "Lingayat" by caste and a close confidant of BS Yediyurappa was on Tuesday declared the new Chief Minister of Karnataka after BJP legislature party met at the State capital. Bommai is expected to take oath of Chief Ministership

on Wednesday. The name of Bommai, the son of former State Chief Minister SR Bommai (a Janata

parivar leader) who had joined the BJP in 2008, was proposed by Yediyurappa, the "Lingayat" strongman and former Chief

The new Chief Minister is a two-time MLC and three-time MLA from Shiggaon in Haveri district. "It is a big responsibility in

the given situation. I will strive to work for the welfare of the poor. It will be pro-people and

pro-poor people governance," said the Karnataka CM-elect soon after he was elected to the post.

The outgoing Chief Minister, Yediyurappa, said, "We have unanimously elected Bommai as CM....we are very happy."

very happy."

The MLAs' meeting at Bengaluru's Hotel Capitol that elected Bommai was attended by the Central observers — Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, G Kishan Reddy and general secretary and State-incharge Arun Singh. Pradhan announced the name of Bommai as a successor to Yediyurappa amid loud cheers

and clapping.

By picking-up Bommai, a
Sadara "Lingayat", the BJP
seemed to have satisfied the caste dynamics of Karnataka, pre-empted influential community's wrath, and agreed to Yediyurappa's choice of the CM candidate.

Yediyurappa himself belongs to the Veerashaiva-Lingavat community which is seen to be the BJP's core support base in Karnataka.

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Newly elected Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with outgoing State Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa during BJP Legislature Party meeting in Bengaluru

Antibody weakens 2-3 months after both doses: Lancet study

Results based on immunisation with Pfizer and **AstraZeneca jabs**

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Indicating that a booster dose Lis going to be the next inthing after two mandatory jabs against Covid-19, a study published in *The Lancet* journal has found that the total antibody levels start to weaken just six weeks after both doses of immunisation with Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines. The antibody levels may also be reduced by more than 50 per months, said researchers from University College London (UCL) in the UK.

They said if the antibody levels carry on dropping at this rate, there are concerns that the protective effects of the vaccines may also begin to wear off, particularly against new variants. But how soon that might happen cannot be pre-

dicted yet, they added.

The UCL Virus Watch study also found that antibody levels are substantially higher following two doses of the Pfizer vaccine compared to two shots of the AstraZeneca jab, known as Covishield in India. Antibody levels were also much higher in vaccinated people than in those with prior SARS-CoV-2 infection, they said.

"The levels of antibody following both doses of either the AstraZeneca or Pfizer vaccines were initially very high, which is likely to be an important part of why they are so protective against severe Covid-19," said Madhumita Shrotri from UCL

Institute of Health Informatics from more than 600 people in a statement.

"However, we found these levels dropped substantially over the course of two to three months," Madhumita Shotri added. Based on data

aged 18 and above, the findings of the study were consistent across all groups of people, regardless of age, chronic illnesses or sex, researchers said. Continued on Page 2

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh's former Chief Minister Kalyan Medical Sciences here on Tuesday. The 89-year-old BJP veteran was admitted to the ICU on July 4 due to an infection IMD: 381 MM RAINFALL IN DELHI HIGHEST FOR JULY

A medic inoculates a dose of Covid-19 vaccine to a beneficiary in New Delhi on

HEALTH OF KALYAN SINGH CRITICAL Singh is on life support as his condition is critical, according to a medical bulletin by the Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of

CAPSULE

IMF CUTS INDIA'S GDP GROWTH TO 9.5%

Monetary Fund cut its economic

growth forecast for India to 9.5

ending March 31, 2022 as the

19 wave cut into recovery

momentum.

onset of a severe second Covid-

New Delhi: Monsoon may have inundating the Capital now. The city has recorded 381 mm rainfall so far this month, the highest for July since 2003 and the second-highest ever. It is also the maximum rainfall in 24 hours in the month of July in eight years. In 2013, Delhi had

received 123.4mm rainfall on July 21. **Covid immunisation of 12-18 yrs**

Govt asks for data on O₂ shortage deaths from States/UTs

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Days after denying any death due to oxygen shortage during the second wave of Covid-19, the Government has written to States/Union Territories seeking such data, according to Government sources. This data is likely to be presented in the ongoing Monsoon Session Parliament, they added.

Detailed report on P5

group from Aug: Health Ministry

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The Government is expected to begin vaccinating children against Covid-19 by next month, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya told the BJP Parliamentary Party meeting on Tuesday. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was also present at the meeting. The Union Government

had expressed confidence that it would soon be able to vaccinate children between 12 and

18 years of age. Mandaviya said India is on

course to become the largest vaccine producing country as more companies will get production licences.

Zydus Cadila, which is developing DNA vaccines, has concluded its trials for the 12-18 age group, and subject to statutory provisions, the vaccine may be available in the near future, the Centre

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Assam-Mizoram border row has roots in 1875 **Frontier Regulation**

1,318 sqkm forest reserve on border is bone of contention

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⊓he Assam-Mizoram border **I** row that claimed the lives of six Assam policemen on Monday has its genesis in an 1875 Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation declaring 1,318 sq km of the stretch as an inner line forest reserve over which Assam claims its jurisdiction.

Mizoram shares a 164 km border with Assam which is the core of the unresolved border issue between the two States.

Several rounds of talks between the two States with facilitation from the Centre since 1995 have not yielded any result. Both sides have accused each other of transgressing their territories.

At the centre of the conflict is the 164.6-km inter-State bor

der that separates Assam and Mizoram, with the three Assam districts of Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj sharing a border with Kolasib, Mamit and

Aizawl districts of Mizoram. Mizoram, earlier referred to as Lushai Hill, shares borders with three States of Tripura, Assam and Manipur besides a 722-km border with the neigh-

bouring countries of Bangladesh and Myanmar. The India-Myanmar border in Mizoram is open, and an unhindered movement of people from both sides has reportedly led to a spurt in cross-border smuggling. The Free Movement Regime between India and Myanmar allows people living along the border to travel 16 km into each other's territory without visa.

Amid recurring claims and counterclaims, the region along the border between the two States has largely remained

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Locals near damaged security force vehicles after clashes on Monday night on the

BJP boycotts Tharoor-led Parl panel meeting

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs

(MHA) on Tuesday

(IPS) officer of Gujarat

Asthana, a 1984 batch Indian Police Service

cadre, as the Commissioner of

Asthana to the post came just

days before his superannuation

on July 31. He will have a

Home Affairs (MHA) order

issued on July 27, Asthana

currently serving as Director

The appointment of

According to a Ministry of

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the Delhi Police.

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RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology (IT) led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, saying that the agenda of the meeting should not be

The Committee is likely to question top Government officials, including from the Home Ministry, on allegations related to phone tapping of many using Pegasus spyware on Wednesday. There are 32-

members in the committee. Continued on Page 2

Hockey, boxing bring some cheer to India

Alok Verma.

There was resilience on display in hockey, a tactical mind sparkled in the boxing ring but the free fall in shooting remained perplexing and worrying as India's Olympic campaign oscillated between some celebration and a lot of dejection on day 4 of the competitions here on Tuesday.

At the Asaka shooting range, the Indians largely misfired and with that the hopes of medals in the 10m air pistol and 10m air rifle mixed team events went up in smoke.

The performance so far has resurrected the ghosts of 2016 Rio Games when similar hype and expectations had ended in a deflating medal-less campaign.

India's Rupinder Pal Singh celebrates after scoring against Spain during a men's field hockey match at the 2020 Summer Olympics on Tuesday

can take a leaf out of the men's hockey team's book and find a way out of their current misery. Hammered 1-7 by

But perhaps the shooters Australia, the Manpreet Singhled side claimed a 3-0 triumph over Spain to inch closer to a

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Kundra earned ₹1.17 cr from porn app in five months, cops tell court

crore between August and December last year from his business of production and online distribution of porn films, Mumbai Police told a court on Tuesday, seeking another extension of his custody.

The magistrate's court, however, remanded Kundra (45), who is married to Bollywood actor Shilpa Shetty, in judicial custody for 14 days. The Bombay High Court, meanwhile, refused to give him any urgent temporary relief. "Interrogation of Ryan Thorpe, another accused in the case, revealed that revenue from Hotshots (an online app or platform through which alleged porn content was made available) was ₹1, 17, 64,886 (USD 1,58,057) between August and December 2020," the remand plea of the police said.

This revenue was earned from the app on Apple store and the police have sought information from Google too, it said. The app had more users on Google Play than the Apple store before it was removed, so he must have earned much more revenue, the police claimed. The investigators also wanted to scrutinize the documents recovered from nine files seized from Kundra's office during a search on July 24,

the remand application said.

While the statement of a woman (who

alleged that she was tricked into acting in a porn film) was recorded on July 26, more victims were likely to come forward, the police told the court.

But the court, which had granted one extension of the custody earlier, rejected the police's plea and sent Kundra in judicial custody for 14 days. His lawyers Abad Ponda and Subhash Jadhav then filed a bail application, contending that he should be released as investigation was over. The application will be heard in due course. Kundra was arrested on July 19 by the Mumbai police's crime branch.

He had plans to sell 119 adult films to a person for USD 1.2 million, the police had claimed during an earlier remand hearing. The Bombay High Court on Tuesday refused to give urgent relief to Kundra. Justice A S Gadkari directed the police to file their reply by July 29 in response to a petition filed by Kundra chal-

lenging his arrest. His lawyers argued that the police failed to follow the procedure. They should have first issued a notice to him, asking him to be present to record a statement, instead of arresting him directly, advocates Ponda and Jadhav said. Prosecutor Aruna Kamat Pai said a notice was issued to him.

Child-trafficking racket busted in Odisha, 7 held

Rourkela: A child-trafficking racket has been busted here with the arrest of seven persons, and a one-and-a-half year-old girl rescued from their clutches, a senior police officer said on Tuesday.

All seven, including five women, hail from "well-to-do families" that operate businesses of their own in the steel city, Bikram Keshari Bhoi, the additional superintendent of police (ASP), Rourkela, said. The eighth member of the racket, also a woman, is at large, and the police are on the lookout for her. he said. "This has been a real revelation ... We are not going to

leave anything to chance and find out all about this illegal activity. We will investigate every possible angle that might be involved, including organ trade," Bhoi asserted.

He said that the police, after initial investigation, have found out that the gang "sold the children to people in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh".

The matter came to light when a 40-year-old woman, a resident of Timber Colony here, lodged a police complaint, claiming that two local women took her granddaughter away after promising to pay her money, but did not cough up any.



After taking over as the Governor of Haryana, Bandaru Dattatreya had a courtesy call on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday and discussed in detail the developmental and public welfare schemes being run in the State.

Over 60 tourists rescued from Himachal's Kinnaur

Shimla: Over 60 tourists stranded in two villages of Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district after multiple landslides on July 25 were evacuated to safer places on Tuesday evening, a senior official said.

The tourists were rescued after the blocked Sangla-Chhitkul road was opened for their evacuation, state Disaster Management Director Sudesh Kumar Mokhta said.

The road has been closed again until the clearance to open it is given by the Public Works Department and the team from the Geological Survey of India, Mokhta said.

Sixty to 80 tourists were stranded in Chhitkul and Rakshak, the last villages of the Bapsa valley, as the Sangla-Chhitkul road was closed for traffic after the landslides, he said.

The district administration was facing difficulty in clearing heavy boulders from the road. Owners of apple orchards were objecting to the boulders being dumped near their orchards located down the road, Mokhta added.

Nine tourists were killed on Sunday after heavy boulders fell on their tempo traveller near Basteri in Kinnaur. Multiple landslides triggered by rains occurred near Basteri on the Sangla-Chitkul road, resulting in the collapse of a bridge and damage to

Mandsaur spurious liquor death toll rises to six; Govt sets up SIT

Bhopal/Mandsaur (MP): The Madhya Pradesh Government on Tuesday constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the spurious liquor incident in which six persons have died so far in Mandsaur district.

The committee, headed by Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Rajesh Rajora, includes Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) GP Singh and Inspector General (IG), Railways, MS Sikarwar, as members, as per the order issued by Home Department Secretary D Sreenivasa Verma.

The state government has constituted this SIT to inquire into the incident of death of six persons after alleged consumption of 'poisonous liquor' from all aspects, the order said.

On Tuesday, the death toll in the spurious liquor incident rose to six with the death of three more men during treatment, officials said. Four others are undergoing treatment at various hospitals.

Three more men, two of them 40-year-old and another 35-year-old, died during treatment at different hospitals," Piplia PTI | Mandi police station in-charge



He said those undergoing treatment had reportedly purchased liquor from a dhaba (roadside hotel) and a liquor out-

Earlier, three persons died at

Khakhrai village in the Mandsaur district on Saturday and Sunday after consuming liquor purchased from a local grocery shop. The exact cause of their deaths was not yet clear. 5-year-od patient told reporters that he had purchased liquor from a dhaba and started feeling uneasy after consuming it.

Another patient, a 23-year-old man, admitted in the Mandsaur district hospital, said he had purchased alcohol from a liquor outlet but suffered a blurred vision after drinking.

5 more test positive for Zika in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram: Five more persons including two minors, tested positive for Zika virus taking the caseload to 56, of which 8 are active, State Health Minister Veena George said on Tuesday. The five who tested posi-

tive were aged 38, 17, 26, 12 and 37 and were residents ofAnayara, Pettah, Karamana, Poojappura and Killipalam, respectively, Thiruvananthapuram, a state government release said.

The virus was confirmed in tests conducted at the virology lab of the Thiruvananthapuram Medical College.

'Creating mindset which refuses to accept dowry need of the hour'

PTI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

reating a mindset which refuses to accept the practice of dowry is the need of the hour, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan said on Tuesday. He was addressing a meeting of Vice Chancellors at the Raj Bhavan here to discuss varsity level campaigns against the

The Governor also lauded the LDF government's move to posting Dowry Prohibition Officers in all districts and at state level and the decision to make employees sign an undertaking on not taking or giving

"What we need is to take public awareness to such a level that social sanctions are built against dowry. The fear of such a social stigma

should deter people from demanding or giving dowry," the Governor said. Pointing out that Universities have a great role in the matter, he suggested two affidavits from students against dowry one at the time of admission and the second while receiving the degree.

"Social evils begin in the mind. Defence against them should also begin in the minds. The mission of universities is to mould minds," he

Suggestions from VCs included sensitization by including the topic in the compulsory modules and mandatory non-credit and MOOC courses, conduct of awareness programmes in colleges, formation of Social Justice Forums, linking of antidowry affidavit with the National Academic Depository.

Dalit girl commits suicide over harassment in MP

Tikamgarh: A 16-year-old Dalit girl allegedly committed suicide after being harassed by some boys at a village in Madhya Pradesh's Tikamgarh district, police said on Tuesday. The incident occurred in Tanga village under Jatara police station, about 45 km from the district headquarters, on Monday evening, an official said.

The girl allegedly consumed some poisonous substance at her home, following which her condition deteriorated and she was admitted to the district hospital and later taken to Jhansi Medical College, where she died during treatment on Tuesday afternoon, Jatara police station in-charge Trivendra Trivedi

BSY's Man...

From Page 1 Over last six decades eight of the 20 Chief Ministers of Karnataka hailed from the Lingayat commu-

The decision to appoint a relatively "newcomer" to the party, who is not a hard-core Hindutva leader, is seen as a very pragmatic step that placed faith on a leader who could shift and shuffle well in the turbulent and divided BJP State unit with at least 17 former Congress-JDS MLAs keeping the Government afloat.Besides Covid-19, Bommai will need all skills to keep all factions happy when he forms his Cabinet shortly. Bommai started his political career with the Janata Dal and worked with senior leaders, includ-HD Devegowda Ramakrishna Hegde.

He left the Janata Dal (United) and joined the BJP in 2008 and thus, interesting carries a "secular past".

BJP boycotts Tharoor...

It has the maximum members from the ruling BJP.
BJP MP Nishikant Dubey said the

agenda of the meeting should be given to the members in advance, but was not given and the meeting was held at a time when both the Houses are in Session. The agenda of the meeting was to review of the functioning of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) in the context of the draft Cinematograph (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

"As per rules, confidentiality should be maintained. Agenda became public before the meeting. The agenda should be fixed with the consent of committee members. We've boycotted the meet," said BJP MP Zafar Íslam. The face-off the BJP MPs and the Committee chairman is not new as the two sides have had several run-ins in the past over Facebook and Twitter issue and 4G connection in Jammu & Kashmir. Meanwhile, the 32-member

Parliamentary Standing Committee on

IT is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, for which the listed agenda is "Citizens" data security and privacy", according to a notification issued by Lok Sabha Secretariat.

Officials of the Ministry of Information Technology, Home and Communications have been summoned to the meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4 pm. Both the houses of the Parliament have not been allowed to

function for the six consecutive days on

Tuesday as the government and the opposition locked horns on the issue of egasus snooping. Tharoor said the subject of Citizens Data Privacy and Security is an approved agenda item of the committee and it was under this item that we

had earlier discussed the Pegasus issue in November-December last year. "So it's a continuing issue. There would be other questions as well, as this is not necessarily the only

issue. But, for many of us in the committee this is perhaps the most important issue," Tharoor added.

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The authors highlighted that although

the clinical implications of waning antibody

expected and current research shows that

vaccines remain effective against severe dis-

from a median of 7,506 units per millilitre

(U/mL) at 2141 days, to 3320 U/mL on 70

For Pfizer, antibody levels declined

Antibody

Assam-Mizoram...

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However, clashes in 1994, 2006, 2018, 2020 and the latest one on Monday at Lailapur, Cachar, between the two sides have flared up tensions in the area. In 1994, tensions escalated in Vairengte, 130 km from when a skirmish broke out between the police personnel of the two States, but the crisis was averted with the intervention of the Union Home Ministry.

The North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971, provided for the creation of States of Manipur and Tripura and the formation of Meghalaya. The Act also provisioned the formation of the Union Territories of Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh - by the reorganisation of the then existing Štate of Assam.

The Barak Valley, comprising the Cachar, Hailakandi and Karimganj districts, is the southernmost tip of Assam. Cachar is surrounded on three sides by the hill ranges of Manipur, Mizoram and Meghalaya, and also shares an international boundary with

online application in this regard.

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North central railway

Covid immunisation of 12-18 yrs...

This will be a big step in breaking the chain of transmission

and also reopening schools across the country amid warnings

of a possible third wave of Covid, according to medical frater-

nity. Earlier this month, Dr NK Arora, who heads the National

Expert Group on Vaccines, had said that vaccination for chil-

dren will start by September with the Zydus vaccine for 12 to

18-year-olds. Bharat Biotech's Covaxin and Zydus Cadila's can-

didate are testing vaccines for children. The results of the Covaxin

trials are expected by September, AIIMS chief Randeep Guleria

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

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Bangladesh.

Mizoram was originally a part of undivided Assam. It was first created as a Union Territory in January 1972 when it was separated from Assam, and later acquired statehood in 1987. The Mizo community is the dominant tribal community inhabiting Mizoram and Tribes. Post-Independence, the border issue between Assam and Mizoram has existed for the last 50 years when the UT of Mizoram was formed in 1972.

The Mizoram Peace Accord signed in June 1986, between the Centre and the Mizo National Front (MNF), ended the two decades long Mizo insurgency, leading to the grant of statehood to Mizoram. However, the boundary issues that remained suppressed earlier escalated into border disputes after the creation of a separate State of Mizoram.

While Assam recognises the map and boundary drawn by the Survey of India in 1933, both sides have attributed border skirmishes to perceptual differences over an imaginary

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Hockey, boxing... From Page 1

It was a tremendous fightback after a loss that could have easily

scarred them for the entire Games. Instead, India produced a spirited performance against world No.9 Spain and scored through Simranjeet Singh (14th minute) and Rupinder a comfortable win in their third Pool A match at the Oi Hockey Stadium.

Any talk of fight by an Indian in these Games would be incomplete without the table tennis veteran A Sharath Kamal. The 39-year-old took a game off the reigning Olympic and World champion Ma Long of China.

It wasn't enough to fetch him a victory as he bowed out in the men's singles third round but it did show the tremendous athlete that Sharath has been for several years.

"It was the best three games and probably the best match and best tournament I ever played," Sharath In the boxing ring, Assamese debutant Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) displayed what a calm mind can achieve. Borgohain, the lone Indian boxer in action on the day, prevailed 3-2 over German veteran Nadine Apetz in a closely-fought last-16 stage bout. Borgohain's rival was 12 years her senior but both the boxers were making their Games debut.

from her nine-strong team to make the quarterfinal stage. The 23-yearold showed great poise in a tense contest to triumph by the thinnest of margins. She claimed all the three rounds on split points.

Indian sailors Vishnu Saravanan and Nethra Kumanan finished way behind the leaders as they ended at 22nd and 33rd spot in the respective events after six races.

Saravanan finished 23rd and 22nd in the fifth and sixth race in the men's laser event while Kumanan was 32nd and 38th in the two races of the women's laser radial event held

at Enoshima Yacht Harbour. The Indian tennis team's cameration to promise a coaching over-

paign ended as Sania Mirza and

for the mixed doubles event due to their low combined ranking of 153. In badminton, it was tough luck for the debutant pairing of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy in the men's doubles.

Sumit Nagal could not make the cut

They emerged victorious against the England pair of Ben Lane and match but still missed out on qualifying for the quarterfinals.

Ranked 10th in the world, the Indians beat world the number 18 team 21-17 21-19 in a 44-minute match at the Musashino Forest Plaza. However, they couldn't make it to the knockout stage as they finished third in the group behind topranked Indonesian team of Marcus Gideon Fernaldi and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo and world number three Yang Lee and Chi-Lin Wang of Chinese Taipei.

