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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 meeting 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 Court-monitored 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 as Bangla.

"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 PTI

is scheduled to meet top Opposition leaders like NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Samajwadi

Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Om Prakash Chautala, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut, Delhi

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and political strategist Prashant Kishor.

6th day of Monsoon Session washed out, Modi slams Opp

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Placards of "Big Brother is Watching" and ear-splitting 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

Congress for obstructing business in both Houses and asked BJP MPs to "expose" the Opposition party.

Both Houses of Parliament have barely transacted any business as they have been witnessing a repeat adjournment on account of Congress-led vociferous protest on a range of issues, including farm-

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 Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha resumed their sessions, the Opposition members began raising slogans in support of their demands for a probe.



Members protest in the Well of the Rajya Sabha during the Monsoon Session of Parliament on Tuesday RSTV/PTI

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 Minister.

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."

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-in-charge 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-Lingayat community which is seen to be the BJP's core support base in Karnataka.



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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Indicating that a booster dose is going to be the next in-things 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 cent over 10 weeks or 2-3 months, said researchers from University College London 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.

2 confirmed mucormycosis cases take black fungus tally to 104

1 COVID PATIENT DIES IN BOKARO

PNS ■ RANCHI

Two more confirmed cases of Mucormycosis in Ranchi took the black fungus tally in Jharkhand to 104 on Tuesday, data released by the health department highlighted. The State, however, did not report fresh casualties caused by the fungal infection during the past 24 hours and the toll remained 30.

With 40 confirmed patients, Ranchi has reported the highest number of mucormycosis cases in the state so far, highlights data compiled by the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP). The district has also reported 11 deaths, the highest among the 24 districts.

As per IDSP data, besides the 104 confirmed cases, the State has reported 58 suspected cases of the fungal infection. As many as 104 patients, including some under treatment for suspected mucormycosis, have been discharged from hospital so far in the state.

Meanwhile, the State reported one more Covid death on Tuesday, which took the toll in the state to 5125, a bulletin from the National Health Mission (NHM) stated. The active caseload of Covid-19 also increased slightly as Jharkhand reported 39 fresh cases of infection against 37 recoveries.

Jharkhand on Tuesday vaccinated over 90,000 residents against Covid-19 after managing to inoculate over 1.45 lakh residents daily on an average in the past three days. As per provisional data released by the



Beneficiaries wait in a queue to receive Covid-19 vaccine dose at a centre in Ranchi on Tuesday Vinay Murmu / Pioneer

NHM, the State on Tuesday administered the first dose of vaccine to 70,151 residents, while the second jab was administered to 19,913 beneficiaries. Almost 60,000 residents in the age bracket of 18 years to 44 years got inoculated in Jharkhand on the day.

As per Government records, over 90 lakh residents have at least received one dose of vaccine against Covid-19 so far. The State, as per figures released by the NHM on Tuesday evening, had 4,01,840 doses of vaccines in stock to run the immunisation campaign until fresh supplies arrive.

At least 1074 session sites for Covid-19 vaccination were operational across Jharkhand on Tuesday, as per the Co-Win portal. According to data available on the Co-Win dashboard, at least 57 session sites inoculated 7354 residents in Ranchi on the day, while 4,184

beneficiaries got their jabs at 55 session sites in East Singhbhum. At least 53 session sites were operational in Dhanbad and over 10,000 residents were vaccinated there.

As per NHM data, at least 247 people were battling the viral infection in Jharkhand by the end of Tuesday. The fresh casualty was reported in Bokaro on the day, which took the Covid toll there to 283. Besides reporting one fatality, Bokaro also reported the highest spike of nine cases among the 24 districts in Jharkhand on Tuesday.

The State on Tuesday tested swab samples of 60,461 residents and 0.06 per cent of them were found infected by SARS-CoV-2. So far, over 3.46 lakh people have been infected by the deadly virus in Jharkhand and 98.45 per cent of them have recovered, while 1.47 per cent of patients could not survive.

Govt announces 11% DA hike for State Govt employees

CABINET NOD TO 19 AGENDAS

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The State Government on Tuesday announced a hike in dearness allowance (DA) for its employees. With this, the new DA rate will be 28 per cent, up from 17 per cent. The increase in DA will be applicable from July 1. This decision is in line with the decision taken by the Central Government this month. The proposal related to this was given nod to in Tuesday's Cabinet meeting.

With the increase of DA by 11 per cent more than 3.5 lakh Government employees will be benefitted, at the same time

the State Government will bear an expense of ₹1,000 crore on the exchequer.

In view of the Corona epidemic, the Central Government had banned Dearness Allowance from January-2020. Recently, the Central Government had decided to remove the ban on dearness allowance increasing the DA from 17 per cent to 28 per cent.

Cabinet Secretary, Vandana Dadel said, "The State Government has decided to increase the DA of State government employees by 11 per cent. The DA will be hiked from existing 17 per cent to 28 per cent."

The hike in DA is seen as a double bonanza for State Government employees as last month, the State Cabinet raised

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the government's contribution to the National Pension Scheme to 14 per cent of basic salary from the current 10 per cent.

On Tuesday, approvals to 19 agenda were given at the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren.

The Cabinet also gave its nod for distribution of books to students studying at class IX and X at free of cost. Ex post facto approval for extension of tenure of Jharkhand State Law Commission from November

14, 2019 to November 13, 2021, was also given nod to Tuesday's meeting.

Ex-post facto approval of ₹51,00,000 for operation of Madhupur bypoll from State contingency fund was also approved in Cabinet meeting. Approval for increasing the training fees in State Government industrial training institutes was also given nod.

Srinath University Bill, 2021 was given approval. Jharkhand Motor Cart (Amendment)

Manual was approved in the format of 2021.

Approval for increasing the number of villages under Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana under the decentralised distributed production programme (Off Grid) from 230 villages to 246 villages was given nod to. The total cost of the scheme is ₹109 crore out of which the centre share will be ₹65.40 crore, while loan from REC will be ₹32.70 crore while state share will be ₹10.90 crore.

Administrative approval for construction of Barlanga Nemra Pirgul Kasmar road under State highway was also given approval at meeting.

The two lane road will be 27.608-km long and will be constructed at the cost of ₹176.70 crore.

Covid immunisation of 12-18 yrs 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 be soon 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 had said.

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 fraternity.

Earlier this month, Dr NK Arora, who heads the National Expert Group on Vaccines, had said that vaccination for children will start by September with the Zydus vaccine for 12 to 18-year-olds. Bharat Biotech's Covaxin and Zydus Cadila's candidate are testing vaccines for children. The results of the Covaxin trials are expected by September, AIIMS chief Randeep Guleria has said.

DISHOM GURU POSHAN VATIKA YOJANA

State ensures access to healthy, nutritious food to rural residents

Vegetables cultivated in courtyard becoming a source of nutrition for the villagers

PNS ■ RANCHI

Dishom Guru Poshan Vatika Yojana, an aspirational scheme rolled out by the Government of Jharkhand, is showing a positive impact on the health of rural and tribal populations across the State. Residents of Mangudih village, a tribal village surrounded by forests and mountains in the Kuchai block of Seraikela, had been deprived of nutrition-rich

food. Through the means of this scheme, nutritious food is now a regular element of the food intake of the women and children in the village; due to this a continuous improvement in their health is being registered.

Agriculture is the main source of livelihood for the villagers of Mangudih village. The Body Mass Index (BMI) and MUAC health check-up program run by the government revealed the poor physical health of the villagers.

The Jharkhand Tribal Development Society immediately came into action to work on improving the health of the villagers. Awareness programs related to the importance of nutrition-rich food and the

ways to improve that helped villagers understand that improving the intake of green vegetables can have a charismatic effect on their health. As well as, it can lead to a better, healthy, and prosperous future for their children.

Impressed by the awareness programme highlighting the importance of nutrition, run by Jharkhand Tribal Development Society, Belmati Hembrom came forward to establish a kitchen garden in her courtyard. The State Government provided seeds, fertilizers, and technical information to her while covering her with Dishom Guru Poshan Vatika Yojana. Today, Belmati cultivates seven types of vegetables in the kitchen garden

near her house. It brought a positive change in her life as she does not need to buy vegetables from the market anymore. Apart from this, the health condition of Belmati has also recorded a positive change.

In a very short time, she gained the required weight due to her intake of nutrition-rich food. Her BMI has also improved. She ensures that everyone in her house gets nutritious food on their plate. Looking at Belmati, other villagers are also joining this scheme and cultivating vegetables for their use near their houses or courtyard.

Dishom Guru Poshan Vatika Yojana is being implemented through JTDS. Apart

from informing the villagers about this scheme, JTDS is providing other information related to the cultivation of vegetables, including the use of seeds, fertilizers, and other technical information.

Positive changes are being recorded in the health of women and children of the village due to this scheme. The rate of malnutrition among women and children is still high in Jharkhand. Women in rural areas are suffering from anaemia. The State Government has started Dishom Guru Poshan Vatika Yojana to remove malnutrition among women and children and enable them to access healthy and nutritious food.



