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Uproar in Houses over fuel price

First day of second part of Budget Session a washout

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The first day of the second part of the Budget Session of Parliament was virtually washed out due to the uproar created by the Opposition over fuel price rise.

In the Rajya Sabha, while the Congress wanted a discussion right away on the issue, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu did not allow and said the matter could be raised during debate on the appropriation Bill in the coming days.

In the Lok Sabha, members of the Congress, the Shiv Sena, the Indian Union Muslim League gave adjournment motion notices over the continuous rise in petrol, diesel and LPG prices. After Speaker Om Birla rejected notices of adjournment motion moved by Opposition members over the issue, they started raising slogans.

Birla appealed to protesting members several times to let the House function so that women members can raise their issues on International Women's Day, but as the din continued around 5.15 pm, he adjourned the Lok Sabha till 7 pm.

The Congress made its intentions clear on disrupting the proceedings as soon as the Rajya Sabha met for the first day of the second half of the Budget Session. The newly-elected Leader of Opposition



Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Deepender Singh Hooda and others during a media interaction at Vijay Chowk in New Delhi on Monday PTI



Opposition leaders stage a protest over rise in fuel prices, in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Monday PTI

and senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge raised the issue and sought a discussion on the "burning issue."

"This is very important issue and it is a burning subject. Throughout the country, people are agitated," Kharge said. Petrol prices touched nearly ₹100 a litre while diesel rates were more than ₹80 per litre and LPG prices also increased, he said adding the Government had collected ₹21 lakh crore by putting excise duty and cess on petroleum products.

He said farmers and people were suffering because of rise in prices but the Chairman did not allow his notice under Rule 267 to suspend business for the day and discuss the issue.

Naidu reiterated that the members will get ample opportunity to put the Government on the mat on the issue during the forthcoming debates.

Session likely to be cut short, to end before State polls start

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Budget Session of Parliament is likely to be cut short and may conclude before the first phase of elections on March 27, while the two Houses will resume their normal timing of 11 am onwards from Tuesday, sources said.

Several parties had requested that the session, which was originally scheduled to continue till April 8, be curtailed due to the Assembly elections in four States and one Union Territory being held between March 27 and April 29.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman greets Congress MP Anand Sharma at Parliament on Monday PTI

While Rajya Sabha Chairperson M Venkaiah Naidu announced the new timings for the Upper House this morning on the first day of the second part of the Budget Session, Lok Sabha Speaker

Om Birla made a similar announcement in the Lower House. Birla said Lok Sabha members would also sit in galleries, apparently to maintain distancing norms.

Keeping in mind the social distancing norms due to the Covid-19 pandemic, both Houses were meeting in two shifts since the Monsoon Session, with Rajya Sabha meeting in the first half of the day and Lok Sabha in the second half. There was no Winter Session of Parliament due to the pandemic. Some Rajya Sabha members were sitting in Lok Sabha chambers to adhere to distancing norms.

Chouhan interacts with woman sanitation workers

Takes part in cleanliness drive on Int'l Women's Day

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Known for his down to earth Kimage, to mark the International Women's Day, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday took the broom with women sanitation employees early morning in Bhopal.

Chouhan who always takes the lead in women welfare had reached the Nehru Nagar locality in Bhopal. The senior politician not only engaged in cleanliness but also held a chaupal with the women sanitation workers and asked them to offer suggestions for betterment of women.

Several workers present on the occasion also came up with suggestions including pay hike and holidays. The Chief Minister had tea with them and encouraged them for excelling in their work. For conveying a message of cleanliness, the CM also cleaned the streets with women workers.

He accepted that women forwarded several suggestions but the biggest of them all is of their dignity and respect.

On the occasion of International Women's Day,



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan interacts with women sanitation workers participating in a cleanliness drive on International Women's Day in Bhopal on Monday Pioneer photo

the Chief Minister was accompanied by all women security personnel, PSOs and even a woman vehicle driver. Women scribes accompanied the CM during his engagements.

Chouhan had made this request of deployment of all women staffers with him on Monday.

We need to work for dismantling the mentality that men are superior, said Chouhan adding women are even reaching out to the space in present era.

To start the day on Monday, Chouhan had a chat with the women SDM, OSD, security personnel, PSOs, driver and other staffers and extended greetings on the occasion of International Women's Day.

COVID-19 IN MADHYA PRADESH

Dists	Total Cases	Fresh Cases
Bhopal	44,705	50
Indore	60,886	166
Gwalior	16,594	15

Don't evoke false sense of security over Covid: IMA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain talked about nearing the end of the (Covid-19) pandemic, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has cautioned politicians and the Government not to invoke a "false sense of security."

"It is painful to note the discussion on endemic Vs pandemic status of diseases is echoing in the political corridors, however it ought to be substantiated by scientific evidence by the World Health Organisation (WHO) or ICMR only," the IMA said.

The apex body of the doctors pointed out that "invasion of muted virus UK variant, South Africa variant and Brazil variant continue to haunt."

"While corona pandemic with its disastrous tentacles and widespread infectivity were under control amid spike here and there by the dedicated and coordinated services rendered timely by Governments



and private modern medical healthcare providers, the stage is not ripe to call it the end of pandemic or endemic," the IMA said in a statement here.

"The introduction of such efficacious and safe corona vaccine in our country is a tool for us to face this challenging war with confidence. But for India and Argentina, whole world had faced the second wave and its much vitreous consequences.

"The last one week has shown 35 to 40 per cent increase in the number of cases from different parts of the State and even in Capital of India the daily average has risen up from 100 to 140 patients.

All booths in Bengal ph-I polls 'sensitive'

More leaders quit TMC to join BJP

PNS ■ KOLKATA

In an unprecedented decision, the Election Commission of India has declared all the booths for the first phase of elections in five districts of Bankura, Purulia, Jhargram and East and West Midnapore in West Bengal as sensitive.

This implies that all the 10,228 booths will have at least 4-8 Central forces jawans deployed, sources said, adding the EC has already banned "civic volunteers" or "green police" appointed by the State Government on a temporary basis from manning the polls.

The first phase — of the 8-phase elections — for 10 seats will take place on March 27.

Reacting to the EC's decision to deploy Central forces in all the booths, Bengal Minister Tapas Roy said, "We respect the EC's decision... they have the power to do so and they are doing accordingly... but the point is decisions should not be one-sided and favouring any



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a rally to mark International Women's Day in Kolkata on Monday PTI

one party." Meanwhile, more Trinamool Congress leaders quit the ruling party either "feeling insulted" at not being given a ticket or getting "inspired" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership ahead of the Assembly polls.

Sonali Guha, former Bengal Assembly Deputy Speaker and a trusted lieutenant of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for many decades, on Monday left the ruling outfit along with other outgoing Legislators Dependu Biswas of Basirhat and Jatu Lahiri of Howrah.

Batla House shootout: Cop's killer convicted

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Monday convicted Ariz Khan for the murder of Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma and other offences in connection with the 2008 Batla House encounter. Khan is allegedly associated with the terror outfit Indian Mujahideen.

The court will pronounce the quantum of sentence on March 15. Additional Sessions Judge Sandeep Yadav said the evidence produced by the prosecution duly proved the case beyond reasonable doubt.

The judge said it is "duly proved that Ariz Khan and his associates caused murder of police official and fired gunshot on the police official."

The judge further said Khan managed to flee and did not appear before court despite being declared a proclaimed offender. SR

Female Cong MLA presides over Question Hour in MP Assembly

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A woman MLA Jhuma Solanki presided over the Question Hour of the state Assembly on Monday, on the occasion of the International Women's Day. As the House convened, Speaker Girish Gautam, escorted by women marshals, reached the Chair.

He named all the women legislators in the State and congratulated them on the International Women's Day. Some other House members also congratulated the women legislators.

Gautam announced that Jhuma Solanki, the Congress MLA from Bhikangaon in MP, would preside over the Question hour. Later, Solanki sat on the Speaker's chair and conducted the proceedings during the Question Hour. State Home Minister



Jhuma Solanki, a woman legislator takes charge as one day Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh State Assembly from the Speaker Girish Gautam during the Budget Session on International Women's Day in Bhopal on Monday Pioneer photo

Narottam Mishra said before coming to the Assembly, he honoured a woman constable by making her sit on his chair

in his office here as a mark of respect on the International Women's Day.

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QUEENS ON THE TRAIL

MP Tourism Board to hold women trek

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

MP Tourism Board in collaboration with Moustache Escapes is embarking on a journey that's the first of its kind - Queens on the trail. The trail is located in the Satpura region, near Madhya Pradesh's beloved hill station, Pachmarhi. The trail experiences many unique landscapes, rock formations, wildlife, waterfalls, ponds, etc.

For the first time ever, an all-women's group will complete the trek. The trek will start from Gypsy camp, Panarpani Pachmarhi to Dehliya (17km) the Dehliya to Kajighat, from

Kajighat to Denwa riverside (13km) then return to Gypsy Camp Panarpani. The total distance of the trail will be 30km, which will be covered by 15 women trekkers of Pink suitcase Group Indore in 04days/03 night.

Forsyth trail is the expedition Captain James Forsyth headed 150 years ago which led him to a plateau's discovery where today sits the town Pachmarhi. Pachmarhi is the highest point of Madhya Pradesh. His steps will be retraced by the batch of women who will take the inaugural walk on it.

The women who walk the

hike will carry a torch for many women to come in the future, showing them that traveling in Madhya Pradesh is safer for girls.

One of the main objectives of the trek is to highlight the rich biodiversity in the Satpura region which is extremely unexplored. We're also expecting a hike in the total footfall of adventure enthusiasts on this trail after this event.

The commencement of this initiative will also expose many hidden trails to trekking enthusiasts, opening up a plethora of opportunities for them. "Queens on the trail is a step forward to provide the

experience to the adventure lovers to experience the trekking in the buffer area of Satpura Tiger Reserve. These 15 women will promote State tourism & inspire other women and solo travelers to visit the land that offers different facets of wildlife, forest & animals at every step of the trek.

I also appreciate Moustache Escapes for this initiative, we welcome travelers from all over the world to visit the heart of Incredible India and experience the diverse experiences Madhya Pradesh has to offer," said Sheo Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary, Tourism, Govt. of Madhya

Pradesh and Managing Director, MP Tourism Board.

"These 15 woman trekkers will explore the unexplored the Forsyth trekking trail of Satpura Tiger Reserve and experience the beauty of nature and the night camping with stargazing in the dense forest. Madhya Pradesh tourism board has been taking necessary steps to ensure the safety of every traveller, especially women and solo travellers, encouraging them to visit and create memories with us," Sonia Meena, Additional Managing Director of MP Tourism Board commented.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan during a convention and loan distribution programme for women of self-help groups on International Women's Day at Motilal Nehru Police Stadium in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

Brass container 'Aftaba' exhibited by IGRMS

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Under the latest and popular online series of Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya entitled 'Exhibit of the Week' the Aftaba, Brass container for storing and pouring liquid collected from 1997. The Soni community of Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh. It's Measurement Height - 47 cm., Circumference- 55cm. displayed in the audience as The Second Exhibit of the month of March, 2021 through official website, Facebook, Instagram and twitter page of the IGRMS.

In this regard Praveen Kumar Mishra, Director,



IGRMS said that Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (National Museum of Mankind). Initially this series will focus on the masterpieces from its collection which are considered as unique for their contribution to the cultural history of a particular ethnic group

or area. Aftaba is a brass container used for storing or pouring liquids. This large container reveals the socio-economic status of the owner as the objects depicts rich Mughal style engravings showing star, half moon and other floral designs.

The container has a beautiful fish shaped handle and 'S' shaped dispenser pipe with a tiger head at the end. The Soni are essentially still goldsmiths caste, but in tikamgarh district of Madhya Pradesh they are also involved in the manufacture of other metal items besides jewelry. They also cast other objects based on user's requirement.

Regarding this object

Sudeepa Roy said that The pot is made from lost wax casting followed by intricate design of flora in engraved fashion. The rich design on the pot reveals the excellent craftsmanship of the maker and also shows the economic status of the user.

Both in India and in the Islamic land of the middle East Asia, the hot and harsh climate make a water bearing vessel very important.

It was used for ritually cleansing one's hand before prayer and for washing hands before and after meal. This pot thus was an important part of every aristocratic as well as middle class house hold.

New technique to detect cervical cancer invented by MCTE

PNS ■ MHOW

It was the pride moment for Mhow military hospital and MCTE Mhow as the two officers major Dr Ragini Thapa and colonel Anant Bhatt jointly developed a new technique of detecting cervical cancer based on artificial intelligence-based cancer detection system for pap smear cervical cancer cytology and displayed the system Infront of PM Narendra Modi in combined commanders conference on 6 march 2020 in Kevadia.

Major Dr Ragini Thapa is fourth generation army officer and pathologist in Indian army medical corps and colonel Anant Bhatt from MCTE arti-



ficial intelligence expert have jointly developed cervical cancer detection system using artificial intelligence to help ladies in PHC and far away places to

fight cancer. The system is a software that just requires a computer and microscope with camera.

The equipment is mostly

present in all peripheral hospitals and chikitsalays where the normal anganwadi worker can run this system with no expertise, cancer can be screened in all the far-flung hospital and PHC within 5 to 10 minutes with this system.

Use of this system will help the ladies of the country in early detection and peripheral screening of the cervical cancer and improve quality of life. Maj Ragini Thapa while talking to The Pioneer told that We hope this mobile and portable system reaches the farthest of towns and villages to help all the females to eradicate cervical cancer at ground zero level.

Play 'Anukriti' performed on first day of Veerangna Theatre Festival

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Marking the first day of Veerangna Theatre Festival, dance drama 'Anukriti' was beautifully performed on Monday at Shaurya Smarak open-air auditorium. The dance drama was directed by Suchitra Harmalkar.

Anukriti is a dance ballet based on women power. It shows how women from different orders of the society have left the world with no words by their courage and power.

The ballet starts with the worship of the Indian goddess durga. The sacrifice of rani padmini who preferred dyeing instead of surrendering her beauty to the evil king allaun-

din khilji is enacted, and then the story of the great follower of lord Krishna, Meera bai is shown through the media of beautiful dance.

The symbol of peace and serenity that is Ahilya bai holkar is remembered and worshiped and her story is narrated by charismatic mechanism of dance. 'women can empower everything with her power', this message is forwarded through the story of great leader Rani laxmi bai. In the end a salute is offered to the bharat mata who provides every Indian with things to fulfill their needs.

The dance drama was beautifully performed leaving the audience mesmerised.



Mahila Congress workers stage a protest against hike in the cooking gas cylinders, diesel, petrol and alleged increasing crime faced by women, on International Women's Day in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

Marathon organised in State to mark International Women's Day

Bhopal: On the occasion of International Women's Day various sports activities including marathon were organised in the State. The events were organised under the leadership and direction of Minister of Sports and Welfare Yashodhara Raje Scindia. More than ten thousand women enthusiastically participated in the marathon race. The State Mineral Resources and Labor Minister, Brijendra Pratap Singh, flagged off the five kilometers mini marathon race.

Director Sports and Youth Welfare Pawan Jain informed that various sports activities were organised by the Sports Department on International Women's Day. The women's marathon race was organized

throughout Madhya Pradesh in which a large number of women participated. Apart from this various sports activities were organized.

Women were felicitated during programmes organized at the district level. Director Sports Jain said that beyond the subjugation and harassment of women, we should create a world where the voice of equality and respect of women on the footsteps can be heard.

On this occasion, Arjuna Awardee and Chief Instructor Sailing G.L. Yadav, Deputy Director-in-Charge Jones Chacko, Wrestling Instructor Rekha Rani, Shooting Instructor Oshin Tawani, Taekwondo Instructor Latika Bhandari,

Judo Instructor Monica Parochi and Women Warden Neelam Meshram and a large number of sports daughters were present.

Director of sports Pawan Jain gave directions to all the officials for organizing the various sports activities including marathon races on the International Women's Day in the state. Joint Director Dr. Vinod Pradhan to Dewas, Shri B.S. Raisen, Yadav endured. Director Shri Jamil Ahmed to Vidisha, Mr. Vikas Kharadkar to Shivpuri, Dr. Shipra Srivastava to Rajgarh, Mr. Pradeep Astaiya to Mandla, Mrs. Vani Sahu to Sehore and Mr. K.K. Khare was entrusted with the responsibility of Narsinghpur. SR

SBI celebrates Int'l Women's Day

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

International Women's Day was on Monday celebrated with full joy and enthusiasm. Various branches in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh under the SBI's Bhopal Circle also organized various programmes. In the SBI's Local Head Office, Bhopal all Women employees were welcomed in the morning by presenting Pink Roses and Chocolates by the Senior Bank Officials.

A lecture of Pooja Shrivastava, MS (Obstetrics and Gynaecology) renowned doctor and Director of Lotus Hospital and Maternity Home,



Bhopal was also organized specially for Ladies Staff of the Bank. In the lecture she presented her thoughts over healthy lifestyle, health issues related to females and various

and directed by the Bank's staff. Also, a webinar was organized by the SBI Learning Department in coordination with Law Officer, Indore on POSH and a special Event on the virtual platform was also organized by the Corporate Centre, Mumbai. In all these programmes, all the Women Employees of the Bank have participated with full happiness.

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RTU organises 'Women Excellence Award' ceremony

On occasion of International Women's Day

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

IQAC Cell of Rabindranath Tagore University organised 'Women Excellence Award Ceremony' on the occasion of International Women's Day on Monday.

The event was organised under the joint aegis of the University's Women's Development Cell, Faculty of Humanities and Arts, Department of Management and Commerce, Institute of

Heartfulness, Grand Academic Portal, Association of All Industries and AIC-RNTU. As the chief guest at this third Women's Excellence Award Ceremony of the University, Pooja Shukla, Registrar M.P. Paramedical Council, Rajeev Agarwal as special guest, Chairman of the Association of All Industries Mandideep and Hartulfiyan Sanstha. Snehal Deshpande joined.

On this occasion, as the chief guest, Pooja Shukla said in her address that such programmes should be held on time for women's empowerment. Women today are the toppers in every field.

University Vice Chancellor Brahmprakash Pethia described the history of how women have been ahead in all fields since ancient times. Such as Rani Lakshmi Bai, Rani Durgavati, Ahilya Bai etc. University Registrar Dr. Vijay Singh said that all persons in all fields and in society should respect women. It is our responsibility to appreciate and respect the woman who is achieving success in her life and bringing success in the lives of other women and those around her.

Rajiv Aggarwal said in his address that today's woman is not dependent. He is self-sufficient and independent in every

respect. Every woman is special, whether she is at home or in the office. Dr. of Heartfulness Institute Snehal Deshpande, in her address, told how her mother played the role of both a mother and a father, due to which she was able to reach this stage today. Only a woman can do this work.

Women were awarded offline-online mode for excellent work in which Usha Khare, Rashmi Dwivedi, Reva Jain, Sanjeevani Sukhlikar, Pratiksha Sharma, Sabita Sahu, Ruchivardhan Mishra, Rashmi Dwivedi, Megha Parmar, Kanta Rai and Tejal Parulkar were present.



Bollywood actress Khushboo Atre addresses a symposium and felicitation programme organised by Public Relations Society of India, Bhopal Chapter on International Women's Day in Bhopal on Monday. Pioneer photo

Police nab vehicle lifters, recover 9 stolen bikes

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Bhopal Crime Branch has nabbed a vehicle lifters from Tata Motors Govindpura and recovered nine two-wheelers worth Rs 6 lakh from his possession on Sunday.

Acting on a tip off a vehicle lifter was nabbed near Tata Motors Govindpura and failed to provide details of the vehicle and They confessed that the vehicle was stolen from Ashoka Garden.

The nabbed was identified as Rahul Devhce (28) of Lambkheda. Later in the investigation the confessed stealing of other vehicles and recovered nine two wheelers worth Rs 6 lakh from his possession.

During the investigation accused confessed that they are active in stealing vehicles for the past four years. They have

stolen vehicles from Govindpura and others parts of Bhopal. Govindpura, Ashoka Garden, Ayodhya Nagar, Jahangrabad, Nishatpura, and Kotwali Vidisha police stations areas.

The accused parked the stolen vehicle at parking spaces near Holy Cross school Lambkheda and where the locals used to pay less attention towards vehicles. Police said that the accused was trying to sell the vehicles but failed to sell vehicles and were nabbed.

The police have registered a case under section 379 of the IPC and section 41(1-4) of the CrPC and started further investigation. The crime record of the accused would be investigated with the respective police stations were the vehicles were stolen.

Crime Branch arrests 1 from Balampur Ghati, recovers country made pistol, 4 live catridges

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Crime branch Bhopal nabbed a miscreant from Balampur ghati area and recovered a 1 country-made pistol, 4 live cartridges from his possession; miscreant was serving externment from July 2020.

Acting on a tip off, regarding miscreant carrying fire arm, the crime branch police personnel rushed to the spot and caught accused.

The two were identified as Toufeeq Hussain alias Sutar who is a resident of Aishbagh and was involved in 37 crimes booked under different police stations of the state capital.

The miscreant was serving externment from July 2020 from the districts Vidisha, Sehore, Hoshangabad, Rajgarh



and Bhopal.

The accused has been booked for murder, attempt to murder, assault, Arms Act and NDPS act.

Accused was nabbed while he was on his way to commit crime but was nabbed before committing crime. Source of firearms are yet to be revealed and his crime during the period of externment would be investigated.

Meanwhile, Talaiya police have nabbed a vehicle-lifter near Central Library and recovered three two-wheelers worth Rs 2 lakh from his possession on Sunday.

According to the police, acting on a tip off a youth was detained and when he was asked details regarding the vehicle he failed and confessed that the two-wheeler was stolen one. The nabbed accused was identified as Golu Rajput.

The accused has been booked by Jehangirabad and Talaiya and TT Nagar police stations. In the initial investigation police have recovered three other vehicles from his possession which were stolen from different areas of the state capital

PR Dept launches portal to check fake news

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOHAL The Department of Public Relations has made an innovative effort to block unproven and misleading fake news. A portal has been prepared by the Public Relations Department in the name of FACT Check. Through this portal, the public will be provided correct and authentic information by curbing spread of fake news from the social media account. The department is using the News Media Monitoring and Sentiment application. Arrangements have been made for testing and analyzing the news clipping of the news-

papers received from the districts of the state daily. Horticulture and Food Processing (Independent Charge) and Narmada Valley Development Minister Bharat Singh Kushwah was responding to the discussion on the demands for Public Relations Department in the state assembly on Monday. He said that the Public Relations Department acts as a bridge between the people, the administration and the common people. Information should be available to the people. Public relations department is making continuous efforts with the help of media to get citizens empowered with

information. Minister of State Kushwah said that the government is sensitive to the health of media persons and their family members. And honorarium fund of Rs.10000 per month is being given to senior and elderly journalists. In this scheme, the age limit of journalists has been reduced from 62 to 60 years. Correct information related to the efforts and actions of the government was conveyed to the people through social media during the Corona period and lockdown. Information was also made available to people stranded outside the state.