They fought, something that the shooters have been unable to do so far, prompting the national fed-

haul after the Games. Considered the team's best bet for a podium finish, the duo of Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker caved in under pressure and failed to qualify for the final of

They finished seventh in Qualification 2 after topping the first phase with 582. Both the 19-year-old oters lost the plot con when the top eight teams battled it out in the second phase.

the 10m air pistol mixed team event.

The other Indian team in the event, Abhishek Verma and Yashaswini Singh Deswal, failed to clear Qualification 1 and finished in 17th place, having totalled 564 across six series (three each for one member). The team of Chaudhary and Bhaker totalled 380 across two series each in the second phase of the qualification.

Later in the day, both the Indian pairs participating in the 10m air rifle mixed team event, crashed out in the first qualifications stage, missing out on yet another final after an outing that left a lot to be desired.

or more days. For the AstraZeneca vaccine, antibody levels were reduced from a median of 1201 U/mL at 020 days to 190 U/mL at 70 or more

days, over a five-fold reduction. When we are thinking about who should be prioritised for booster doses, our data suggests that those vaccinated earliest, particularly with the AstraZeneca vaccine, are likely to now have the lowest antibody

levels," said Professor Rob Aldridge from

UCL Institute of Health Informatics. The researchers said that the findings also supported recommendations that adults who are clinically vulnerable, those aged 70 years or over, and all residents of care homes for older adults should be prioritised for

booster doses. 'Those who were vaccinated with the AstraZeneca vaccine are likely to have much lower antibody levels than those vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine. This may also need to be considered when deciding who should be prioritised when boosters are

rolled out," Rob Aldridge said in the state-

While acknowledging certain limitations in the data, including a small sample size for some groups, the authors observed

els of immunity depending on the virus neutralising ability of their antibodies as well as their T-cell responses. Even when measurable antibody levels are low, there is likely to be continuing immune memory that could offer long-term protection," they

6th day of...

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Addressing a meeting of the BJP's Parliamentary party, Modi accused the Congress of not only detailing Parliament proceedings but also not allowing other Opposition parties to resolve the impasse in Parliament.

The Congress had not allowed the Prime Minister to introduce his new council of Ministers on July 19 in the Lok Sabha when Parliament session had commenced.

In this reference the Prime Minister also pointed out the Congress' boycott of last week's all-party meeting to review the Covid-19 situation, and said the party had also prevented others from attending. "Expose this behaviour of

the Congress and some Opposition parties in front of the media and the public", Modi told MPs in the meeting. In the last Parliamentary party meet he had said the

Congress is in the "coma" and

not being able to digest BJP's

political progress. He had than

sought BJP MPs to "expose lies Parliament. of the Congress".

Modi also spoke in the

meeting about the "Azadi Amrit Mahotsav" launched by the Union Government to mark the 75 years of India's Independence and sought their active participation and not reducing it to a "sarkari event".

Reflecting Modi's ideas, JP Nadda asked party MPs to ensure that Central Government schemes reach the pubic affected by the Civid-19 and spread vaccine awareness among people.
The BJP has been trying to

limit the political damage done by the April-May second-killerwave of the Covid-19 and asking all its leaders to play a proactive role on vaccination and infrastructure building ahead of the anticipated third-wave of the pandemic in the country in August -September. Meanwhile,

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The decision to knock the doors of Rashtrapati Bhavan took place after a meeting of the Opposition leaders held in Parliament premises after the adjournment of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Though the Congress was also present in the meeting, but the signatories of the letter are BSP, RLP, SAD, National Conference, CPI, CPI(M) and NCP. Later the Opposition leaders joined senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge for a joint Press conference outside Parliament.

The Congress sources said the grand old party did not became a signatory to the letter due to the presence of the SAD. However, both political parties will continue to fight for the right of farmers in Parliament till justice NCP leader Supriya Sule

said the seven parties have written to the President seeking his intervention to instruct the Government to discuss the farmers' issues and Pegasus snooping in Parliament.

Mamata meets PM; chai...

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She will also meet leaders of the BSP and the RJD. After her meetings, the West Bengal CM is also planning to host a dinner for the leaders, sources added without divulging much detail of the timing and venue. Mamata met senior Congress leaders Kamal Nath, Anand Sharma, and Abhishek Singhvi and on Tuesday.

This is the first of her series of meetings with

senior political leaders after her Assembly poll victory in Bengal. Nath said he had come to congratulate Mamata for her victory in the recent Assembly elections. "The strategy for 2024 will be discussed with Sonia.

Mamata will meet Sonia," said Nath. 'We have not discussed any strategy. That will be discussed by the leader of our party. We just discussed the current situation and the issue of rising prices," Nath told media when asked about the meet-

ing.Nath said Mamata's victory in the Assembly polls

has sent a message across the country.

Mamata also met another senior Congress leader Anand Sharma during which Sharma is reported to have told her that there cannot be a non-BJP front without the Congress as it is a national political party with a pan-India presence. Mamata's visit is part of her efforts to cobble up a national front against the BJP. Before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Mamata is preparing to play an important role at the national level. The TMC said their party supremo is also to visit Parliament to meet other political

that each individual only contributed one sample, due to which it is impossible to confirm how quickly antibody levels drop for each individual, or whether these would continue to drop or reach a stable level over the next few months. "Different people will have different lev-

said. In order to establish if there is an antibody level threshold needed for protection against severe disease, a further need for

research is important, the researchers

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PADMA AWARDS

Delhi Govt will nominate healthcare workers: CM



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government will **I** only nominate the names of healthcare workers for the Padma Awards this year, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said

on Tuesday.
The Chief Minister thanked all the doctors and other healthcare workers who relentlessly gave everything they could to save lives during one of the biggest crises humanity has ever seen. He also asked Delhiites to recommend names of doctors and healthcare workers who deserve to be recognised.

"The Government is seeking recommendations of names of doctors and healthcare staff from the people of Delhi for the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan awards. The people can send in the them," he said. "I know many doctors and health workers who did not go home for days and worked day and night to save our lives. It's time to honour them and show our gratitude towards them," Kejriwal said. The Padma Vibhushan,

healthcare workers with a achievements and service in description of why they think different fields and disciplines the name they have recomsuch as art, literature and edumended deserves the honour to cation, sports, medicine, social padmaawards.delhi@gmail.co work, science and engineering, m by August 15, 2021," he said. public affairs, civil service, The last date to send rectrade and industry. ommendations to the Central Everyone without any dis-Government is September 15. tinction of race, caste, occupa-

names of the doctors and

People need to send their rection, position or sex are eligible for the awards. However, ommendations to us by August Government servants, includ-15, so the screened names could be sent on time to the ing those working with PSUs -Centre," he added. except for doctors and scien-"A Search and Screening tists -- are not eligible for the Committee has been formed under Deputy Chief Minister The nominations are Manish Sisodia to screen and placed before the Padma

decide the names that will be Awards Committee, constitutrecommended to the Central ed by the Prime Minister every Government," he said. "We want the doctors and health workers to be felicitated with the Padma Awards this

There is no cap on the number of awardees. Also, the States can make any number of year in recognition of their recommendations for the

tors and health workers con-

tracted Covid-19 and lost their lives while saving people from the virus. The whole country

and humanity are indebted to

Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awards are given for dis-

tinguished and exceptional

Rain brings waterlogging, traffic snarls in city



logging complaints were being dealt with on a priority basis.

"Morning rain was of high intensity so a few areas of the city witnessed waterlogging. Our field staff is on the ground and we are closely observing the situation," a PWD official

The Delhi Traffic Police took to Twitter to inform commuters about waterlogging and the areas where traffic movement had been affected.

Traffic is affected near Qutab Minar Metro Station towards 100 Foota carriageway due to waterlogging," DTP

"Traffic coming from Badarpur towards Mehrauli has been diverted towards Mathura Road due to waterlogging near Pul Prahladpur," it tweeted.

In further tweets, DTP said traffic is affected near Okhla Mandi, from Tamil Sangam Marg towards R K Puram and from Hyatt Regency to R K Puram Sector-12 near CNG

 $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ senior police official said traffic has also been affected in Dhaula Kuan.

CP highlights traffic woes to DTP **STAFF REPORTER** NEW

The Delhi Police Commissioner Balaji Delhi Police Srivastav on Twitter highlighted the issue of traffic congestion near the Rail Bhawan en-route to Parliament on Tuesday, to the Delhi Traffic Police (DTP).

"Daily heavy traffic jam en-route to Parliament near Rail Bhavan. Needs attention at senior levels of DTP @dtptraffic and proper traffic management," stated the CP's official account on Twitter. A senior traffic official,

however, cited the ongoing construction work and a breakdown of a DTC bus at Red Cross road on Tuesday morning, as the reason for the heavy traffic jam witnessed in the area.

"Deep sewer work is being carried out at Red Cross road, so half of the road is blocked and only the other half of the road is available for vehicular traffic," said the senior traffic official. "If one needs to reach the

Parliament, Red Cross is the only road available because Parliament Street beyond a point is one way.

So the traffic comes from the Red Cross road and takes a right turn towards Parliament Street,



he said, citing that other roads such as Rafi Marg and Rajendra Prasad road are

'On Tuesday morning, at the starting of the Red Cross rail Bhawan, the local police had put up a picket for checking and on the other end, the breakdown of a DTC bus led to traffic jams at the Rail Bhawan area," the traffic police official said.

To decongest the round-about at Rail Bhawan, the traffic police said they had already diverted the buses approaching the road but traffic cannot be diverted completely because the MPs also move through the same road to reach Parliament Gate

work and as a gesture of grat-Khattar inaugurates Hyundai Motors' India HQ in G'gram



PARVESH SHARMA

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the newly established South Korean automobile major Hvundai Motor 'India Headquarters' of the company here in Gurugram on Managing Director & CEO Seon Seob Kim was also present at the event.

According to the company

statement the Hvundai Motor India has invested over \$ 4

According to Kim, the management is expecting to build to more officials beside cost over 2,000 crore in

Billion in India in the last 25

years. The company has 17

regional offices and 2499 cus-

tomer touch points across

The corporate headquarters in Gurugram has total

built-up area of 28000 Square metres and around 364 employees are working here in the Gurugram office. The office has also equipped with 14 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points for their staff.

The building is situated just off the Delhi-Jaipur national highway in Sector 29 in Gurugram.

The company also expressed its desire to set up its state-of-the-art facility in the state. The Chief Minister told reporters that Harvana is a fastgrowing State in the industrial sector and for setting up industries in the state, a singlewindow system has been created, on which all approvals can be easily obtained. "India is performing well in the ease-ofdoing-business and the ease-ofconsidered the fastest in both these respects. Haryana is one of the favourite destinations for global investors," Khattar said

at the event, adding that Hyundai placed a major role towards development in the automobile sector and also progress for humanity in Gurugram.

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 $F_{ ext{the national Capital on}}^{ ext{ollowing heavy rainfall in}}$

Tuesday morning, there was

waterlogging in several parts of

the city including Pragati Maidan and Dhaula Kuan,

affecting vehicular movement

city including key stretches like Mathura Road, Moti Bagh,

Several areas across the

in the city.

Speaking at the event Kim said "Gurugram, in particular, is one of India's prominent business and technology hubs. Major global corporations have their corporate fast-growing location here in Gurugram The building is equipped with all modern facilities".

Keeping a view of an ongo-ing covid-19 pandemic the company has also adopted all necessary measures to avoid infection

Kim also asserted that Future Technology Project is the output of Haryana Government's Ease Of Doing business & foreign investors and it will continue to create job opportunities for the youth

Man sleeping outside his home shot

Vikas Marg, Ring Road, Rohtak Road, Sangam Vihar and Kirari

witnessed waterlogging.

Due to the flooding, there were traffic snarls at ITO, underneath the Moti Bagh

metro station, the Dhaula Kuan

underpass, near Pragati Maidan, Mathura Road, Vikas

Marg, Ring Road near the IP

(PWD) officials said water-

Public Works Department

Flyover, Rohtak Road.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 62-year-old man, sleeping outside his house, was shot dead by some unidentified persons in southwest Delhi's Palam area on Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Ajeet Singh, a resident of Harizan Basti, Palam extension.

According to a senior police official, a police control room (PCR) call was received at 7.37 AM where the caller said that his father was sleeping outside of his house at Harizan Basti, Palam extension and somebody shot him dead. "Police reached the spot and found the body of Ajeet Singh. the forehead, fired from point blank range. One empty cartridge was found on the bed," said the senior police official.

Cong protests at Shah's house over snoopgate



STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

The Delhi Congress staged a Union Home Minister Amit Shah against the alleged snooping on top politicians, Union

ry members and other prominent personalities by Israeli firm NSO's Pegasus spyware.

ident Anil Kumar along with a large number of party workers gathered at Rajaji Marg and demanded Home Minister's

Party workers marched towards Amit Shah's residence shouting slogans such as "Modi Teri Tanashahi Nahi Chalegi, Nahi Chalegi", "Amit Shah Istifa Do, Istifa Do", and were detained and taken to the Mandir Marg Police station. Congress senior leaders Jai

Kishan, Kunwar Karan Singh, Amrish Gautam, Anil Bhardwaj, Vijay Lochav, Veer Singh Dhingan, Rajesh Jain, Surender Kumar, DPCC vice president Ali Mehndi, Parvez Alam among others were detained. Kumar said that the police action, like snooping on prominent people using the on the freedom and democratic rights of the people to protest against anti-people, anti-national activities

Gautam asks officers to finish all pending projects

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam on Tuesday issued a whip to all district officers of Social Welfare Ministry and Women and Child Development Department, asking them to resolve all pending projects in their respective districts in a time-bound manner.

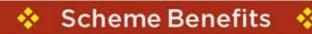
The Minister chaired an important meeting with the district officers and other concerned senior officials of both the department and said that legal action will be taken in case of failure in complying with the order. "I conducted surprise inspections across various district offices in Delhi a few days back and found massive pendency in pension cases dated since 2017. This is unacceptable and will not be tolerated from now onwards. Now, every district officer will have to submit a weekly performance report of their respective district offices," he said. Gautam further said the officer in his report has to specify that how many applications were received and how many of them resolved. This report has to be positively submitted every Friday evening and will then be assessed by senior officers of the department," Gautam added. He also ordered the district officers to resolve all cases in a time-bound manner and the reason for rejection should be stated only after following the due procedure.





Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprise Scheme (PM-FME)

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2nd wave still not over, 22 dists see rise in cases: Ministry



Overall Covid-19 cases may have been showing a declining trend, but there are 22 districts— 7 from Kerala, 5 from Manipur, 3 in Meghalaya among others in the country where an increasing trend in cases has been reported in the last 4 weeks. It is a cause of concern, the Union Health Ministry said as it warned the public that the second Covid wave is still

"There has been a consistent decline in the weekly average in the COVID cases...But if we compare the rate of decline in cases, from earlier to now, its decrease remains the area of concern. We're in talks with states in this regard," Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Union Health Ministry, said at a press conference here.

districts in the country where over 100 cases are reported every day. These cases are found in a localised and limited set of areas of these districts.

The rate of decline of cases has however slowed down which is a matter of concern, cautioned the official.

Echoing similar views, Niti Aayog member Dr V K Paul pointed out that vaccination is not a full guarantee and one should not take Covid for granted. "No vaccine provides 100% guarantee against reinfection. All however reduce the risk of hospitalisation drastically," he said.

In this connection he cited resurgence of Covid cases worldwide, pointing out that "it is a matter of concern and the pandemic is not over yet."

"If we look from a global perspective, the pandemic is far from over. There's a noticeable increase in the number of

SC seeks Centre, Delhi Govt's view on inoculation, rehabilitation of beggars

New Delhi: Making it clear it will not take an "elitist view" that no beggars be allowed on the streets, the Supreme Court Tuesday asked the Centre and Delhi Government to respond to a plea seeking vaccination and rehabilitation of beggars and vagabonds in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The apex court said begging is a "socio-political problem" and people are compelled to beg on the streets to eke out some elementary livelihood in the absence of education and employment.

cases across the world, which

remains the area of concern.

We've to work on containing the

spread of the virus with strict-

ed less than 30,000 new Covid-

At 29,689, India has report-

ness," the official said.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah The bench said it would told the counsel appearing for issue notices to the Centre and the Delhi Government the petitioner that it would seeking their responses on the not consider one part of the prayer which sought direction prayer made in the petition

to the authorities to restrain beggars, vagabonds and homeless persons from begging at public places or traf-

19 cases after 132 days, accord-

in the country also fell below

4,00,000 after 124 days, it said.

Fresh cases pushed India's over-

all Covid-19 tally to 3,14,40,951,

The number of active cases

ing to the government.

for rehabilitation, vaccination and providing food and shelters to beggars and vagabonds amid the pan-

"As the Supreme Court, we would not want to take an elitist view that no beggars should be there on the streets," the bench said. PTI

while the death toll climbed to 4,21,382 with 415 daily fatalities, the health ministry said. The active cases have

declined to 3,98,100 and now comprise 1.27 per cent of the

Don't make delay in identifying children orphaned by Covid: SC to States, UTs

New Delhi: Observing that identification of children who have become orphans or lost a parent either due to Covid-19 or otherwise does not brook any further delay, the Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the State Governments and Union Territories (UTs) to file status reports giving particulars about the number of children who have become orphans after March 2020.

The top court said there is a need to ensure the schemes meant for orphans reach the real beneficiaries and not just remain on paper.

A Bench comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and Aniruddha Bose directed the the District Magistartes to issue necessary instructions to the district child protection officers to take assistance of the police, civil society, gram panchay-ats, anganwadi and ASHA workers for identification of

The apex court said this is in addition to mechanisms

available in Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and rules.
"The identification of

children who have lost both parents or one parent after March 2020 does not brook any further delay," the bench

The Bench also clarified that its order covers all children who became orphans during this period due to Covid or otherwise.

"What we are thinking is to take care of all children who have been orphaned whether Covid or not Covid. We cannot restrict the orders passed to only orphans who lost both parents to COVID-19", Justice Rao said.

The Bench said District

continue uploading the information on Bal Swaraj portal of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

Child welfare committees are directed to complete the inquiry within the time limit specified under Act and provide assistance and rehabilitation to orphans, the bench added.

"All State Governments, UTs are directed to file status reports giving particulars giving the number of chillren who have become orphan after March 2020. The number of children produced before the child welfare committee and their provided with benefits of the schemes by the state governments," the bench said.

It also directed the states to provide details regarding payment of ₹2,000 monetary assistance given to needy orphans under the Integrated Child Development Services

Reports about India missing 50 crore end-July jab target ill-informed: Govt

PNS NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday termed as "ill-informed and misrepresenting" media reports that claimed that India will miss the end-July target of administering 50 crore Covid vaccine doses and asserted that over 51.60 crore vaccine doses will be supplied from January to July 31.

"These reports are ill-informed and have clearly misrepresented the facts," the Union Health Ministry said in a statement here.

The figures of 516 million vaccine doses might have been picked up from various sources which informed about the likely availability of the vaccine doses from January to July-end, it added.

"The facts are that a total of more than 516 million vaccine doses will indeed be supplied from January 2021 to 31st July, 2021," the ministry

Govt cites study, says Covishield gives 93% protection against virus

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The Government on ■ Tuesday cited a study by the Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) during the second Covid-19 wave to say that Covishield gives 93 per cent protection against Covid-19 and a 98 per cent mortality reduction.

Addressing a press conference, NITI Aayog Member (Health) Dr V K Paul presented findings of the study which was conducted on 15

advance allocation plan and they are informed about it in advance. The vaccines are supplied to the states in various schedules throughout the

in accordance with the mean that every dose supplied

lakh doctors and frontline "Protection to the extent of

93 per cent was seen (in people who were administered the Covishield vaccine) and this was during the second wave which was driven by the Delta variant... also 98 per cent mortality reduction was seen," he

Reiterating the usefulness of vaccines in battling Covid-19, Paul said inoculation reduces infection but it is not a total guarantee.

till that month is going to be consumed/administered. There would be supplies in the pipeline, which should be available for the next few days till the next supplies of "Therefore, availability of vaccine doses materialize in a district to keep vaccination

Lok Sabha sees 10 adjournments over phone-tapping row

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The Lok Sabha on Tuesday witnessed 10 adjournments amid continuous protests by Opposition members over the Pegasus snooping row and farm laws. After being adjourned nine times, the Lower House reassembled at 4.30 PM and Rajendra Agrawal, who was in the Chair, took up one matter of urgent public importance. However, the Opposition

members again trooped into the Well shouting slogans and carrying banners. Meanwhile Congress MPs

from Punjab Ravneet Singh Bittu and Gurjit Singh Aujala sat on a dharna inside the Lok Sabha chamber after the proceedings of the House were adjourned for the day. The dharna was still going on when the last report came in. This protest indicates their ante in coming days on going on," the statement said. | Pegasus snooping row and



The members of Congress, CPI, CPI(M) and TMC were protesting over the Pegasus snooping row, while the BSP, SP and Shiromani Akali Dal were raising slogans against the Centre's three new farm laws. Earlier, Speaker Om Birla led the members in paying tributes to Anerood Jugnauth, former president of Mauritius, and . Kenneth David Buchizya Kaunda, the first president of Zambia. The opposition's protests started soon after the proceedings began at 11 AM.

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal said by disrupting the proceedings, the

7 Opposition parties seek Kovind's intervention on farm laws, Pegasus

Seven Opposition parties have written to President Ram Nath Kovind seeking his intervention to direct the Government to discuss farmers' issues and Pegasus phone-tapping in Parliament.

