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Amid LAC face-off, cyberattacks caused massive power outage: NYT

In the middle of the stand-off in eastern Ladakh last year, China unleashed coordinated cyberattacks on India's power facilities that may have trig-gered the massive power out-age in Mumbai in October 2020

2020. The outage led to a coun-tryvide uproar as India's finan-cial capital came to a grinding halt on October 12. Mumbai lifeline local trains were shut, hospitals could not carry life-saving operations and stock exchange remained out of gear for hours.

The cyberattack on power facilities may have been initi-ated by a group of Chinese hackers, according to a study that first appeared in the New York Times.

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China-linked threat activity group RedEcho may have planted malware in key power plante in India, said the study. The Mumbai power cut provides additional evidence suggesting the coordinated targeting of Indian Load Dispatch Centres," said the study.

The study also suggested that some of the country's most sensitive infrastructures are vulnerable to cyberattacks from Chinese hackers.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Power on Monday said there is no impact on operations of Power System Operation Corporation (PoSOCO) due to any malware attack and that

advisories issued against such threats.

However, the Ministry did not mention about the Mumbai outage in its statement.

Responding on the findings of the study, the Ministry said, "There is no impact on any of the functionalities carried out by POSOCO due to the referred threat. No data breach/data loss has been detected due to these incidents."

The Ministry further said, "Prompt actions are being." malware attack and that



information security officers) at all these control centres under operation by POSOCO for any incident/advisory received from various agencies like CERT-in, NCIPC, CERT-Trans etc."

The CERT-in (Indian Computer Emergency

A Mumbail local train stranded due to a sudden and unplanned power outage

prompt actions are taken on advisories issued against such

protection.

Confirming the possibility of Confirming the cyberattack, Maharashtra fleregy Minister Nitin Raut on Monday said the New York Times report claiming that the massive power outage in Mumbai last year might have been due to a cyber attack from China was true. There is treuth in the claims made by the NYT. We had formed three committees to enquire into the matter. We will receive a detailed report this evening from the cyber department, Raut said.

The Maharashtra cyber

Computer Emergency Response Team) is the nodal agency to deal with cyber secu-rity threats like hacking and rity threats like hacking and phishing. The National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC) is national nodal agency for crit-ical information infrastructure

department had initially suspected that a malware attack could be responsible for Mumbai's power outage in October last year, which stopped trains and shut down hospitals and the stock exchange for hours. Some areas in suburban central Mumbai suffered outages for almost 10 to 12 hours.

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Recorded Future, a US-based company that analyses online digital threats, first detected the flow of malware.
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online digital threats, Irist detected the flow of malware. Recorded Future's Insikt Group observed that from early 2020 there was a large increase in suspected cyberattacks against Indian organisations from Chinese state-sponsored groups, said the report.

"From mid-2020, Recorded Future's midpoint collection revealed a steep rise in the use of infrastructure racked as AXIOMATICAS-YMPTOTE, which encompasses ShadowPad command and control servers, to target a large swathe of Indias power sector organisations, including four of the five regional load dispatch centres responsible for the operation of the power grid through balancing electricity supply and demand, have been identified as targets in a concerted campaign against India's critical infrastructure. Other targets identified include two Indian seaports," the report said.

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VACCINATION

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Prime Minister Narendra
Modi, Vice-President M
Venkaiah Naidu, Union Home
Minister Amit Shah and
Minister for External Affairs
(MEA) S Jaishankar received
the Covid-19 jab even as more
than one million citizens registered themselves on the CoMIN portal till 1 pm on
Monday with India opening up
vaccination drive for those
over 60 years and within the
age bracket of 45 to 59 years
with specified comorbidities.
AILMS chief Dr Randeep
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Vaccines provided to ben-eficiaries at the Government

PM jokes: Politicians thick-skinned, do you plan to use thick needle

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New Delhi: Protesting farmer leaders in the vulnerable age group on Monday said they are not afraid of coronavirus and won't take vaccine jabs, even as the second phase of vaccination drive got underway to inoculate senior citizens and those above 45 with underlying medical conditions. New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the nurs-es administering the Covid-19 vaccine to him on Monday whether they were planning to use some special thick needle as politicians are known to be "very thick-skinned," drawing laughter from the medical staff who immediately felt at ease. ical conditions

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his Odisha coun-terpart Naveen Patnaik also received their shots. Similarly, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, his wife, and MP daughter Supriya Sule too received the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine at a civid posmital in

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health facilities will be entirely free of cost, while private
facilities cannot charge the
beneficiary a sum above ₹25 for
vaccines and ₹100 as operational charges.

As the vaccination programme got underway in other
places across the country,
Venkaiah, Shah, Jaishankar too
was vaccinated on Monday. 19 vaccine at a civic hospital in Maharashtra while Kumar said vaccines will be provided free to everybody.

Not afraid of Covid, Delhi Govt won't take jabs: fought pandemic **Farmer leaders** well, says Jain

Well, Says Jalli

New Delhi: Delhi fought the
coronavirus well and brought
down both the positive as
well as death rates, said Delhi
Health Minister Satyender
Jain on Monday. There are
challenges but the Delhi
Government is ready to deal
with it, be it vaccination or
health incentractures.

CAPSULE

FRANCE'S SARKOZY SENTENCED TO JAIL Paris: A Paris court on Monday found French former President Nicolas Sarkozy guilty of corruption and influence peddling and sentenced him to one year in nison and a twoone year in prison and a two-year suspended sentence.

GST COLLECTIONS CROSS ₹1L CR IN FEB

New Delhi: GST collections crossed the ₹1 lakh crore-mark for the fifth month in a row in February, rising 7 per cent annually to over ₹1.13 lakh crore, indicating economic



NH construction touches record 33 km a day

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The Road, Transport, and Highways Ministry has achieved the enviable target of constructing record 30 km highway a day. The feat could be achieved after the construction of 11,035 kilometres of national highways this fiscal so far.

Union Road Transport, Highways Minister Nitin Galkari said highway building has achieved a new feat, with the construction touching record 30 km a day. "We have built 11,035 km of highways till date this year. This comes to 32,85 km a day of highway building, which is a record; Galkari said on the sidelines of an event talking to the media. Gadkari said that by end of this financial year the construction could go up to 40 km a day.

Tejashwi, Tipu back Mamata ahead of West Bengal polls

SALIGAR SENGUPTA . KOLKATA

"Prompt actions are being taken by the CISOs (chief

In the battle royal for Bengal, two Yadav chieftains from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh have thrown their weight behind Bengal Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee. Both Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav have declared their parties' support for the their parties' support for the Trinamool Congress in the coming Assembly elections.

The RID leader who called The RJD leader, who called on Mamata in her office at State Secretariat Nabanna on Monday, appealed to the peo-ple of Bihar who live in Bengal to support the TMC in the coming elections.







World adopted city Govt's initiatives to fight Covid: Jain

The entire 2020 was a Covid Year. Not only Delhi and India, but also the entire world was going through a tough time and everyone was fightime and everyone was fightime and everyone was fightime and everyone was fightime to with the positivity and death rates down. In the initial days, everything was new to everyone and people thought the virus would go in summer. The lockdown was also extended but nothing changed. The biggest challenge was how to contain and treat the virus. The Delhi Government proactively worked and adapted itself to the situation and came up with several initiatives which brought the cases down. The Delhi Government's initiatives have been copied and followed widely by the entire nation and the world. For example, plasma therapy and home isolation, were started first by Delhi in the entire world. The first plasma bank in the national Capital was opened

Delhi in the entire world The first plasma bank in the national Capital was opened on July 4. Later on August 27, America also suggested plas-ma therapy for Covid 19. Similarly, home isolation was first started by Delhi Government which largely helped it to control and cure

the virus and was followed widely by other States.

Delhi Health Minister Satyender Jain spoke to The Pioneer's Principal Correspondent Sapna Singh on various issues pertaining to Delhi's fight against Covid-19.

Delhi Government is approaching its target with a low corona positivity rate and zero death, what are the challenges ahead?

The Covid-19 cases have been recorded less than five per cent in the past three months and since one month, the positivity rate is one to half

months and since one month, the positivity rate is one to half per cent. If it is going below one per cent, we can say the situation is normal because the base is low but still Corona is unpredictable and I will appeal unpredictable and I will appeal to the masses to wear masks and follow social distancing norms. There was a time when 8,600 cases were recorded but now the situation has been

now the situation has been improved.

Challenges ahead are how to create awareness among the masses and to understand how the Covid-19 is acting at different stages. Along with the Central Government, we are learning about Corona's behaviour via research and development model. Certainly,



there are chal-lenges but Delhi Government is also ready to deal with it, be it at vaccination

or health infra.

The medical institutions in Delhi are playing pivotal role in the Covid-19-pandemic times but as per the economic survey (GNCTD) 2019-20, the number of medical institutions in Delhi has increased at low rate. Does the Delhi Govt has any plan to expand the institutions?

At present, Delhi has 10,000 beds and our target is to expand these to 15,000, we have started constructions of three new buildings and two are purely dedicated to Covid-19 treatment facility — Burari and Ambedkar Nagar. These institutions will be fully operational once the pandemic gets over. One medical institution in Dwarka would have started functioning but covid outbreak halted the project. We have AIIMS-like institutions, for instance, GB Pant. I would say that our institutions are better than those of Centre, Getting that our institutions are better than those of Centre. Getting



treatment in AIIMS or Safdarjung is a tedious process but in our hospitals, people get easier, faster and timely treat-

Despite the fact that Delhi's population has been increasing at the rate of 10 per cent in every five years, how the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) dispensation will provide health services to its citizens, when the bed ratio is

still 2.94 per thousand pop-ulation against the World Health Organisation (WHO) prescribed standards - five

prescribed standards - five beds per thousand? Delhi Government is creating the best health infrastructure in the world. If we should compare Delhi with other Indian States, and not only India, at the global arena for the coronavirus treatment, we have provided best treat-

ment by increasing bed num-bers. Delhi's health model is top treating Covid, and we are being widely appreciated at international level.

The AAP Government has increased its health budget from 11.54 per cent in 2013-14 to 14.89 per cent in 2018-19 as per the economic survey report (GNCTD) 2019-20. However, there are core areas in health sector where

PPP model plays a crucial role. For instance, Delhi Government has joined hands with the private playsers for providing Dialysis services. How does the Government help common citizens with low cost treatment having a major stake in private entities in critical health infra., as we have seen in Corona times? Health is our priority and this year too, the health budget will be higher than the previous one. Our focus will remain on health. We have a transparent system where patients can check the availability of beds. For instance, at present, out of 5,700 beds, 399 beds are occupied and 5,363 are still free for Covid treatment. The Delhi Government is ready to deal with any circumstances

Government is ready to deal with any circumstances because our objective is clear and that is to provide basic health facilities to our people. Delhi Government has joined hands with private hospitals. Though we cannot make a dedicated facility for dialysis, Government provides free such treatments for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in private hospitals (EWS) in private hospitals also. LNJP and Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospitals have been established to treat life

threatening diseases.
In the digital era when Delhi
Government will soon turn
out to be one State to have a
cloud-based well-being
administration system as the
facility in healthcare services
with the induction of Health
Information Management
System (HIMS), how is the
AAP Government ready for
this?

this?

The Delhi Government is ready for the digital transformation, for it will save time and will help medical staff to provide faster treatment havprovide laster treatment hav-ing history details of patients. With a cloud base system, the information and medication will work hand in hand thus will help in both ways.

With 338 Mohalla clinics (Pilot + regular), the AAP claims revolution in health care services. Do you think these clinics may reduce the patients load in big hospitals?

Definitely, the impact will be visible after the number of the clinics reach upto 1,000. Presently, on an average, 50,000 people visit OPDs in these Mohalla clinics across Delhi. If patients get timely, these Mohalla clinics across Delhi. If patients get timely, needy and speedy treatment nearby, it will certainly reduce the burden on bigger hospitals.