ICAI Bhopal organises progs for female members on Women's Day

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOHAL The Bhopal Branch of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India organized an International Women's Day celebration programme for CA female members at ICAI Bhawan. The theme of the programme was 'Resiliencia-celebrating Strength, Beauty and Resilience'. The programme began with a welcome informing about the importance of Women's Day was given by CA Ankur Jain, Vice Chairman of the Bhopal Branch. The Speakers of the program were Girjesh Chouhan (IT Specialist) and Pooja Mehta (Psychologist). The main objective of celebrating Women's days is to raise the voice for equality of women in the society. To

remember the importance work done by Women in their respective field. The Women Members Empowerment Group of ICAI has celebrated women's Day on Monday in a big way across the country. In the first technical session Speaker Girjesh Chauhan elaborated about the skills required for the management of Cybersecurity in the office management. In the Second technical session Speaker Pooja Mehta focused on managing stress and making balances between work and personal life. For entertainment of CA Female member's different types of games were also organized after the seminar like Musical Chair and Quiz Contest etc. CA Pradeep Mutreja, Treasurer Bhopal Branch along with the CA Aditya Shrivastava, CICASA Chairman and Past Chairman's Zuber Ullah Khan also participated in the programme. In the program Female CA members participated in large numbers.

MP Police inaugurates gender resource centre, research lab

On eve of International Women's day

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOHAL For training and research Madhya Pradesh police is supported by British High Commission FXB India Suraksha and under this collaboration gender resource center and research lab was inaugurated on the eve of Women's Day by Director General (Training) Aruna Mohan Rao. In order to improve the system from year 2016 in the DGP Research and Policy Cell implemented by the Madhya Pradesh Police, a system of research work was implemented and under this, a provision was made to develop an effective

In this context, provisions have been signed by the DGP Research Cell from various research institutes and universities and effective arrangements for cooperation in police training and policy analysis have been implemented. A research center has also

been established under the DPP Research Cell, whose name is PARIMAL. Which is acting as a rhythm of research work to improve the field work system. A gender resource center is being established under this. This gender resource cell, to be set up on March 8 to commemorate International Women's Day, is being set up in Madhya Pradesh Police and other police systems of India for the protection of women, effective protection in crimes against women, and for the purpose of implementing crime research system. Additional Director General of Police (Training) Anuradha Shankar, Additional Director General of Police and Director, Madhya Pradesh Police Academy, Rajesh Chawla and Deputy Director of Madhya Pradesh Police Academy, Vineet Kapoor were present.

Infertile woman conceives, thanks to ozone therapy

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOHAL Mrs Sudha Sharma (name changed) was married for 15 years but was unable to conceive. She had severe pain in abdomen and also backache. And she was very troubled as she was not able to conceive. Her life revolved around this one factor for a while and gave her mental problems and restlessness. She came to Dr Mili Shah and Ozone Forum of India and after examination and laparoscopy, it revealed adhesions in abdominal wall with infections. HFG report said that both her tubes were blocked. It also came out, that in her past, she had suffered from TB and she had taken medicines for the same which

led to lot of side effects as these. She started ozone therapy and without any procedures or therapies, ozone was administered through rectal insufflation and finally ozone therapy helped reduce the blockage and infections in the wall thus helping her to conceive after 5 months of treatment. Infertility, in the recent years, in India has emerged as one of the most common health issues that affect young couples today. Sedentary lifestyles with minimum physical activity, incorrect diet, coupled with various other complimentary elements like rising stress level and irregular sleep pattern are few reasons that lead to growing rise of infertility in young adults today.

Himachal CM invites PM to inaugurate Rath Yatra on Himachal Day

PNS ■ SHIMLA Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Monday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi. The Chief Minister invited the Prime Minister to visit Himachal Pradesh on April 15 on the occasion of Himachal Day to inaugurate the Rath Yatra showcasing the 50 years glorious journey of development of the state. He apprised the Prime Minister that the state is celebrating the golden jubilee of Statehood during the entire year by organising various programmes. A state level function will be organised in Mandi district on April 15 along with a Rath Yatra to showcase the fifty

years developmental journey of state and achievements of State Government during last three years will also be taken to the people, Thakur said. The Chief Minister thanked the Prime Minister for his support to the state especially for the milestone like Atal Tunnel. He also requested the Prime Minister to inaugurate the 111 MW Sawda Kuddu Hydel Project constructed at a cost of Rs 1796 crore besides laying foundation stones of 210 MW Luhri Stage-I Hydel Project and 66 MW Dhaulasidh Hydel Project. During his visit to Delhi, the Chief Minister also met the Union Finance Minister and Union Defence Minister.

Farmers' issue rocks Haryana Assembly

As Women MLAs conduct proceedings

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH Women MLAs presided over the proceedings of the Haryana Assembly here on Monday even as treasury and opposition benches sparred over the farmers' issue. Congratulating them on International Women's Day, Speaker Gian Chand Gupta announced names of four MLAs--Seema Trikha (BJP), Naina Singh Chautala (JJP), Geeta Bhukkal (Congress) and Kiran Chaudhary (Congress)—to conduct proceeding of the House for the remaining day after the Question Hour. Women members also initiated the debate on the Governor's Address with BJP-JJP legislators Seema Trikha and Naina Chautala spelling out welfare initiatives taken by

their government for farmers and women. However, Congress MLA Geeta Bhukkal launched a scathing attack against the government on the farmers' issue and described it as "insensitive". She criticised Agriculture Minister J P Dalal for his controversial remarks over farmers' death at protest sites near Delhi borders. She also flashed photos of the farmers who died during the course of the agitation against the Centre's farm laws, saying the government snatched brothers from sisters and husbands from wives. "You should feel ashamed that not even one word has been said for farmers," Bhukkal said, hitting out at the treasury benches. "Farmers want to put their word before elected representatives but they have no time to listen to them. In the country, where slogans of Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan are raised, this is the situation of farmers," she said. "The prime minister and the chief minister should per-

form their "raj dharma" and fulfill demands of farmers," she added. Reacting to it, ministers Mool Chand Sharma, Kanwar Pal and J P Dalal defended the government, claiming that it has brought several schemes for the farmers' welfare. Contrary to the falsehood being spread by the Opposition, the "mandis" are here to stay and are being strengthened, Dalal said. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kanwar Pal asked opposition members how much increase in crop MSP was affected during 10 years of their rule. "What was the condition of farmers then, what is it now," he asked. Congress MLA Shelly said the government talks of doubling farmers' income on one hand and on the other, it has brought "black" farm laws. "When farmers don't need these laws, why are these being thrust upon them," she asked, stressing that the laws should be rolled back. Sombir

Sangwan, an Independent MLA who had withdrawn support to the Manohar Lal Khattar-led Haryana government over the farmers' issue, said, "There is not even one paisa benefit for farmers in these farm laws." He said these laws will destroy farmers. Independent MLA Devender Singh Babli, who is supporting the Khattar government, asked why "step-motherly treatment" is being extended to Tohana, his constituency. 68 FARMERS DIES DURING PROTEST IN HARYANA Sixty-eight farmers of Haryana and Punjab who had participated in the ongoing agitation against the centre's farm laws, died till February 18, statistics tabled on Monday in the assembly session showed. Data further revealed that out of these, 51 farmers died due to health issues while 15 died due to road accidents and two committed suicide.

Female Cong MLA...

From Page 1 Congress MLA Sajjan Singh Verma said Chief Minister Shivrang Singh Chouhan should make an announcement to provide 50 per cent reservation to women in government jobs. Earlier, a police team comprising all women personnel was deployed for the security of Chouhan on Monday. From piloting Chouhan's cavalcade to driving his official vehicle and providing immediate security, the command is in the women's hands. Deputy Superintendent of Police Bittu Sharma led the security team while Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Vandana Mehra co-ordinated with the other women team members to provide fool-proof security to Chouhan and his wife, he said. The chief minister began his day with 'Chai Pe Charcha' with women sanitation workers in Nehru Nagar area. He wished them on the occasion of the International Women's Day and asked about their problems. "Today is a special day for women, who can do anything from the job of a cleaner to going to space," Chouhan said while addressing them.

कार्यालय जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी, महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग जिला बैतूल (म.प्र.) पुराना कलेक्टर परिसर, काठी बाजार बैतूल म.प्र. Phone 07141-230305 E-mail wcdbet@mp.nic.in क्रमांक/मवावि/पोआ/2021 बैतूल दिनांक 00.03.2021 - एक्सप्रेस ऑफ इन्स्टेस्ट - मध्य प्रदेश शासन, महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग, मंत्रालय वल्लभ भवन भोपाल के पत्र क्रमांक/154/2079/2020/50-2 भोपाल दिनांक 20.01.2020 में उल्लेखित निर्देशों के अधीन बैतूल जिले में संचालित परियोजना- बैतूल शहरी, सारनी शहरी, बैतूल ग्रामीण, चिचौली, भैसदेही, आउनेर, आमला, मुलाहाई, शाहपुर एवं घोडाडोंगरी के शहरी क्षेत्र के आंगनवाड़ी एवं उष्णमण्डली केन्द्रों में वर्ष 2021-22 में 03 वर्ष से 06 वर्ष तक के बच्चों को सभी आंगनवाड़ी कार्यकर्ताओं के लिये तथा 06 माह से 03 वर्ष तक के बच्चों, गर्भवती व धात्री महिलाओं एवं किशोरी बालिकाओं को केवल मांगलवार के लिये पूरक पोषण आहार का प्रत्यक्ष कार्य करने के लिये शासन द्वारा निर्धारित मॉड्युल अनुसार ताजा पका हुआ पोषण आहार प्रदान करने हेतु स्थानीय क्रियाशाला महिला स्व सहायता समूह जिनका गठन दिनांक शासन परिपत्र दिनांक 20.01.2021 से 03 वर्ष पूर्व हुआ हो एवं जो राष्ट्रीय शहरी आजीविका मिशन, राज्य शहरी आजीविका मिशन एवं तेजस्वीनी परियोजना के तहत पंजीकृत होकर 03 वर्ष की आधार सिटिड बैंक खाता में वचत राशि जमा हो, ऐसे महिला स्व सहायता समूह से प्रस्ताव एक्सप्रेस ऑफ इन्स्टेस्ट (ई.ओ.आई.) आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। पूरक पोषण आहार प्रदान कार्य हेतु शहरी आजीविका मिशन के तहत पंजीकृत स्थानीय स्व सहायता समूह निविदा प्रकाशन दिनांक से कार्यालय जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी, महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग, जिला बैतूल से कार्यालयीन समय में दिनांक 25.03.2021 तक आवेदन प्रारूप व शर्तें रुपये 100/- (एक सौ मात्र) चालान शीर्ष 0235- सामाजिक सुरक्षा और कल्याण तथा अन्य प्राप्तिपत्र मद में जमा कर चालान की मूल प्रति जमा कर प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। स्व-सहायता समूहों द्वारा ई.ओ.आई. आवेदन दिनांक 27.03.2021 को सार्व 03.00 बजे तक जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी, महिला एवं बाल विकास जिला बैतूल में प्रस्तुत किये जा सकेंगे। दिनांक 27.03.2021 को सार्व 04.00 बजे सम्पन्न ई.ओ.आई. आवेदन जिला स्तरीय समिति के समक्ष खोले जायेंगे। किसी भी प्रस्ताव की स्वीकृति/अस्वीकृती/ई.ओ.आई. निराकरण के संबंध में कलेक्टर जिला बैतूल का निर्णय अंतिम होगा। यह निविदा ई-प्रणाली के तहत एन.आई.सी. जिला बैतूल के पोर्टल पर भी प्रकाशित की जावेगी, जो एन.आई.सी. बैतूल की वेबसाइट है https://betul.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है। (जिला स्तरीय समिति अध्यक्ष महोदय द्वारा अनुमोदित) (बी. एल. विरनोई) जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी महिला एवं बाल विकास विभाग बैतूल (म.प्र.) G-20729/20 दो गज की दूरी, मास्क हे जरूरी।

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Name of Branch	Demand Notice Dt.	Description of Properties & Name of Property Owner	Reserve Price	Account Name, No. & IFSC Code for Bid
Name and address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Possession Dt. Outstanding Amt.		EMD Amt. Bid Increment Amt.	Submission
Canara Bank, Gwalior SME Branch Tel.: 0751-2233141, 8989989137				
M/S PANCHHI RAJ PETHA Prop-Yogesh Bansal S/o Om Prakash Bansal, Address- Near Ramjanki Mandir, Phalka Bazar, Lashkar, Gwalior- 474001	11.02.2019 01.07.2019 ₹ 39,82,228.94 +Interest & other Charges	Flat No. 402, 4th Floor, Taneja Enclave, Jadhav Saheb Kf Pichadi, Khagsi Bazar, Lashkar, Ward No 44, Gwalior. Area 78.98 Sqm. Boundaries: East- Flat No. 405, West- Below Road, North- Stair & Passage, South- Huouse of Khandelwal.	₹ 25,20,000/- ₹ 2,52,000/- ₹ 10000/-	A/c No. 391029600001
Neelam Printo Packers, Prop. Ashok Kukreja S/o Late Shri Hariram Kukreja, Guarantor- Padma Kukreja & Kamala Devi Kukreja	31.10.2019 08.01.2020 ₹ 64,87,884 +Interest & other Charges	Commercial Land & Factory Building At Part of Survey No-1030/1 Min-2, Gram-girwal, Ward No- 65 Tehsil: Gwalior District: Gwalior, Pin code- 474001 (M.P.). Owner- Mrs Padma Kukreja W/o Ashok Kukreja & Shri Ashok Kukreja S/o Late Hariram Kukreja. Area 4000 Sqft. Boundaries: East- Property of Seller & Mohar Singh, West- Property of Chetram, North- Property of Seller, South- Road	₹ 2200,000/- ₹ 220,000/- ₹ 10000/-	Name of Beneficiary Canara Bank SME
M/s Sheetha Oil Industries, Prop. Sawant Singh S/o Shri Pan Singh Gurjar.	19.08.2015 04.02.2016 ₹ 37,71,364.00 +Interest & other Charges	Open Land Situated At Part of Survey No. 983, Patwari Halka No.27, Malanpur, District Bhind (M.P.) Area - 3937.50 Sqft. Owner Shri Vishwanath Singh, Sawant Singh, Ajay Singh Boundaries: East - Open Space, West- Bhind Gwalior Road, North- House of Diwan Singh, South- Property of Others	₹ 22,08,000/- ₹ 2,20,800/- ₹ 10000/-	A/c No. 0295296000001 Name of Beneficiary
M/s Durga Trading Company, Prop. Shri Vishwanath Singh Gurjar S/o Shri Pan Singh Gurjar.	19.08.2015 04.02.2016 ₹ 56,98,651.00 +Interest & other Charges	Open Land Situated At Part Of Survey No. 1228, Village Gurikha, Pargana Gohad, Malanpur, District Bhind (M.P.), Area - 21520 Sqft. Owner - Shri Vishwanath Singh Gurjar S/o Shri Pan Singh Gurjar Boundaries: East- Road, West- Others Property, North- Open Land, South Road.	₹ 30,13,000/- ₹ 3,01,300/- ₹ 10000/-	Canara Bank, Dal Bazar,Gwalior IFSC CODE: CNRB0000295
Canara Bank, Gole ka Mandir, Gwalior Branch Tel.: 0751-2461282, 8989989136				
Smt. Shabnam Luthiyani W/o Shri Mahesh Luthiyani, Co-applicant- Shri Mahesh Luthiyani S/o Nanakram Luthiyani, Add: Major Kartar Singh Colony Idgat, Kampo, Gwalior. Guarantor- Ms. Kanchan Nagpal D/o Gopi Chand Nagpal, Add: B-6, Krishna Puri, Samadhiya Colony, Gwalior.	15.06.2018 31.08.2018 ₹ 5,62,885.00 +Interest & other Charges	Residential Property In The Form of Pent House Situated At 4th Floor In Multistroy Building Surya Apartment, Samadhiya Colony, Gwalior. Area - 27.88 Sqmt., Boundaries: East- Open Land, West-Terrace Then Below Road, North- Terrace Then Below Road, South- Below Plot No. -C-16 & C-17	₹ 5,25,000/- ₹ 52,500/- ₹ 10000/-	A/c No. 2897296000001 Name of Beneficiary Canara Bank, Gola ka Mandir,Gwalior IFSC CODE: CNRB0002897
Canara Bank, Banmore Branch, Morena Tel.: 9644000221				
Borrower- Shri Suresh Mahor S/o Ramdeen Mahor, Add- 7/140, Club Ke Same, A.B. Road, Adarsh Colony, Banmore, Morena (M.P.). Guarantor- Shri Sanjay Mahor S/o Suresh Mahor, Address- 7/140, Club Ke Same, A.B.Road, Adarsh Colony, Banmore, Morena (M.P.)	18.12.2019 13.10.2020 ₹ 9,26,087.53 A/C No. 4595619000014 +Interest & other Charges	Property Owner- Suresh Mahor S/o Ramdeen Mahor, Residential House Situated At Part of Survey No 435 min, Municipal Ward No 07, Mohalla Adarsh Colony, Village Banmore Kalan Tehsil, Morena (M.P.). Area 1750 Sqft. Boundaries: East : Road, West : Property of Srivastava, North : Property of Rajabail, South : House of Muliya Bai,	₹ 10,00,000/- ₹ 1,00,000/- ₹ 10000/-	A/c No. 4595296000001 Name of Beneficiary Canara Bank, Banmore IFSC CODE: CNRB0004595
Syndicate Bank (Now Canara Bank), MAKRONIA Branch, Sagor Tel.: 9406916123				
PROMOD SONI S/O SHRI MANOHARLAL SONI, Guarantor - Shri Hari Prasad Yadav S/o Bhagat Singh Yadav	11.10.2017 24.01.2020 ₹ 13,25,392.18 +Interest & other Charges	Property Owner- Hari Prasad Yadav S/o Bhagat Singh Yadav Residential House No.05, Survey No.151/1-7, P.Halka No. 71, Jagrati Nagar Near Sunder School, Shiva Road Makronia, Sagor (M.P.), Tota Area 501 Sqft., Boundaries : East- House of other, West Kachra Rasta, North- Land of Seller, South- Play of Pandey J	₹ 8,40,000/- ₹ 84,000/- ₹ 10000/-	A/c No. 78813020000031 Name of Beneficiary Syndicate Bank Now Canara Bank, Makronia IFSC CODE: CNRB0017881
Canara Bank, Sagor Branch Tel.: 07582-223421, 8989989166				
Borrower- RAJA TIMBER MART, PROP. Shri Aziz Khan S/o Yakub Khan & Guarantor & Mortgagor - Shri Ubesh Khan S/o Aziz Khan.	05.12.2016 07.03.2018 ₹ 9,12,805.25 +Interest & other Charges	Property Owner- Shri Ubesh Khan S/o Aziz Khan- Residential house situated at H.NO - 486/171,Major Ke Paas, Chandra Shekhar Ward, Sagor (M.P.), Boundaries : East- House of Ahmed, West- Common Road, North- House of Khemchand, South- House of Abdul.	₹ 12,50,000/- ₹ 1,25,000/- ₹ 10000/-	A/c No. 0297296000001
Borrower- Laxmi Grah Udyog, Prop. Umakant Chourasiya (A/c No. 0297768000099) Borrower- Smt. Kiran Chourasiya W/o Shri Umakant chourasiya (HOUSING LOAN [A/c No.0297619002822] & TERM LOAN [A/c No. 0297768000099])	12.10.2017 07.03.2018 ₹ 19,13,045.00 A/c No. 0297768000099 ₹ 9,41,055.00 A/c No. 0297619002822 ₹ 13,55,135.50 A/c No. 0297285001996 +Interest & other Charges	Property Owner- Smt. Kiran Chourasiya W/o Shri Umakant- Property consisting residential house situated at H.NO. - 167/ 118 A, Laxmipura Ward, Mouja Sagor, Sagor (M.P.). Area 742.50 Sqft., Boundaries : East- Road- West- Boundary of Moraji School, North- House of Manoj Guru, South- House of Purshottam Guru.	₹ 15,00,000/- ₹ 1,50,000/- ₹ 10000/-	Name of Beneficiary Canara Bank, Sagor, IFSC CODE: CNRB0000297
Date & Time Of e-auction: 26.03.2021, 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each)				
Other terms and conditions :				
1) The Property will be sold in "AS IS WHERE IS" condition including encumbrances, if any. (There are no encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank. For details of encumbrances, contact the undersigned before deposit of the Earnest Money Deposit referred to in Clause 9(d) below). Auction/ bidding shall be only through " Online Electronic Bidding" through the website: www.bankeauctions.com Bidders are advised to go through the website for details terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.				
2) The Property will be sold only for a price above the Reserve Price.				
3) The property can be inspected with prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on any working day between 3.00 PM to 5.00 PM before 25.03.2021				
4) The intending bidder shall submit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) being 10% of Reserve Price by way of DD favouring, Authorised Officer, Canara Bank. Concerned Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank (Mentioned above in the table) on or before 25.03.2021 upto 5.30 PM.				
5) Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.				
6) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-affidavit. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/S C-1 India PVT LTD., Help Line No. 0120-4888888, Mr. Danish- Mob. 9303004420 and 9826804343 Help Line e-mail ID: Support@bankeauctions.com Immediately on the same date of payment of the EMD amount the bidders shall approach the said service provider for obtaining digital signature (If not holding a valid digital signature) The intending bidder should register their names at portal www.bankeauctions.com get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider C-1 India PVT LTD., Help Line No. 0120-4888888, Mr. Danish- Mob. 9303004420 and 9826804343, Help Line e-mail ID: Support@bankeauctions.com				
7) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (including of EMD already paid), immediately on the allotment of bid in his/her favour and balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. If the successful falls to pay the price as stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited.				
8) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.				
9) For proceeds of Rs.50 (Rupees Fifty) lacs and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank.				
10) For further details contact Recovery & Legal Section, Canara Bank Circle Office, Bhopal Phone No. 0755-2671005, CRM Section Regional office Gwalior 0751-2423126 C-1 India PVT LTD., Help Line No. 0120-4888888, Mr. Danish- Mob. 9303004420 and 9826804343 Help Line e-mail ID: Support@bankeauctions.com Special Instruction/Caution : Bidding in the last minutes /seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the service provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of bidder or vender in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidder are requested to make all the necessary arrangement/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.				
कभी संभावित करीवतों को निर्देष्ट किये जाता है कि उपरोक्त संपत्तियों के निरीक्षण के दौरान किसी प्रस्ताव द्वारा कोई-19 (कोराना वाइरस) के रोकथाम/ प्रसार को रोकने के लिए इतिहासिकता का पालन आवश्यक रूप से करें।				
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Indian Navy deploys 4 women officers on warships

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the objective to give more representation to women, the Indian Navy, in a major step, has deployed four women officers on board its warships for the first time after many years. So far, officers were serving only on shore-based assignments.

