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## **Covaxin efficacy 81%: Biotech** AAP wins 4 of 5 wards

Ph 3 study involved 25,800; it can neutralise UK variant strains

Hyderabad-based Bharat said its Covid-19 vaccine fine the process of the covid-19 vaccine an interim vaccine efficacy of 81 per cent in phase 3 clinical trials. "Analysis from the National Institute of Virology also indicates that vaccine-induced antibodies can neutralise the UK variant strains and other heterologous strains," Bharat Biotech said in a statement. The trial process involved 25,800 subjects, the largest ever conducted in India, in partnership with the conduction of the conduction

als involving around 27,000 participants," Bharat Biotech



People register their names to receive the Covid-19 vaccine at Sola Civil hospital in Ahmedabad on Wednesday

said.

Covaxin demonstrates a high clinical efficacy trend against Covid-19 but also significant immunogenicity against the rapidly emerging variants, he added.

variants, he added.

In January, drug regulator
DCGI had approved Oxford
Covid-19 vaccine Covisheld,
manufactured by the Serum
Institute, and indigenously
developed Covaxin of Bharat
Biotech for restricted emer-

Chairman and Managing gency use in the country, and were balanced between the country, paving the way for a massive vaccine and placebo groups, said.

Covaxin demonstrates a Covishield had shown an The trial's conduct

Covishield had shown an efficacy rate of 70 per cent affect wo full doses. However, one of the regimen with a half dose and a full dose showed 90 per cent efficacy against the virus.

Bharat Biotech said the

Bharat Biotech said the interim analysis of its vaccine included a preliminary review of the safety database, which showed that severe, serious, and medically attended adverse events occurred at low levels

mpany said. The trial's conduct and The trial's conduct and monitoring are as per good clinical practice guidelines and have been outsourced to IQVIA, it added.

The company expects to share further details of the

trial results as additional data becomes available, it noted. Additional interim analysis is planned for 87 cases, and the final analysis is planned for 130

#### Eligible citizens can take Covid jabs 24X7, says **Health Ministry**

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Eligible citizens can take Covid-19 vaccine round the clock as per their convenience, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday. The Ministry as permitted all private hospitals to give Covid vaccine if they adhere to the laid down norms.

"The Government has ended the time constraint to increase the speed of vaccination. Citizens of the country can now get vaccinated 248x at 1

increase the speed of vaccination. Gitzens of the country can now get vaccinated 24x7 at their convenience. Union was a superior of the control vaccination and the control vaccination and the control vaccination. The control vaccination of the control vaccination of the control vaccination of the control vaccination. As early of the control vaccination centres (CVCs), subject to them mandatorily adhering to some specific norms."

# in Capital, Congress 1

#### **BJP** fails to retain seat

CHANDAN PRAKASH NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday won four of the five municipal wards in Delhi in the bypolls. The Congress managed to win one seat by defeating the AAP candidate from the minority-dominated Chauhan Bangar ward ward.
The AAP retained three

ward.

The AAP retained three wards — Rohini-C, Trilokpuri and Kalyanpuri — and also snatched the Shalimar Bagh ward from the BJP which failed to open its account.

AAPs Dhirender Kumar won the Kalyanpuri ward by 7,043 votes, Vijay Kumar from Trilokpuri by defeating the BJP's Om Prakash by a margin of 4,000 votes. Sunita Mishar of 4,000 votes, Sunita Mishar Shalimar Bagh ward Bby 2,705 votes, Ram Chander defeated BJP candidate Rakesh Goyal by 2,985 votes in Rohini Cward.

However, the AAP suffered a defeat in Chauhan Bangar ward, where Chaudhary Zubair Ahmad of the Congress defeated the party's candidate Mohammad ishraq Khan by a whopping margin of 10,642 votes.

The people of Delhi have once again voted in the name of work. Congratulations to all.



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia with AAP candidates Wednesday

The people are fed up with mis-rule of the BJP at MCD for 15 years. People are desperate to bring the AAP to rule the MCD," Kejriwal tweeted after

bring the AAF to true unMCD, Kejriwal tweeted after
the party's victory.
Deputy Chief Minister
Manish Sisodia said, Today's
result shows that the people of
party and the Government Led
by Arvind Kejriwal. The BIP
had termed these by-elections
as 'semi-finals' to the 2022
MCD elections, the people
have shown that the result of
the 2022 elections will be a
unanimous verdict in favour of
the AAF."
However, Delhi BJP general secretary Harsh Malhotra
said, "No doubt that the results
of municipal by-elections are

not up to our expectations but we respect the verdict of the

not up to our expectations but we respect the verdict of the people. We will deeply study the election results, identify the reasons for defeat and will surely win the 2022 municipal elections of Delhi: "We honour the mandate given by people. Losing Staliumar Bagh North is a matter of the surely with the surely will be removed and 1 ans sure the BP will win the 2022 elections for three municipal corporations," said Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta.

BJP president Adesh Gupta. AAP national spokesper-son and MLA Raghav Chadha said, "The AAP wins semi-final decisively with roughly one year to go for MCD finals in 2022."

**CAPSULE** 

RSS IS BIGGEST SCHOOL OF PATRIOTISM: BJP

A Stag and Sambhar cool themselves in a pond at Van Vihar National Park in Bhopal on Wednesday. The World Wildlife Day is being celebrated under the theme Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet' Pioneer photo

## SSB to raise 12 more battalions

#### **New formations to fortify Sikkim** tri-junction bordering Bhutan, Tibet

PNS NEW DELHI

The Centre has sanctioned raising of a dozen new bat-talions (about 13,000 person-nel) for the Sashastra Seema Bal

nell for the Sashastra Sema Bal (SSE) over the next four years. The SSB guards the frontiers along Nepal and Bhutan. The new battalions will mostly be deployed to fortify the defences at the tri-junction area in Sikkim that adjoins Bhutan and Tibet and other such vulnerable posts along the two open borders. The SSB with a present strength of about 90,000 personnel is the lead intelligence agency along 1,751 km open border with Nepal and 699 km boundary with Bhutan. The 12 new battalions will

The 12 new battalions will The 12 new battalions win be raised in phases. Three bat-talions each will be raised over the next four years. "The Government has sanctioned to raise new battal-ions and related establishments

for the SSB. The additional manpower will boost border security," a senior Union Home Ministry official said.

The Centre has also sanctioned 548 posts to the force for deployment at four ICPs (integrated check posts) along the graded check posts) along the care aftered y operational at logbani and Raxaul (in Bihar).

The new battalions will be used to reduce inter-border outpost distance, strengthen trade and transit routes along Nepal and Bhutan and fortift paramilitary's deployments

Nepal and Bhutan and fortify the paramilitary's deployments at the tri-junction area in Sikkim. The tri-junction area is the plateau between India, Bhutan and Tibet and the SSB is deployed just below it on the

is deployed just below it on the southern side, being the desig-nated border force for Bhutan frontier.

In 2017, the Armies of India and China had engaged in an over 70-day standoff in Doklam at this tri-junction.

#### IT raids Kashyap, Taapsee's assets, questions 2 later

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

The Income Tax (IT) department officials on Twent officials on Wednesday carried out searches at 30-odd properties and locations linked to Anurag Kashyap and Taapsee Pannu in Mumbai and Pune for alleged tax evasion, while the filmmaker and actress were questioned by the IT officials in Pune.

Pune.

In a development that is In a development that is being seen an act of vendetta against Khashyap and Taapsee who have been voiciferous critics of the Narendra Modi Government, the IT officials simultaneously zeroed in on several premises in Mumbai and Pune which are linked to erstwhile Phantom Films that was composed by August 1985. erstwhile Phantom Films that was co-promoted by Anurag Kashyap, producers Vikas Bahl and Madhu Mantena, an event management company and a talent management company Kashyap and Tapses were questioned by the IT department officials in Pune in connection with the searches conducted at various places.

Official sources attributed searches to the available information that the IT department of the department of the searches to the available information that the IT department of the searches to the available information that the IT department of the searches to the available information that the IT department of the searches to the available information that the IT department of the searches to the searches the searches the searches the searches the searches the



ment had received that the movies made by the produc-tions were showing dispropor-tionately law income in prite

tions were showing disproportionately low income, in spite of the fact that their films were hits at the box-office.

The premises of Exceed Entertainment, which is being managed by actor Saif Ali Khan, were searched, while some executives of Kwan Talent Management that manaees Management that manages actor Deepika Padukone and other actors were questioned.

When asked about the IT When asked about the IT raids conducted on premises linked to Kashyap and Taapsee, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said at a news briefing in New Delhi: "The Income Tax



department probes someone based on whatever information they get. The issue goes to court later."

On allegations that the On allegations that the searches on premises belonging to Kashyap and Taapsee were an off-shoot of criticism of the Government, Javadekar said: "This is too much."

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Known for his anti-estab-lishment views, Kashyap has long been a critic of the Narendra Modi Government, while Taspese has minced no words when it came to the crit-cism of the Centre on social media platforms. Both of them have supported the formers' agitation which has been going on the outskirts of the nation-al Capital since November 26.



THAN 9K CÖVID CASES
Mumbai: Maharashtra reported
9,855 new Covid-19 cases on
Wednesday, taking the tally of
infections in the State to
21,79,185, a health department
official said. While the State
recorded more than 9,000 cases
after a long time, the death toll
rose to 52,280 with 42 fresh
fatalities. he said fatalities, he said.

MIN: 38,115 MONKEYS Sterilised in U'Khand Gairsain: Over 38,000 m nave been sterilised in have been sterilised in Ultrarkhand and released into the wild, the State Assembly was informed on Wednesday. Giving the information in reply to a question by BJP MLA. Chandan Ramads, Forest and Wildlife Minister Harak Singh Rawat said there is an estimated population of 1.5 lakh monkeys in the State out of which 38,115 have been sterilised and released hack into the forests.

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#### Dissent from Govt decision can't be termed seditious, rules SC

Observing that expression of for a view which is dissent from a decision taken by the Central Government itself cannot be said to be seditious, the Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a Pll: seeking action against National Conference president Faron q Abdullah over his comments on abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

A Bench of Justices Saniav

Constitution.

A Bench of Justices Sanjay
Kishan Kaul and Hemant
Gupta rejected the plea and
also imposed a fine of ₹50,000
on the petitioners for making
such claims and directed them
to deposit the amount with the
Supreme Court Advocates
Welfare Fund within four
weeks.

Welfare Fund weeks.

"The expression of a view which is dissent from a decision taken by the Central Government itself cannot be said to be seditious. There is



nothing in the statement which we find so offensive as to give a cause of action for a ccourt to

a cause of action for a court to initiate proceedings. "Not only that, the peti-tioners have nothing to do with the subject matter and this is clearly a case of publicity interest litigation for the peti-tions are litigation for the petitioners only to get their names in press. We must discourage such endeavours," the bench said.

The top court was hearing a plea which referred to his statement on restoring Article 370, which gave special status



#### Nandkumar Chouhan's last rites performed

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Chief Minister Shivraj Singh

Chouhan attended the last
rites of MP Late Nandkumar
Singh Chauhan at Shahpun
nar Burhanpur Chief Minister
Chouhan laid a wreath on the
mortal remains of Late Shri
Chauhan Late Nandkumar
Singh Chauhan was accorded
full the Chauhan Late Shandkumar
Singh Chauhan was accorded
Union Minister Narendra
Luion Minister Narendra
Singh Tomar, Social Justice
Minister Thawar Chand Geblot,
Union Minister Sarendra
Singh Sulaste,
MP Jyotiraditya Scindia, members of Maddhya Pradesh
Cabinet, MLAs, other peoples
representatives and citizens in a
large number were present.
Chouhan said that Nandkumar large number were present. Chouhan said that Nandkumar Singh Chauhan was a simple-hearted and humble person and a much loved public repre-sentative who had no enemies. sentative who had no enemies. A public representative with such humility, compassion, benevolence and dedication to public welfare is hard to find. It

is impossible to fill the gap that has been left by his demise.

Chouhan said that Nandu Bhaiya had a strong desire to establish a medical college in Khandwa so that the people of this place have not to go elsewhere for treatment. He made tireless efforts in this direction. In honour of his sentiments and efforts, Khandwa

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#### Sugarcane Research Center to be named after late Nandu Bhalya: CM

Bhopal: Chief Minister
Chouhan said that considering
the shundard bannan production
in Burhanpur district, the export
of bannan has been planned
under Ek Zila, ek Ulpad. Efforts
in this direction were being
made by Iate Nandkumar Singh
il also. Along with this, the
Sugarcane Research Center
spread across 100 acre area in the
district will also be named after
Late Chauhan.

Chief Minister Chouhan

## **MP Govt to shut 3 Govt printing** presses in State

Gwernment printing press

Tat Indore, Gwalior and
Rewa will be closed. A decision
to the control of the control

114 CATEGORY POSTS OF PRINTING PRESSES HAVE BEEN **ADJUSTED IN 13** CATEGORIES, OF WHICH 8 ARE **TECHNICAL AND 5** ARE NON-TECHNICAL

According to the decision taken by the state government, out of 1286 posts in Gwalior, Indore and Rewa, 495 vacant posts will be abolished. Government employees working in 67 filled positions in the printing presses will be sent on deputation to other offices under Revenue Department. A total of 185 posts have been numbered, including a total of another 118 posts besides the above 67 posts.

The order states that the present 114 category posts of printing presses have been adjusted in 13 categories, of which 8 are technical and 5 are non-technical category. In future, wcancies will be filled only in 7 categories of technical staff.



## Man held for raping his 14-year-old daughter

approached police.

The police have registered a case under section 376(2) of the IPC and section 5 POCSO Act-2012. After the case was registered the accused went absconding and was arrested later. The crime record of the accused would be searched in the further investigation.

Meanwhile, Misrod police have booked a 33-year-old man for sexually exploiting his junior imployee for the past one and a half year; accused escaped to Morena after complaint was Morena fater complaint was

half year by threatening her of removing from job.

The victim in her complaint stated that she used to work at an online shopping store where the accused was forgetted and the month of the desired to drop her to bus stand but took her to her house and sexually assaulted her.

Based on the complaint police registered a case and started search for the accused who escaped Morena and is still a large. The police registered a case under section 376 and target. The police registered a case under section 376 and target. The police registered a case under section 376 and care the first police registered a case under section 376 and careful for the cacused. The details of the accused and crime records have to be investigated in the further investinvestigated in the further investigated in the further investigat a half year; accused escaped to Morena after complaint was lodged by the victim.. Police said that the accused identified as Rahul was booked after the victim lodged com-plaint against the accused of sexual assault and exploita-tion for the past one year and tigated in the further investi-

#### **Indore admin steps** up vigil on illegal mining, instructs regular checks

PNS INDORE

On the instruction of Indore collector Manish Singh, a regular checking is going on in different parts of Indore district including Mhow, Deplapur and Sanwer tehsal. District mining officer Indore Juban Singh Bhide has formed different teams to check the illegal mining and transportation of minerals.

On Tuesday the mining inspector Alok Agrawal confiscated around 7 dumpers carrying illegal crushed stone and murram

murram

On Tuesday the mining inspector Alok Agrawal confiscated around 7 dumpers carrying illegal crushed stone and murram. District mining officer J S Bhide told The Pioneer that 6 dumpers were confiscated in Sanwer tehsil in which 4 dumpers were carrying illegal murram and 2 dumpers were carrying dumpers were carrying illegal rushed stone in the same way 1 dumper serving murram and 2 dumpers were carrying illegal crushed stone in the same way 1 dumper carrying murram

crushed stone in the same way
1 dumper carrying murram
and 1 JCB machine was confiscated at village Awalay of
Mhow tehsil.
All the 7 trucks were carrying murram and crushed
stones are of illegal mining and
were done from restricted
places. The case of illegal mining has been registered against
all the 7 trucks and 1 JCB and
now will be produced in the
court of Indore ADM for further action and penalty.

#### Museum of Natural History organises online lecture on World Wildlife Dav

Regional Museum of Natural Regional Museum of Natural History, Bhopal (A Regional Centre of National Museum of Natural History, New Delhi) organised an online lecture on the occasion of World Wildlife Day held on Wednesday under Green Talk' an Ohline Series of Popular Lectures on Nature and Environment Conservation. Shir Rajnish Kumar Singh, Deputy Conservator of Forest at Office of the Pocca Wildlife and CWIW, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh delivered the lecture on "Wildlife Heritage of Madhya Pradesh' of this occasion."

Wildlife Heritage of Madnya Pradesh' on this occasion. During the lecture, Shri Singh shared few images and informed that various species of wildlife has been accepted as wildlife of Madhya Pradesh. He also told that the citizen of

Madhya Pradesh is associated with wildlife since prehistoric period, which reflects in many rock paintings of Madhya Pradesh. He also emphasized that we have been conserving wildlife through our life style and tradition and the same should be continued in future to conserve wolf, hyena, wild dog, jackal, fox, shoft bear, tortook the conserve wolf, hyena, wild dog, jackal, fox, shoft bear, tortook the conserve wolf, hena, wild dog, jackal, fox, shoft bear, tortook the conserved of the conserved



## New TV show Humkadam demolishes women stereotyping

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From conspiracies to lies, television storytellers have exploited the dynamics between mother-in-law and daughter-in-law by stereotyping it extensively. Breaking these walls with a fresh storyline, IN10 Media Networks Hindi General Entertainment Channel Isahar brings a new show titled Humkadam. The show follows the story of two

follows the story of two women who build each other in an extraordinary, unprece-dented situation. Well-known actors GurdeepKohli and Bhumika

Gurung are seen playing tit-ular characters as they demolish the clichés of the typical saas-bahu relation-ship. The duo visited Bhopal taking the much-needed



conversation about changing the perception about the saas-balu bond to the public. As they performed an extremely impactful act, they enthralled the audiences and

dynamics of women vs women relationship. The characters of Shanti and Tara don't allow a traumatic expe-rience to destroy them; rather they stand together and face the world as a team. Breaking out of the shackles of societal

out of the shackles of societal expression of the saas-babu relationship, Humkadam will make you reflect on how to nurture it with love."

Bhumikadorung added, "ishara has given me the opportunity of alfetime and also showed that its not always necessary to follow the footsteps of others. Humkadam is fresh, dynamic, emotional, exciting, and heart-warming all at the same time. It is a show which will force you to invest your will force you to invest your will force you to invest your-self in it as you walk with Tara and Shanti in their jour-

## 1 die, 1 severely injured in head-on bike collision

STAFF REPORTER | BHOPAL

A 50-year-old man died while fone biker suffered severe injuries after their bikes collided near Rajiv petrol pump under Ayodhya Nagar police station area on Tuesday. Police said that locals rushed

Police said that locals rushed two injured to nearby hospital after their bikes collided, where one was declared death when checked by doctors while second escaped with injuries. The deceased was identified as Devidas Kaamle of Indrapuri

deceased was identified as Devidas Kaamle of Indrapuri.
The two were on the different bike. The deceased used to work as truck driver and had gone for some work when his bike was hit by other bike.

Redy we sent for the post.

by other bike.