Covid jab phase-2 DTC OK's procurement of begins in Capital

The second phase of the Covid-19 vaccination drive began on Monday in the national Capital, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking the jab on the first day. The drive also saw several senior citizens coming forward to take the first shot. Meanwhile. Dr Randeen

Meanwhile, Dr Randeep Guleria, AIIMS Director, said that PM's move to take the first

dose of Covid-19 vaccine on the very first day of India opening up the inoculation drive for senior citizens and those aged 45 and above with comorbidities should eliminate any hesitancy from the minds of people about the vac-cine. The PM had received the indigenously developed Considiation jab by Bharat Biotech around 6.30 am on Monday morning 6.30 am on Monday morning after which he was kept under observation for half-and-hour as

"Took my first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at AIIMS. Remarkable how our doctors Remarkable how our doctors and scientists have worked in quick time to strengthen the global fight against Covid-19," the PM tweeted after taking the vaccine shot. "I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Together, let us make India Covid-19 free!" he said.

300 low floor CNG buses

The Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) on Monday approved the bids for the procurement of 300 Air-Conditioned (AC) low floor electric buses.

Transport Minister Kailash cleaterist buses.

Transport Minister Kailash Galhot who was also present in the board meeting said "This decision comes a few months into Delhi Government buccessfully launching the successfully launching the Delhi EV Policy, under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and the ongoing full-fledged awareness campaign Switch Delhi encouraging Delhittes to shift to EV. This year will see a thousand new buses being added in DTC and close to 600 new Electric buses induced under the Cluster scheme too. With the arrival of these 300 electric buses, Delhi will take its electric buses, Delhi will take its

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These 300 Low Floor 12 meters BS-VI compliant Air-Conditioned buses would be equipped with State-of-the-Art facilities like, Real-Time Passenger Information System, CCTVs, Panic Buttons, GPS and other facilities, along with being differently-abled friendly.

Further, to ensure passen safety, especially of wome ssengers, these buses woul

ger safety, especiany, or passengers, these buses would be integrated with the newly built Command and Control Centre of Kashmiri Gate.

Earlier, DTC had floated open tender for the procurement of 300 Low Floor 12 meters full electric conditioned buses in ment of 300 Low Floor 2
meters full Electric
Air-Conditioned buses in
December 2020. Prior to this,
two tenders have been shortclosed owing to various reasons. These 300 Electric
Buses, after approval by the
Cabinet, will start arriving in
October 2021 and the entire
induction will be completed
by February 2022.

Ex-Miss India Delhi Mansi ioins AAP

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Pormer Miss India Delhi Mansi Sehgal joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the presence of party leader Raghav

Chadha. Chadha said, "I am delight-ed that the AAP and Arvind Kejriwal instill confidence in young people to join politics and serve the people, and the AAP family is growing leaps and bounds with each passing day. I welcome Mansi into the AAP family."

family."
Speaking on the occasion,
Sepala, Miss India Delhi 2019,
said she was inspired by the
honest governance of Chief
Minister Arvind Kejiriwal and
therefore chose to join the AAP.
Sebgal is a trained engine.
TedX speaker and an entrepreneut, who has her own startup.
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India Delhi pageant, she had spoken about her keen interest in philanthropy and organ donation.

Man killed for objecting to rash driving, three arrested

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A 30-year-old man was allegedly killed while his brother suffered injuries after they objected to a youth riding his motorcycle rashly in the Bindapur area in Delhi's Dwarka area. Police said they have arrested three men in connection with the incident and the weapon used in commission of the crime has also been recovered.

mission of the crime has also been recovered.

The deceased has been identified as Suraj Prakash Singh while his brother Chander (28) is still undergo-ing treatment at the local hos-pital.

pital.

According to a senior police official, the incident took place on Sunday night when Suraj along with his brother Chander were on the way to buy fish from a nearby

way to buy fish from a nearby market.

"They objected to a man riding his bike rashly. The two sides got into a heated argu-ment and the motorcyclist called his associates and

attacked the brothers with a knife," said the senior police official.

"Suraj died during the course of treatment at the Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) hospital and his brother Chander is stated to be out of danger. Chander, in his complaint told police that one Kaku was riding his bike rashly. When he objected, they both had a heated argument following which Kaku called his associates. He then attacked Chander and his brother with a knife," he said.

"Police has registered a case under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Bindapur police station and three accused have been arrested in connection with the incident," said Santosh Kumar Meena, the Deputs CDCP). Dwenka district. The arrested accused have been indentified as Piyush Sharma (19) alias Kaku and his associates Sandeep Sharma (31) and Shiv Narayan (32), police said.

प्रशास करें। (११)/४६ निर्मा प्राप्त क्षित पूचन किन्निक ११३/४६ किन्न ११३३/४६ निर्मा प्राप्त अध्यक्ष, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम की ओर से निम्निलियत कार्यों हेतु अर्ह फर्मों से मोहस्वन्द्र निर्मित्य कि १३३/४६ किन्निलियत कार्यों हेतु अर्ह फर्मों से मोहस्वन्द्र निर्मित्य के अयराज्य १५०० को तक कार्यालय अमीवान अमियाना, यांत्रिक मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पंत्रस्व निमम, निजट-आई०एमाइए खड़ खें, हेत्यादून में आमित्रक की जाती है। के जी सिमा को अपरान्द्र १५३० को अमीवान अमियना महोदय अथवा जनके द्वारा अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि निविदा प्रपन्ने धरोहर बडवं पूर्ण कर्ण कि नामन राशि की अवधि तरा इच्छुक निविदादाताओं के समक्ष खोली जायेंगी। जनपद देहरादून, विकासकाण्ड सहसपुर में मेहरकोट स्ट्र. 1000/- स्ट्र. 1000/ ०३ माह

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first huge leap to its dream of a fully electric public transport in the city." No place for abattoir in Haridwar, stresses Maharaaz

The State's Tourism, Culture and Irrigation minister Satpal Maharaaz has said that considering that Haridwar is a spiritually and culture that the state of the shaughter. turally important city, slaughter houses should be barred here while rural areas of the district should be

freed from the

The minister said, "Haridwar where the Kumbh Mela is also held, is an important centre of the world for faith and cultural heritage. It is against the traditions of Sanatan Dharma to even think about opening a slaughter house in such a sacred location. Considering this, it is my request that abattoir be requested that a same of the same of



faith like Haridwar. Considering the demand of the local MLAs and sentiments of the religious fraternity, the construction of an abattoir should be immediately stopped in Haridwar. The minister further said that in order to effectively execute Prime Minister Narendra Modiš developmental agenda in the rural areas of the district, it is vital that all Panchayats in the district are brought outside the jurisdiction of development authority.

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Govt committed to make U'khand a developed State

The budget session of the Uttarakhand assembly started in Gairsain, the summer capital of Uttarakhand on Monday with the address of the governor Baby Rani Maurya. As soon as the governor started the address, the opposition Congress boycotted the house in protest. Highlighting the achievements of the Trivendra Singh Rawat government during its four years in office so far, the governor said that the objective of the government is to bring Uttarakhand in the category of a developed state by category of a developed state by adopting the principle of decentralised development. She said that the Gross Domestic decentralised development. She said that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the state is R 2,53,666 crore and the per capita income is Rs 2,02,895. On the pandemic of Covid-19, the governor said that five dedicated Covid hospitals, 12 Covid health centres and 420 Covid care centres were set up in the state. To combat the pandemic 528 ICUS, 570 ventilators were installed and 214 new ambulances were purchased. The government appointed 378 doctors, 113 nurses, 32 pharmacists and 27 technicians to treat the Covid-19 pandemic. She said that three new medical colleges in Haridwar, Rudrapur and

Pithoragarh have been approved. The Uttarakhand government has digitised all the ration cards and 94 per cent of ration cards and 94 per cent of ration cards and 94 per cent of ration cards have been linked with Aadhaar. The government has implemented the fone nation, one ration card' scheme in the state. She said that a total of 5.88 lakh families were given employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme (MNREGS) and 1.06 lakh migrants who had returned during the pandemic were given employment by creating 1663700 man days. She informed that 105 child development schemes are operational in the state and 1.7 lakh children are given fortified milk in the Anganwadi centres. In the Mid Day Meal (MDM) scheme, two bananas and two gegs are being given to the students twice a week as additional supplement. The governor said that the process of setting up woo Atal Ukrisht Vidyalayas in every block of the state has started. The process of appointtwo Atal Ütkrisht Vidyalayas in every block of the state has started. The process of appointments to 571 posts of lecturers, 1,431 Licensed Teachers (LT) and 400 primary teachers is underway. She said that the Uttarakhand government has increased the ex-gratia payment to the dependents of the martyrs of armed and para military forces from Rs 10 Lakh to



Rs 15 lakh. Under the Sports Policy- 2020, the state govern-ment has decided to provide government jobs to the medal winners. Area specific sports hubs would be set up in the state and Khel Vigyan Kendras would be set in the state. For preservation of the culture and folk arts, a cultural centre folk arts, a cultural centre would be set up in Satpuil town of Pauri district. To prevent migration from the mountainous areas, 2,551 home stays have so far been registered. The governor said that the state government has entered into a bipartite agreement with Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) for exploration of minerals in the state. She said that the state government has declared a government has declared a government has declared a new start-up policy for pro-moting start-up ecosystems in the state. In ease of doing busi-

ness the state is among the top states of the country. The gov-ernor added that proposals for settling up 104 growth centres have been approved in the state. In Haridwar one more pharma-city would be devel-oped in 75 arc area. The state has also constituted an aero-space and defence policy to attract investment in the defence sector. The governor said that the state government has constructed 2,522 kilome-tres of new roads, reconstruct-ed 2,700 kilometres roads and constructed 241 bridges. She also informed about the progress achieved under the Char Dham road project. Under the Deendayal Upadhyaya cooperative farmer welfare scheme, loans to 4.86 lakh individuals and 1,330 Self welfare scheme, loans to 4.86 lakh individuals and 1,330 Self Help Groups have been provided.

Protest turns violent, locals lathicharged near Bharadisain

CM orders magisterial probe, says guilty won't be spared

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The protesters demanding broadening of Nandprayag-Ghat road were lathicharged by the police on Monday when they tried to force their way past the barricades to the they tred to force their way past the barricades to the assembly building. High drama occurred on the day when more than 3,000 locals marched towards the assembly building. The police first tried to stop them at Junglechatti, a place located about seven kilo-metres from the assembly building but the agitated pro-testers outnumbered the police force and broke the barricades. In order to stop the vehicles of the protesters the police locked the road with a fire tender. The 200 odd vehicles of the protestors blocked the road the protestors blocked the road and the traffic on the important Karnprayag- Gairsain route remained affected for hours.

The protesters including the women and children marched on foot to Diwalikhal where a large deployment of police force was posted. Here the police used water-cannon to disperse. police used water-cannon to disperse the agitators but when things went out of control, the police restored to lathi charge. Though the administration is denying any injuries on either side, eye-witness accounts sug-gest that more than 25 protestors and few pol

witness accounts sug-gest that more than 25 protestors and few police per-sonnel were injured in the altercation. Taking serious cog-nisance of the incident, chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said that it was unfor-tunate and has ordered a mag-isterial probe, stressing that the guilty will not be spared. It is worth mentioning here that for the demand of broad-ening the 19 kilometre long Nandprayag- Ghat section, the locals have been undertaking Coals have been undertaking The CM. Trivendra Singh Rawat had assured them that the road would be broadened. However it failed to pacify the

protestors who wanted immediate start of work on the pro-

get.

Recently they had formed a 19-kilometre long human chain but the protest failed to draw the response from the authorities concerned. Available 10-kilometre long the authorities concerned. Available 10-kilometre long the lo authorities concerned. Avtar Singh, a protester said that the demand of the people is very simple but despite many assur-ances from the leaders in the past nothing concrete has hap-pened so far.