A woman farmer shows carrots produced at her kitchen garden Pioneer photo

Zero Covid cases for first time in 14 months

PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR

For the first time in 14 months, the city reported zero Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours. The first positive case of Covid-19 was reported from West Singhbhum at Chaibasa. The youth was of 22 year old and had returned from Chennai on May 12, 2020.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Suraj Kumar has directed officials to carry out large scale testing, treatment and surveillance in order to bring down active cases and



new infections. He asked district officials, in a series of meetings, to prepare for a possible third wave of infections.

"It was in May when we first positive case and then today we have no cases reported. Initially, during the outbreak of Covid-19, it was tough to control the spread because people live in large numbers here and they didn't follow the norms. During the first and second waves, we had made arrangements of quarantine centres and isolation facilities. We are still doing tracing, testing and treatment for people on a regular basis as well as carried out door-to-door testing on a

regular basis", said an official.

In the past 10 days, Jamshedpur has been reporting less than 10 Covid cases each day on an average. The tally of active cases in Jamshedpur has come down to 26 as per official figures. East Singhbhum is one of the several districts in the state that has not reported any fresh case in a day. The Coronavirus tally in Jamshedpur remained at 51,765.

East Singhbhum district administration has conducted

45,5219 tests per million in the district. The recovery rate in Jamshedpur is 97.91% while the mortality rate is 2.04 %.

More than 6500 were tested on the day. According to the daily health bulletin, the Covid-19 test positivity is 0.00%. The Steel City tested 6568 samples, of which, zero turned out positive while five people recovered from the Covid-19. The continuous high numbers of tests have pushed the positivity rate further down to 0.00 per cent, the government data showed.

XISS, Save The Children sign MoU on girls' education

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Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi and Save the Children India, Bal Raksha Bharat (SCBR) have signed a MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for a partnership of 100 Days of Action and Save Our Education Campaign with special emphasis on girls' education. The Rural Management (RM) Programme of XISS will be carrying out the activities mentioned in the MoU. Dr. Raj Shree Verma and Soumi Halder will be organising activities of this MoU on behalf of XISS and Save The Children respectively.

This partnership is in time to amplify and advocate for educational rights of children in Jharkhand and across the country during the campaigning period starting from 1st July to 8th September, 2021; thereby upholding basic education rights of children in the state and across the country, amid pandemic, as a digital divide disabled children to continue their education.

Dr. Joseph Marianus Kujur, Director, XISS during the signing of the MoU said, "XISS is elated on this collaboration with Save The Children focusing on the educational rights of children. The pandemic has affected in ways beyond imagination where several children are unable to pursue their education due to the digital divide and closure of schools. So, with this collaborative effort, we wish to bridge the gap and increase awareness for maxi-



mum support from the government, civil societies, and educational institutions."

Under this partnership, SCBR, and XISS will organise several action moments during this campaign such as Story Telling and Comic making competition in August, messages from the advocacy appeal for the campaign on social media will be shared, a Sign the Petition: www.change.org/100DaysOfAction will be done by students and fraternity, a webinar will be organised followed by discussions on issues related to child education amid pandemic. A debate competition titled The Voice of Change- "Is Online Education a breach to the Right to Education and 'Pause and Think Moment' was organised in this context earlier.

Dr. Himadri Sinha, HoP of Rural Management Programme of XISS during the signing of the MoU said: "This association of XISS and Save The Children will certainly amplify the scope for

advocacy for the educational rights of children especially amidst the pandemic and a divide which is arising due to it. Education is a basic right to each one and this collaboration focuses on bringing this issue to the fore for the Government and other stakeholders to find a solution to."

Mahadev Hansda, Head - Project Office (Jharkhand), SCBR while elaborating the requirements of the MoU said, "Save the Children is very happy to collaborate with XISS on the educational rights of children. The collaborative efforts would help to amplify the importance of continuity of education amid the pandemic. How the closure of schools might have an impact on children and it is anticipated that 10 million girls might not return back to schools forever. So, we urge the Government, CSOs, educational institutions together to talk about the issue and support those children to continue their education."

Admin issues Covid-19 alert ahead of I-Day

Bokaro: In view of the spread of coronavirus infections, Independence Day will be celebrated by following the Covid-19 guidelines; observation of health protocols like social distancing and wearing of masks, said Kuldeep Chaudhary, Deputy Commissioner Bokaro.

A meeting was held regarding the preparations of Independence Day celebrations under the chairmanship of Choudhary and Chandan Kumar Jha, Superintendent of Police Bokaro at the Collectorate Auditorium.

They asked the officials to ensure that Covid-19 guidelines must be followed during the entire event on the day.

Speaking on the occasion, Chaudhary said, the threat of Covid-19 is not entirely averted yet. Experts are expressing the possibility of a third web.

We need to be more careful about this. On the occasion of Independence Day, it will be mandatory to wear masks while following mutual distance.

He said that during the flag hoisting in various government offices, the official heads of the concerned office would ensure masks, sanitizers and other arrangements. "Instructions were also given to make a circle for social distancing at flag hoisting sites," he added.

Rehearsal for the parade will be held from August 9, while on August 13, the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police will jointly inspect the parade.

Participants will have to submit a COVID-19 negative report, said a district administration official.

3 held on gangrape charges in Garhwa

PNS ■ GARHWA

A seventeen-year-old girl, a Class X student, was allegedly raped by three youths in Kandhi of the district on Sunday night. The girl has been sent for medical examination. "Following a complaint by the victim, all the three accused were arrested and after being booked under relevant IPC sections and POCSO act have been sent to jail," Station in-charge Kandhi Nitesh Kumar said.

Victim had gone to attend her friend's birthday party at Kandhi when the accused took her to a Moyer cycle garage, and they all raped her. When the incident came to light, a crowd started gathering outside the garage. The garage door was locked from inside. Seeing the increasing pressure of the people, the three youths fled from the back of the garage leaving the girl alone. At the behest of the people, the victim only opened the closed shutter of the garage.

Taking quick action, the police arrested all three on the basis of mobile location.

The victim's mother said that her daughter had left the house saying that she would attend the birthday of her friend. Later it is learned that his daughter has been raped. The victim's father has already died.

Ensure wide publicity of CM Employment Generation Scheme: DC

BERMO: Bokaro Deputy Commissioner Kuldeep Choudhary held a meeting of the District Level Committee of Chief Minister Employment Generation Scheme at the Collectorate here on Tuesday.

On the occasion, Deputy Development Commissioner Jai Kishore Prasad, SDO Chas Dilip Pratap Singh Shekhawat, District Transport Officer Sanjeev Kumar, Executive Officer of Chas Municipal Corporation Vivek Suman, District Welfare Officer Ravi Shankar Mishra were present on the occasion.

The District Welfare Officer apprised the committee members in detail regarding the Chief Minister's employment generation scheme. While the Deputy Commissioner Chaudhary said that this scheme has been started to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship development in rural and urban areas we should also give wide publicity to it, so that people can get information about this scheme and its purpose is fulfilled.

He directed to activate JSLPS, NULM (Urban), Block Coordinators of Industries Department etc. for the promotion of this scheme and collection of applications of the needy who fulfill the eligibility.

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16	ट्रक (तेल का टैंकर)	NL01D-2793	ठेठईटांगर थाना परिसर	
17	ट्रक TATA 407	चेचिस नं०-357010811627 ईजन नं०-BP253418173703SII3PN	बानो थाना परिसर	
18	ट्रैक्टर लाल रंग, डाला ब्लू रंग	चेचिस नं०-TL-8254 निबंधन संख्या अंकित नहीं है।	कोलेबिरा थाना परिसर	
19	ट्रक	चेचिस नं०-373341BYZ704472 तथा पीछे तरफ अंकित चेचिस नं०-B45Y2Z503273	बानो थाना परिसर	
20	ट्रक (दस चक्का LP)	JH18B-4710 चेचिस नं०-426031ETZ138915	बानो वन क्षेत्र परिसर	

नोट :- निविदा से संबंधित विस्तृत जानकारी जिले के वेबसाइट www.simdega.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, सिमडेगा वन प्रमंडल, सिमडेगा।

PR 250340 (Forest, Environment and Climate Changes) 21-22 (D)

उपायुक्त-सह- जिला दंडाधिकारी का कार्यालय, खूँटी (जिला भू-अर्जन शाखा)

आवश्यक सूचना

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि हटिया बण्डामुण्डा रेलवे लाईन दोहरीकरण परियोजना मौजा लोधमा, जरिया, मालगो, पोडा, डहकेला, रंजु, चियुर, नवरिया, लोयोकेल, टिमडा एवं मुरुचकेल के लिए मुआवजा भुगतान संबंधी मामलों का शीघ्र निष्पन्न हेतु कैम्प में सशरीर उपस्थिति एवं कागजातों की जाँच हेतु शिविर का आयोजन की तिथि निर्धारित की गयी है, जो इस प्रकार है-

क्र०	तिथि	समय	ग्राम का नाम	कैम्प का स्थान
1	2	3	4	5
1	30.07.2021 एवं 31.07.2021	10:30 बजे	लोधमा, मालगो, पोडा, रंजु, चियुर, लोयोकेल, जरिया, डहकेला, नवरिया, टिमडा एवं मुरुचकेल	अंचल कार्यालय, करी

कोविड-19 में दिये गये निर्देश के आलोक में संबंधित रयत मास्क, सैनिटाईजर एवं सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग का पालन करेंगे।

PR 250238(Land Reforms)21-22'D

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CORRIGENDUM - IV

Empanelment of Agencies under Manpower Rate Contract for providing various category of Manpower to various Departments/ Organizations/Offices of the State Government of Jharkhand

Tender Ref: JAP-IT/RC/MANPOWER/02/2021

With reference to the above tender it is hereby informed that **revised technical evaluation result** has been published on e-procurement portal (<https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>) and same can be downloaded. Date of opening of commercial bids has been scheduled on **29th July, 2021 at 12:30 PM** in the office of the undersigned.