Body was sent for the post mortem after the preliminary investigation. The police have registered a case under section 304 Å of the

tion. Psece have seized the vehicles.

Meanwhile, a 24-year-old youth committed suicide by hanging with the ceiling at Ratibad on Tuesday.

The police said that the deceased Suraj Pripapat was found hanging with the ceiling and declared dead when rushed to a nearby hospital.

During the investigation police found that the deceased was alone at his house. The deceased used to remain depressed for the past few days but the reason remained unknown.

After the preliminary investi-

unknown.

After the preliminary investigation the police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and started further investigation. gation. The reason would be investigated and the statements of the family members would be recorded.

## 3 planning burglary arrested: 2 stolen vehicles recovered

STAFF REPORTER - BHOPAL

Baghsewania police have nabbed three miscreants planning burglary and recovered two stolen vehicles and one sharp edged weapon from their possession at D-sector Rameshwaram in the night

Rameshwaram in the night on Tuesday.

Police said that acting on a tip off three miscreants were nabbed who were planning burglary.

From the car police recovered sharp edged weapon and tools for breaking locks.

On the receipt of the information a police team rushed to the spot and raided the spot where the three were planning. After spotting police the four tried to escape but were chased and nabbed by the police.

In the initial investiga-

tion the nabbed accused were identified as Yogesh Tiwari(19), Indus Town. Sarvesh Vishwakarma(24) and Veeru alias Ajay (19) of Indira Nagar Lucknow. As a week a state capital. The accused is involved in criminal activities in the state capital. The accused many control of the control of the

Police said that during the interrogation more crimes would be confessed by the nabbed accused. The accused use iron rods to break the locks to enter the house. Lucknow police would be contacted to check the crime record.

#### **MP Urdu Academy holds** Urdu poetry talent hunt

To give a sturdy platform to the upcoming talent in Urdu poetry a talent hunt 'Talashe Johar' is organised by Madhya Pradesh State Urdu

Madalyn Pendesh State Urdu Academy.

The registrations for the talent hunt are open for the upcoming writers and poets. Talashe Johar is an important effort to give a platform to the emerging talents of the state and encourage them in the field of literature and poetry. Under this, selected participants from the State are invited to Bhopal and the best presentations are selected from among them. The best work will be felicitated by the academy.

Earlier, as many as 83 ms, enten, golden, and priests and selected.

new poets of the State Wrise selected by this process. This year, selected participants from various mediums will come to Bhopal to present their prose and fiction in this campaign. The best selected works will be felicitated with awards and certificates. For this, the process of registration has already started from February 2.1. Participants can register online by applying in the format available on the Facebook page of Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy. The aspirants can also register via sending letter till Markan L2 at the address of Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy. Mulla Ramuji Saskriti Bhawan, Banganga Bhopal.



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## 60 litres of country made liquor worth |2 MP players selected for ₹ 25K seized; 2 miscreants arrested

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Khajuri Sadak police have
nabbed two miscreants at
Mughalia Chhap area and
recovered illegally transported
60 litres of country-made
liquor worth 8z 55,000 and
motorbike used to transport
liquor illegally on Tuesday.
According to the police,
acting of at ip-off, a youth was
detained near Mughalia Chhap
trisection and when he was
checked, 300 bottles of countymade liquor were recovered
from their possession. The
accussed was identified as
Lakhan Mali of Mughalia
Chhap.

Chhap.
Police said that the accused was carrying liquor and failed to produce license regarding

SECTION 34 (2) OF THE EXCISE ACT WAS REGISTERED AND FURTHER

INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN

STARTED tne inquor and was nabbed. A gunny sacks were seized from the accused. The source from which the accused have obtained the liquor and where it was scheduled to be delivered would be investigated. The accused tried to escape after spotting police but was

nabbed.

A case under section 34 (2) of the Excise Act was registered and further investigation has been started.

The accused were carrying liquid to the accused were carrying liquid to the accused were carrying liquid to the accused were accused with the accused were accused with the accused whether the vehicles was toolen for illegal transportation of liquor.

Crime record of the nabbed accused would be investigated in the further investigated in the further investigation. The crime record details of the accused would be checked with the respective police station.

## national cycling C'ship

Madhya Pradesh State Triathlon Academy play-er Vidhi Bonde and St Joseph School player Anant Mehra have been selected for the 25th

School player Anant Mehra have been selected for the 25th National (Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior). Road Cycling Championship.

The championship will be held from March 5 to 8 in Mumbai. In the championship, both players will showcase talent representing Madhya Pradesh. Before leaving for Mumbai, both the players along with their guardian and instructor reached TT Nagar stadium. On reaching the city stadium, the players met the Director Sports and Youth Welfare Pawan Jain.

Sports Director Pawan Jain

congratulated both the players for the selection of Vidhi Bonday and Anant Mehra in the National Road Cycling Championship. He congratulated Vidhi and Anant by encouraging them to perform better in the competition. Director of sports Shri Jain said that the players of the state are performing brilliantly in various national sports competitions and are increasing the value of Madhay Pradesh by winning medals continuously.

value of Madhya Pradesh by winning med als continuously.
On this occasion, M.P. President of Amateur Cycling Association, S.N. Singh, Manish Bhadauria, Triathlon Academy instructor Manoj Jha, Judo instructor Kamala Rawat Mehra and Sunil Bonde were present.

## Folk & tribal dance, music performed under Gamak series

The Bhopalites enjoyed a calm evening with folk and tribal dance and music as Bagheli Gayan and Bhil tribal dance were performed under Gamak series on Wednesday at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum

Museum.

Harishchandra Dubey and group performed 'Bagheli Gayan' and Shailendra Mandod

Gayan and Shailendra Mandod and group performed Bhil Tribal Dance 'Bhagoria' and 'Teja Ji Katha Gayan'. The presentation started with the singing of Bageli by Harishchandra Dubey and the group. They began with Tilak song - Raja Dasaratha Phule group. They began with Tilak song - Raja Dasaratha Phule Na Samayan from the begin-ning of the presentation fol-lowed by Sohag song - Awa Chalo Sakhiyan Shiv Shankar ji's temple, Bundeli Kajir Varsha hai paniya Dadra Jare Bhimasare ki Nindiya Kare and Banara - Seven Sik Ka Pinjarwa Ho etc. presented

PNS III CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday directed to prepare a digital record of 42212 square kilometers of land across the

kilometers of land across the state.
Chairing a meeting of the officers of the Revenue Department in which Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala was also present, Khattar directed the officers to prepare a record of the land in such a way that along with the information about the owner-ship of the land, it should also be clear about who is in possession of the said land. If the owner is not in possession of the land, then legal methods

Khattar: Prepare

digital record of land

Baghels ongs.

He was accompanied by Lallu Prasad Verma on key-board, Ragini Kushwaha and Chandrakant Pandey on vocals, on Jhalar by Neeraj Kumar Pandey, on Octapad by Dhiraj Kumar Pandey and Naal by Wishisht Jaiswal.

Harishchandra Dubey has been associated with music for the last ten years and he has given your presentation or many big forums.

The second presentation on many big forums.

The second presentation was the presentation of Fieja Ji Katha Gayani and the Bhil tribal dance Bhagoria by Shallendra Mandod and colleagues.

leagues.
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on the tail of a snake, when the snake bites him, Teiji urges him that he is going through a very important task and will come back to you as soon as he finishes the work. After conquering the war with the mania their arrives at the den of Nag to fulfill his promise and fulfill his promise and fulfill his promise to a fulfill his promise and fulfill his promise and fulfill his promise and conful clothes, jeweleyr by Bhil youths and girls with full enthusiasm and enthusiasm. After harvesting, the community comes to these haats for the maintenance of the year. In Bhagoria dance, various footsteps, Pali, Chakripali and Fyramid dance, postures are the center of attraction. Adornes tumes and dancing in hand, the typical traditional and supernatural structure is dancing.

#### AAP, SAD stage separate walkouts from **Punjab Assembly**

कार्यालय वन मण्डल अधिकारी एवं पदेन क्षेत्रीय प्रबंधक मध्यप्रदेश ईको पर्यटन विकास बोर्ड रायसेन ( म.प्र. )

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across Harvana should be adopted for the release of the said possession, he added. He said that even an inch of land in the state should not be left out from being dig-

not be left out from being dig-titized.

The chief minister said that Haryana Government is working on a scheme, on implementation of which the registry can be made in any tensil of the state while sitting in any corner of the country. He directed to implement this part of the country. It does not be a state while state in the state at the earliest.

Discussing this issue with the officers of the Revenue Department, the Chief Minister said that the objective is to curb corruption in the registration of land. itized.

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On the third day of the Dougles session, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) shouted slogans and staged separate walkouts from the House on the issue of high power tariff and employees' demands, repsetively.

Soon after the zero hour, the SAD MI.A Harinder Pal Singh Chandumajira questioned the refusal of the party's substantive motion to discuss the issue of alleged discrimination against the government employees. As the Speaker Rana KP Singh did not allow them to speak, the SAD MI.As trooped into the well of the House and insisted on discussion on the issue.

sion on the issue. The Akali MLAs started The AKAII MILES STATES SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD SHOULD SAD MLAS condemned

SAD MLAs condemned the Speaker for rejecting the motion on the ground that this was not a current issue. "What can be more current than this", they asked while accusing the Speaker of playing a partisan role.

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## 3-day theatre fest to be organised at Shaheed Bhavan

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A three day 'Karunesh Theatre Festival 2021 is being organised every year in the memory of playwright and the tarter artist Chandrahas held in the city from Thursday and Shahed in the city from Thursday and Shahed Bhavan auditorium.

Bringing stories from different legendary writers, the festival will kickstar on Thursday with the play festival will be performed by the artists of RisAC will perform the play under the director of Kuldeep Rumal. The play introduces a man of around 65 will be performed on the dark backdrop of communal unrest during the years back. The play showcas priday, the play Majnu Laussment will be performed auditorium.

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#### 'Centre OK's setting up Common Facility Centre for Ayurveda products production in Karnal'

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Stating that the Central Government has accorded approval to a project to set up a Common Facility Centre' in Karnal, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday said that the State will contribute significantly in promoting Ayurveda in the country.

ountry. He said that the establish-He said that the establishment of this Common Facility Centre will help in the production of quality Ayurveda products like immunity boost excess, so, personal thin the said of the said

Cluster Scheme for enhancing the competitiveness of fits microunits.

Under this scheme, over 50

MSME clusters have been identified and are being developed across Haryana, he added.

Khattar said that the CFC project will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 15 crore. The project which will have a state of the art herbal extraction plant, an R and D facility, a quality control lab among other components will benefit over 200 micro and small Ayurveda products manufacturing units in and around Karnal, he said, adding that this will be the first

in and around Karnal. he said, adding that this will be the fixt cluster project of its kind approved by the Central Government under the MSME flagship scheme.

He said that this project of Common Facility Centre is also expected to generate employment for more than 500 persons. Secretary. Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises



BB Swain also appreciated the efforts of the State in the field of MSME and hoped that the establishment of 'Common Facility Centre' in Haryana is an important step towards promoting Ayurveda across the country.

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MILITARY COMMANDERS' MEET -

## In a first, jawans to share views with PM

In a major step to involve jawans in military matters including operational doctrine, some of them, for the first time ever, will share their views with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the forthcoming Combined Commanders' con-

Combined Commander's con-ference.

The top level meeting held annually will take place in Kevadia in Gujarat later this week where Chief of Defence Staff(CDS)and three Services chiefs besides other senior officers will discuss the entire gamut of issues pertaining to defence forces. They will stay in tents for the two-day meet to be held near Sardar Vallabhal Patel's statue.

Incidentally, this move to

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Incidentally, this move to
involve jawans in the conclave
comes in the backdrop of Modi
holding such high-profile
meets outside the national capital since he assumed charge in ital since he assumed charge in 2014. One such conference was held some years back in the air-craft carrier INS Vikramaditya. Another combined commanders' conference was held at the Indian Military



Academy(IMA), Dehradun.

As regards the first ever participation of the common soldiers, sources said here on Wednesday the idea came from the Prime Minister's Office(IMCO) Office(PMO)

the Prime Minister's Office(PMO).
They said a group of Junior Commissioned Officers(ICO) and non-commissioned officers(CO) and non-commissioned officers(NCO) from the IAR, Army and Navy will give their suggestions on topics including operations and functioning of the forces.
This is the first time personnel below officer rank(PBOR) will take part in such a top level brainstorming session, they said. Moreover, bureaucrats heading several departments in the sensitive defence ministry are also like-by to update the Prime Minister about issues relating to their about issues relating to their wings, sources said.

The conference will see briefings by top officials on the ongoing projects of their respective departments along with future projects they would be undertaking.

Chief of Defence

Chief of Defence Staff(CDS)General Bipin Rawat, who also holds the post of Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, will give a pre-sentation about status of vari-ous reforms initiated to achieve synergy amongst the three Services. He will also update the ton-achelon regarding for-

Services. He will also update the top-echol regarding formation of new tri-services commands and the progress made in the existing structures. The country of the theorem of the tree commands to fight modern day warfare, senior officers are likely to brief the commanders and the Prime Minister about the ongoing process, sources said.

The Combined Commanders Conference will be attended by the commanders.

Commanders' Conference will be attended by the commander-in-chief rank officers of the three services. This includes 20 officers from different commands and formations from across the country.

## language barriers for allowing talent to flourish

A sserting that the new Asatonal Education Policy (NFP) encourages the use of local languages. Prime Minister Narendar Modi on Wednesday stressed the need for working in this regard on a mission mode to overcome linguistic barriers in the education systems on that the talent of those from rural areas and the poor is allowed to flourish. Addressing a webinar on the

Addressing a webinar on the effective implementation of the effective implementation of the provisions in the Union Budget for the education sector, Modi said it is the responsibility of the academics and experts of every language to make available the best content in the country and

best content in the country and the world in Indian languages. "Limiting knowledge and research is a big injustice to the country's potential. With this thinking, the doors of several sectors such as space, atomic energy, DRDO, agriculture, are being opened for our talented youngsters," the prime minister said.

said.

Modi said education, skill, research and innovation were the second biggest focus of the budget after health. "The Union

**BJP** to finalise first

list of candidates for 5

**Assembly polls today** 

 $T^{he \ Central \ Election \ Committee} \ (CEC) \ of the BJP \ will meet on Thursday to finalise its first list of candidates for the upcoming five assem-$ 

bly polls.

The party is likely to clear its candidates for the first phase of the polls, scheduled for March 27, in Assam and West

Saronanda Sonowa, minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and state party chief Ranjeet Kumar Dass will be part of deliberations for their state, while key organisational leaders from West Bengal, including state party chief Dilip Ghosh, will attend the meeting to discuss the names of can-didates for their state.

Party

Budget has broadened our efforts to link education with employability and entrepre-neurial capability," he said. As a result of these efforts, he said, India is now among the top three countries in the world in terms of scientific publications, the number of PhD scholars and the start-up ecosystem.

terms of scientific publications, the number of PhID scholars and the start-up ecosystem. Modi said India has joined the top 50 countries in the Global Innovation Index and is continuously improving. To important that youngsters have confidence in themselves, he confidence in themselves, he said, asserting that it comes only when they have complete faith in their education and knowledge.

Stressing the importance of local languages in the education system, Modi said experts know that language plays an important role in understanding a subject.

Trom primary to higher education, we have to ensure the control of the country in India languages? Mod is aid. It is necessary to produce content in India languages? for

It is necessary to produce con-tent in Indian languages? for every area of expertise, be it medical, engineering, technolo-gy or management, he added.

## Modi: Need to overcome All private hospitals can give **Covid shots with riders: Min**

In a bid to speed up the pace In a bid to speed up the pace Loft be coronavirus vaccination drive as well as ensure that vaccines are not left unutilized, the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday permitted all private hospitals to give Covid vaccine if they adhere to the laid down norms while allowing citizens to take vaccine round the clock as per their convenience.

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan shared this information on twitter, stating that: "The government has ended the time constraint to increase the speed of vaccina-increase th

ended the time constraint to increase the speed of vaccina-tion. Citizens of the country can now get vaccinated 24x7 at their convenience."

The move aims to ensure the maximum number of peo-

ple who are eligible under the second phase of the vaccina-

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra hit out at the Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh Government on Wednesday over the law and order situation in the State. "Under the BJP rule, Uttar

tion drive are vaccinated. Those above 60 years and above 45 years having comorbidities are being inoculated under the second phase of the vaccination which was kicked off from March 1.

The Ministry has also given permission to private hospitals to administer the Covid-19 vaccine to those who are eligible.

A senior official from the

who are eligible.

A senior official from the
Union Health Ministry that in
a meeting chaired by Union
Health Secretary Rajesh
Bhushan and other officials, it
was decided that "all government health facilities, includment health facilities, includ-ing all private hospitals empan-elled under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PM JAY) and similar State Health Insurance Schemes can function as Covid

Congress leaders target UP

year-old man who was alleged-ly shot dead in Hathras district by a person out on bail in a case of molesting the victim's daughter. Priyanka Gandhi alleged one family or the other can be heard "screaming for justice" every day in Utar Pradesh, contrary to Yogi Adityanath government's "pro-paganda".

paganda". Their attacks on the BJP Their attacks on the BJP dispensation came in the back-drop of the Hathras shooting as well as an incident in Bulandshahr where the body of

a 12-year-old girl was exhumed from a pit days after she went missing. "The father of a girl who did not take back a case

Govt over law and order

Vaccination Centers (CVCs), subject to them mandatorily adhering to some specific

adhering to some specific norms."

The Ministry urged the states and Union territories (UTs) to utilise 100 per cent capacities of all private hospitals under the said category to enable them to effectively function as vaccination centres. They were also asked the states to regularly collaborate with the private hospitals to ensure that their optimum capacities for vaccination are fully utilised.

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fully utilised.

The Ministry also allowed private hospitals not empanelled with the Government to operate as CVGs "if they have adequate number of vaccinators, adequate space for observation of the vaccinated, adequate cold chain arrangement for and adequate arrangement for

#### BJP VICTORY IN GUJ LOCAL POLLS

## Voters' confidence rising each year: Javadekar

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Union Minister Prakash Javadekar
on Wednesday described the
sweeping BJP victory in Gujaral local
polls as peoples wide of confidence in
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in Gujarat it comes to 155 assembly
seats' said the senior BJP leader adding
"confidence of voters' is rising each
year even after BJPs "uninterrupted 38
years rule" in the State.
Addressing a press conference
here after the win in local polls,
Javadekar said rural farmers have
voted for 'Modis Vikas mode, his leadeaching and reforms including in the
factor. This is the message...' he said.

The Minister said Congress had

tarm sector.this is the message..." he said.

The Minister said Congress had made farmers and governance an issue as their main poil planks and "even spoke from IPG shaped platforms and stages."

The BJP won all 31 Zila Parishads and Congress drew a zero.

Out of the 879 seats, the BJP Congress of the STP seats and Ionadekar pointing to massive surge in numbers.