The demand for deploying women officers on warships was pending for the past many years. However, the Navy was reluctant to do so due to various practical issues including separate washrooms and living quarters on the ships.

So far, women officers in the Navy were deployed in land-based assignments. Some of them were also flying helicopters. However, a stint on the warship came about recently. They were deployed on ships about 23 years back and then it was discontinued due to logistical and related issues.

Giving details of the path-breaking step on the International Women's Day, Navy officials said here on Monday four women officers were recently posted on warships. Two of them were now serving on the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya while two others are deployed on the tanker ship INS Shakti.

It was for the first time since 1998 that women officers will be posted on warships. Back then, women officers started getting deployed onboard warships but the decision was changed soon after due to certain logistical and other issues.

In the latest development, women officers deployed

Rajya Sabha members push for one-third reservation for women in Parl, Assemblies

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Several Rajya Sabha members on International Women's Day on Monday pushed for at least one-third reservation for women in Parliament and State Assemblies, saying this will ensure they get adequate representation. The demand comes in the backdrop of a Bill which sought to give 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies lapsing a few years ago.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on the occasion appreciated the services rendered by women members of the House for the country's development and prosperity. "We need to ensure an environment that allows women to express themselves to their full potential in the form of both words and deeds," Naidu said and wished them more strength and power. The chairman also acknowledged the contribution of women citizens to the development of the nation.

Congress member Chhaya Verma recalled that the Government of former Prime



On the occasion of International Women's Day on Monday, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met women parliamentarians and women journalists in the Parliament House Complex. A first of its kind initiative, the event was also attended by Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Smriti Zubin Irani. Noting that women have led from the front while holding important positions like President, Prime Minister and Speaker among others, Birla reminded that the present Lok Sabha has the highest number of women parliamentarians

Minister Rajiv Gandhi had given reservation to women in local bodies. Similar provisions should be made for women in State Assemblies, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, she said. Nominated member Sonal Mansingh made a case of celebrating 'international men's day' on the line of women's day.

Shiv Sena member Priyanka Chaturvedi was of the opinion that as women form around 50 per cent of the country's population, their representation in Parliament and state assemblies too should be in the same proportion, and

carrier INS Vikramaditya include air traffic controller and a logistics officer. A present, the Navy has 704 women officers who form

All-women crew fly maiden commercial passenger flight from Delhi to Bareilly

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

To mark International Women's Day, the first commercial passenger flight to Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh operated by an all-woman crew was flagged off from the Delhi airport by Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday.

In a tweet, Puri said Indian carriers employ close to 12.4% women pilots. "India tops in the proportion of women pilots than any other nation. Indian carriers employ close to 12.4% women pilots, which is much higher than the world average of 5.4%," Puri tweeted. In another tweet, the aviation minister said: "Women power soars high! 210 women pilots including 103 captains are a part of the Air India family."

women officers posted on the tanker.

"They say women can't have it all. But I would say dare to be different. The Indian Navy gave me the opportunity to be different and to dare," said one of two women officers.

Over the years, the Navy inducted women officers in different assignments. Last September, two women officers were selected for the helicopter stream. They were first women in the navy's history to operate from flight decks of warships and stay on board the vessels.

The two women officers, Sub-Lieutenants Kumudini

AAI is efficiently women-ed by 507 women Air Traffic Controllers."

The percentage of female pilots in India is twice as high as in most Western countries, including the United States and Australia. Globally, less than 5 per cent of pilots are women, according to the International Society of Women Airline Pilots.

Meanwhile, in a statement, the civil aviation ministry said that the Bareilly airport has been upgraded for commercial flight operations under the regional connectivity scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) of the Government of India.

The all-woman crew operated Alliance Air's Delhi-Bareilly inaugural flight on International Women's Day, it said.

Tyagi and Riti Singh, were among the 17 officers who were awarded wings on graduating as observers at a ceremony held in Kochi.

As observers, the two women have been trained for a variety of roles including navigation, flying procedures, tactics employed in air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and airborne avionic systems. They are likely to be posted on warships by the year-end, officials said.

These women officers will be posted onboard maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare helicopters of

States, UTs get ₹200 cr to ensure women's safety across country

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Union Home Ministry on Monday listed out initiatives through the Nirbhaya Fund to enhance the safety and security of women in the country. For his part, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also said that women empowerment has always been the focal point of the policies of the Narendra Modi Government.

The MHA said ₹200 crore has been sanctioned to States and Union Territories (UTs) to set up women help desks in police stations and to strengthen anti-human trafficking units in all districts of the country.

A separate women safety division has also been set up in

the home ministry to sensitise states and UTs on women safety related issues including timely completion of investigation of sexual assault cases, it said.

"The Government has sanctioned ₹200 crore to States and UTs to set up Women Help Desks in police stations, and to set up or strengthen Anti Human Trafficking Units in all districts of the country as also on vulnerable borders," the statement said.

The home ministry said the Bureau of Police Research and Development has distributed 14,950 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection kits to states and UTs and these SAEC kits will facilitate the efficient collection, handling and storage of forensic evidence in cases of sexual assault.

Covid, attendant factors may cause 10 mn more child marriages by 2030: UNICEF

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Covid-19 is profoundly affecting the lives of girls as they face pandemic-related travel restrictions and physical distancing restricting their access to the health care, social services and community support that protect them from child marriage, unwanted pregnancy and gender-based violence, UNICEF has pointed out.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, in its analysis, 'Covid-19: A threat to progress against child marriage', the world child body has warned that 10

million additional child marriages may occur before the end of the decade, threatening years of progress in reducing the practice.

More so as schools remain closed, girls are more likely to drop out of education and not return while job losses and increased economic insecurity may also force families to marry their daughters to ease financial burdens.

As per the report, India is among five countries in the world which account for about half of the total child brides while worldwide, an estimated 650 million girls and women alive today were married in

childhood, with about half of those occurring in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India and Nigeria, according to the analysis.

To off-set the impacts of COVID-19 and end the practice by 2030 - the target set out in the Sustainable Development Goals - progress must be significantly accelerated, it said.

"One year into the pandemic, immediate action is needed to mitigate the toll on girls and their families. By reopening schools, implementing effective laws and policies, ensuring access to health and social services - including sexual and reproductive health services - and providing comprehensive social protection measures for families, we can significantly reduce a girl's risk of having her childhood stolen through child marriage," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore.

CBI begins Covid job exercise; top officials take shot on Day 1

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has started the process of conducting Covid-19 vaccination of its officers and staff pursuant to communication received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Praveen Sinha, In-charge Director, CBI along with senior officers & other officials of CBI (HQ) took the job on the first day of the process. The Co-VID 19 vaccination will be conducted on different days.

CBI offices in various States & UTs have also been advised to get the COVID-19 vaccination of officers & staffs done in co-ordination with local authorities. It may be noted that CBI continued to discharge its duties efficiently despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Naidu exhorts MPs to come to Parl to enrich their knowledge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Peeved over some Elders not attending the proceedings even when they are in the national capital. He, however, made it clear that he was not referring to any particular member or any party. "I appeal to all the members, please make it a point to be in the House and then observe debates, enrich your knowledge," he said.

"The Parliament Library is completing 100 years this year. It has a huge collection of about 14 lakh books including hundreds of journals in all languages. I am told that the footfall of Members of Parliament in this source of information and knowledge is

not very encouraging," Naidu said, stressing that sufficient homework is required on the part of members to make quality contribution to debates and interventions.

Naidu also gave an account of the examination of the Demands for Grants for 2021-22 of various ministries undertaken by the eight Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committees of the Rajya Sabha during the three-week-recess after the first part of the ongoing Budget session of Parliament. He referred to several positives that emerged during the Budget scrutiny by the Committees of Rajya Sabha and some concerns as well.

Bumper yield to keep potato, onion prices in check this yr

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The production of two main kitchen staples - potato and onion - is estimated to be higher than last year, as per the Ministry of Agriculture. However, in case of tomatoes, the production is pegged slightly lower to 20.14 million tonne this year from 21.17 million tonne last year and this may hit the common man budget in the coming days.

With 326.58 MT horticulture crops production in 2020-21, the first advance estimate of horticulture crops for the year 2020-21, the Ministry has estimated that onion production is likely to be 26.29 Million Tons (MT) as compared to 26.09 MT in 2019-20 and potato production is estimated to be 50.19 MT against production of 48.56 MT last year. The tomato production is expected to be less from 21.17 MT last year to 20.14 MT in 2020-21.

Nevertheless, retail onion and tomato prices are running between ₹35-60 a kg for the past two months due to lower supply in the mandis across



the country. Onion prices across the country, particularly in primary agricultural markets near the growing regions, have crashed between 30 per cent and 40 per cent over the last 10 days as the late kharif crop has begun to flood the markets. Traders and exporters fear further fall in the bulb's prices as the rabi crop is all set to hit the markets any time after March 15. "Onion prices had topped ₹4,000 a quintal in Nashik in the third week of February, but they have now dropped to levels of ₹ 2,500 as late Kharif crop arrivals have increased since the last 4-5 days," said a trader.

Potato prices have crashed by about 80 per cent in various primary agricultural markets in major producer-states from a peak of Rs 2,750-2,900 a quintal seen in November last year as arrivals have begun to flood the mar-

kets. Potato is ruling to Rs 10-12 a kg.

As per the first advance estimate, the fruits production too is estimated to be 103.23 MT compared to 102.03 MT in 2019-20 and vegetables production is estimated to be 193.61 MT compared to 188.91 MT last year. Total horticulture production in 2020-21 is estimated to be 326.58 MT, an increase of about 5.81 MT from 320.76 million tonne last year.

Mango production in the country is estimated to increase 4.24 per cent to 21.12 million tonnes in the crop year 2020-21 ending June. The output of mango, the 'king of fruits', stood at 20.26 million tonne during the 2019-20 crop year (July-June).

As dissidence grows, U'khand CM Rawat meets BJP Central leadership

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Monday met the BJP Central leadership amid reports that he may be replaced following dissidence against him over his style of functioning.

Rawat met BJP President JP Nadda, who in turn discussed the political situation in the Hill State with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Talk of a leadership rift in Uttarakhand ahead of elections next year as Rawat, 60, completes his four years at the helm.

On Saturday, the central

leadership rushed two central party observers, Raman Singh and Dushyant Gautam, to Dehradun to oversee the situation.

The BJP leaders met with MLAs, ministers and also with the Chief Minister and the RSS functionaries and submitted a report to Nadda.

Uttarakhand BJP head Banshidhar Bhagat has, however, denied any move to replace the incumbent Chief Minister. According to dissident MLAs, continuation of Rawat may cost the party in the 2022 assembly polls with anti-incumbency against him being "on the rise", they said.

Protest against rise in fuel prices will continue: Congress

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday said it would continue to protest against rising inflation and high prices of petroleum products, and would demand a discussion on the issue in Parliament. The first day of the second part of the Budget Session of Parliament in Rajya Sabha was virtually washed out due to the uproar created by the Congress.

Congress has alleged the Modi Government has earned at least ₹21 lakh crore in the last over six years by raising prices of petrol, diesel and LPG.

Talking to media outside the Parliament, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha

Mallikarjun Kharge said he had given a notice to the chairman under rule 267 for a discussion on rising prices of petrol, diesel and LPG, due to which farmers, women and common people are upset, but it was disallowed. "We wanted to raise the anger among people against the rise in prices and wanted to raise it in Parliament. But the Government did not agree to it as it was not ready. We will continue to raise our demand, and our agitation for raising the voice of the common man will also continue in Parliament," Kharge said.

Kharge said when the Congress raises such issues, it is not given time to raise them in Parliament.

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Earnest Money: Rs. 00.00
Date & time of submission of tender: 01.04.2021, 12.00 Hrs.
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Name of Work-Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of Fixed Type On Line DC Insulation Monitoring System for Chilla Power House
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Date of availability of Tender document on website - 10.03.2021 (11.00 Hrs)
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL
General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Madhu D/o Surrender R/o Joginder Ka Makan, Gali No. 1, Lekhram Park, Tikri Kalan, Delhi Aged-14 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 12.02.2021 from the area of P.S. Mundka, Delhi vide FIR No. 95/21 u/s 363 IPC Dated 12.02.2021 registered at Police Station Mundka, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'0", Face: Long, Wearing: Green coloured suit-salwar, purple coloured sweater and slipper in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Mundka, Delhi at E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in
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Tel. No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Mundka, Delhi
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel. : 011-28352010
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2	PANDEY LAKHMI CHAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS, SECTOR-6, SOFAT	TENDER FOR CHANGE OF MAIN ELECTRICAL CABLE OF STREET LIGHTS AND PVS WEATHER-PROOF DISTRIBUTION BOXES	03.03.2021 24.03.2021	17.05 LACS	https://jpscupsa.ac.in	946626298 deendertarheer1@gmail.com
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General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Satyanarayan @ Saiya Narayan, S/o: Kanhiya, R/o: H.No. 385, F-Block, J.J. Colony, Bakkarwala, Delhi, Age: 50 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: White Shirt-Black Pant and Black Chappale in Feet has been missing/kidnapped since 10.11.2020 from the area of P.S. Mundka, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 57-A, Dated 13.02.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Mundka, Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about this missing/kidnapped person please inform the undersigned.
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E-Mail ID: cbc@cbi.gov.in SHO
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DP/688/OD/2021 Ph: 011-28352010, 28352011

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that I, Sanju Sharma is purchasing the House No. A-267, MIG Flat on Ground Floor at Brij Vihar Sector-8, THA, Tehsil & Distt. Ghaziabad, (U.P) from Rohit Bandhu Akshay Bandhu, Kamna Vadh Anya and Kamlesh legal heirs of Late Prakash, Mr. Prakash was the absolute owner of the same vide Transfer Deed dated 03.05.2002 (Doc. 2649)
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Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
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Explosives car near Antilia: NIA takes up investigation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken over the case of a vehicle laden with explosives being found near top industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in Mumbai, an official spokesperson said on Monday.

"NIA has received orders from MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI (Government of India) for investigation of case FIR No 35/2020 registered at Police Station Gamdevi on 25.02.2021. This case relates to recovery of explosives from a Mahindra Scorpio parked at Carmichael Road, Mumbai," the NIA said in a statement.

NIA is in the process of re-registering the case, it further said. The Scorpio, with 20 gelatin sticks inside, was found near Ambani's high-rise south Mumbai home on February 25. According to the police, the vehicle was stolen from Airoli-Mulund Bridge on February 18.

In yet another twist, Hiren Mansukh, the purported owner of the vehicle, was found dead

in a creek in Thane on Friday. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Monday said the NIA taking over the case suggests something was "fishy".

Talking to reporters in Mumbai, Thackeray said governments come and go, but the official administrative machinery remains the same and one needs to trust it.

On Sunday, the Maharashtra Anti-terrorism Squad (ATS) registered the FIR against unidentified persons on the orders of the State Home Department under IPC Sections 302 (murder), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy).

Thackeray said, "We had handed over the case of the vehicle laden with explosives and the mysterious death of Mansukh Hiren to the ATS. The NIA taking over the case shows something was fishy."

The ATS will continue to conduct its probe into Hiren's death, the CM said. He said the opposition does

not have faith in the state machinery and wanted to show it doesn't function.

"If that is so, why is it demanding that the state government reduce taxes on fuel?" the chief minister asked.

Thackeray also said the state police will conduct probe into the alleged suicide of Lok Sabha member Mohan Delkar and punish the guilty.

Delkar (58), a seven-term MP from the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Union Territory, was found dead at a hotel on Marine Drive in south Mumbai on February 22.

"A Union Territory is governed by the Centre. We will take the case to its logical end. I wonder how the Opposition here is quiet on the issue of the seven-term MP ending his life," Thackeray said. On Monday, Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said in the Assembly that the state police was capable of solving the case of auto parts dealer Mansukh Hiren's death and the recovery of the explosives-laden car near Ambani's residence.

PM's back-to-back rallies in March 3rd week in WB

Kolkata: With Bengal coming in BJP's priority list in the upcoming elections Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address two back-to-back rallies --- on March 12 and 20 --- ahead of the first phase of elections on March 27. His first meeting will be at Purulia and the second at Contai the home-town of BJP's Nandigram campaigner Suwendu Adhikari, party sources said.

Modi attended a huge rally at Kolkata's historic Brigade Parade Ground on Sunday attacking the TMC regime.

BJP star candidate Adhikari who joined the saffron outfit late last year after quitting the Trinamool Congress will file his nomination against Chief

Minister Mamata Banerjee from high-profile Nandigram seat on March 12, his party sources said adding two central ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Smriti Irani would accompany him during his filing of nomination at Haldia.

Adhikari has openly challenged the Chief Minister to defeat her by half-a-lakh votes from Nandigram. Banerjee will file her nomination for the same seat on March 10.

Apart from Mukul Roy who too left the TMC to join the BJP three years ago, Adhikari a former MP and a powerful State Minister had been the principal campaigner for Mamata Banerjee during her Nandigram land movement. **PNS**

RSS 2-day annual meet from March 19 in B'luru

New Delhi: The Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha (ABPS), the highest decision-making body of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), will hold its two-day annual meet from March 19 to March 20 in Bengaluru which is expected to affect key changes in the organization.

The meeting was earlier planned for Nagpur, but had to be relocated due to the active COVID-19 cases in Maharashtra.

According to sources, the meeting --- which will have in attendance about 500 to 550 RSS brass will be held on March 19 and 20. Election to the highest executive post of the organisation, Sar Karyavah (general secretary), is expected to take place during the meeting. **PNS**

Last year, the meeting was scheduled to be held in Bengaluru from March 15 to 17 but was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"About 500-550 delegates are likely to participate in the event. Sarsanghchalak of RSS Dr Mohan Bhagwat, Sar Karyavah Bhayyaji Joshi and other leaders of the outfit will be in attendance. Several outfits of the RSS will not be attending the meet on account of COvId19 protocol.

The meeting will review the work done by the RSS in last three-years and set the road map for coming years. Sources said Covid19 offered RSS workers opportunity to work with people extensively and the meeting would also appraise that experience. **PNS**

Gender equality a distant dream in Western UP

Aligarh: In West UP number of cases of female foeticide are noted. Also people are more worried about the male child instead of female child specially in the rural areas.

In Aligarh rural areas and Muslim populated areas, slums girls are not getting nutritious food as compared to male child. Here 62% girls are suffering from under nutrition problem. That is why there is higher death rate of female child with in two years of delivery. Though U.P. government has launched several projects/schemes but parents do not pay proper attention to improve girls health. Girls remaining alive being abandoned after birth are living under nutrition life. **PNS**

MAHA BUDGET 2021-22: MVA Govt proposes hikes in excise duty, VAT on liquor

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Shiv Sena-led MVA Government on Monday proposed hikes in the State Excise Duty and Value Added Tax (VAT) on the sale of liquor through which it hoped to mobilise an additional revenue of Rs 1,800, while it announced one per cent concession on the transfer of house or registration of sale deed in the name of a woman or women.

In his first budget presented after the break-out of Covid-19 in Maharashtra in March last year, Deputy Chief minister Ajit Pawar announced three farmer-friendly measures --- zero per cent interest crop loans up to a borrowing limit of Rs 3 lakh, Rs 2000 crore scheme for strengthening Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) and 33 per cent concession on farmers' electricity bills.

Alluding to additional revenue generation by way of hikes in the State Excise Duty and VAT on liquor, Pawar -- who holds the State Finance portfolio -- announced the state government's decision to classify country liquor into two separate categories as branded and non-branded country liquor. The two separate categorisation of branded and non-branded country liquor involved an increase of State Excise Duty to Rs. 220 percent of manufacturing cost or Rs. 187 per proof litre whichever is high on branded country liquor only.

The deputy chief minister

said that owing to the State Excise Duty and VAT on liquor, the state government was expected to net an additional revenue of Rs. 800 crore.

Pawar proposed to increase the rate of Value Added Tax (VAT) on the sale of liquor as prescribed in Schedule-B of Value Added Tax Act from the existing 60 percent to 65 percent. He also proposed to increase the rate of Value Added Tax (VAT) on the sale of liquor as prescribed in Section 41 (5) of Value Added Tax Act from the existing 35 percent to 40 percent.

Pawar said that owing to the VAT, the state government was expected to get additional revenue of Rs 1000 crore.

In a tax concession measure announced on the occasion of International Women's Day, the Deputy chief minister proposed concession of one per cent in the Stamp Duty on the prevailing rate exclusively to Women, "provided the transfer of house property or registration of sale deed is in the name of woman or women only".

Pawar said that owing to the proposed tax concession, there would be revenue shortfall of around Rs 1000 Crore to the State Exchequer.

In a couple of several health infrastructure measures announced in the wake of the continuing Covid-19 crisis in the state, Pawar said that a Rs 7500 crore project involving the construction and upgradation of health institutions would be completed in the next four years, while Rs. 5000 crore will

be provided by the government in the next 5 years for quality health services in the Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats. Of the total allocation, Rs 800 crore would be spent during the current year.

He also announced a cancer Diagnosis Facility in 150 hospitals and establishment of new Government Medical Colleges at Sindhurdurg, Osmanabad, Nashik, Raigad and Satara. He said that medical colleges would also be set up at Parbhani and Amravati.

Pawar said that 11 leaven government nursing schools affiliated to government medical colleges in the state will be converted into nursing colleges, while physiotherapy and occupational therapy colleges will be established in all 17 government medical colleges, in a phased manner.

"Post Covid Counseling and Treatment Centers will be set up at every district hospital and government medical college in urban areas," the deputy chief minister said.

Dwelling upon the concession in the pending electricity bills, the Finance Minister said: "33 percent concession has been given to farmers of pending electricity bills and if the farmers pay 50 per cent of the remaining arrears by March 2022, additional 50 per cent of the remaining amount will be waived off. In all, Rs 30,411 crore will be waived off by MVA government which amounts to 66 per cent of the original pending bills of 44.37 lakh farmers".

Salma Ansari names 2.5-yr-old girl after her mother, Zehra Kazmi

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Salma Ansari, wife of former Vice President Hamid Ansari, named the two-and-a-half-year-old girl after her mother Zehra Kazmi. Recently, four needy children were brought to Madrasa Chacha Nehru from Bihar, whose education and responsibility has been taken by Salma Ansari.

Relatives of the children have given the responsibility of their upbringing to the Alnoor Charitable Society in writing. She is a two-and-a-half-year-old girl from Bihar, whose mother is deranged. The child's maternal grandfather handed her over to the madarsa. She is named after the mother of Salma Ansari.

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ED arrests Deepak Agarwal and Ayush Goyal

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Deepak Agarwal and Ayush Goyal for their involvement in a trade-based money laundering scam in which funds to the tune of Rs 1500 crore were sent outside India in the guise of import of fake "customised software". Both the accused were remanded to judicial custody. However, the Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Visakhapatnam, has granted custody of Deepak Agarwal to ED for three days beginning March 6.