Technically qualified bidders are invited to attend the meeting on scheduled date & time.

PR Ref No. 247500

PR 250345 Information Technology(21-22)#D

Sd/-
CEO, JAP-IT

झारखण्ड सरकार

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग

ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सूचना (पुनः निविदा आमंत्रण)

अति अल्पकालीन पुनः ई0-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं० Dhanbad-2/ 02 /2021-22 दिनांक 26.07.2021

श्रु सं०	प्रखण्ड/सं०	श्रु	प्रारंभित राशि (लाख रु० में)	अध्यन की राशि (रुपये में)	परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य (रुपये में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	Baliapur-95 Nos.	RRP -2	11.73064	23500.00	2500.00	40 दिन
2	चेचिसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि -			26.07.2021 समय 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।		
3	निविदा राशि (ऑन लाईन बिक्री) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय			04.08.2021 समय 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।		
4	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल सं०-2, धनबाद में परिष्करण विवरण का मूल्य एवं अध्यन की राशि की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय			06.08.2021 समय 2:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।		
5	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय			06.08.2021 समय 4:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।		
6	तकनीकी बिड खोलने का स्थान			अधीनस्थ अतिथि का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल, धनबाद।		
7	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पदनाम			ई० पी०कराण भाग, कार्यपालक अतिथि, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल सं०-2, धनबाद।		
8	प्रोक्योरमेन्ट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या			7992394524		
9	ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट सेल का हेल्प लाईन सं०			0651-248045		

नोट - केवल ई०-निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यालयक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल संख्या-2, धनबाद

PR 250289 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22).D

RPF rescues tribal girl of Palamu

PNS ■ DALTONGANJ

RPF bailed out a tribal girl of Palamu as far away as Dholpur under North Central railway, said sources.

A 21 year old tribal girl Devanti Oraon of Jaynagar under Palamu's Chainpur police station was discovered alone and haggard in the Jhelum express train, said sources.

She was made to get down at Jajo railway station there and the RPF post of Dholpur took protective custody of her.

Sub inspector cum post incharge of RPF Garhwa road junction here Kumar Nayan Sing said he got a call from his batchmate at Dholpur RPF post under Agra division Khushi Ram Yadav on July 23.

This RPF officer said he

noted down the details and began to trace the parents of this girl. Nayan said a journalist was very helpful in tracing the Oraon family.

The Chainpur police too took all pains and finally the girl's father was traced who was asked to reach Dholpur RPF post to bring back his daughter from there.

Nayan said the parents went there and brought back their daughter. The girl with her parents arrived in Palamu on July 25.

Sources said the efforts and pains of Nayan are very well appreciated here as any delay or passivity on his part would have meant more hard days for this tribal girl at Dholpur.

The RPF Dholpur had put up this girl at Mahila Asha Jyoti in Agra.

कार्यालय प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, मुरहू (रंभूटी)

पुनः अति अल्पकालिक निविदा – आमंत्रण

उप विकास आयुक्त, खूँटी के पत्रांक-175 /वि०, दिनांक-20.02.2021 एवं कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन निर्माण विभाग भवन प्रमण्ड, खूँटी के ज्ञापक-1110, दिनांक 29.09.2020 के प्रतिवेदन के आलोक मुरहू प्रखण्ड परिसर स्थित निम्न कार्यालय, आवास, गोदाम एवं शौचालय भवन जिसे कण्डम घोषित किया गया है। ध्वस्त करने हेतु निम्न शर्तों के आधार पर दिनांक 14.03.2021 तक निविदा आमंत्रित किया गया था लेकिन निर्धारित तिथि तक कोई भी निविदा प्राप्त नहीं हुआ। कार्य की महत्ता को देखते हुए निम्न शर्तों पर ही पुनः निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्राप्त होने की अंतिम तिथि 05.08.2021 के अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक निर्धारित की जाती है। उसके बाद प्राप्त निविदा अमान्य होगी।

- BRC Office
- BRC Godown
- किचन रूम
- अंचल स्टाफ क्वार्टर (Twine Unit)
- Circle Staff/ Qtr No.
- अंचल स्टाफ क्वार्टर (2 Units) कटहल पेड़ के बगल में।
- Medical Staff Qtr
- Medical Staff Qtr
- कल्याण विभाग का भवन।
- अंचल स्टाफ क्वार्टर।
- Circle Staff Qtr
- Lamps Godown (पीपल पेड़ के पास)
- BLW Qtr
- दो कमरों का बाथरूम (CDPO Office एवं आंगनवाड़ी केन्द्र के बीच में)
- Toilet Block
- 4 Units of Toilet

शर्तें निम्न प्रकार है :-

- सफल निविदा दाताओं को No Loss But Gain के आधार पर कार्य आवंटित किया जायगा।
- अभिकर्ता को अलग से कोई राशि का भुगतान नहीं किया जायगा।
- जर्जर भवनों को ध्वस्त कराने के पश्चात् उक्त स्थल को पूर्ण रूपेण साफ-सफाई की जिम्मेवारी संबंधित अभिकर्ता की होगी।
- यदि किसी निविदा दाता के द्वारा निविदा प्राप्त नहीं होने पर प्रशासन के द्वारा उक्त कार्रवाई की जाएगी।
- स्थानीय निविदा दाता को प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी।

प्रखण्ड विकास पदाधिकारी, मुरहू

PR 250307 District(21-22).D

25 % subsidy for investors for ethanol production

Subsidy of up to ₹50 cr for non MSMEs and ₹10 cr for MSMEs

PNS ■ RANCHI

In a bid to attract investors for Ethanol production in the State, Department of Industries organised a Stakeholders' Meet on the draft Jharkhand Ethanol Production and Promotion Policy 2021 on Tuesday during which the department announced that the State Government will provide 25 per cent capital subsidy for the investors.

Addressing the gathering Secretary, Department of Industries, Pooja Singhal said that the policy proposes a



Secretary, Industries, Pooja Singhal addresses at the Stakeholders' Meet on Draft Jharkhand Ethanol Production and Promotion Policy, 2021 at city based hotel in Ranchi on Tuesday

highly remunerative incentive structure including Capital Subsidy at 25 per cent of Investment made in fixed capital up to ₹ 10 cr for MSMEs and ₹50 cr for Non-MSMEs. Singhal also said that one-

time Skill Development Subsidy at Rs 13,000 per employee for the training of employees who are domicile of Jharkhand and Employment Cost Subsidy is 50 per cent reimbursement for male workers and 100 per cent

reimbursement for female workers of expenditure on account of contribution toward ESI and EPF scheme for a period of 5 years for new units for those employees who are domicile of Jharkhand up to Rs. 1000 per month. She concluded by urging the investors to give their views and suggestions on the policy.

Seven policies will be presented for approval within the next two months. During the meeting to lure the investors for Ethanol production the department talked about the advantages of investing in Jharkhand including the location advantage, Ease of Doing Business, land bank available for allotment and the upcoming industrial parks and SEZs projects.

Singhal also gave an idea of the feedstock that can be used for Ethanol production and

stated that Jharkhand can easily sustain a minimum of 600 KL per day of production for the captive market available in Eastern India.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Industries Jitender Kumar Singh gave a brief overview of the uses of Ethanol and the overall production figures from India. He also highlighted the benefits of Ethanol blending and gave examples from across the world including that of Brazil and the USA wherein Brazil has a molasses-based blending program and the USA has a starch-based blending program. Singh then proceeded to give Jharkhand's production of Sugarcane, Rice and Maize and talked about the schemes launched by the Government of India for Ethanol production.

Deputy Commissioner,

Department of Excise and Prohibition, Dr Rakesh Kumar concluded by assuring the investors that any applications for LoI will be addressed by the Department of Excise and Prohibition within a fortnight.

The open Question and Answer session was well received by the investors and included over six sessions. The investors lauded the incentive structures and gave their suggestions.

Before concluding the event, eight focused B2G sessions were conducted with a select group of large investors to increase the pace of industrialization in the State.

Other officials at the event included Regional Director JIADA, Ajay Kumar Singh was present on the occasion. The event was attended by over 50 investors.

INBRIEF

5 MORE ECR STATIONS CHOSEN FOR REVAMP

Under the station redevelopment plan, in addition to the five stations selected earlier, five more stations of East Central Railway including Sitamarhi, Darbhanga, Barauni, Dhanbad and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction will be redeveloped and equipped with world class facilities. It may be noted that till now the initiative to develop Gaya, Rajendra Nagar Terminal, Muzaffarpur, Begusarai and Singrauli stations as world class has been started. After the selection of five more stations, now a total of 10 stations in ECR will be redeveloped and equipped with state-of-the-art world class facilities. The work of redevelopment of stations is to be done by Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA). The main objective of station redevelopment is to provide safety, better and pleasant travel experience and world class passenger amenities to the passengers. Equipping the station with world-class and state-of-the-art facilities, the station will be given the form of a green building, where there will be adequate arrangements for ventilation etc. Mail and multipurpose building will be built on railway land. The station will be developed according to solar energy, energy efficiency equipment and 'green building' standards.