He said th Congress defeat is stark as even their MJA sand their sons and relatives standing for municipal elections bit dust and lost polls. He cited the example of MIA Niranial Patel contesting from two seats and losing both of them.

Javadekar said at Taluka level, the

Javadekar said at Taluka level, the won 196 seats out of 231 seats while

the Congress won only 18 seats.
In the municipalities, the BJP won



72 out of the 81 seats with Congress

72 out of the 81 seats with Congress winning only one.
 "Congress drew zero seats in 18 municipalities and even Congress MLA lost poll," said BJP leader He said BJP's sweep in tribal areas was also quite marked. He pointed out that the son of Bhartiya Tribal Party also lost his selection. Asked about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's comment that the BJP was attacking institutions which Congress did not fill even in Emergency, BJP leader said it was laughable as the Congress had hit all institutions including the media. On Rahul comparing RSS with madrasas, Javadekar said, "Rahul will take time to understand RSS, RSS is the biggest school of "patriotism and late time to understand RSS, RSS is the biggest school of "patriotism and "on the question of Income Tax department raiding film stars 'not cosying up to the BJP the Minister said "investigating agencies take up cases on merit and investigate".

## Sri Lankan Air Force's 70th anniv



IAF chief RKS Bhadauria arrived in Colombo on Wednesday on an invitation from Sri Lanka Air Force chief

Wednesday on an unvation from Sri Lanka Air Force chief Sudarshana Pathirana. The Lankan air force is celebrating its 70th anniversary on March 2 and presentation of the President's colours to two offst Universal Colours to two offst Giving details of Bhadauria's schedule, officials said here on Wednesday he attended the inaugural ceremoy on Wednesday during which a Flypast and Aerobatic Display wasscheduled. The air show at Galle Face Colombo saw the participation of an IAF contingent comprising Suryakiran and Sarang Aerobatic Display Teams and Tejas Light Combat Aircraft(LCA). The IAF contingent arrived in Colombo on the Colombo saw the participation of an IAF contingent comprising Suryakiran and Sarang Aerobatic Display Teams and Tejas Light Combat Aircraft(LCA). The IAF contingent arrived in Colombo on the Colombo o President Party
President Medical Green State St didates for their state. Elections in Assam will be conducted in three phases on March 27, April 1 and April 6, while polling in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry will take place in a single phase on April 6. Elections for the West Bengal assembly will be held in eight phases, up from seven last time, beginning with polling for 30 seats on March 27.

## IAF chief visits Colombo to mark



Aircratt(LCA). The IAF con-tingent arrived in Colombo on February 27. The flypast was significant and reminiscent of the IAF's Suryakiran Display Team performance at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of SLAF, two decades ago.



#### ED takes possession of accused Brajesh Thakur's property worth ₹1.45 crore

#Hathras



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The Enforcement Directorate (ED), Patna, took possession of immovable property worth ₹1.45 crore, situated at New Delhi, in connection with a money laundering case relat-ing to NGO Sewa Sankalp Ewam Vikas Samiti and its sis-ter NGOs, embroiled in the physical and sexual abuse of

Anand, Manorama Devi and

Anand, Manorama Devi and others for acquiring huge movable and immovable properties including payment of fees for his younger son Mehul Anands medical deucation. "During moves luandering investigation, it was revealed that the girls' shelter home in Muzaffarpur run by NGO Sewa Samkalp Ewam Vikas Samiti was found to be running in a highly questions." Vikas Samiti was found to be running in a highly questionable manner and several girls reported about violence and being abused sexually. Thakur and others diverted siphoned off the funds for his personal gain by acquiring huge movable and immovable properties in his name and in the name of his family members," the ED said in a statement. women immates. .

The ED had initiated investigation on the basis of two FIRs registered by Mahila Police Station, Muzufaffpur, and one FIR lodged by CBI, SCB, Patna against Brajesh Thakur and others for misappropriating the funds/ grantin-aid received from Government and other agencies in the name of NGO Sewa Sankalp Ewam Vikas Samiti and its sister NGOs.

Thakur was the de facto owner and he in connivance with others misappropriated the funds grantin-aid to the fund grantin-aid to the tune of 75.75 crore and invested the funds of a fine to consider the fund grantin-aid to the tune of 75.75 crore and invested the same in his own name and the same of 14.47 cell the same in his own name and the same of 14.47 cell the same in his own name and the same of 14.47 cell the same in his own name and the same of 14.47 cell the same in the same of 14.47 cell the same in his own name and the same of 14.47 cell the same in t

## of molestation was murdered in Hathras. The body of a girl, who had been missing for several days in Bulandshahr, was found buried in a house," Priyanka said in a tweet in Hindi Contrary to the UP governments false propagand on crime, every day one family or the other is screaming for justice," she said. Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and other Congress leaders have been attacking the Adityanath government over law and order situation in the state, alleging that criminal activities were on the rise, a claim denied by the state government. Is it fair to kick the ladder vou climbed to reach in life: Khurshid asks G-23

New Delhi: The disquiet with-New Delhi: The disquiet with-in the Congress continues to grow with senior party leader Salman Khurshid asking 'Group of 23' leaders in an open letter' if they were changing their goal posts and whether it was fair on their part to kick the ladder that they climbed to reach the top storey of life.

Mkurshid, a former Union misister, asked them to worry about how they would be judged in history than to seek a better place in the present.

He said they along with other Congress leaders must show the ordinary party workers across the country the path out of the present darkness towards sunshine instead of raising concerns about what they received, while noting that sacrifice cannot come with preconditions of success.

they received, while noting that sacrifice cannot come with preconditions of success.

He also quoted former US President John Kennedy's words Ask not what your country can do for your, ask what you can do manued Congress cadres, who gave to the Congress, but unawoidably received little or nothing in return, too believe in control of the control of being told, very soon in Haryana," he asked in the open

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Haryana, he asked in the open letter.

"Gumnam of Congress too care about democracy", Khurshid said in the letter.

The senior Congress leader said the growing dark footprint of communal forces has pushed the party into 'forced errors' of becoming self conscious.

"As a result we shy away from speaking about minorities and put on a public display of identifying with the cultural symbols of the majority that have largely been appropriated by the BJR. We have been forced to accept 'mistakes' made by our heroes because public mood appears to require it. Obviously this calls for careful balancing of reality and perception, strategy and ideology, he noted.

Bengal. The

A Chin refugee from Myanmar tries to tear apart Chinese flag during a protest against military coup in Myanmar in New Delhi on Wednesday

## ECI organises briefing meeting for poll observers

PNS III NEW DELHI

The Election Commission(EC) on Wednesday organised a briefing The Election Commission(EC) on Wednesday organised a briefing meeting for Observers who would be deployed for the upcoming assembly polls in five States—West Bengal, Kerala, Assam, Tamil Nadu and

Kerala, Assam, 1000.

Puducherry.

The meeting was a virtual cum physical gathering which saw the participation of more than 1650 General, Police and Expenditure Observers joining virtually from 120 locations across the country. Officers from 1AS,

IPS, IRS and other Central Services

IPS, IRS and other Central Services have been included to be deployed as General, Police and Expenditure Observers.

Addressing the Observers, Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora said observers will have additional role in randomization of forces and its deployment. Arora asked the observers to visit the Polling Booths to check due facilitation to senior citizens, Persons with Disabilities and women voters to ensure the Commission's commitment to the principle of inclusive elections.

## CBI arrests J&K Govt official in bribe case

The Central Bureau of Investigation

T(CB) has arrested a Patvart, Bennina,
Budgam (BsK), or accepting a tothe of
\$13,000 from the complainant.

A case was registered against the
Patvart Mohammad Afzal on the allegations of demanding a bribe of \$735,000
from the complainant for mutation of
the land. It was further alleged that the
bribe was negotiated to \$723,000 out of

which an amount of ₹10,000 was already paid.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the Patwari red handed while demanding and accepting the remaining bribe amount of ₹13,000.

Searches were conducted at the residence of the accused which led to recovere of the reinspectife demands.

ery of incriminating documents.

The arrested accused was produced before the Competent Court and remanded to three days police custody.

## SC to hear anticipatory bail plea of Amazon Prime Video's India head today

PTI I NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court would hear on Thursday the plea of Amazon Prime Video's India head Aparna Purohit challenging the Allahabad High Court order rejecting her anticipatory bail in connection with the FIRs lodged against her over web series Tandav. "Tandav."

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and R Subhash Reddy, which was to hear Purohit's plea on Wednesday, listed it for consideration on Thursday as the bench was siting till 1

PM only.

She has been accused of inappropriate depiction of Uttar Pradesh police personnel, Hindu deities and an adverse portrayal of a character playing the prime minister in the

ter paying the printer immused in an web series.

27, had declined to grant interim protection from any coercive action to Ali Abbas Zafar, Director of the web series, Purohit, producer Himanshu Mehra, the show's writer Gurrav Solanki and actor Mohammed Zeeshan Avoulb

## SC seeks response of NIA on Gautam Navlakha's bail plea in Bhima Koregaon case

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought a response from the National Investigation Agency on the bail plea of activist Gautam Navlakha in the alleged Blgar Parishad-Maosit links case.

A bench comprising Justices UU Lallit and KM Joseph issued notice to the probe agency on the plea of the activist against the Bombay High Court order of February 8 dismissing his bail plea.

Initially the bench, which was hearing some other matter even after 430 pm, was of the view that the hearing on Navlakha's plea be fixed for consideration on Thursday. However, senior advocate Kapil Shal, appearing for the activist, said that he has been waiting for the case for few hours.

hours.

In the brief hearing con-In the Driet hearing con-ducted through video confer-encing, the bench issued notice to NIA and sought its response by March 15.

## **DMK-Cong ties on verge of collapse**

The time-tested ties between the DMK and the Congress is on the verge of collapse and there are strong indications from the Grand Old Party of dumping the Dravidian major and launching a Third Front. "The Congress High Command is thoroughly unhappy with the intransigent attitude of the DMK. It has so far offered as 20 seats while we have

sigent attitude of the DMK. It has so far offered as 20 seats while we have sought at least 25 seats, a senior Congress leader told The Pioneer.

The leader said on condition of anonymity that one cannot rule out the possibilities of the Congress parting ways with the DMK. 'For us self-respect is important than a few seats. We know well that the DMK is out to throttle us,' said the leader. He disclosed that Rahul Gandin MP. He disclosed that Rahul Gandin MP. who campaigned in southern Tamil Nadu for the last three-days returned to Delhi disappointed with the approach of the DMK.

Meanwhile sources close to chief minister Edappadi Palaniswamy told

The Pioneer that there was no chance of V K Sasikala, TTV Dhinakaran and the AMMK getting

chance of V K Sasikala, TTV
Dhinakaran and the AMMK getting
accommodated in the AIADMK
front. Tour alliance partners are the
BJP, the PMK, the Tamil Mannila
Congress and Puthiya Tamilakaam.
We have kept the doors opened for
Vijayakanth too', said the source.
Rahul Gandhi drew unprecedented crowd during his three-day
visit to southern Tamil Nadu which
concluded late Monday evening at
Kanyakumari. Thousands participated in all the public meetings he
addressed in these districts. "What
stood out this time was his mingling addressed in these districts. "What stood out this time was his mingling with the common man and this prompted more and more people to gather in all the venues," said a security professional who had accompanied the leader in his campaign trip, "We did not organise any crowd for Rahul Gandhi. The crowd turn out in all these places were soonta-

out in all these places were sponta-neous. It was a morale booster to the Congress cadre in the State. We our-selves were surprised with the ease

with which he communicated and exchanged ideas with grassroot level workers and cadre. If the party could sustain this tempo, I am sure will register impressive wins, Said C D Meyyapan, AICC secretary who accompanied Rahul Gandhiin his tour.

There is general agreement that the crowd turn-out for his meetings has surprised even the DMK leads as the Dravidian major was not willing to make any compromise than what it had offered to the Grand Old Party, 21 seats. That all is not well within the two alliance partners was known for some time.

As the time for filling the nomination is drawing closer, there are talks of a Third Front featuring actorturned-politician Kamal Haasan, AISMK of another actor R Sarath Kumar and the Indian National Congress, Sarath Kumar and his wife Radhika called on Kamal Haasan and expressed their solidarity with

## Maha hostel girls forced to dance naked by cops, probe ordered

In a shocker, girls in a Jalgaon hos-tel were allegedly forced to strip naked and dance before some police personnel, the Maharashtra legislature was informed here on Wednesday.

legislature was informed here on Wednesday.

Taking cognizance of the issue raised by the Opposition Bharatity Janata Party (BJP), the Maha Vikas Aghadi government announced a time-bound probe into the incident.

BJP legislator from Chikthi dematter, said the women immates who did not cooperate with the police were told to remove their clothes and dance naked.

"The women in the hostel now live in sheer fear. They must be made to feel secure. The incident is a blot on the face of the state. The police who are supposed to protect have become aggressors," Mahale said.

"This is a shameful incident. A video clip shows police making the girls nude. This must be thoroughly investigated. We must deal with this matter sensitively," said Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnavis, as some members demanded sacking some members demanded sacking of the MVA government and oth-ers shouted 'shame, shame' in the

House.

They urged Home Minister
Anil Deshmukh to order an inquiry
and immediately suspend the police
officials involved in the incident.

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"This is a very unfortunate incident. We have appointed a four-member committee to probe the incident and submit its report within 48 hours. Necessary action will be taken as per the rules after probe report is received," Deshmukh informed the House.

Minister for Women & Child Development (Mrs) Yashomati Thakur said that all the evidence would be collected and probed and

spared.
The incident allegedly took The incident auegeous took place on March 1 at the govern-ment-run Ashadeep Women's Hostel in Ganeshnagar area of Jalgaon and a video of the dance party went viral.

A local NGO, Jananayak

Foundation, complained to Collector Abhijit Raut and demanded a probe into the matter, as the hostel falls under the Women

as the hostel falls under the Women & Child Welfare Department. According to the complaint, some local police personnel and others reportedly entered the hos-tel premises to 'investigate' certain hings and coerced the women inmates to undress and dance before them.

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When the girls refused to do so, they were threatened with dire consequences like murder. The inmates later narrated their plight from the hostel windows.

IAS Officers' Association condoles

## Didi may file nomination from Nandigram on Mar 11

SAUGAR SENGUPTA III KOLKATA

The once hotbed bed of Mamata Banerjee's land movement that helped her overthrow the world's longest surviving democratically elected Marxist Government in ed Marxist Government in 2011 Nandigram is once again ready to hog the national lime light with two of State's tallest leaders preparing to face each other in the coming Assembly

elections.

Come March 11, the
Bengal Chief Minister is likely
to return to file her nomination
from the Nandigram Assembly
seat. And according to inside
reports she will face none other reports she will face none other than her once blue-eyed boy and former Bengal Minister Suvendu Adhikari who left the TMC last November to join the

The TMC sources said the Chief Minister would file her

nomination for the Nandigram seat either at Haldia or Tamluk. Nandigram in East Midnapore will go to polls in the second phase. Banerjee is currently an MLA from Bhawanipore Assembly seat in South Kolkata

Assembly seat in South Kolleta from where her party railed by a few thousand votes in the 2019 parliamentary elections. The Chief Minister had during a mass rally at Nandigram offered to contest from the seat saying "Nandigram has always been lucky for me. it gave me overwhelming support in my land movement... and so I will like to contest this time from this seat. For me Nandigram this seat. For me Nandigram and Bhawanipore are like two

Apart from being a son of a former Union Minister and TMC MP Sisir Adhikari, Suvendu is the elder brother

Dibyendu Adhikari also an MP.Suvendu Adhikari had openly dared Banerjee to contest from the seat and face defeat. "I challenge Didi to fight from Nandigram ... Of my party gives me a ticket from this seat I will take her on

from this seat I will take her on ... even if someone else contests from here I vouch for that possible BJP candidate that if I cannot defeat the Chief Minister by at least half-a-lakh votes then I will leave politics." Adhikari said

Adhikari sain das a healthy share of minority votes pegged at about 23.5 percent. Though the TMC is confident of polling the entire minority vote from Indias Scaled Front - Gunded by Muslim cleric Abbas Siddiqui -- which has tied up with the Left Front and the Congress may queer the pitch for her.

rized for Nandigram seat adding other TMC leaders who had quit that party join the saffron outfit would also be given tick-

ets.

Accordingly former
Minister Rajib Banerjee will be
fielded from Domjur in
Howrah district whereas
Chandramani Shukla the father
of slain BJP leader
Chandramani Shukla will be
fielded from Bhatpara or
Naihati, sources said.
Former TMC MLA, and
Asansol Mayor Jitendra Tiwari
who on Tuesday joined the BJP
will also be fielded from his old
constituency Pandaveshwar,

Akrabad case: Important clues

police very close to crack it

found in teenager murder case,

On the other hand the Adhikari whose family has a long political history from the area looks more combrable in the current polarized atmosphere in Bengal politics.

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Sources in the BP said to finalise its candidate list for the first phase on March 5, the purpose.

TMC wants PM posters removed is a contract of the purpose.

# posters removed hoardings carrying the Prime Minister's photograph could be removed Bengal minister Firhad Hakim on Wednesday said "Prime Minister Narendra Modi happens to be the main campaigner of the BJP in this Assembly elections. Apart from being the Prime Minister he is also a politician who is seeking support for his party during ralles. In this situation, using his photo in vaccination certificates is akin to influencing voters and violates the model code of conduct. ... we have requested the EC to remove his photo in hoardings promoting central schemes at petrol pumps."

Kolkata: The ruling Trinamool Congress has raised objections to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pictures being used for advertisements of various Central schemes.

advertisements of various Central schemes. A delegation of TMC leaders on Wednesday met Election Commission officials and alleged that the use of the Prime Minister's pictures on adversisements of central schemes including the vaccination certificates — distributed by the Union Health Ministry — went against the model code of conduct.

Seeking the intervention of the ECI so that the posters and

## demise of former Bihar Chief Secretary KAH Subramaniam

The IAS Officers' Association, Bihar Branch on Wednesday condoled the demise of former Bihar Chief Secretary KAH Subramaniam. The 1968 batch IAS of Bihar cadre breathed his last at his home town Madurai following which the Bihar IAS association of the subramaniam of the subraman

which the Bihar IAS association placed on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Subramaniam. Among numerous impor-tant assignments, which Subramaniam held during his long career, were serving as District Magistrate of Patna and Gaya; Commissioner and Secretary, Urban development; Commissioner and secretary, Rural Development; Agriculture Production

Commissioner; Chairman, Bihar State Electricity Board.

"His colleagues shall always remember him not only for his administrative acumen, clear thinking and quick decision making ability but also for his human e side. Colleagues remember how he used to share humorous anecdotes and used to keep the atmosphere cordial even during tense situations. A stadium in Gaya is named after him. One of his unique habits, always remembered by his colleagues, was use of purple ink," said the condolence message released on behalf of the association by Dipak Kumar Singh, Secretary. Dipak Kumar Singh, Secretary, IAS Officers' Association, Bihar Branch. A copy of the condo-lence message has been sent to the family of Subramaniam.