The decision to knock the doors of Rashtrapati Bhavan took place after a meeting of the Opposition leaders held in the Parliament premises after the adjournment of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. Though the Congress was

also present in the meeting, the signatories of the letter are BSP, RLP, SAD, National Conference, CPI, CPI(M) and NCP. Later, the Opposition leaders joined senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge for a joint Press conference outside the Parliament.

Congress sources said that the grand old party did not became a signatory to the letter however the both political parties will continue to fight for the right of farmers in the Parliament till justice met.

NCP leader Supriya Sule said the seven parties have written to the President seeking his intervention to instruct the government to discuss the farmers" issues and Pegasus snooping in the Parliament.



Addressing the Press conference, Kharge said, government is not interested in a meaningful discussion and

unfortunate that farmers have

died while protesting against the

three farm laws but the Centre

is not even ready to discuss their

'This Government does not believe in its accountability to the people of India through Government has functioned in a manner, which has lowered the prestige of Indian Parliament and Indian democracy. What the opposition has demanded is fair, correct, within the ambit of rules and established Parliament practice and

conventions. When collective-

ly, the opposition gives a notice

that matter has to be discussed,

only for the legislative agenda of the Government," Kharge said. "We have no option, but to

come here all of us together, because what we say inside the house, does not reach the people, it is never telecast Opposition is being blacked out inside the house, so through the media, we want to tell our people, we shall continue this fight. The government obdurate as it is, we will force them, as in a democratic set up it is done to come and debate, if the government has nothing to hide, let itself, the opposition is ready," said Anand Sharma, Deputy Leader of Opposition in Rajya

DMK' Tiruchi Shiva, SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav, CPI leader Binoy Vishwam, TMC leader Sukhendu Shekhar Roy, RJD's Manoj Jha and AAP leader Sanjay Singh attended the

Pegasus row continues to halt RS proceedings

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he Pegasus issue continued 1 to rock the Rajya Sabha for the sixth consecutive day on Tuesday. Sloganeering and displaying of banners by the agitated Opposition and some of them trooping into the well of the house were the order of the day. It witnessed repeated adjournments due to disrup-

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu tried to restore order when the proceedings commenced at 11.00 am. However,

Opposition was in no mood to relent and shouted slogans. Naidu said it was "a sorry state adjourning the house till 12.00

Similar scenes were seen when the house reassembled and despite Deputy Chairman Harivansh's appeal, the din continued. He cautioned that some of

the members in the well were not wearing masks and not following the Covid protocol. Deputy leader of the house

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi also objected to the members not wearing masks and said they are posing a health risk to the Rajya Sabha secretariat officials.

He also objected to alleged derogatory slogans raised against Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Absolutely delighted by

this news. Dholavira was an

one of our most important

important urban centre and is

Govt seeks time till Jan 9 for framing CAA rules

PNS NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry has sought an extension for the fifth time till January 9 for framing the rules of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which was passed by Parliament in 2019. The Ministry also said that due to outbreak of Covid-19 and flood situation, finalisation of National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam is delayed andthe process of issuing rejection slips has been post-

Replying to the question from Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, the MoS Home Affairs

Nityanand Rai informed Lok Sabha on Tuesday that "the Committees on Subordinate Legislation, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have been requested to grant further extension of time upto 09.01.2022 to frame the rules under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019," This is the fifth extension

sought by the government for framing of these rules. According to the Manual on Parliamentary Work, the rules for any legislation should have been framed within six months of Presidential assent or seek extension.

The MHA, to a query

from Abdul Khaleque (Congress) on the NRC, said nine Gazette notifications, the last being on July 31, 2019, had been published by the Office of the Registrar General and the Census Commissioner. "Several communications and instructions have been sent to the State Coordinator of National Register of Citizens (NRC), Assam, for complying [with] the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court with regard to disposal of claims and objections, publication of lists of inclusions and exclu-

sions in NRC, etc.," said the

India-Russia military drill to start on Aug 1

PNS NEW DELHI

Underlining the time-tested long-standing defence between the two countries, India and Russia will take part in the 12th edition of the Indo-Russia Joint Military Exercise (INDRA) at Volgograd city. The 13-day exercise will start on August 1, 2021.

The exercise will entail

conduct of counter terror operations under the United Nations mandate by a joint force against international terror groups.

Giving details of the upcoming event, officials said here on Tuesday, 250 personnel from both the nations will form part of the exercise. The Indian Army contingent comprising of a Mechanised

Infantry Battalion underwent rigorous training at different locations in India to refine their drills for participation in the joint exercise.

Exercise INDRA-21 will further strengthen mutual confidence and interoperability between the Indian and Russian Armies and enable sharing of best practices between the contingents of both the countries.

The exercise will be yet another milestone in strengthening security cooperation and will serve to reinforce the longstanding bond of friendship between India and Russia.

Dholavira joins UNESCO World Heritage list

PNS NEW DELHI

The UNESCO on Tuesday **⊥** said Dholavira, Harappan-era metropolis, in Gujarat, has been inscribed on its World Heritage List, prompting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to tweet that he was "absolutely delighted by this news".

"Dholavira: A Harappan City, in India, just inscribed @UNESCO #WorldHeritage List.
Congratulations!" UNESCO
tweeted. The ongoing 44th
session of the World Heritage Committee of the

UNESCO has already given India a new world heritage site in the form of the Rudreswara/ Ramappa Temple in Telangana, which



must visit, especially for those interested in history, culture and archaeology," Modi tweet-

"As CM of Gujarat, I had ing was postponed due to

the opportunity to work on aspects relating to heritage conservation and restoration in Dholavira. Our team also worked to create tourismfriendly infrastructure there," he further said. Gujarat so far has three

world heritage sites -Champaner near Pavagadh, Rani ki Vav in Patan and the historic city Ahmedabad. This session of the World

Heritage Committee is being chaired from Fuzhou in China and is being held online. It started on July 16 and will end on July 31. The 44th session combines current work, and issues

left outstanding since last

year, when the annual meet-

"It gives immense pride to share with my fellow Indians that #Dholavira is now the 40th treasure in India to be given @UNESCO's World Heritage Inscription. Another feather in India's cap as we now enter the Super-40 club for World Heritage Site inscriptions," Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy said in a "Today is a proud day for

India, especially for the people of Gujarat," he said. "Since 2014, India has added 10 new World Heritage sites – one fourth of our total sites. This shows PM @arendramodi's steadfast commitment in promoting Indian culture, heritage and the Indian way of life," Reddy tweeted.

Hydro-meteorological disasters damaged 2L hectares of cropped area, says Govt hectare area has been damaged No private sector compa-

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The Government on Tuesday informed Parliament that a little over 2 lakh hectare of the cropped area has been damaged so far this year due to hydrometeorological calamities. The government also informed that it is aiming to create a federated National Farmers Database using digitised land records that will help to offer proactive and personalised services to farmers.

In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Tuesday informed that 66.55 lakh hectare cropped area was damaged in 2020-21. However, till July 27 this year, 2.024 lakh

due to hydro-meteorological calamities/ hazards, he said. The maximum damage was

reported from Gujarat, followed by Kerala, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Odisha, and Goa in the said period. The minister said states undertake relief measures in the wake of natural disasters from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) already placed at their dispos-

"As a first step in this direction, the government has already initiated building federated farmers' database that would serve as the core of the envisaged Agristack," Tomar said in another written reply to the Lok Sabha.

nies are involved as far as the building of the Agristack is concerned. However, leading Technology/Agri-tech/startup companies were identified and invited to collaborate with the central government to develop proof of concepts (PoCs) based on small portions of data from

the federated Farmers' database

for certain identified areas (dis-

trict/village), he added.

In a reply to another question, Tomar said that the Centre had approved nearly Rs 700

crore towards relief of farmers in flood-hit Maharashtra, even as Opposition members continued disrupting the lower chamber for the fifth straight he pioneer

UP ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

SP-NCP to join hands

In a move aimed at defeating the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, Sharad Pawar led Nationalist Congress Party and Samajwadi Party have decided to join hands and contest the coming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

Well placed sources in Samajwadi Party said that Sharad Pawar and Akhilesh Yadav had a long consultation over the issue in Delhi after which the two leaders decided to forge an alliance but the seat sharing was yet to be worked

The sources said Pawar was also said to be in talks with a bid to put up a united front against the BJP in Uttar

While addressing party workers in Lucknow last week, Akhilesh Yadav had said that the BJP was an "anti-people" party which was running the government with "hatred" and that the assembly polls next year would be the "last opportunity" to save democ-

"To achieve the target of securing 350 seats in UP, we will have to work day and night," Akhilesh had said and exhorted party workers to beware of BJP's tricks and pro-

Modi, Mins to visit UP every month

 $T^{o} \ \text{showcase the claim} \\ \text{fof how double engine} \\ \text{Governments} \ \text{in} \ \text{Delhi}$ Lucknow had changed the face of Uttar Pradesh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Union

Ministers will now frequently visit the poll-bound UP every month to either inaugurate or lay the foundation stone of various development schemes, until the model code of conduct comes into force.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit the state capital to lay the foundation stone of Uttar Pradesh State Institute for Forensic Sciences which will come up in 50-acre land in Piparsand village of Sarojini Nagar tehsil in Lucknow on August 1.

The institute will also have a seat of centre of excellence and pave the way for research in DNA testing in

"Like the model followed in Bihar and West Bengal elections, the Prime Minister, his ministerial colleagues and senior BJP functionaries

will be visiting UP regu-

larly ahead of the imposition of the model code of conduct to inaugurate or lay the foundation stone of development projects in the state," a senior BJP leader told this reporter on

The Prime Minister will be in Siddharthnagar to inaugurate nine new medical colleges, his second trip to the state this month after visiting Varanasi on July 15 for unveiling projects. The dates will be announced later. It will be highlighted that these medical colleges have been built under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana and with the resources of the UP Government.

Battle of one-upmanship among two Nishad parties worries SP

The battle of one-upmanship among two Nishad parties staking claim over the legacy of 'Bandit Queen' and former MP Phoolan Devi has worried the Samajwadi Party. The Nishad Party of UP and Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) of Bihar, both allies of the Bharatiya Janata Party, are vying with each other to establish themselves as the sole representative of the Nishad community in UP and claiming themselves as the sole representative of Phoolan Devi.

'It was the Samajwadi Party that took cudgels on behalf of the community in 1994 and not only ensured the release of Phoolan Devi but got her elected to Lok Sabha twice. Now new claimants have emerged to stake claim on her legacy. Both Nishad community- based parties would be exposed during the 2022 UP Assembly elections as people know who their real benefactor is," said a Samajwadi Party leader in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Nishad leader and Bihar Minister Mukesh Sahani has said that his outfit, VIP, will contest 165 Assembly seats in the 2022 UP elections.

Eyeing the votes of Nishad (Mallah) community that constitute seven per cent of UP's electorate, Sahani has decided to install Phoolan Devi's statues in 18 UP districts including Prayagraj, Firozabad, Ballia, Sant Kabir Nagar, Banda, Ayodhya, Sultanpur, Gorakhpur, Maharajganj, Auraiya, Lucknow, Unnao, Meerut, Mirzapur, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Muzaffarnagar, Varanasi and Jaunpur.

BSP announces names of two candidates

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aking a lead over other political parties, the Bahujan Taking a lead over other political parties, the Samaj Party, on Tuesday, announced the names of two of its candidates for the coming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

Ramesh Singh Yadav will be the BSP candidate from Bithoor assembly constituency in Kanpur and Kalmesh Ambedkar from Bharthana (reserved) assembly seat Etawah in the 2022 election.

The name of Kalmesh Ambedkar was announced by BSP's Etawah district president Shilu Dohra on

Kamlesh Ambedkar is the wife of Bhimrao Ambedkar, chief sector incharge of the BSP for Kanpur division.

In 2007, Kamlesh's husband Bhimrao Ambedkar was elected as BSP MLA from Lakhna reserved seat, which has now been included in the Bharthana reserved seat, but he could not taste victory in the subsequent assembly elections.

The Bharthana reserved assembly constituency is oresently held by Bharatiya Janata Party, from where Savitri Katheria is the ruling party's MLA. Shilu Dohra claimed that the BJP would contest the 2022 assembly elections with full force. He said preparations were being made to field a candidate of Yaday or Shakya caste from Shivpal Singh Yadav's Jaswantnagar constituency.

Naresh Goyal, Ajay Singh, Prashant Ruia, PSU chiefs in Pegasus list

The Pegasus snooping list seems unending. The latest list to come out figures many industrialists and their lobbyists. It includes the now defunct Jet Airways owner Naresh Goyal, Spice Jet promoter Ajay Singh, considered close to the top BJP leadership, Essar Group's Prashant Ruia, Aircel promoter Sivasankaran, and Rotomac Pens' Vikram Kothari and son Rahul Kothari, facing bank cases Mukesh Ambani and Anil

Ambani Group's Balasubramaniam and A.N. Sethuraman and Adani Group's lobbyists' names also figured in the list. As per the report published by The Wire portal, the top executives of PSUs like GAIL, LIC, Narmada Valley Fertilizer Corporation also figured in the Pegasus target list.

"Apart from Goyal, the most prominent names on the list are numbers used by SpiceJet chairman and managing director Ajay Singh and the Essar Group's Prashant Ruia. The list also contains multi-

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FOR MONUMENTS' CARE

related parliamentary standing

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Conservation of Museums and

and Opportunities', chaired by

recommended that the Culture

investment needed to maintain

development of museums and

DIRECTIONS FOR UNIFORM

HEALTHCARE STANDARDS

Tuesday sought the Centre's

response on a plea seeking

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on

directions for a uniform standard

with the Constitution by adopting

'FALL IN MAOIST-LINKED

decrease in Maoist-linked violence

activities in the country over the last three years. Minister of State

for Home Affairs Nitvanand Rai

informed Parliament on Tuesday.

While there were 833 incidents of

violence in 2018, they came dowr

decreased to 665 last year. The corresponding official deaths in

these incidents too came down from 240 (2018) to 202 (2019)

SC ASKS HC TO DECIDE APPEALS OF CONVICT

Left Wing Extremism (LWE)

to 670 in 2019 and further

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Establishments Act, 2010.

VIOLENCE IN 3 YRS

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ple businessmen or officials of companies who have had run-ins with the law over the last few years, mostly due to investigations of loan fraud. This includes Vikram Kothari of Rotomac Pens (and his son Rahul), and C. Sivasankaran, former Aircel promoter and maverick entrepreneur," said the Wire

Former GAIL Chairman BC Tripathi, who later joined Essar Group, two numbers, "one for a former boss of Life Insurance Corporation of India and the other for a former executive director of the Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertiliser Corporation also appears on the list," said the report.

Though the report named both Reliance Group lobbyists Balasubramanian and Sethuraman, it did not name the lobbyists of Adani Group who were targeted. Dravidian splinter group leaders were also caught on the Pegasus radar. "Naam Thamizhar Katchi's Seeman, May 17 movement's Thirumurugan Gandhi, Thanthai Periyar Dravidar Kazhagam's K.

on deaths due to

oxygen shortage

Ramakrishnan and Dravidar Kazhagam treasurer Kumaresan feature in the list of potential targets of an NSO Group client.

Senior journalists move SC seeking independent probe

New Delhi: Veteran editors N Ram and Sashi Kumar on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court seeking an independent probe by its sitting or retired judge into the reports of alleged snooping by Government agencies on eminent citizens, politicians and scribes by using İsraeli spyware Pegasus. "The targeted surveillance using militarygrade spyware is an unacceptable violation of the right to privacy which has been held to be a fundamental right under Articles 14 (equality before the law), 19 (freedom of speech and expression) and 21 (protection of life and personal liberty) by the Supreme Court, said the petitioners.

Centre seeks data ATS arrests three

The Centre, while respond-

ing to a question by Congress

MP KC Venugopal, had on July

20 told the Rajya Sabha that no

deaths due to lack of oxygen

had been specifically reported

by States and Union Territories

during the second Covid wave.

Minister of State for Health Dr

Bharati Pravin Pawar stated

that health is a State subject and

accordingly all States, UTs

report cases and deaths to the

Union Health Ministry on a

try reported severe oxygen

shortages for several days and

private hospitals in the nation-

Court demanding a steady

supply. Several hospital admin-

istrations in different states

have alleged that the shortage

of oxygen resulted in the death

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Hospitals across the coun-

regular basis.

In the written reply,

Assam-Mizoram border sealed; MHA calls meeting of DGPs, CSs

New Delhi: Union Home MInistry has called a meeting of the Chief Secretaries and DGPs of Assam and Mizoram on Wednesday in the wake of violence along their shared border, where five Assam Police personnel

Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla will chair the meeting to discuss the sudden escalation of violence along the Assam-Mizoram border. The meeting of the Chief Secretaries and DGPs is expected to work on a peace formula so that there is no repeat of the violence along the border of the two states, a home ministry official said.

The central government is in regular touch with the Assam and Mizoram governments and trying to calm down the situation, the officials said, adding CRPF has been deployed in the violence-hit area. Five Assam Police personnel, along with a civilian, were killed and more than 50 others, including a Superintendent of Police, were injured when Mizoram Police opened fire on a team of Assam officials on Monday. Assam's Barak Valley districts of Cachar, Karimganj and Hailakandi share a 164 km long border with Mizoram's three districts of Aizawl, Kolasib and Mamit. The incidents came two days after Home Minister Amit Shah held talks with the chief ministers of eight northeastern states and underscored the need to resolve lingering border disputes.

for running human

have busted a gang involved in human trafficking racket involv-

ing Bangladeshis and Rohingyas in the country. They arrested three

members of the gang on Tuesday and claimed that the group was

involved in human trafficking, especially of women and children,

to settle them in cities like Ghaziabad, Noida and Delhi through

getting information for some time that an international gang was

illegally bringing citizens of Bangladesh and Myanmar, especial-

ly women and children, to India to settle them in cities like Noida,

national human trafficking gang was Muhammad Noor alias Noorul Islam, who was illegally luring Rohingya and Bangladeshi

women into marriage, and men and children to work in factories,

the release stated. After bringing them to India, they were settled

According to the information given by the police, these human traffickers exploited the victims, including women and children

financially, physically and mentally. It also came to light that the

human traffickers were earning a huge amount of money from

this work. The ATS investigation revealed that Noor Muhammad

was going to Delhi by train (Brahmaputra Mail) along with some

Rohingya and Bangladeshi nationals when the probing team

deboarded five persons, including two girls and interrogated them

in Ghaziabad. Besides Islam, the other two arrested were identi-

fied as Rahmatullah and Safiurrehman alias Safiullah, all hailing

During investigation, it was found that the leader of this inter-

Ghaziabad and Delhi.

on the basis of coded forms.

According to an official communiqué, the ATS sleuths were

trafficking racket

22,129 new Covid-19 cases in Kerala KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala on Tuesday logged 22, 129 new Covid-19 cases across the State while the pandemic claimed 156 lives during the last 24 hours. This took the death toll in the State till date to 16, 326. The average Test Positivity Rate on Tuesday was 12.35 percent.

The Legislative Assembly witnessed charges and counter between the Opposition UDF and the ruling LDF over the death toll released by the Government. Leader of the Opposition V D Satheeshan claimed that the Government has not included more than 7,000 persons who died of Covid-19 in its list while Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan retorted that the Government does not have anything to hide. "If you have any genuine grievances and evidences, furnish it to us and we will certainly examine the same," said the Chief Minister while replying to an adjournment motion moved by the Opposition. Tuesday's announcement

regarding the Covid-19 details came amidst the concern expressed by the Union Government that Kerala's ten districts had the highest TPR in Malappuram topped the

list of districts with highest Tuesday. While Malappuram registered 4,037 new patients, Thrissur came second with 2,623 patients. Kozhikode (2,397), Ernakulam (2352) and Palakkadu (2115) were the other districts with more than 2,000 patients.

On Tuesday, 1,79 lakhs samples were tested, according to the release issued by the Department of Health. "The number of new Covid-19 cases are likely to go up further in days to come as we are waiting for the impact of the lifting of lock down in connection with the Id festival," said a Government Physician who has been on Covid-19 treatment duty for the last one year.

He said there were discrepancies in the details submitted by the Department of Health, Kerala Government. "A comparative study between the details released by Tamil Nadu and Kerala reveal that the former is more transparent.

Rajnath begins 3-day visit to Dushanbe to attend SCO meet

Situation in Afghanistan and Dits impact on the whole region and terrorism and ways to curb its funding will figure prominently during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's threeday participation in the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation(SCO) conclave starting Wednesday in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The annual conference of

the Defence Ministers of the SCO countries will also see the Chinese and Pakistan Ministers taking part. While Rajnath had met his Chinese counterpart Wei Fenghe in the SCO conclave last year in a bilateral meeting in Moscow, it was not yet confirmed about such a meeting this year. Rajnath and Fenghe had

discussed ways to ease tension at the Line of Actual Control(LAC)in nearly twohour long parleys on the side-lines of the SCO conclave in September last. Incidentally, it was the first high level meeting between leaders of India and China after stand-offs erupted on the LAC in eastern Ladakh ion May last year. Giving details of Rajnath's

schedule in Dushanbe, the Defence Ministry said here on address the SCO gathering on Wednesday.

Defence cooperation issues among the SCO member states will be discussed and a communique is expected to be issued after the deliberations. During his visit, Rajnath is also expected to meet his

Tajikistan counterpart Colonel General Sherali Mirzo to discuss bilateral issues and other issues of mutual interest. Tajikistan is chairing the

SCO this year and hosting series of Ministerial and official-level meetings. A few days back it hosted the foreign Ministers' meet.