MEGA EAUTION BY PNB ON AUG 12

Punjab National Bank is organizing Mega e-Auction across the country on August 12, 2021 of more than 5000 properties, which include residential, commercial and industrial categories. Deepak Kumar Srivastav, Circle Head, Ranchi, South today informed that the interested buyers will be having a wide range of options for purchase of properties across the country. Large number of buyers have shown interest in the process as the properties are put on auction at a very competitive price. The recent trend of the economy has revealed that post the second wave of Covid-19, more buyers are coming out to purchase properties. The properties being offered by the bank through e-Auction are comparatively at lesser cost, in addition to this, no brokerage or commission is payable on the deal. He said that all such auctions shall be done on e-Bkay portal and will be simple and fully transparent. Interested buyers, after registration on portal <https://ibapi.in> and depositing the bid money, may participate in the process.

ED, CET, SAIL FELICITATES 2 SR EXECUTIVES

Executive Director, CET, Ranchi, SAIL, Jagdish Arora, recognised the exemplary efforts put in by two of its executives. Surendra Prasad, General Manager (Refractory), CET prepared a comprehensive study report on expansion & modernization of SAIL Refractory Unit (SRU) & SAIL Refractory Company Limited (SRCL). SAIL in-house refractory manufacturing units, in order to reduce the demand supply gap and to achieve self-sufficiency in refractory production in-house. Abhyaya Kumar, General Manager (Proj) played the pivotal role during the surveillance audit of ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System for "CET, Ranchi". Arora felicitated Surendra Prasad and Abhyaya Kumar for the exemplary roles displayed by them in the course exercising their duties. During a special function held on July 26, which was attended by CET senior management, he applauded the duo for their great services and encouraged everyone to follow suit and to keep the spirits and flag of SAIL, CET flying high.



SBPS SHINES AT IBM ETECH YOUTH CHALLENGE

Students of Sarala Birla Public school, Ranchi performed exceptionally well in the IBM EdTech Youth Challenge India 2021 organized by IBM, in partnership with Central Board of Secondary Education, IIMB and Learning Links Foundation. It is an applied learning experience for students to learn about key concepts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and identity issues in their communities that could be tackled using AI technology and Design Thinking methods. More than 1,000 students from around 250 CBSE schools were trained for the event. Karan Dalia, Shrishti Shreya, Aditya Coomarr and Adarsh Upadhyay of class XII presented a model named 'Lifeline-Intelligent Saviour', selected for mentoring as a part of the AI Enabled SEWA program, worked to ensure low mortality rate and instant response in case of emergency during heavy traffic. Among 600 models presented for the event, SBPS was one among the top 16 models shortlisted for the final round. The students impressed the jury members and have been rewarded with an internship programme with IBM for two consecutive weeks in the month of August.



XLRI TO HOST HUMAN RESOURCES CONCLAVE 'KRONOS'21

XLRI ExPGDM is all set to host 'KRONOS'21', XLRI's flagship Human Resources Conclave, in virtual mode on August 1 and 2. The theme for the conclave is "Redefining the Role of Human Resources for the Future". This conclave will bring leading HR professionals to share experiences and insights on the ever-changing dynamics of the industry. As the boundaries of HR have extended beyond horizons, the way HR practices are managed and run is becoming vigorous, agile, and embedded with digital interventions. While there has been discussion on the disruption concerning data and digitalization, the whole idea of work, workplace, and human resources has evolved in the context of the prevailing Covid pandemic. Anurag Patnaik, head of human resources, Nestle India, Susan Mathew, HR Head India, LinkedIn, Shriya Dutt, Director HR & India S/W HR Lead, Qualcomm, Sweta Mohapatra, director, Diversity Strategies and Research, TIAA, Puneet Rajput, HR Head, Thermofisher, Monica Dhar, General Manager HR, Reliance Industries, will be the key speakers at the HR Conclave.

CONG DEMANDS PANCHAYAT POLLS IN 3 MONTHS

Dhanbad district Congress president Brajendra Prasad Singh has demanded for holding elections of panchayati raj institutions within next three months. The term of PR institutions expired two days ago and with it now there is no third tier government both in rural areas as well as in select urban locations has ended. Singh was aiming towards elections of municipal corporations and other urban bodies. It's worth mentioning here that the term of Dhanbad Municipal Corporation mayor had ended about a year ago but the government has shown no interest in holding elections. He demanded holding elections for both within three months.

PARTIES ASKED TO ATTEND EVM CHECKING SESSION

District administration that started random checking of EVMs that are likely to be used during the DMC elections has invited political parties to attend sessions to be held at EVM cells located at the sports hostel at Birsu Munda Park. The session commenced here on Tuesday. About 20 engineers from Electronics Corporation of India are here to check the functioning of the EVMs. About 3000 control units and 6100 ballot units are to be checked, said Deplama deputy election officer. The sessions will conclude on July 31.

Lawyers on streets for Advocates' Protection Act

PNS ■ RANCHI

Lawyers in State Capital on Tuesday refrained from judicial work protesting against the board day light murder of fellow lawyer at Tamar in rural area of Capital. The lawyers holding placards and banners took out a protest march from Ranchi District Bar Association (RDBA) to Albert Ekka Chowk. The lawyers demanded the implementation of the Advocates Protection Act in the State.

Earlier, on Monday afternoon a middle aged practicing lawyer Manoj Jha was killed by motorcycle-borne assailants in Radgaon area under Tamar police station. Police said that the deceased was in his car with his driver around 500m from the busy National Highway-33 connecting Ranchi and Jamshedpur, when five assailants on two bikes opened fire at the lawyer. Police sources said that it came to light that he was attacked when he was overseeing wall construction on a big plot which was disputed earlier.

As per information, the lawyer was getting the work done on behalf of one of his clients, an educational institution, on the 14-acre plot. The assailants overpowered Jha's driver at gunpoint and pumped



several bullets before escaping.

Reacting strongly over the death of Jha, Jharkhand State Bar Council chairman Rajendra Krishna said, "The board daylight murder of a practicing lawyer is a serious issue. The incident exposes the poor law and order situation in State Capital." Jharkhand State Bar Council member Sanjay Vidrohi demanded the implementation of Advocates Protection Act in the state. The Advocates Protection Act is for the protection of advocates and their functions in discharge of professional duties. The Act is stated to be the protection of advocates and to remove obstructions in the discharge of their duties.

He said that in recent time incidents like assault and murder against advocates have increased. In view of this, the Protection Act is needed.

This is not the first time that demands for setting up the Advocates Protection Act. The State Bar Council had placed their demands for implementation of Advocates Protection Act during the tenure of Chief Raghubar Das, but the act could not be implemented. The then Government had asked for a draft copy of the Act. After this, action was started on behalf of the Government. But after the formation of the new Government and given the conditions in Corona, the process regarding the Act slowed down.

The lawyers demanding arrest of culprits behind the murder of Jha also submitted a memorandum to SSP demanding arrest of persons behind the incident. Meanwhile, the Jharkhand High Court Advocates association too has taken strong cognizance over the death of Jha.

Centre assures 35L vaccine doses to State in August

Over 27 lakh doses to be provided free of cost

PNS ■ RANCHI

The Centre has proposed to allocate more than 35 lakh doses of vaccines to Jharkhand in the month of August to continue the ongoing immunisation drive against Covid-19, latest vaccine supply schedule released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) highlighted on Tuesday.

While the Centre will provide at least 27,46,930 vaccine doses for free to the State, as many as 7,95,250 doses will be made available for purchase by private hospitals and clinics involved in the immunisation drive, a document shared by the MoHFW stated.

With at least 35,32,180 vaccine doses assured, Jharkhand will be in a position to inoculate at least 1 lakh residents daily in the month of August, health officials said. The state, as per records with the health department, has at least 3377 session sites for vaccination and the infrastructure to immunize over 3 lakh residents every day.



Beneficiaries wait in a queue to receive COVID-19 vaccine dose, at a vaccination centre in Ranchi on Tuesday
Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

The state, as per government records, received around 25 lakh vaccine doses in the month of July. However, delayed supply of vaccines hit the immunisation drive for several days in Jharkhand as districts ran out of vaccines, officials said. Owing to the crisis of vaccines, the state achieved the lowest single day vaccination figure of barely 13,000 in the month of July.

While the increase in the number of vaccine doses in the month of August may help in smooth running of the campaign, many residents desiring to get Covaxin dose or waiting for their second dose of this vaccine may have

to deal with a shortage, sources said.

The vaccine supply schedule indicates that the state might only manage to administer 15,000 doses of Covaxin in a day against over 90,000 Covishield doses on an average. As per the schedule of vaccine supply, the state will receive 24,08,650 Covishield doses and 3,38,280 Covaxin doses free of cost. At least 6,88,130 Covishield doses and 1,07,120 Covaxin doses will be made available for purchase by private hospitals.