The ED has also sought custodial interrogation of Ayush Goyal.

The ED had initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Andhra Pradesh Police against Vaddi Mahesh and others, on the complaint of Income Tax Department. **PNS**

There is now awareness about crime against women: Yogi

Lucknow: UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Monday, said that there was now an awareness about crime against women.

He said that when he formed the government, there was a lack of awareness on this issue. "We began by expanding Women Power Line to 75 districts from four districts. Helpline number 181 for domestic violence was also integrated with other helpline numbers to make it effective," he said.

Launching the second phase of the ongoing Safe City project to provide an environment free of fear to women, the chief minister honoured women for their contribution in various fields and inaugurated various schemes as part of 'Mission Shakti' in the state capital.

"Today, 20 per cent of women are inducted in 3 PAC Battalion in Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Badaun. For girl education, we launched 'Kanya Sumangla Yojana' with Rs 15,000 benefit for a maximum of five

times," he added.

The Uttar Pradesh government had launched the 'Mission Shakti' program on October 17 last year for the security of women in the state and to further strengthen the safety mechanism for the girls and women.

In the first phase, under the Safe City project in Lucknow, 100 pink booths are being constructed for women safety in different areas of the city.

Out of this, 70 pink booths have been completed.

At the same time, 100 two-wheeler pink petrol and 10 four-wheeler pink petrol have been given to women policemen for the safety of women and girls.

These pink patrols are constantly patrolling around the girls' schools, colleges and markets. For the facilities of women, Pink Toilets with special facilities are also being constructed at 74 places in the city, out of which 18 Pink Toilets are ready. Under the Safe City project, lights are

installed after identifying the dark spots in the city.

So far, 3625 dark spots have been identified and lights have been provided at 660 places while 2965 other spots will be taken up by the end of March. This will curb crimes against women at night.

The Women Power Line 1090 operated under the Safe City project is also proving to be a boon for women. After getting better results, the work on increasing the capacity of the women power line is also being done.

Apart from this, the integration of women power line with 112 cyber forensics facility, data analytics centres have also been established through enhancement in the technology. The hot spots are being monitored through CCTV cameras, drones and control rooms. The installation of panic buttons, CCTV cameras and GPL in city buses will also be completed by

April 2021. **PIANS**

15-year-old raped by nine people over eight days in Rajasthan's Jhalawar

Kota (Raj): A 15-year-old girl was allegedly raped at separate places by at least nine people over eight days in Rajasthan's Jhalawar, police said on Monday. Two of the accused are minors.

The girl somehow managed to reach her home on Friday after which a complaint was lodged. Four of the accused, including the two minors, have been held, police said.

Suket DSP Manjeet Singh said the girl alleged that her friend Bulbul and another youth, Chothmal, on February 25 took her to Jhalawar City on the pretext of buying a school bag for her.

He, however, said the girl is a school dropout. She alleged that two to three other people joined them at a park where she was drugged and raped by them.

She alleged that at least nine people at different times and separate places in Jhalawar raped her over eight days.

The DSP said a medical examination of the girl was conducted immediately and four of the accused were held. Two of them are minor and attempts are under way to arrest the rest, he said. **PTI**

UP: 13-year-old rape survivor gives birth

Deoria (UP): A 13-year-old girl, who was allegedly raped in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria district, has given birth to a child, police said on Monday. A man has been arrested on charge of raping the girl, they said.

Circle Officer (CO) Ambika Ram said her mother alleged in the complaint that the minor was raped at her house in a village in Rudrapur area by a neighbour eight months ago when she was alone.

The accused also threatened her of dire consequences due to which she did not narrate her ordeal to the family members, the CO said.

The accused has been arrested and sent to jail, police said, adding a detailed probe is on into the matter. **PTI**

Rajasthan Police SI suspended on rape charge

Jaipur: A police sub-inspector was suspended on Monday on the charge of raping a 26-year-old woman in Rajasthan's Alwar district, an official said.

A case of rape under Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 376 was registered against police sub-inspector Bharat Lal (52) on a complaint lodged by the woman, Alwar SP Tejaswini Gautam said.

The SP said the accused was arrested and suspended on Monday.

The woman had gone to police station to lodge a case against her husband as he wanted a divorce. The woman wanted police to stop him from getting a divorce.

According to the woman's complaint, the accused SI raped her for three days at a quarter inside police station, the SP said. **PTI**

Vijayan Govt mulling options to silence Central probe agencies

KOCHI: The diatribe by the CPI(M) leaders against the Customs officials in Kochi has taken a new turn as the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left Democratic Front Government is considering options to silence the Central agencies. This follows the announcement by Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora that the demand by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to put on hold all probes by the Central agencies into cases like gold smuggling scam, reverse hawala operations from India to West Asia and the CBI investigation into the LIFE Mission, the flagship programme of the State administration.

According to sources in Secretariat, the State administration was taken aback by the affidavit filed in Kerala High Court by Sumith Kumar, the Customs Preventive Commissioner stating that the dollar hawala and other illegal operations had the patronage of top leaders of the CPI(M).

The eight questions posed to the Chief Minister by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday during his speech at the valedictory function of the BJP's Vijaya Yatra at Thiruvananthapuram had sent the Government topsy-turvy. The home minister mentioned that the death of a person associated with the Gold Scam and who was being probed smacked of mystery.

It may be noted that there was an attempt on the life of Sumit Kumar, the Customs Preventive Commissioner probing the Gold Smuggling scam in which former principal secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan figures as an accused. On February 12, there was an unsuccessful attempt to waylaid Sumit Kumar who was on his way back to Kochi from Kalpetta in Wayanad district. Though Kumar filed a report about the incident, the Kerala Police is yet to take any action. **PNS**

Northwest parts of India to welcome rain over next 4 days

New Delhi: The northwestern parts of India are all set to experience widespread rain over the next four days after a brief dry spell. The latest forecasts said that two western disturbances will impact the Western Himalayan Region and adjoining northwest India this week. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday said a Western Disturbance (WD) prevails over north Pakistan on Monday and an induced cyclonic circulation lies over Punjab and the neighbourhood region. Owing to the rough weather conditions, the IMD has issued an orange alert over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand for Wednesday and Thursday. Uttarakhand will continue to remain under the same advisory for Friday as well. The advisory instructs residents to 'be prepared' for the rough weather conditions.

According to the IMD, the WD are mainly a weather phenomenon whose arrival is associated with snow and rain in the Himalayas and parts of northwest India. The ongoing system is expected to produce scattered rainfall or snowfall with isolated thunderstorms, lightning or hail over the Western Himalayan Region (WHR) on Tuesday.

Moreover, there are also possibilities of very light rain or drizzle over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi from March 8 to 10. **PNS**

Hand gloves for voters, PPEs for Covid infected in TN polls

Chennai: Covid-19 infected voters would be given personal protective equipment (PPE) kits while others hand gloves for casting their votes in the elections to Tamil Nadu assembly next month as part of preventive measures in view of the pandemic, state Chief Electoral Officer Satyabrata Sahoo said here on Monday.

On the day of polling, every voter would be given hand gloves before voting to ensure there was no chance of transmission of infection through the Electronic Voting

Machine, he said. All other norms to help prevent COVID-19, including screening people with thermal scanners, would be followed during the polling on April 6, the official told a press conference at the Secretariat.

"People must go to polling stations wearing mask," he said adding public should follow social distancing as well.

If people had fever or in case of suspicion about coronavirus, they would be given a medical certificate and allowed to vote during the last one hour.

In case of people infected with COVID-19 or suspected of being infected with the virus, they would be permitted to cast their votes wearing a PPE kit that would be provided by authorities, he said. Arrangements are in place to ensure availability of PPEs, he noted.

Both polling stations and personnel have been increased in view of the pandemic and as a result the total booths now stood at 88,937 as against 68,324 and would be manned by 4,79,892 personnel, the

CEO said. There are 76 counting centres in the state. While previously only the vulnerable and sensitive polling stations were monitored through web camera, for the first time now, a minimum of 50 per cent of polling booths shall be connected to the devices.

As many as 150 general observers and 40 police observers have been deployed and they would all report in their respective assigned constituencies before March 19. **PTI**



Women workers collect sun-dried chillies at a farm in Shertha village on the outskirts of Ahmedabad on Monday



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Future perfect?

Is Tikait using the farmers' agitation to carve a place for himself in the Assembly or LS polls?

Riding the crest of farmers' protests, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait is putting in his best efforts to find a firm ground for his political future, if his latest utterances are anything to go by. By saying that the "Government has gone to Kolkata and we will meet it there only", he has made it clear that he will continue raking the farm laws issue to the BJP's discomfiture wherever and whenever an opportunity presents itself. This might irk the BJP a bit but it's certainly no reason for worry as Tikait most likely will not find any resonance in the West Bengal elections unless he gets to share the platform with the State's big guns or openly sides with the TMC or the Congress against the saffron party. Tikait is up in arms against the Centre and the BJP; however, many a time what is seen on the surface is nothing more than eyewash, especially in politics. An overambitious leader who has had no political career might be used as a "safety valve" by the Centre to defuse the farmers' anger. The nation witnessed how the Centre, despite all its might, failed to prevent the farmers from storming the Red Fort on the Republic Day. It was only after this incident that the protest's focus shifted from Punjab's growers to the cultivators of western Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Haryana, and Tikait acquired the centre stage while the more belligerent farm leaders from Punjab were gradually sidelined. Tikait then went through a gamut of manoeuvres including breaking down during a speech, threatening to hang himself if the farm laws weren't repealed and of marching to Parliament with 40 lakh tractors, besides making many other inciting comments to keep the protest alive.



The political stint of Tikait — the son of legendary farmer leader Mahendra Singh Tikait who held sway over Jat farmers in western UP and founded the BKU and the Bahujan Kisan Dal — has been rather unsuccessful. He ended up at the sixth spot in the 2007 UP Assembly elections (though he was backed by the Congress) and lost his deposit in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls when he fought on the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) ticket from Amroha. Tikait is basically consolidating his position among Jat voters, the community he banks upon, in western UP. He is probably eyeing the 2022 UP Assembly or the next Lok Sabha elections. However, the jury is still out on whether he will float his own party or contest on another party's symbol. If he forms his own party, it would be a severe setback to the RLD and the Congress who also count on Jat votes. The BJP naturally would have an advantage as the votes against it would split. On the other hand, seat-sharing may not be easy if he decides to join hands with the RLD or the Congress as the traditional parties will not like him to be in the driver's seat. As of now, Tikait would like to use the farmers' protest to get a leg up in his political career. However, the NDA Government's "pro-corporate" and "anti-farmer" image is unlikely to help the BJP but its strategists would know what it means to win the Hindi heartland.

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PICTALK



Himachal Pradesh Police's women officers celebrate International Women's Day, in Shimla

100 days of revolt, & still raring to go

As the farmers' protest against farm laws enters the summer season, they brave high temperatures and the paucity of basic necessities



INDRA SHEKHAR SINGH

As an orange sun hung over the Tikri border; Rakesh Tikait along with other leaders was addressing the gathering of farmers on the 99th evening of the farmers' revolution. To mark the 100th day, plans were to be made. Farmers were preparing to block the National Highway into Delhi for five hours; a task they did well and peacefully. Tikait gave a call again to farmers around the nation "to be prepared for the harvest" and to bolster the revolution simultaneously. Speeches ended and a selfie frenzy began. The young, the old, the media and the police, all wanted to be in this moment as it was special in the history of the world. Winter, spring and now summer, yet the farmers' revolution lives on.

But far from the maddening crowds, the revolution had got a new friend. Against public advice, he kept ramming into the yellow police barricades, trying to enter Delhi. I caught him red-handed. Shyly, he ducked and began to look at the carrot shavings. His mind was yet to understand why humans used barricades. The suspect was big, blackish and middle aged. His curved big black horns made him stand out; he was an Indian humped bull.

The advances in farm machinery and artificial insemination have made the indigeneous bull redundant. Most farmers sell off the male calves at birth and the remaining ones roam the streets of cities and townships scavenging on garbage. The more lucky ones are sold to slaughterhouses to meet death quickly. There is also a special class of bulls that is part of the artificial insemination industry; they are bred and dishonoured by sophisticated instruments, robbing them of their spermatozoa. Today the Indian bull, far from being Shiv's 'Nandi', is a pariah and first victim of industrial agriculture. With less than one per cent bulls working the farms, India flaunts a large dairy and cattle-rearing sector. The Indian species are so intermixed



with foreign breeds, mainly Jersey and Holstein, that it's hard to tell what is indigenous anymore. Many farmers fear that the story of the Indian bull will be their story, too, if the three farm laws and a neo-company raj enter India. Only with minimal farmers and maximum fossil fuel-based machines will the fields be cultivated.

The more immediate challenge to the revolution is, of course, the increasing heat — political and physical. Temperature variations have already started affecting people's health. With hotter days ahead, the entire encampments are modifying their tents. Many farmers are now constructing high bamboo-and-canvas tents for better air circulation. The supply of drinking water and perishable items like milk is becoming slightly problematic. Food wastage may also increase due to insufficient refrigeration facility. Farmers have mobilised another round of fundraising for installing reverse osmosis (RO) plants within the encampments at Tikri border because the groundwater is highly contaminated with industrial effluents.



WHILE ALL EYES ARE ON BENGAL, THE FARMER LEADERS ARE EXPANDING THEIR BASE TO THE STATES OF RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH AND UTTAR PRADESH. THE MORALE ON THE GROUND AT THE REVOLUTION SITES HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER

The Ghazipur border is also going for a summer makeover. Much of the encampment at this border is on the Asian Highway 2 (AH2). Surrounding it are Ghazipur's garbage mountain, posh apartments and an open sewage canal that flows underneath it. The summer will bring mosquitoes and diseases. Both the sites will have to be prepared to combat vector and water-borne diseases. As these fears grow, a farmer from Jind died by suicide at the Tikri border. An avoidable death!

The farmers' revolution has transformed from an agrarian movement into a united opposition to the totalitarian Government. The BJP has suffered electorally in Punjab and Haryana and a strict boycott of the BJP and its leaders is in place in these States. While all eyes are on Bengal, the farmer leaders are expanding their base to the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The morale on the ground at the revolution sites has never been higher. Because the encampments have become a breeding ground for hope, camaraderie is the only cure for hate. Many of these farm-

ers have stepped out of their region for the first time, yet they quickly learnt to work and endure suffering together. The movement is more disciplined than earlier and the farmers are ready to continue resisting.

Penance has been the path to spiritual awakening — Jesus on the cross or Buddha starving under the Bodhi tree — and the farmers are also suffering for the sins of our world. A bullet may bring their death as a slaughter may begin any day but they hope their deaths will not be in vain and shall wake up a sleeping world. It will bring together farmers and citizens all over the world to rise against this evil. Despite the odds, the farmers are hopeful.

Our world and democracy is at a dangerous crossroads — Earth and millions of farmers on one side and Big Ag and corporate tyranny on the other. If Indian farmers win, democracy of the world lives; otherwise, Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World' awaits us all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WOMEN SHOULD RISE AGAINST TORMENTORS

Sir — Each year, March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day. It goes without saying that women have proved their worth in all spheres and their progress is beyond any doubt. Indian women, too, have shown men that they are second to none. But we need to introspect that why we still have to talk about women empowerment and gender equality.

We have not achieved these things and the reality is very disappointing. Daughters are committing suicide daily in our country as they are forced by their husbands and in-laws to meet their demand for dowry. Many people in villages still hesitate to send their daughters to schools and marry them off at an early age. Even in big metros, women are faced with discrimination of various types at the workplaces and at their homes. They are sexually abused and harassed at the hands of their male colleagues, while at home they are subjected to domestic violence. The situation of women in politics is also not much better. There are very few women in politics as compared to men and they are not enough to pressure the Government to make laws more favourable for the women.

The fair sex is rather treated unfairly in our country and working women in traditional domains of men are looked down upon by their peers. When will this situation change? What are the responsibilities of NGOs, States, the Centre and civil society with respect to improving the condition of women? When will women rise against their tormentors?

Bal Govind | Noida

TAKE ALL SHOTS WITHIN STIPULATED TIME

Sir — As COVID-19 cases are again on the rise in India, it is time to accelerate our vaccination drive. The Government must involve more private hospitals and set up mobile clinics for vaccination. The States and Centre must deploy their ambulance services for getting people inoculated. The elderly should have the facility of calling ambulance home for taking them to the nearest centre for getting the jab. Further,

No cakewalk for Mamata



This refers to the editorial "Risky resolve" (March 8). Mamata choosing to contest from Nandigram shows her nervousness and Trinamool Congress (TMC) not giving tickets to many sitting MLAs and Ministers shows that Didi no more has confidence over her old guards. Mamata banking on new faces might cost dear to the TMC in the Assembly elections. She is already distraught by a spate of defections when many of her close confidants left the party at such crucial juncture. Suvendu Adhikari has made the

matters worse for her and winning from Nandigram will not be a cakewalk for Mamata as the Adhikari clan holds significant influence in the area.

However, Mamata's chances of winning the battle of prestige at Nandigram are quite good but it will definitely affect the TMC's performance elsewhere. The TMC's rule has been fraught with corruption and its Ministers were neck-deep in malpractices and nepotism. She should have controlled her MLAs, party workers and Ministers before the elections. Tightening noose when elections are round the corner will not improve the party's image, rather it would prove counterproductive. Those who have been denied tickets may not campaign for the party wholeheartedly and may even go against it. The BJP, on the other hand, is putting all its weight behind campaigning and winning the elections. Top party leaders are holding rallies, *sabhas* and road shows on war footing.

Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

a door-to-door vaccination drive should be conducted not only in big cities but also in towns and villages.

Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent disease and save lives — now more than ever. Today there are vaccines available to protect against at least 20 diseases. Further, there should be no crowding at the vaccination centres and arrangements for potable water and toilet facilities should be made available to all, especially the elders.

We must also not forget that safety precautions are the key to keep Coronavirus at bay and wearing of masks and sanitising hands is essential.

Those who have taken the shot must take the subsequent doses within the stipulated time, else it might prove futile and defeat the very purpose.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

BJP LIKELY TO WIN BENGAL ELECTIONS

Sir — If the massive crowd at the Prime

Minister's rally at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata is anything to go by, the indication is clear that the TMC is going and BJP is coming to power in West Bengal. Further, the schemes of the Centre will give BJP an edge; however, the recent rise in the prices of fuel and LPG cylinder will have a bearing on the BJP's vote bank.

The Centre should not have allowed the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG to touch the sky. The rise in LPG prices especially worries women a lot and, despite the Centre's Ujjwala Yojana, might affect the BJP's vote bank.

What will happen cannot be exactly predicted but it seems that the people of West Bengal are fed up with the rule of Mamata Banerjee and will most likely vote her out of power.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

SOUNDBITE

Women in our country have always played a great role in nation-building and in upholding national integrity, peace and harmony. Women have always been an inspiration to society.



Andhra Pradesh Governor — Biswa Bhushan Harichandan

The Government has signed an advance purchase agreement for 8.5 million additional doses, enough to vaccinate 4.25 million people against COVID.



New Zealand PM — Jacinda Ardern

Women play multiple roles in their life: of a daughter, wife, mother, sister and so on. To make everyone around them happy, they sometimes compromise their real self.



Actress — Sunny Leone

Nowadays everybody is looking for a big total; every game we want to score more than 250 but for that you need some time and matches.



Indian women's ODI vice-captain — Harmanpreet Kaur

The social organisations could also contribute to ensure comfortable commuting and convenient accomplishment of the vaccination process.



Union Minister — Jitendra Singh

Institutionalised racism

What did Prince Harry Windsor and Meghan Markle's interview to Oprah Winfrey teach us?

Let us make no bones about it; the interview that Prince Harry Windsor and Meghan Markle, the now effectively excommunicated members of the British Royal Family, gave American television personality Oprah Winfrey was a way for them to remain in the limelight. It shone brightly at them and it also reminded many of us who either watched the entire interview or even snatches of it on social media that Miss Winfrey remains a master at her art. It is extremely difficult to feel sorry for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. They are, and remain, extremely wealthy and privileged individuals, one by virtue of his birth and the other through the Hollywood hype machine. This interview is just a precursor to an upcoming series on streaming platform Netflix, which ironically also broadcasts a very lightly fictionalised story of Harry's grandmother's life, 'The Crown'. But it was difficult to not feel sorry when Meghan and Harry spoke about the racism that they faced when the potential skin tone of their then unborn child, a son now known as Archie, was brought up. Neither of them mentioned who it was that spoke

to them about this, whether it was a family member or a member of the royal household bureaucracy, but this again highlights that even an evolved family or institution can remain horribly rooted in a racist past.

The British Royal Family might reign over a realm that is uniquely multi-racial and multi-ethnic, but racist undertones still exist in Britain. Of course, this is not a problem unique to the country as the 'Black Lives Matter' that followed the brutal murders of black individuals by white members of the American police force highlighted that even eight years of having a black President hadn't changed the racist mindsets of many Americans. And while racist undertones in India seem to be more subdued, make no mistake because they do exist. The attitude of the average Indian to African students or even those from the North-East is downright racist and, worse, casteism is still widespread. Many of us might have evolved with regards to our views on matters such as race and caste, but the institutionalisation of those views over centuries will take much longer to eradicate, not just in the British Royal Family but across the world.



FIRST COLUMN

INDIA MUST NOT LET CHINA WOO HASINA

Ties between New Delhi and Dhaka would benefit both countries and Modi's trip should take this forward



KALYANI SHANKAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forthcoming visit to Dhaka on March 26 is quite significant as it will be his first foreign trip after the COVID-19 outbreak. It is expected to consolidate bilateral ties as Bangladesh is a gateway to southeast Asia and part of Modi's 'Act East' policy. In the last six years, the Prime Minister has established a rapport with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina. There have also been frequent ministerial and official-level visits and continuous interaction between New Delhi and Dhaka. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Dhaka last week to pave the way for the Prime Minister's visit as part of Bangladesh's celebrations of 50 years of independence. It also marks a decisive victory of the Indian Army over Pakistan. Coincidentally, Modi's visit is just before the first phase of the Assembly polls in West Bengal and Assam, which share common borders with Bangladesh. The enormous improvement in bilateral ties in the recent years led Hasina to call it a "golden period."



Yet, the steps taken in the domestic sphere during Modi's second term are causing concern to Bangladesh, even though New Delhi contends that it is a domestic matter. These measures include the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), the passing of the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the creation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

During Modi's trip, the two leaders are expected to discuss bilateral issues, especially the matter of Teesta river water sharing. Despite achieving breakthroughs in several areas in India-Bangladesh ties, both countries are yet to resolve the issue and Teesta has emerged as an emotive matter in Bangladesh and West Bengal. Dhaka has been pushing New Delhi to settle it early as Teesta water is vital for irrigation during the dry season in the northern part of Bangladesh. The Modi Government had successfully persuaded West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the tricky Land Boundary Agreement and the enclaves' resolution, but Didi has stuck to her guns on Teesta. Jaishankar, during his recent Dhaka visit, said, "The position of the Government of India has not changed." However, it is a political necessity for both sides to find a solution soon. A deal would help New Delhi get more political leverage over China's growing influence, particularly in the Bay of Bengal region. It will also help Hasina politically. Meanwhile, a desperate Dhaka has turned to Beijing and a massive project funded by China has been adopted to manage the Teesta river.