The former chief minister Harish Rawat has condemned the use of force on the protest-

ers. Another resident of the



area Hari Krishan Bhatt said,
"We want that the existing six
metre road should be broadened to nine metres. Our
request was accepted by the
CM but even after his assurance nothing has happened.
We are protesting peacefully for
the last three months but our
pleas have fallen on deaf ears;
said Bhatt.
When contacted the district magistrate of Chamoli,
Swati Bhadauria said that 300
protesters were arrested by

swati Bhadauria said that 300 protesters were arrested by police and shifted to a makeshift jail. She denied any injury to anyone during the protest.

Cong to corner Govt on many issues in **Budget Session**

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The Uttarakhand Congress
Thas decided to corner the
state government on many
issues during the budget session of Uttarakhand assembly.
Senior Congress leader Govind
Singh Kunjiwat lotd media persons outside the assembly on
Monday that the state government has failed on every front.
He said that though the state. monday that the state government has failed on every front. He said that though the state government has declared Gairsain the summer capital, the government has no intention to develop it. He said that the government should operate for at least six months from Gairsain. The deputy leader of Congress legislature party, Karam Mahra said that the Congress would raise the issue of district development authorities, atrocities on women, fail ure to tackle pandemic and other issues during the session. He said that though the chief minister is holding about 55 portfolios, the house rarely functions on Mondays when the CM is slated to answer the the CM is slated to answer the

begins in Rishikesh

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The seven-day International Yoga Festival was inaugurated by Agriculture Minister Subodh Uniyal, head of Akhil Bharatiya Akhada Parishad (ABAP) Narendra Giri and Patanjali Yogpeeth chairman Acharya Balakrishna in Rishikesh on Monday. The festival is being jointly organised by Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB) and Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam (GMVN).

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Uniyal said, "We are here at the world-famous location Rishikesh also known as Yognagari to clebate our age-old practice of Yoga. The aim of Yoga is not only to keep us fit but also to end the negativity within the human beings. Our Prime Minister Nagard Hender Sunday Spragard the message of well-being done by Yoga which has increased the popularity of Yoga nationally and internationally."

Patanjali Yogpeeth chair-



man Acharya Balakrishna said,
"Yoga has played a very vital
role in boosting immunity
especially during the time of
Covid. The regular practice of
Yoga has helped in keeping the
diseases away from the body.
Yoga is also the cure for many
diseases that are hard to treat
using medical science."

The ABAP president
Narendra Giri, said, "The real
definition of Yog is to unite the

definition of Yog is to unite the individual soul with the divine.

Yoga also leads to peace and ultimately Samadhi which is

Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam (GMVN) managing director Ashish Chauhan informed that all session arrangements have been made following the guidelines of the Covid-19 issued by the Government of India and the State Government. Nearly 350 seelers were registered on the seekers were registered on the first day of the event.

International Yoga Festival | No valid grounds for strike by UPNL outsourced workers, stresses Govt

The State government has a stated that there are no valid grounds for the protest being undertaken by employees outsourced through Uttarakhand Purv Sainak Kalyan Nigam Limited (UPNL), it pointed out that the honorarium to UPNL personnel is raised from time to time but the state government. It was

neils raised from time to time by the state government. It was last raised recently during August 2020.

According to officials, the state government believes that the strike by UPNL outsourced workers is improper especial-ly considering the impact of Covid-19 pandemic coupled with the Vidhan Sabha session which began on Monday and the approaching end of the financial year.

In a letter written to the UPNL managing director, the additional chief secretary Radha Raturi has also clarified that the demands being raised by the UPNL outsourced work-ers are pending in the Supreme

ers are pending in the Supreme Court- a fact which is known



to the UPNL MD, the addi-

tional chief secretary has also expected that considering all the relevant facts, the protesting outsourced UPNL workers should be directed to immediately withdraw their strike. Only after they withdraw their strike would it be proper to talk sympathetically with the UPNL outsourced workers, she stressed.

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stressed.

It is pertinent to mention here that the UPNL outsourced workers have been protesting for about a week now demanding equal work equal pay and against the termination of contract of some UPNL workers from the government Doon medical college college

SCPCR to conduct anti-drug awareness campaigns

substance abuse among chil-n, especially in the slum set-nents, the State Commission Protection of Commission nsidering the incr tlements, the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (SCPCR) has decided to con-duct two campaigns this month against substance abuse in Dehradun. According to the chairperson of the commission, Usha Negi, the commission will organise an awareness cam-paign in which young girls and women would tie Raksha Sutra to boys and men who will in turn promise to abstain from

drug abuse. Apart from this, Negi stated that the commission will also make the locals living in slums sign affidavits which will make them a part of the anti-drug awareness campaign. "These initiatives aim to involve local residents, especially those living in slums, and make them contribute to the campaign," stated Negi. She further informed that the commission will start these campaigns this month under the leadership of the three brand ambassadors of the anti-drug campaign which SCPCR recently announced. "The three selected students

will lead the campaigns in asso-ciation with some Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). One of the selected ambassadors of the campaign is a reformed addict which will a reformed addict which will also inspire others to give up the drug addiction and lead a nor-mal life, said Negi. She further informed that SCPCR will soon send recommendations to the Central Government and State Government after conducting a two-day seminar this month with all the child commissions including the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

CDO directs swift completion of PMAGY works

Dehradun: Reviewing works under the Pradhan Mantri under the Pradhan Mantria Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), the Dehradun chief development officer Nitika Khandelwal directed the officials concerned to complete distance where the complete such that the development projects in the selected Gram Panchayats within the specified time. Presently, the development projects in 17 Gram Panchayats are under process and the CDO instructed the departments to work on basic facilities like roads, proper garbage disposal, health centres, water and electricity connection, and

employment opportunities in the selected Gram Panchayats. Besides this, Khandelwal also directed departments to construct multipurpose halls in the villages with more population wherever possible. She also instructed Uttarakhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (UREDA) to finish the solar light works in selected areas soon. Further, the CDO also ordered the departments to ordered the departments to adopt the Geographic Information System (GIS) for the development projects under PMAGY. PNS

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MCD receives over one lakh feedbacks within 20 days

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The Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) has received over one lakh citizens' feedback through Swachhata-MoHUA application in the last 20 days. The officials informed that the citizen feedback constitutes 1,800 marks out of 6,000 whith also include engagement of locals with the app and their experience with the sanitation facilities provided in their city. About 78,000 feedbacks were registered in the Swacchata app by February 10 but within only 20 days, more than two lakh citizens have registered their feedback through the pp. The feedback registration started from December 2020 but it was only around 80,000 feedbacks in the first week of the last month. The corporation has been running awareness caminos the control of the cont week of the last month. The corpora-tion has been running awareness cam-paigns about Swachh Survekshan 2021 in the city through various means like sanitation drive and by playing audio messages through the door to door garbage picking vehicles. Due to this, the citizen feedbacks are now approx-imately thrice of what they were a few weeks ago," said chief municipal health officer, Dr Kallash Joshi.



inspector Pushpa Rauthan informed that the citizens are asked questions regarding cleanliness in their nearby area, commercial places and public toilets to register their feedback. It also asks citizens about how much they are aware of the ongoing as well as the last Swachh Survekshan, added Rauthan. Meanwhile, Dr Joshi added that citi-

zens' feedback constitutes 30 per cent of the total marks and he is certain that Dehradun city will get around four lakh citzens' feedback by the end of March. It is pertinent to mention here that the MCD got 124th position in last year's survey and this year it aims to achieve a position among the 100 cleanest cities of the country.

MCD starts penalising locals for violating plastic ban

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To restrict the use of single-use plastics in the city, the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) started imposing penalties on locals violating the ban on plastics on Monday According to sanitation inspector Pushpa Rauthan, the corporation mainly focussed on raising awareness against use of single-use plastic on Monday too and fined only about nine locals collecting about R8 900. "We penalised those locals who were using single-use plastics to carry products like vegetables and fruits among other things, said Rauthan. Moreover, the officials informed that the municipal commissioner, vinay Shankar Pandey has formed five zones of the city. These teams will conduct raids on commercial establishments and plastic manufacturers besides imposing penalites on the locals using single-use plastics from this week.

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taking Covid shot

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Politics erupted over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vaccination on Monday as the Opposition accused him of using the occasion for electoral gains while the BJP sought the nation to "speak in one voice" in the battle against coronavirus and sought the Opposition to not to come up with "wild theories" and politicise the vaccination drive Politicising Modi getting his first vaccination drive Politicising Modi getting his first vaccination drive econd-phase scheduled for senior citizens. Triamool Congress MJP Shantanu Sen claimed that the Prime Minister's jab was "publicity" adding, "Photograph is more important than protocol".

Commenting on Modi's "changed appearance", he claimed that the PM's "newly claimed that th

Commenting on Modis "changed appearance", he claimed that the PM's "newly grown Rabindrik beard" would have become invisible if he had worn a mask. Adding 'God' save India', the Trinamool MP added that Mamata Banerjee was "saving Bengal".

Bengal". Several other politicians like Congress's Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and SP's Akhilesh

Yadav have politicised vacci-nation as a BJP "stunt". Chowdhury said, "In PM's inoculation visuals, there was gamcha of Assam, and nurs-

gamcha of Assam, and nurses who vaccinated him were from Kerala and Puducherry'. Kicking off part-2 of India's Cowid vaccination programme, Prime Minister Modi received his first jab of the vaccine on Monday at All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, sporting an Assamese Gamcha.

Delhi, sporting an Assamese Gamcha.

He got a jabb by nurses-Sister Niveda & sister Rosamma hailing from Puducherry and Tamil Nadu respectively.

The event soon turned into political name calling in the backdrop of high pitch poll campaigns in five States, including Bengal, Assam and Tamil Nadu and Kerala, going for Assembly elections by the march-end and the next month.

BIP hits back with Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad stressing the need to speak in one voice to battle-out coronavirus pandemic as BJP president JP Nadda demand

ed that the Opposition should stop resorting to "wild theo-ries" to criticise Indian achievement. Prasad said Modi had

Prasad said Modi had worn Assamese gamcha and Mundu last year when he had appealed to light a lamp to fight corona. "Than there were no elections", Prasad said and taking a swipe up suggested to Chowdhury to wear all Bengali symbols when he gets himself vaccinated."

BIP chief said that the Choppetition preserve were the property of the property of

Opposition party comes up with "wild theories" to ridcule

with 'wild theories' to ridcule India's achievements.
"Congress and the Opposition is not proud of anything Indian. They should introspect about how their lies on the COVID-19 vaccine lies on the COVID-19 vaccine will be used by vested interest groups for their own agendas. People of India have been rejecting such politics and will keep doing so in the future," Nadda tweeted. Union aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri also took a swipe at the opposition leaders, saying they are on a quest for permanent political marginalisation.

Opp sees plot in PM | Maha, Kerala, 3 others lead Covid surge in country



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Five States—Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat — continue to cause serious con-cern for the Centre by showing

commine to cause strots con-cern for the Centre by showing a consistent surge in new Covid-19 cases. Put together, they contributed 84 per cent of the 15,510 fresh infections reported in a day on Monday. The Union Health Ministry said on Monday. India's total number of active Covid-19 cases was recorded at 1,68,627, comprising 1.52 per cent of the total infections. Maharashtra alone accounts for 46,39 per cent of India's total active cases, fol-lowed by Kerala with 29.49 per cent. "A total of 15 states and union territories have regis-tered more than 1,000 active

cases. Kerala and Maharashtra

cases. Kerala and Maharashtra are the two states with over 10,000 active cases, while the rest of the 13 States and UTs have between 1,000-10,000 active cases, the Ministry said. The total number of cases with the UK, South Africa and Fazzil variants of SARS-CoV. 2 in the country for the country of the Cover of the

es. The Centre is continuous-The Centre is continuously engaging with the states and union territories manifesting higher number of active cases and those reporting a rise in the daily new Covid-19 cases.