According to MoHFW, Jharkhand has at least 2,60,86,097 eligible vaccine beneficiaries and the state may receive over 3.5 crore vaccines on pro rata basis.

The state has so far received 93,02,030 doses of vaccines from the Centre for running the immunisation drive against Covid-19, highlights data with the National Health Mission (NHM). As per NHM data shared on Tuesday evening, the state has so far administered at least one dose of vaccine to 90,32,969 residents, including some who took the Russian Sputnik V vaccine procured separately by private hospitals.

MGNREGA Commissioner orders to pay ex-gratia grant to workers

100 days employment guarantee alongwith 75K grant on unnatural death

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MGNREGA Commissioner Rajeshwari B has directed the Deputy Development Commissioners of all the districts through a letter that for the labourers up to the age of 65 years, who have worked under MGNREGA for at least 15 days in a financial year, there is a provision to pay the amount of ex-gratia grant to his/her legal heir/accidental worker in case of death or accidental death or unnatural death (including murder) or dismemberment in that financial year and subsequent financial year. For this, a total budgetary provision of ₹10 crore has been made from the State fund for ex-gratia grant for the financial year 2021-22.

MGNREGA is working in the State on the lines of 'Zindagi Ke Saath Bhi and Zindagi Baad Bhi'. All possible cooperation is being provided by the State Government to the labourers associated with this. Not only is there a guarantee of providing 100 days of employment to them, but the State Government is standing with them. Everyone is becoming a participant in their happiness and sorrow. This is the reason why the government is moving ahead with the mantra "Jeevika bhi, Jeevan bhi". An initiative has been taken to strengthen the rural economy of the State and to provide employment to the villagers through this scheme.

The government has decided to provide employment to the rural and migrant workers of the State in their villages and towns under the MGNREGA scheme. It was told by the MGNREGA commissioner that the workers working under the MGNREGA scheme belong to the poorest families of the State. When such a worker dies due to natural death or unnatural causes, the financial condition of the family becomes absolutely



Farmers with their children plant paddy saplings in their agriculture field at Hatia area of Ranchi city
Vinay Murmu | Pioneer

pathetic and they are not given the benefit of any kind of ex-gratia grant by the Central Government. In such a situation, it has been decided that the labourers who have worked under MGNREGA for at least 15 days in a financial year up to the age of 65 years, will die in that financial year and in the next financial year, or in case of accidental death or unnatural death (including homicide) or amputation of limb, the amount of ex-gratia grant will be paid to his legal heir/labourer affected by accident in the following manner -

1. In case of accidental death or unnatural death (including murder) or permanent disability/mutilation, amount Rs 75,000
2. In case of partial handicap due to accident, amount Rs.37,500
3. Amount Rs 30,000 in case of normal death
4. Rs 50,000 as payment of ex-gratia grant to the dependents of the deceased who died by drowning in the Dobha constructed under the MGNREGA scheme.

The MGNREGA commissioner has directed the Deputy Development Commissioners of all the districts to identify all such dead workers suffering from accidents and provide the list to the department within a week and it has also been directed that in the event of any such incident a

detailed local investigation should be done immediately and if the case is found to be true, the amount should be made available to the dependent/victim within 24 hours.

A total of 19.45 lakh labourers have been provided employment under MGNREGA and 467 lakh man-days have been created in the current financial year 2021-22 so far. In order to provide employment to every willing family and labourer in their village and tola as much as possible, the government has set a target of implementation of at least 5 to 6 schemes in each village tola. For this, special focus is being laid on the implementation of schemes launched by the state government like Nilambar-Pitamber Jal Samridhi Yojana, Birsu Harit Gram Yojana, Veer Shaheed Poto Ho Khel Yojana, Didi Bari Yojana etc.

In these schemes, emphasis is being laid on creation of quality assets by providing timely employment to all the workers. Along with providing employment to all the willing workers, emphasis is being laid on the timely implementation of all the above schemes started by the state government. At the same time, water conservation and plantation work is being implemented scientifically in mission mode.

Cong to hold protest against rising petroleum prices

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Following the instruction of All India Congress Committee (AICC), under the leadership of Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) Chief, Dr Rameshwar Oraon, a limited number of party workers following Covid guidelines will demonstrate against the increase in the prices of petrol-diesel and LPG at Babu Watika of Morabadi in the State Capital today.

Congress Legislature Party leader Alamgir Alam, Agriculture Minister Badal and Health Minister Banna Gupta and MLAs will be present in this demonstration.

A meeting of party office-bearers was held to ensure success of the programme on Tuesday at the party headquarter in the State Capital.

Talking to media persons JPCC Spokesperson Alok Kumar Dubey said that all the preparations for the demonstration have been completed. "Banner-poster has been made and a waterproof tent is also being built near the spot, where in the presence of a limited number of party leaders and workers will protest. They will express their anger against the increase in the price of petrol-diesel, cooking gas. According to the instructions of All India Congress Committee (AICC) and the Organization In-Charge, KC Venugopal agitations are being organized all over the Country regarding rising inflation, in the past, there was a nationwide protest by organizing demonstrations and cycle tours at petrol pumps," he added.

Speaking on the occasion JPCC Spokesperson, Lal Kishorenath Shahdeo



Senior Congress leaders during a programme in Ranchi on Tuesday
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said that it took 70 years for the price of petrol to reach Rs 60 and it took only 7 years to reach Rs 111, in spite of this, the BJP leader was only trying to curse the previous Congress Government by drinking water for inflation but now the people of the country have also started to understand that whose rule was good. He said that Narendra Modi, the head of the NDA Government, is such a magician, the Country which Congress took 70 years to bring here, Narendra Modi took only seven years to make that Country 100 years behind.

JPCC Spokesperson, Rajesh Gupta said that according to the auspicious numbers of BJP leaders, petrol has reached the auspicious number 111 and diesel has reached the auspicious number 101, now the BJP is just waiting for the gas cylinder to reach 1001, so that no one could stop India from becoming a Vishwa Guru. "On the one hand, for the last 16 months, the people suffering from the crisis of Corona epidemic, the falling economy, rising unemployment are wreaking havoc, while on the other hand, the Central Government is finding epidemic opportunities and forcing the people to get on the road due to inflation," he added.

USAID provides O2 concentrator to Govt

PNS ■ RANCHI

The State in-charge of USAID Nishtha PATH organization, Abhijit Sinha, met Chief Minister, Hemant Soren, and presented oxygen concentrator at Mantralaya on Tuesday. State in-charge of the institution, Abhijit Sinha told the CM that in view of the possibility of third wave of corona infection in the State, work is being done by the organization with commitment in the field of health.

He said that USAID Nishtha



State in-charge of USAID Nishtha PATH organization, Abhijit Sinha presents Oxygen Concentrator to Chief Minister Hemant Soren, in Ranchi on Tuesday
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PATH organization has so far provided 300 oxygen concentrators in 129 health centers of the State. He said that the doctors and health workers have also been trained for this purpose so that the oxygen concentrator provided by the organization can be used in the health centers in a better way.

Chief Minister Hemant Soren appreciated the work being done by USAID Nishtha PATH organization and thanked the entire team including the State in-charge Abhijit Sinha. The CM said that during the

infection period of Covid-19, various voluntary organisations have worked step by step with the state government to deal with the epidemic. Soren said that all of us will fight and win unitedly from this global pandemic.

Vinay Kumar Choubey, Secretary to the Chief Minister, Dr. Aniket Kumar, State Public Health Coordinator, USAID Nishtha PATH, State Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Rahul Kumar Yadav were present on the occasion.

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



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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 not over.

"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.

He said, "There are still 62

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.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah told the counsel appearing for the petitioner that it would not consider one part of the prayer which sought direction



to the authorities to restrain beggars, vagabonds and homeless persons from begging at public places or traffic junctions.

The bench said it would issue notices to the Centre and the Delhi Government seeking their responses on the prayer made in the petition

for rehabilitation, vaccination and providing food and shelters to beggars and vagabonds amid the pandemic.

"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

cases across the world, which remains the area of concern. We've to work on containing the spread of the virus with strictness," the official said.

At 29,689, India has reported less than 30,000 new Covid-

19 cases after 132 days, according to the government.

The number of active cases in the country also fell below 4,00,000 after 124 days, it said. Fresh cases pushed India's overall Covid-19 tally to 3,14,40,951,

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 total infections.

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

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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 said.

It added that the vaccine doses are supplied to the states in accordance with the

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

lakh doctors and frontline workers.

"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 said.

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

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

"Therefore, availability of 516 million doses till end of a particular month does not mean that every dose supplied

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 vaccine doses materialize in a particular state/district/sub-district to keep vaccination going on," the statement said.

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 the Opposition is expected to up their ante in coming days on Pegasus snooping row and



farm laws.

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 Opposition is not allowing the ministers to do their duty of replying to questions.

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

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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 become a signatory to the letter due to the presence of SAD 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.



SAD leader Harsimrat Badal, who was a Minister in Modi government until she resigned to protest the controversial farm laws, said it is very unfortunate that farmers have died while protesting against the three farm laws but the Centre is not even ready to discuss their issues.

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

"This Government does not believe in its accountability to the people of India through the Parliament. This 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 collectively, the opposition gives a notice that matter has to be discussed,

Parliament is not convened only for the legislative agenda of the Government," Kharge said.