Addressing the SCO dia-logue on Afghanistan there on July 14, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had proposed a three-point way forward to restore peace in the strife torn country. He also stressed that the solution has to be Afghan led. Jaishankar also cautioned

that the international commu-nity is against the "seizure of power by violence and force" and will not "legitimise such actions". This was in an apparent reference to the Taliban surging in many districts in

As regards Rajnath's address on Wednesday, sources said he is expected to delve into regional security challenges, including terrorism, and the ways to deal with them.

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Days after denying any death due to oxygen shortage

during the second wave of

Covid-19, the Government has

written to States/Union

Territories seeking such data,

according to Government

This data is likely to be presented in the ongoing

Monsoon Session of the

States for data on deaths relat-

ed to Oxygen shortage. The

data is likely to be presented in

Parliament before the

Monsoon Session ends on

August 13," sources told a news

agency.
The Government has been

drawing flak over the claim that no deaths due to lack of oxygen

had been specifically reported

by states and Union Territories

during the second Covid-19 of several patients.

"The Centre has written to

Parliament, they added.

The rain-flood toll in Maharashtra L climbed further to 209 on Tuesday, even as 43 roads in various rain-flood ravaged areas of Maharashtra remained submerged in water and the number of people evacuated went up to 4,34,185.

Seventeen more bodies were recovered during the day, taking the total number of people killed in the rain-related mishaps

Raigad accounted for a maximum of 95 deaths, while there were 45 deaths in Satara district of western Maharashtra. The death tally in other places comprised: Ratnagiri-35, Thane-14, Kolhapur-7, Mumbai-4, Pune-3, Sindhdurg, Wardha and Akola-2 each. The authorities pegged the number of injuries at 50, while eight persons were still reported missing.

Though there was let up in the rains, as many as 19 -- 16 teams belonging to the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and three belonging to the Indian Army – continued with their rescue and operations in various parts of the coastal Konkan region and western Maharashtra.



ple in the flooded areas of the state to safer

As many as 1351 villages were affected by the rains and consequent floods. Satara bore the maximum brunt of the heavy rains, as many as 420 villages were affected. While 411 villages in Kolhapur district were affected, the authorities pegged the number of villages affected in angli district at 104.

Meanwhile, as many as 308 relief camps are functioning in various affected areas. Kolhapur accounted for maximum of 296 relief camps involving 40,688 evacuated people, followed by Sangli -- 43 camps (2,06,611 people), Satara --29 camps (2902 people), Ratnagiri -- 16 camps (695 people).

UP ex-CM Kalyan Singh critical; Yogi visits hospital

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh's former Chief Minister Kalyan Singh is in life support as his condition is critical, according to a medical bulletin by the Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences here on Tuesday. The 89-year-old BJP veteran was admitted to the ICU of the hospital on the evening of July 4 due to an infection and reduced consciousness.

"Kalyan Singh's health status is still critical. He is on life saving support system. He has been on continuous dialysis. His clinical parameters are being closely monitored by the expert consultants," the bulletin said.

His condition is being closely monitored by senior doctors of the critical care medicine, cardiology, nephrology, neurology and endocrinology departments, a doctor said.

Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath visited the veteran leader on Tuesday and enquired about his health status. Earlier, Singh was undergoing treatment at the Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences here.

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New Delhi: Terming it a "hard case of unduly long incarceration", the Supreme Court has asked the Allahabad High

and 183 in the last year.

Court to make an endeavour to dispose within four months the appeals filed by two life convicts, including one from Bangladesh, who have in custody for over 30

New Delhi: Under the "Liberalised

Pricing and Accelerated National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy", over 1.27 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines were directly procured by private hospitals in May, the Government informed Parliament on Tuesday. The strategy came into effect from May 1.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Upheaval

India should wait and watch and resist global pressure to move into Afghanistan

It will mean a massive turnaround in India's Afghanistan policy to send its soldiers into the war-torn neighbouring country. No current indication warrants such an approach even though friendly external powers want India to play an active, hard role in Afghanistan. The situation is similar to the one where the Quad members (the United States, Australia, India and Japan) would like India being their active spearhead in containing China. In the western theatre, China has planned joint action with Pakistan to fend off the threat of terrorism in Afghanistan even though the Afghan media has created a perception that Pakistan is aiding the Taliban. Still, China's articulation may convince the West to prefer pulling India into the neighbourhood war. India, thus, already has its hands full trying to ensure that it is not forced into taking sides. India has clarified it is not "aware" of any "invitation" to be part of the American initiative through Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Pakistan or the Russia-



US-China grouping on Afghanistan. The relationship between Kabul and New Delhi is shaped by the strategic partnership between the two countries signed in October 2011. It is the basis for their strategic efforts "against international terrorism". India's role is limited to training and equipping Afghan national security forces and executing capacity-building programmes. To go beyond this point will mean freshly assessing its Afghanistan policy that so far translated into India keeping itself out of the conflict but contributing to capacity building with an external power — the Iran-Russia front initially and, later, the United States — maintain-

ing stability. This policy allowed India to keep away from the Taliban.

In the present scenario, however, the Taliban are forcing themselves to be at the centre-stage in Afghanistan, making it impossible to arrive at a resolution without involving them. The situation persuades all parties to decide what kind of contact to have with the Taliban. The other complication is, which of the factions of the Taliban to contact? There is the faction that depends on Pakistan's support while another faction attempts to carve its political space with help from sections in the Middle East. Thirdly, what exactly would a country like India talk to the Taliban about when Pakistan-based terror outfits that are intent on destabilising India are said to be assisting the Taliban in Afghanistan? India will get a fair idea of where the United States, which is in the last stages of withdrawal from Afghanistan, stands on the question of stability in the region when its leadership meets visiting Secretary of State Anthony Blinken. India missed a first-hand briefing on the ground situation in Afghanistan because of the cancellation of the visit of the Afghan Army chief. The situation is not such that India can come to an informed decision about its future action. The external powers are still in the process of firming up their own positions and roles. Till then, India's job is to wait and watch and resist international pressure to move in.

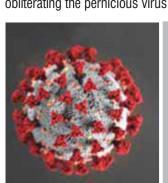


A pet monkey enjoys tea from a plastic cup collected from a roadside garbage box, in Kolkata

Zapping the virus

In what may be a breakthrough against Corona's spread, a laser device will kill the virus in 50 msecs

ven as the Novel Coronavirus fast mutates into new, deadlier variants since being discovered nearly one-and-a-half years ago, virologists and scientists are scurrying to keep pace and finding more potent ways to eliminate it. According to latest reports, a new laser device has been created in Italy that is apparently capable of obliterating the pernicious virus present within a structure's boundary walls. Work on



the machine project, developed by the scientists of the United Nations in collaboration with the scientists of an Italian tech company, the International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, and Altec K-Laser, a local company that makes laser equipment, respectively, was started last year when Italy was reeling under the COVID-19 pandemic. How does the instrument work? It's quite simple, really. In the device, the air is passed through a laser beam that kills viruses and bacteria. And it is already getting noticed and winning accolades, too. "This device has completely changed the way I think about laser technology. It

kills viruses in 50 milliseconds," claims Serena Zakinya, the head of the Cardiovascular Biology Group at the International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.

As a significant precautionary measure, keeping the areas within the boundary walls free from infection has proved to be a major challenge during the pandemic. A virusfree environment within the boundary walls has become a necessity to prevent the spread of the virus. However, there are Doubting Thomases, too. Some scientists say that the laser-based technology will not be safe to kill the virus. A study published in the Journal of Photochemistry and Photobiology in November linked laser-based devices to the risk of cancer. But the equipment's manufacturers have assured that there is no truth in these reports. They believe that the laser emanating from it never comes in contact with the human skin, so there is no risk of developing cancer. Claiming that it is a recycled product, the Altec founder has said that "our device uses nature against nature". But the one drawback is that though viruses and bacteria can be eliminated in the air, the laser won't be effective if they fall to the floor or any surface. The company, having already bagged a patent for this device which can also be installed in the air-conditioning unit, now plans to take it to the international market.

When politicos pass the buck to military -As



After decades-long wait, Modi 2.0 appointed Gen Rawat as the CDS in 2019 but the Defence Planning Committee fell short of groundwork

efore the monsoon session of Parliament, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh invited two former Defence Ministers for a briefing. He did not dirty his hands but asked the CDS and COAS to brief them. In the UK, it would not happen. Politicians pass the buck to the military. Expectedly, the Army and Air Force have clashed over the transformational reforms underway. CDS Gen Rawat described the IAF as an extension of artillery and a combat support service. Air Chiefs have been kept out of the loop during the 1965 and 1971 wars, reflecting mistrust of IAF which is about air power required for "shaping the battlefield". But boots on the ground are essential. Rewind: Gulf War I (1991) last-

ed 44 days: 38 days of aerial bombardment and four-day land offensive. In Bosnia (1995), air power alone won the war in 17 days. Kosovo (1999), air war was 78 days with no ground offensive. The Afghanistan campaign (2001) last-ed 65 days with 11 days of ground operations. The Iraq war (2003) lasted 21 days of air and land battle. In Sri Lanka, the IAF performed its modest role effectively. The IAF's sterling performance though was the Balakot bombing — politically and strategically a turning point, marking the threshold of counterterrorism response. The omission in employing IAF in 1962 was part of the political and military fiasco. Still, IAF insecurities arising from jointness, including rotation of three-star slots by merit, have to be addressed to achieve unification to obviate IAF Chief having to ask the Army Chief to requisition in writing that air support was required

The CDS traces its history to Admiral Mountbatten when he sounded Prime Minister Nehru about its utility. After the 1971 war, Prime Minister Gandhi had informed Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw he would become CDS but nothing came of it. The CDS was resurrected by a 2001 GoM containing 100 recommendations, most of which were implemented except CDS. When an attempt was made to appoint CDS, Air Chief Marshal OP Mehra accompanied by a posse of former Air Chiefs met the President and blocked the enterprise. In 2002, a

CDS actually appeared on the horizon: His office was prepared in South Block, Guard of Honour rehearsed by Delhi Area and *NDTV* announced Adm Sushil Kumar's elevation. But between the cup and the lip was a slip. The Naresh Chandra Task Force in 2013 revived the CDS in its less truculent avatar: Permanent Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee. But Defence Minister AK Antony sat on the proposal. It was not until Christmas Day 2019 that Modi 2.0 Government issued a gazette notification appointing Rawat as "primus-inter-pares-CDS" tasking him to implement jointness by January 2023. A Department of Military Affairs was also created under MoD. Appointing a CDS has been an article of faith for the BJP.

Two questions arise from the reform process. First, did GoI do the necessary thinking and research — and who did it before issuing the gazette notification? Why were the known historical IAF insecurities not addressed by the political authority? Unfortunately, the newly minted Defence Planning Committee under NSA AK Doval merely issued a charter of work to Rawat without the DPC doing any groundwork. Clearly such transformational exercise should have begun by launching an SDSR (Strategic Defence and



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Security Review), preferably an Integrated Review, on the lines the UK did in March this year followed by enunciating a National Security Strategy. The DPC conveniently left the thinking to CDS, ignoring the inevitable repercussions.

I recall UK Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine explaining to me on the back of an envelope at RCDS London in 1984 how he had rewired the CDS system for unification and whose implementation he ordered in the face of revolt from Service Chiefs. The reforms were ordered top-down

without passing the buck. Modi had announced the appointment of CDS from Red Fort in 2019. The Government simply issued a fiat to CDS on jointness despite knowing opposition to it. This lack of consensus (which all militaries have had to overcome) emerged clumsily last month during a seminar organised by Global Counter-Terrorism Council in which both Rawat and Air Chief Marshal Bhadauria spoke. It was one of the ugliest public spats between a service chief and CDS, which has triggered an illinformed debate. The remedial measure of an Experts Committee headed by CDS with Vice Chiefs of single services for more consultation and discussion is a bad idea: the medicine worse than the malady. The Defence Minister ought to have intervened and done a Heseltine.

The IAF's concerns including integrated use of air power have to be addressed, given that IAF has only 30 fighter squadrons. Appointments of CDS and Combatant Commanders of other joint/integrated/unified commands and organisations be made by merit and not in Robin's turn. The concepts of air-land and tri-service battles have to be revised and updated. Joint Professional Military Education should become mandatory for promotion to flag rank. An equivalent of US Goldwater-Nichols Act 1986 will ensure jointness to diminish inter-service rivalry. India was a pioneer in integration through Joint Services Wing/ National Defence Academy/ Defence Services Staff College/National Defence College. But long ago, the political class responsible for defence of India stopped thinking, leaving it to the military to selfreform. The politician is required to do and say more than "giving a befitting reply".

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEERS SHOULD SHUN POLITICS

Sir — It looks that from Punjab to Karnataka, it is the season of change and a show of assertion by the central leadership of political parties to set their house in order, their sights trained on the upcoming elections. The 78-year-old, four-time Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa who had won his current term by engineering defections and toppling the Congress-IDS Government in 2019, has quit.

To date, Yediyurappa and the BJP have remained synonymous in Karnataka and now he, despite being the only mass leader the BJP had in the State and in the entire south, has now resigned. His exit leaves the BIP without an experienced leader to helm the Government. While the RSS wants to move away from caste equations by picking national organising secretary BL Santhosh, a Brahmin, many in the State BJP are against ignoring the Lingayat community that has been the BJP's mainstay all

these years. The hard fact is that the party cannot do without the support of the Lingayat community, particularly its influential mutt heads. But what is most unfortunate is that the effect of what the seers in Karnataka have said openly has the effect of dividing people on the basis of caste lines and community. If these seers are keen on a life in politics, they should drop the pretence of renunciation and contest elections. JS Acharya | Hyderabad

INTERSTATE BOUNDARY ISSUE ERUPTS

Sir — The interstate boundary issue in north-eastern States is a perennial problem and six personnel of the Assam Police died at the border with Mizoram while defending the constitutional boundary of the State. The incident came less than two days after Home Minister Amit Shah met with the northeast CMs to resolve the interstate boundary disputes.

Border conflicts have occurred intermittently since Mizoram was carved out of Assam as a Union Territory in 1972 and got Statehood in 1987. Six Assam police personnel were killed in an exchange of fire with their Mizoram counterparts after the

SC view on beggars heartening



s an imminent third wave of COVID-19 looms large, the Supreme Court refused to take an "elitist" view to ban begging and issued notices to the Centre and the Delhi Government on a petition seeking vaccination and rehabilitation of beggars in the wake of the pandemic in India. According to the apex court, no one would like to beg if not for poverty. It observed that people are generally compelled to beg to eke out elementary livelihood due to the lack of education and employment. As it was a socio-economic problem, beggars could not be stopped from begging, it added.

The Supreme Court has made the right

protracted border row between the two

northeastern States took a violent turn. The

clashes at the border town of Vairengte also

left at least 60 persons from Assam

injured. The incident comes less than two

days after Union Home Minister Amit

Shah held a meeting with the Chief

Ministers of the northeast in Meghalaya's

capital Shillong for resolving the interstate

boundary disputes. However, Assam also

harbours border disputes with Arunachal

Krishnan Subramaniam | Ghaziabad

Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

PUNISH THE CORRUPT POLITICIANS

Sir — During the election campaign sea-

son earlier, the leaders of the DMK

accused the then AIADMK Government

and its Ministers, including then Chief

Minister E Palaniswami, of rampant cor-

ruption. They even submitted a memoran-

dum to the Governor seeking action

against those "corrupt" leaders. They also

observation regarding beggary in India. On the other hand, many factors are involved in beggary. But it is a fact that beggars are driven by poverty. However, it must be understood that the state of very poor people in the country is equal to that of beggars. As there is no proper enumeration of beggars, it is difficult to deal with the problem. Wandering beggars in the time of the COVID pandemic pose risk to the public. They must not be deprived of their right to COVID testing and vaccination. They must be rehabilitated and vocational training must be provided to them. Also, education must be provided to their

In spite of the advancements made by India in different sectors, beggary continues to be a social problem. As the country is striving to achieve world standards in every field, socio-economic measures are needed to solve the begging problem. A comprehensive programme must be developed for this. Philanthropic approach to beggary must be replaced with therapeutic and rehabilitative work.

Venu GS | Kollam

assured the electorate that if elected to power, they would initiate serious action against all the Ministers and officials found to be involved in corruption and other malpractices leading to them amassing wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income.

As assured, the DMK Government has commenced action and the recent raids conducted by the DVAC at the residence and more than 20 business places connected to former Transport Minister MR Vijayabhaskar are part of the exercise which, we believe, is going to be a continuing process henceforth. The Government that has started in the right earnest to fix the corrupt should not succumb to any pressure from any quarters, go ahead with the raids and investigations and see that the corrupt get exemplary punishment.

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Your (Sidhu's) win is my win and our win is the party's win. We need to work together in the interest of the State and its people.

> **Punjab Chief Minister** Amarinder Singh



Our role in Iraq will be... continue to train, to assist and to deal with ISIS but we're not going to be, by the end of

the year, in a combat mission. **US President**

I think it's super delicious. It's tasty and when you compare it to everything else, Indian food



— Joe Biden

MasterChef Australia winner — Justin Narayan



I feel like my attitude wasn't that great because I don't really know how to cope with that (Olympics) pressure.

Four-time Grand Slam winner — Naomi Osaka

Social evils begin in the mind...The fear of social stigma should deter people from demanding or giving dowry.



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FIRST COLUMN THE GLOBAL **MINIMUM TAX**

Companies will have to pay a minimum tax regardless of the jurisdiction they operate from



KINNARRY THAKKAR

t was a historic event when 130 nations representing over 90 percent of global GDP agreed to a global minimum tax (GMT)of possibly 15 per centon corporations for a two-pillar solution to address the tax challenges arising from the globalisation and digitalisation of the economy. These countries are part of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) which has been working towards preventing tax base erosion and profit shifting by companies that setup their businesses in low-tax jurisdictions to avoid payment of higher taxes. Nothing can prevent companies from engaging in such arrangements but the tax authorities became part of a global race to the bottom to compete which jurisdiction could lower their corporate tax rate most to check revenue leakage. The outcome was a double whammy: Companies still avoided taxes by locating in the jurisdictions that won this race and consequently, the tax authorities kept losing on their revenue collections. The digital companies felt the negative impact



strongly as their headquarters would be in a low-tax jurisdiction and consumers all over the world; they would thus pay tax only in the lowtax jurisdiction thus hurting the tax revenues of all other jurisdictions. To overcome this problem, several countries levied a digital services tax and collected a percentage of revenue from corporations on certain transactions. In India, an equalisation levy of six per cent for 'any specified service' provided by a non-resident in some cases and of two per cent on a non-resident e-commerce operator subject to certain criteria is presently applicable. Such measures are adopted in retaliation of the tech giants exploiting the tax treaties or doing 'treatyshopping' that puts a hole in the coffers of the State.

As a result, there is a strong consensus to make the companies pay a minimum amount of tax irrespective of the location in which their businesses are headquartered. This will deter the companies from designinga complex web of corporate layers for shifting their tax base to low-tax jurisdictions and avoid tax in the country of consumption. The solution to the problem of Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) was enunciated by OECD that provided for a framework in a pillar-wise approach as mentioned below. Pillar one proposes the reallocation of taxing rights in the jurisdictions where customers and/or users are located. Pillar two presents a global antibase erosion mechanism to stop the shifting of profits to low tax or no-tax jurisdiction facilitated by new technologies and ensure a minimum level of tax being paid by multinational enterprises. The proposed rules aimto annihilate the idea of shifting profits by leaving no added advantage for the corporations in doing so. This will also encourage positive competition among companies by creating a level playing field that is otherwise distorted by the ability of only a few big international corporations to setup businesses in tax havens. The G-20 and the EU have supported this framework, but countries like Barbados, Estonia, Ireland, Hungary, among others, which are tax havens or low tax jurisdictions, have not signed up to the deal for various reasons. The proposed rules shall override the present digital services tax. Also, laws such as the global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI) of the US to discourage profit shifting shall have to be aligned with the proposed Inclusive framework. The proposed regulation is a giant step towards an efficient global system of taxation. Concerns of all stakeholders must be considered and addressed to formulate and implement an effective policy framework. The G-20 meeting this October will decide on the agreement and its implementation plan. The rules may take effect in 2023.

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Afghan conundrum and the road ahead



The responses can range from total to moderate military support or maybe a combination of various strategies but India won't certainly be indifferent

he Taliban taking over Kabul or establishing a parallel regime in Afghanistan will involve the issue of legitimacy via its recognition. Strongly related to this, the message from Russia to India is clear, "it's up to India to analyse the situation and go ahead according to the current realities". The new strategic alignment of Pakistan-China-Russia is already in a process that will have a destabilising effect on the countries of South and Central Asia. With these developments, India might then have to rethink beyond its traditional strategies.

In this context, the entire debate would shift upon India's decision for the Afghan forces and the strategic developments that might follow. India might decide to help the Afghan Air Force with the Strategic Partnership Agreement (2011) being the main guiding principle. The responses can range from total military support to a moderate one or maybe a combination of various strategies, but certainly, the Indian government will not be indifferent because secu-

Irrespective of the decision that would be taken, certain challenges are coming up for the government. An increase in crossborder terrorism with new forms of hybrid warfare, a sharp increase in drugs and human trafficking, especially affecting Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra, and an increase in the propaganda warfare by the adversary working in tandem with the existing and the emerging Violent Non-State Actors (VNSA). The fate of Hindus and Sikhs in Afghanistan is also in jeopardy. All these challenges are interlinked. An India-centric approach is required to deal with them.

First, at the diplomatic level, even though Russia might look to stand with Pakistan, strategic overlaps with Russia can be used for the furtherance of India's interests. As we understand that geopolitics is nei-ther black nor white, how well the current strategic agreements are used to extract leverages would depend upon the govern-ment apart from the developments that will follow. India should exercise its strategic leverage with Saudi Arabia and other Islamic countries to tighten its noose around Pakistan in the future. The role of OIC in the coming few days would be of immense importance to India. The policy of exposing and isolating Pakistan should continue at a regional and international level. i nere can de no detter platform than FA I i and UNGA.