States and UTs have been advised to maintain a continadvised to maintain a contin-ued rigorous vigil for contain-ing the spread of COVID-19. Need for effective testing, com-prehensive tracking, prompt isolation of positive cases and quick quarantine of close con-

tacts are strongly emphasised, the Ministry said. "Eight states are displaying

"Eight states are displaying an upward trajectory in the daily new cases," it underlined. So far, a total of 1,43,01,266 vaccine doses have been administered to beneficiaries

The total number of cases with the UK, South Africa and Brazil variants of SARS-CoV-2 in the country as on date has reached 213

through 2,92,312 sessions through 2,92,312 sessions. These include the first dose to 66,69,985 healthcare workers, second dose to 24,56,191 healthcare workers and 51,75,090 frontline workers who have taken the first dose. "The next phase of COVID-19 vaccination has commenced from today for those who are over 60 years of age and for people aged 45 and above with specified comorbid conditions.

above with specified comorbid conditions.

"A simplified process of registration has been set up, whereby potential beneficiaries can have the option of advance self-registration, on-site registration of acilitated cohort registration, if the ministry said. Five States account for 86.79 per cent of the new deaths. Maharashtra saw the maximum casualties of 62 deaths. Kerala followed with 15 daily deaths and Punjab has reported seven fatalities in a span of 24 hours.

A total of 20 States and UTs have not reported any Covid-19 deaths in the last 24 hours.

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FPOs will prevent rural migration to cities: Tomar



Union Ministers of State for Agriculture & Farmer Welfare Parshottam Rupala and Kailash Choudhary giving the FPO Registration Certificate to a women FPO on the occasion of anniversary of the Central Government Scheme FPO of the Union Registration Centricate to a women FPO on the occasion of amiversary of the Central Government Scheme FPO of the Union Ministry of Agriculture. Union Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Aggarwal and Additional Secretary Agriculture Dr Abhillaish Likhi were also present on the occasion on Monday

Parmer Processing Programisation (FPO) Krishak Utpadak Sanghthan Evam Audyanik Viparan Sahkari Samiti' from Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, Prime Minister's Parliamentary Constituency has become the country's first agricultural entity to be registered under the ambit of the Cooperative Societies Act.

ambit of the Cooperative Societies Act. Generally, the FPOs are registered under the Companies Act. But, this is the first time that such an entity has been established under the Cooperative Societies Act as the part of the Government's Central Sector Scheme titled "Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" to form

Organizations (EPOs)* to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs. More FPOs are on the way under the scheme. One of the implementing agencies of the scheme, the National Cooperative Development Cooperative UNCDC), an apex finance entity under the Union Agriculture Ministry, will handhold the Varanasi-based FPO for next five years in helping it setting up the multi-service center

facilities for mushroom production and cultivation while the green chilli drying system will be equipped with dryers with vacuum nitrogen drying capacities. It was registered on February 26, 2021, as part of he 'Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOS) 'scheme which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 29, last year. It aims at bringing small and marginal farmers on a bigger platform as a joint entity to help them become 'astmaniribhar' (self-reliant) in the long run.

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On the occasion of the long run.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the scheme on Monday, Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar tweeted that FPOs will help to improve the rural economy and create employment opportunities for rural sector in the villages itself and this will prevent migration to cities. Later at an event online, Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare termed the FPOs scheme as a game changer in the country's agriculture cosystem and said that "FPOs will make farming more viable

by aggregating land."
"Formation of FPOs is not just a scheme but it is not just a scheme but it is not just a scheme but it is a new Indian. We will ensure that each FPO is a role model in itself," he said at the event which was also attended by Kailash Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare besides senior officials from the concerned departments from the Ministry and implementing agencies like NaBARD.

Sanjay Agrawal, Union Agriculture Secretary said that in each block there should be an IPO which acts as catalyst

an FPO which acts as catalyst for institutional infrastruc-ture while Sundeep Nayak, Managing Director of the NCDC, said that the farmers

Managing Director of the NCDC, said that the farmers in the country are keen to set up FPOs as it will help them boost their income and make them self-sustaining. "This is just the beginning", he said adding that more than 2200 FPOs produce clusters have been allocated for the formation of FPOs in the current year. "The Government aims at transforming agriculture into a sustainable enterprise through FPOs," Nayak said.

6th Swachchh Survekshan launched to foster healthy contest among cities

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With 2,000 assessors who will go on the field to assess the performance of cities this time, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) on Monday launched the field assessment of Swachchh Survekshan (SS) 2021, which is dubbed as the world largest cleanliness drive. Launching the sixth edition of the SS 2021, Durga Shankar Mishra, Sceretary, Ministry of HUA said that this year Swachh Survekshan will get over 3 crore citizen feedback through various platforms and focus would be on parameters pertaining to wastewater treatment and reuse along with faceal sludge. Similarly, the crucial issues of legacy waste management and remediation of landfills have also been brought to the fore in this edition of Survekshan.

Every year, the on-field assessments for SS takes place between January 4-31. However, the same had been delayed by two months due to

assessments for SS takes place between January 4-31. However, the same had been delayed by two months due to the COVID pandemic and will now be conducted between 1-28 March 2021. The second phase of SBM-U for a period of 5 years (2021-26) has recently been announced in the Union Budeet of 2021.

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Speaking at the webinar, Mishra said, "SS has led to a spirit of healthy competition among cities and towns of India. The journey that started in 2016 with only 73 cities with million plus population has grown manifold, with 434 cities in 2017, 4,203 cities in 2018, 4,237 cities in 2019 and 4,242 cities in SS 2020, including 62 Cantonment Boards. Cities have been regularly filling in their data, updating their progress in the MIS along with tunning several citizen centric campaigns in preparation of SS 2021. Today, we are happy to formally kick off the survey as more than 2,000 assessors get ready to go on the field to assess more than 2,000 assessors get ready to go on the field to assess the performance of cities".

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encouraging large scale citizen participation.

Since its launch in 2014, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) has made significant progress in the area of both sanitation and solid waste management. 4,360 Urban UlaB have been declared ODF, 2158 cities certified ODF+ and 551 cities certified ODF+ and 551 cities certified ODF+ and 501 household toilets and over 6 lakhs community/ public toilets have been constructed or are under construction. Additionally, nearly 60,000 toilets across 2,900+ cities have been constructed or are under construction. Additionally, nearly 60,000 toilets across 2,900+ cities have been made live on Google Maps. In the area of solid waste management, 97% of wards have 100% door-to door collection while 68% of the total waste generated is being processed. A total of six cities have been certified as 5 Star, 8d s 3 star and 65 sa 1 star under the Star Rating Protocol for Garbage Free Cities.

The next phase of the Mission will focus extensively on aspects of sustainable sanitation including faccal sludge and wastewater management, along with holistic solid waste

itation including faecal sludge and wastewater management, along with holistic solid waste management with a focus on curbing and ultimately elimi-nating the use of single-use plastic (SUP), reducing air pol-lution through effective man-agement of construction & demolition waste, and reducing soil pollution through remedi-ation of legacy dumpsites.

SC denies relief to married Govt servant accused of rape

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*Are you willing to marry her," was the question posed to a public servant, who is accused of repeatedly raping a minor girl but when the Supreme Court on Monday was told that he is already married he was asked to seek regular bail from the court concerned.

regular bail from the court concerned.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde was hearing a plea filed by the accused who is serving as a technician in Maharashtra State Electricity Production Company Lid and has moved the apex court against the Bombay High Court February 5 order which had cancelled the anticipatory bail granted to him in the case.

When the hearing commenced, the bench also comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, asked the accused "Are you willing to marry her?"

asked the accused Are you willing to marry her?

"If you are willing to marry her then we can consider it, otherwise you will go to jail," observed the bench adding "We are not forcing



you to marry."

After taking instructions on the query posed by the bench, the counsel appearing for the petitioner, said the accused was initially willing to marry the girl but she had refused and now he was married to someone else.

As the counsel said that the accused is a public servant, the bench said, "You should have thought this before seducing and raping the girl. You knew that you are a government servant."

The counsel said that charges in the case are yet to be framed.

"You apply for regular bail. We will stay arrest," the bench said.

The apex court granted the accused protection from arrest for four weeks.

arrest for four weeks.
The top court was hearing a plea filed by the accused against the Bombay High Court's February 5 order cancelling the anticipatory bail granted to him by the trial court in January last

year.

He has also been accused of offences punishable under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Plea in SC against EC call to hold poll in



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A plea challenging the Election Commission's decision to conduct Assembly elections over eight phases in West Bengal was filed in the Supreme Court

eight phases in West Bengal was filed in the Supreme Court on Monday.

The plea, filed by lawyer M. LSharma, seeks the apex court's direction to the poll panel to stop it from conducting eight-phase elections in the State as it volates Article 14 (right to life) and Article 21 (right to life) of the Constitution.

On February 26, the Election Commission on February 26, the State was the Constitution.

West Bengal, Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and in Puduchery While the Tiransmool Congress Party-led West Bengal will have elections over eight rounds from March 27-April 29, polling in Tamil Nadu. Kerala and Puducherry will be held in one phase on April 6 and in Assam over three phases.

The plea, which may come up for hearing in few days, also seeks a direction to the CBI to register an FIR into the alleged chanting of religious slogans during electioneering in West Bengal.

Coal mining: SC to deal with legal issue if intra-court appeal can be filed in HC in criminal cases

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The Supreme Court, hearing I an appeal against a Calcutta High Court order allowing CBI probe into an alleged coal mining and transportation case, Monday said it would first examine a legal issue whether an intra-court appeal can be entertained by the high court in a criminal matter against an order of a single judge bench. A bench headed by Justice Dy Chandrachud, meanwhile, and the country of the countr The Supreme Court, hearing

of coal in West Bengal without the State's consent.

In the proceedings conducted through video conferencing, the bench, also comprising Justice M R Shah, referred to an earlier judgement in which it was held that a letter patent appeal (IPA), also known as intra-court appeal, would lie in the high court against the order of a single judge bench in a criminal case.

"We are concerned with the issue of maintainability of LPA before the division bench. We are not concerned with subsequent development," the bench

It adjourned the hearing on Majee's plea to March 10 after accepting the request of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who was representing the CBI.
Earlier, the bench had issued notices to Centre and CBI and had sought their response by March 1 on the plea which claimed that the central probe agency lacked jurisdiction to lodge an FIR in the case after the withdrawal of general consent by the West Bengal Government in 2018.
It however, had refused to

al consent by the West Bengal Government in 2018.

It, however, had refused to grant protection to Majee.

Senior advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for West Bengal government, had said that he supported the contention of Majee on the question of law as there was no consent given to the CBI to investigate the case after West Bengal withdrew its general consent. On February 12, a consent of the Calcutta High Court had stayed a single bench order that had restricted a CBI investigation into alleged illegal investigation into alleged illegal mining and transportation of coal to just "railway areas" of the state and rejected the plea of Majee for grant of protection from any corerive action against him.

It has been observed that if the process of investigation is stalled at this stage, material evidence which may have to be collected can get lost and the accused may be able to achieve the objective for which "frivolous litigation" has been filed.

NIA arrests four drug traffickers from Srinagar The NIA had re-registered the case on June 23 last year and took up the investigation of the case. A chargesheet was filed in the instant case on December 5,

The NIA on Monday arrest-ed four alleged drug traf-fickers from Srinagar in con-nection with the Handwara Narco-Terrorism Case.

The arrested accused are Altaf Ahmed Shah (Dangherpora , Kheer Bhawani, Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir) Showkat Ahmad Parray (Parray Mohalla, Wangipora Sumbal, Bandipora, J&K), Mudasir Ahmad Dar (Wanduna, Shopian, J & K) and Amin

Allaie alias Hilal Mir (Near Petrol Pump, Shan-e-Kashmir National Highway Sangam, Bijbehera, Anantnag, J&X).