DOILCE VETY CIOSE

Aligarh: The police have almost come close to the revelation in the murder case of a 14-year-old Scheduled Caste girl from Akrabad area during the attempted rape. By the third day, till Tiuseday late night, everything was clear to the police.

Earlier, the SSP reached the village and worked for hours to find clues with the entire team at the scene and the surrounding fields. As per the information received till late night, the police has given confession in the statements and some evidence has also been recovered. The police is working on linkdence has also been recovered. The police is working on link-ing these evidence. At the same time, evidence from the accused has also been sent for forensic matching. SSP Muniraj ji reached the spot and all the five teams

involved in the investigation were also present there. During this time, the police, considering the site as the center, searched every single piece of the ing the site as the center, searched every single piece of the field in its 500 meter radius and worked on the evidence there. During this time, what the police got and what they did not get, the police will tell at the time of the revelation. But it is so sure that the time of the revelation. But it is so sure that the view of the revelation.

of the revelation. But it is os sure that the police team kept searching till late night under the lead-entip of SSIP.

SSP Muniraj Ji said, "It is true we have been under suspicion in probe that has been going on for three consecutive days, due to which the interrogation was going on till late in the night. The work of matching some facts remains. As soon as something is clear, only them as something is clear, only then something can be told. PNS

#### Police announce ₹1L reward on prime accused in Hathras farmer murder case

PRADEEP SAXENA III HATHRAS

Police has announced a reward of Rs I lakh on accused Gaurav Songra, who shot and killed a farmer in broad daylight in village Naujalpur of Sasni area of Hathras district. The police has also announced a reward of Rs 25 thousand each on the other two accused. One accused has

two accused. One accused has been arrested in the case so fast. It may be recalled that on Monday, a farmer who was dig-ging potatoes in the field was shot dead in broad daylight. About two and a half years ago, the farmer filed a lawsuit that the farmer filed a lawsuit that Gaurav entered his house and molested his daughter. Now Gaurav was pressing to with-draw the suit and marry his younger daughter. The deceased's daughter lodged a police complaint against six people, including four nominees, on the basis of which a case was registered and the police arrest-ed one of the accused. The remaining accused are being

remaining accused are being searched.

The dead body was handed over to the family members after immediate postmortem by the police administration. On Tuesday, the nephew offered fire to the body. The atmosphere of the village and family is inconsolable. On the other hand, the police has arrested one of the accused.

On receiving information, the elder brother of the deceased also came to the village. He lives in Mumbai. He and other rela-tives got angry after seeing the dead body. He refused to cre-

mate the body until the arrest of the accused. After much per-suasion, he prepared for the last rites. The younger daughter was crying bitterly, demanding an encounter of the accused.

crying bitterly, demanding an encounter of the accused.

Gaurav wanted to marry younger daughter forcibly.

The wife of the deceased wept, saying that Gaurav along with his companions, killed her husband, Gaurav was adaman was adaman and the saying the

ession ahead of Kumbh Mela 2021, amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, in Haridwa

#### On Women's Day, CM Yogi to focus on women farmers

Lucknow: The Yogi Adityanath Government will celebrate International Women's Day with a special focus on women

with a special focus on women farmers.

The department of agriculture will be organising about 250 seminars with a special focus on women farmers and groups and more than 30,000 ments will be imparted training.

For promoting women farmers, the department of agriculture will also be holding interactive sessions with scientists and officers who will be sharing new techniques of progressive farming.

To be conducted virtually, the programme will be held on March 8 for three . For imparting technical knowledge and solution to the disposal of grievances of

Along with this, tehsildars Along with this, tehsildars and revenue inspectors who have made maximum registries of women account holders under the Varaasat campaign will also be awarded. The chief minister, meanwhile, has directed all government departments to organize programmes related to women empowerment on the occasion

programmes reated to women empowerment on the occasion of international women's day on March 8.

These programmes will be held under the ongoing Mission Shakti and will continue till April.

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knowledge and solution to the agricultural problems, special interactive programmes will be held with women scientists and experts of universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lucknow.Under the first module of Rabi Session 2020-21, a three-day Kisan Pathshala with a total of 5 lakh participants will be organised in 8000 gram panchayats. cnayats. In addition, five tehsildars will be awarded by the revenue department on March 8 for the

#### Owner throws lavish party on horse's birthday, cuts 50-pound cake

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U sually one is invited for the birthday party of a child or an adult, but in a unique case a man from Bihar's Saharsa district celebrated his horse's birthday by throwing a lavish party. He also cut a 50-pound cake and invited a large number of people for a delicious meal.

Raineesh Kumaralias Golu

meal.
Rajneesh Kumar alias Golu
Yadav, a resident of Panchwati
Chowk in Saharsa district, cel-ebrated his horse Chetak's sec-ond birthday on Monday evening.
Golu loves Chetak like his own child, On Monday morn-

own child. On Monday morning, Chetak was given a bath and was decked up for his birthday celebration in the

evening.
Golu Yadav said Chetak is

like a member of his family and refused to call him an animal. He said that Chetak's first birthday was also celebrated in a similar fashion.

The cake was placed in front of Chetak. There was also a picture of him on the cake was well as his name. Afterwards, the cake was cut by Gol und firecrackers were burst. A large number of people living near Golu's house attended the cele-bration.

more loyal than human beings.
Golu Yadav appealed to the people that they should never consider an animal as only an animal but should treat it as a member of their family. He gave a message to the people to love animals.

gave a message to the peropie to love animals. So dou's love for his horse has been the talk of the town. People say that Golu is a role for the whole of Bihar. Golu Yadav celebrates birthday of his horse Chetak, cut cake, the party, Golu Yadav celebrates birthday of his horse Chetak, cut cake, the party, Golu Yadav celebrates birthday of his horse Chetak, cut cake, the party.



Anganwadi workers participate in a protest rally demanding equal pay as Government employees, in Bengaluru on Wednesday

#### Goa Port to set up special ferry service for inbound cruise tourists

Panaji: Goa's only major port, the Mormugao Port Trust, operated by the Centre is plan-ning to develop a ferry circuit to cater to the international cruise ship tourists visiting the State.

State:
Speaking virtually at the
Maritime India Summit 2021,
Chairman of the Trust E.
Ramesh Kumar said that the
ferry service would connect
several beach destinations in

several beach destinations in the coastal states, both in North Goa and South Goa districts. "The ferry service that we are planning is designated to be on three or four identified routes whether from South of

Goa to Dona Paula and onwards, South of Goa to Captain of Ports jetty at Panaji and onwards to Old Goa or from South of Goa to any of the beach destinations like Candolim, Calangute, Baga and so on; Kumar said.

"With a dedicated colour-coded ferry service, we are also contemplating to receive passengers on the other side with hop-on-hop-off buses, with the same colour codes with refreshments served en route, multilingual audio commentary; he also said.

The top official also said that the Port Trust was also in the custine of various states and exhibiting in the receive facilities. It also mebodies in it the rich culture for various states and exhibiting in the resential ingredients whether it is handicraft, handoom or the cuisine of various states or the cultural forms.

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said. "The death of a doctor is saddening. Some more doctors have tested positive after his death but the government is making all efforts to ensure their safety," said Mangal Pandey, health minister of Bihar.

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#### Final year MBBS student dies of Covid in Bihar, many docs infected

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Patna: A final vatudent of Nalanda Medical College and Hospiral (NMCH) in Patna died due to Covid 19, an official said. Subbendu Shekher,23, as a native of Dahia village in Begusarai district and was pursuing MBBs course from NMCH.

He had complained of cough and cold on February 24 and underwent a RTPCR test on the same day and was found Corona positive. The next day, he went to his native village in Begusarai and underwent mone isolation before dying on March 1.

Shockingly, the deceased had taken the first jab of vaccination in the first week of February.

Dr Heera Lal Mahto, the principal of NMCH confirmed the incident. We have directed other doctors to undergo home isolation. All doctors who are in contact with Subhendu, underwent Covid 19 test and 9 of them are tested Corona positive.

We have initiated santistation in old and new hospitals in NMCH. At present, examination is underway in the college. We have allowed doctors if they want to leave the examination, Mahto said.

#### J&K clocks 104 fresh Covid cases: no death

Jammu: J&K on Wednesday reported 104 new Covid-19 cases, even as 49 were dis-charged after recovery, health officials said.

The Union Territory has recorded zero death in the last 24 hours.

iours. An official bulletin said 104 An Official Duffetth Said 104 tested positive on Wednesday, 17 from Jammu division and 87 from Kashmir division while 49 patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery.

overy. So far, 126,693 people have ors have king all h minof IANS dreams of the Man States of the M Golu says that he has not celebrated his own birthday till date but celebrates Chetak's

date but celebrates Cheaks birthday every year. Fe said he had brought Cheat to the had brought Cheat to the the common state of the months and initially reared him on milk. Golu confessed, 'I have brought up Cheak like my own child. I have given him more love than my own children.' Golu says that both vege-tarian and non-vegetarian dish-es were served at this party. Expressing unhappiness over violence against animals, Golu says that today the animals are more loyal than human beings.

PAPER WITH PASSION

## **Split house**

The Congress rift, already out in the open, is only widening ahead of the crucial Assembly polls

t a time when leaders belonging to other political parties are upping the ante against their opponents in a bid to be successful at the hustings and form the Government Their opponents in a bid to be successful at the hustings and form the Government in the five States/Union Territory going to polls soon, the Congress biggles are busy sparring among themselves. The fault lines run deep and, in all likelihood if one goes by its current state of inertia, the 'Grand Old Party' is heading towards yet another poll drubbing. The G23 (Group of dissenters) is clearly pitted against the "loyalists" on the issue of the Congress tying up with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) of Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui for the Congress tying up with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) of Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui for the Congress tying up with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) of Pirzada Chapter and in politically constitute Water Rennal. Denity leader of the Opposition in the the battle royal in politically-sensitive West Bengal. Deputy leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Anand Sharma, who is part of the G23, objected to the party aligning with



the Islamic outfit and asserted that the tie-up "militates against the core ideology" of the Congress and that the alliance needed to be endorsed by the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's highest decision-making body. Recently, Ghulam Nabi Azad who is a prominent leader of the dissenting group
 heaped praises on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These senior leaders are making all-out efforts to stay elevant and they don't want to lose their hold on the party. On the other hand, the Congress joining hands with a fundamentalist group in West Bengal ought to raise the question whether the party has compromised on its secular credentials?

'soft Hindutva" card played by Congress leaders, including the Gandhi scion, has failed to elicit the desired outcome in a series of elections. Further, the Congress has been selectively applying the policy of minority appeasement but, apart from a few stray successes, it has failed to make any major breakthrough. The BJP has proved to be too formidable for the Congress and the regional parties have expanded their base at the cost of the 'Grand Old Party'. This time, too, the Congress seems to have selectively played the appeasement card by aligning with Pirzada, who wields considerable influence among Muslims in South Bengal. Despite the fact that Pirzada has a dubious record of making controversial remarks, the Congress leaders shared the stage with him at a joint rally on Sunday. The Congress aligning with a fundamental party will either increase its vote percentage or it will prove counterproductive to its image in the long run; we'll know in due course. Moreover, Rahul Gandhi's footi-mouth disease has only added to the party's miseries. The differences within the party point to the fact that Rahul's leadership is not strong enough to bind the members together and settle their disputes. readeship is not some enough to him deriver menter solgener and seater learn espaces. West Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has accused Sharma and Azad of playing to the BJP's gallery, saying that they are serving the polarising agenda of the saffron party. Well, whether these "dissenters" are pushing for reforms or only serving the BJP's agenda, the Congress' internal fight only weakens it and further damages its prospects in the forthcoming Assembly elections. It is time for the Congress leaders to resolve the internal feud and steer the party out of the ongoing crisis



## Mea culpa

Rahul is not responsible for the actions of his forebears, but he cannot escape his legacy for better or for worse

Political legacies and succession are not a uniquely Indian thing. The success of leaders like Justin Trudeau, Shinzo Abe and even Xi Jinping for that matter are demonstrable proof that even today, family political legacies are a giant step up the political ladder. A name, a family name in politics and the subsequent recognition



ident of the Indian National Congress, India's only national Opposition party of relevance, is led by this scion of the Nehru-Gandhi family whose history every Indian knows. No matter where he goes. Rahul's ral-lies and road shows are well-attended. But it is the curse, that means that many of the millions who might attend his rallies in a year, will not vote for the Congress in elections; such is the legacy of that party

and its dominant family.

There is no insinuation here that Rahul is responsible for the actions of his great-grandfather, grandmother or father. Jawaharlal Nehru, a convenient whipping boy for some these days, died even before Rahul was born. He was five years old when his grandmother, Indira Gandhi, declared the Emergency and a teenager when his father, Rajiv Gandhi, was caught up in the Bofors scandal. He has also suffered more than most, to suffer two violent deaths in the family in full public gaze is not something any of us will endure.

The scale of that suffering is something we will never comprehend and, thus, never truly empathise with. Yet, because he, and even his sister Priyanka, ask for votes in the name of the positive aspects of that legacy, they cannot escape the ills and mistakes. Yes, Rahul should attack the Narendra Modl Government on the engagements with China in Ladakh, but he must acknowledge the mistakes of 1962 as well. He cannot proclaim that democracy is under threat without admitting that he senses this because of the Emergency his grandmother declared. Acknowledging this fact now is a huge step by the Congress leader. He was not responsible for the mistakes of the past and admitting that fact is something that should mark an improvement

in the way he is perceived among the electoral public.

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## The missing culture of strategic thinking



India's restive relationships in the neighbourhood and its own internal governance parameters remain worryingly underleveraged and skittish

n the early 1990s, American thinker George Tanham had set the cat among the pigeons by mentioning "Indias relative lack of strategic thinking," His observations suggested minimal preparedness in terms of an "active" vision or pre-emptive doctrines, as opposed to an inherently "reactive" instinct, that ratted Indian apologists who pointed to the civilisational literature the Indian apologists who pointed to the civilisational literature on statecraft, strategy and philosophy of governance. However, "nonalignment" (not "neutrality", as commonly misinterpreted) was a definitive and unique aspect of Independent Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Independent Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Indias foreign, commercial and relative and unique aspect of Indias foreign, commercial and relative and the Indias foreign, commercial and relative and

of morality into its strategic decision-making process differentiated India from the co-timed rejectory and outcomes of China, which also played a similar game of balance of a bipolar world to a polycentric order further furred Indias strategic choices, as it continued sounding preachy, platitudinous and verbose. On the other hand, the conjoined strategic process in continued sounding preachy, platitudinous and verbose. On the other hand, the conjoined anture of the "military-industrial" establishment under a single-party rule in China afforded it to chisel a seamless national vision and an uninterrupted strategic process to fructify the same.

Further, India's obsessive passion for electoral politics, combined with structural silos of bureaucracy, diplomacy and the military ensured a sub-optimal and fractured approach towards in the proposition of the pro

The Indian system has failed to allow nonpartisan and "heed-ed-to" platforms of specialists who could formulate and advo-

cate strategic outcomes beyond petty partisan come-uppance. The recent Indo-Sino dissonances on the Line Sino dissonances on the Line of Actual Control have yet again exposed the "reactive" nature of Indian governance and politics, irrespective of the dispensation in power. Rote insistence of Chinese 'deceti', while true, should not have been unexpected. Getting tripped by the Chinese is an inadvertent admission of the absence of strategic foresight that cannot be contextualised to the past only. An unbudget that cannot be contextualised to the past only. An unbudget-ed ₹20,775 crore was spent to buy emergency hardware in the recent standoff!

Strategic thinking necessi-tates lateral thinking and spe-cialist angularities but the recent events suggest the clear recent events suggest the clear under-appreciation of the security sensitivities. Unlike tother participative democracies like the US, the UK and so on, the direct "voice" of Indian security must navigate through the labyrinth of filters, priorities and disinterested politicobureaucrats. Though countries like Pakistan, where the military is considered a "State within a State", are reflective of the other side of extremity, which has even more debilitaring consequences. Simplistic arguments of the "guns over



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butter" nature have led to the misplaced notion that socio economic progress, national development and stability can development and stability can be managed only at the cost of optimum investments in security Not so, because all national considerations should go together in an 'and' approach, and not as a facile' either-or' choice. With China breathing down its neck and Pakistan persisting with the 'bleed with a thousand cuts' thinking—protecting territorial integrity with a budget allocation of 1.63 per cent of the GDP is reflective of the failures to put the dangers to security in overarching context.

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Recent pooh-poohing of independent opinions that call the bullf of the powers-that-be does not help build a culture of intellectual deliberations. This tendency is particularly severe on divergent opinions on the matters of security. However, the media circus following the recent induction of five Rafale fighters typifies the poor alternative to the more serious task of strategic discussions. India has an executive agency in the National Security Council (NSC) to oversee the political, economical, energy and security issues but its contribution towards the sensitive decision-making the sensitive decision-making

process remains unknown. There is no direct participation of the Armed Forces in its decision-making process

decision-making process. Routine media reporting of the 'hand' of the National Security Advisor in resolving security situations notwithstanding, it belies the moot question as to why such a situation evolwed in the first place? The national "shaper" of strategic thinking is usually the political leadership of the day—today, the assertive and challenging volices within the ruling party, like a Jaswant, Shourie or Yashwant (who were given a free rein in the earlier NDA Governments), are clearly missing. The are clearly missing. The impact of domestic politics is supreme even in our interna-tional relations: Trump-backtional relations: Trump-back-ing, for example, exposed the predominance of partisan-ship. Institutions need to be strengthened, not diluted, specialists need to be empow-ered and not controlled, and only then will the latent potential of India truly fruc-tify. The know-all attitude does incalculable harm to the

does incalculable harm to the culture of strategic thinking. (The writer, a military vet-eran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal.)

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BRACE FOR A GRUELLING SUMMER
Sir — This refers to the editorial 'Sorrcher shead!' (March 3). Going by the India Meteorological Departments (IMD) forecast, we have to brace for temperatures several notches higher than usual this summer. It is really disheartening as many people, including the homeless, don't have the resources to beat the heat. Gadgets like electric fans, cool-ers, fridges, air-conditioners (ACs) and water coolers, besides power generators or inverters are not available to the poor.

Further, power cuts will add to the wose of the common man. We have not been able to generate electricity from solar and wind power for large-scale public distribution. Ironically, climate change and atmospheric imbalance have caused natural calamities like drought, floods, storms and inclement weather causing huge loss to flora, fauma and human lives. It is incumbent upon us to fight climate change so that we may have a greener and cleaner planet for future generations.

However, the Government must take adequate measures to provide relief to the homeless in the summer. Sheler homes should be provided with water cotses, finot ACs, and fridge for cold drinking water. It is also the responsibility of all of us to make arrangements for drinking water for birds and stray animals. An earthen pot or utensiful of water outside the door or window will help the avian and animal species in quenching their thirst. We must also not forget to water the plants regularly.