There is also an opportunity for India to reinvigorate its strategic relations with Iran and find new commonalities to cooperate. Iran's initial euphoria of the US exit may soon end as it might find the Taliban committing atrocities on the Shia minority in Afghanistan. Many hardliner clerics in Tehran have still not forgotten the 1998 killings of Iranian diplomats.

The upcoming refugee problem in the wake of the establishment of an Islamic emirate is going to open up new challenges for



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eye to each other.

The role of the UN has to be called upon as sincere joint efforts are required. India should first approach the UNSC and in case of conflicting interests, the task of maintaining normalcy and peace should be discussed in the UNGA. Having an understanding that there would be a lack of unanimity in the UNSC to protect Afghanistan and its people, India cannot let the region be sucked into chaos and anarchy. For this, sooner or later, India has to take the lead for an "emergency special session" of the UNGA. This session can be called by India and its allies under Resolution 377A (V) that provides for a 'Uniting for Peace'. India must remind the international community of its primary duty to maintain peace and security and should request recommendations to act collectively to restore the peace of the region under a unified command. The UN has provisions in case the UNSC fails to "discharge its respon-

All the international legal issues

in the UNGA to expose countries like Pakistan. This will also set the tone for India's leadership and the expansion of the UNSC. Additionally, to secure the lives and dignity of Hindus and Sikhs in Afghanistan, the government may think of evacuating them at the ear-liest before a full-fledged war breaks

Second, at a tactical level, hybrid warfare against India will deepen and broaden. New weapons and tactics utilised by the proxy militia will call for measures that favour coercive policies. For instance, the use of drones and rockets by terror groups to avoid casualties in physical attacks has already been initiated. To counter such an emerging threat, India can expand the horizons of its 'offensive defence. It may incorporate the policy of 'deterrence by denial' through disallowing the terrorists to assemble and execute attacks against India. Of course, it has its own risk of substantial escalation when states are using VNSA. The evolving strategic communication and the militarycivil interface through the media to let the world know about India's political will, intentions and interests will surely play an important role.

India should strengthen its defence system that is capable of retaliating to the emerging hybrid warfare techniques that are redrawing the battle lines. Turkey and China are the main suppliers of drones to Pakistan. Collaborative

threats either in a proxy war or a military conflict cannot be ruled out. Here, a two-way approach may be adopted. Apart from strategic purchases of anti-drone platforms from the allies such as the US, Israel, France, and Germany, long-term collaboration may be pushed forward to counter the asymmetric warfare. AI is another thrust area. For instance, the US alone has around 140 projects based on AI, the knowledge of which is available in the public domain. This can be of immense help to the Indian forces. Simultaneously, indigenous R&D in defence manufacturing especially in AI technologies should be boosted for surveillance and tactical capabilities

There are various new areas of AI that India has not yet explored. These include bio-inspired surveillance systems, AI face recognition cameras in sensitive areas, tools using AI algorithms to counter cyber-attacks, and overlook security issues such as indoctrination, sale of narcotics, and small arms through the darknet. All these measures will help the forces and will ensure efficiency in the changing times. However, the focus on A1 and other technologies should not distract the government from developing new warfare platforms such as anti-submarine warfare capabilities and short-range tactical weapons to defeat the conventional threats for there are possibilities for simultaneous provocations on the border. Given the current scenario and the shifting sands, India has to strive for itself and there is no one better than India to think about the national



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Yediyurappa out, but still crucial for BJP in Karnataka

If the BJP high command handles him well, BSY, being a mass leader, could still mobilise the Lingayat vote for the party

uly 26 happened to be the second anniversary of Chief Minister Yediyurappa's rule in Karnataka. However, it turned out to be an occasion for an emotional farewell speech after he announced his resignation. Though BSY, as he is known in the State, resisted pressures, the high command had decided that it was time for a younger leader to take

Yediyurappa is now 78 and well over the party's prescribed age limit of 75 years to hold public office. He will not lead the party in the next assembly polls in 2023, as he would be over 80 by then. Karnataka is the southern gateway for the BJP. It has become the third pillar along with Congress and JD



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(Secular) and Yediyurappa had a big role in that. Unfortunately, though he

came to power four times, he has not completed a single term. BSY quit reluctantly as the high command had worked out his exit plans with minimum damage to the

İncidentally, the RSS, too, wanted a younger leader to take over. Karnataka has produced many important RSS leaders -from RSS chief, the late K. S. Sudarshan, HV Seshadri to present-day leaders like Dattareya Hosbole, B.L. Santosh, and C.R. Mukund.

Yediyurappa has been an asset as well as a liability to the party. BSY was a shrewd manipulator who knew how



opponents, be it the Janata Dal coalition or Congress. He was adept at using age-old tricks of defection and lure of money. Even in the 2017 polls, the BJP did not get a simple majority. To keep BJP out, the Congress and the JD(S) formed a government with the JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy as Chief Minister. Yediyurappa pulled down this government in to snatch power from the 2019 and became the chief

minister for the fourth time. Why is Yediyurappa important for the BJP? First of all, there is no Lingayat leader to match him in the state, either in Congress or the JD(S). The BJP also did not develop the second rung of leadership

Secondly, crucial caste politics favour him. Lingayats are the State's single-most significant community, (17 percent). Of the 500 mutts in the state, most are headed by Lingayats, followed by Vokkaliga mutts. The community can tilt the balance in as many as 90-100 of the State's 224 assembly constituencies. The seers, who received support financially and otherwise from the chief minister, openly supported BSY.

The Lingayats traditionally supported the Congress but moved away in the seventies only to return briefly. But they withdrew their support after Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi abruptly sacked popular Lingayat chief minister Veerendra Patil. In the 1994 assembly elections, the community voted against Congress. This was the time when BSY emerged as the face of the Lingayats. Barring 2013, the BJP always had more than 30 Liingayat MLAs in the House - 32 in 2004, 39 in

2008, and 38 in 2018. Yediyurappa has risen from the RSS ranks and been seven-term MLA between 1983 and 2013. He joined the RSS when he was barely 15 and cut his political teeth in the Jana Sangh. A mass leader

who installed the first BJP government in South India in 2008, BSY continues to have his own place in the State, despite the corruption charges, nepotism, and voices of dissent.

His meteoric rise in Karnataka was checked in the wake of a land scam that cost him the chief minister's job. He walked out of the BJP in 2012 to float his outfit, the Karnataka Janta Paksha (KJP), which dealt a severe blow to the BJP in the 2013 assembly

elections. return The Yediyurappa consolidated the Lingayat vote base again in the 2014 general elections. While dealing with him, the BJP leadership had to keep this in mind. For the fourth time, he took over as the chief minising defections of 18 MLAs from Congress and the Janata Dal (S). By then he had already crossed 76 years and like before, was facing corruption and nepotism charges from his party detractors.

ter in July 2019 after engineer-

With the chief minister drumming up support from the mighty Lingayat mutts, the BJP cannot ignore BSY because holding Karnataka is critical for the party before the 2023 Assembly polls or the 2024 General elections.

BSY's innings may be over but if the BJP high command handles him well, being a mass leader, he could still mobilize the Lingayat votes. His successor has a tough job ahead, taking everyone along in a state where factionalism always prevailed.

Biden: US combat mission in Iraq to end this year

 $P^{\text{resident Joe Biden said on}}_{\text{Monday that the U.S. com-}}$ bat mission in Iraq will conclude by the end of the year, an announcement that reflects the reality on the ground more than a major shift in U.S. pol-

Even before Biden took office, the main U.S. focus has been assisting Iraqi forces, not fighting on their behalf. And Biden did not say if he planned to reduce the number of troops in Iraq, now about 2,500.

The announcement comes on the heels of Biden's decision to withdraw fully from Afghanistan nearly 20 years after the U.S. launched that war in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Together, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have heavily taxed the U.S. military and kept it from devoting more attention to a rising China, which the Biden administration calls the biggest longterm security challenge.

For years, U.S. troops have played support roles in Iraq and

was the origin of the Islamic State group that swept across the border in 2014 and captured large swaths of Iraqi territory, prompting the U.S. to send troops back to Iraq that

Speaking to reporters during an Oval Office session with Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi, Biden said his administration remained committed to a partnership with Iraq — a relationship that has been increasingly complicated by Iranian-

backed Iraqi militia groups. The militias want all U.S. troops out of Iraq immediately and have periodically attacked bases that house American troops.

Dan Caldwell, a senior adviser to Concerned Veterans for America, said U.S. troops will remain at risk.

Regardless of whether their deployment is called a combat mission, U.S. troops will remain under regular attack as long as they remain in Iraq," Caldwell said in a statement.

"An American military

sary for our safety and only risks the loss of more American

Biden said the U.S. military will continue to assist Iraq in its fight against the Islamic State group, or ISIS. A joint U.S.-Iraq statement said the security relationship will be focused on training, advising and intelligence-sharing.

"Our shared fight against ISIS is critical for the stability of the region and our counterterrorism operation will continue, even as we shift to this new phase we're going to be talking about," Biden said.

The shift from a U.S. combat role to one focused on training and advising the Iraqi security forces was announced in April, when a joint U.S.-Iraqi statement said this transition allowed for the removal from Iraq of any remaining U.S. combat forces on a timetable to be determined later.

It did not specify what combat functions the Ú.S. was engaged in then, nor did Biden get into such specifics on Monday.

US Prez's first visit to intel agency to contrast with Trump's

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is making his first visit to an agency of the US intelligence community, looking to emphasise his confidence in national security leaders after his predecessor's incendiary battles against what he often derided as the "deep state"

Biden is scheduled Tuesday

afternoon to visit the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, which oversees the 17 US intelligence organisations. The White House said in a statement that Biden intends to express "admiration for their work and underscore the importance for our national security of intelligence collection and analysis free from political interfer-

President Donald Trump visited the Central Intelligence Agency on his first full day in office, praising the agencies but also airing personal grievances. Standing in front of CIA's memorial wall with stars marking each of the officers who have died while serving, Trump settled scores with the media and repeated false claims about the size of his inauguration crowd.

The relationship between the intelligence community and the president "went downhill from that very day," said Glenn Gerstell, who then served as general counsel of the National Security Agency and stepped down last year.

Trump would go through four permanent or acting directors of national intelligence in four years and engaged in near-constant fights with the intelligence community.

In particular, he was angry about its assessment that Russia had interfered on his behalf in the 2016 presidential campaign and its role in revealing that Trump pressured Ukraine to investigate Biden, an action that ultimately led to Trump's first impeachment. Trump eventually fired the inspector general at the national intelligence office - the internal watchdog who brought that pressure to

Trump inaugural chair: I'm '100% innocent' in lobbying case

New York: The chair of former President Donald Trump's 2017 inaugural committee pleaded not guilty on Monday and said he was "100 per cent innocent" of charges that he secretly lobbied the U.S. On behalf of the United Arab Emirates.

Tom Barrack, 74, wearing a black mask to protect against the coronavirus, appeared in Brooklyn Federal Court for the first time, days after he was freed on \$250 million bail following his arrest in California. His lawyer entered his plea for

"As you'd expect, the system is working. I think what you'll find is that ... over time, you'll all see that I'm 100per cent innocent," Barrack said as he left the courthouse.

Prosecutors say Barrack used his multidecade friendship with Trump to influence the Republican's policy, starting when Trump was a candidate in 2016 and continuing after he sworn was president.

US pays \$4 bn to

Who is watching?

Afghan forces;

police to detail violence, injuries

At first Jan 6 hearing,

Democrats are launching their investigation into the January 6 Capitol insurrection Tuesday with a focus on the law enforcement officers who were attacked and beaten as the rioters broke into the building — an effort to put a human face on the violence of the day.

The police officers who are scheduled to testify endured some of the worst of the brutality. They were punched, trampled, crushed and sprayed with chemical irritants. They were called racial slurs and threatened with their own weapons as the mob of then-President Donald Trump's supporters overwhelmed them, broke through windows and doors and interrupted the certification of Democrat Joe

Biden's presidential win. "We're going to tell this story from the beginning," said Maryland Rep. Jamie Raskin, a Democrat who sits on the new House panel that is investigating the attack. "The moral center of

gravity is these officers who put their lives on the line for us. Testifying will be Capitol

Police officers Harry Dunn and Aquilino Gonell and Metropolitan Police officers Michael Fanone and Daniel Hodges. In previous interviews, Dunn has said that attackers yelled racial slurs and fought him in what resembled hand to hand combat as he held them back Gonell, an Iraq veteran, detailed surgery on his foot and injuries from which he struggled to recover. Fanone has described being dragged down the Capitol steps by rioters who shocked him with a stun gun and beat him. Hodges was beaten and crushed between two doors, and his

screams were caught on video. The panel's first hearing comes as partisan tensions have only worsened since the insurrection, with many Republicans playing down, or outright denying, the violence that occurred denouncing the Democratic-led investigation as politically motivated.

bloody face and anguished

Winds feed California's largest fire as blazes scorch West

Indian Falls (US): It could be days before officials will be able to assess the damage done to a small town by California"s largest wildfire, one of dozens of blazes scorching lands across the US West.

Over the weekend, the massive Dixie Fire roared through the remote Northern California community of Indian Falls. The blaze had already levelled at least 16 houses and

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other structures, but a new damage estimate wasn"t immediately available because flames were still raging in the mountain area on Monday.

"Fire behaviour has been so unpredictable, it hasn"t been safe for inspectors to go in to work," said Mitch Matlow, a fire spokesman. "Until things settle down, we won"t know the extent of what's burned."

With virus surge, US to keep travel restrictions for now

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States served ▲ notice on Monday that it will keep existing Covid-19 travel restrictions on international travel in place for now due to concerns about the surging infection rate because of the delta variant.

It was the latest sign that the White House is having to recalibrate its thinking around the coronavirus pandemic as the more infectious variant surges across the U.S. And a

substantial chunk of the population resists vaccination.

It was also a reversal from the sentiment President Joe Biden voiced earlier this month when he said his administration was "in the process" of considering how soon the U.S. Could lift the ban on European travel bound for the U.S. After the issue was raised by German Chancellor Angela Merkel during her visit to the White House.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said the restrictions would continue for now.

NATURE OF CHARGE

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"Driven by the delta variant, cases are rising here at home, particularly among those who are unvaccinated, and appears likely to continue in the weeks ahead," she

The rising cases also are causing the administration to take a closer look at policies on wearing masks. On Monday, the Department of Veterans Affairs became the first first major federal agency to require its health care workers to get COVID-19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed that member-ship No 168 held by Mrs Sarita Khanna W/o Mr

Ashok Kumar Khanna of Flat No A-203, Fakhr-uddin Memorial CGHS Ltd, Plot No-18, Sect-10,

Dwarka, New Delhi have reported loss/misplace of her share certificate. The society is in process

of issuing duplicate certificate to her after com-

oletion of all formalities, still the public at large

is herein informed that if there is any claimant

against the above said share certificate, may approach to Society in their office within 15

days failing which the duplicate certificate will be issued to her. Amarjeet-General Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra bank Itd has

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mention respect of Vehicles.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

ECOMET 1212- REG. NO

HR74A1718-YOM -2012

2) CB ALECOMET1214 REG.

3) EICHR VECVVE1075FB

REG. NO. UP45T2205

4) EICHR_VECVVE1059FB

REG. NO. DL1MA2627

5) TATAMOTORSTATAXENON

REG. NO. HR38Y6433

6) EICHR_VECVVE1110CHTK

REG. NO. HR69C2416

7) TATAMOTORSTATALP709C

REG. NO. DL1LAA7908

8) SML SARTAJ REG. NO.

9) TATA 709 REG. NO.

DL1LY0901-YOM- 2017

HR67C3436-YOM -2018

10) EICHER1075 REG. NO.

11) TACEGOLD REG. NO.

12) TATAACE REG. NO.

DL1LAC2230-YOM -2019

DL1LAE4137-YOM -2020

UP15ET8750-YOM -2020

NO. DL1LY3711-YOM -2017

UP14GT9539-YOM -2018

HR55AG3024-YOM -2019

13) TATA MOTOR ACE REG.

14) SARTAJ XM REG. NO.

15) VE1114FB- REG. NO.

16) ACE_ZIP_GD_REG. NO.

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BRANCH: SAM LUDHIANA, 165-INDUSTRIAL AREA A, CHEEMA CHOWK LUDHIANA

WILFUL DEFAULTER

Ref.No: SAMB/WD-Not/SatiaSyn/2021-22/120

DATED: 07.07.2021

1. M/s Satia Synthetics Ltd. Ist Address:- Vill Lubanianwali, Firozepur Road, Distt. Muktsar, Puniab-152026. IInd Address:- At Street No.6 Dharampura, Samrala Road, Ludhiana, Punjab-141008. Ilird Address:- At 613-615, Navrang House 21, K G Marh, New Delhi-110001. IVth Address:- At 650 No.90-92, Sector-8C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh-160009. 2. Sh. Anil Satia S/o Bal Raj Satia. Ist Address:- R/o Satia Niwas, Railway Road Distt.Muktsar, Punjab-152026. Ilind Address:- At House No.44, Sector-8 A, Chandigarh-160008. 3. Sh. Suresh Kumar Singla, House No. 52, Young Dwellers Society, Sector-49A, Chandigarh-160049 4. Sh. Sanjeev Sethi 10, Maqbool Road, Amritsar, Punjab-143001. 5. Sh. Birendra Singh Kushwal R/o House No. 964/2, Adesh Nagar, Distt.Muktsar, Punjab-152026. 6. Sh. Kulbir Singh Pahwa House No. 712, Sector 8B, Chandigarh-160008.

Guarantor(s): 7. Sh. Ankit Satia S/o Anil Satia Ist Address:- A/o Satia Niwas, Railway Road, Distt.Muktsar, Punjab-152026. IInd Address:- At House No. 124, Sector-8A, Chandigarh-160008. 8. Smt. Saloni Satia W/o Anil Satia. Ist Address:- R/o Satia Niwas, Railway Road, Distt.Muktsar, Punjab-152026. IInd Address:- At House No. 44, Sector-8A, Chandigarh-160008. 9. Sh. Akhil Satia S/o Anil Satia, Ist Address:- R/o Satia Niwas, Railway Road, Distt.Muktsar, Punjab-152026. IInd Address:- At House No. 44, Sector-8A, Chandigarh-160008.

SUB: M/S Satia Synthetics with SAM Ludhiana Branch-Classifying as Wilful Defaulter show cause notice

NATURE OF SECURITY

This is per the direction of Wilful Defaulter Screening Committee (WDSC) issued Vide its Order/decision dated 13.05.2021 and in terms of the findings of the said Screening Committee wherein the Committee Observes as under:

That, the first of you is the borrower company in which second to sixth of you are the Directors and seventh to ninth of you are the guarantors has availe credit facility under Consortium Banking from our bank. The aforesaid borrower company i.e. M/s. Satia Synthetics Ltd. was sanctioned credit facility of Rs 13.00 Crore on 23.03.2017 on the terms and conditions stipulated in the sanction letter & in the documents executed by all of you in pursuance thereto through Our Kalsi Nagar Ludhiana Branch. The limit sanctioned to the company are secured by Hypothecation and Equitable mortgage of Assets as mentioned below:

All Current Assets of the Company (both Present as well as future) including Stocks and book debts) Hypothication 1st Charge with Other lenders Fixed Assets of the Company (both Present as well as future) and EM of Property which is in the name of Company with total area 192.95 Kanal (or) 24.1188 acre at Village Lubanianwali, Firozepur Road, Muktsar, Punjab as per Various Deeds Mentioned: 1. Sale Deed No. 85 dt 07.04.1997. 2. Sale Deed No. 2357 dt 20.11.1996. 3. Sale Deed No. 2341 dt 18.11.1996.4. Sale Deed No. 2342 dt 19.11.1996. 5. Sale Deed No. 2484 dt 04.12.1996. 6. Sale Deed No. 3113 dt 31.01.1997.7. Sale Deed No. 62 dt 04.04.1997 EM of Kanal Plot Situated at Muktsar in the name of Sh. Anil Satia. First Pari-passu charge with other lenders EM of 32 Kanals 8 Marlas (4.05 Acre) of land in the name of Smt. Saloni Satia Situated at Village Lubanian

The aforesaid borrower company was requested to pay interest and other charges and also the installments of the principal in accordance with the terms of the sanction ticket and loan agreements executed by the borrowers quarantors. However, the borrower has failed for payment of dues and committee default in performing the conditions in the loan agreement, causing thereby classification of the account as NPA as per RBI guidelines

The Status of the account is enumerated hereunder DATE OF NPA DUES ON 26/05/2019 S.No.

31.03.2019

In view of the default committed by the borrower, the case was examined by the WDSC on 13.05.2021 with a view to ascertain Willful default on the part of borrowers' guarantors as per the guidelines laid down by the RBI. It was Observed by the screening committee that the guarantors had committed various Wilful irregularities/defaults as detailed borrowers hereunder and accordingly meets the criteria to be classified as willful Defaulter in terms of the guidelines laid down by the RBI. The irregularities/defaults/evidences as extracted out by the screening committee and directed to be communicated to the borrower guarantors calling for their submission as to why they should not be declared as wilful defaulter as per RBI guidelines are enumerated as under Cause of Action: Diversion of funds -2.1.3(b) read with 2.2.1(a). 2.2.1(c) and 2.2.1(d) Evidences/Events of Wilful Default:

1. During the FY 2016-17, the company was not able to generate sufficient cash flow fromn operating activities even to meet its interest obligations. During FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 additional short term borrowing of Rs. 11.42 crores and Rs. 2.65 crores was availed. The borrower company has utilized the 2. above amounts towards payment of finance costs and investing in Long-Term Assets instead of utilization towards Working capital.