"We have no option, but to continue to agitate and we have 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 them start the debate today itself, the opposition is ready," said Anand Sharma, Deputy Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha.

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

Pegasus row continues to halt RS proceedings

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The Pegasus issue continued 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 disruption.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu tried to restore order when the proceedings commenced at 11.00 am. However, the Opposition was in no mood to relent and shouted slogans. Naidu said it was "a sorry state of affairs" before

adjourning the house till 12.00 pm.

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.

Govt seeks time till Jan 9 for framing CAA rules

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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 and the process of issuing rejection slips has been postponed.

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 exclusions in NRC, etc," said the Ministry.

Dholavira joins UNESCO World Heritage list

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The UNESCO on Tuesday said Dholavira, a 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 on the @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



dates back to the 13th century.

"Absolutely delighted by this news. Dholavira was an important urban centre and is one of our most important

linkages with our past. It is a must visit, especially for those interested in history, culture and archaeology," Modi tweeted.

"As CM of Gujarat, I had

the opportunity to work on aspects relating to heritage conservation and restoration in Dholavira. Our team also worked to create tourism-friendly 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 of 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 meeting was postponed due to

COVID-19.

"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 tweet.

"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

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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 hydro-meteorological 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

hectare area has been damaged 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 disposal.

"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.

No private sector companies 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 (district/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 day.

UP ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

SP-NCP to join hands

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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 out.

The sources said Pawar was also said to be in talks with

other "like-minded" parties in a bid to put up a united front against the BJP in Uttar Pradesh.

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 democracy.

"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 propaganda.

Modi, Mins to visit UP every month

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To showcase the claim of how double engine Governments in Delhi and 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

the state.

"Like the model followed in Bihar and West Bengal elections, the Prime Minister, his ministerial colleagues and senior BJP functionaries will be visiting UP regularly 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 Tuesday.

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

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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 Vikasheel 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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Taking a lead over other political parties, the Bahujan 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 Ambekar from Bharthana (reserved) assembly seat Etawah in the 2022 election.

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

Kalmesh Ambekar is the wife of Bhimrao Ambekar, chief sector incharge of the BSP for Kanpur division.

In 2007, Kalmesh's husband Bhimrao Ambekar 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 presently 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 Yadav or Shakya caste from Shivpal Singh Yadav's Jaswantnagar constituency.

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

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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 V. Balasubramanian 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-

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 report.

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.

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 Israeli spyware Pegasus. "The targeted surveillance using military-grade 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.

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

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 were killed.

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, Kolabib 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.

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 per cent.

The Legislative Assembly witnessed charges and counter charges between the Opposition UDF and the ruling LDF over the death toll released by the Government. Leader of the Opposition V D Satheshan 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 the country. Malappuram topped the list of districts with highest number of new Covid-19 cases on Tuesday. While Malappuram registered 4,037 new patients, Thrissur came second with 2,623 patients. Kozhikode (2,397), Ernakulam (2,352) and Palakkadu (2,115) 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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Situation in Afghanistan and its impact on the whole region and terrorism and ways to curb its funding will figure prominently during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's three-day 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 two-hour long parleys on the sidelines 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 in May last year.

Giving details of Rajnath's schedule in Dushanbe, the Defence Ministry said here on Tuesday, the Minister will 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 dialogue 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 community 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 Afghanistan.

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.

11 UP districts Covid-free

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh reported 36 new coronavirus positive cases on Tuesday while 73 patients recovered during the same period while 11 districts were declared Covid-free, said Additional Chief Secretary (Information) Navneet Sehgal here on Tuesday.

Aligarh, Budaun, Basti, Bahraich, Etah, Fatehpur, Hamirpur, Hathras, Kasganj, Mahoba and Shravasti districts have been declared Covid-free. Sehgal said not a case of infection was found in 54 districts, while patients were found in single digits in 21 districts. He said the positivity rate now stood at 0.01 per cent.

He said at present, the number of active cases in the State had come down to 798 out of which 508 were in home isolation. The Covid-19 recovery rate in the state is 98.6 per cent. So far, more than 16.84 lakh people have recovered, he added.

In the last 24 hours, 2,25,009 Covid tests were conducted. More than 8.20 lakh people were administered vaccines on Monday. So far, more than 4,52,39,000 Covid vaccines have been administered in UP.

IN SHORT

PVT SECTOR HELP NEEDED FOR MONUMENTS' CARE

New Delhi: The department-related parliamentary standing committee, "Development and Conservation of Museums and Archaeological Sites - Challenges and Opportunities", chaired by BJP leader T G Venkatesh, has recommended that the Culture Ministry seek the participation of the private sector for the investment needed to maintain international standards in the development of museums and conservation of monuments.

DIRECTIONS FOR UNIFORM HEALTHCARE STANDARDS

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought the Centre's response on a plea seeking directions for a uniform standard of healthcare for citizens in line with the Constitution by adopting the provisions of the Clinical Establishments Act, 2010.

'FALL IN MAOIST-LINKED VIOLENCE IN 3 YRS'

New Delhi: There has been a decrease in Maoist-linked violence activities in the country over the last three years, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai informed Parliament on Tuesday. While there were 833 incidents of Left Wing Extremism (LWE) violence in 2018, they came down to 670 in 2019 and further decreased to 665 last year. The corresponding official deaths in these incidents too came down from 240 (2018) to 202 (2019) and 183 in the last year.

SC ASKS HC TO DECIDE APPEALS OF CONVICT

New Delhi: Terming it a "hard case of unduly long incarceration", the Supreme Court has asked the Allahabad High 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 and 15 years.

PVT HOSP PROCURES OVER 1.27 CR JABS DIRECTLY

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.

Centre seeks data on deaths due to oxygen shortage

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 of the Parliament, they added.

"The Centre has written to States for data on deaths related 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

wave.

The Centre, while responding 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.

In the written reply, 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 regular basis.

Hospitals across the country reported severe oxygen shortages for several days and private hospitals in the national capital approached the High Court demanding a steady supply. Several hospital administrations in different states have alleged that the shortage of oxygen resulted in the death of several patients.

Maha rain-flood toll reaches 209

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The rain-flood toll in Maharashtra 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 to 209.

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, Sindhudurg, 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. Till Tuesday evening, the rescue and



relief teams shifted as many 4,34,185 people in the flooded areas of the state to safer places.

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 Sangli 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.



A worker cleans a huge idol of Lord Shiva during Shrawan month, in Kolkata on Tuesday

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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 — maintaining 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.

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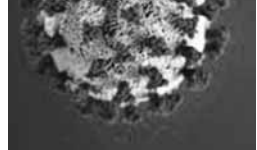
A pet monkey enjoys tea from a plastic cup collected from a roadside garbage box, in Kolkata

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Zapping the virus

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

Even 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 virus-free 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.

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When politicians pass the buck to military



ASHOK K MEHTA

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

Before 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) lasted 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) lasted 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 — political and strategically a turning point, marking the threshold of counter-terrorism 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 during Kargil.

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 ground-work. Clearly such an epic transformational exercise should have begun by launching an SDRS (Strategic Defence and

THE LACK OF CONSENSUS (WHICH ALL MILITARIES HAVE HAD TO OVERCOME) EMERGED CLUMSILY LAST MONTH DURING A SEMINAR IN WHICH BOTH RAWAT AND AIR CHIEF MARSHAL BHADOURIA SPOKE. IT WAS ONE OF THE UGLIEST PUBLIC SPATS BETWEEN A SERVICE CHIEF AND THE CDS

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 Bhadouria spoke. It was one of the ugliest public spats between a service chief and CDS, which has triggered an ill-informed 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 mala-

dy. 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 self-reform. 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-JDS 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 BJP 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



As 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

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 children.

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

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 Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

Krishnan Subramaniam | Ghaziabad

PUNISH THE CORRUPT POLITICIANS

Sir — During the election campaign season earlier, the leaders of the DMK accused the then AIADMK Government and its Ministers, including then Chief Minister E Palaniswami, of rampant corruption. They even submitted a memorandum to the Governor seeking action against those "corrupt" leaders. They also

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.

Shalini Gerald | Chennai

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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 — Joe Biden

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



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.



Kerala Governor — Arif Mohammed Khan

FIRST COLUMN THE GLOBAL MINIMUM TAX

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



KINNARRY THAKKAR

It was a historic event when 130 nations representing over 90 per cent of global GDP agreed to a global minimum tax (GMT) of possibly 15 per cent on 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 low-tax 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 'treaty shopping' 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 designing a 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 anti-base 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 aim to 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



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The 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 security is at stake.

Irrespective of the decision that would be taken, certain challenges are coming up for the government. An increase in cross-border 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 neither black nor white, how well the current strategic agreements are used to extract leverages would depend upon the government 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. There can be no better platform than FATF 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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Iran. The Taliban have already taken control of Islam Qala, a military post on its border with Afghanistan. Here, an opportunity for India is open. It is through an independent Iran policy that India can deepen its strategic stronghold. Another geopolitical twist, a positive one, can be a possibility if pursued. Given the geographical proximity of India to both Afghanistan and Iran, the dynamics of the situation are well understood. The US has to accept the region's geopolitical realities. History is full of examples of states having multiple allies who probably don't see eye to eye.