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Sir — We should be really thankful to Prime

Minister Narendra Modi for taking the jab

as it will inspire millions of others to get

themselves inoculated. It is important that

more private hospitals and even small pri
vate dispensaries be allowed to vaccinate, as

these will be closer to homes and allow the

elders to get vaccinated without the trou
ble of covering long distances.

In the next phase, vaccination should

be carried out in remote villages and trib
al areas inside forests. Further, it has come

to light that the provisional certificates

### Plight of *mohajir*s in Pakistan

## STOP VICTIMIZATION OF **MOHAJIRS** MQM (PAKISTAN)

e plight of mohajirs in Pakistan is hard to The plight of motaly is in Passatan is raro va-explain in words. The motaly is are Muslim imigrants of multi-ethnic origin and their descendants, who migrated from various regions of India to settle in Passatan following the Partition. However, Partial Goraddas bucd article "Beware of Pak's softening stand (March 2) men-tions their plight and states that they "find them-selves not only unwelcome but also targets of eth-

nic hostility in the newly-created country". Successive Pakistani Governments have remained indifferent to the woes of the mohajirs and even the courts in Pakistan are of no help. The author has lamented that he was personally witness to this discrimination when he visited Pakistan to conduct a two-week international course on short-wave endits broad-relating for exemptine of the cut-he client. duct a hov-week international course on short-week and breadschipt for countries of the sub-Asian region, extending from China to Iran. The enthusiasm for the creation of Pakista in Ultar Pradesh and Bihar was noted by the then Viceroy Lord Wavell in 1945 and communicated to the Secretary of State for India in England, saying: "The idea of Pakistan was stronger in the Muslim minority provinces than in Pakistans provinces". The fatle of the mohalijis is, therefore, a lesson for all those who wish to divide any country or religious or any other basis. Further, the Governments of both the countries and the United Mactions must take steps to change the situation on the ground and help those who are discrimination.

issued to the people who got vaccinated carry the PMs image and that, too, without a mask, which is unethical. If at all any image is necessary, it should be that of Corona warriors or of the scientific committy who the PM has been appreciating. India's vaccination programme has brought laurels to itself. We have supplied indigenously-developed vaccines to the world when other countries needed it the most. India's reputation has increased manifold. We cannot afford to lose this battle at this juncture and we all must wear masks and sanitise our hands regularly.

N Nagarajan | Secunderabad

#### PRONOUNCE THE NAME CORRECTLY

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Sir — A parent has complained that her
child's teacher does not pronounce the child's
name correctly. The teacher shortened the
name as the full name was apparently difficult to say. I have myself faced this problem a number of times over my 35 years of teaching. Some names, when pronounced correctly, sounded the same as English swear words, so roll call could be challenging. Some were just too long or contained too many consonants for me to pronounce easily and I always prefaced any roll call with the statement that I would do my best.

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I know that am spronounced name that not mannying although not offensive if her ty to do their best, but many students found 'Fitzgerald' difficult to pronounce. Apparently the 'z' sound is difficult in many languages. Some of the mispronunciations were actually funny but I tried not to laugh at my own name. The main consideration is that people should do their best and that we should be willing to accept these efforts. Teachers already find the job challenging and most find that the parent techback/complains only add to the stress. The world as a whole needs to relax in these times of difficulty.

Dennis Fitzgerald | Melbourne

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Nirmala Sitharaman is leading from the front and using her officials for political needs. What's happening is a clear violation of the election norms.



Kerala Finance Minister



Pakistan Army chief — Qamar Javed Bajwa

Sholay is a cult movie but I must add that it was one of the toughest roles I have done because of various conditions. I was shooting barefoot, and that too in Bangalore,



— Hema Malini



a cricket ball or cricket pitch is brought into focus. Why don't we just focus on the fact that the skilled enough to play on the pitch.



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## **FIRST COLUMN**

#### THE CROWN PRINCE **OF AMATEURS**

MBS is frightening but a Saudi leader that the US President won't even talk to does not have a great future



GWYNNE DYER

f Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the *de facto* ruler of Saudi Arabia, were a burglar, he wouldn't be George Clooney in *'Ocean's Eleven*'. He'd be a cartoon burglar in a carnival mask and a top with black-and-white horizontal stripes, carrying a sack labelled 'SWAG'. He's not a burglar, of course, And 'MBS', as he is universally known, was back in the new when the LIS Government released a declassified assess-ment by US Intelligence agencies confirming his responsibility for the ment by Os hieralgence agencies comming in its repolicitary for the murder of discisions Saud journalist, Jamai Khashoggi in 2018. Donald Trumps ast on the report, defended MBS, and said his own experts were wrong. "I saved his ass!" Trump boasted to Fax News. But Khashoggi was working for the Washington Post when he was killed and Joe Biden takes a dim view of foreign leaders murdering American journalists even if they aren't citizens. It must be bewildering for MBS as two months ago the US President was his best buddy, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was his second-best buddy and Russia's President Vladimir Putin had honorary buddy status too. Now Biden has replaced Trump, Netanyahu may also be out after this month's elections and Putin isn't



Biden didn't just publish the report on Khashoggi's murder. He ended US support for MBS' foolish, futile war in Yemen, put US arms sales on hold and refused to speak to MBS. Bilden finally called Saudi Arabia, but would only talk to MBS' 85-year-old father, King Salman. So there's been much speculation about what Bilden can or should do next about the Mad Killer of Riyadh, and the answer is — nothing at all. Just give him enough rope and he'll hang himself. He's ruthless but he is also

ignorant about how the rest of the world works and certainly not smart.

If my pipes burst, I call the plumber, if my car breaks down, I take it to the garage, if i'm very rich and I want somebody killed, I find a hitman and have the job done professionally. I don't get a few of my mates to do it; hire an expert. MBS sent a team of 15 men — 15 — to Turkey on a private plane, bringing the tools to kill and dismember Khashoggi with them. It was one of Islanbul's smaller airports, but the Turks were certainly going to record when they landed and when they left. Then they lured Khashoggi to the Saudi consulate to pick up some papers so he could marry his Turkish flancée. Wait a minute. MBS thought it would be a cool idea to kill Khashoggi inside the Saudi consulate in a country that is hostile to the Saudi regime? He sent seven members of his own personal security force as part of the team. And they didn't even sweep the consulate for Turkish bugs in the room where they killed and dismembered Khashoggi? It was an amateur night for slow learners. The hit team even sent a Khashoggi body double dressed in his clothes out the back door to be seen leaving the consulate by the security camrears. The Turks had the whole story in 24 hours, with the Saudi regime retreating from one lie to another before blaming it on "rogue operators" three weeks later by then you'd think MBS would have seen the error of his ways. But not our boy. Two weeks later, MBS sends another Saudi hit team to Canada to kill another self-exiled critic of the regime, Saad al-alah. Amateur night again. The novice assassins deny knowing one another and are refused entry to Canada by immigration officials. This attempted hit has never been officially confirmed but a document pubauthined in it has here'd been finited by callinities out at outsirely public Safety Canada in August 2020 comes very close indeed. The fact that Prime Minister Trudeau was the first leader who received the Turkish recordings of the Khashoggi murder to go public with them just around that time adds weight to the allegation. MRS is frightening but the's really not very bright. And a Saudi leader that the US President won't even talk to does not have a brilliant future.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work.' The views expressed are personal.)

## India badly needs a uniform law on bail



The country cannot continue to rely on the conscience of its judges without going into the root of the problem

isha Ravi, an Indian youth climate change activist, was granted bail recently by as Delhi court in connection with a case where it was alleged that she was involved in the making of an online toolkit related to the ongoing farmers' protest last month. Additional Sessions Judge Dharmendra Rana granted her bail, holding that "citizens are conscience keepers of a Government in any democratic nation bail, holding that "citizens are conscience keepers of a Government in any democratic nation
and they cannot be put behind bars simply
because they chose to disagree with the State's
policies." In a landmark order on bail, Judge Rana
went on to state that "the offence of sedition cannot be invoked to minister to the wounded vanity of the Government" and that "difference of
opinion, disagreement, divergence and dissent
are signs of a healthy democracy." He added, "An
aware and assertive citizenry, in contradistinction to an indifferent or docile citizenry, is indisputably a sign of a healthy and vibrant democracy,"
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putably a sign of a healthy and vibrant democracy."

This is, without doubt, a brave verdict. Little did anyone expect that a judge from the lower judiciary in Delhi would red flag the police and stand up to the State, thereby upholding basic constitutional values of liberty and freedom. But, here's the catch! Not everyone in the judiciary is Judge Rana and neither is everyone as lucky as Disha. Munawar Faruqui, a stand-up comedian, was arrested on January 1 this year in a case where he was alleged to have insulted and outraged the religious feelings of a particular community. The Supreme Court granted him bail after more than five weeks of imprisonment noting that the evidence against him was "vague." The court also said that none of the procedural requirements of arrest, as laid down by the Supreme Court in the 2014 landmark judgment of Arnesh Kumar vs the State of Bihar case, was followed by the police.

likes of Safoora Zargar, Siddique Kappan, Meeran Haider, Shifa Ur Rehman, Gautam Navlakha, Stan Swamy, Akhil Gogoi and many other common citizens have suffered the uncerother common citizens have suffered the uncertainties that involve ball petitions. They were either denied bail for months (in some cases years) or were not granted one at all. This is a big problem! If citizens in this country can be easily put behind bars without a trial, only to be released months later with the help of a delayed intervention by the courts, then constitutional principles will easily turn to dust. Such a situation is even more dangerous when the courts have, in a majority of these cases, eventually ruled that the arrests were either illegal, unwarranted or not necessary. It is, therefore, significant for us to understand that the law on bail in India is highly oppressive. In fact, so much so that it manifests itself in the form of three-tier layered oppression.

oppression.

Advocate Abhinav Sekhri who happened to argue Disha's bail plea states that the age-old saying "Bail, not Jail" is in fact a myth. Let us see how. At the bottom of this layer is the State or the executive that has the power to categorise and classify crimes as bailable and non-bailable. So, if tomorrow the State decides that begging is a non-bailable offence — resultantly, all beggars on the streets will be immediately arrested with-



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out a warrant and put behind bars. out a warrant and put behind bars. The trial will go on at its own pace and the accused will spend years in prison without being proven guilty. It isn't shocking, therefore, that India is the only country where 70 per cent of prisoners are undertrials, most of whom are poor and are languishing in jails for years.

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In the middle of this layer is the police that has the power to invoke a non-bailable offence against an accused. Even though the law grants certain procedural safeguards, the police has to work at the whims and fancies of its political masters.

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Lastly, at the top of he layer is the judiciary, which, in hall petitions, is completely guided by the conscience of the respective judges. There are no statutory objective riteria and individual Judges are required to judge each case on its own merits. Such a situation poses itself as an irrony as well as a set of contradictions. On the one hand where the Constitution grants essential rights such as "equality before the law" and "equal process, interface and substantive due process, and substantive due process, and substantive due process, inderly and right to life to every citizen of this country, bail petitions, on the other hand, are heard with no objectivity or set crieria. Cases of identical nature are heard with no objectivity or set cri-teria. Cases of identical nature are dealt with differently by different courts and different judges. Therefore, a solution lies in

getting to the root of the problem. getting to the root of the problem. If we have to reduce the arbitrary power of the State, we need to review our antiquated laws on arrest and custody that were enact-ed by an oppressive British regime to control Indians and curb dissent during the freedom movement. An 1861 Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) cannot continue to decide the fate of millions of Indians in Independent India, Laws of sedition that give unbridled rights to the executive to act arbitrarily need to be done away with. At his sedition trial, even Mahatma Gandhi had unequivocally point-ed out that Section 124-A was a ed out that Section 124-Å was a "prince among the political sec-tions of the Indian Penal Code designed to suppress the liberty of the citizen." Countries like New Zealand, the UK and Australia have already gotten rid of their sedition laws and it is time India follows suit.

At the second level, we need to fix individual responsibility of police officers who, under the CPPC have been given the powers of arrest and detention. An anal-ogy can be drawn with

ogy can be drawn with International Humanitarian Law. During the war crimes trials that took place after World War-II, many defendants invoked superior orders as a defence, claiming that they could not be held accountable for the crimes com-mitted because they were only fol-lowing the orders of their superi-

ors. The case law of these trials eventually resulted in the development of a customary rule applicable in all armed conflicts, whereby obeying a superior order does not relieve a subordinate of criminal responsibility, if the subordinate knew that he act ordered was unlawful, or if he should have known so because of its manifestly unlawful nature. Where an order is manifestly unlawful, all combatants have a customary duty of disobey. Similarly, in domestic laws, the police officer carrying out an illegal arrest without following the process of law needs to be held accountable even if he was following the orders.

accountable even if he was following the orders.

Once we have reviewed and reclassified our laws into bailable and non-bailable offences, fixed the accountability of individual police officers, let the courts be guided by objective statutory criteria and not by their subjective conscience. The reason why we have to thank the conscience of judges like Rana is because of the subjectivity that pervades our bail laws.

laws.

The optimism that our judiciary has and will continue to have the likes of Judge Rana is a hope and hope alone cannot be our saviour in times of extreme distress. We have to act. As Benjamin Franklin rightly said, "Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."

#### POINTCOUNTERPOINT

**DEMOCRACIES FUNCTION BECAUSE INSTITUTIONS** OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY. THAT IS BEING ATTACKED IN INDIA (BY) ONE BIG INSTITUTION CALLED THE RSS. -CONGRESS LEADER

RAHUL GANDHI

Tiwary and Singh are from the National Law





IT WILL TAKE RAHUL GANDHI A LOT OF TIME TO UNDERSTAND THE RSS. THE RSS IS THE BIGGEST SCHOOL OF PATRIOTISM IN THE WORLD. -UNION MINISTER

## A move towards self-reliance in the education system

Integrated academic programmes are needed to provide supplemental support to teaching and learning in various disciplines, making it relevant in current circumstances

Globally, the post-mod-ernisation phase has been marked by a peri-od of substantial change in the contents and nature of educa-tion and examination process-es. Therefore, it is required that the focus should be on demonstrating how new mod-els of reform and education can demonstrating how new mod-els of reform and education can be used in real life experi-ments with democracy, the environment, globalisation and governance. There's a need to show how new ways of higher education will drive change and instill confidence among the masses and explain how lat-est research and happenings in the field of education across the globe can be disseminated so as to upgrade research and teach-

globe can be disseminated so as to upgrade research and teach-ing accordingly.

Plus, we have to find ways to do away with manipulation and nepotism; ensure policy brings good change and frame ways to reform the examination



SUDHIR HINDWAN

system to ensure that only tal-ent gets selected.

The higher education sys-tem's recent attempt to ensure a high level of partnership among institutions through equity and access to all, shows the level of insight in empow-ering and motivating students and faculty members across the

one even of insign in empower ering and motivating students and faculty members across the board. Besides, the pursuit of the National Education Adult, (NEP) to cover school, adult, higher education and efforts towards promotion of Indian languages and online education exhibit tremedous effort towards enhancement of the overall educational scenario. The sum and substance of the argument is to ensure that the new educational changes have brought in clean governance and accountability in education through a fresh perspective and a framework for key demands of higher education, demands of higher education, demands of higher education, while maintaining a synergy

among various stakeholders, particularly the youth. The provision to lay norms for designing new required struc-tures is to ensure affordability tures is to ensure arrorazolity to social justice. It goes without saying that many positive changes have been ensured

saying that many positive changes have been ensured through positive perspectives. Another welcome regulation is to monitor institutes mainly on the basis of reseath, academic excellence, its linkages and employability. There appears to be a clear framework of defining how the process of segregation of monitoring and financial powers in opening and shutting down of an institute would ensure transparency in the decision-making process. There have been lots of arguments among academicians about selection in higher education; and in this regard perhaps the main challenge is the pattern of selection in the contemporary context of increasing



international, inter-dependence and global change.
Recent developments have established a new basis for understanding the changing nature of polity and community. Perhaps there may be some modification in the examination system without which the process of reform may only remain a chimera. We ought to bring in changes to test the potential of students by testing the ability not only on academy. potential of students by testing the ability not only on academ-ic excellence but also by judg-ing their ability and knowledge about new information and

comprehending their level of social responsibility. The strength of the higher education system lies in creating its internal dynamism by ensuring inclusive growth. Even an excelent system is influenced by the people who make a difference. Human and financial relations and dealines are not as simple

Human and financial relations and dealings are not as simple as they appear to be and require constant monitoring by competent authorities. The provisions of Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUS) on par with the IITs, IIMs, the National Research Foundation, the National Educational Technology Forum and Indian Institutes of Translation and Interpretation would create an environment for students to reach their potential by encouraging acadpotential by encouraging acad-emic excellence of a global level, embracing new informa-tion on the one hand and

opening new areas of job-ori-ented courses on the other. Besides, it would help in understanding social responsi-bility. In addition to this, a new approach can also provide a clear way forward for students in multidisciplinary studies. Tremendous efforts have been

Themendous efforts have been made for making the entire apparatus of higher education foolproof, yet there are always a few takesays to new visias of aggrandisement and making the entitle process low cost and more people-intensive.

There is always scope to improve course contents through academic discourse by bringing about changes through conditive discourse, plus seeking multiple options and viewpoints in order to help in forming an integrated team consisting of only meritorious members for holistic development of social sciences. development of social sciences. Plus, there is a need for

field of social sciences.

More integrated academic programmes and services are needed that provide supplemental support to both teaching and learning in numerous and diverse disciplines making it more relevant in the current circumstances.

introducing new innovative mechanisms in social sciences designed to help students iden-tify career goals available in the field of social sciences.

it more relevant in the current circumstances.

Growth and enrichment of students and the community, both inside and outside of the classroom through community development exercise; more research centres to ensure academic excellence in many disciplines, exclusive intellectual skills designed to prepare students to engage in nuances of socio-economic and political issues related to the global order are the way forward to help our students carre out a help our students' carve out a niche for themselves.

## Trump's cash plea could complicate GOP fundraising

Trump needs you," one fundraising email

implored.
"President Trump's Legacy
is in your hands," another
pleaded.

is in your hands," another pleaded.
Others advertised "Miss Me Yet?" T-shirts featuring Donald Trump's smiling face.
While some Republicans grapple with how fiercely to embrace the former President, the organisations charged with raising money for the party are going all in.
The Republican National Committee and the party's congressional campaign arms are eager to cash in on Trump's lure with small domors ahead of next year's midterm elections, when the GOP hopes to regain control of all least one chamber of Congress.

control of at least one chamber of Congress. But there's a problem: Trump himself. In his first speech since leaving office, the former president encouraged

loyalists to give directly to him, essentially bypassing the traditional groups that raise money for GOP candidates. "There's only one way to contribute to our efforts to elect

America First' Republican con-servatives and, in turn, to make servatives and, in turn, to make America great again, "Trump said Sunday at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida. "And that's through Save America PAC and don-adiptrump. Com." The comment was particularly notable because Trump is generally loath to ask for money in person.

It amounts to the latest It amounts to the latest salvo in the battle to shape the future of the GOP, with Trump making clear that he holds no allegiance to the party's traditional fundraising operation as he tries to consolidate power. That could help him add to an already commanding war

an already commanding war chest, aiding his effort to influ-ence the party. Save America

cash on hand, including USI 3 million raised after the CPAG

casn on nand, including USD 3 million raised after the CPAC speech, according to a person familiar with the total.