Variation in Stock & Book Debts statement submitted to Bank and Audited Balance Sheet (Rs. In Crores (Rs. In Crores

CLASSIFICATION	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	STOCK STATEMENT 28.03.2016	AUDITED FINANCIALS 31.03.2016	STOCK STATEMENT 31.03.2017	AUDITED FINANCIALS 31.03.2017	STOCK STATEMENT 31.03.2018	AUDITED FINANCIALS 31.03.2018
STOCKS	106.22	128.38	127.57	154.66	139.04	139.04
DEBTORS	42.00	40.80	42.06	42.70	41.73	44.87
CREDITORS	48.64	70.58	55.58	90.40	91.86	110.32
TOTAL DRAWING POWER	91.97	80.29	107.96	102.87	116.58	70.98
OUTSTANDING FROM BANK	91.14	91.14	102.57	102.57	105.22	105.22
OVER DRAWINGS		(10.85)				(34.24)

Debtors upto 90 days declared in the stock statement as on 28.03.2016 is Rs 41.75 Crores. Whereas in audited financials it is only RS, 13.41 Crores Drawing Power computed as per the financial statements is Rs. 80.29 crores only. Debtors upto 90 days declared in the stock statement as on 31.03.2017 Is Rs. 41.70 crores whereas in audited Financials It Is only Rs. 25.35 crores. 1 he borrower has shifted creditors of Rs. 1646 crores to "other Liabilities in March 201/ and thereby reducing the value of Creditors and has not declared the same for the purpose o Computation of drawing power. Debtors upto 90 days declared in the stock statement as on 31.03.2018 is Rs. 41.73 crores whereas in audited financials It is only Rs. 20.85 crores lhe borrower did not declare correct value of creditors in the monthly stock statement submitted to bank. Drawing Power Computed as per the financial statements is Rs 70.98 crores only. The Borrower Company was operating current account With Punjab National Bank bearing Current Account No. 1696002100000650 which is outside the consortium bank

SUM OF DEBIT			SUM OF CREDIT		
2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
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provided supporting documents for sales invoices like Lorry Receipts and Transport Documents Majority of the sales are made to related parties, proprietor and partnership firms tor which proper supporting documents evidencing movement of good

were not enclosed with sales invoices. In case or related party 1.e. M/s. TC Terrytex Ltd. it is observed there are 2 way transactions i/e., considerable sales and purchases are made with the company. It is observed that in some instances supporting documents we

*In case or Shakti I Trading Company Rs. 1.48 crores Is receivable since FY 2015-16 and the same is grouped under "Cotton Supplier Advances during FY

2015-16 but subsequently the same has been regrouped as Receivables" in FY 2017-18. The reason for giving such advance where no goods were received against the same remains unexplained

It is observed that the Waste percentage increased from 9% during FY 2015-16 to 17% during FY 2017-18.

In view of the above, in terms of Diversion of funds -2.1.3(b) read with 2.2.1(a), 2.2.1(c) and 2.2.1(0) of the RBI Master Circular No. No. RBI/ 2015-16/100 DBR. No. CID. BC.22/20.16.003/2015-16 dated 01.07 2015, each of you are required by the WDSC to show cause as to why each of you should not be a declared a wilful defaulter for the reported diversion / Siphoning of funds/reasons specified hereinabove.

Please ensure that your reply should reach us on or beFore 29.07.2021 tailing which the committee would be constrained to proceed further in the matte

BRANCH MANAGER FOR WILFUL DEFAULTER SCREENING COMMITTEE (WDSC)

Islamabad: The US and NATO have promised to pay \$ 4 billion a year until 2024 to finance Afghanistan's military and security forces, which are struggling to contain an advancing Taliban. Already, the US has spent nearly \$ 89 billion over the past 20 years to build, equip and train Afghan Yet America's own Government watchdog says

oversight of the money has been poor, hundreds of millions of dollars have been misspent and corruption is rife in the security apparatus. Monitoring where the

future funding goes will become virtually impossible after August 31, when the last coalition troops leave. Here is a look at some of the issues:

US SPENDING SINCE 2001 Nearly USD 83 billion has been spent to build, equip, train and sustain Afghanistan's National Defence and Security Forces, which include the military, national police and the elite special forces.

That figure covers a wide US spent nearly USD 10 billion for vehicles and aircraft. It spent USD 3.75 billion on fuel for the Afghan military between 2010-2020.

16 injured, five missing in explosion at German

trial park for chemical companies shook the German city of Leverkusen on Tuesday, sending a large black cloud rising into the air. At least 16 people were injured of secessionism and terrorism

news agency DPA reported.

Later on Tuesday, however, sure the air for toxins.

a statement that the explosion at more than 100 people have the Chempark site, about 20 kilometers (13 miles) north of lation — part of Beijing's Cologne on the Rhine river, occurred in storage tanks for solvents. It said four people were severely injured and 12 less seri-

Currenta, the company operating the chemical park, said the explosion happened at 9:40 a.m. at the storage tanks of their waste management center and then faces a maximum sentence of developed into a fire.

3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO 7, SECTOR Police in nearby Cologne said a large number of officers, fire-RAJESH ANTIL / NITESH MATHUR fighters, helicopters and ambulances from across the region had | but it also spelled out how the CONTACT NO.9711173320 /7838225565

4 Afghan journalists held by intelligence agency, claims Af Press Group

 $F^{our\,Afghan\,journalists\,were}_{arrested\ by\ the\ country's}$ intelligence service after they returned to the city of Kandahar following a reporting trip to a border area recently taken by the Taliban, an Afghan press freedom group said Tuesday.

The four had travelled to Spin Boldak to interview Taliban commanders after the insurgents captured a border crossing there with Pakistan. A spokesman for the Interior Ministry says the four are accused of spreading propaganda for the Taliban.

The Afghan media watchdog known as Nai said they returned home to Kandahar on Monday and were arrested by the National Directorate for Security. Nai says that the journalists' whereabouts on Tuesday was not known.

Three of the reporters Bsimullah Wantandost, Oudrat Sultani and Moheb Obaidi work for the local radio station Mellat Zhagh. The fourth is for the Xinhua News Agency, the group said.

spokesman Mohmmad Naeem, with the insurgents' political office in Qatar, condemned the arrest by

the "Afghan administration," saying the four were only doing their job, trying to "follow the events and try to reveal the facts." Nai said the arrest was illegal and demanded the journalists' immediate release.

Later Tuesday, Afghan interior ministry spokesman Mirwais Stanikzai said the four have been accused of spreading enemy propaganda. He insisted the Kabul government is committed to freedom of expression but cautioned it must abide by the constitution and the laws of the country.

"Any kind of propaganda for the benefit of terrorists and the enemy as well as against the national interest of Afghanistan, will be counted as a crime," Stanikzai added.

Reporters work under extremely difficult circumstances in Afghanistan, and often face violence, threats and intimidation, preventing them from carrying out their work properly.

The war-torn nation has over 2,000 officially registered media outlets. Violence against compared to 2019, according to the Afghan Journalists Safety Committee, which recorded 132 threats and acts of violence against journalists and media workers last year.

chemical hub

Berlin: An explosion at an indus **HONG KONG:** The first per-

and five remain missing.

Germany's Federal Office for Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance classified the explosion as "an extreme threat" and asked residents to stay inside, turn off doms. ventilation systems and keep windows and doors closed, German

the Cologne fire department tweeted that measurements of the air's pollution "do not show any kind of abnormality." They said the smoke had gone down but that they would continue to mea-The city of Leverkusen said in

ously. Five people are missing.

"Sirens were operated to warn

residents and warning alerts were sent," Currenta said in the statement.

The new national security legislation not only resulted in the charges against Tong, been deployed to the scene. *AP* | trial would be conducted. The

Guilty verdict in first trial under Hong Kong security law

son to be tried under Hong Kong's sweeping national security law was found guilty on Tuesday in a ruling closely watched for indications of how the law will be applied as China tightens its grip on the city long known for its free-Tong Ying-kit was charged

with inciting secession and terrorism for driving his motorcycle into a group of police officers last year while carrying a flag bearing the banned protest slogan "Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our times." Rights groups condemned his conviction, and many are bracing for further such trials since been arrested under the legisincreasing crackdown on dissent in Hong Kong following months of anti-government protests in 2019.

Tong, a 24-year-old restaurant worker, pleaded not guilty to the charges, arguing the slogan itself does not call for secession. He now life imprisonment, but his lawyers are expected to argue for a lighter punishment at his sentencing hearing Thursday.

proceedings, which ended July 20, were held in the Hong Kong High Court with no jury, under rules allowing the exception from Hong Kong's common law system if state secrets need to be protected, foreign forces are involved or if the personal safety of jurors needs to be protected. Trials are presided over by judges handpicked by Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam.

Reading the verdict, Justice Esther Toh said Tong 'committed terrorist activities causing or intended to cause grave harm to the society" in pursuit of a political agenda.

His behavior was an act of violence aimed at coercing the central and Hong Kong governments and intimidating the public and carrying the flag constituted an act of incitement to secession, she said.

Tong did not speak during the reading of the verdict. He waved to his parents and others in the gallery as he was escorted from the chamber.

Tong's defense lawyer has said it's impossible to prove that Tong was inciting secession merely by having used the The defense also said

there is no evidence that Tong committed the act deliberately, that he tried to avoid crashing into officers and that his actions couldn't be considered terrorism since there was no serious violence or harm to

IMF cuts India's GDP growth forecast to 9.5 pc for FY22

the pioneer

¬he International Monetary ■ Fund (IMF) on Tuesday cut its economic growth forecast for India to 9.5 per cent for the fiscal year to March 31, 2022 as the onset of a severe second Covid-19 wave cut into recovery momentum.

This forecast for 2021-22 is lower than the 12.5 per cent growth in GDP that IMF had projected in April before the second wave took a grip. For 2022-23, IMF expects

economic growth of 8.5 per cent, larger than the 6.9 per cent it had projected in April. "Growth prospects in

India have been downgraded following the severe second COVID wave during March-May and expected slow recovery in confidence from that setback," IMF said in its latest World Economic Outlook

India's economy is gradu-



ally recovering from a deep contraction in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 (7.3 per cent) and a subsequent severe second wave of COVID-19.

IMF joins a host of global and domestic agencies which have cut India's growth estimates for the current fiscal. Last month, S&P Global Ratings projected a 9.5 per cent GDP growth in the current fiscal and per cent in 2022-23.

While World Bank sees GDP growth at 8.3 per cent from April 2021 to March 2022, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) last week downgraded India's economic growth forecast to 10 per cent from 11 per cent estimated in

Another US-based rating agency Moody's has projected India clocking 9.3 per cent growth in the current fiscal ending March 2022. For 2021 calendar year, Moody's has cut the growth estimate sharply to 9.6 per cent.

FDI in food processing sector falls 57 pc to USD 393 mn in FY21

 $F^{\text{oreign Direct Investment}}$ in food processing sector declined 57 per cent to USD 393.4 million (around ₹2,926 crore) in 2020-21 as compared to the previous year, the government said on Tuesday. In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries Prahlad Singh Patel said the FDI policy and data are the under purview of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

permitted under the automatic route implying that no prior approval of the Government or RBI is required. As per the Exchange Foreign Management Act (FEMA), the Indian recipient company has to report the inflow of FDI to Reserve Bank of India," he

DGGI investigating

 $T^{\text{he GST investigation arm}}_{\text{DGGI is investigating misclassification of rail supplies by}}$

bidders in tenders by Indian

Railways, Parliament was

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Intelligence (DGGI) has initi-

ated investigations into tenders

awarded by Indian Railways

who have been charged with

evading taxes," Minister of

State for Finance Pankaj

"Directorate General of

informed on Tuesday.

GST evasion in

railway tenders

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"As per extant policy, 100

per cent FDI for FPI sector is

processing industries (FPI) sector during 2020-21 stood at USD 393.4 million as against USD 904.7 million in the previous vear.

During 2018-19, FDI in FPI sector stood at USD 628.24 Patel said the minmillion. istry has been implementing Central Sector Umbrella Scheme - Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) since 2016-17 for overall growth and development of the food processing sector, including processing of agroproducts and thus increasing the income of farmers.

The component schemes of PMKSY are -- Mega Food Park, Integrated Cold Chain Addition Infrastructure, Creation /Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities, Infrastructure for Agro-Processing Clusters.

Higher Q1 tax mop-up shows economy on recovery path: Govt

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ncreased tax collection in the I first quarter this fiscal shows that the economy is on the recovery path, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said on Tuesday.

Net direct tax collection in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal is over ₹2.46 lakh crore, as against more than ₹1.17 lakh crore during the same period of the previous fis-"Reasons for increase in

the collections include revival of economic activities and positive sentiments among taxpayers during this current financial year, leading to increased income estimates and higher advance tax payments in the first quarter of the FY 2021-22 as compared to the corresponding period of FY 2020-21," he said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

Net Indirect Tax (GST



and non-GST) revenue collection in the first quarter of FY 2021-22 is ₹3.11 lakh crore, he

"The increased tax collection (Direct & Indirect) as reported in the first quarter of the current financial year as compared to the same period previous financial year shows that the economy is on the recovery path. Higher tax collection would enable Government in increasing public expenditure, which would have a positive impact on GDP," Chaudhary added.

Govt savs 78 foreign companies registered in India last fiscal year

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As many as 78 foreign companies were registered in the country under the companies law in the last financial year, according to official data. In 2019-20, a total of 124

foreign companies were registered in India. The count was at 118 in 2018-19.

The data was provided by Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Rao Inderjit Singh in a written reply to Rajya Sabha on

Tuesday.

"Foreign Company is defined under Section 2 (42) of the Companies Act, 2013 (the Act) as any company or body corporate incorporated outside India which (a) has a place of business in India by itself or through an agent, physically or thorough electronic mode and (b) conducts any business activity in India in any other manner," the minis-

Sensex tumbles for 2nd day as Asian sell-off deepens on China crackdown

Mumbai:Domestic markets surrendered early gains to close in the red for the second straight session on Tuesday as sentiment remained risk-averse amid lacklustre corporate earnings and a deepening sell-off in Asian markets post China's regulatory crackdown on tech

The 30-share BSE Sensex skidded 273.51 points or 0.52 per cent to finish at 52,578.76, while the broader NSE Nifty fell 78 points or 0.49 per cent to 15,746.45.

Dr Reddy's was the top loser among the Sensex constituents, plunging 10.44 per cent, after the company reported a 36 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at ₹380.4 crore for the quarter ended June 30, 2021, on account of higher expenses.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण खण्ड, उ०प्र० जल निगम, अमरोहा मौहल्ला मोती नगर, निकट निशा पैलेस अमरोहा- 244221

> पत्रांक 1274/निविदा/09 दिनांक 24.07.2021

अति अल्प कालीन ई-निविदा सूचना एतदद्वारा इस खण्ड के अन्तर्गत जनप अमरोहा के जिला संयुक्त चिकित्साल अमरोहा में 100 बेड मेडिकल गैस पाइ लाइन की स्थापना हेतु निविदा सूचना संख्या-1274 / निविदा / 09, दिनांक 24.07 2021 द्वारा ई-टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम र प्रतिशत दरों के आधार पर आनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। आमंत्रि निविदा दिनांक 27.07.2021 से दिनांक 01 08.2021 अपरान्ह 12:00 बजे तक आनलाइन सबमिट की जा सकती है तथ तकनीकी बिंड उसी दिन दिनांक 01.08 2021 अपरान्ह 3:00 बजे अद्योहस्ताक्षरी वं कार्यालय में खोली जायेंगी। निविदा र सम्बन्धित आवश्यक सूचना, निविदा प्रपत्र निविदा शर्ते एवं ऑनलाइन निविदा उपलोड किये जाने व डाउनलोड किये जाने की तिथि आदि का समस्त विवरण http://etender.up.nic.in ਪਾर ਰਧਾਕ

PUBLIC NOTICE

I. Suiata Zutshi, my husband Shri Ajay Kumar Bamzai, R/o Flat No.503, Tower CG2, Sector-74 Noida, G.B. Nagar, passed away on 11 May 2021. I have requested Supertech Ltd. to transfer the SUPER TECH CAPETWON, GH01/A SECTOR-74, NOIDA which was in my and his name, to the single name of me. If anyone has an objection, he/ she may contact Mr. Vaibhay Mittal of Supertech Limited., E Square, C-2, Sector 96, Noida, within 15 days of the publicatio of this notice.

Sujata Zutshi, W/o Late Shri Ajay Kumar Bamzai

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along with interest and other charges.

charges and expenses before notification of sale

interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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Rupee declines by 5 paise to 74.47 on strong dollar sentiment

Mumbai:The rupee slipped by 5 paise to close at 74.47 (provisional) against the US currency on Tuesday as the dollar strengthened in the overseas markets and the domestic equity indices closed with losses. Forex traders said the

rupee is trading in a narrow range as investors are awaiting cues from the US Fed's policy decision due on Wednesday and month-end rebalancing.

exchange market, the local unit opened at 74.36 against the dollar and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.35 and a low of 74.54 during the session.

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New Delhi:Punjab National Bank, the nation's leading pub-

At the interbank foreign various initiatives undertaken during FY 2020-21.

Punjab National Bank holds 20th Video conference

lic sector bank, held the 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Bank's shareholders. Amidst the prevailing Covid-19 situation, the Bank conducted its AGM through video conference, without the physical presence of shareholders at a common venue, in accordance with guidelines issued by SEBI and MCA. CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao, MD & CEO of PNB, while addressing the Shareholders at the 20th AGM of the Bank, highlighted bank's performance and

since July 2017, to crack down on instances of misclassification of rail supplies by bidders

Chaudhary said.

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Any finding please contact us: Lokesh Pathak #9811372004

Container crisis, high freight charges hit exports from Kolkata

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that one boy namely Sabbir Ahmed S/o

Azad Kuresh R/o H.No. 59, Bagich

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Delhi has been kidnapped from PS Civil

Lines, Delhi since 14.07.2021 In this

regard a FIR No. 264/21 U/s 363/IPC

dated 16.07.2021 has been lodged at PS

Civil Lines, Delhi. The description of missing

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PTI KOLKATA

A shortage of containers and increased freight charges are adversely affecting exports from Kolkata causing apprehensions of huge financial and business loss, exporters said on

The crisis of vessel space and containers is nationwide but the situation is worse in Kolkata, they said.

Sabbir Ahmed | boyis as under:

"Availability of containers is less than half of the demand causing disruptions in exports and delivery schedule has gone

Predictability of availability of container and freight rates is not there anymore. Freight rates have jumped 2-3 times of the pre-Covid levels," Federation of Indian Export Organisations(FIEO) chairman-east, Sushil Patwari told PTI. Freight charges have skyrocketed and freight forwarders to the West Coast are also declining to book cargo due to severe scarcity of containers,

Govt focussed on enabling policies to strengthen digital infrastructure: DoT official

Digitisation and growth-orienabled India to take progressive strides, and the government is focused on policies in areas like licencing framework, spectrum management and broadband to strengthen digital infrastructure, a senior DoT official said on Tuesday.

Telecom and IT industries have achieved a level of maturity and built capabilities for business, technology, innovations and an appetite for startups, T K Paul, Member

(Technology), Department of Telecom (DoT), said. Speaking at a virtual event organised by Broadband India Forum (BIF), Paul said, "(The) government is looking at a series of policy initiatives to propel India to this path of growth of digital infrastructure and the digital economy as a whole". This involves having a fresh look at issues, be it a licensing and legislative agement, new technology and innovations, broadband infrastructure, ease of doing business, manufacturing, and

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one male Namely: Kamlesh (As per Tattoo of "Kamlesh" on Right hand), S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown, was found dead underpass near Railway Yamuna Bazar, opposite Hanuman Mandir, Delhi on 19.07.2021. In this regard a case Kamlesh has been lodged vide DD No. 66-A U/s

174 Cr.PC, dated 19.07.2021 at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The description of the dead male is as under:-Age: Approx 22-24 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'10", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, ID Mark: Tattoo of Kamlesh on right hand , Wearing: Blue colour blanket and pant. If any one having any information about this dead male please inform

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY

KANKE, RANCHI-834006, JHARKHAND

WALK IN INTERVIEW

It is proposed to fill up the following posts at Central Institute of Psychiatry Kanke, on contract basis for a period of one year or till the post is filled up

on regular basis whichever is earlier. Accordingly, applications are invited

from the desirous candidates. Applications on plain paper either typed o

handwritten in the prescribed format along with bio-data, passport size

photograph, photocopy of the certificates of age proof, educationa

qualification, experience etc., may be submitted to the undersigned fefore

16.08.2021. After submission of application, candidates have to turn up

along with their original certificates at 9.30 A.M. on the date of interview

No interview letter will be issued separately. Experience in private secto

The interview shall be held at Central Institute of Psychiatry,

Kanke, Ranchi-834006, Jharkhand, on 17.08.2021 at 11.00 a.m.

Details of qualification of the above posts are available on our website

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Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001 Branch Office: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.

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may also be considered.

2. Medical Record Officer

4. Medical Record Clerk

POSSESSION NOTICE - Under Rule 8 (1)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 66 dates for seciel of the seid endorse.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not not all with the properties mentioned in Column[E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D]

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anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the



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undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Ph.: 011-23014046 (Direct)

e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in

DP/1351/N/2021

General public is hereby informed that this girl Name: Sukanya Kumari @ Kajal, D/o Sh. Sunil Gupta, R/o H. No. 51A, Gali No. 1/2, OM Nagar, Badarpur, New Delhi, Age: 19 Years, Height: 5 Feet, Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Suit and Blue Jeans, has been missing since 06.07.2021 from her house in the area of

PS. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 35A, dated 06.07.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly

inform to the following. E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi

Ph.: 011-29052304, 8750870832 Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

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MRS. KAVITA SHARMA & ANR.