The case relates to seizure of 21 kg of heroin and cash amount of Rs 1,35,89,850 from the members of a drugs syndicate operating in the Valley.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 183/2020 dated June 11, 2020 at Handwara in Kupwara district wherein during checking of vehicles at Kairo Bridge, Handwara, accused Abdul



Momin Peer's Hyundai Creta search Rs 20 Lakhs along with vehicle was intercepted by two kg heroin was recovered police at a naka and during and seized.

instant case on December 5, 2020 against six accused persons before the NIA Special Court, Jammu. Investigation so far has revealed that the accused persons were involved in crossborder smuggling of heroin in huge quantities from Pakistan and were supplying the same in J&K and other parts of the country, the NIA said.



Yogi: Jewar airport Around 64% voting in local body **Govt's top priority**

Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Monday that his Government has accorded top priority to the development of the Jewar International Airport

the Jewar International Airport in Noida.

He said that despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the speed, transparency and execution as per the schedule of this project has demonstrated the new work culture of the state. It has been decided to increase the number of airstrips from two to six at this airport, he informed.

The Chief Minister also becomes idea to the support of the contraction of the

The Chief Minister also appreciated the work of the Zurich Airport International AG, a developer selected for Jewar airport, and assured their representatives of all possible help to be provided by the government.

Adityanath was reviewing the progress of the project on Monday on the occasion of the signing of the 'state support agreement' between Yamuna International Airport Private Limited and Noida International Airport Limited, constituted by Zurich Airport International AG, the chosen

developer for Jewar airport.

The Chief Minister recalled that the Jewar airport project was lying pending with the previous governments for almost 30 years.

"We decided in March 2017 itself that this project would be completed on priority in the interest of the country and the state," he said.

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Varanasi had the only opera-tional airports in the state. In just three years, five more air-ports, including in Gorakhpur, Hindon, Agra, Prayagraj and now Bareilly, have become

There were only two international airports in the coun-try's largest state (Lucknow and Varanasi), but now there will be five international air-

ports with the addition of Jewar, Kushinagar and Ayodhya to the list.

The Chief Minister said that he was of the view that good connectivity expedites the development process. The process of operationalisation of 21 airports and seven runways is underway. The effort is omake Utar Pradesh soar in the field of civil aviation," he stated.

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Reviewing the displacement and subsequent rehabilitation of the families affected by the construction of Jewar airport, the Chief Minister said that dialogue should be established with these families and they should have a better displacement mechanism.

He directed the concerned officials to address this issue within one week, saying that the process of allotment of plots to the displaced population should be conducted with complete transparency. IANS

polls in Gujarat; counting today

Gandhinagar: There was an average of around 64% polling in the local body elections for municipalities, district and tehsil panchayats in Gujarat on Sunday. Voting for 8,473 seats in municipalities, 980 in district panchayats and 4,773 in taluka panchayats took place across 36,008 booths. The counting of votes will take place on March 2.

According to the State Election Commission (SEC), around 64 per cent voter turnout was recorded in the elections to Gujarat's 81 municipalities, 31 district panchayats and 231 taluka panchayats which were held in a largely peaceful manner.

As per the figures provided by the State

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As per the figures provided by the State Election Commission (SEC), there was 58.82 percent voter turnout across 81 municipalities, 65.80 per cent in 31 district panchayats, and 66.60 per cent in 231 taluka panchayats.

The average voting percentage across all these local bodies together was around 63.74 per cent.

cent. The SEC officials said voting for 8,473 seats, comprising 2,720 in 680 wards in 81 municipalities, 980 in 31 district panchayats and 4,773 in 231 taluka panchayats took place across 36,008 booths. Out of them, 237 seats remained unopposed,

ka panchayat.

The elections were held on a total 8,235 seats for which the BJP had fielded 8,161 candidates.

ror which the BJP had fielded 8,161 candidates, Congress 7,778, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) 2,909, among others, said the SEC.
Besides these, by-elections for two seats in taluka panchayats and 24 seats in municipalities, was also held on Sunday, where there was 47.63 percent voter turnout in municipality by-elections. de 8.65 per cent in taluka panchayats by-elections.
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elections and 68.65 per cent in tailusa paintangyanby-elections.

Gujara BJP president CR Paatil led a road show in Navsari, while Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Paresh Dhanani, took part in a motorcycle rally in Amreli. Aam Aadmi Party head and Delh ichief minister Arvind Kejriwal sought votes during a road show in Surat on the last day of campaigning on Priday.

For the first time, the All India Majlis-elithead-ul-Muslimeen (AlMM) has fielded candidates in minority-dominated seats in Godhra, Modasa and Bharuch nunicipalities.

municipalities.

According to the Director General of Police
Ashish Bhatia, over 44,000 policemen along with
54,000 Home Guards were deployed to ensure
incident-free voting on Sunday.

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Interfaith couple's 'marriage' put on hold endlessly

Four months ago, a 27-year-old Muslim man had allegedly 'eloped' with a girl from another faith to get mar-ried, which had created a lot of sensation. The man was later caught and jailed for over a month.

The couple has since been The couple has since been waiting for permission from the sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) to get legally married but has been asked to wait for another month.

The couple has an Allahabad high court order, giving them freedom to get married and an exemption from notice period under special circumstances by the marriage office.

riage officer. SDM Sadar area, Vishu

SDM Sadar area, VISHU Raja, said, "The law favours the couple, but they would have to wait for a police report to ensure there is no law-and-order issue. The couple had

come with their friends who agreed to sign as witnesses on Saturday but the girl's family is still against the marriage." The SDM said that the

The SDM said that the couple represented themselves personally, as well as through their legal counsels, for the application of marriage under the special act. They produced an Allahabad high court order

an Allahabad high court order which stated that days of notice period can be exempted under special circumstances by the marriage officer.

"The judgement favours them. However, we are seeking a verification report on 12 points to ensure that neither of the persons is already married, their actual place of residence, possibility of law-and-order possibility of l then actual pace possibility of law-and-order issue, etc. Police report is crucial here as well. This proceeding may take less than 30 days to complete and the permission would be granted to the couple for marriage after that," said the SDM.

Youth held for raping 3-yr-old girl in Bihar

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Patna: A 20-year-old youth has been arrested by the Bihar police for allegedly raping a three-year-old girl in the state's Jamui district on Monday.
The accused has been identified as Hareram Manjhi, who is a native of Dhamana village near the Aliganj police station in Jamui district.
He had come to Khutauna village to attend the marriage of his cousin brother. Manjhi spotted the victim who was playing outside her house at nearly 9 a.m. He lifted her and took her to a nearby deserted house and raped her. The victim's screams were not heart by anybody due to the load tim's screams were not heard by anybody due to the loud music being played at the mar-riage venue nearby. After committing the crime, Manjhi tried to flee from the village but the vil-

SP of Jamui district said, 'We have registered an FIR under the POCSO Act and arrested the accused. He has been sent to judicial custody"

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lagers became suspicious and caught him.
They found the girl lying in the deserted house, bleeding profusely. Following this, the villagers handed Manjhi over to the police. Framod Kumar Mandal, Superintendent of Police (SP) of jamui district said, "We have registered an FIR under the POCSO Act and arrested the accused. He has been sent to judicial custody." We will soon file a chargesheet in the matter and are committed to bring up the matter in a fast track court for

Kumbh Sandesh Yatra from Kanvakumari to Haridwar starts

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Kanyakumari Kumbh Sandesh
Yatra, aimed at spreading in message on the significance of Kumbh Mela, started from Vivekananda Centre in Kanyakumari on Saturday The yatra was flagged off by Swami Chaityananand Maharaman, Kanyakumari and Pongules. Participants wall vivekananda Ashramam, Kanyakumari and Pongules. Participants wall vivekananda Ashramam, Kanyakumari and Pongules. Participants wall shoe given certificates. Herther said that the education instructors with the propose of t

UP girls to train | J&K Police arrest in self-defence

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Lucknow: Under the ongoing
Mission Shakit programme, girl
students in more than 40,000
upper primary schools will learn
self-defence techniques between
March 1 and 31.
According to Vijay Kiran
Anand, Director-General of
School Education, "These classes
will help rural students bost
their self-confidence and selfsteem. It is time for the girls of
class 6 to 8 to learn self-defence
techniques. Participants will
also be given certificates."
He further said that the education department has 10,748
hysical education instructors
who have been given the responsibility to train girl students.
The department has made
a provision of Rs 3,000 per
school for the purpose.
The trainers will train girls
in their own school and a nearhy schools as well, said the official. He said that the main purpose of self-defence training is

JeM terror associate

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashnir Police have arrested a person, who was helping the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) ter-orists, at Awantipora in South Kashnir's Pulwama district and recovered incriminating mater-ial from his possession, police said on Monday. Police said following specific information about presence of terrorists in Larow Jagir Tral, police along with army's 42RR and the CRPF launched a search operation in the area. Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police have arrested a



Students wearing masks atlend a class after schools resumed for the students of classes 1st to 5th, with certain Covid-19 afety guidelines, in Mirzapur on Monday

Arunachal reports zero

Covid cases for 10 days

campaign song Chennai: DMK President MK

Stalin turns 68,

DMK releases

Chennai: DMK President MK Stalin turned 80 on Monday and the party marked the occasion by releasing a campaign song for the April 6 Assembly elections. The song titled "Stalin dance varaaru, vidiyal than poraru" (Stalin is going to come and ensure dawn) was relased by senior DMK leader Duraimurugan.

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On Monday, Stalin paid floral tributes at the memorials of his father and former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Muthuvel Karunandihi, the founder of Dravidian politics, C.N. Annadural, bestdes visiting the memorial of E.V.S. Periyar, the rationalist leader of Tamil Nadu. While addressing a DMK leadership meet, Stalin said that if voted to power, he will strive if voted to power, he will strive to make Tamil Nadu the best state in all spheres of life.

to make Tamil Nadu the best state in all spheres of life. Several programmes, including sporting events, were organised by the DMK youth wing across the state to mark the occasion.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, BPl leader Klubbhu Sundar and MNM

leader Rahul Gandhi, BJP leader Kushbhu Sundar and MNM leader and Tamil superstar Kamal Haasan extended their wishes to the DMK leader on his birthday.

With DMK out of power in Tamil Nadu since the past 10 years, the onus is on Stalin to script a grand comeback for the party in the coming Assembly elections. And the party con-verted his birthday celebrations as an opportunity to connect with the masses with prowith the masses with pro-grammes held across all the 284 constituencies in the state. IANS

Itanagar/Agartala: Arunachal Pradesh has reported zero Covid cases during the last ten days, even as the state's recov-ery rate stands at 99.67 per cent, the second highest in the country after the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu hav-ing a recovery rate at 99.82.

Haveli and Daman & Diu having a recovery rate at 99.82 per cent, health officials said on Monday.

According to the data released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Monday, the total Covid-19 positive cases in Arunachal Pradesh were 16,836, while the number of recoveries stood at 16,780.

In all, 56 patients have succumbed to the coronavirus in the northeastern state regisin the northeastern state regis-tering the fatality rate of 0.33 per cent. As per the informa-tion released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the recovery rate of seven of the eight northeastern states excluding Sikkim is above 98 per cent. Sikkim's recovery rate is 97.05 per cent and mortality rate is 2.20 per cent, the third highest in India after Punjab (3.20 per cent) and

highest in India after Punjab (3.20 per cent) and Maharashtra (2.42 per cent). The northeastern state of Mizoram among the 28 states in India has the distinction of having the lowest death rate of 0.23 per cent and the state's recovery rate is 99.21 per cent. Mizoram was the lone state in India where there was no Covid-19 related death until

October 28 last year even as the first death was reported in India on January 30, 2020. According to the health

officials in Aizawl on Monday,
Mizoram has so far reported
4,423 Covid-19 cases with ten
people having died.
While 4,393 people hav
recovered from the infectious
virus, there were 20 active
cases as on Monday. The officials said that all the ten deaths
were in two -- Aizawl (9) and were in two -- Aizawl (9) and Serchhip (1) -- of the state's 11

were in two - Alzami (7) ams Serchhip (1) - of the state's 11 districts.