Some of that money could be a fine the CPAC of the control of the cont

retevance in the 2022 cycle," said Dan Eberhart, a longtime Republican donor who has given large sums to all three as well as to Trump's campaign.

#### US will engage China from position of strength: Blinken will say in foreign policy speech

Secretary of State Antony Blinken in his first major Sceretary of State Antony Blinken in his first major foreign policy speech on Wednesday would describe the US' relationship with China as the biggest geopolitical test' of the 21st century and say that Washington will engage Beijing from a Ortength.

In his speech, Blinken would spell out eight aspects of how American diplomacy will carry out the strategy of President Joe Biden, including plans to restore America's global leadership.

"We will manage the biggest geopolitical test of the 21st century: our relationship with China', Blinken will say, according to the excerpts of his speech released by the State Department. "China is the only country

with the economic, diplomatic, military, and technological power to seriously challenge the stable and open international system – all the rules, values, and relationships that make the world work the way we want it to," Blinken will say.

Blinken will say. Say. Serting that the US relationship with China will be competitive when it as should be, collaborative when it can be and adversarial when it must be, the top diplomat will say that the US will engage China from the US will engage in the US will be used to be

#### Biden health pick taking heat for support of abortion rights

AP # WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden's pick for Health Secretary is taking heat from Republicans for his actions in support of abortion rights. They want to define him—and the new administration—as out of the mainstream. The nomination of Xavierra faces a key vote of the control of the cont

being associated with them is something that anti-abortion lawmakers want to make dis-qualifying for a Cabinet posi-tion," said Mary Ziegler, a law professor at Florida State University, who specializes in the legal history of reproduc-tion.

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Nationally, the abortion issue appears in flux. Lawmakers in 19 state legislatures have introduced almost 50 bills this year to ban most or all abortions, according to the nonpartisan Guttmacher Institute. In South Carolina, Republican Gov. Henry McMaster signed a measure banning most abortions, though it was almost immediately suspended by a federal judge.

Abortion opponents are hoping that litigation over a state law will reach the Supreme Court, now clearly leaning to the right.

#### **US forces: Rockets hit** airbase in Iraq hosting US troops

A tleast 10 rockets targeted a military base in western Iraq that hosts US-led coalition troops on Wednesday, the coali-tion and the Iraqi military said. It was not immediately known if there were any casualties

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The rockets struck Ain al-Asad airbase in Anbar province at 7:20 am, spokesman Col. Wayne Marotto said.

Later, the Iraqi military released a statement saying the attack did not cause significant losses and that security forces had found the launch pad used for the mixeliae at a Iraqi military. had found the launch pad used for the missiles. An Iraqi mili-tary official said they had been found in the al-Baghdadi area of Anbar, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not permitted to brief media.

It was the first attack since the U.S. Struck Iran-aligned militia targets along the Iraq-Syria border last week that killed one militiaman.

## Myanmar security | Myanmar authorities forces kill at least 6 protesters



nter the impact of tear gas fired by riot policemen in Yangon, Myanmar,

Myanmar security forces both and killed at least six people on Wednesday, according to accounts on social media and local news reports, as authorities extend their lethal crackdown on protests against last month's coup.

Multiple reports from several cities and towns, difficult to indemedically confirm said

to independently confirm, said police used live ammunition as well as tear gas and rubber bul-lets to violently disperse pro-

testers.

In Myingyan in central Myanmar, multiple social media posts reported the shooting death of a 14-year-old boy. A second death was reported later.

reported later. At least four other deaths

larly flooded the streets of cities across the country since the military seized power on Feb. 1 and outself the elected government of leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Their numbers have remained high even as security forces have repeatedly fired tear gas, rubber bullets and live rounds to disperse the crowds, and arrested protesters en masse.

On Sunday, the U.N.

protesters en masse.
On Sunday, the U.N.
Human Rights Office said it
believed at least 18 people
were killed that day.
The escalation of violence
has led to increased diplomatic efforts to resolve Myanmar's
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ic efforts to resolve Myanmar's political crisis.

The U.N. Security Council is expected to hold a closed meeting on the situation on Friday, council diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of an official

## charge Associated Press journalist

AP # YAMGON

Authorities in Myanmar
have charged Associated
Press journalist Thein Zaw
and five other members of the
media with violating a public
order law that could see them
imprisoned for up to three
years, a lawyer said Tuesday.
while cherring protest agested
solve in Millary coup in
Myanmar that ousted the elected government of Aung San
Suu Kyi. The group includes
journalists for Myanmar Now,
Myanmar Photo Agency, TDay
News, Zee Kwet online news
and a freelancer.
Lawyer Tin Zar Oo, who
represents Thein Zaw, said the
six have been charged under a
law that punishes anyone who
causes fear among the public,
knowingly spreads false news,
or agitates directly or indirectly
for a criminal offense against
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ly for a criminal offense against a government employee. The law was amended by the junta last month to broad-en its scope and increase the maximum prison term from two years. AP's Thein Zaw, 32, was years. APs Thein Zaw, 32, was taken into custody on Saturday morning in Yangon, the country's largest city. He is reported to be held in Insein Prison in northern Yangon, notorious for housing political prisoners under previous military regimes. According to the lawyer, Thein Zaw was remanded into custody by a court and can be held until March 12 withou another hearing or further action. The AP has called for his

another hearing or further action. The AP has called for his immediate release.
"Independent journalists must be allowed to freely and safely report the news without fear of retribution," Ian Phillips, AP vice president for international news, said after the strongest terms the arbitrary detention of Theira to the strongest terms the arbitrary detention of Theira to the strongest terms the arbitrary detention of Theira to the strongest terms the arbitrary detention of Theira to the strongest terms the strongest terms the control of the strongest terms the stro

Authorities escalated their crackdown on the protesters this past weekend, carrying out mass arrests and using lethal force. The UN Human Rights offices said it believes at least 18 people were shot dead Sunday in several cities when

#### **Kuwait swears** in new Govt amid mounting crises

AP II DUBAI

Kuvaiti's new Cabinet was Swoornin Wednesday, staterun media reported, weeks after the government quit andid a deepening deadlock with parliament that has blocked badly needed reforms in the tiny oil-rich Gulf Arab state.

Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khade Al Hamad Al Sabah swapped out four ministers whose selections had angered various lawmakers for less contentious, weteran politicians, an apparent gesture to appease parliament.

The worsening rift between Kuwait's emir-appointed government and elected parliament presents the first significant challenge to Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah, who ascended the throne last fall. The infighting has dimminshed public confidence, caused instability and hastened the throne last fall. The infighting has dimminshed the proposed of t government from borrowing as other Gulf states have done in response to the coronavirus pandemic and low crude

prices.

Kuwait stands out among the hereditary sheikhdoms of the Persian Gulf for its rambunctious parliament and robust political debate.

## Yemen's rebels say latest US sanctions will prolong war

Vemen's Iran-backed rebels Yemen's Iran-backed rebels on Wednesday warned that the U.S. Sanctions imposed the previous day on two of their military leaders would only prolong the conflict in the improvised Arab country. President Joe Biden's

improvised Arab country
President Joe Biden's
administration slapped sanctions on Tuesday on two
Houthi leaders, citing their
alleged roles in cross-border
attacks on Saudi Arabia and
shipping wessles in the Red Sea.
Rebel leaders Monsour alSaudi and Ahmed al-Hamzi
were responsible for attacks
"impacting Vemeni civilians,
bordering nations, and commercial vessels in international waters," the departments of
State and Treasury said.

They said the Houthis play
"a significant role in the conflict
in Yemen and exacerbate the
dire humanitarian plight of
the Yemeni people."
Mohammed Abdul-Salam
a spokesman for the Houthis,
said the sanctions have shown
the U.S. does not attempt to
stop the aggression and lift the
siege on Yemen."

The sanctions have also shown that the U.S. "is responsible for prolonging the war and worsening the humanitarian crisis," according to al-Saadi.

Saadi.
Al-Saadi heads the Houthis naval forces and masterminded attacks on ships in the Red Sea, while al-Hamzi supervised missile and explosive-laden drone attacks in Yemen and on Saudi Arabia, the Treasury Department alleged.

and the sanctions came came just weeks after the Biden administration removed the Houthis from a broader terrorism blacklist in a bid to ease civilian suffering in the country.

However, since the rever However, since the reversal of that designation, which was made in the waning days of former President Donald Trump's administration, the Houthis have stepped up attacks in Yemen and on Saudi Arabia, mainly with ballistic missiles and explosive-laded drones. Yemen's war started in 2014 when the Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north.

#### Ambedkar International Centre moves California court to ioin caste

discrimination case

WASHINGTON: The Ambedkar International Center (AIC), a US-based organization fighting against caste discrimination on Tuesday approached the California Supreme Court to be admitted as an entire to the california but to t

Court to be admitted as an amicus curiae in a case that involves caste discrimination in the workplace.

Amicus curiae, literally meaning 'friend of the court', is a person or organization who is not party to the litigation at hand, but is allowed to advise the court on a point of law or fact directly concerning the lawsuit.

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lawsuit.
The California Department
of Fair Employment and
Housing (DFEH) vs Cisco
Systems Inc, Sundar Iyer and
Ramana Kompella case of caste
discrimination in the workuscrimination in the work-place is scheduled for hearing on March 9.

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California regulators last year sued Cisco Systems, saying an engineer faced discrimination at the company's Silicon Valley headquarters because he is a Dalit Indian. The State of California alleges that a major tech-industry employer violated civil rights laws by discriminating against a worker of Indian-origin because he was born into a lower caste. PTT lower caste.

## Japan weighing extension of coronavirus emergency in Tokyo

AP ■ TOKYO

Wednesday he is considering extending a coronavirus state of emergency in the Tokyo region for about two weeks because of

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oncerns that infections have not slowed enough and are continuing to strain medical systems in the region.

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possible.
"Our anti-infection measures are in a very important phase," Suga told reporters Wednesday.

#### **ISIS** claims killing of 3 female media workers in Afghan

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the killing of three women working for a local radio and TV station in eastern Afghanistan, the latest in a spike in targeted killings across the war-tor country.

Dozens of people gathered Wednesday for the funerals of the three media workers.

The women were gunned down on Tuesday in separate attacks, according to the news editor of the privately owned station and officials in Nangarhar province.

Afghan officials said police arrested the alleged killer of the

Baser and insisting he was a Taliban — a claim promptly denied by Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid Nangarhar police chief, Gen. Juma Gul Henat, said Baser had used a pistol with a silencer in the attacks. He was arrested shortly after the attacks by police in Jalalabad, the provincial capital. The IS claim, posted late Tuesday, contradicted the Afghan government's accusations against the Taliban. The militants said the three female journalists were targeted becausethey worked for one of the "media stations loyal to the apostate Afghan government" in Jalalabad.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

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Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Identification: Four fingers of
the left leg are amputated. Warring: Red & white colour jersey &
blue colour payjama and shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Samaipur Badli, Delhi at E-mail Id -

cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: http://cbi.nic.in

General public is hereby informed that a General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), Namely: Nitin Rana @ Sanju S/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o H No. 1028, Near Ram Lila Ground, Village Siraspur, Delhi has been missing since 06.02.2021 from his house. In this

regard a case vide DD No. 15A dated 07.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Samaipur Badli, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi

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Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document: The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over http://ktenders.gov.irom.date 28-02-2021 (1600 Hrs. onwards)

Pre-bid meeting: Shall be conducted on 95-03-2021 at 1200 Hrs in the Office.

4. e-Bid and hard copy submission (end) date & time :- 19-03-2021 up to

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#### **WESTERN RAILWAY**

Tender Notice Nos.: BCT/20 21/365 & BCT/20-21/366, di 1.03.2021 DOP 06.04.202 Existing as (Date of Opening) for both tenders: 06.04.2021 To be read as (Date of Opening) for both tenders: 26.03.2021. All other terms & conditions remain the

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Corrigendum

With reference to the notice no. SCE/E-TEN/01/2020-21 and PR. No. 0.13216 (SCI.&TECH) 2020-21 inviting e-tender, published in the different newspapers on 23.02.2021, the following amendments are being hereby notified therein: The date and time of Opening of Technical Bids should be read as

The e-procurement website address should be read as https://eproc2.bihar.gov.inand the concerned eProc 2.0 Help Desk address/contact details can be accessed from the "Contact Us" section of

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#### **Kenya receives 1 million** vaccines from COVAX AP ■ NAIROBI

Kenya has received just over 1 million doses the fact Covid-19 vaccine in the first batch from the global COVA: Nititative that was created to ensure that low- and middle-income countries have fair access to vaccines.

Some 1.02 million doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, arrived in Nairobi early Wednarder was coordinated to indicate the control of the control of the control oxed the control ox

Wednesday, according to a joint statement rom UNICEF, the World Health Organization, nternational vaccine alliance GAVI and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness

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Kenyan Health Minister Mutahi Kagwe expressed excitement and optimism that the vaccines would help stop the spread of the cornavirus that has forced the East African country to partially lock down its economy with devastating consequences for many citizens.

## **India's services sector** expands at fastest rate

Employment falls further, says survey

India's services activity expanded at the fastest rate in a year during February, while employment fell further and companies noted the sharpest rise in overall expenses, a monthly survey said on Wednesday.

The seasonally adjusted India Services Business Activity India Services Business Activity
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Indiacr rose from 25.8 in January
to 55.3 in February, pointing to
the sharpest rate of expansion
in output in a year amid
improved demand and more
favourable market conditions.
The index was above the
critical 50 mark that separates
growth from contraction for
the fifth month in a row durining February as the roll-out of
COVID-19 vaccines led to an
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month, panellists continued to indicate that the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restric-



tions curbed international demand for their services.

"New export orders declined for the twelfth month running, albeit at the weakest rate since last March," the survey noted.

vey noted.

Meanwhile, Indian private

sector output rose at the quick-est pace in four months during February. The Composite PMI Output Index, which measures combined services and manu-facturing output, increased from 55.8 in January to 57.3 in February.

#### Need to ensure India is recognised as a quality conscious nation at global level, says Goyal

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday stressed on improving Indian quality standards to ensure that India is recognised as a quality-conscious country with which people can do business

#### Need of the hour is to reduce logistics cost: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said the need of the hour is to reduce logistics

on Wednesday sad the need of the hour is to reduce logistics cost in the country as India cannot be competitive if this cost remains high. He also said that investments in the Sagarmala project wall boost the country's marriant control of the country of the cou

Goyal called for more and more use of artificial intelligence, big data and other technology-related solutions to help resolve standardisation issues facing industry and other entrepreneurs. "I do believe that this is a dawn of a new era of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', where

with confidence.
"We must work towards ensuring India's recognition at the global stage as a quality conscious country, as a country with which people can do business with the confidence that they will get what we say, they will receive what they require. And they can be assured that an Indian product; the Food and Consumer Affairs Minister said, and a virtual Workshop on Easing Compilance of BAS Compilan dawn of a new era of an Atmanishar Bharat, where digitalisation and efficiency are going to determine India's success in the future. More and more use of artificial intelligence, big data. All of these technology diriven solutions will help our industry in a big way, he added.

The certification process will be simplified, stating that BIS should ensure the cost of testing never becomes a detriment to conforming to quality and getting certification, the minister said, adding that there will be reduction of fee for the certification for MMEs. Goyal also suggested that the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) should operate on the

businesses for greater profits and quality speaks for itself, and is not expensive. "It adds to the productivity, helps businesses to get bigger markets so that they can get economies of scale and helps to eliminate wastage," he pointed out. "I think now with the onset of an Indian standard one national standard one national standard roughlity, moductivity, affordability, accessibility, which should truly make the Indian standard a world-wide accepted standard. And when we go anywhere in the world, a standard that we make in India should be respected, recognised, appreciated and be the gold standard of quality," he said.

(BIS) should operate on the 'QUICK' Model - Quality, Uniformity through One Nation One Standard, International Mindset,

International Mindset, Conformity Assessment and Knowledge Sharing. "Our mantra for the day should be Quick Action, Quick Response, Quick Absorption of best practices and Quicker Ways of Working," he added.

#### **INBRIEF**

GHAZIABAD TO FLOAT BONDS WORTH ₹150 CRORE

funicipal Corporation will issue ublic Municipal Bonds worth 47150 crore in the first week of April. For this, the Mumbai Stock Exchange has completed all preparations for listing the municipal public issue on BSE. This information was given by Municipal Commissioner Mahent



Municipal Commissioner Mahendra Singh Tanwar during the execu-neeting to the Municipal Corporation House.

GOYAL FLAGS OFF SIDDHABALI JAN SHATABDI TRAIN New Delhi: The Union Minister of Ralways, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Pylysh Goyal flagged off Kotdwar-Delhi Junction-Kotdwar Siddhabail Jan Shatabil Special train through video conferencing on Wednesday Joing with Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokintyal Yisshark' and other digitaties present at the event site.

CLW PRODUCES 40 PLUS LOCOMOTIVES PER MONTH CLW PRODUCES 40 PLUS LOCOMOTIVES PER MONT Chiltarajanc LVD one again proved its capacity and commitment towards production of locomotives for Indian Railway. From March onwards new challenge in form of Covid-19 has enguled the entire world and CLW was not untouched with. Due to nationwide lockdow the material supply of different components used in production of locomotive became irregular. The working hours has also restricted. This has impacted the production of locomotives at CLW intailay production was slow in first quarter of Financial Year 2020-21, yet CLW managed to gain the production figure of 40+ locomotives per month since September 2020.

AYURVEDA REALITY PRODUCTS I AUNCHED

New Delhi: After intensive research to meet the increasing the chemical free beauty products based on time-tested ayu system, Kannau-based Fragnance and Flavour Development Centre (FFTC) in Uttar Pradesh under the Union Ministry of Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSME) has recently prepared a natural face Serum and fragnance, a technology which has been transferred to Delhi-based firm AIMIL Pharma. Using this technology, the herbal pharma manufacturer has now launched a range of quality beauty products under the brand 'AyouthVeda' for the health conscious

JIO. FIREWORK TEAM UP TO OFFER VIDEO STORIES : Reliance Jio has roped in Firework Short Video Platform tical video "stories" to its 100 million plus KaiOS users in

offer vertical video "stories" to its 100 million plus KaiOS users in india. "Julh bas created a new category of connected users by bringing the KaiOS ecosystem to India and then pioneering app development or these phones, meant for an untapped audience. To have them join the portfolio of Firework publishers is a significant reassurance towards Firework's business leadership as a short video network platform, globally," said CEO of Firework India Sumi Nair.

ZIPAWORLD FORAYS INTO OCEAN FREIGHT

New Delhi: Logistics startup Zipaworld amounced its foray in the wocan freight booking segment and expects at least three-fold growing in its turnover in instrumover in the next financial year on the back of the expansion in its business. Ambrish Numar, founder of Zipaworld and forup CEO of AAA 2 innovate Private Ltd, said that the company also plans to come up with an intendity counier service in 2021, which would give further boost to its revenues.