DEFENDANT

Website: http://cbi.nic.in

1. Mrs. Kavita Sharma W/o. Sh. Manoj Sharma.

R/o. House No.C-4/249, C-Block, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-53. Also at: House No.112, Gali No.3, Back Side Biharipur Opp CRPF Camp, Delhi-110094. Mr. Manoj Kumar S/o. Mahender Sharma

R/o. House No.C-4/249, C-Block, Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-53 Also at: M/s. Drishiti Trading F-6, Basement Gali No.1, Khajoori Khas, Delhi-110094.

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs.42,68,644/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Forty Four Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 16.09.2021 at 10:30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day

before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence. BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL ASSISTANT REGISTRAR, DRT-II, DELHI

O CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS @

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President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is/are for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/ likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in. These are E-Tenders; only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. For detailed instructions please refer to website:-Sl.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Qty.; Due On; Tender Cost [98]; 34212514;1) SET OF WIRE WOUND RESISTANCE FOR PANEL to CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/0014/G or latest. [Set details attached]. 2) RESISTOR TO PRIMARY CURRENT TRANSFORMER FOR NON PANEL to CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/ 0014/G or latest. [Set details attached]; As Per Tender Doc.; 20.08.21; 0.00. [99]; 34212585; 1) CATENARY VOLTMETER TO CLW SPECN. NO.CLW/ES/3/0070 or latest. 2) VOLTMETER BATTERY TO CLW SPECN.NO. CLW/ES/3/0073 or latest; As Per Tender Doc.; 20.08.21; 0.00. [100]; 34212706; 1) AUXILIARY COMPRESSOR HOSE FOR WAG-9/WAP-7/WAP-5 AS PER SPEC NO./DRG.NO. CLW/ES/3/0309/D or Latest. 2) SET OF METALLIC HOSE FOR WAG-9/WAP-7 AS PER SPEC No. CLW/ES/3/0309/D or Latest; As Per Tender Doc.; 25.08.21; 0.00. [101]; 3421267531) SET OF BUS BAR AND ACCESSORIES FOR WAG-9 LOCOS (PANEL SECTION) TO CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0118M. 2) SET OF BUS BAR AND ACCESSORIES FOR WAG-9 LOCOS (CONNECTION SECTION) TO CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/ 0118/M; As Per Tender Doc.; 26.08.21; 0.00. [102]; 34212749A; CKT.BREAKER WITHOUT AUXILIARY CONTACTS TYPE-8 TO CLWS SPECN.NO.CLW/ES/3/0050 Alt-C or Latest; As Per Tender Doc.; **30.08.21**; 0.00. [103]; **30212964**; Shielding (ARGOSHIELD-51) GAS FOR MIG WELDING (ARGON-81.5%, CO2-16%, OXYGEN-2.5%). HSN CODE-28042100; As Per Tender Doc.; 31.08.21; 0.00.

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CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED





The importance of making a conscious learning effort to possess the right attitude, upskilling to tap industry demand and re-skilling further to stay relevant in the job is immense, says DIYA JAIN

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IN CANDIDATES

he strain of COVID-19 has impacted our lifestyle in many ways — learning, working, and traveling have all been hindered. As the promise of a swift recovery wanes, most institutions across India are adopting an online mode of teaching. Most workplaces continue to employ phygital models of working, whereas some organisations have allowed their employees to work remotely. It would be an understatement to say that the pandemic has changed how academia and businesses operate!

Amidst all this doom and gloom, let's focus on the bright side. Technology is constantly evolving and automation is catching up in most of the industries across the globe. On one hand, the vaccination drive is gaining momentum, on the other, the infection positivity rate is going down drastically.

India still has one of the youngest populations in the world, putting it in a unique sweet spot wherein the working-age population is more than non-working age. Leveraging the demographic dividend and adoption of digital technologies has put us in a prime position to embark on a journey of rapid growth.

As more and more students join the workforce, the one question that threatens to derail us from our journey is "Are India's graduates employ-able?" "Do they have the relevant skills

required by the industry?" Traditionally, educational institutions have laid greater emphasis on the academic and theoretical development of students, leaving a long-

lasting effect in terms of a lack of development of employable skills including core technical skills, communication skills, and other workplace

Graduate-level curriculum in India, in particular, does not emphasize on behavioural and soft skills. A graduate who has finished his/her course and may have secured an excellent academic rank might still lack oratory skills, knack for presentation, motivation, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.

This has also been highlighted in the India Skills 2021 report published by Wheebox in association with CII. As per the report, only 45.9 per cent of graduates in India are found unemployable.

Having the right mix of hard and soft skills is important for a successful career. Today, employers value attributes such as integrity, reliability, teamwork, and a positive attitude as much as core technical skills in candidates. In most organisations, the responsibilities and KPIs defined for job roles, require an employee to work with different stakeholders across functions. While many of these skills are learned on the job, there are certain skills everyone should learn before starting their careers.

Investing in continuous learning and upskilling is essential for one to be productive, innovative, and marketable in today's recessionary job

The importance of making a conscious learning effort to possess the right attitude, upskilling to tap indus-

stay relevant in the job is immense, given further the demand-supply mismatch. In India, the number of students applying for a job out-weighs the number of open positions by a factor of 10x. Upskilling to differentiate yourself

from your peers is as necessary for sustenance as securing basic education qualifications and degrees, if not

try demand, and re-skilling further to

One may then wonder, how to evaluate one's own skills and know what is required by the recruiters. Are there some easy ways to do it?

One way to find one's level of employability skills is by taking the job fitment and aptitude tests available on the internet. Most of these good assessments give you a detailed report of your skill index and areas of improvement, if one selects the answers honestly. These self-assessments help the test taker in making an informed decision about the right career path she/he wants to pursue. A well-structured job-fitment test acts as a career guidance and provides insights to the test takers about their strengths and unique skill sets.

Another way is to study the job descriptions available on job portals. A well-defined job description lists the knowledge, skills, and attributes required to perform the job. Find the job description of the role one wants to take up, make a list of topics, skills, and attributes required and then analyse where one stands. This will help the students to focus on the skills and attributes they need to work on.

So, what do the students need to do to upskill and re-skill in order to stay ahead in the race?

First, try to find the area of interest and find out the niche in which one wants to make a career. Second, join several online industry-oriented certificate courses to learn the latest technologies and industry best practices. Thirdly, apply for internships in companies that are in the industry where you finally want to land up. Fourth, make a good LinkedIn profile, connect with industry practitioners, follow the best minds in the industry, watch out for what they are talking about, participate in online discussions, and write articles and post them. Fifth, subscribe to podcasts, vodcasts, newsletters, to stay updated about the industry and professions, and finally, find a good mentor who can guide you throughout your career.

Once you start working, make sure you don't lose out on learning. As you spend more time in the role, you start realising what skills, knowledge and attributes are required to grow in that path.

At that junction, make a list of additional skills you need to build yourself, and work on them consciously. Join training programs available in your company, and focus on gaining skills for particular job func-tions or roles. These programmes within the companies have welldefined learning outcomes to be achieved in a specified time period, and are designed to give the trainees

a head start in their job profiles.

The writer is founder, Safejob

Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism.

Dr David M Burns

DIPLOMA, UG & PG COURSES Sanskriti University,

Mathura invites online applications for admission to diploma, under graduate, and post graduate programmes in Engineering, Management & Commerce, Education, Special Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Designing, Law and Legal Studies, Yoga Naturopathy, Tourism & Hotel Management, Medical & Allied Sciences, Basic & Applied Sciences, Ayurveda, Unani, and Nursing courses.

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How to apply: Applicants seeking admission are required to fill an online application form available onwww.sanskriti.edu.in. The submission of the Application Form can be done online or in-person at the University by depositing ₹1000. For online submission, visit thislink: https://www.sanskriti.edu.in/re gister. The admission prerequisites will be in accordance with the various regulatory bodies as amended from time to time.

Last date to apply: July 31,

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How to Apply: Admission forms can be purchased from admission office of LBIIHM, Pitampura, Delhi or can apply online www.lbiihm.com.

Last date to apply: July 30,

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How to apply: To apply please visit www.dcfse.com or the application forms brochure may be obtained from admission office of Delhi College of fire and safety Engineering, Mundka, New delhi-110041.

Last date to apply: July 30, 2021.

Trip to a foreign land

Studying abroad can be an expensive affair. SUMEET JAIN lists ways how students can manage to live this dream

tudying in a great university abroad is no longer just a fad, or something reserved for those with reserved for those with deep pockets. Thanks to the growing appeal of a global career and lifestyle, the increased spending power of the middle class and the boom in student financing options.

The pandemic doesn't seem to have slowed India from becoming the second largest country to send international students to various countries abroad. According to a release by Common App in January 2020, the number of international student applicants were up by 10 per cent (of which Indian applicants were up by 28 per cent) as compared to 2019-2020 levels.

So how are all these students funding their study abroad dream? Between tuition fees, accommodation, living and travel expenses, the whole thing can be twice as expensive as planning an Indian wedding

Self-financing: According to opendoorsdata.org, more than 85 per cent of the total international students choose to bootstrap their education abroad. Some students choose to dip into family savings and assets to fund their education, at least partially and cover the rest through scholarships and part-time work. But this leaves the whole family at risk without a

Secured/collateral-based education loan: Many banks, both public and private, and NBFCs offer education loans against a collateral of a certain value like a house/land etc. This is a systematic and structured approach and has many advantages such as tax saving benefits. The loan repayment usually kicks in six months after the degree is completed, irrespective of whether you have a job or not, and must be completed within seven years of finishing the degree. So, this is a factor that students must consider before signing up for one.

The difference between banks and NBFCs is that banks usually cover about 85-90 per cent of expenses such as tuition fees, lodging, travel, lab fees etc, whereas NBFCs offer 100 per cent Cost of Attendance (CoA) coverage. Similarly, banks may also have an upper limit on the sanctioned loan amount for large amounts such as over ₹20-₹30 lakh, depending on the course and university you select. NBFCs have no such cap on loan amount. However, banks may also offer concessions on interest rates for women, which NBFCs don't

Unsecured/collateral-free education loan: Another option is to opt for unsecured education loans offered by many financial institutions that require no collateral. This is given based on your financial status, for example, your credit score. However, since this is riskier to the lender, it may be more tedious and expensive as you may be charged a higher interest rate for the same loan amount. Students may also not get any favourable repayment terms for the same reason. Many banks and NBFCs require you to

pay interest while you study. International financial institutions: A trending option among students is educational loans from international financial institutions. They may provide loan amounts in foreign currency with or without a cosigner/collateral. They calculate interest rates based on the loan applicant's future repayment potential rather than historic data, and hence can also provide lower interest rates than banks or NBFCs.

SIP: This option depends on how early you start and is more suitable for working professionals rather than students who wish to pursue their postgraduate

A systematic investment plan or a SIP is a great way to both invest and save for salaried professionals. The frequency of investment is based on the discretion of the candidate to allow them a flexible approach. SIPs have gained a lot of traction over the years in the field of financing the educational endeavours of postgraduate students.

The key to remember is that every student is different. So, it is important to weigh the pros and cons of each option before proceeding further.

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Mehta SD D, Director-

Social sector is dynamic

When one hears of someone volunteering in the social sector, the immediate reaction is to always congratulate the individual on choosing to give back to society, on being a changemaker. However, when the same individual announces a fulltime job in the social sector, this news is met with hesitation, trepidation and sometimes even rebuke and criticism. What causes this sudden change in perception, and is this shift validated?

Unfortunately, there are several myths associated with the social sector that set it in a bad light not just for donors, partner organisations but also for those looking to make a career in social work. Some of these myths are that there is no growth in this sector, it is a waste of time, there are no returns, the money is negligible and the work is dreary. However, if one does take out the time to talk to someone who has worked in this sector for a while, they are sure to get a clearer picture of what the sector actually comprises of, and what actually lies in store for those who want to enter the world of social work.

One of the prevalent assumptions is that there is no advancement in the social sector, that it is an area worth

Many volunteer in the social sector, however working professionally in the same sphere is not considered viable due to myths surrounding the work, says DR GEETANJALI CHOPRA & PARUL KAMRA



investing only a small amount of time in order to boost resumes. However, there is immense potential to develop and evolve in the social sector. It offers space to grow not just professionally but personally as well, for you get the best of both worlds- desk jobs as well as field work. Further, this sector itself is always growing, taking into account the varied requirements of beneficiaries across demographics. Since the sector itself is never stagnant, growth always accompanies it.

Several people also assume that there are no exciting opportunities available to social workers. However, the sector is extremely dynamic purely based on the fact that the work is directly related to people in need. Since humans themselves can't possibly be put into black and white categories, the work too has to adapt itself to situations and the issues it brings up. Each day brings with itself new challenges, and new opportunities to bring about change. No two days are the same while working in the social sector, making it a vibrant and lively professional sector.

What seems to be the most pressing and overarching myth related to working in the social sector is that there is no adequate recompense or rewards, that there is no money for a social worker. While it is true that most NGOs cannot offer salary brackets that are possible at a corporate job, this does not mean that the salaries are meagre. Further, International NGOs have extremely attractive pay packages, and these come with several perks as well. Depending on qualifications, the returns can be extremely rewarding. Of course, what makes the work even more fulfilling are the blessings one receives from the beneficiaries, something that no amount of money can ever give.

The social sector is as enterprising, as exciting, and as rewarding as any other professional sphere. The myths surrounding this sector are exactly that- baseless. The world is your oyster when it comes to social work. No matter how you engage with it, it always gives back multifold.

The writers are from Wishes and

VIT-AP inks MoU with Entuple Technologies

The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Entuple Technologies and the School of Electronics and Engineering, VIT-AP University was held virtually on the July 22, 2021. Dr S V Kota Reddy, Vice-

Chancellor, VIT-AP University after signing the MoU with Entuple Technologies, said their aim is to impart skill and capabilities to the students in VLSI and RF Communication technologies and enable them



to build their career in this emerging field. This will also provide an opportunity to the students, scholars, and faculty members to carry out research

and to develop several

advanced applications using VLSI and RF Technologies. Further,

Entuple Technologies will provide internships and job opportunities to selected students.

sales, Entuple Technologies said that with this collaboration can conduct free Webinar/workshop, Faculty Development Program (FDP) Short Term Training Programs (STTP), Training cum Internship Program, Career Builder Programs in association with Entuple technologies. These programs are aimed at providing industry skills in campus and boost competency and employability of students.

Department of Physical Education and Sports Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur organised the 'Volleyball Achievers Award 2021' and honoured eight of its students for getting placed in Government and private jobs.

under the sports quota. The chief guest for the event was SRMIST's Deputy Registrar and Director (Institute of Hotel Management) Dr Antony Ashok Kumar.

The special guests for the event were SRMIST's Director

Deducation and Sports Science at SRM Institue of SRMIST students shine



Students who got placed pose with their awards along with the dignitaries of SRMIST

Career Centre) N Venkata Dr E Poovammal and Managing Director Sri Vinayaga Sastry, Associate Director Campus Life & Ladies Hostel

Purushothaman. A documentary on the

Women's Volleyball Journey 2020-21 was released on the occasion.

Volleyball women's team coach Om Prakash elaborated on how the students are trained, how their diets are monitored, their workout sessions, and so

T Purushothaman who has been a patron of the sports wished the team many more laurels in the upcoming tour-



dhe present pandemic has brought the entire world to its knees and the whole world has observed the adverse catastrophe of this global pandemic. As the healthcare sector across the globe is growing, it has opened great career opportunities to thousands of students of pharmaceutical science because the rate of growth of the pharmaceutical sector is interlinked and is directly proportional to the growth of the healthcare sector.

According to IBEF, Indian pharmaceutical sector supplies over 50 per cent of global demand for various vaccines and states that we are the largest provider of generic drugs globally.

In the present scenario the demand for medicines is increasing day by day, so the employment in the pharma sector is also rising. According to sources of government statistics, over 300 institutions impart diplomas or degrees to nearly 20,000 students in India every year. Indian pharmaceutical industry is one of the largest pharma industries in the world and this widens the scope of pharma studies in India and abroad.

As per the report of Indian Economic Survey 2021, in the next decade the domestic market is expected to grow three times. The pharmaceutical industry is valued at \$41.7 billion. Our domestic pharmaceutical market is estimated at \$ 41 billion and likely to reach \$ 65 billion by 2024.

In India, Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is the regulatory body which has been designing the rducation Regulations pertaining to pharmacy which outlines the conditions to be followed by pharmacy colleges. The PCI grants approval to universities and colleges to run various programmes. It has well-defined standards, norms and guidelines.

As compared to other countries, the prices of medicines in India are amongst the lowest in the world. Although having some of the medicine's lowest prices in the world, leading firms of India also have the capacity to not only serve the Indian market for essential drugs but also supply their drugs to the world.

Price fluctuation and policy environment: Price fluctuation and policy environment are With the help of Al, companies can gather information regarding targeting audiences and create unique marketing strategies for them. This way they can understand the needs and

convert leads

into revenues

the challenges created by unexpected and frequent domestic pricing policy changes in India. One of the biggest challenges is analysing the shifting customer behaviour and fluctuating prices, due to this vague environment of innovations and investments has created in Industry. According to The Indian Pharmaceuticals Alliances (IPA), to produce affordable patients' drugs, the Government and stakeholders work together.

Paucity of proficiency in the innovation space: Due to limited government Supported research ecosystem the pharmaceutical companies have been slow to grow in the innovation space. To overcome this hurdle Government needs to invest in research and development initiatives and talent in order to expand India's inno-

A talent pool with advanced skills is limited in India as compared to other countries. There is also a huge gap between the college curriculum and industry's requirements. Clinical trials should also be supported and subjectivity in certain regulatory

decision-making removed.

Generic market exporting: Just like any other industry, the pharmaceutical industry is also a sales-driven industry. With the help of AI technology, companies can gather information regarding targeting audiences and create unique marketing strategies for them. This way they can understand the needs of the market and can convert most leads into revenues. AI can help in protecting the success or failure rate of the marketing strategy.

Effect of external market: More than 50 per cent of pharma ingredients are dependent on other countries like China. Slight changes in policies can bring a big difference in the production of medicines and equipment. Due to growth in the pharma industry in India, both directly and indirecty, Government needs to make Índia a life sciences innovation hub to promote innovation by creating a research ecosystem and expanding and upskill the talent pool to handle complex technologies with advanced resources.

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Tips to crack CAT

Many engineers take the Common Admission Test each year. But they make mistakes. SUMIT SINGH GANDHI shares must-follow dos in order to ace this exam

he Common Admission Test (CAT) is a national-level examination conducted by The Indian Institute of Management (IIM). It is a mandatory exam for seeking admission into IIM or other prestigious B-schools. More than half of the candidates appearing for CAT have an engineering background. This makes the competition quite serious. Here are some must-follow tips for engineers.

Work hard for the VARC section: The VARC section is a big hurdle for the Engineering students as they do not focus much on the English language as a subject during their graduation. But, if studied well this section will not trouble you much.

Master the DILR section: The only way to score well in this section is to practice as much as possible. This section can be solved using various tricks which you will know when and how to apply only when you have solved enough problems. This section is quite easy once you know the techniques.

Improve your calculations: Calculations are an extremely important factor in solving both the Ouantitative Ability section. Improve your accuracy and try achieving the right answers in the first attempt to save maximum time. Practice solving mentally instead of using a virtual cal-culator. You will see a difference in your calculations if you practice religiously

Get a complete idea about the sec**tions:** You need to have the maximum idea about all the sections. Make sure you know everything like the number of questions in each section, marks allocated to the sections, topics covered in the sections, the marking scheme, etc. Knowing all of this will make the process ahead easier and less complex.

Avoid rote learning: Mugging up will land you in trouble. One should focus on concepts and understand them thoroughly. It is not at all advisable to choose to mug-up technique. Understanding the whole concept helps one to remember things for a longer period and on the other side mugging up never stays for a longer period.

Practice makes perfect: No matter how good or bad you are at the topics, one thing that can make you score



Sumit Singh Gandhi, CEO, CATKing Educare

well in CAT is practicing. You need to keep practicing the questions regularly. Buy enough practice material and make sure you solve most of it. Make sure you know most of the concepts. Practicing every day will be of extreme help. Solve all the previous years' question papers and the available sample papers. Solve mock tests to be even closer to being perfect.

Do not start preparing at the last minute: Start studying well in advance. Starting from the beginning will not pile up all the work. You can study at your own pace and understand concepts properly. This will result in having a lot of time for preparation. If you start preparing at the last moment then you will have a chance of not covering the entire syllabus. You will have to finish the entire syllabus in a few days which may result in creating confusion.

Do not prepare without a plan: You need to have a plan. You need to make a timetable of how you will be studying and how much syllabus you will complete within a day. Also, make sure you decide how much you will practice each day after finishing up with the portion. Make strategies on how you will appear for the paper. Make daily targets and work hard to complete them.

f you are at a stage in your career where you are feeling stagnated? Or if you feel that you are going on a journey but your ultimate destination is unknown to you? Or if you have to drag your soul to the work every day with a lot of effort? Then you could be going through a mid-career dilemma, the first thing you should do is stop worrying about it and acknowledge it, a lot of working professionals go through it and there is

nothing wrong with you Perhaps there are certain questions in your mind related to various aspects of your life and you need to simply answer them to march ahead with confidence. Let's look at the top 5 reasons why working professionals go through mid-career dilemmas?