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 responsibilities".

All the international legal issues

such as re-arming and unlawful diplomatic recognition to the Taliban, suppression of the human rights of women, children, and religious minorities, and diversion of fundamentalists should be discussed 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 earliest before a full-fledged war breaks out.

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 military-civil 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 AI 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 interests.

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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

July 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 over.

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 party.

Incidentally, 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 to snatch power from the



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 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 per cent). 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 Lingayat MLAs in the House - 32 in 2004, 39 in 2008, and 38 in 2018.

Yediyurappa has risen from the RSS ranks and been a 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.

The return of 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 minister

in July 2019 after engineering 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.

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.

AP ■ WASHINGTON

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

Caldwell said in a statement.

"An American military

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

AP ■ WASHINGTON

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

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 light.

AP ■ WASHINGTON

"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

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 and denouncing the Democratic-led investigation as politically motivated.

"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." **AP**

AP ■ WASHINGTON

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

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

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 vaccines.

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 forces.

That figure covers a wide range of items. For example, the 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.

AP ■ KABUL

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

The war-torn nation has over 2,000 officially registered media outlets. Violence against journalists was up 26% in 2020, 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.

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Berlin: An explosion at an industrial 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 and five remain missing.

Currently, 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 developed into a fire.

Police in nearby Cologne sent a large number of officers, fire fighters, helicopters and ambulances from across the region have been deployed to the scene. **A**

The new national security legislation not only resulted in the charges against Tong, but it also spelled out how the trial would be conducted. 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 society. **AP**

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

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The 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 (WEO).

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 7.8 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 April.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) 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.

"As per extant policy, 100 per cent FDI for FPI sector is permitted under the automatic route implying that no prior approval of the Government or RBI is required. As per the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), the Indian recipient company has to report the inflow of FDI to Reserve Bank of India," he

said. The FDI received by food processing industries (FPI) sector during 2020-21 stood at USD 393.4 million as against USD 904.7 million in the previous year.

During 2018-19, FDI in FPI sector stood at USD 628.24 million. Patel said the ministry 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 and Value 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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Increased tax collection in the 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 fiscal.

"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 said.

"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 says 78 foreign companies registered in India last fiscal year

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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 through electronic mode and (b) conducts any business activity in India in any other manner," the minister said.

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 companies.

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.

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.

At the interbank foreign 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.

Punjab National Bank holds 20th AGM through Video conference

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank, the nation's leading public 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 various initiatives undertaken during FY 2020-21.

DGCI investigating GST evasion in railway tenders

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The GST investigation arm DGCI is investigating misclassification of rail supplies by bidders in tenders by Indian Railways, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

"Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Intelligence (DGCI) has initiated investigations into tenders awarded by Indian Railways since July 2017, to crack down on instances of misclassification of rail supplies by bidders who have been charged with evading taxes," Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said.

Container crisis, high freight charges hit exports from Kolkata

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 Tuesday.

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

"Availability of containers is less than half of the demand causing disruptions in exports

and delivery schedule has gone haywire.

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, exporters said.

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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Digitalisation and growth-oriented initiatives have enabled India to take progressive strides, and the government is focused on policies in areas like licensing 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 framework, spectrum management, new technology and innovations, broadband infrastructure, ease of doing business, manufacturing, and research and development.

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एतद्वारा इस खण्ड के अन्तर्गत जगदाम अमरोहा के जिला संयुक्त चिकित्सालय अमरोहा में 100 बेड मेडिकल गैस पाइप लाइन की स्थापना हेतु निविदा सूचना संख्या-1274 / निविदा / 09, दिनांक 24.07.2021 द्वारा ई-टेंडरिंग के माध्यम से प्रतियोगिता के आधार पर आनलाइन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। आमंत्रित निविदा दिनांक 27.07.2021 से दिनांक 01.08.2021 अपराह्न 12:00 बजे तक आनलाइन सविमति की जा सकती है तथा तकनीकी बिड उसी दिन दिनांक 01.08.2021 अपराह्न 3:00 बजे अग्रोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में खोली जायेगी। निविदा से सम्बंधित आवश्यक सूचना, निविदा प्रारंभ निविदा एवं ऑनलाइन निविदा चरणों के किये जाने के आदेशों के किये जाने की लिखित आदि का समस्त विवरण <http://etenderup.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Sujata 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 flat number 1103, in Tower-CM1, IN SUPER TECH CAPETOWN, GH-1A, 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. Vaibhav Mittal of Supertech Limited., E Square, C-2, Sector 96 Noida, within 15 days of the publication of this notice.

Sujata Zutshi, W/o Late Shri Ajay Kumar Bamzai

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 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 undersigned.

PS. Kashmere Gate, Delhi

DP/1365/N/2021 Ph: 011-23967889, 8750870123

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 or handwritten in the prescribed format along with bio-data, passport size photograph, photocopy of the certificates of age proof, educational qualification, experience etc., may be submitted to the undersigned before 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 sector may also be considered.

The interview shall be held at Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke, Ranchi-834006, Jharkhand, on 17.08.2021 at 11.00 a.m.

Sl. No.	Name of post	Consolidated pay per month	No. of post
1.	Sr. Library and Information Assistant	Rs. 43500.00	1 (UR)
2.	Medical Record Officer	Rs. 43500.00	1 (UR)
3.	Library Clerk	Rs. 24300.00	1 (UR)
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Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, Ind Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moh Nagar, N. Delhi-110 015 Ph: 41110327-28, kumarassociatesadvocates@gmail.com

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LOST AND FOUND

I Lokesh Pathak D/o Shalindara Kumar Pathak R/o 248, Sector - 34, Nar Vihar-II, Noida GB Nagar (U.P.) 201301 Have lost original allotment letter, & possession letter, original lease deed & all original 1st party documents of Add. E-58, Sector - 9, Noida.

Any finding please contact us: Lokesh Pathak #9811372004

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one boy **nately Sabbir Ahmed S/o Azad Kuresh R/o H.No. 59, Bagichi Bhargava Lane Bulward Road Civil Lines, 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 boy is as under:

Name : Sabbir Ahmed, **Father's Name :** Azad Kuresh, **Age :** 16 years, **Height :** 5'0", **Face :** Round, **Complexion :** Shallow, **Built :** Medium, **Wearing:** Black Jans Pant and Orange Colour T-Shirt and Chappal in feet.
If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.
Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-23014046 (Direct)
23015229 & 23015218 Extn.-210
Fax: 011-23011334
DP/1351/N/2021

SHO P.S., Civil Lines, Delhi Ph. : 011-23815444 8750870127

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is hereby informed that this girl **Name:** Shikha Kumari o 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 **SHO PS. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi**
Website: cbi.nic.in **Ph.:** 011-29052304, 8750870832
Fax: 011-24368639 **DP/595/SD/2021**

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001

O.A. No.601/19 Date: 23.07.2021
UCO BANK **Applicant**
MRS. KAVITA SHARMA & ANR. **Respondent**

To, DEFENDANT

- 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 Biharpur Opp. CRPF Camp, Delhi-110094.
- Mrs. 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 Khars, 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

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Tender Notice No.: PCMM/CLW/ Dankuni/E-Procurement/ 21-22/24 Dated:22-07-2021. PCMM/CLW/DKAE on behalf of the 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 VOLTMMETER TO CLW SPECN. NO.CLW/ES/3/0070 or latest. 2) VOLTMMETER 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]; [34212753]; 1) SET OF BUS BAR AND ACCESSORIES FOR WAG-9 LOCOS (PANEL SECTION) TO CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/ 0118/M; As Per Tender Doc.; 26.08.21; 0.00. [102]; [34212749]; 3) 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. PR6-156 Principal Chief Materials, Manager CLW, Dankuni

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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

The 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 phytical 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 employable?" "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 skills.

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 market.

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try demand, and re-skilling further to 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 more.

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 functions or roles. These programmes within the companies have well-defined 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

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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, Fashion Designing, Law and Legal Studies, Yoga and Naturopathy, Tourism & Hotel Management, Medical & Allied Sciences, Basic & Applied Sciences, Ayurveda, Unani, and Nursing courses.

Eligibility: Applications are open to applicants who have passed or will appear for the qualifying examinations under the higher secondary (Class XII) from any recognised Board of Education such as AISSE/IB/ICSE/CBSE, or equivalents. For Admission to diploma programmes, Students are required to have passed the Class X examination from any state or central board like CBSE/ICSE.

How to apply: Applicants seeking admission are required to fill an online application form available on www.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 this link: <https://www.sanskriti.edu.in/register>. The admission prerequisites will be in accordance with the various regulatory bodies as amended from time to time.

Last date to apply: July 31, 2021.

BSC & MSc COURSES

Lakshya Bhartee Institute of International Hotel management, Delhi invites applications for admission to its three years BSc programme in Hotel management and two years MSc programme in Hotel management.

Eligibility: For BSc in HM applicants must have



passed Class XII from a recognised central/state board or from a recognised university and for MSc in HM Applicants must completed graduation from a recognised university.

How to Apply: Admission forms can be purchased from admission office of LBIHM, Pitampura, Delhi or can apply online by visit www.lbihm.com.

Last date to apply: July 30, 2021.