On the domestic side, illegal immigration has been a political and electoral issue for the BJP since 1996 when its national executive in Bhopal passed a resolution on it. Even the 2019 manifesto said, "We will continue to undertake effective steps to prevent illegal immigration in the north eastern States." The other issue is that of Rohingya refugees. Millions of Muslims from the Rakhine province of Myanmar, following the Tatmadav's crackdown in 2017, fled to Bangladesh and other neighbouring countries, including India. New Delhi is caught in a dilemma between two close strategic neighbours, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Connectivity is another important area where both the countries are focusing, and many new projects are on the way and New Delhi has come to Dhaka's rescue by exporting nine million vaccines as part of its COVID diplomacy. On its part, Bangladesh is all set to graduate out of the Least Developing Countries with its GDP growth of eight per cent. New Delhi must keep up the partnership that allows for economic growth, defence cooperation, connectivity and improved developmental parameters for both nations. A collaboration between India and Bangladesh would benefit both countries. New Delhi must not lose the moment to take the ties forward.

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Gender inequality in Indian labour market

It is not only participation in higher education that will provide a broad solution but skills training relevant to the market demand is also necessary



BALWANT SINGH MEHTA

Every year on International Women's Day the world celebrates the achievements of women in social, economic, cultural and political spheres. Not many are aware that this special day for women began as a labour movement in 1908, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay and the right to vote. March 8 was taken up as the official International Women's Day in 1975 by the United Nations. This year's theme was centred around celebrating the tremendous efforts of women/girls in shaping a more equal future and also in aiding recovery from the pandemic. However, it is imperative to highlight the gaps that remain and the way forward to address them successfully.

Gender inequality in the labour market, particularly in the context of developing nations, is one area of concern that still poses a great challenge, particularly in a country like India. Historically, women have been denied many opportunities due to deep-rooted biases in the social system. These eventually lead to labour market inequality as such discrimination is not limited to the domestic arena only but extends beyond the household. The underlying factors that cause such discrimination in India are the sex ratio at birth, life expectancy at birth, the infant mortality rate, the under-five mortality rate, the maternal mortality rate, nutritional deprivation, inequality in literacy rates and the gender gap at the highest level of political decision-making. These inequalities have direct implications for labour market outcomes in terms of women's participation in economic activities. Even with similar educational attainments and skill sets as men, women are denied opportunities, which leads to significant differences in status of work, income and occupations. Despite the introduction of many affirmative policy actions, such exclusionary approaches remain.

Inequality in the labour market: While some studies have noted an improvement in employment conditions for women, with rising salaries and more participation in quality or decent jobs, other studies have highlighted jobless growth and declining participation in the labour market in the past decades. The pandemic severely hit economic activities of those who were at the lower rung of the occupation hierarchy, particularly women working in the informal economy. They were out of jobs for a significant period of the outbreak and those who managed to hold on to one had to face wage cuts. This has further precipitated the vulnerability of women.

Employment and education/skill level: Globalisation has led to an increase in women's participation in the labour market in India. But there is still a huge gender gap, with only 18 per cent of women employed as compared to 47 per cent men. It is often argued that women are engaged in mostly low-skilled, low-paid work under precarious work conditions. Education and skill level play a key role in access to the labour market and in the quality of work one gets.

Almost half of the working women (42 per cent) are illiterate compared to 19 per cent men, and around 77 per cent are educated up to the upper primary level as compared to 62 per cent men. There is a significant difference between the higher education level of working women and men, i.e. 23 per cent of women as compared to 38 per cent of men are educated above the secondary level.



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Job quality and occupations:

More than half of working women (53 per cent) are engaged in self-employment, whereas one-fourth take up some form of casual work (25 per cent) and only 22 per cent are in regular salaried jobs. The share of men engaged in regular work (24 per cent) is relatively higher, while their share in casual employment (24 per cent) is slightly lower. Further, differences are also observed in terms of occupational segregation in the labour market i.e. the difference in the share of men versus women within an occupation. Such segmentation is widespread within occupational groups.

The occupational distribution by gender shows that women (28 per cent) are relatively more involved than men (22 per cent) in low-paid and unskilled jobs, such as elementary occupations (domestic helpers, cleaners, street vendors and garbage collectors), services (personal care, housekeeping and salespersons) and as office and customer service clerks. Women (10 per cent) are also under-represented in high-skill and well paid jobs, such as those of professionals, technicians and associate professionals, as compared to men (13 per cent). Additionally, the percentage of women (92 per cent) engaged in informal employment in the country is higher than men (88 per cent).

Unemployment, NEET and inactive people: The overall employment level among women (five per cent) is less than their male (six per cent) counterparts. The unemploy-

ment rate among young (15-29 years) women is not only significantly high (18 per cent) but also greater than men (17 per cent). The trend also shows a sizable increase in youth who are not in employment, education and training (NEET), among whom a large proportion is that of women. More than half of young women (55 per cent) are in the NEET category with only 13 per cent of young men featuring in it. Additionally, 84 per cent of young women are inactive as compared to 41 per cent of men. The inactive youth include those who face employment difficulties and may drop out of the labour force when jobs are hard to find, whether for study, leisure, illicit activities or due to inertia. Women face many social and economic hurdles which limit their participation in the labour market and this may lead to labour market inactivity.

Factors aiding inequality: There are many factors that contribute to labour market inequality. Mehta and Awasthi (2019) analysed various factors through an econometric decomposition exercise. Their study revealed four important factors: Educational qualification or skill level is one of the most important factors contributing to inequality, as individuals with high education or skill level can access better jobs or have higher chances of getting a decent job; access to a decent quality job or a regular formal salaried job, which provides better and secure income, while casual work is irregular and low paid; gender, as various socio-economic con-

ditions and other restrictions cause women to have a lower labour force participation rate and lastly work experience, as people with experience are more likely to get better access to the labour market. There are other factors such as social groups, income level or poverty and rural and urban location which play a key role in gender inequality in the labour market.

The way forward: Rising inequality in the labour market is a reality, with the differences between the male and female population growing wider. Though, over the years, female presence in regular or high-skilled and better-paid jobs has improved but still a large number of them are engaged in low-paid and unskilled jobs. In recent years, the growing enrollment of young women in secondary and tertiary-level education has resulted in them being better-skilled employees and their proliferation in decent employment. This trend is seen particularly in the services sector, especially in financial services and information technology. Hence, apart from a gender-friendly environment, it is necessary to make education up to the secondary level universal and free.

However, the growing number of women in the NEET category and the higher unemployment level among educated or skilled women is negating the advances made through such measures. Therefore, it is not only participation in higher education that will provide a comprehensive solution but skills training relevant to the market demand is also necessary.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

BENGAL TRUSTED DIDI FOR 'PORIBORTON'. SHE BROKE THE TRUST. I HAVE COME HERE TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE IN 'ASOL PORIBORTON'. —PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



HE SAYS THERE IS NO 'PORIBORTON' IN BENGAL. BEFORE POLLS IT IS 'UJJWALA' AND POST POLLS IT TURNS INTO 'JUMLA.' THIS CANNOT CONTINUE. —WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER MAMATA BANERJEE



Govt land monetisation will boost infrastructure development

The proposed SPV meant to carry out the monetisation should take essential steps for making land assets of PSUs free of any hindrances

Urban development in India is largely obstructed by the lack of availability of land at affordable prices, a key prerequisite for infrastructure development and housing. According to the Numbad database for 2021, Mumbai is among the top 10 cities with the highest price-to-income ratios. The reason for the high price of land available for infrastructure development or residential stock in India is directly linked to the complexities of the land acquisition process.

With a number of loopholes in its current design, it has been largely debated by various researchers and policymakers. Making matters worse, the lack of clear land titles and the need for obtaining approvals and clearances from civic authorities impedes the progress of a project. As it has been a long-



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standing problem, it is imperative to seek solutions and adopt appropriate policy models to address it. Taking cue from China's journey can prove helpful. The improved infrastructure quality has been a fundamental source of China's economic growth, which currently stands on a par with the advanced economies.

As per the World Bank's Infrastructure Index for 2018, Beijing appeared in the top 20 ranks alongside other advanced economies with a score of 3.75. India, in contrast, was one of the low-scoring countries on the index at 2.91. This fast-paced development of the Chinese economy forces one to think about its model of infrastructure development.

Of the many steps taken by the Chinese Government, a significant effort relates to monetisation of public land to develop infrastructure. According to

an estimate by Chinese researchers, the Government allocated 1,38,267 hectare of land in 2010 for infrastructure, which was around 20 per cent of the total State-owned land.

Financial support in the form of this land allocation can be gauged by the fact that had State Governments purchased the same at market rates, they would have ended up paying 1,292.8 billion yuan, amounting to 31.8 per cent of their total revenue in 2010. This model can be replicated and adopted by India by making unutilised land with Government departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) available to private players for infrastructure development or housing construction, thereby filling the existing gap.

The Union Budget 2021-22 has proposed monetisation of land belonging to the



Government-owned companies and PSUs by way of direct sale, concessions or other suitable means. The plan is to launch a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in this pursuit. The decision is likely to free up a large extent of land for building infrastructure and affordable housing projects. According to various estimates available in public domain, the

land held by various Government agencies is over 5,00,000 HA, of which, over 1,60,000 HA is held across various airports, seaports and by the railways. Approximately 11.8 lakh acres is owned by the Railway Ministry, out of which about 1.26 lakh acres is not in any kind of use. For the proposed land monetisation, it is pertinent to ensure preparation on various fronts. First, record of lands with plot ownership and boundaries should be available in an updated form, without any disputes or any other encumbrances like lease terms of the PSUs. Though States are making substantial progress in digitising land records, there is still a long road ahead for improving its quality, as has been exhibited by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) Land Records and

Services Index (N-LRSI) in its 2020 and 2021 editions. The proposed SPV meant to carry out the monetisation process should take the essential steps for making land assets of PSUs free of any hindrances.

Canada's experience can offer some useful lessons in designing an SPV — Canada Lands Company — identifies and purchases surplus properties (including Government-owned land) at market prices. It further manages the purchased properties and finally sells it to private entities.

Since 1995, it has developed 2,000 affordable housing projects. Second, land prices valuation, which has proved to be a major roadblock for loan acquisition procedures, should be determined through a detailed analysis of market rates and potential gains from the proposed project.

Lastly, Central and State

Governments should take the necessary steps to limit the requirement of multiple approvals required to kick off an infrastructure or real estate project. This comes across as the biggest bottleneck as observed from heaps of land parcels lying unutilised in the States' land banks as private companies avoid the tedious approval and clearance processes that are necessary to secure access.

With increasing requirements of infrastructure resources and housing stock in Indian cities, there is an urgent need to optimise land resources. If adopted with adequate measures, Government land monetisation can be an efficient policy step that captures real estate value of unutilised public land, augments revenues of local, Central and State Governments and also mitigates problems posed by escalating land prices.

Myanmar security forces kill 2 anti-coup protesters

AP ■ MANDALAY

Security forces shot dead two people in northern Myanmar on Monday, local media reported, as the military Government continued its attempt to stamp out opposition to its February 1 coup.

The Irrawaddy newspaper said the victims were shot in the head during anti-coup protests in Myitkyina in Kachin State. Graphic video on social media showed protesters in the street backing away from tear gas, responding with rocks, then fleeing after a fusillade of what seemed to be automatic gunfire.

Demonstrators hurriedly carried away a number of casualties, including one apparent fatality, a person who had clearly sustained a severe head wound.



Anti-coup protesters discharge fire extinguishers to counter the impact of the tear gas fired by police during a demonstration in Naypyitaw, Myanmar on Monday. AP

A second body was seen a little later, on a stretcher, his head covered with a cloth.

Security forces also clamped down on anti-coup protesters elsewhere Monday, firing tear gas to break up a crowd of around 1,000 people who were demonstrating in the capital, Naypyitaw.

The protesters deployed fire extinguishers to create a smoke screen as they fled from authorities.

Biden order could change how colleges handle sex misconduct

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is set to sign an executive order on Monday directing the Department of Education to review policies implemented by Donald Trump's administration, including changes to Title IX regulations that prohibit sex discrimination in federally funded institutions, according to administration officials.

Biden focused on gender equity during his campaign and promised to strengthen Title IX if he won the White House. He also will sign a second executive order formally establishing the White House Gender Policy Council, according to two administration officials who briefed reporters on the plan.

Biden's transition team announced his plans to create the council before he took office. The order directing the



President Joe Biden speaks in the State Dining Room of the White House. AP

review of Title IX could pave the way to a major shift in how colleges handle allegations of sexual misconduct moving forward.

Trump's education secretary, Betsy DeVos, in 2018 rescinded an Obama-era administration standard in cases of reported sexual assault from requiring a "preponderance of evidence" — meaning it is more likely than not that sexual harassment or violence occurred — to "clear and convincing evidence."

The DeVos changes

reduced the liability of colleges and universities for investigating sexual misconduct claims and bolstered the due process rights of the accused, including the right to cross-examine their accusers through a third-party advocate at campus hearings.

Biden, as Vice-President, along with then-Education Secretary Arne Duncan in 2011 laid out the legal guidance of what was expected of college campuses in response to allegations of sexual violence on behalf of President Barack Obama's administration.

With the Education Department review, Biden's intent is to set policies that help ensure students have an environment that's free from sexual harassment and without discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, according to one White House official who briefed reporters on the orders.

IN EXPLOSIVE INTERVIEW Meghan reveals suicidal thoughts, royal racism



This image provided by Harpo Productions shows Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex, left, in conversation with Oprah Winfrey. AP

Meghan Markle struggled as a new member of Britain's royal family after her marriage to Prince Harry to such a degree that she even contemplated suicide, the Duchess of Sussex revealed in an explosive tell-all interview with American chat show host Oprah Winfrey.

The two-hour special, aired on the CBS network in the US on Sunday and set to be aired on ITV in the UK on Monday night, saw Prince Harry joining his wife half-way through as the couple also spoke about concerns of racism within the royal ranks after being asked about their son Archie's expected skin colour when mixed-race Meghan was pregnant with their first child.

"I just didn't want to be alive anymore," Meghan said, adding that when she "went to the institution for help" she was told it would not be forthcoming as it "wouldn't be good for the institution".

The 39-year-old former American actress, who is pregnant with her second child, revealed that the couple are expecting a baby girl and shared how the palace decided that their first-born, Archie, could not be a prince and would therefore have no security.

Oz ends defence cooperation with coup-hit Myanmar

Canberra: Australia has suspended its defence cooperation with Myanmar and is redirecting humanitarian aid because of the military takeover of the government and ongoing detention of an Australian citizen.

Foreign Minister Marise Payne said on Monday that Australian diplomats only had access to economic policy adviser Sean Turnell twice since he was detained in early February.

Escalating violence raises pressure for Myanmar sanctions

Bangkok: The escalation of violence in Myanmar as authorities crack down on protests against the February 1 coup is raising pressure for more sanctions against the junta, even as countries struggle over how to best sway military leaders inured to global condemnation.

The challenge is made doubly difficult by fears of harming ordinary citizens who were already suffering from an economic slump worsened by the pandemic but are braving risks of arrest and injury to voice

First lady Jill helps honor women from 15 countries for courage

AP ■ WASHINGTON

First lady Jill Biden says nearly two dozen women the State Department is honoring for their courage made an "intentional decision" to persist and demand justice despite their fear.

The 21 women being recognized Monday with the department's International Women of Courage Award include seven from Afghanistan who are receiving posthumous honors.

Jill sees teachable moment in the depths of a pandemic



In this file photo Jill Biden watches a student work as she tours the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, in Meriden, Ct. AP

Jill Biden sees a teachable moment in the depths of the coronavirus pandemic. The first lady sat in a socially distanced circle in the library at Fort LeBoeuf Middle School in Pennsylvania, listening and taking notes as parents expressed relief that a school had reopened and their

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Name: Santosh W/o Madan Lal R/o :** Factory No. O-8, Sec-1, DSIIDC Bawana, Delhi has been missing from her house since 03.02.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 52A dated 08.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Bawana, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: About 65 Years, **Height:** 4'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Identification:** Left hand tattoo (Madan Lal) & mentally unstable. **Wearing:** Pink colour suit & salwar and Red colour juti in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this Missing female, may inform SHO, Bawana, Delhi at E-mail Id — cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 **SHO P.S. Bawana, Delhi**
Fax No. 011-24368639 Outer North Distt., Delhi
DP/820/ON/2021 Ph. No. 011-27752534, 7065036321

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Name: Seemi D/o Sant Ram R/o H. No. 10-B, Press Enclave, Vikas Nagar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 11.02.2021 from the area of P.S. Rahnola, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 58-A dated 12.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Rahnola, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 20 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** White & black colour jarssi and grey colour pant and hawai chappal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Rahnola, Delhi at E-mail Id — cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 **SHO P.S. Rahnola, Delhi**
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Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam 'fully welcomes' proposed electoral changes

Hong Kong: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said on Monday the city's government "fully welcomes" changes to the city's electoral system that will substantially increase central government control over Hong Kong politics and exclude Beijing's critics.

Chinese authorities have said the draft decision before China's National People's Congress would mean the largely pro-Beijing committee that elects Hong Kong's leader would also choose a large part of the legislature.

GLOBE TROTTER

BIDEN WELCOMES POPE'S VISIT TO IRAQ
 Washington: US President Joe Biden on Monday welcomed Pope Francis' historic visit to Iraq, describing it as a "symbol of hope" for the entire world.

SYRIAN PREZ, WIFE TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19
 Damascus: Syrian President Bashar Assad and his wife have tested positive for the Covid-19, the President's office said on Monday, with both having only mild symptoms of the illness.

20 DEAD IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA BLASTS
 Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso): A series of explosions at a military barracks in Equatorial Guinea killed at least 20 people and wounded more than 600 others on Sunday, authorities said.

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES REOPEN IN UK
 London: Prime Minister Boris Johnson hailed the "national effort" as schools and colleges opened on Monday to mark the step one in the UK's phased roadmap to lift strict lockdown restrictions in place for months to control the spread of Covid.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name: Rajan @ Suraj S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 50 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue colour jeans & multi colour Gamcha, who was found dead in the area of PS: Prem Nagar, Delhi.

In this regard a case DD No. 19A Dated 14.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
Tel.: 011-25489080

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one person namely **Rahul S/o Rajkumar R/o RZ-80, Gali No. 8, Nihal Vihar, Delhi Age: 21 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, wearing Black colour jacket & pant and shoes in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 24.01.2021 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 97-A dated 09.02.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO : P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi,**
Website: http://cbi.nic.in **Ph. : 011-25946700,**
Fax: 24368639, 25946710
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NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

Dy. CSTE/C/CW/Northern Railway, DRM office, 2nd floor, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under **Single Packet system** from experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar nature of work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the following work:

Name of work	"S&T work for alteration of PI at Kathua and Madhopur Punjab stations and associated telecom work at adjoining stations in c/w doubling across Ravi Bridge section over Ferozpur Division of Northern Railway"
Approximate cost of the work	Rs. 48.03 Lakh
Earnest Money	NIL
Completion period	03 (Three) months
Date, Time & Place for submission and opening of tender	Tender will be available on www.irps.gov.in website from 10.03.2021 to 11.30 Hrs on 01.04.2021 and will be opened on 01.04.2021 after 11.30 hrs. Tender can be uploaded from 18.03.2021 to 11.30 hrs on 01.04.2021 and will be opened on 01.04.2021 after 11.30 hrs.
Address from where tender form can be purchased	E-Tender document cost - Nil The detailed e-tender notice and document will be available on Northern Railway web site i.e. on www.irps.gov.in from 10.03.2021 to 11.30 hrs on 01.04.2021, bidders are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

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1.	Repair and renovation of UGR at shastri park I in ward no-42E in Seelampur under EE(NE)-III in AC-65 NE-III Tender I.D. No. 2021_DJB_20129_3	27,59,774/-	500/-	EMD Exempted	05.03.2021	17.03.2021

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

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SALE NOTICE
 The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

CASE DETAILS	ASSET DETAILS
ICICI Bank Vs LAKHINDER KAUR, CS (COMM) No. 352/2018	Make and Model-MARUTI S CROSS, Vehicle No-DL1CU5834
ICICI Bank Vs VIKASH KUMAR VERMA, CS DJ No. 900/18	Make and Model-GENERAL MOTORS SAIL, Vehicle No-DL1ZA8496
ICICI Bank Vs GAURAV KUMAR, CS (COMM) No. 334/20	Make and Model-HYUNDAI T10, Vehicle No-UP16BE2947
ICICI Bank Vs MEENAKSHI SINGH KHARWAR, CS DJ 6476/18	Make and Model-NISSAN ACTIVE XV, Vehicle No-UP16ET3403
ICICI Bank Vs SHAILENDRA NIGAM, CS (COMM) No. 2619/2019	Make and Model-I 20 SPORTZ VTVT, Vehicle No-UP16BR3332
ICICI Bank Vs KANWAL NANGIA, CS (COMM) No. 663/2019	Make and Model-TOYOTA KIRLOSKAR INDIA LTD COROLLA, Vehicle No-DL4CNE8455
ICICI Bank Vs KARAN JAIN, CS (Comm) no 1710/19	Make and Model-MERCEDES MERCEDES E250 CDI, Vehicle No-DL6CM1472
ICICI Bank Vs SUMIT, CS No. 2143/2017	Make and Model-TATA ACE, Vehicle No-DL1LV2002
ICICI Bank Vs DINESH KUMAR, CS SCJ 3493/17	Make and Model-AL DOST LS, Vehicle No-DL1LV3764
ICICI Bank Vs CHAND MOHAMAD, CS no. 3687/2017	Make and Model-AL DOST, Vehicle No-DL1LV5880
ICICI Bank Vs AJAY SINGH, Suit No 912/2017	Make and Model-AL DOST LS, Vehicle No-DL1LW2931
ICICI Bank Vs SALIM, CS (COMM) No. 2203/2019	Make and Model-ECOMET 1214, Vehicle No-HR38Y2812
ICICI Bank Vs VINOD NAGAR, CS (Comm) No. 2886/18	Make and Model-ASHOK LEYLAND LTD Dost, Vehicle No-UP16FT9996
ICICI Bank Vs SHAHANSHAH SHAIKH, CS (COMM) No. 1189 / 2020	Make and Model-XCENT, Vehicle No-DL1ZA5477
ICICI Bank Vs MAHENDER SINGH, CS (COMM) No. 711 / 2020	Make and Model-SWIFT, Vehicle No-DL2CAW7858
ICICI Bank Vs PAWAN KUMAR, CS (COMM) No. 653 / 2019	Make and Model-WAGON R, Vehicle No-DL7CT3053

Auction Date : 20-March-2021
Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No: 166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram - 122022.
Contact Person - Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

Terms of Sale
 The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.

Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount within 5 days from the approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT.

The intending bidders may visit at **ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085.** for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle.

Public Notice
 It is publically notified that the FLAT NO. 71C, BLOCK-D-1, SECTOR-52, NOIDA, has been allotted in the name of SANTOSH KUMAR S/O SUKH DEV PRASAD YADAV R/O ANSAL BHAWAN, 16, KASTURBA MARG, NEW DELHI, had sold the said flat, on the basis of GPA to Mohini W/O NARI RAM R/O F-99, SECTOR-22, NOIDA, GPA executed at SR-III Noida Vide Book No IV Volume No. 176 on pages 31-38 at Document No. 1038 Dte. 16.12.2002 and agreement to sell is not registered. So with the help of the notice it is informed the transfer of the above flat goes in favour of NARI RAM S/O RAM LAL R/O F-99, SECTOR-22, NOIDA if any one has / have any objection he/she may submit his/her, objection in the Housing Department of Noida Authority along-with sufficient proofs within 15 days of the publication of this notice.

MOHINI

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Apartment No. H-014, First Floor, Tower/Block/H "Indiabulls Centrum Park", Gurugram
 That our client Tarinder Singh s/o Mohanraj Singh R/o B-45A, Chander Vihar, Niloti, Delhi, proposes to purchase the above said property from Gurjeet Kaur w/o Kuldeep Singh R/o 187, Diamond Avenue, Majitha Road, Amritsar, who has assured our client that she is the absolute owner of the said property vide Transfer deed No. 57 dated 10.04.18 (SR Kadipur) executed in her favour of by Madhu Preet Kaur w/o Simranjeet Singh Kohli and said Original Transfer deed No.57/10.04.18 (SR-Kadipur) and prior chain as Original Transfer deed No.56/10.04.18 (SR-Kadipur) have been misplaced/lost, for which lost document complaint lodged with Police vide LR No.694483/2020 dated 28.10.20.
 Under the circumstances, notice is hereby given to the General Public, Bank/Financial institutions or other persons, organizations, companies, government authorities, having any claim, rights, title, or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the said property, is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing with documentary evidence by registered AD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned hereinbelow within 10 days of the publication of this notice and in the event no response having been received to the notice, the title of Gurjeet Kaur w/o Kuldeep Singh to the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client in any manner whatsoever.

Kumar Amit Advocate
 Legal Access 132A, LGF, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Ext. New Delhi-55

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Radha D/o Shyam Karan, R/o C-8/22, Sec-7, Rohini, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 16.03.2019 from the area of PS. North Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 85/19 dated 16.03.2019 has been lodged at PS, North Rohini, Delhi.

The description of Missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Radha, Father's Name: Shyam Karan, Age: 13 years, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Suit & Salwar. Hair: Black

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

SHO P.S., North Rohini, Delhi
Ph : 011-27048210
8750870330

PUBLIC NOTICE
 This is to inform the public that we have changed the name of our company, from Laxmi Battery & Inverter to "LAXMI BATTERY" [Prop. Mr. Rakesh Gupta], 0-Block, Village Pooth Kalan, Krishan Vihar, Delhi-110086. Our business will be continue operating under the new company name of "LAXMI BATTERY"

Thank you for supporting us and gave us the opportunity to continue to provide better services to serve you.

N.S. Yadav (Advocate)
 Ch. No.507, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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 H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
 Telephone: 0135- 2763808, Fax: 0135- 2763508
 CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com

पत्र सं. 197, e-Tender Notice दिनांक: 08.03.2021
 Office of the EE (TP), M&U Dhalipur invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
Name of Work:- Hiring of one no. M&M Bolero Non-AC, Seven-Seater vehicle with driver for DGM (M&U) Yamuna Valley, Ujvn limited, Dhalipur for two years.
Estimated cost: Rs 798637.00 (GST extra).
Date of availability of bid document on website:- 08.03.2021
Last date of submission of bid on website:- 29.03.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs
 For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://ujktenders.gov.in> Executive Engineer (TP)

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OJSWI TRADES INVESTMENT AND FINANCE LIMITED
 Kh. No. 300, Gopi Ram Building, Sultanpur Village, New Delhi-110030
 Tel. No.09810836602, Fax No. 0124-4699333
 CIN: L67120DL1990PLC042059
 Website: www.ojswi.in, Email Id: corporate.ojswi@gmail.com

Notice of Board Meeting
 In Pursuant to Regulation 29 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement), 2015, notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 inter alia, to consider and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended on September 30, 2020. The said information is also available on the website of the Company at www.ojswi.in and may also be available on Stock Exchange website at www.mse.com

By order of the Board,
 For Ojswi Trades Investment and Finance Limited
Sd/- Sandeep Garg Director

Place: New Delhi
 Date: March 08, 2021

Govt to amend telecom licence norms to control sourcing from China

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is likely to amend the telecom licence norms this month to incorporate the guidelines of national security directive on telecom communication sector that will help in controlling installation of network equipment from China and other non-friendly countries.

Under the provisions of this directive, the government will declare a list of trusted sources and trusted products for installation in the country's telecom network.

"DoT is almost ready to amend licence conditions to incorporate guidelines NSD (national security directive). It should be done in the coming

week," an official source said.

Notably, Chinese telecom gear maker Huawei has had its run-ins in the past with the governments of Canada and the US. The US has alleged that it did not comply with its cybersecurity and privacy laws, leaving the country and the citizens vulnerable to espionage.

The list of the trusted source and product for installation in telecom networks will be decided based on the approval of a committee headed by the deputy national security advisor.

The committee will consist of members from relevant departments, ministries and will also have two members from the industry and independent experts.

Govt nets ₹53,346 cr from Vivad Se Vishwas scheme till Feb 22

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has realised Rs 53,346 crore through direct tax dispute resolution scheme Vivad Se Vishwas till February 22, Parliament was informed on Monday.

To a query in the Lok Sabha on whether the government has been able to achieve the objective of settling income tax cases after launching the Vivad se Vishwas scheme, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur said, "Yes". He said over 1.28 lakh declarations have been filed under the scheme involving a disputed tax of Rs 98,328 crore. Of this, Rs 53,346 crore has been received as payments against disputed tax.

This include Rs 27,720 crore worth payments made by the central public sector undertakings (PSUs), Rs 1,023 crore by state PSUs, and Rs 24,603 crore by others.

The Vivad Se Vishwas scheme provides for settlement of disputed tax, disputed interest, disputed penalty or disputed fees in relation to an assessment or reassessment order. The dispute is settled on payment of 100 per cent of the disputed tax and 25 per cent of the disputed penalty or interest or fee. The taxpayer is granted immunity from levy of interest, penalty and institution of any proceeding for prosecution for any offence under the Income Tax Act in respect of matters covered in the declaration.

India's domestic air traffic falls 37 pc to 78 lakh passengers in Feb: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's domestic air traffic fell 37 per cent year-on-year to 78 lakh passengers in February amid travel curbs and capacity restrictions due to the pandemic, according to Ica.

Even the sequential growth slowed down for the second consecutive month in February with a nearly flat growth over January 2021, rating firm Ica said in a release.

Domestic passenger traffic in January this year was recorded at 77.34 lakh, according to DGCA data.

Similarly, 1.23 crore people travelled on local routes in February 2020 as against 78 lakh passenger in February this year. The number of flights departing has also gradually increased from 416 on day

one (May 25, 2020, when domestic operations were resumed) to 2,885 on day 267 (February 14, 2021).

"For February 2021, the average daily departures were around 2,296, significantly lower than the average daily departures of 3,137 in February 2020, though better than around 2,190 in January 2021," said Kinjal Shah, Vice President, Ica.

The average number of passengers per flight during February 2021 was 121, against an average of 136 passengers per flight in February 2020, she said, therefore, it is expected that the domestic aviation industry operated at a passenger load factor (PLF) of around 78 per cent in February 2021, against 87.7 per cent a year ago, that too on a low capacity.

BRIEFS

TATA POWER-DDL BAGS GOLDEN PEACOCK AWARD
Tata Power Delhi Distribution (Tata Power-DDL), a leading power distribution company serving a populace of 7 million in the national capital, has been presented with the prestigious 'Golden Peacock Award for Energy Efficiency' for the year 2020 under the 'Power Distribution' Category by the Awards Jury under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice M. N. Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India.

MAYOR OF NORTH DELHI, DY HEAD OF MISSION AUSTRIAN EMBASSY INAUGURATE PICTORIAL EXHIBITION
North Delhi Mayor Jai Prakash and Deputy Head of Mission, Austrian Embassy, Matthias Radoszics on Monday inaugurated a pictorial exhibition on the subject of women empowerment at North DMC headquarters on the occasion of International Women's Day. On the occasion Deputy Mayor Ritu Goel, Standing Committee Chairman Chail Bihari Goswami, ex-Mayor Rajni Abbi were also present.

NORTHERN RAILWAY DEDICATES ITS WDP4B, WDP4D CLASS LOCOMOTIVES TO WOMEN WARRIORS
As a token of homage and respect, Northern Railway takes pride in dedicating its WDP4B and WDP4D class locomotives of Tughlakabad to these brave warriors, Tughlakabad locomotives Rani Ahilyabai, Rani Avantibai, Rani Velu Nachiyar, Rani Chennamma, Rani Lakshmi and Jhalkaribai will soon be joined by Uda Devi and others in celebrating our immortal heroes' women with character of steel.

CSCs COLLABORATES WITH GOODWORKER TO CONNECT RURAL WORKERS WITH EMPLOYERS
NEW DELHI: Centre's digital India arm Common Services Centres (CSC) is partnering with GoodWorker, a job matching platform, for connecting blue-collar workers with employers through its extensive reach in rural India. A Ministry of Information Technology official said the partnership promises to bring one lakh job opportunities through CSC Gramin Naukri Portal. The job opportunities will include profiles like Sewing Machine Operator, Delivery Executive, Customer Support Executive/Tele caller, etc.

SRM CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR SELF-HELP GROUPS
Kattankulathur: SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur and Pudhiya Thalaivurai Foundation together with ISRB EXPOTM Indian Small and Rural Business Exposition conducted "Entrepreneurship Orientation Programme on Area plates and spirulina production and marketing" at Government Middle School Campus, Orathur village. Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, SRMIST has adopted eight villages (Orathur, Kolathur, Chettipunnam, Nattarasampattu, Thenmelpakkam, Patravakkam, Anjur, and Kalivandhapattu), from Chengalpattu and Kanchipuram district.

Equities slip on high crude oil prices; Realty stocks fall

FIANS ■ MUMBAI

India's benchmark equity indices ended Monday's trade session on a flat-to-positive note even as high crude oil prices along with rising bond yields subdued sentiments.

Accordingly, the two key indices had a gap-up opening, subsequently they rose to make respective intra day highs but fears of inflationary pressures due to high oil prices spooked investors. Globally, Asian shares broadly reversed course to trade lower on Monday as higher crude oil prices raised inflation worries.

On the other hand, European stocks rose with bond yields near one-year highs as the world's largest economy was on the verge of adding \$1.9 trillion in stimulus.

Besides, volumes were below recent averages signalling lower institutional participation. On Monday, FII

pulled out Rs 1,494.49 crore from the Indian markets.

Among sectors, PSU bank, media, metals gained the most, while realty, FMCG, Auto lost

Sensex, Nifty eke out gains

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty eke out gains on Monday after two sessions of decline as investors snapped up energy, IT and pharma shares. After fighting multiple bouts of volatility during the session, the BSE gauge Sensex settled 35.75 points or 0.07 per cent higher at 50,441.07. Intraday, the index rose as much as 667 points, but pared most of its gains tracking weakness in global markets.

the most. Consequently, the S&P BSE Sensex rose by just 35.75 points, or 0.07 per cent, to 50,441.07 points from the previous close of 50,405.32.

₹ slumps by 23 paise on strong dollar, high crude prices

Mumbai: The rupee on Monday declined by 23 paise to close at 73.25 against the US dollar, extending its losses for the third session in a row due to rising crude oil prices and strengthening of the American currency in the overseas market. The dollar rose to a three-and-a-half month high against a basket of six currencies globally helped by passage of USD 1.9 trillion stimulus package by the US Senate, positive jobs data and rising bond yields.

50% employees at Vizag plant to be women: Yokohama Off-Highway Tires

PNS ■ MUMBAI

After witnessing many surprising outcomes from the all-women shop-floor at its Dahej plant, Yokohama Off-Highway Tires has decided to have 50% staff as women at its upcoming plant in Vizag. The world's leading off-highway tyre maker began hiring women for the shop-floor in September 2018, thus becoming the first tyre company to do so on its heavy-duty tyre shop-floor at the Dahej plant, with lots of apprehensions given the nature of the work, said Yokohama India Group Head Nitin Mantri. They rolled down the first tyre in February 2019 after the induction and training programme and were inducted into the truck and bus radial unit first and then extended to radial OTR (off-the-road) unit in Feb 2020.

LPG price double in 7 yrs; tax collection on petrol, diesel jumps 459%: Pradhan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Price of domestic cooking gas, LPG has doubled to Rs 819 per cylinder in the last seven years while the increase in taxes on petrol and diesel has swelled collections by over 459 per cent, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Monday.

In written replies to a spate of questions on rising fuel prices in the Lok Sabha, Pradhan said the retail selling price of domestic gas was Rs 410.5 per 14.2-kg cylinder on March 1, 2014. This month, the same cylinder costs Rs 819.

Small price hikes over the past couple of years have eliminated subsidy on cooking gas as well as PDS kerosene.

Pradhan said the price of domestic subsidised LPG has been raised during the last few months. It cost Rs 594 per

cylinder in December 2020 and now is priced at Rs 819. Similarly, kerosene sold to the poor through the public distribution system (PDS) has risen from Rs 14.96 per litre in March 2014 to Rs 35.35 this month, he said.

DELHI JAL BOARD GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST) I M 16 MAYUR VIHAR PKT E PHASE II NEW DELHI 110091

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PRESS NOTICE TENDER

NIT NO.41/East-I/ (2020-21)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Tender/ Fees	Dated of release of Corrigendum in E-procurement solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
1	Removal of contamination by replacement/shifting of 150/100 mm dia Ductile Iron Water line in 10 Block Khichripur in AC-56 East-I	38,99,622.00	500.00	05.03.2021 2021_DJB_20 1047_1	23.03.2021 At 03:15 PM
2	Removal of contamination by replacement of old & damaged C.I. Water line in B-Block Mandawali Fazalpur Gali No. 11 to Gali No. 16 and its adjoining in AC-57 in East-I	35,15,578.00	500.00	05.03.2021 2021_DJB_20 1047_2	23.03.2021 At 03:15 PM

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

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Prapat Singh
Adv. No. J.S.V. 475 (2020-21) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST)-I

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Rahul S/o Ram Bhagwan R/o H.No. E 3/25, Near Maharana Pratap Chowk, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 756/15, u/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act at PS Bawana, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Rahul**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rahul**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rahul of FIR No. 756/15, u/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act at PS Bawana, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.04.2021**.

By order
Vaibhav Mehta
Metropolitan Magistrate (North)
Court Room No. 114, First Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/834/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Payal, D/o Sanjay Kumar, R/o House No. R-35 Gali No. 1A, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi. Age 15 yrs., Height 4'2", Fair Complexion, Round face, hair long black. Identification a mole on right cheek wearing green colour suit pink colour salwar has been missing/kidnapped since 11.02.2021 from the area of PS Narela, Delhi.**

In this regard a case **FIR No. 40/21 Dt. 14.02.2021 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Narela, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
Ph: 011-23014046
011-23015218

S.H.O., PS Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27280435, 8750870324

DP/824/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Dev, S/o Lt. Harbir Singh, R/o: Jhuggi No. C-1312, Suraj Park, Samaipur Badli, Delhi. Age: 11 years, Height: 3'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, wearing Brown colour Coat, Blue Pant and Blue colour Shoes in feet, has been missing from his house since 02.02.2021. In this regard a FIR No. 0057/2021 U/S 363 IPC, dated 03.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.** Sincere 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 any information about him please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi
DP/813/ON/2021 Ph. No.: 011-27854757, 27854799

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Sunita with son (Arvind, age 9 years), W/o: Shri Ram, R/o: RZC-174, Nihal Vihar, Delhi is missing/ kidnapped since 03.02.2021 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 137-A dated 05.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of missing/ kidnapped lady is as under:**

Name: Sunita with son Arvind age 9 Yrs. , Age: 26 Years, Height: 4'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped lady may kindly be inform undersigned.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO Police Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Ph: 011-25946700, 25946710

DP/700/OD/2021

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 30-35 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Gender: Male, Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Moustache: Black, Beard: Black, Wearing : Red hoody and sweater and blue jacket was found dead near Shop No. 1323, Pan mandi, Sadar Bazar, Delhi, on 26.02.2021. In this regard, DD No.55A U/s 174 CrPC Dt. 26.02.2021 has been lodged at PS Sadar Bazar, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO P.S., Sadar Bazar, Delhi
Ph. : 011-23512411, 8750870124

DP/1001/N/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one boy **Namely Saharukh S/o Salamatt R/o Jhuggi No. H-2/19, Jahangir Puri, Delhi. has been missing/kidnapped since dated 23.02.2021 from the area Jahangir Puri, Delhi. In this regard, a case FIR.No.143/21, Dated 25.02.2021, has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri Delhi. The description of the missing boy is as under.**

Age: 11 Years Complexion: Shallow, Height: 3" 6" Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Blue colour T-Shirt & Blue Colour Keffi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped boy then please inform P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- SHO Jahangir Puri
PH. 011-27631600

DP/695/NW/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl **namely Lalita, D/o Vishnu Dayal, R/o E-1450, 1st Floor, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 17 years, Height: 4'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, wearing Red Suit and Black Sandal in feet, has been missing from her house since 25.02.2021 at Night. In this regard a FIR No. 144/21 U/S 363 IPC, dated 26.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
DP/700/NW/2021 Ph. No.: 011-27636000, 27631600

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age: Approx 32 years, Complexion: Dark, Height: 172 Cms., Built: Medium, Face: Oval, Clothes: Without Clothes, was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital vide MLC No. KH/19/21 referred from Kailash Hospital. Later patient died in Safdarjung Hospital. In this regard a DD No. 11PP, dated 26.01.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi.** Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi
Ph.: 011-24106346, 24106345

DP/540/SW/2021

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 60-65 Yrs., Height: 5'5" approx., Sex: Male, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: White Shirt, Black Pent and Dark Brown Jersey, Place of Recovery: Found dead Near the footpath opposite Delhi Jal Board at NH-09, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 57A, U/s 174 CrPC, Dated 06.03.2021** has been lodged at **Police Station, Madhu Vihar, Delhi.** Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-22732429

DP/415/ED/2021

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one boy was found in unconscious condition at **Shadipur Red Light near Hanuman Mandir Station on dated 27.02.2021.** He is admitted in **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital for treatment after treatment declared dead by doctor dated 01.03.2021.** In this regard a **DD No. 60A, dated 01.03.2021** has been registered at **P.S. Ranjit Nagar, Delhi.** The dead body has been preserved for identification at **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Mortuary Delhi for 72 hrs.** The description of the person is given as under

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 22 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing : Black Colour T-shirt and Black Colour Lower.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead boy please inform undersigned.

SHO PS Ranjit Nagar, Delhi
Ph. : 011-25704008, 25704009, 8750870436

DP/687/CD/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male **namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 04.03.2021 at Pole KM no. 16/11, 16/13 Up Line Railway, Near Ganda Nala, Sagarpur, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital mortuary for 72 hours for identification. In this regard DD No. 9A dated 04.03.2021 U/S 174 Cr. P.C. has been lodged at Police Station, Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:**

Name: Unknown, Age: 30-35 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue colour lining shirt & Black colour Lower.

If anyone has any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO Police Station, Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi
DP/74/RLY/2021 Ph: 011-25688505, 8750871309

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a man **namely Aashif Sheikh, S/o: Imajuddin Sheikh, R/o: C-79/44, Aaram Bagh, Pahar Ganj, Delhi is missing since 23.02.2021 at about 6:00 PM from his home. In this regard DD No. 72 A dated 25.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Pahar Ganj, Delhi.** The description of the missing man is as under:

Name: Aashif Sheikh, Age: 25 Years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Wearing: Sky Blue Jeans, Blue colour T-shirt and Red & Blue colour shoes in his feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing man please inform to the following:-

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO Police Station, Pahar Ganj, Delhi
Ph: 011-23520787, 8750012525

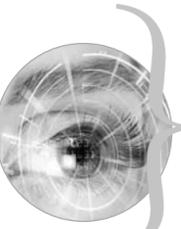
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HEALTH

Artificial Vision

Researchers are developing a retinal implant that works with camera-equipped smart glasses and a microcomputer that may help the blind people in getting artificial vision. "Our system is designed to give blind people a form of artificial vision by using electrodes to stimulate their retinal cells," said researcher Diego Ghezzi from the Ecole Polytechnique federale de Lausanne in Switzerland



EXPERIENCE THE RELIEF



Meditation allows humans to gain power over their mind, body and desires, says

DR PRIYA KAUL

Meditation is a thousand-year-old practice. The older the practice, the greater are its effects and benefits. In this modern time, our life is with stress and excess consumption of information. Meditation is a tool to fight these effects of stressful life and find a peaceful living.

Meditation is to train the mind and actions, create self-awareness, and achieve a stable, emotionally calm and mentally clear state of mind. The good thing about meditation is that it does not require any equipment. It is, though, best practised in a quiet, peaceful surrounding. It is commonly a means to find answers to burning questions of the mind.

Mental health: Most mental health issues can be resolved, with the help of meditation. Researchers have believed that meditation could be a solution in many mental health cases to eliminate medication. In the recent pandemic, mental health issues became of grave concern in many nations around the world. Those suffering from depression and anxiety due to the pandemic are advised to practise meditation to gain relief. It has become an effective and important part of daily life.

Take control: It is often when the chaos of daily life takes control meditation comes handy. It helps rid away negative thoughts and allows the brain to find its zen and focus. It permits zero in on positive thinking and finding an equilibrium. It penetrates serenity into the mind that assists in fulfilling the answers for an individual. Answering desired questions is best achieved in a quiet and peaceful environment or surrounding.

Motivation: Meditation allows humans to gain power over their mind, body and desires. The chaotic consistency of daily life prevents individuals to stay motivated and confident in their endeavours. Meditation gives them dominating thinking to stay on the course of positivity and healing. It gives them the strength to ignore distractions and manipulate the mind to do differently.