Meanwhile, in a bid to contain the spread of coron-avirus, officials in Meghalaya said that the night curfew (11 p.m. in the night curfew (11 p.m. in the night of a.m. in force in Shillong and other adjoining areas under the East Khasi Hills district for the next seven days from Monday.

Resides Shillong, the night curfew is being extended from time to time in Mizoram cap-ital Aizawl.

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According to the officials of the Health and family Welfare Department of Assam, the state had reported its first death due to coronavirus on April 10 last year.

year.

The first death in Assam, as well as in the northeastern weil as in the northeastern region, was reported from Hailakandi district in southern Assam where a middle aged man, who had gone abroad, succumbed to Covid-19 at the Silchar Medical College and

Silchar Medical College and Hospital.

In Assam, 2,17,537 people have so far been infected by the dreaded virus and 2,14,830 people recovered from the disease with the recovery and mortality rates are 98.76 per cent and 0.50 per cent respectively. The state's active cases on

Girl knocks at court door after tolerating torture of child marriage for 12 yrs

ANS ■ JAIPUR

After suffering for 12 long years subsequent to marriage at the tender age of seven, 18-year-old Mansi Gurjar has finally summoned courage to initiate steps to annul her child marriage.

A resident of Paladi village of Rajasthan's Bhilwara district, Mansi knocked the donors of Bhilwara's Family Court and filed the case for annulment of her child marriage on which Family Court Judge Mukesh Bharagwa has issued summons to her so-called 'husband'.

Manasi elicited the support of Dr. Kriti Bharti, Managing Truste and Rehabilitation Psychologist of Sarathi Trust, Jodhpur, in her quest to break free from child marriage. Dr. Bharti, known for launching a campaign that facilitates annulment of child marriages, said that Mansi, 18, was married at the age of seven in 2009 to a young man from Banera tehsil.

The child bride is busy pursuing her first year of graduation. Her marriage took place in 2009 under voical pressure, all of seve years ago.

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After Mansi became an adult, she retused to accept the marriage. Since then, her in-laws have been putting pressure on her family and Mansi. They've even threatened the family with dire consequences. Certain care panchs have also been threatening the family of penalty and social boycott if the child marriage was annulled.

Mansi and her family became depressed for a long Mansi and her family became depressed tor a long time owing to pressure and personal fear of caste panchayats. Now, with help from Dr. Kriti Bharti of Saarthi Trust, Mansi has shown courage to annul the child marriage. Dr. Bharti helped Mansi file a child marriage annulment case in the family court of Bhilwara District. In the petition, Dr. Bharti plead-on behalf of Mansi and presented the facts related to her age and other facts in the court.

Centre owes ₹29,290 cr to Maha as GST compensation: Maha Guv

TN RAGHUNATHA III MUMBAI:

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat MSingh Koshyari said here on Monday that the Centre owed a siz-able sum of Rs 29,290 to the Shiv Sena-led MVA Government as

Sena-led MVA Government as Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation. Addressing a joint sitting of the Maharashtra Legislature on the first day of the State Legislature, Koshyari said: "By the end of February 2021, out of the Rs 46,950 crore due to my Government as Goods and Services Tax. Compensation. the Central Government as Goods and Services Tax Compensation, the Central Government has paid just Ro 6140 crore and Rs 11,520 crore as loan for Goods and Services Tax compen-sation. Goods and Services Tax Compensation to the tune of Rs 29,290 crore is overdue from the Centre."

Lamenting that the State econ-omy had slowed down because of the Covid lockdown, medical emer-

the Covid lockdown, medical emergency and natural calamities, the Governor said: "Of the revenue collection target of Rs 3.47.45 crore, the State has collected just Rs 1.88,542 crore at the end of January 2021. This is 35 per cent less than the budgetary estimate and 21 per cent lower than the collection in the same period in the previous year. The Governor said that the state government was pursuing with the Government of India for increasing the grant in aid receivable

increasing the grant in aid receivable to my State in accordance with the recommendations of the Central

Finance Commission.

"Last year was not only a year of medical emergency but also presented several economic challenges. As jobs and livelihoods were affected, my Government undertook massive humanitarian aid programmes, he said. The Governor said that in view of the pandemic situation and the economic condition, the State government is pursuing with the Centre to increase the latter's contribution to central schemes "To stimulate the economy, my government has provided for 75 percent of the budgetary provision for capital expenditure and released 100 percent money to the Local Development Fund, DPC schemes and Dongri Vikas Karyakram," the Governor noted.

Alluding to the success "My Family, My Responsibility' scheme of the chief minister, Koshyari said that through as an 'innovative health checkup mission in the country', the state government had carried out two rounds of survers. the state grov-

checkup mission in the country, the state government had carried out two rounds of surveys, the stage gov-ernment had reached out to all the families in the state. During the sur-wey, it had examined high-risk per-sons and senior citizens and detect-ed many Covid-19 cases which helped chart out the state health han. "By participation of citizens map. "By participation of citizens in the management of Covid-19 pandemic, our state ensured successful control of this epidemic. But the battle against Covid-19 is still on and now the 'Me Jababdar' (My Accountability) mission has been launched," the Governor said.
Koshyari said that the state
government had effectively combated the pandemic by reducing the
number of active cases, dealing
successfully with problem areas like
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planarol (Mumbai slum), first to set
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Jeevandayl Tolgian to prevent exorbitant charges for treatment.
The government had also augmented testing facilities and regulated testing facilities and regulated testing facilities and regupublic hospitals and reserved beds
in private hospitals at affordable
rates, for public benefit, he said.
Stressing on the need for "constant Vigil" on safety measures as the
Covid-19 dangers have not passed
with the imminent possibility of a
'second wave the Governor stressed
on physical distancing norms, facemasks, washing hands, etc.

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was also implementing the Covid-19 vaccination programme and investing in public health infra-structure by approving new medical colleges for Sindhudurg, Nashik and Osmanabad, with plans for more in future. Chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, his deputy 4jit Pawar, Leaders of Opposition in ritwe Assembly and Council respec-tively Devendra Fadnavis and Prawin Darekar, ministers and leg-islators from both the houses were present at the joint sitting of mempresent at the Joint sitting of mem-bers from both the Houses of the State Legislature.

Bovines smuggled in water tanker rescued by Kathua cops

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A lert jawans of Kathua police in IJAMMU

A lert jawans of Kathua police in Jammu region late Sunday night foiled a cow smuggling bid after intercepting a water tanker near Satkey Chak and rescued mine bovines packed inside the modified cavity.

However, the driver of the water tanker managed to give a slip to the police party deployed at one of steecurity checkpoints along the National highway. In the last one month Kathua police has successfully foiled 16 bovines smuggling bids and rescued over 200 bovines. At present Kathua police is catering for over 500 bovines, kept in a cow-

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Nasıımır valley. Superintendent of Police.



water tanker was being used for illegal transportation of ani-mals."

He said a water tanker bearing Reg.No.JK02AD-5569

Congress appoints 7 new dist chiefs in UP

Lucknow: The Congress has appointed seven new presidents for district unit in Deoria, Maharajganj, Jalaun, Kanpur, Unnao, Bulandshahr, and Lucknow City

(South).

An official statement from the All India Congress Committee said that the Congress President has approved the proposal of the appointment of presidents of seven district/city Congress committees in Uttar Pradesh with imme-



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Taming the virus

The second phase of the vaccination drive began with the PM and his ministerial colleagues taking the jab

ith Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the way, a battery of eminent political leaders on Monday took the anti-COVID shot as the country saw the launch of W the second phase of vaccination drive and reports of a successful start to the campaign coming in from across India. Prominent among those who took the first dose campaign coming in Normacuss indica. To immerit among upose who took me his dose on the first day of the second phase were Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, Union Ministers Amit Shah, Jitendra Singh, S Jaishankar, Som Prakash, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and NCP president Sharad Pawar. Kickstarting the second phase of the immunisation programme, the Prime Minister received his first dose of Covaxin at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi. In a light vein and seeking to put them at ease, the Prime Minister asked the nurs-



es administering him the vaccine whether they planned to use "some special thick needle" as politicians are known to be "very thick-skinned". People above 60 years of age and those above 45 with comorbidities are eligible to get the jabs in this phase. The second phase of the vaccination drive will cover 10 crore people across the country. So far, 1.45 core people in two priority groups, healthcare and frontline workers, have received the shots of Covishield and Covaxin in the first phase.

The second phase of vaccination comes at a time

when India's active COVID cases are largely under control, but eight States — Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir and Madhya Pradesh — have been a cause of concern, pengia, Jaimino Kashini and madnya i haseshi make been a cause of volicent, reporting an upswing in daily cases in the last two weeks. India's COVID-19 tally rose above the 11 million-mark on Monday as the country logged in 15,510 new cases in a span of 24 hours. A total of 106 fatalities were reported on Sunday, taking the death a span to 24 hours. A total of to dataluses were reported to "soliday, tangling the death toll to over 1.57 lakh. The number of active cases currently stands at 1.68,627, a level last seen at the end of January and pointing to the re-emergence of the virus after a period of containment of the COVID outbreak. After months of staying indoors and strictly practising social distancing and hygiene norms, the number of cases had finally come under control but suddenly the pandemic outbreak has spiralled out of hand. Perhaps, the eagerness to get back into action or the reports of a declining caseload are offering a false sense of security and pushing an increasing number of Indians into vulner-ability, which shouldn't be the case. If we let down our guard now, India with its population may find it nigh impossible to break free from the clutches of this virus.



Overt bonhomie

By praising Modi, Azad is consolidating his position within the dissenter group

There is nothing unusual in leaders of rival parties having a cordial relationship despite serious political differences. But what makes such "friendships" different from the others is their public display. The bonhomie between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad is a case in point. Recently, the manner in which Azad heaped praises on Modi indicates that it is something more than just geniality.



Everybody appreciated when the PM first displayed it while bidding an emotional farewell to the Congress stalwart on his retirement from the Raiva Sabha. Azad echoed the sentiments as the occasion called for it. However, Azad heaping praises on the PM in Jammu, that too, a day after a few senior Congress leaders reiterated their call for leadership change, has a political message. Being one of the most senior members of the group of 23 Congressmen — unofficially termed "G23" — Azad wants to carve a space for himself within this faction and also tell the party that it must go by the advice of its "elders". It seems that

this group is sending a message that sidelining the old guard will only prove counterproductive to the party's interests. Azad is sending a clear message to the party high command that if tall leaders like former Union Ministers Kapli Sibal, Anand Sharma, Manish Tewari, former Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and others can stand by his side even if he heaps praises on Modi, they can also go the extra mile and stand in complete defiance of the leadership. He is increasing his bargaining power within the Congress.

By praising Modi, Azad is basically consolidating his position within the dissenter

group. Modi, being an astute politician, must be aware of what Azad is up to. With the Congress old guard speaking out against the leadership, it is clear that all is not well within the "Grand Old Party". Moreover, the G23 leaders are trying to stay relevant by upping the ante against the party leadership. They don't want to loosen their hold on the party. The BJP has already parted ways with many of its tall leaders by creating a "Margdarshak Mandal" and these seniors are now just in an advisory role. The Congress old guard must be apprehensive of meeting the same fate. At least the restlessness shown by these Congress leaders points to this line of thought. On the other hand, it would not suffice to blame the Gandhis alone for the electoral losses other hand, it would not suffice to blame the Gandhis alone for the electoral losses that the Congress has suffered in the past few years. It was a failure on the part of these veteran leaders also. However, whether these veterans would be successful in bringing about reforms in the party, saving their positions, influencing party decisions, increasing their bargaining power or will Rahul Gandhi give an opportunity to the youngsters to lead the party and gradually do away with the "rusted bolts", only time will tell. Well, as we eagerly wait for what Modi or Azad say next on their bonhomie, we shall continue watching the high-voltage Congress drama.