CERTIFICATE COURSE

Delhi College of fire and safety Engineering invites applications for admissions to its one year certificate course in Fire Technology & Industrial Safety Management, one year six months course in health safety environment and six month certificate course in fire fighting.

The study of this programme is incorporated to train candidates to gain knowledge about the preventive measures to be applied during times of emergency.

Eligibility: This full time diploma course has been thoughtfully designed for those who have recently passed Class X or Class XII from any recognised board and want to work in fire & Safety management industry can enroll for these courses.

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

Studying in a great university abroad is no longer just a fad, or something 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 Plan B.

Secured/collateral-based education loan: Many banks, both public and pri-

vate, 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 high-

er 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 studies.

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 post-graduate 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.

The writer is Co-founder, Yocket

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 change-maker. However, when the same individual announces a full-time 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 opportuni-

ties 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 Blessings NGO

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.

Mehta SD D, Director-sals, 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 at SRM Institute of 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. Of this, four girls have been selected to Indian Railways 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

SRMIST students shine



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

(Career Centre) N Venkata Sastry, Associate Director Campus Life & Ladies Hostel

Dr E Poovammal and Managing Director Sri Vinayaga Timbers, Tambaram T

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 on.

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

PHARMA SHOWS THE WAY

Due to the present pandemic, there are lucrative options in the pharmaceutical industry, says **PROFESSOR RANA SINGH**

The 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 education 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 AI, 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 Pharmaceutical 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 innovation.

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 indirectly, Government needs to make India 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.

The writer is Vice-Chancellor, Sanskriti University

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

The 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 Quantitative 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 calculator. You will see a difference in your calculations if you practice religiously.

Get a complete idea about the sections: 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.

If 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

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

■ 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: Self-confidence 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 dilemma.

■ 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 dilemma.

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.

The writer is Abhishek Joshi, Executive Coach, Learning and Development Expert



is September 28, 2021.

The Griffith University is offering RTP International Fee Offset Scholarships for international students. Scholarships fully cover the HDR me tuition fees.

Eligibility: Applicant must: Not be a domestic student, as defined as being a student who is an Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident or holder of an Australian Permanent Humanitarian visa or a New Zealand citizen and be commencing or enrolled in HDR programme. Not be awarded to a candidate who is in receipt of an equivalent award or scholarship from the Commonwealth Government designed to offset HDR programme tuition fees.

Admission requirement: Must have previous degree.

Language requirement: Applicants whose first language is not English are usually required to provide evidence of proficiency in English at the higher level required by the University.

How to apply: New applicants must follow the process for submitting an online application. Visit: <https://www.griffith.edu.au/research-study/apply>

Application deadline: The last date to apply for this

Applications are invited for the need-based aid offered by the Case Western Reserve University for international students for the academic year 2021-2022.

Eligibility: Applicants can apply to study any bachelor or master degree programme offered at Case. Applicants must meet all the following/given criteria: Be international first-year or transfer students enrolled in a programme at Case.

Supporting documents: The students are required to present the following documents to the university:

High school results
Admission essay
Admission requirements: The applicants must have completed high school graduation to be accepted in any programme at Case.

Language requirement: The applicants are required to attain minimum scores in English language proficiency tests.

How to apply: The students are required to submit their application via the Common Application or Coalition Application. The applicants are required to have set up a CSS profile and apply for the opportunity through the same.

Application deadline: The last date to apply for this scholarship is November 30, 2021.

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT SHINE CONSULTANTS

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/4a5260
Deadline: August 5, 2021

HR AT KATMUNY TECHNOLOGIES

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/a2cfd5
Deadline: August 5, 2021

CONTENT WRITING AT VEGA SCHOOLS

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/a26477
Deadline: August 5, 2021

UI/UX DESIGN AT CETAS IT

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹15,000-₹20,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/76af51
Deadline: August 5, 2021

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT STUFIT APPROACH

Location: Lucknow, Gurgaon, Pune, Mumbai, Noida, Delhi
Stipend: ₹2,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/dcac98
Deadline: August 5, 2021

FRESHER JOBS

ASSOCIATE RECRUITER AT TALHIVE

Location: Remote
Stipend: ₹3-₹5 lakh per annum
Link: internshala.com/i/d5dd34
Deadline: August 21, 2021
Skill(s): MS-Office, Word & Excel, Recruitment, Client Relationship, English (Spoken & Written)

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE AT CAFE TATVA VENTURES

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹3-₹5.5 lakh per annum
Link: internshala.com/i/811aca
Deadline: August 21, 2021
Skill(s): Salesforce, Client Interaction, MS-Excel, Client Relationship

INBRIEF

ONLINE MBA DEGREE PROGRAMME

The 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 for in potential candidates. 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:
■ Marketing Management
■ Human Resource Management (HRM)
■ Finance Management
■ IT Management (ITM)
■ Project Management
■ Operations Management
■ Hospital Administration and Health Care Management
■ International Business Management

FREE MASTERCLASSES FOR TEACHERS

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

Education Academy (ABEA) has been offering free Masterclasses and Educator Meetup sessions for the last

15 months. This initiative started in April 2020 when teachers were grappling with strategies and tools to teach online.

NEW BTECH COURSE ON OFFER

The Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, is offering unique BTECH programmes with multi-disciplinary 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

The 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 during the test.

ANALYSIS FOUND A CARBON RISK PREMIUM

A 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 firms.

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 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

It 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, Vidyamandir 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.

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 Vandy (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 Yashaswini Deswal/Abhishek Verma fail to qualify for medal round in 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team event.
●**Sailing:** Elavenil Valarivan/Divyansh Singh Panwar and Anjum Moudgil/Deepak Kumar fail to qualify for medal round in 10m Air 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 Laser.
KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar 18th in Race 1 in Men's Skiff 49er.

IN FOCUS 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
in Olympic
men's hockey

Back to winning ways

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 Tuesday.
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 Stadium.
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 champions 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
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"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."

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 of Sharath and Manika Batra in the round of 32 added significantly to the sport's growing popularity.
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 scaling new heights.
The way 39-year-old Sharath played against Long has convinced him to think about competing in his fifth Olympics in Paris.
He fought tooth and nail in the first three games against the reigning Olympic and world champion Long before going down 7-

11, 11-8, 11-13, 4-11, 4-11 in 46 minutes.
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 crucial. After gutting it out the last two games were better," he added.
With Sharath's defeat, India's challenge ended in table tennis as Manika, Sutirtha Mukherjee and G Sathiyam had already exited the singles competition.

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 bout.
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 the first German woman to qualify for a boxing event at the Olympics. She is a two-time world championship 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 Borgohain of at least a Bronze medal at the mega-event.
On Wednesday, Asian champion Pooja Rani (75kg) will square off against Algerian youngster Ichrak Chaib.

Shooters poor form continues



Manu Bhaker & Saurabh Chaudhary during 10m Air Pistol mixed team event

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.
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 the 10m air pistol mixed team event.
They finished seventh in Qualification 2 after topping the first phase with 582. Both the 19-year-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

two series each in the second phase of the qualification.

While the top eight teams make the Qualification 2, the top four pairs in the second phase qualify for the medal rounds.
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.
The duo of Elavenil 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 15-strong contingent's Olympic campaign moved from one disaster to another.
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

AFP ■ TOKYO

Japan's Naomi Osaka suffered a 6-1, 6-4 defeat to Marketa 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 roof at Ariake Tennis Park and was knocked out in 68 minutes.
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 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 of Serbia for a spot in the quarter-finals.
Also Novak Djokovic added another medal event to his program by entering the mixed doubles draw with Serbian partner Nina Stojanovic.

INDIAN CAMPAIGN OVER

The Indian tennis team's campaign at the Tokyo Olympics officially ended on Tuesday as Sania Mirza and Sumit Nagal could not make the cut for the mixed doubles event due to their low combined ranking of 153.
The entries were to be finalised on Tuesday morning and the cut was expected to be between 50-60. The Indians did not even have faint hopes of getting into the easiest of tennis events at the Games.
Only 16 teams play 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 competition, while the women's doubles pair of Sania Mirza and Ankita Raina lost its opener from a winning position.

Sailors Vishnu, Nethra at 22nd & 33rd spot

Enoshima: 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 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 Tuesday.
Four more races and medal race remain in the competition and the India duo were far behind in the rankings.
Each event consists of a series of races. Points in each race are awarded according to position: the winner gets one

point, the second-placed finisher scores 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.



Indias KC Ganapathy and Varun Thakkar compete during the 49er men race of the sailing event at the Enoshima harbour on Tuesday



Carissa Moore of US celebrates winning Gold medal in the women's surfing competition



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 all-rounder 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 and will be available for the postponed game which is being held on Wednesday.
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 Thursday.
"Krunal is symptomatic with cough and throat pain.

He is obviously out of the series and will not be able to return with rest of the squad," a BCCI source tracking the developments in Colombo said.
"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."
For now, the three-match series is on as even if there are a couple of more cases, the Indian team has enough players with negative RT-PCR reports to field a team.
Krunal, who tested positive on Tuesday morning, has already been quarantined.
India are travelling with a 20-member squad plus four stand by net bowlers.
Now, there will be back-to-back 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 cancellation.
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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 Durham 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.
"Team India 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.