Am I in the right job? Am I missing something? One of the most common puzzles that working professionals have in their mind is I in the right job? Am I am missing something? Though there is no perfect answer to this question not answering this question at all often leads to a mid-career dilemma.

■The fear of missing out or FOMO refers to the feeling or perception that others are having more fun, living better lives, or experiencing better things than you are. It affects self-image; self-esteem and leads to feelings of restlessness, false comparison, and anxiety. What we see of others in social media may also one of the reasons why

people often feel fear of missing out and it could be one of the reasons that lead to mid-

Downplaying own skills, knowledge and competence: In order to achieve the best result in the shortest span of time a lot of working professionals start copying and focusing on what skills, knowledge and competence they do not have and start acquiring those without realising that in the process they are downplaying their own skills, knowledge and competence and by the time they realize that they have not used their own capabilities the opportunities which in front of them vanish and they are not able to course correct at the right time. This could be one of the main reasons that lead to a mid-career crisis.

Self-confidence has taken a hit: Selfconfidence is one of the most vulnerable elements of any individuals, life and it can often get a blow due to various reasons such as making mistakes, not able to cope with the new manager, peer pressure, work

environment or due to a change in the job expectation. Lack or drop in self-confidence for a long period of time creates doubts both various aspects and it could be one of the key factors that lead towards the midcareer

Fear of humiliation among more successful colleagues: Each and every working professional wants to be successful in life and they strive for success each day of their life; similarly, each organization has a very defined framework to judge the individuals based on the performance and behavioral competencies required.

A few are able to score well on those parameters and move ahead in the career

while other stays at the same point and due to lack of reasoning and explanation are given to the individuals who have not been able to score well around those parameters a lot of doubts get created in their mind and this often leads to a feeling of humiliation and ultimately becomes one of the key contributors that causes a mid-career

Mid-career dilemma is a very common point that can come to a professional's life at any stage after working for three-five years in a professional environment but it is important to understand the key reason that is leading towards the mid-career dilemma.

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ONLINE MBA DEGREE PROGRAMME

he Jaro Education has announced the collaboration with Dr DY Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Centre of Online Learning (DPU COL) to offer a next-generation online MBA degree programme. The UGC approved degree is designed to help participants to develop future-focused competencies, which employers

across the globe look WANTED potential candidates. INTERNS! The course is

designed to equip

participants with leadership skills, global awareness and critical and analytical thinking. The two-

year programme is curated for working professionals and will follow a credit system as recommended by UGC.

The pedagogy consists of assignments, formative and summative assessment tests. compulsory domain, generic core courses, specialisation and generic elective courses, project work, and much more Following are specialisations:

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International Business Management

FREE MASTERCLASSES FOR TEACHERS

o support skill development of the educators of the country especially during such dire times, Aditya Birla

Education Academy 15 months. This (ABEA) has been initiative started in offering free April 2020 when Masterclasses and teachers were Educator Meetup grappling with sessions for strategies and tools teachers for the last to teach online.

NEW BTECH COURSE ON OFFER

he Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, is offering unique BTech programmes with multidisciplinary breadth aligned with the emerging technology trends. With design thinking and social connect embedded into the curriculum, these programs target to produce 'global

engineers' who will be technology leaders and innovators with empathy and sensitivity for sustainable development. Entrepreneurship education has also been introduced offering an enriching experience in innovation, prototyping, business model formulation and market analysis

THIRD SLOT OF NRA CET BASED SCHOLARSHIP TEST

he upGrad Jeet has announced the third slot of NRA CET based scholarship test for aspirants who are planning to appear for the yearly competitive exams and secure jobs in the Government sector. The first two slots have been conducted this year. The decision to introduce another slot was inspired by the massive response to

the first two slots. JeetCET: NRA CET based scholarship test, is an attempt to estimate the expected test pattern and syllabus to give aspirants a direction to prepare better.

Divided into two rounds, learners from the Preliminary round will then appear for Round 2, called the Mains, after which only 3000 learners will be able to make their way to

receiving a six-month subscription of the course for free, while others will receive a 1-month subscription to the NRA CET course. upGrad Jeet has also announced a range of rewards and scholarships amounting to ₹151 crore to acknowledge the hard work of learners, based on the overall potential they demonstrate

ANALYSIS FOUND A CARBON RISK PREMIUM

new mathematical analysis conducted by researchers from Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG) and IIM Bangalore has established a relationship between the carbon footprint of companies and the potential risks of investing in these

An extensive data analysis of over 200 of the largest listed companies in the American market was carried out by the

researchers from these top Institutions The researchers found that most of

during the test.

these companies (71.6%) had shown a decrease in their carbon emissions in the 2016-2019 period. It was found that carbon footprint had a positive correlation with the size of the companies and the revenues. However, the correlation with expenses was found to be slightly less than that with revenue.

VMC LAUNCHES TWO UNIQUE TESTS

t is imperative to say that choosing the right stream and career has always been a tough task and around 85 per cent of students find it extremely difficult to take the right decision. In an effort to inflate its endeavor of learning and encouraging students to achieve their dreams. Vidvamandir Classes (VMC) in association with Mindler has come up with two new and innovative tests named VMC Disha and VMC Vision

VMC Disha (Stream Selector) and Vision (Career Discovery) are important initiatives taken by VMC in pursuant to strengthening the school outreach programmes These stream and

career deciding tests are especially customised for students ranging from classes VIII to XII. While VMC Vision is specially designed for science students of class Class XI and Class XII to make them realise the ideal match for

their careers. VMC Disha is customised for students of class VIII. IX and X in order to make the process of stream selection scientific and accurate for them. VMC Disha and VMC

Vision developed by the industry experts who have been in the field of education since decades, the exemplary tests are based on a Model accredited by the National Career Development Association and the Career Development Alliance, USA.

ie pioneer

TUESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Hockey: India beat Spain 3-0 in Men's Pool A Match.
- Badminton: Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty beat Ben Lane and Sean Vendy (Great Britain) 21-17, 21-19 in Men's Doubles Group A Match. ●Boxing: Lovlina Borgohain beat Nadine Apetz of Germany 3-2 in Women's 69kg Round of 16 Bout.
- Table Tennis: A Sharath Kamal lost to Ma Long (China) 7-11, 11-8, 11-13, 4-11, 4-11 in Men's Singles Round 3 Match.
- Shooting: Saurabh Chaudhary/Manu Bhaker and Yeshahswini Deswal/Abhishek Verma fail to qualify for medal round in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event.

Elavenil Valarivan/Divyansh Singh Panwar and Anjum Moudgil/Deepak Kumar fail to qualify for medal round in 10m Åir Rifle Mixed Team event. •Sailing: Nethra Kumanan

32nd and 38th in Race 5 and 6 in Women's Laser Radial. Vishnu Saravanan 23rd and 22nd in Race 5 and 6 in Men's

KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar 18th in Race 1 in Men's Skiff 49er.

IN ACTION TODAY

- Hockey: India vs Great Britain (Women's)
- •Badminton: P V Sindhu vs NY Cheung (Hong Kong) and B Sai Praneeth vs M Caljouw (Netherlands).
- •Boxing: Pooja Rani vs Ichrak Chaib (Algeria).
- •Rowing: Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh in Men's Lightweight Double Sculls Semifinal 2
- Archery: Tarundeep Rai vs Oleksii Hunbin (Ukraine). Pravin Jadhav vs Galsan Bazarzhapov (Russian Olympic Committee).

Deepika Kumari vs Karma (Bhutan).

Rupinder's brace hands India 3-0 win over Spain **Back to**

India's Mandeep Singh (11) celebrates after Rupinder Pal Singh, right, scored against Spain during men's field hockey match on Tuesday

Tokyo: Dragflicker Rupinder Pal Singh scored a brace as the Indian men's hockey overcame a demoralising defeat in the previous match to cruise past Spain 3-0 and inch closer to a quarterfinal berth at the Tokyo Olympics on

Drubbed 1-7 by Australia in their last match, India produced a spirited performance against world No 9 Spain and scored through Simranjeet Singh (14th minute) and Rupinder Pal Singh (15th and 51st) to record a comfortable win in their third Pool A match at the Oi Hockey

India, ranked fourth in the world, had earlier defeated New Zealand 3-2 in their opening fixture. Spain, on the other hand, are yet to register

a win in the competition. Spain drew 1-1 against Argentina before losing 3-4 to New Zealand.

The Indians will next play reigning Olympic champion's Argentina on Thursday.

For any team it is always tough to recover from a morale-shattering loss within a day, but India looked more organised and sorted against Spain on Tuesday.

Despite the win, India's chief coach Graham Reid said the team needs to work upon a lot of grey areas, like conceding penalty corners, ahead of their remaining matches.

INDIA'S SCHEDULE ON JULY 28 (ALL TIMES IST)					
TIME	EVENTS	ATHLETES			
06:30 AM	Hockey: Women's Pool A Match	India vs Great Britain			
07:30 AM	Badminton: Women's Singles Group Match	PV Sindhu			
07:31 AM	Archery: Men's individual 1/32 Eliminations	Tarundeep Rai			
08:00 AM	Rowing: Men's Doubles Sculls Semifinals	Arjun Lal Jat & Arvind Singh			
08:35 AM	Sailing: 49er Men's Race 2,3 & 4	KC Ganapathy & Varun Thakkar			
12:30 PM	Archery: Men's individual 1/32 Eliminations	Pravin Jadhav			
02:14 PM	Archery: Women's individual 1/32 Eliminations	Deepika Kumari			
02:30 PM	Badminton: Men's Singles Group Match	B Sai Praneeth			
02:33 PM	Boxing: Women's 75kg Round of 16	Pooja Rani			
		LIVE ON SONY TEN & SIX NETWORK			

"Better result today, but a lot of things to work on from an improvement perspective. The fact that we gave too many corners, that's always a concern when that happens. But the team did really well in

terms of defending," he said.

"The first quarter was played very well, we could move the ball really well and it was exactly what we planned to do. We struggled a bit in the second and third quarters."

Women need to create and grab chances

Tokyo: Enduring a forgettable campaign, bottom-placed Indian women's hockey team can't afford squandering any more chances if it fancies upsetting defending champions Great Britain on Wednesday.

After a 1-5 drubbing against world number one the Netherlands, the Indians players lifted their game by leaps and bounds to give third-ranked Germany a run for their money before losing 0-2 in their next Pool A match.

But two consecutive defeats have definitely pegged the side back. India created a lot of scoring opportunities against Germany but finishing was lacking from the forward line. On one occasion, Vandana Katariya was denied by the goal post too.

But not converting the penalty stroke was a huge miss. However, the Rani Rampalled side can take a lot of heart from its performance against the Germans given that it kept the intensity and fight intact till the

final hooter. With two defeats from as many games, the Indian women are currently lying at the bottom of the six-team Pool A, which is being headed by Netherlands, followed by Germany, Britain, Ireland and South Africa.

But these are still early days with three matches each remaining for all the teams. Top four sides from each pool of six will qualify for the quarterfinals. Ranked 11th in the world,

India stand a chance to make the quarterfinals but for that to happen they will have to outplay seventh-ranked Ireland and South Africa, who are placed





India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty play against Britain's Ben Lane and Sean Vendy during their men's doubles group play stage match **PTI**

Chirag-Satwik exit despite win

Tokyo: Indian shuttlers Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy emerged victorious against the England pair of Ben Lane and Sean Vendy in their final Group A match but still missed out on qualifying for the quarterfinals at the Tokyo Olympics on Tuesday.

Ranked 10th in the world, the Indians beat world number 18 team 21-17, 21-19 in a 44minute Group A men's doubles match at the Musashino Forest Plaza.

However, they couldn't make it to the knockout stage as they finished third in the Group A behind top-ranked Indonesian team of Marcus Gideon Fernaldi and Kevin Sanjava Sukamuljo and world number three Yang Lee and Chi-Lin Wang of Chinese

Taipei.
"We knew the moment Lee Yang/Wang Chi-Lin won,

Shooters poor form continues

we don't stand a chance. They won in two games and we won in three. It is quite sad. Unfortunately, even after winning two matches in the group, we don't go through. But that is badminton and have to live with it," said Chirag.
All three teams finished on

each and when the number of games won was considered to identify the qualifiers, the Indians lost. Chirag and Satwik's

same points with two wins

straight game loss to the Indonesians on Monday cost them dear.

Moments before the Indian pair stepped on the court, Lee and Wang had completed a three-game win over Sukamuljo and Gideon in the preceding group match, rendering the result of India's contest against Britain inconse-

While the top eight teams

Later in the day, both the

make the Qualification 2, the top

four pairs in the second phase

Indian pairs participating in

the 10m air rifle mixed team

event crashed out in the first

qualifications stage, missing out

on yet another final after an out-

ing that left a lot to be desired.

The duo of Elavenil

qualify for the medal rounds.

Sharath goes down fighting

Tokyo: Sharath Kamal matched the legendary Ma Long stroke for stroke in the first three games before making a third round exit from the table tennis competition on Tuesday, ending India's medal-less

yet impressive run at the Tokyo Olympics. Following the unprecedented gains made from the 2018 Asian Games, where India won a table tennis medal for the first time ever, the performance Sharath and Manika Batra in the round

growing popularity.

of 32 added significant-

They both achieved a first by reaching the third round at the Summer Games. A less tougher draw in

mixed doubles, in which Sharath and Manika were seen as medal contenders, as well as in the men's singles could have seen the Indians scalng new heights.

The way 39-year-old Sharath played against Long has convinced him to think about compet-

ing in his fifth Olympics in

fought tooth and nail in the first three against added.

i n g Olympic and world champion Long before 11, 11-8, 11-13, 4-11, 4-11 in 46

To have a player like Long under pressure in itself is a significant achievement for the seasoned Indian. "It was the best three games

and probably the best match and best tournament I ever played," Sharath said. The Chinese great too acknowledged that Sharath

made it tough for him. "It was a tough match. Of course at the Olympics every

match, no matter the opponent, no matter the country, it's always tough," said Long.
"I did prepare for difficulties. The third game was cru-

cial. After gutting it out the last g a m e s two games were better," he India's challenge ended in table tennis as Manika, Sutirtha Mukherjee and G Sathiyan

Lovlina makes QFs

Tokyo: Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain (69kg) advanced to the quarterfinals in her debut Olympic appearance on Tuesday, defeating German veteran Nadine Apetz in a closely-fought last-16 stage Borgohain, the lone

Indian boxer in action on the day, prevailed 3-2 over her rival who is 12 years her senior. Both the boxers were making their Games debut and the Indian became the first from her nine-strong team to make the quarterfinal

stage. The 23-year-old showed great poise in a tense contest to triumph by the thinnest of margins. She claimed all the three rounds on split points.

The 35-year-old Apetz was qualify for a boxing event at the Olympics. She is a twotime world championship had already exited the singles Bronze-medallist and a former European champion.



Germany's Nadine Apetz, left, looks for an opening against Lovlina Borgohain during their 69kg boxing match

Borgohain is a two-time World and Asian championships Bronze-medallist and will next face Chinese Taipei's Nien-Chin Chen on July 30, who is seeded fourth.

A win in the upcoming contest would assure medal at the mega-event.

On Wednesday, Asian champion Pooja Rani (75kg) will square off against Algerian youngster Ichrak Chaib.

Manu Bhaker & Saurabh Chaudhary during 10m Air Pistol mixed team event two series each in the second

Tokyo: Indian shooters endured yet another forgettable outing at the Tokyo Olympics on Tuesday as they crashed out in the qualifying stages of the mixed team events in both pistol and rifle.

bet for a podium finish, the duo of Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker caved in under pressure and failed to qualify for the final of the 10m air pistol mixed team event.

Thy finished seventh in Qualification 2 after topping the first phase with 582. Both the 19year-old shooters lost the plot completely when the top eight teams battled it out in the second phase.

The other Indian team in the event, Abhishek Verma and Yashaswini Singh Deswal, failed to clear Qualification 1 and finished in 17th place, having totalled 564 across six series (three each for one member).

The team of Chaudhary and Bhaker totalled 380 across

Valarivan and Divyansh Singh Panwar finished 12th with a total of 626.5 across three series each, while Anjum Moudgil and Deepak Kumar ended 18th out of 29 pairs with an aggregate score of 623.8.

Indian debacle in Tokyo shocks shooting fraternity, NRAI boss talks of 'overhaul'

Tokyo: The Indian shooting federation on Tuesday promised an 'overhaul' of the coaching staff after the 15strong contingent's Olympic campaign moved from one disaster to another.

phase of the qualification.

As the country's shooters continued to belie expectations with their horror show here, reliving the Rio 2016 debacle, the head of the sport's national governing body promised a major revamp in coaching and support staff.

"Definitely the performances have not been on expected lines and I have spoken of an overhaul of coaching and support staff," NRAI Raninder Singh said.

Questions are being raised about why the shooters were not able to replicate their excellent showing at the ISSF World Cups at the Olympics.

"I feel something is lacking

in getting our shooters prepared for these big occasions, because clearly the talent is there and we have seen it here as well," the NRAI boss said.

However, Raninder said that not all is still lost for the Indian shooting team as it is left with a few more starts.

"Having said that we still have starts left and let's continue to back the team and I am sure we'll get results. Postmortems can wait till after the Games," Raninder said.

Osaka eliminated apan's Naomi Osaka suffered a 6-1, 6-4 defeat to Marketa

events at the Games.

the mixed doubles event

and thus winning just

two matches can get a

team in the medal round

Nagal was blown away by Daniil

Medvedev in the men's singles com-

petition, while the women's doubles

pair of Sania Mirza and Ankita Raina

lost its opener from a winning position

Only 16 teams play

Tapan's Naomi Usaka suffered a 0-1, 0-1 december 17 Vondrousova in the third round of the Tokyo Games on Tuesday, crushing her dreams of winning Olympic Gold at home. Osaka, who lit the Olympic cauldron during the opening ceremony, struggled in an error-strewn display under the centre court

Vondrousova, ranked 42nd, will go on to face Spain's Paula Badosa or Nadia Podoroska of Argentina. Meanwhile, Stefanos Tsitsipas advanced to the third round of the Olympics men's tennis tournament on Tuesday as he

roof at Ariake Tennis Park and was knocked out in 68 minutes.

avenged last month's Wimbledon loss to Frances Tiafoe. The Greek third seed downed American Tiafoe 6-3, 6-4 under the centre court roof at Ariake Tennis Park, where all play on outside courts was delayed an hour by morning drizzle

Tsitsipas, who is also entered in mixed doubles with Maria Sakkari, will play France's Ugo Humbert or Miomir Kecmanovic



Sailors Vishnu, Nethra at 22nd & 33rd spot

Vishnu Saravanan and Nethra Kumanan finished way behind the leaders as they ended at 22nd and 33rd spot in the respective events after six races in the Tokyo Olympics here on Tuesday.

Saravanan finished 23rd and 22nd in the fifth and sixth race in the men's laser event while Kumanan was 32nd and 38th in the two races of the women's laser radial event held at Enoshima Yacht Harbour on

Four more races and medal behind in the rankings.

race remain in the competition and the India duo were far Each event consists of a series of races. Points in each

race are awarded according to

point, the second-placed finishscores two and so on. The final race is called the

medal race, for which points are doubled. Following the medal race, the individual or crew with the fewest total points is declared the winner.

The medal races of both the women's laser radial and men's laser will be held on August 1 after 10 races each.



Carissa Moore of US celebrates winning Gold India's KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar compete during the 49er men race of the sailing event at the Enoshima harbour on Tuesday **PTI** medal in the women's surfing competition







became 1st athlete from Philippines to win an Olympic Gold. 2. ROC artistic gymnastics women's team celebrate after winning Gold medal. 3. Britain swimmer Tom Dean beats Covid twice to win Gold in 200m freestyle, 4. Weightlifter Polina Gurveva wins Turkmenistan's 1st ever Olympic medal (Silver) AP

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Ind-SL 2nd T20I postponed to Wed as Krunal tests Covid +ve

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The second T20I between **⊥** India and Sri Lanka in Colombo on Tuesday was postponed by a day after Indian allrounder Krunal Pandya tested positive for Covid-19, forcing him out of the series with seven days of isolation.

However, all his eight close contacts, who were isolated, have tested 'negative' in the RT-PCR tests but as a precautionary measure won't be able to take field on Wednesday.

Since the close contacts are mostly players, India might have to field a depleted side.

As per Sri Lanka's health

safety protocols, Krunal will not be able to travel back to India with other members of the contingent on July 30 as he will now have to undergo mandatory isolation and obtain a negative RT-PCR report.

The third and final T20 is scheduled to be held on

'Krunal is symptomatic with cough and throat pain. He

is obviously out of the series and will not be able able to return with rest of the squad," a BCCI source tracking the developments in Colombo

"However the good news is that all his eight close contacts who were identified by the BCCI medical officer (Dr Abhijit Salvi) have tested negative. But as a precautionary measure can't take the field." For now, the three-match

a couple of more cases, the Indian team has enough players with negative RT-PCR reports to field a team. Krunal, who tested positive

series is on as even if there are

on Tuesday morning, has already been quarantined. India are travelling with a

20-member squad plus four stand bye net bowlers. Now, there will be back-toback matches on Wednesday

and Thursday provided there aren't any more players testing positive to affect the balance of the sides which will lead to can-



Pant bats in nets Durham: Ahead of the gruelling

five Test match series against England, the Indian Test team led by skipper Virat Kohli, had a centre wicket training at the Durhan Cricket Club here on Tuesday. Aggressive wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant, who had joined

the Test team after recovering from Covid-19, also batted in the nets. "TeamIndia back at it and

having a centre wicket training at Durham Cricket Club ahead of the five-match Test series against England," the BCCI said in a tweet.