Stay calm: Meditation is useful for school students, busy corporate employees, business people and professionals in different fields. It helps gain concentration, resilience and improves performance. People who meditate are known to be kind in their actions and thoughts. They are also more humble and gentle beings. A study shows that meditation makes people softer, agile minded and thoughtful as they can stay calm and consider situations before impulsively taking action.

Be disciplined: Meditation lets an individual free from limitations and shortcomings. It leads them to peace and calmness. It helps bring stillness to a racing mind and controls fast-paced thinking. Meditation allows individuals to take control and be disciplined about life and daily habits.

The benefit of meditation is that it gives an individual the ability to find peace. It is a practice chosen by world leaders and highly successful people. Meditation is adopted as part of the corporate world as well. It is a significant part of daily life and is utilised, as a way to live a happy life.

The writer is Spiritual life coach & Healer



PREVENT RENAL AILMENTS

World Kidney Day is on March 11. To mark the occasion, DR SUNIL PRAKASH explains chronic kidney diseases and how one can prevent or treat them

Millions of Indians are affected by Chronic Kidney Diseases (CKD). Various epidemiological studies suggest prevalence of CKD to be around eight to 10 per cent. Multiply this with our population and age is no bar! Though prevalent among the elderly, younger patients are also known to have progressive loss of kidney function. CKD is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease and end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

The various causes of CKD can range from strong medication, Diabetes, obesity, agricultural food chain pollution, water treatment pollution, to dehydration and kidney impact among others. Diabetes Mellitus is the leading cause of CKD. Of every 100 diabetics, nearly 40 land up with CKD. Diabetisitis a coinage to emphasise the havoc created by marriage of diabetes with obesity. One plus one becomes eleven here. Of those with high uncontrolled blood pressure, one in five will have CKD. Glomerulonephritis, which is inflammatory condition of kidneys as well as chronic shrinking of kidneys called chronic interstitial nephritis are again factors that can cause CKD. Young people working in farms have a special proclivity. Indiscriminate usage of agricultural pesticides and fertilisers along with heat dehydration can cause irreversible CKD, robbing the nation of its young working force.

Obstruction to urine flow due to kidney stones, enlarged prostate and gynaecological problems can also be major causes. Congenital

causes like polycystic kidneys, reflux of urine and many other diseases target children right from the mother's womb or at birth causing young people to get CKD.

Kidneys filter waste products from the blood. All the nitrogenous end products, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid and innumerable organic wastes which are inimical to good health are excreted by our indefatigable friends. Milieu Intérieur, the internal environment of the body, a requisite to good health is the prime responsibility of kidneys as they regulate blood pressure, enable new blood formation in bone marrow by producing the hormone erythropoietin, maintaining fluid and electrolyte balance and by forming active vitamin D, kidneys keep our strong bones in good humour!

Recognising early kidney damage is imperative and there are many early symptoms that can be a giveaway to kidney health. Paradoxically passing more urine specially at night is a classic symptom. Frothing in the urine, high BP especially in young people, unexplained anemia, muscle aches and bone pains, swelling over feet or face (how so ever slight and transient) and the inability to have a baby are all symptoms to watch out for.

Knowing how to prevent or manage the wellness of our kidneys is equally important. One should keep in mind the seven sins of this disease and keep the following in check — sugar, salt, stress, smoking, sedentary lifestyle, spirits i.e., alcohol and sleep (the lack of it). CKD is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases like heart

attacks and heart failure. Many a times the "seed of disease is in kidneys and the fruits of illness is borne by our heart". Invest a small sum of money and a little time in your health to reap bumper dividends of good health. Regular BP and blood sugar monitoring at home should be done religiously.

Periodic health checks detect asymptomatic early kidney disease which are amenable to correction. High risk patients above 50 years of age, people with Diabetes or high BP and patients having a family history of kidney diseases, stones and cystic diseases should all opt for periodic health checks. Every person should have a health insurance from first day of their earnings, whether personal or employer supported and people below poverty line should have coverage by schemes like Ayushman Bharat, ESI etc.

Are kidney diseases on the rise? The answer is an unequivocal yes. Ironically early CKD (stage 1 to 4) has no symptoms. Typically, it is not until stages 4-5 where there is severe reduction in Glomerular filtration and kidney functions that water, electrolyte and acids accumulate and cause flooding of lungs leading to cardio respiratory failure.

Dialysis is a process by which a person is hooked up to a dialysis machine which filters out all toxins and acidic wastes from the blood thus reestablishing milieu interior, albeit only for a few days. So, a person will need a four-hour session of dialysis every two to three times a week.

If prepared in advance, dialysis is a seamless and painless procedure

which can lend many years of useful life. Getting a small surgery called AV fistula done well in time can enable a safe and a high-quality dialysis. We have patients living well for more than 15 years on dialysis. In fact, dialysis is a lifesaving and life prolonging procedure. Bluntly put, it boils down to 'either dialysis or death'.

Nearly every person has two healthy kidneys. In the event of someone landing in End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), changing one kidney with a healthy kidney from a relative will enable complete recuperation of the patient. The transplanted patient can lead a normal life with some regular medications and checks. The donor also leads a full and fulfilling life capped with the ultimate altruistic deed.

If suffering from CKD, do ask your healthcare specialist about the other relevant advice for ESRD and how to manage medications and routine exercises to stay healthy. A quick visit to the dietician to get tips on managing good nutrition, food suited for the body, and to prevent thirst will go a long way in living well with kidney diseases. Given that kidney diseases are an epidemic, it is important to maintain a positive attitude with self-help and from the family. The treatment of kidney disease is not just medical, but it is about comprehending your life on a daily basis and understanding the choices you can make based on your condition and available therapeutic modalities.

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DadiKaKehna

Keeping your eyes healthy should be your priority, given that most of us are still working from home. ROSHANI DEVI shares easy home remedies that can help relieve the discomfort



Taking care of eyes is important, especially when work from home has probably left you with longer working hours. This definitely calls for extra care for the eyes. Here are a few tips that can help.

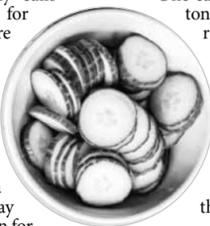
One, don't forget to take breaks every 20 minutes. Stop for a while, look away from the screen for at least five minutes or close your eyes for two minutes.

Two, use cold water to wash your eyes every time you take a break. Even in the morning, just after you get up splash water on the eyes for a good two-three min-

utes. Three, if your eyes feel tired or puffy, cut cucumber slices and put them over the eyes. Rest for 10 minutes.

One can also use cotton pads soaked in rose water to soothe the tired eyes. One can put the soaked cotton pads in the fridge for half an hour before using them.

Four, if your eyes are itchy or red, use ice cubes over the eyelids. However, don't use them directly, wrap them in a towel or a cotton cloth and then use. Do this for at least 20 minutes. However, if the itchiness continues do visit the doctor.



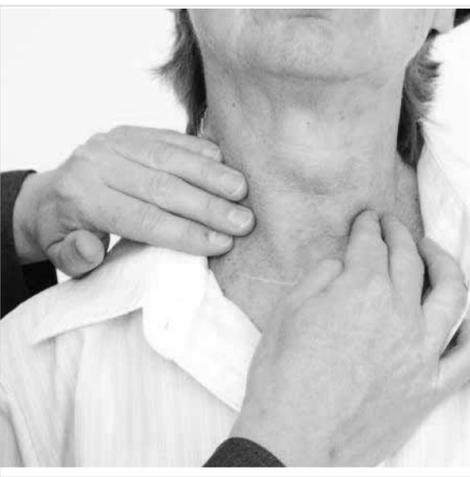
DOCYARD

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Keep thyroid under check



Most people know that stress can cause various health problems. We are living in a scenario where every person lives under stress. Especially the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone's health apart from that sedentary lifestyle such as lack of exercise, smoking, drinking, junk food eating, lack of sleeping especially where people work in the night shifts, desk jobs, tension of target completion, the pressure of board meetings, client pressure, etc. All these factors in totality lead to stress.

Many people don't know that stress can also cause thyroid. Hypothyroidism or thyroid refers to any state in which thyroid hormone production is below normal. The symptoms are usually milder at the beginning but develop gradually as the condition deteriorates.

The symptoms of hypothyroidism are often subtle but can include:

- Increased cholesterol levels
 - State of depression
 - Losing or gaining weight
 - Swollen neck
 - Mood swings
 - Low energy
 - Hair loss
 - Constipation
 - Dry skin
 - Brittle nails
 - Problem with vision
 - Trembling of hands.
- In today's generation thyroid is a very common problem especially post 25 years of age and women are 4 times more prone to thyroid disorders than men. Undiagnosed and untreated thyroid disease can be a cause for infertility or frequent miscarriage.

An underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism) is a condition in which the thyroid gland doesn't produce enough of certain important hormones. For women, there is a link between hypothyroidism and infertility. Low levels of thyroid hormone can interfere with ovulation, which impairs fertility.

Since standard thyroid blood tests are not sensitive enough to detect low ovarian tissue levels the majority of the time. Women must find a knowledgeable physician who understands that standard tests will often not be useful in detecting low ovarian thyroid levels. If you feel the above-mentioned symptoms immediately go for TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) test, Chest X-ray, T4, or thyroxin test.

Treatment: Hypothyroidism can be treated in many ways. However, a doctor chooses the line of treatment based on several variables like the underlying cause of hypothyroidism, the age of the patient, the size of the thyroid gland, and the presence of coexisting medical illnesses.

If you are found to have hypothyroidism, thyroid hormone replacement is very effective in restoring fertility. It may take one-two months to normalise your thyroid hormone levels with medication; and once you start medication, you must check your TSH levels to confirm they are in the normal range. You will usually need to continue the medicines for the rest of your life and recheck your thyroid function every six months or so.

SUMMERCoolERS

FENNEL SEEDS: Highly aromatic and flavourful herbs, fennel seeds are used to treat some common digestive ailments including heartburn, intestinal gas and bloating.

Some people eat fennel seeds as mouth fresheners. Chewing fennel seeds can also help in getting rid of bad breath as they increase the production of saliva thereby washing out the bacteria. They also help to

relieve morning sickness. The antioxidants and other antimicrobial properties in fennel seeds help treat a host of hair ailments. Some of these include dandruff, scalp itching, hair breakage and hair fall.

They also contain nitrites, compounds known to lower blood pressure levels. The fiber content in them also help in lowering the cholesterol levels.



TREND BLAZER

ANUSHKA'S ANIMAL SHELTER TO OPEN NEXT YEAR?

ANUSHKA SHARMA has been a champion for animal rights for years now. She had revealed that she wishes to build an animal shelter in the outskirts of Mumbai and looks like that dream is coming true.

A source said, "If all things go as per plan, the shelter will be ready for operations sometime next year! The work has resumed in full swing. She is leaving no stone unturned to ensure this happens. The shelter is based on the principle that animals too have equal rights in this world."

fairtalk

SAINA NEHWAL



"Everything is quite surreal. What I have achieved in life is all due to the constant support of my family. It has been my huge honour to play a sport I love and put my country on a pedestal. Parineeti (Chopra) is a fabulous actor and we both connected so easily when we met. I wish the team all the best for the film and hope everyone leaves the theatre with dreams."

dailytalk

SAJID KHAN



"Please feel free to call me Sajid Wajid because I have changed my surname to Wajid. As long as I'm alive, I'll keep working hard so that everyone remembers his name. Somewhere I have a feeling that he is always with me. He was just 47, and in these 47 years he has never been separate from me. I still can't believe he passed away."

NICOLAS CAGE CONFIRMS MARRIAGE WITH RIKO SHIBATA

Actor **NICOLAS CAGE** married Riko Shibata on February 16 in Las Vegas as confirmed by E! online. "It's true, and we are very happy," he was quoted as saying.

This is the 56-year-old's fifth marriage, and comes nearly two years after his marriage to Erika Koike in March 2019, which was annulled after just four days. According to the report, the couple exchanged vows at the Wynn Hotel on the day of Nicolas' father's birthday.



ROAD TO RECOVERY

While the future of theme parks seems promising, it will require some time and effort in the right direction to revive the footfall, says Major **DINESH SHARMA**

The theme parks are the hub for heady adventures, thrilling rides, and adrenaline rush. However, visiting them was, perhaps, the last thing on people's minds when the pandemic struck us in 2020 as it brought a lot of difficulties across businesses and brought our lives to a halt. Despite 2021 being the year of recovery for some, it is still a sluggish period for the Indian theme park industry. Earlier, it used to be a booming industry with a good employment rate of a minimum of 80,000 people, but now, the employees are jobless or bearing salary cuts.



water rides. The provision of COVID-19 tests at the entrance of the parks that too at nominal charges will further aid in keeping everyone safe and sound.

ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS

One of the common ways in which theme parks are attracting customers is running creative advertisements and campaigns as a part of their marketing strategy to grab attention. Additionally, they are offering the ticket at nearly 30 to 40 per cent discount on its full ticket price. In the present times, the park's price point is 10-15 per cent lower than 2019 prices but they are optimistic and hopeful that if the demand sustains over the next couple of months then the theme parks will function in full swing. They will be able to roll back to original ticket prices.

THE FUTURE

The present might seem blurry but the future of recreational parks is indeed promising. As to the present risky situation, all these hygiene solutions need to be adopted for the next 12 to 18 months as the virus is here to stay and we need time to minimise its risk. Almost every company and business was affected terribly by the pandemic. Hence, it will take time to recover and we need to imbibe relevant strategies to overcome the losses and get back on our feet. This is especially so in the case of theme parks as the challenge for them is huge and the revival journey is troublesome. However, it isn't impossible as everyone wants cheerful and enthusiastic moments after the lockdown, and theme parks will be the perfect resort for the same. Hopefully, with all the relevant strategies in place, that day won't be far when the theme parks will again be crowded!

THE FUTURE

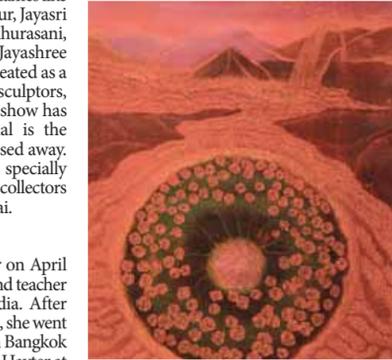
It is undeniable that theme park authorities are struggling with financial issues to protect their employees and mainly to apply the right strategies to draw visitors to the theme parks. Basically, there are two major categories, one which includes rides with water, and the other is without water. While the firms haven't made the water rides operational as of now but if they decide to open them soon, then, it will become increasingly challenging to curb the transmission of the virus. However, in case they re-launch their water rides, then they will have to adopt specific safety measures. They will have to use a certain chemical that can help in eliminating the virus from the water and is also skin-friendly. They can also make sanitising compulsory before stepping into the water. Changing or purifying the water at regular intervals after a certain amount of people have entered is another basic yet important step that can help in ensuring the safety of the people while savoring the venue.

THE PRESENT

Now, with the unlocking, most theme parks in the country have reopened after being shut for approximately 10 months as per the guidelines. The parks are taking every possible safety precaution for their visitors and making sure to follow all the norms issued by the government. Their utmost priority is ensuring the safety of the people. They are trying to adapt to the new normal and grasp the online working methods. Online pre-booked admissions, markings showing where to stand, maintaining social distancing, temperature screening, and sanitising the visitors and employees at the entry time and other prominent zones inside the parks are some of the steps taken to ensure safety. The park operators are also pushing for contactless transactions with food orders, menus on applications, and for buying things from the stalls and shop inside

THE OTHER HALF

Yatra Naryasthu details the passion and devotion of a woman artist's journey of creation, says **UMA NAIR**



MADHURI JALAN'S LINGAM

Madhuri Jalan was a ceramic artist. She used to create sculptural pots and among her experiments was a copper *lingam* that was a part of her show at Habitat Centre in 2010. This copper *lingam* with a small trunk of an elephant is on loan from a collector. As a work of art, it blends both mythic and spiritual yearnings in a deeply materialistic world. The *lingam* initiates an exchange of ideas/emotions around the thematic of the creative process, inviting the viewer to weigh in on deeper artistic sources and cognitive triggers that stir them to create.

PRABHA SHAH

At the Triveni studio creating canvases for more than two decades is abstractionist Prabha Shah, who creates work in silence because she can neither hear the world nor speak her heart out in syllables. Prabha's canvas is a testimony to the process of abstraction being an experience — not only is it the crux of creation but it is also a residue that evolves with both precision and fervour. Prabha's visual language is the key to her own odyssey. In her canvas, the addition, the summation and the erasure all come into play. These postulations of personal choice become a paradigm of a self-referential and self-editing intention that is in parts voluntary and involuntary — as an act of creating in a silent world that has no sound. Ultimately for art lovers *Yatra Naryasthu* details the passion and devotion of a woman's journey of creation. (The show is on till March 29 at NGMA.)

ZARINA'S MY DELHI

Zarina passed away last year on April 20 in London. Poet, printmaker and teacher Zarina was born in Aligarh, India. After receiving a degree in Mathematics, she went on to study woodblock printing in Bangkok and Tokyo, and intaglio with SW Hayter at Atelier-17 in Paris. Her experiences and personal life define Zarina's works. An early interest in architecture and Mathematics is reflected in the use of geometry and her emphasis on structural purity. While her work gravitates towards minimalism, its starkness is tempered by its texture and materiality. Her art poignantly chronicles her life and features recurring themes of home, displacement, borders, journey and memory. Zarina mined her memory and experience to reflect on the nature of belonging. Delhi I, II & III, are three prints that address the theme of home within the context of individual and national identity, displacement, isolation and community. Yet when you look at them together, it's like a meditation on belonging.

LEENA BATRA'S PORCELAIN PLATTERS

In the history of ceramics in India, former Garhi artist and co-founder of Delhi Blue Pottery, Leena Batra is an important name. Three porcelain platters are a treat for tired eyes. She was one of the first to experiment with porcelain and these three platters speak of precision, perfection and the finesse needed to create celadon glazed platters.

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Bank of Baroda

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Appendix-IV-A (See proviso to rule 8(6) & 6(2))
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 6 (2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of Amount mentioned below plus interest and other expenses due to Bank of Baroda the Secured Creditor from below mentioned Borrowers & Guarantors.