## petrol, diesel by ₹8.5 a litre without hurting revenues

PTI I NEW DELHI

The Government has room The Government has room to cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by up to ₹8.5 per litre without impacting its target for revenue from the tax on the two fuels, analysts said. Petrol and diesel prices hover at a historic high following a relentless increase in rates over

at a historic high following a relentless increase in rates over the past nine months: There have been calls by opposition parties as well as sections of society to the government to reduce excise duty duty to ease consumer pain. "We estimate excise duty on auto fuels in FY22 (April 2021 to March 2022), if it is not cut, at ₹4.35 lakh crore versus budget estimate of ₹3.2 lakh crore.

crore.

"Thus, even if excise duty is cut by ₹8.5 per litre on or before April 1, 2021, FY22E

budget estimate can be met," ICICI Securities said in a note.

ICICI Securities said in a note.
It expressed optimism for an excise duty cut given demand recovery, impending privatisation and inflation concerns but expected it to be more modest than ₹8.5 a litre.

#### Crude oil futures decline on low demand

New Delhi: Crude oil futures on Wednesday fell 1.81 per cent to ₹4,387 per barrel as partic-ipants reduced their positions on low demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude oil for March delivery eased by ₹81, or 1.81 per cent, to ₹4,387 per barrel with a business vol-ume of 5,366 lots. *PTI* 

## Govt can cut excise duty on Sensex, Nifty spurt over 2% on global rally

Continuing their winning crun for the third session in a row, the BSE Sensex surged nearly 1,148 points to breach the 51,000-level and the NSE

Rupee logs best single-day gain in 6 months on forex

inflows, stocks rally

The rupee on Wednesday surged by 65 paise — its biggest single day spike since September 2020 — to end at 72.72 against the US dollar on the back of weakness in the American dollar and rise in risk appetite in the global markets. A rally in domestic equities, foreign fund inflows and positive macro data also boost-

Nifty recaptured the 15,200-mark on Wednesday, propped up by intense buying in finan-cial and energy stocks. At the closing bell, the 30-share Sensex was up 1,147.76 points or 2.28 per cent at 51,444.65—the biggest single-day rise since February 2. Intra-day, the index swung 1,244 points. Likewise, the NSE Nifty climbed 326.50 points or 21: per cent to end at 15,245.60 with 43 of its constituents clos-ing in the green. Over the last

three sessions, the Sensex has risen by 2,344.66 points or 4.77 per cent while the Nifty has added 716.45 points or 4.93 per cent. The Sensex rally was dri-

The Sensex rally was driven by Bajaj FinServ, Reliance Industries, Bajaj Finance, IOICI Bank, HDFC and Axis Bank. Of the 30 Sensex constituents, 27 closed in the green.
Bajaj Finserv rose the most by 5.15 per cent. Reliance Industries rose by 4.52 per cent a day after its telecom arm

trum auctions. Reliance Jio picked up 488.35 MHz of spec-trum in bands such as 800 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2300 MHz for ₹57,122.65 crore.

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Analysts said strengthening
of spectrum footprints by
Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio
in the auctions is expected to
yield market share gains for the
two telcos. Bharti Airtel, which
bid about ₹18,699 crore to
pick up 355.45 Megahertz, rose
by 0.92 per cent.

## IEA chief backs India on coal, says no exit without financial support PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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Lending his weight to India's stand on coal as an energy source, International Energy Agency (IEA) chief Fath Birol on Wednesday said it won't be fair to ask developing nations to stop using coal without giving international financial assistance to make the common of the common

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#### SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Jaikaran, S/o Rama Shankar Parsad, R/o Samalka Farm House Ramchandra Samalka Farm House Ramchandra Hajari, Near Narayan Ashram, NH8, New Delhi, Age: 15 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Medium, wearing School Uniform, Sky Blue colour Dharidar Shirt, Blue Pant and Black Shoes in feet, has been

s house since 05.08.2019 at 11:00 AM. In rd a FIR No. 345/19, dated 06.08.2019 has be red at P.S. Kapashera, New Delhi. efforts have been made by the local police to trace out

the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having P.S. Kapashera 8638, 24368641 New Delhi DP/316/SW/2020 Ph. No.: 011-25066105, 25063758

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#### 27.02.2021 has been registered at PS New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o** Unknown. Age about 30-35 years, height about 55°, Complexion shallow wearing Grey colour checkdar shirt was the same of the sam and Blue colour jeans pant was found dead due to train accident at Railway Track, ITO Bridge, Near Tilak Bridge Railway Station Delhi on 27.02.2021.

this regard a D.D. No. 39-A U/s 174 Cr.P.C. dated

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

PS New Delhi Rly. Station, Delhi Ph. 011-23744073, 23363622

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Mohan Parmar Sio Sultan Singh Parmar Rio C-79, Bhagast Singh Colony, Balabhgarh, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 8415 U/S 408 IPC, PS. Naraina, Delhi and it has been Mohan Parmar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mohan Parmar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of th said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mohan Parman accused of FIR No. 84/15 U/S 408 IPC, P.S. Naraina, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.04.2021.

Mr. Himanshu Raman S Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 20, Main Bui DP/351/WD/2021 Patiala House Court, New Del Catering to the changing consumer psyche of spending over experiences, hotels now focus on enhancing their aesthetics and opt for theme-based decor. SoniA Sood shares a few looks

The hospitality business is one of the thriving businesses in India. Despite experiencing a sluggish period with occurrence of the pandemic, the industry is focusing on revival now. They are coming with state-of-the-art solutions to boost their business and increase the footfall.

In an attempt to adopt innovative way outs, they increasingly focus on hotel art and decor. The industry and decor have an inseparable connection. Hotels across categories are recognised for their ambience and decor. They are preferred for their visually appealing interiors. Catering to the changing consumer psyche who now prefer spending their finances over experiences, hotels most focus on enhancing the aesthetics of their property and opt for the recommendation of the consumer than the beauty of the rooms but also adorn the walls, the public spaces, in house cateries, and other guest visiting sones with traditional interiors, modern decor and artsy masterpieces.

pieces. Here are 10 hotel decor themes to look forward to this year.

VOCAL FOR LOCAL

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The vocal for local strategy has been adopted in the hotel business as well. There has been a shift from modern art decord into to local artistic designs. The properties will now stress on highlighting the local art and architecture and well exhibit the same in their interiors.

This will not only enhance the brand image but hotels will also be able to adorn their interiors with the expertise of the local artisans. From the customer's perspective, they will be in for a treat as for them stay in such hotels will law or in the hotel's interiors will also boost the industries of the region. tries of the region.

GLAMPING

It is a refined term for glamorous camping. This refers to the plush tent or yurt stays that offer high-end furnishing,



superior restroom facilities and plush interiors. The hotels will be focusing to offer glamping experiences to their guests as these will offer stylish decor at its prime.

SIMPLICITY IS THE KEY

Gone are the days when hotels used Gone are the days when hotels used to stress on ey-popping and attention-seeking interiors. The hoteliers now form on adorning their property with simplistic designs. Minimalism is the new fad. Hence, they prefer less patterned designs and vibrant colours and opt for soft hues and pasted shades along with textures. They have realised that creating a cosy environment with minimal designs radiate elegance and hence the customers are able to gather a memorable experience.

THE HOMEY TOUCH
With the work from home and work-cation trends picking up pace, the hotels are focussing on creating a homey envi-ronment, especially in their rooms. Guests prefer staying for long and have to work during their stay. Having a homey envi-ronment is their criteria while they book

amy property.

Hence, the hotels are extending a plush yet home away from experience. Wood furnishing, carpets, curtains, fireplace, TV unit set up, music playing technology are imbibed to ensure that the customers get

a homely environment.

GO GREEN AND NATURAL

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In order to support the go green initiatives, hotels are now giving a natural look and feel to their interiors with nature-themed decor. Opting for green walls and roofs along with the planting of green grass, stone-based decorations, indoor waterfalls, and wood-themed decor is something that they are inclined towards now.

SUSTAINABLE ART AND INTERIORS SUSTAINABLE ART AND INTERIORS
Sustainability is a prime area for hotels and they wish to minimise their short-term expenditure. There is indeed a cut throat competition and hence they aim to have unique interiors that will demarcate them from the other competition presents.

demarcate them from the other compet-tive properties (windows to allow natur-al light and sun rays to enter, construction with natural building materials, setting up recycling processes of the natural resources for guests, coming with smart and tech-savy electronic fautest, providing organ-ic locally grown food are a few of the tac-ties that they are adopting.

PERSONALISED SPACES

Customers have been long awaiting their stay in the hotels. Now with unlock-

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ing and working with the new hormal, they are opting to stay for a long stretch at the hotel properties. Hence, hoteliers are now leaning towards personalising the spaces as per the guests' requirements. They are coming up with strategies like theme-based guestrooms, customisa-tion and personalisation features with the help of the relevant decor.

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technology despite being on a vacation.
They desire to have tech-sawy rooms and
hence the hotels also design and decorate
certain rooms the techie way.
Adjustable lighting, air conditioning,
window blinds, electronic door lock and
key system, smartphone or tablet-driven
features in the rooms along with tablet
check-in and check-out processes extend
the requisite tech experience.

RECYCLING ART

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Keeping into consideration to minimalise the wastage of natural resources, the hotels are now focusing on inculcation of recyclable art in their decor. This trend has recently picked up and will continue to grow in the coming months.

Reusing and recycling the materials and transforming them into decor is indeed unique. Glass bottles used for lighting, vintage windows, and doors used as decor, transforming paper tubes into tables, chairs, wall decorations, mosaic marble art, are some of the ways how hotels are reusing and recycling materials.

STORY-BASED THEMES
Hoteliers have incorporated the storytelling format in the art and decor of their properties as well. Understanding that stories attract customers and also touch their emotional and sensitive side, they lean towards incorporating story themesheed decor. Not only does it exhibit their creativity and innovation but also provides the guests a vibrant and intriguing environment.
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Realising the value of hospitality art, the hoteliers are collaborating with muse-ums, boutique art firms, designers, and painters, and are also roping in art and decor experts to extend a luxurious stay with grand interiors and aesthetic decor. While there are various themes in 2021, it is anticipated that local art, tech-based decor and minimalism will rule. This makes the future of hospitality art and decor promising. (The writer is founder and director, Karabi Art Community.)



#### Owe my career to TV: Ronit

Roint shot to fame with his portrayal as the suave Rishabh Bajai in the show Kasautii Zindagi Kay. He was later seen in shows such as Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi, Bandini and Adaalat among many others. Over the years, he has also made his space in Bollywood with roles in films such as Udaan, Box, Sankara 3, Kabail, 2 Sattes, Student Of The Year, and Shootout At Wadala, among others.

ers.
Ronit, however, says he never left television.
"I never left television and this is not a full length role, I am a host. I always love to work on television and the way people react to it. I owe my career to television," he said.

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The actor is currently busy with his forthcoming crime show Jurn Aur Jazbad for Shemaroo TV. "I am shooting for Jurn Aur Jazbad and a project called Candy, and there are quite a few projects in the pipeline," he said.

#### **TREND TOOL**



Make your contemporary spaces chic and warm with these end tables

A mix of styles and textures, here are a few end tables launched by Ashley Aa few end tables launched by Ashley Furniture Home Store that might cre-ate a visual interest in any interior set-tup. Brought to India by Dash Square, these vintage-inspired pieces never go out of trend. With their weathered, rus-tic look, the new accent tables, made of wood, allow you to add that much-needed extra chicness and warmth to

vour contemporary space.

LUVONI TABLE

LUVONI TABLE

The Luvoni round coffee table set ups your style game. Faux Carrara marble tabletops bring an upscale look to the scene. Finished in a sleek matte black, the sculptural bases with canted legs are cool from every angle. This set includes one coffee table and two

accent tables. The tables' base is made of veneers, wood and engineered wood and the tabletops' are made of faux Carrara marble.

Carrara marble."

BOLANBROOK TABLE

Round up country chic style for your living room repertoire with the Bolanbrook occasional tables set. Its round coffee table and two round entables are in a popular two-tone finish ables are in a popular two-tone finish farmhouse design. Antique with bathes the lower shelves and turned legs, while a weathered oak colour covers the lower shelves can be used for displaying accents or open storage. The tables are made of white oak veneers, wood and

engineered wood.

FERLIN TABLE

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With a two-toned approach to style that's both earthy and elegant, the Ferlin coffee table set rounds out your living space. Rich and rustic wood-colour tops with grooved accents are a lovely complement to the metal framing with crossbar design. The Ferlin Table set instantly enhances the interior decor of any space. The set includes one coffee table and two end tables. These accent tables are made of weners, engineered wood and metal.

ROYBECK TABLE

Similar to mixed media art, the Roybeck accent table set combines the modern appeal of metal with the rustic qualities of wood for a striking meld of metal with the rustic qualities of wood for a striking meld tic qualities of wood for a striking meld of earthy elements. Beautiful butterfly-patterned veneer transforms the everyday in an extraordinary way. The Roybeck Table set includes one coffee table and two end tables. The tables are made of veneers, wood and engineered wood and have a dark bronze-tone metal frame and a natural acacia finish.

BELLENTEEN TABLE

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Tin is in. Bring it home in a farm-house fresh way with the Bellenteen cofee table set. This trio pairs a classic trestle design with a mottled faux tin top for a striking contrast. The Bellenteen Table set includes one coffee table and two end tables. These exquisite tables are made of veneers, wood and engineered wood and feature a faux metal top. Each table in this set includes an undermount shelf with plank styling.

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The Airdan coffee table set goes off centre in a beautiful way with an eyecatching cantilevered design. A sleek 
metal base in an aged bronze tone seanlessly merges with the wire-brushed 
veneer tableton. This hand-finished 
table set includes one coffee table and 
two end tables. These minimal tables are 
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## Tribute to the legends

Actors AJAY KESWANI and URVASHI RAUTELA feel blessed for remaking the song Ek Ladki Bheegi Bhaaqi Si



Well-timed in the middle of the spring season, Cool Lip Music in association with White Billionaire X Beyond Music brings the remake of Ekadik Bheegi Bhaagi Si. The original song that was helmed by legends Kishore Kumar and the state of th

along with actress, Urvashi Rautela. The remake has been

shot in the scenic Al Qudra Desert. The music video cap-tures sunlit sand dunes, a vibrant festival party, a bathtub in the desert, and an underwa-ter sequence.

in the desert, and an underwater sequence.
Singer, actor and multi-instrumentalist, Ajay Keswani says, "This song is iconic and as withstood the test of time. It feels fresh every time! hear it. Im paying my respect to my the control of the contr

and video."
Urvashi says, "The chance
to be Madhubala ji for a song is
a dream come true. I'm excited
that the song is out now and I

can't wait to know the response to it. I thank producers Viral Motani, Pakkhi Hegde and Manoj Lakhiani for having me on board this extremely special song."

ng." Viral Motani, Producer, word Music says, "We offer song."
Viral Motani, Producer, Beyond Music says, "We offer the remake of the song to viewers and listeners and now it belongs to them. It has been an absolute pleasure recreating the song with Ajay, Vicky-Hardik and Urvashi. As a trio, Pakkhi Hegde, Manoj Lakhiani and I have been fortunate to witness the love of the music buffs with our earlier remakes. We hope the streak continues with the release of our new song." The song is available on the YouTube channel of Sareyama.

#### TREND BLAZER



thriller Dhamaka will drop directly on OTT platform, bypassing theatrical release. Kartik confirmed the news to fans with an Instagram post, although the date of release is yet to be official ly declared.

"Jo bhi Kahunga Sach Kahunga Dhamaka coming soon, only on Netflix," wrote Kartik, with a clip of the



'I pat my back for making it in the industry with absolutely non-filmy back-ground and no godfathers and people to guide me. The only person who gave me advice right at the beginning of my career was (Rocket Singh writer) Jaideep Sahani, who is one of the finest writers we have. He told me that 'you need to know that your notential is vast."

dailytalk



'Everyone has their own thoughts and views. For instance, I am happy being in Chandigarh, Punjab and would never want to leave. That is my choice. Eventually, it is an individual's perspective. If anyone wants to go abroad, it's their choice and I respect that. I do have an option to settle in Canada, but I don't want

#### HARD YEAR FOR MOMS: JENNIFER Last year's lockdown stretch

wasn't easy, especially for mothers, asserts Oscar-winning actress JENNIFER GARNER, who is a mother to three kids.

"This has been such a hard year for moms. We had to watch our kids be home, miss out on things, said she.









The arts and crafts fair at Dilli Haat give a glimpse into the rich culture of the UT

At the second edition of Enchanting Ladakh, the annual art and craft fair organised by the Union territory's Department of Industries and Commerce, saw several people from the Dard Aryan tribe of Ladakh. There were stalls displaying Rajasthani chimran, Madhubani paintings and Lucknow inflora kurtas.

Lucknowi chikan kurtas.

The event was inaugurated by Ladakh I-G Radha Krishna Mathur in the presence of MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Feroz Ahmed Khan of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LaHDC, Kargil, Tishi Gyalson of LAHDC, Leh, and senitor officials from the Union Ministry of the Council (LaHDC) and the Council Council

ful costumes of the Dard Aryans for ₹50 or get pictured with them. Around 76 artisans with their karigars from the UT will stay put in Delhi over the next two weeks selling their unique-ly crafted handloom and handly crafted nandiooni and name icraft products such as pashmi-



na shawls (called Lena), clay models, dry fruits, hand-knitted items and seabuckthorn products. The deputy secretary of Ladakh's Department of Culture,

Tsewang Paljor, who is a part of the organising committee, said, "We have got artisans from all corners of Leh and Kargil, mak-ing sure no unique product or art form is left behind."

He shared that the preference was given to rural artisans and craftsmen. All the pro-ceeds will go directly to the arti-sans. At the inaugural event, Gyalson said that this is the sec-

ond edition. "We didn't record good sales in the first edition of the festival. We wanted to make sure that the artisans from Ladakh gets sufficient expo-sure on a national level," said he.

Indian Tourism Development Corporation (TIDC) has been the forefront of leading conversation around health, selely and growth of tourism sector amid the on-going pandemic ITDC has been instrumental in charting precautionary directives, revival for hospitality sector and generating revenues uting these unterseen cricinarises of lockdown and social distancing. Post the ease in travel guidelines and resumption of domestic tourism, ITDC along with other industry leaders participated in a websiter organised by Indo Sri Lariac Charabler of Commerce and Industry (ISCD) to discoss the overview of Lourism industry in Sti Lariac Charable variether Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, (TIDC, joined the discussion along with other eminent digitalized including Dr Kristnak Turner, Former Union Minister, Government of India, Lt. Gen Rakesh Kumra Lourotta, PVSM, M/SM, Engineer Naseer Ahraned, Member, Parliament in Sri Lariaka Parliament, Dustane Wickmassuriya, Director Affareiting of the Sri Lariaka Tourism Promotion Bureau and Aamir Ali, ED, Sri Larika Afriines.