Beware of Pak's softening stand



It is a temporary move to tide over the crises Pakistan is facing. The moment its rulers find some relief, the agreement will turn into a mere piece of paper

ne mistake Indians must not make is to read Pakistan through Indian eyes. Normally, anything that leads to peace should be welcome. Similarly, we should welcome the fact that Pakistan has agreed to cessation of the ongoing hostilities with us and honour the ceasefire pact of 2003.

Yet, one must interject a note of caution here. This is because

of caution here. This is because quite a few Indians, including expert observers, have interpret-ed the venom from Islamabad on Kashmir for years as revenge on Kashmir for years as revenge for India dismembering their country in 1971. In actual fact, as soon as the anger of the defeat was forgotten, the Pakistanis were relieved that the "dark short people" — as the Bengalis are contemptuously referred to by Pakistanis — who were a majority of their population, were finally gotten rid of. Poet Mohammad Idabl, who was also a leadine light of the

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Poet Mohammad Iqbal, who
was also a leading light of the
Muslim League, as its president
had in 1930 at Prayagraj (then
Allahabad) proposed a separate
Muslim homeland which comprised only the north western
provinces. He made no mention
of Bengal or any part thereof.
The larger Pakistan was for MA
Jinnah's glorification; he began
by dreaming of six provinces,
four in the west and two in the
east, including Assam. Through
his League colleague who was
he Premier of Assam for several years after 1939, Mohd Saad
Ali, he had nearly succeeded in
recording that the adrivasis were
not Hindu but animists. This
was to bring down the Hindu
percentage of population and
draw Assam into Pakistan when
the moment of decision came. draw Assam into Pakistan when the moment of decision came. When linnah could not get Assam, except the district of Sylhet, Bengal and Punjab were divided by Sir Cyril Radcliffe, the lawyer dispatched by London. Jinnah was sorely disappointed at getting what he called "a moth-eaten Pakistan". Here, it has to be iterated that Jinnah did not represent the ultimate choice of any Pakistani except the Gujarati-speaking businessmen like the Khojas and Memons who wanted to get



carved out Muslim home-land, Jinnah deputy Liaquat Ali Khan, from UP, was assas-sinated a mere four years after Pakistan had been carved out. What prevails in Pakistan now is the will of the West Punjabis who are two-thirds of the country's population. Their need for Kashmir has been to keep the country together and paper over their dominance of everything, which is now a bone of con-tention. Plus, they portray

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found themselves not only unwelcome but also the targe

of ethnic hostility in the newly carved out Muslim home

tention. Plus, they portray India as a great threat to the



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survival of Pakistan and thu justify the indispensability of the Army as the country's

If one looks at the latest ceasefire agreement, one would conclude that for Islamabad, it is a temporary move to hopefully tide over the crises the country is facing. The moment Pakistan's rulers are able to find some way of relief for these crises, the current agreement will turn into a mere piece of paper. One reason for Pakistan's softening could be that its rulers realise that China has overplayed its hand, whether with India, Taiwan or the South China Sea, and that the US has reacted strongly, though so far reacted strongly, though so far If one looks at the latest reacted strongly, though so far only in words. Otherwise reacted strongy, volugins of an only in words. Otherwise, there is no explanation for Beijing to kick off a confrontation in Ladakh during the winter. It could have waited until after the spring to exercise its options which were three: To try and grab some strategically useful land points, to ease off by extracting some other concessions or by continuing to harass the Indian forces by creating local points that would pose a threat. Similarly, Islamabad wants to cool off vis-à-vis New Delhi until China warms up again after, say, arriving at up again after, say, arriving at

If not, the rulers would wait for circumstances to change for a true *momin*, his faith in Allah the Merciful is infinite. We must not compare it with the mind of a thinking or ret-

We must not compare it with the mind of a thinking or reticent Hindu.

Another possibility might be that Pakistanis real ruler, General Bajwa, wants to ease India's pressure on his eastern Indian front and use it to settle his scores with Baluchistan, like General Tikka had tried to in East Pakistan in 1971. Bajwa may have been advised that the Baloch province is so rich in resources that it could greatly help in solving Pakistanis economic problems. But to exploit these resources would take time, peace and complete control. I concede that this possibility may sound too farfetched, but unless Islamabad takes some drastic steps, how can it keep the economic wheels of Pakistan rolling? If it depends on Chinese loans, Pakistan could become a Beijing protectorate inch by inch, as one has already begun to see with the China Pakistan Economic Corridor coming into play.

(The writer is a well-known columnist and an author. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAIL INDIA'S VACCINATION DRIVE

MAIL MUIA'S VACCINATION BRIVE Sir —The second phase of India's vacci-nation drive has been rolled out and Prime Minister Narendra Modi got the first shot of COVAXIN, the India-researched and produced COVID-19 vaccine (produced by Bharat Biotech) at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi. The drive aims to cover 10 crore people across the coun-try. So far, more than 1.5 crore people have received the jabs.

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Mostly the elderly would benefit in the second phase. This phase is a nation-wide drive to inoculate people above 60 years of age and those above 45 years with co-morbidities. Several old people were seen at the centres to get themselves inoculated. The self-registration process in Co-WIN module has allowed people to get as many as four people registered, pick slots at their nearby accination enter and reschedule the appointment. Thus, the vaccination pace is expected to increase in the coming days.

A lot of hard work has gone into reaching this phase wherein the Government has started to vaccinate general population. We must rely on our vaccines as they are absolutely safe and are being used all over the world. In the coming days, we hope that the process will pick up pace and get completed in record time. On the other hand, there is also the need to worry as the country reported a single-day rise of 16,752 cases in the last 30 days, taking the overall tally to 1,10,96,731 on Sunday.

CK Ramani | Mumbai

PINK-BALL TEST MATCH MAGIC

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Sir — When cricket matches like T-20s and
ODIs are making life hell for the bowlers
with batting-friendly surfaces, Test matches of late, especially pink-ball day-night
Test matches, have come like a whiff of
fresh air for the bowlers. The pink-ball Test
cricket is still evolving and teams are still
getting to grips with the ball that was tough
to handle for a spinner due to the extra

Win-win situation for India, Pak



The ceasefire between India and Pakistan is a win-win situation for both the nations and for the border population in the two countries. A renewed piedge last week by both the neighbours to adhere to a ceasefire pact along the Line of Control (LGC) and international border in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) is working on the ground the ground.

We must hope that both the nations will stick to the agreed terms to address each other's core

issues and concerns which have the potential to disturb peace in the region and lead to violence. However, the peace agreement would face its biggest test over the next few months when the snow will melt. It is because terrorists' ranks might into the control of the control o Show will melt. It is because terrorists rathes ring infiltrate through the routes which are inacce sible in winter as they are clogged due to heat continuous. viall. The adherence to the ceasefire agreement

The adherence to the casefire agreement is a velcome proposition, as it will prevent the unnecessary loss of lives of soddiers and o'willers residing in border areas. It will also bring some normaloy to the India-Pakistan bilderar lies. The easing of military tensions could also have a positive impact on the situation in J&K and all political parties there have velcomed the casefire agreement. If Indian and Pakistan are able to resolve their issues, it will send a message that bilderal issues could be resolved through talks and democratic means rather than through violence and terrorism

gloss on it. Also, there have been only 16 pink-ball Test matches in the world and many of those have finished fairly early. There have been some abysmal batting performances, like in the pink-ball Tests India and England have played.

The pink ball is bringing new dimensions to the game, and the players need to adopt these. If one plays more and more, he would obviously get used to it. Cricketers were playing with the red ball for a long period of time, then they shifted to the white ball. That's how the format keeps on evolving and, with this new dimension, more action is expected in the coming days. Not only the players but also spectators will enjoy more pink-ball game in the coming days.

V Nagendra Kumar | Hyderabad

CONDUCT AN IMPARTIAL INQUIRY

Sir — It is good on the part of Maharashtra Forest Minister Sanjay Rathod to resign from his post after the Opposition BJP linked him to a 23-year-

old woman's alleged death by suicide in Pune. This will pave the way for an impartial enquiry in the case.

The audio clip which surfaced on social media two days after her death, in which two men are talking about the woman's death, should be sent to forensic science laboratory for examination. The BJP has claimed that one of the men in the audio clip is Rathod while the Shiv Sena leader has denied the charge. On the other hand, responding to the Sena leader has denied the charge. On the other hand, responding to the Opposition's demand for a case against the Minister, Chief Minister Thackeray said a First Information Report (FIR) can't be registered before investigation. The Maha Vikas Aghadi Government must get the case investigated by the Central agencies for a free and impartial investigation. The CM must act and think out-of-the-box to save his image. MR Jayanthy | Coimbatore

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Overall, 192 hospi which 136 are pri-vate hospitals and 56 are Government-run



Delhi Health Minister —Satyendar Jain



Workers across America are voting on whether to organise a union in their workplace. It's an important choice that should be made

American President

I am very specific about the roles that I come on board with. It takes a lot of courage to say no but I am glad I have the privilege to do that



Actor —Vijayendra Kumeria



Landing in Bombay or Mumbai, as it is called now, was a total culture shock, there were just people everywhere, there were cars and bikes and animals and rats and cats running along the footpath.

Former Australia captain

The Uttar Pradesh Government has accorded top priority to the development of the Jewar International



UP Chief Minister

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MANY FORTUNES AT STAKE

The forthcoming Assembly polls to five States will go a long way in shaping regional and national parties' future



KALYANI SHANKAR

The forthcoming Assembly elections to five States, three of which are in the South, will go a long way in shaping most regional and are in the South, will go a long way in shaping most regional and national parties' political future. The polls are crucial for the three national parties, the Congress, the BJP and the Left and for regional parties, too. The Congress lost its only foothold in the South, the Union Territory Puducherry last week. By climp Puducherry's example, the Congress' opponents want to show ahead of the polls that the party would not be able to hold its MLAs together even if they were volted for. The south-ern States have gone into the hands of regional parties because the peo-ple lost faith in the Congress which controlled amost all the States in the South at one point in time. An alliance with the JD(S) in Karnataka, the TDP in Andhra Pradesh and the AIADMK in Tamil Nadu (TN) had helped the BJP extend its influence in the South. The Congress has found allies in the DMK, the JD(S) and the UDF's coalition partners in Kerala ike the Muslim League.



The regional parties have strong leaders who can attract voters with ality. There is JD(S) in Karnataka, the TDP and YSRCP in Andhra, TRS in Telangana, the AlADMK and DMK in TN which are shin-ing examples of this. Except for the AlADMK, all these parties are essen-tially family fiefdoms of the Gowdas, Naidus and Raos. Some parties like the DMK, JD(S). TRS and the TDP have already transferred power into the Evolution of generation. Neither the BJP nor the Congress has cultivated leaders to match these regional satraps' aura. As for the Left, its ideology has no relevance for the present generation. The BJP's core agenda has no attraction for the South and the Congress is vague about its ideology. Nonetheless, the BJP is trying to spread its wings in the Southern States in the forthcoming elections. The latest toppling game in Puducherry shows that the defectors from the Congress and the DMK have joined the BJP, including two Ministers. The BJP could only capture Karnataka in the South. This is because of many reasons, including an absence of strong local leaders. Plus, the BJP is also perceived as a North Indian party and then there is also the fact that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal in the South is relatively limited and his charm Narendra Modi's appeal in the South is relatively limited and his charm may not necessarily beat that of regional satraps. The BLP considers each election, even a panchayat poll, as crucial as the Lok Sabha polls. Hence, they have adopted several steps to seal their win in an increas-ing number of States. They include expanding the BLP's base, project-ing Modi as a doer and wooing leaders from other parties. The Dravidian parties had held sway since 1967 when the DMK wrested TM from the Congress in 1967. Since then, the Congress has aligned with one Dravidian party or the other. The BJP has been accused of ruling the State by proxy after AADMK chief J Jayadailtha's demise in 2016. TN alternates between the DMK and the AADMMK and now it is the turn of the DMK the DMK and the AIADMK, and now it is the turn of the DMK.