Sl. No.	Name of the Branch / Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager	Description of Secured Assets (Movable/Immovable Properties)	Reserve Price	Date and Time of E-Auction	Demand Notice Date
			EMD		Possession Date
			Bid Increase Amt.		Outstanding Amount
Bank of Baroda, SARB Bhopal Mobile : 7247770078, Tel. 0755-4045435					
1	Borrower : M/s Ayushi Industries (Proprietor Mrs. Meera Gupta W/o Mr. Suresh Gupta) Guarantor : 1. Suresh Gupta s/o Narbada Prasad Gupta 2. Prashant Namdev s/o Prem Narayan Namdev	All that part and parcel of Leasehold property consisting of Plot of Land Area-1000 Sq. Ft. and Shop cum godown building constructed thereon situated at G.B.D. 59, Naveen Mandi Prangan, Karond, Bhopal Owner: M/s Ayushi Industries proprietor Mrs. Meera Gupta, W/o Mr. Suresh Gupta, Boundaries: East : Plot No. 58, West: Plot No. 60, North: Road, South: Plot No. 46	₹ 14.50 Lacs ₹ 145000/- ₹ 10,000	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	13-01-2017 11-05-2017 as on 13/01/2017 ₹ 2177016/- + int thereon + other charges
2	Borrower : Mrs. Gita Yadav W/o Mr. Ramesh Yadav Guarantors : Mr. Ramesh Yadav	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No- F-F-1, Fourth Floor, Yashasvi Tower, Situated at Plot No-22, Shree Krishnapuram, Phase-III, Village Samartha Kalyansaut, Tehsil Huzur, within the registered sub-district and District Bhopal. Area- 660 sq.ft. Boundaries: East: Road, West: Flat no F-F-2, North: Plot No-21, South: Road	₹ 940500/- ₹ 94050/- 10,000	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	10-10-2017 24-01-2018 as on 10/10/2017 ₹ 21,41,897/- + int thereon + other charges
3	Borrower/s : M/s New Engineering, Plot No. 64 B Industrial Area Mandideep Dist Raisen 462046 Partners- (1) Ms Kriti Solanki (2) Mr. Nitin Malviya, Guarantor- Mr. Mohan Singh Solanki	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Plot No. 64-B, Sector New-2, situated at Industrial Area, Mandideep within the registered sub-district Goharganj and District Raisen, Boundaries: North -Plot No.64-A, South -Road, East -Road, West -Plot No.63	₹ 75.55 Lacs ₹ 755500/- ₹ 20,000	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	05.02.2019 19.10.2019 as on 03.05.19 ₹ 98,52,165.65 + interest & Other charges
4	Borrower : Mr. Ram Ratan, A-8 regal Homes Khajuri Kanan Road, Awadhपुरी, Bhopal (M.P.)-462021 Guarantor: Mr. Dhanraj Verma S/o Gopal Ram H.No. 101, Samanvaya Nagar, Awadhपुरी, Bhopal (M.P.)- 462021	Equitable Mortgage of Property being Plot No. 58, "Happy Valley", Situated at Chiklod Road Gram Rojra Chak, Tehsil Gauharganj, Distt. Raisen (M.P.) admeasuring area 1452 Sq. ft. Property Owner Mr. Ram Ratan. Boundaries : North -Plot No. 57, South- Plot No. 59, East -Plot No. 73, West-Colony Road	₹ 3.65 Lacs ₹ 36,500/- ₹ 10,000/-	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	08.04.2019 05.09.2019 ₹ 7,72,950.40 +interest & other charges
5	Borrower : Mr. Lalit Gopal Bendale S/o Shri Gopal Bendale Guarantor: Shri Dinkar Kolhe S/o Shri Manga Hari Kolhe	Equitable mortgage of Residential Plot No. 142, part of Khasra No. 35, 40/1, 36, 40/2, 37, 38, 50/2/1, 50/2/2/1, 142, 40/1, 50/2/2/2 Situated at 'Happy Valley Colony' Village- Rojra Chak Ph. No. 17, RNM-2, Vikaskhand-Obedullahgani, Teh. Goharganj, Distt. Raisen (M.P.), Area - 135.00 Sq. Mtr. Owner- Mr. Lalit Gopal Bendale S/o Gopal Bendale. Boundaries : East: Colony Road, West: Plot - 155, North: Plot - 143, South:- Plot- 141	₹ 3.65 Lacs ₹ 36,500/- ₹ 10,000/-	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	01.06.2019 05.09.2019 ₹ 5,68,797/- +interest & other charges
6	Borrower : Mr. Hargovind Chakki Lal 1. Flat No. 6, WS - 214/6, 1st Floor, Railway Coach Factory, Nishatpura, Bhopal	Flat No. T-03, Third Floor, Aashiyana Homes, Total super built-up area 690 sq. ft., Part of Khasra No. 208/3/4, Village - Khajurikanal, Tehsil Huzur, Distt. Bhopal, MP -462001 Property Owner- Mr. Hargovind Chakki Lal. Boundaries: North: Flat No. T-02, South: Flat No. T-04, East: Others, West: Corridor	₹ 9.00 Lacs ₹ 90,000/- ₹ 10000/-	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	09-10-2017 13-12-2017 ₹ 18,56,982/- as on 04.08.2017 +int. & charges
7	Borrower : Mrs. Anuradha Tiwari Guarantor: Mr. Alok Tiwari Both are residing at -D 3405 Danish Nagar, Hoshangabad Road, Bhopal (M.P.) 462026	Equitable Mortgage of property being Plot No. 45, "Happy Valley", Rajado Chak, C Chandla Khedi, Tehsil- Goharganj Dist. Raisen (M.P.) Admeasuring Area 1452.00 Sq. Ft. in the name of Mrs. Anuradha Tiwari Boundaries: North-Plot No. 46, South-Plot No. 44, East- Road, West-Plot No-40	₹ 3.65 Lacs ₹ 36,500/- ₹ 10,000/-	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	08.04.2019 05.09.2019 ₹ 5,81,717.09 +interest & other charges
8	Borrower : Mr. K.K.R. Murthy S/o Shri Sangan Kolandiappan Murthy	EM of Residential Flat No. A-507, Fifth Floor, Block-A, Part of Land Survey No.248/2, "Ikon Meridian", Village Gehunkheda, P.H. No.28, Vikas Khand- Fanda, Ward No. 84, Kolar Road, tehsil Huzur, Bhopal, Area 809.69 Sq.ft. Owner- Mr. K.K.R. Murthy S/o Shri Sangan Kalandiappan Murthy Bounded: North : Open, South : Corridor, East : Flat No. A-508, West : Flat No. A-506	₹ 10.40 Lacs ₹ 104000/- ₹ 10,000	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	01-08-2017 06-12-2017 as on 29.07.2017 ₹ 1247264/- +unapplied intt +other charges
9	Borrower : Mr. Pranav Singh Bais S/o Shri Sudhir Kumar Bais & Mrs. Kanika Bais Add: Pitratva, H.No.71, Chatrapati Shivaji Society, Chunabhathi, Bhopal	Equitable Mortgage of property situated at being plot no. 228 & 229 at Heavens Residential , bhouri, part of khasra no. 13/2 & 13/3 situated at Village - Bhouri, patwari halka no. 24/34, Tehsil - Huzur, Bhopal - Area 2188 sq. ft. Owner- Shri Pranav Singh Bais. Boundaries: North-Boundary Wall, South-Plot no. 227, East- Road, West- Boundary Wall	₹ 9.30 Lacs ₹ 93000/- 10,000	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	02.07.2018 04.04.2019 ₹ 16,02,338.40 +interest & other charges
10	Borrower : Mr. Vimal Raisara S/o Shri Vijay Raisara House no. 15, Sunder Nagar, Behind Kalpana Nagar, Narela Shankari, Bhopal	Equitable Mortgage of Plot No. 241 part of Khasra no. 13/2, 13/3 situated at Heaven's Residential, Village - Bhouri, Ph no. 24/34, Tehsil - Huzur, Bhopal (M.P.) Area - 1000 sq. ft. standing in the name of Mr. Vimal Raisara S/o Shri Vijay Raisara.	₹ 4.75 Lacs ₹ 47,500/- ₹ 10,000/-	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	04.01.2019 21.02.2019 ₹ 14,16,777.44/- +unapplied intt +other charges
Bank of Baroda Erstwhile Vijaya Bank, Kolar Road, Bhopal Mobile 7247770046					
11	Borrower : Shri Pankaj Diwan S/o P.C. Diwan & Mrs. Preeti Yadav Diwan W/o Pankaj Diwan	HIG Flat No. E-4, 5th Floor, in Block-A Constructed over Plot No. 247, 248, 248-A, 248-B, 248-C, Bhoomika Residency, Shirdipuram, Vill. - Damkheda, Kolar Road, Tehsil Huzur, Dist. - Bhopal. Boundaries: North-Road, South- Flat No. E-06, East- Road, West- Flat No. E-03	₹ 21.75 Lacs ₹ 217500/- ₹ 10000/-	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	01.08.2017 11.10.2017 ₹ 2374513.67 + interest and Other Charges
12	Borrower/s : Shri Dinesh Prajapati S/o Shri Hukumchand Prajapati Guarantor : Sanjay Mishra S/o Om Prakash Mishra	HIG Flat No. 603, 6th Floor, Block No.A, Signature 360, Village - Barrai, Ward No. 85, Tehsil Huzur, District-Bhopal. Boundaries: North-Flat No. 608, South-Open Area, East-Flat No. 602, West- Flat No. 604	₹ 13.05 Lacs ₹ 130500/- ₹ 10,000	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	01-08-2017 11.07.2018 ₹ 1756941/- + interest & Other Charges
13	Borrower : Sanjay Mishra S/o Om Prakash Mishra Co-Borrower : Monika Mishra w/o Sanjay Mishra Guarantor : Akshansh Khare S/o Babul Khare	Flat No. 503, 5th Floor in Block No. B, Signature 360, Ward No. 85, Tehsil Huzur, Distt. Bhopal Boundaries: North-Flat No. B-502, South-Open Area, East-Flat No. B-504, West- Open Area	₹ 17.78 Lacs ₹ 177800/- ₹ 10,000	26-03-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	01-08-2017 11.07.2018 ₹ 2506151/- interest & Other charges
Bank of Baroda T T NAGAR BRANCH : 4, Malviya Nagar, Bhopal Tel.: 0755-4281188					
14	Borrower : Mr. Neetesh Soni S/o Shri Suresh Soni & Mr. Suresh Soni S/o Shri Munna Lal Soni Add: In front of Goyal Complex, Ibrahim pura House No. 11, F-S/3 Nadeem Road, Nadeem Complex Bhopal	Flat No. S-3, Second Floor Kamar Manzil Commercial Complex H.No. 11, Nadeem Road ward No. 22 Bhopal Area-575 Sq.ft. or 53.44 sq.mtr., Property Owner Mr. Suresh Kumar Soni Boundaries: North- Flat No. S-4, South- others property, East- Open and Road below, West- Flat No S-2	₹ 15.00 Lacs ₹ 150000/- ₹ 10000/-	28-04-2021 2:00 p.m. to 06:00 p.m.	30.06.2020 22.02.2021 as on 30.06.2020 ₹ 8,49,645/- +interest & charges

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Dhawan, Rahul battle to partner Rohit

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The Indian team management faces a problem of plenty going into the five T20 Internationals against England, an assignment which marks the beginning of the side's build-up to this year's T20 World Cup at home.

There are 19 players available for selection and with two in contention for each slot, the XI for the five games, starting here on Friday, will be an indication to how head coach Ravi Shastri, captain Virat Kohli and bowling coach Bharat Arun are looking at the next six to seven months for the shortest format.

Will they look for a settled combination to first clinch the series and then experiment or will they field absolute rookies in the squad looking at the bigger picture?

For a team that's so closely followed, the result does matter and that's why one can expect a settled first eleven for the first three games since all matches are at the same venue on similar kind of tracks.

The roaring comeback of Rishabh Pant will lead to a lot of interesting developments at the top of the order.

Pant's inclusion means that KL Rahul, who till a few months back was the first choice keeper-opener, is unlikely to don the big gloves.

Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma were a settled white ball opening pair till recently but Rahul's emergence as a potent white ball specialist has spiced up the competition.

Dhawan recently had a score of 150 odd in the Vijay Hazare Trophy for Delhi and when it comes to Rohit, there's nothing to be discussed.

So where does the team management fit in Rahul, who has been a successful IPL opener? Will he be slotted in the middle-order as Dhawan's game is not suited to batting lower down?

These are two pertinent questions and in the answer, will be a follow-up question.



With skipper Kohli himself coming in at No 3 and two game-changers like Pant and all-rounder Hardik Pandya expected to play the big shots at Nos 5 and 6, where does it ideally leave Rahul?

The only place he can be slotted is No 4 but Shreyas Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav are also jostling for a place.

If one closely follows the pattern of picking the playing XI, Surya, a sentimental favourite, will have to wait for his turn as Shreyas has done nothing wrong.

But when it comes to a three-way battle between Rahul, Shreyas and Surya, the Karnataka man beats the two Mumbai boys hollow with his repertoire of strokes and ability to shift gears.

India Women to face Eng in Test

PTI ■ MUMBAI

BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Monday announced that the Indian women's team will be pitted against England in a one-off Test match, which will be held later this year.

The last Test match that Mithali Raj and her team played was against South Africa women at Mysuru in December, 2014 and it will be another traditional format game after six long years.

Currently, the 'Women in Blue' are playing the five-match ODI series against South Africa in Lucknow after almost 12 months of COVID-19 enforced break. This series will be fol-

lowed by a T20 series. Shah took to Twitter to make the announcement on the International Women's Day.

"On the occasion of International Women's Day, I'm pleased to announce that TeamIndia, @BCCIWomen will play a one-off Test match against @ECB_cricket later this year. The 'women in blue' will be donning the whites again," tweeted Shah.

However, Shah did not announce the venue of the Test on the occasion but it is expected to happen during the women's team tour of UK and tentatively some time in June or July.

The women's team is coached by former India all-rounder WV Raman.

Similarly, in the pace department, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, once upon a time India's best white ball exponent, is coming back after a long lay-off and will be engaged in a two-way fight with Deepak Chahar and Shardul Thakur.

For Bhuvneshwar, his experience and being a better bowler at the death compared to Chahar holds him in good stead but he hasn't played a lot of cricket save a few Mushtaq Ali games.

Shardul is a crafty bowler who can swing it at brisk pace and among the three can use the long handle to the best effect.

Yuzvendra Chahal, Washington Sundar and Axar Patel are the three

spinners expected to feature in the playing XI on the sluggish Motera tracks.

In another three-way fight, Thangarasu Natarajan, with his variation of yorkers, stands a better chance to start off compared to Navdeep Saini.

Two players, who will only get a look-in if someone is injured or forcefully rested are Ishan Kishan and Rahul Tewatia as the two simply can't be fitted anywhere.

In all, there are too many good players and very little space to fit all of them with three sure-shot picks — Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah already resting or recuperating from injury.

Once they comeback, it will be a bigger selection headache for the management but one that they won't mind.

Mitali & Co aim to bounce back

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

A rusty Indian women's cricket team will be seeking some rhythm in the second ODI against South Africa here on Tuesday after being outplayed by the visitors in the series-opener.

Though captain Mithali Raj and her deputy Harmanpreet Kaur had insisted on their first series in 12 months, India clearly looked a side which had not played for a long time in the opener of the five-match series on Sunday.

A better prepared South Africa, on the other hand, were clinical and will be hard to beat in the coming games.

After the game, Kaur realised the players needed some time to gel as a unit. Barring Kaur, Raj and Deepti Sharma to a certain extent, none of the batters could apply themselves on a decent batting surface.

A lot of them were guilty of poor shot selection as pointed out by Kaur after the game.

The spinners, who are traditionally considered India's strength, hardly troubled the South African duo of Lizelle Lee and 21-year-old L a u r a

Wolvaardt, who put up the highest ever opening wicket stand against India to run away with the contest.

There were

some positives, however, such as Raj scoring a gritty half-century and pacer Jhulan Goswami showing she is still among the best in the business. Both the veterans were playing their first game since November 2019.

Kaur too looked good in her 100th ODI but would have liked to convert the start into a big score.

Opener Smriti Mandhana struck three delightful fours before falling to a loose shot and would be backing herself to bat long on Tuesday.

"Few of them got starts but couldn't convert. The bowlers need to be more consistent with lines and lengths, maybe they weren't consistent because they're coming back after a long break," Raj acknowledged after the match in which India could post only 177 that South Africa chase down in just 40.1 overs.

Pacer Monica Patel was handed her debut on Sunday and more caps can be handed out in the second game with the management keeping one eye on preparations for the World Cup next year.

Pulling off one back against South Africa seems like a daunting task considering the way they played in the opener. They looked a team high on confidence having blanked Pakistan at home recently.

Their pace attack led by Sh a b n i m I s m a i l was impressive and Indians will have to find a way to negate that threat.



SINGLES

LAPORTA BACK AS PRESIDENT

MADRID: The president of Barcelona when Lionel Messi began playing in Spain will also be in charge when the club tries to convince the star to stay. Joan Laporta was elected Barcelona president again on Sunday, inheriting a club in crisis and facing daunting problems that include a huge debt and the possible departure of Messi when his contract finishes at the end of the season. "The fact that the best player in the world came to vote today, along with his son, is proof that Leo loves Barça," Laporta said. "Together we will convince him to stay." Laporta defeated businessman Victor Font and longtime board member Toni Freixa, the other two candidates who were among the more than 110,000 members eligible to vote.

SPURS BEATS PALACE 4-1

LONDON: Gareth Bale and Harry Kane both scored twice to help Tottenham make it three PL wins in a row and boost its top-four hopes after a 4-1 victory against Crystal Palace. The duo combined twice with Kane the architect for both goals by Bale before the England captain hit a wonder strike and then created history with another in the 76th minute. Son Heung-min assisted Kane's second and it was their 14th goal combination in the PL this season to beat the previous record of 13 set by Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton for Blackburn in the 1994-95 season.

RUBLEV REIGNS IN ROTTERDAM

ROTTERDAM: Andrey Rublev extended his phenomenal winning run at ATP 500 events to 20 matches on Sunday when he defeated Marton Fucsovics 7-6(4), 6-4 to win the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament. The World No. 8 also stretched his winning streak in ATP Tour championship matches to seven victories. Rublev saved all four break points he faced to capture his fourth straight title at ATP 500-level after one hour and 50 minutes.

MANIKA, SATHIYAN IN 2ND ROUND

DOHA: India's Manika Batra and Sathiyana Gnanasekaran on Monday went through to the second round of the WTT Star Contender table tennis tournament in Doha. Manika, ranked 63 in women's singles, beat Chinese Taipei's Hsien-Tzy Cheng 3-0. Manika held her own to beat her opponent in straight sets 11-5, 11-9, 11-9. The 2018 Asian Games bronze medalist will face Japanese world No. 3 Mima Ito in her round of 16 match on Tuesday. Meanwhile, world No. 37 Gnanasekaran had a more tricky encounter against France's 40th ranked Emmanuel Lebesson, winning the match 3-2. Gnanasekaran lost the first two games but then came back to take the match 9-11, 7-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-4. He will face Japanese world No. 5 Harimoto Tomokazu in the round of 16 on Tuesday.

ATANU, TARUN, DEEDIKA IN RECURVE SQUAD

PUNE: Seasoned Atanu Das and Tarundeep Rai among men and Deedika Kumari in the women's section will headline the Indian recurve archery contingent during this year's Tokyo Olympics. After the final selection trials (Trial 3) at the Army Institute of Sports in Pune, a six-strong squad which has three male and equal number of female archers was selected for the quadrennial extravaganza. Besides Atanu and Tarundeep, the other archer in the Indian men's team is Pravin Jadhav, while Anika Bhakat and Komolika Bari complete the women's squad.

INDIA BEAT GREAT BRITAIN 3-2

BELGIUM: Striker Mandeep Singh struck a brace as the Indian men's hockey team eked out a close 3-2 win over Great Britain to end their Europe tour on an unbeaten note here on Monday. Harmanpreet Singh's strike in the very first minute and two goals by Mandeep in the 28th and 59th minutes helped India remain undefeated on the tour. For Great Britain, James Gall (20th) and striker Adam Forsyth (55th) were the goal scorers. The last few minutes was a battle of nerves as both the teams lived up to the billing, but it was Mandeep who rose to the occasion as his late strike helped India cap off their first assignment of 2021 with a 3-2 win.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will play their inaugural World Test Championship final against New Zealand at Southampton's Ageas Bowl Stadium from June 18-22, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly confirmed on Monday.

Initially, the final was supposed to be held at the Lord's but Southampton, with a five-star facility inside the stadium, will make it easier for both the ICC and the England and Wales Cricket Board to create a bio-bubble for the two teams.

"Yes, the final will be held at Ageas Bowl," Ganguly replied to a query from PTI.

India qualified for the marquee clash after beating England 3-1 in a just-concluded Test series.

Southampton, with its slowish

WTC final in Southampton: Ganguly

track, puts India on even keel with New Zealand as spinners will come into the game at the venue.

"I will go for the World Test Championship and hopefully we can get past New Zealand in the final. New Zealand will be there before us and they will play a couple of Test matches (against England)," Ganguly told 'India Today' channel.

He lavished praise on the team for its stupendous performance in both the away series against Australia and home games against England.

Massive achievement? "Oh yes, specially after what players have gone through to be in



those bubbles and play cricket day in and day out. It was remarkable. Right from IPL till now. What they have achieved is fantastic," he told the channel.

"I think we must congratulate Ajinkya Rahane, first in Australia and Virat Kohli in England, the head coach, support staff, everybody. (Rahul) Dravid who does a

lot of work behind the scenes with these boys. To see that day in Brisbane was outstanding," he said.

Ganguly believes that Rishabh Pant is a match winner in the mould of Virender Sehwag, Yuvraj Singh and Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"I have seen him for past two years and I have belief in match-winners. A player, who on his day will win you games. Pant is one such guy."

"Sydney Test, if he had been there for six more overs, he would have won us that game too. He is like Dhoni, Sehwag and Yuvraj, who can win matches alone," said the former India captain.

He was mighty impressed with Pant's game sense during his under pressure hundred at Motera.

"...And look at how he played in Ahmedabad. His game sense while facing the second new ball against James Anderson, who has bowled well in the series. He counter-attacked and changed it."

He also lauded National Cricket Academy head Rahul Dravid, whose behind the scenes work has helped in creating a solid bench strength.

"That's why I say Dravid has done a great job. Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur did so well in Australia and we won the final Test without Jasprit Bumrah."

Eng leadership power lies with Morgan: Vaughan

PTI ■ LONDON

Former captain Michael Vaughan has argued that England Test skipper Joe Root should also get to pick his best players irrespective of ECB's rotation policy, just like limited overs leader Eoin Morgan "gets what he wants".

In a column for Telegraph, Vaughan wrote England fielded a weakened team in the four Tests against India with the likes of Jos Buttler and Moeen Ali returning home in the middle of the series only to be back for the limited overs leg of the tour.

"It is very clear where the leadership power lies in English cricket - it is with Eoin Morgan and not Joe Root."

"I am pretty sure that Morgan went to the selectors and Ashley Giles and said he wanted his best team at all times this year in Twenty20, so he could build for the World Cup in



India in October. He has his wish," the Ashes winning skipper wrote.

"I understand rotation. Nobody argues against the fact players need breaks from Covid bubbles but the frustration for me as a lover of the game's longest format is why has our Test team been weakened this winter, yet the Twenty20 side is at full strength? "When you win a World Cup as captain you are bombproof. I experienced it

when I won the Ashes. Do you think Ed Smith is going to say 'no' to Morgan? No chance," Vaughan said referring to England's World Cup triumph in 2019 under Morgan's leadership.

Vaughan fears that Morgan being too powerful could end up harming English cricket.

"But it is dangerous for so much power to be invested in one person because it is rare they see the bigger picture. As much as he is a brilliant captain, it is wrong for Morgan to always get what he wants because understandably he will prioritise what is good for his team, and inevitably that will be at the expense of something else."

"But at some point the management around him - Giles and Tom Harrison - have to take into account what is right for all England sides, not just one format, and level up the balance of power."

GOLD FOR NO 1 BAJRANG

PTI ■ ROME

Olympic-bound Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia pulled off a two-pointer in the last 30 seconds of the Gold medal bout to defend his title at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event, a result that propelled him back to world number one rank.

Up against Mongolia's Tulga Tumur Ochir, Bajrang was trailing 0-2 till the final moments of the 65kg final but managed to level the scores, 30 seconds from the final whistle.

Since the last scoring point came from the Indian, he was declared the winner on criteria on Sunday night.

Bajrang's leg defence seemed to be a particularly improved aspect of

his game in the one-year break, forced by the coronavirus pandemic.

The 27-year-old though said he needs to work more on his defence as he is eyeing a medal at the Tokyo Games.

"I found that my leg defence has improved compared to where it was before the break. I have got better but it still needs more work. I also need to be better on my attacking moves," Bajrang told PTI.

Asked about his struggle in the final against the Mongolian, one of the three men's Indian wrestlers to have quali-

fied for the Tokyo Games said it indeed was tough.

"Look, the 65kg category is extremely competitive. The Mongolian has qualified for the Tokyo Games."

He is not a weak opponent. All the wrestlers in this category have the same aim of doing well in Tokyo, so all are tough and we are all almost at same level," he said.

"It is such a sport, that you go up and down. I am just glad that I am back to the mat and competing,"

he said.

Bajrang will now be back in the national camp but wants to train outside before the Asian championship, scheduled to be held in Kazakhstan from April 9 to 11.

"I am looking for a training stint abroad. Let's see if it happens because restrictions are back in Europe because of rising virus cases. Travelling is not easy these days. You have to fill a lot of forms, download apps, fill too much information."

Bajrang was placed second in the rankings before the event and is now on top of the table in the 65kg category with 14 points.

The fresh rankings are based on results of only this tournament which means that Gold-medallists get the top spot.

DP, Samarth's another hundred takes K'taka in semis



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Young opener Devdutt Padikkal sent a strong message to the national selectors before England ODIs as he slammed his fourth consecutive List A ton as Karnataka beat Kerala by 80 runs in a quarter-final game of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Monday.

Karnataka rode on skipper Ravikumar Samarth's knock of 192 off 158 balls and a stroke-filled 101 by 20-year-old left-handed Padikkal (off 119 balls) to post an imposing 338/3 and then bundled out the opposition for 258. Kerala's decision to put Karnataka into bat backfired badly, as Samarth and Padikkal toyed with their attack with a massive 249-run partnership for the first wicket.

He completed his century in 112 balls and was aggressive right from the start, while Padikkal hammered 10 boundaries and two maximums.

It was a Samarth-Padikkal show as Karnataka were going strong at 196/0 after 35 overs

having laid the foundation for a mammoth total.

While Padikkal continued his fabulous show in the national ODI tournament and in the process scored his 4th consecutive List A century and became the first Indian to do so, Samarth surpassed veteran Wasim Jaffer's unbeaten 170 to register the highest score in a Vijay Hazare knock-out match.

For Kerala, right-arm medium pacer Basil NP (3/57) was the pick of the bowlers, while others had an off-day.

GUJARAT IN SEMIS

Skipper Priyank Panchal's stroke-filled 134 and an equally impressive show from the bowlers set up Gujarat's massive 117-run win over Andhra in the second quarter-final of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Gujarat rode on Panchal's 134 to post a competitive 299 for 7 and then bundled out the opposition for 182, to make it to the semi-final. India Test star and Andhra captain Hanuma Vihari was out for a five-ball duck.