Manager Rajeev Kumar Bansal and General Manage Rajeev Vinaik congratulated

of mystical Sulf music — Shaam-a-Sulfyana — hosted by Vandana and Praveen Gupta. The vent was graced by the Minister of Health and Tamily Meltrae and Science and Technology Dr Heash Vardnan; S N Srivastava, Commissioner Police Delhi; Rajesh Aggarwal, Add. Secretary to GOI; Rajesh Aggarwal; DDC Sanigy Bittala among many others. Soulful performances by Paddras Drik Silvish Mica John William.





If everything opes well, the colour of Hindon river will be changed soon. Regarding hits, the DM of Ghzaizhad, Dr Ajay Sharlar Panday, held a review meeting with officials of the Municipal Corporation and other related departments regarding cleanliness and other arrangements of the Hindon River. In his meeting, the District Magistrate gave large form eigevenation of Hindon River to permanent beautification. He said that now a long-term action plan is being made for permanent beautification of the Hindon River so that the river can remain clean.

## Maharashtra Governor felicitates LIC

The Governor of Maharashtra, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, felicitated LIC of India at Raj Bhavan for the commendable work done during the pandemic. Vipin Anand, Managing Director, LIC, received the honour.

During the pandemic, LIC rendered exceptional services to its policyholders and the society as a whole. Death claims arising due to COVID-19 were treated at par with other causes of death and settled on priority. The insurance company has also ensured that other policy payments like Survival Benefit, Policy Maturity, Annuities and Loans were made to policyholders promptly by crediting the amount into the bank



account registered with LIC.
For collection of premium, all
digital channels were available
24x7 during the lockdown
period to ensure that the
policies do not lapse.
For combating the pan-

demic, the insurance compa-ny contributed to the PM Cares Fund and CM Relief Fund in different states. The organisation also contributed organisation also contributed to the Tata Memorial Hospital and funded the purchase of ambulance with life saving equipment like ventilator, multi channel patient moni-

toring system and more.

The employees and agents of LIC also rose to the occasion and stepped in to combat the challenges posed by the pandemic. To encourage continuation of Risk Cover in the current circumstances of high risk, the company has provided another opportunity to policy holders to revive their lapsed policies by launching Special Revival Campaign. Till date more than 20 lakhs policies have been revived under this campaign.

#### Delhi Govt GST revenue for Feb is 1,982 crore

The total revenue (GST+VAT) collected by Delhi Government for the month of February 2021 is ₹1,982 crore. Out of which SGST is ₹892.48

the month of February 2021 is \$1,982 crore. Out of which SGST is \$789.24 crore. (IGST settlement is ₹606.25 crore and DWAT is ₹483.29 crore. In the previous month it.e. January 2021. SGST collection was \$82.21 st. crore, IGST settlement was \$82.21 st. crore in East of SET with the IGST settlement of February is the second highest for the February is the second highest form for February is the SET was a consistent with the IGST settlement was settlement for IGST settlement for IGST settlement was settlement for IGST settlement for IG

compensation amount.
The department has taken various initiatives of sending alert SMS to the registered taxpayers for filing timely returns, issuing GSTR-3A notices to returns, issuing GSTR-3A notices to return defaulters by 25th of every month. With these initiatives, there is an improvement in the filing of returns over past five months and Delhi SGST revenues has been above ₹800 crore.

#### **MV Rao joins as MD & CEO** of Central Bank Of India

Matam Venkata Rao has takem Cover the charge as Managing Director and CEO of Central Bank of India with effect from March 1, 2021. Prior to joining the current assignment, Rao was the Executive States of the Country of Allahabad Bank and worked in various capacities in different geographical areas of the country. As General Manager of Allahabad Bank, he headed bank's important verticals like



Wholesale and Retail Banking. He was also instrumental in launching a transformative project to bring focus on asset-centric banking.

## **HUDCO** organises DoPT training

Durga Shaker Mishra, Mosceretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, inaugurated a week-long in-service training programme-financing Urban Inflastructure and Services in India for All India Service Officers. The Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India, sponsored the programme, which is organised by HUDCO's Research & Training Institute (HSMI). The training is designed to address key issues in financing urban infrastructure and impart necessary skills for successful execution of such projects.

projects.

Speaking at the inaugural function, he outlined the contours of urban infrastructure financing and explained how



the Government of India is leveraging its resources to generate more funds from other sources, including pri-vate investment in projects. Addressing the participants, Kamran Rizvi, Additional Secretary, MoHUA & CMD, HUDCO, highlighted the Government of India initia-





## Tata Power-DDL organises power theft awareness session

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL) in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DLSA) organised an interactive awareorganised an interactive aware-ness session on the consequences of electricity theft and its Penal impact for the consumers. More than 100 Tata Power-DDL consumers participated in the awareness programme. A



number of topics such as power theft scenarios like tapping the electricity network, cable, service wires; tampering with the meter to abstract energy; damaging or destroying electricity neter; using electricity for unsanctioned purpose were discussed at length.

The consumers who attended the session were also informed

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that electricity theft is a cogniz-able and non-bailable offense with serious consequences (under the Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003). The convict shall be Act, 2003). The convict shall be liable to pay theft/penalty bill twice the applicable tariff for a period of 12 months preceding the date of detection of offense and could also face imprisonment for up to three years.

School of Business shared the busi-

## **Empowering tribals**

Under the village connect initiative of TRIFED, the officials have been visiting villages with a significant tribal population across the country. Being present on ground level has made TRIFED's officials aware of some remarkable success stories. The programmes and initiatives have been implemented by TRIFED for making India self-reliant under the Annanibhan Abhiyan, with the mott Go Vocal for Local Go Tribal — Mera Van Mera Dhan Mera Udyam.

One such success story that has come to the fore is in Jawadhu Hills, Tiruvannamalal district, Tamil Nadu. The Van Dihan tribal start-ups programme, a component of the The Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) & Development of Value Chain for MFP Scheme, has emerged as a major source of employment for

introduced Marianum Support Petecs (MSP) & Development of Value Chain for MEP Scheme, has energed as a major source of employment for the local tribals.

The Malayali tribal people constitute 92.60 per ent of the total population in this block and their mainstay is through the non-timber forest produce and a variety of trees grown on this pattal and such as tamarind, jackfruit, coconut, lemon and palantain and gooseberry.

To help these tribals empower themselves and gain better opportunities, the Jawadhu Hills Tribal Farmer Producer Company was formed in 2020. It falls under the State Balanced Growth Fund for value addition of non-timber forest product and agricultural products. The Company has been formed under the Companies Act 2013 (18 of 2013) and is limited by shares. It consists of members of farmers interest groups, producer comment of community level.

In less than an year, four manufacturing units have already been set up for the processing and packaging of tamarind, minor millet, and honey and pepper. The units, which are being run by the tribals, have started the production in November 2020. The daily production capacity is one tonne. Up until now, in less than four months, the producer company has sold processed products up to ₹12 lakh. The FPO has already been registered as a seller in the Tribes India marketplace and has been selling nine of its processed product through the platform, thus, gaining a wider market for its goods.

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The Jawathu Hills producer company has been formed with an aim improve the quality life of tribals. This is an example of how the Van Dhan tribal start-up has been successful in improving the livelihoods of the tribals.



## PFC extends financial support

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) has extended its Dower Finance Corporation
Lid (PFC) has extended its
financial support for the construction of two-storied School
Building at Dr KB Hegdewar
School premises in Bambolinn,
Goa, as part of its CSR activities. The organisation has provided CSR fund of ₹3 crores for the
construction of school, which was inaugurated by Dr
Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister
of Goa along with Ravinder
Singh Dhillon, CMD, PFC.
The building block com-

prises of classrooms, laboratories, a multi-purpose hall, faculty rooms and washrooms. PFC hopes that this school building will encourage more parents from marginal sections of the local community to come forward and enroll their children into schools. During the last six years, as part of its CSR responsibility, PFC has also supported many unemployed youth of Goa by training them and helping them gain employment.

The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the VIT-AP School of Business (VSB), VIT-AP University, Alphabeta Inc in and Topxill Research Labs was held at VIT-AP University and that Alphabeta Inc is a US-based company offering products and services to banks and financial services for a service to banks and financial services for a service to banks and financial services for a service to banks and financial services and the services of the services

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Expert, Blockchain App Developer, Financial Analyst, Data Scientist -Finance, Business Analyst, Process Analyst, Compliance Manager, Product Manager and Business Development Manager. The areas where FinTech qualification is in

demand are — Personal Finance, Insurance, Wealth Management, Capital Markets, Lending, Billing/Payments, RegTech, Blockchain/Ledger and Cryptography, added he. Dr S Jeyavelu, Dean, VIT-AP

School of Business shared the business school is offering BBA with specialisations in Business Analytics, Digital Marketing and Finifech. "Each specialisation has a partner who will provide real life practice and industry approved certification." These certifications will enhance the job opportunional provides and the second provides of the second provides and the

zealand.
"None of the pitches were criticised, no one came and saw how the pitch was doing, how much the ball was moving and how much grass was there on the pitch," he said. Kohli said his team has been

# **Match of high-stakes**

#### With WTC final place yet to be confirmed, India ready to cook England's goose

that helps his 'snipers' Axar Patel and Ravichandran Ashwin, Kohli would love to see an 'inflation' in their current cumulative tally of 42 wickets for the series.

ruthless India will not take their foot off the pedal while taking England for another "spin ride" in the high-stakes flest with their foot off the pedal while their foot off the pedal while their foot off the pedal while their foot off their foot of their foot off their foot of their foot off their foot

Chennai.

Both Ajinkya Rahane and Zak
Crawley felt that the track for the
fourth Test looks "similar" to what
they got in the previous two
matches but the red ball which
skids less off the surface compared
to the pink one promises to make
it a better contest between the two

This is a Test match where England have little to gain save sal-vaging a bit of pride in a drawn series while India have everything

Despite being India's most pro Despite being Indias most pro-lific Test captain in terms of num-bers, Kohli would be the first one to admit that he hasn't had the kind of success his illustrious predeces-



sor Mahendra Singh Dhoni had with regards the ICC events. While this is an ICC event of a different kind, no one more than Kohli would be itching for a course correction and build his

own lasting legacy as a captain.

For that, he wouldn't pull back
punches. And on another track

will pan out in the final Test at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

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Kohli wouldn't have any complaints with his spinners, who have delivered what was expected to the bedivered what was expected to the desired in the entire series. So well the first of the mings.
But that is no sound explanation for Indian bastamen's fallen to dominate the proceedings in their own backyard.
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Rohit Sharma's 296 runs more than second best Ashwin (176 runs), who got a hundred on a difficult Chepauk track.
Save Rohli, none of the Indian batsmen have left too comfortiable than the best of times while and the best of times while and the best of times while and the best of times while minings of note over three Test matches.
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All Kohli would want is a steady, if not exceptional performance, in games such as these steady, if not exceptional performance, in games such as the steady, if the cup and lip! while there won't be any lapst butwent for the final Test, one of the finest exponents of bowling on sub-continental tracks, Umesh Yadaw, is expected to be back in action.

It remains to be seen whether lessant Sharma or Mohammed Siraj

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partner him.
For England, poor team selection has also contributed to their shoddy batting where Joe Root (333 runs), with his first Test dou-

(333 rins), with his first Test dou-be hundred, managed to maintain a fair gap (187 runs) between him and the second highest scorer Ben Stokes (146). Not having a second specialist spinner in Motera, didn't exactly make the team management look too smart, especially after Joe Root scalped a career-best 5 for 8. Jack Leach (16 wickets) has done his bit but he does have his

4th Test. Day 1 STAR SPORTS 1 NETWORK own set of limitations and with his

own set of limitations and with his pace, which is on an average lokm less than Patel, he is unlikely to always trouble the batsman.

But he would again play a significant role on a similar sort of track and may expect Dom Bess for company. Bess was impressive in the opening Test in Chennai but since then, has cooled his heels.

#### RATS FOR ROTATION

India skipper Virat Kohli feels rotation policy is the way forward in the age of bio-bubbles as mental fatigue caused by restrictive quarantines will make it extremely difficult for players to stay hungray.

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England have been following a rotation policy in their ongoing our of India, something that has drawn criticism from legends such as Kevin Pietersen.

Kohll, though, is convinced that as long as players are slaving intermitten breaks is not a baidea.

"The kind of systems you have follow in the bubble, it can get very monotonous and it is very difficult to keep yourself exited about small things," Kohli said.

"Ifeel any format of the game is right place for rotation. No human being can possibly go on for that many number of games throughout of the year. Everyone needs to find windows of having some time off.

"These are the things that need to be considered for as long as you play in the bubble, outside of that it depends on where you stand physically more than mentally. But till the bubble exists, we need to keep the mental factor in the picture as well, because mental fatigue would be a huge, huge factor," he

### Too much noise about spin-friendly tracks: Kohli

Ahmedabad: Stop the noise, tight-en up that defence and get on with the game — a combative Indian skipper Virat Kohli said on Wednesday ahead of the fourth Test as he navigated persistent queries on the spin-friendly tracks in the

ntry. "There is always too much

noise and too much conversation about spin tacks,"Kohli said at the pre-match press conference.

"I am sure if our media is in a space to contradict those views or present views which say that it is unfair to criticise only spin tracks, then it will be a balanced conversation."

Ashil, at the end of the third Test, had blamed the batsmer's tech-nique for their failure on the Motera track. But the unfortunate bit is veryone plays along with that narrative (spinning tracks) and keeps making it news till the time it is relevant. And then a Test match happens, if you win on Day 4 or 5, no one says anything but if it finishes in two days, everyone pounces on the same issue," he said. Kohli cited one of India's loss-es in New Zealand when the team struggled on a seaming pitch. He Kohli, at the end of the third

es in New Zealand when the team struggled on a seaming pitch. He recalled how it was the batsmen's technique, and not the track, that came in for scrutiny. "We lost in New Zealand

grass was there on the pitch," he said. Kohli said his team has been successful over a period of time for dapting to conditions instead of complaining about them.

"The reason for our success is that we have not cribbed about any pitch we have played on and we will continue to play like that.

"We all need to be honest with ourself we have not cribbed about any pitch we have played on and we will continue to play like that.

"We all need to be honest with ourself we have the said to be the dark of the pitch when the pitch we have been continuing the conversation which is one-sided," he said.

Now that the contest will be played with the red ball, he was asked if the pink ball made it tough for the batsmen, Kohli retorted with a firm no.

"I don't understand why a ball or a pitch, all the sthings are brought into flosus why don't we focus on the fact that batsmen were tox skilled enough to play on that pitch properly, it was bizarre display of hatting by both the teams.

"Lifs not (because) of change in ball colour I you make pust a bale on pitch helping the bowler, the said was the properly in my opinion. I don't think the red ball is going to change the game properly in my opinion. I don't think the red ball is soin to change the game properly in my opinion.

or a pitch nepung us confocus, then you are not really reading the game properly in my opinion. I don't think the red ball is going to change that whatsoever. Kohli was also asked if it is good for the game, from a global fand' perspective, to take undue advantage of home conditions. "I would love if you ask this question to England, New Zealand and Australia. This question is irrelevant to me at this point of time."

Another question thrown at him was what he thought of a Test match, flaring for the control of the control of

hrown at him was what he thought of a Test match finishing Test match finishing inside two days.
"We play to win. People should cherish India's win. Not every Test is finishing in two days. If team is playing bad only then it happens, to look extensive the state of the st

then it happens, need to look at things ectively." PTI



## With Indian spinners account-ing for 49 of the 60 English wick-ets in the first three Tests, it was anybody's guess as how things कोविड-१९ का टीका सुरक्षित है

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#### Srikanth, Satwik-Ashwini start Swiss Open with win PTI BASEL

Top Indian shuttler Kidambi Top Indian shuttler Kidambi Srikanth staved off a spirited challenge from compatriot Sameer Verma to make a winning start to his campaign at the Swiss Open Super 300 tournament here on Wednesday.

The fourth seeded Indian, who had claimed the title in who had claimed the title in the same companion.

The fourth seeded indian, who had claimed the title in 2015, took little over an hour to see off 2018 winner Sameer 18-21, 21-18, 21-11 in a hardfought men's singles opening round match.

fought men's singles opening round match. Sourabh Verma also won his first round match against Switzerland's Christian Kirchmay 21-19, 21-18. He faces eight seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn next. However, H. S Prannoy made an early exit after losing to Francés Mark Calijouw 19-21, 21-9, 17-21 in first round. On Tuesday night, Indian mixed doubles pair of Satwiksaira Rankireddy and Indian mixed doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponnappa notched up an upset 21-18, 21-10 win over the world No 8 and sec-ond-seeded Indonesian pair of Hafiz Faizal and Gloria Emanuelle Widjaja in the open-ing round.

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to last Test: Root

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England skipper Joe Root on Wednesday said the pitch for the fourth Test looks very similar to the one on which his team was decimated in the third game but the visitors have learnt their lessons to be ready for the challenge starting Thursday.

"It's (the pitch) looking very similar. I think the most important thing is that we learn all the instance of the control of the cont

men win took to state; ships.
"I think that as batters if you don't score runs, you will always look at yourselves, you'll always try and find ways to improve and we've certainly done that.



to find ways of building big part-nerships and gotting -nerships and getting some sig-nificant scores on it if it is a sim-ilar surface this time around," he added.

#### 'EVERYONE TRAINED'

England skipper Joe Root also revealed that an illness hit the touring party earlier this week but all members of the squad trained ahead of the fourth Test and are available for selection. The English captain

"We've looked at a couple of did not specify the nature of the missals and how we're going illness but said he has a full

illness but said he has a full squad to choose from. He also informed that the team has not finalised its 11 or 12 at this stage but made it clear that off-spinner Dom Bess was up for selection.

up for selection.
"I'he guys are fit and available for the game tomorrow.
That gives us a little more time to name the squad," Root said.
"So, everyone in that way is as prepared how they would

## Agar's 6/30 keeps Oz alive Zim beat Afghans



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Spinner Ashton Agar produced the best bowl-ing performance in Australia's 17201 history in a 64-run win over New Zealand in Wellington on Wednesday. Agar's match-turning six for 30, including three

in one over, derailed a New

loss in the third match.
Under-fire skipper
Aaron Finch hit 69, his best
T201 score for more than
two years, and Glenn
Maxwell smashed 70 from
31 balls. The result leaves
the five-match series at 2-

# 1 in New Zealand's favour with two games to go. Australia finished their 20 overs at 208/4 after losing the toss and being asked to bat. In reply, New Zealand were bundled out for 144 in 17.1 overs thanks. Zealand verb bundled out for 144 in 17.1 overs thanks. Zimbabwe to a rapid 10-wicker to Agar's heroics.

Australia finished their APP ■ ABU DHABI
20 overs at 200/84 after lossing the toss and being asked to bat. In reply, New Zealand were bundled out Brosseria to Agar's heroics.

"Oncel Started to have "Concel started to have the courage to toss the ball up a little bit I got something out of it," he said "That was a good lesson I can take out of today moving forward."

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