Kerala is the only State under the control of the Left parties and it, too, alternates between the CPI(M)-led LDF and the Congress-led UDF, and this time it is the turn of the UDF. The RSS has done a lot of work in Kerala and though the BJP has doubled its vote share since 1998, it has a long way to go. After getting its first-ever MLA elected on a BJP ticket in Kerala in 2016, the party is trying to become a reasonable force by cobbling together a coalition. But it's 5till some distance away from breaking the hold of the two other national parties and failed to open an account in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. To conquer the South, the three national parties must face the might of 15 regional parties or join them. For parties like the Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, AGP in Assam, the AIADMK, and the DMK in TN and NR Congress in Puducherry, these polls will be a "do or die battle." A win in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, and TN will restore the Congress' fortunes. The CPI(M) has to protect its turf in Kerala. The BJP will shine with an improvement in all the five States. (The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

CPSU privatisation an uphill task



The Centre should de-bureaucratise the process of running PSUs. This should be done even before privatisation is taken up

Inder a big bang approach to privatisation announced in the Union Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has divided the Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) in two broad categories i.e. strategic and non-strategic. Whereas the former is broken up into four subgroups: Atomic energy, space and defence; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals banking insurance and financial services, the latter includes all other sectors such as hotel and tourist services, industrial and consumer goods, tradiincludes all other sectors such as hotel and tourist services, industrial and consumer goods, trading, marketing and so on. As per the plan, all PSUs in non-strategic sectors will be privatised and all loss-making enterprises in this category will be closed. In the strategic sector, too, the Government will be open to privatisation with the caveat that at least one undertaking (and a maximum of four) will be retained in the public sector.

When seen in the backdrop of the Union Government having made an indiscriminate entry in almost every conceivable business activity, including areas such as hotel and tourist services where it had no business to be present in the first place, any initiative aimed at exiting from all of these is welcome. This has the potential to unlock value and generate huge revenue because of the high valuation that the real estate and properties under these PSUs command. As

because of the high valuation that the real estate and properties under these PSUs command. As regards the strategic sector, though the Government does not rule out privatisation, the caveat of retaining a maximum of four undertakings in the public sector can defeat the purpose. For instance, currently there are around 12 oil PSUs ranging from upstream oil producers like the ONGC and Oll. to downstream oil refining and fuel marketing firms 10C, BPCL and HPCL to gas transporter GAIL India Limited and engineering firm Engineers India Limited. These 12 could be consolidated into four behemoths through a process of merger and amalgamation, leaving no space for privatisation whatsoever.

Why does the Government want to put this caveat? What does it fear? Sans this, will it com-promise national interest? In the above example, consider an extreme scenario, in which there is not even one PSU and the entire oil and gas is not even one PSU and the entire oil and gas space is occupied by private enterprises. Are we to infer that this will compromise India's energy security? If this were to be the case, then why not reserve this sector exclusively for PSUs? Why allow even one private company? This line of argument is bizarre. For ensuring security in strategic items, the critical requirement is to have a minimum number of companies to ensure there is adequate competition and supply in the market. Who those firms are —whether owned by private promoters or the Government —should not matter.

In the 1970s-80s, when India needed to develop these sectors and private players were

develop these sectors and private players were unwilling to invest, it made sense for the Government to take the lead. Since then, lot of Government to take the lead. Since then, lot of water has flown down the Ganga. Currently, there is considerable interest among private investors and the Government itself is inviting them. Therefore, any arbitrary restriction should be avoided. Any decision to privatise a PSU



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a stophisticated nonintradiacial assistance of disappointing. Except for two big ticket sales like the divestment of its 51.11 per cent shareholding in HPCL in 2017-18 and 52.63 per cent stake in the REC in 2018-19, there is nothing much to show. Even these sales can't be termed as privatisation as the buyers were ONGC and PFC respectively—both PSUS.

As per the original plan, 51.11 per cent shares of the Union Government in HPCL were to be sold to a private investor. But things did not pan out as planned and in January 2018, the Government had to ask ONGC to pick up the entire stake, as it depended to the protection of the proceed of the protection of

pick up the entire stake, as it des-perately needed money to meet the fiscal deficit (FD) target. In the case of REC too, it asked the PFC to buy. During 2018-19, Air India was also put on the block but failed.

During 2019-20, besides resurrecting that offer, the Government also took up sale of all of its shareholding in BPCL (53.29 per cent); CONCOR (30 per cent); SCI (63.75) per cent, NEEPCO (100 per cent) and THDC India Limited (75 per cent). Sans NEEPCO and THDC which were sold to NTPC — a CPSU in the power sector — others made no progress. During 2020-21, COVID-19 spoilt the party. For 2021-22, there is not much hope either. The target for proceeds for disinvestment speaks for itself. At ₹1,75,000 crore, this is substantially lower than the

is substantially lower than the target for 2020-21 (₹2,10,000 crore). This is despite adding two Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and

crore). This is despite adding two public Sector Banks (PSBs) and one general insurance company to the list of those (Air India, BPCL, SCI, CONCOR, LIC) already under the hammer. The mandarins in the Finance Ministry have sensed that some disinvestments may not go through, others would fetch lower valuation.

There are four major bottle-necks in the way like policy flipflops (it stymied Air India's sale in 2018-19/2019-20): bureaucratic red tape (but for this, HPCL could have got a private suitor and BPCLs sale could have happened in 2019/20); thrusting decisions on PSU Boards under a typical top-down approach; linking share sale to meeting the FD target. The last two reasons have the inevitable effect of delaying and reducing

realisation from every sale.

The Budget offers nothing to address any of these bottlenecks. Under a business as usual approach, it will take several years, if not decades, for the sale process to get completed. The decision to set up an empowered group of secretaries to address the concerns of potential investors worlt be of much help as even under this arrangement, bureaucrats will continue to rule the roost.

The Centre should de-bureaucratise the process of running PSUs. This should be done even before privatisation is taken up. The Government may set up a holding company — on the lines of a bank investment company recommended by an RBI committee under P Nayak — where all its shares in PSUs will be vested. It should authorise the holding company to take all decisions, including share sale to private investors, in consultation with the management. To be manned by eminent professionals drawn from respective fields, the company should to given full autonomy in its working.

This mechanism will also help in de-linking divestment from the Budget exercise and give much-needed flexibility to the holding company to decide the contours and timing of sale, taking into

needed Hexibility to the holding company to decide the contours and timing of sale, taking into account the market conditions so as to maximise the proceeds from sales.



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AI making a place for itself in modern healthcare

Al-guided machines are capable of performing minute surgeries with accuracy and help in transporting substances which are unsafe for humans

In today's world we are sur-rounded by Artificial Intelligence (AI) which finds its application every-where, from science fiction to local hospitals. AI helps med-ical professionals by relieving them of routine tasks and also makes medical procedures safer and pocket-friendly for patients.

Further, AI-guided machines are also capable of machines are also capable of performing minute surgeries with accuracy and help in transporting substances, which are unsafe for humans to handle. In medical systems, call centre staff for websites has increasingly been replaced by chatbots that use Natural Language Processing (NLP) to provide callers with information and manage queries.

In various hospitals and other health institutes, AI technologies such as fuzzy



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systems, Bayesian networks, artificial neural networks and smart hybrid systems are being used.

Al in medicine can be differentiated into two subtypes — virtual and real. The physical segment deals with robotics that helps in procedures, for instance smart prosthetics for people with disabilities and the treatment of the elderly. The interactive components range from applicaponents range from applica-tions for electronic health

tions for efectronic health record systems to neural net-work-based guide in care decisions for patients.

There is increasing use of Al-powered robots in the surgical environment. Robotics technology can be applied in many areas that directly affect patient care. Some of their applications include disinfecting patient rooms and operating sets and reducing the risks for

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patients and medical personnel.

They can be used in laboratories to take samples and transport, analyse and store them. Also, the robotic lab assistant can exactly locate the vessel from which the blood is required to be taken and extract the sample without causing pain and anxiety to the patients, who are troubled a lot by the multiple pokes that a doctor or nurse makes for finding a good vein.

Al software also helps primary healthcare doctors in identifying patients who need additional treatment and have specific protocols. It will be used by medical practitioners for commenting, reviewing patient conversations and so on.

The COVID-19 pandem

The COVID-19 pandem-ic has changed the world and adversely affected multiple layers of our society. Frontline



workers and particularly those who have been in direct contact with patients are exposed to major risk.

To mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus and to protect healthcare workers and patients, medical services had been largely restricted, including the cancellation of elective surperies. This resultelective surgeries. This result-

ed in a substantial burden for patients and economic loss for various hospitals. It is in situations like this that Al-robot surgeries could be a powerful tool to maintain surgical volumes while at the same time mitigating the fear of contamination by operat-ing procedures on patients without healthcare workers coming in physical contact.

mig procedures on patients without healthcare workers coming in physical contact. While talking about the Coronavirus, it is imperative to mention that using Al to predict its pattern was able to help mitigate the crisis to some extent. For instance—BlueDot — a Canadian organisation specialising in infectious disease forecasting, used AI to gather data from multiple points.

It was able to predict the COVID-19 outbreak and alert people around, even before the World Health Organisation (WHO) did so.

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Similarly, an AI-powered chatbot, based in Singapore named SGDormBot, helped in mass screening for symptoms among migrant workers.

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The pandemic has also highlighted the need for rapid screening and testing of patients to improve treatment pathways and reduce the risk of cross-infection. The use of AI here, for accessing elements in the level of the participation ing electronic health records (EHR) of routinely-ordered

(EHR) of routinely-ordered tests and vital signs can produce an effective tool to screen patients in emergency departments and hospital admission units.

Data collected from EHRs can be further supplemented with data from wearable technology such as smart watches or mobile health apps and medical devices.

With the potential application of AI within the

healthcare system, the question remains how this will affect the workforce. According to McKinsey Global Institute, 50 per cent of companies say that automation will decrease the number of full-time staff by 2022 and that by 2030, robots will replace 800 million work. will replace 800 million work-ers across the world.

Also, automation of cler-ical processes could potentialical processes could potentially have an impact on the non-clinical workforce of the healthcare systems. Specialities such as radiology where imaging reports can be auto-mated and produced by Al algorithms may well be the reality.

Of course, the ethics of data sharing and privacy implications for patients and their insurers is debatable. As we enter a brave new world with AI, it entails certain benefits and limitations.



DEFYING LETHAL SHOOTINGS

Myanmar protesters back on streets

AP WANGON, MYANMAR

Police in Myanmar's biggest city fired tear gas Monday at defiant crowds who returned to the streets to protest last month's coup, despite reports that security forces had killed at least 18 people a day earlier.

The protesters in Yangon were chased as they tried to gather at their usual meeting spot at the Hledan Center intersection. Demonstrators scattered and sought in vain to rinse the irritating gas from their eyes, but later regrouped.

The coup reversed years of slow progress toward democracy in Myanmar after five decades of military rule. It came Feb. 1, the same day a newly elected Parliament was supposed to take office. Ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi's party would have led that government, but instead she was detained along with



In this image from video, anti-coup protesters run away from tear gas launched by security forces on Monday AF

President Win Myint and other senior officials.

senior officials.
The army has leveled several charges against Suu Kyi—an apparent effort by the military to provide a legal veneer for her detention and potentially to bar her from running

in the election the junta has promised to hold in one year. On Monday, Suu Kyi made a court appearance via video-conference and was charged with two more offenses, her lawyer Khin Maung Zaw told reporters.

UN atomic watchdog: Deal with Iran key to full inspections

with Iran to allow United Nations inspectors continued access to the country's atomic facilities lays the groundwork for the return to full verifica-tion measures if and when Tehran allows it, the head of the

Tehran allows it, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Monday.

Iran began restricting international inspections last week, but under a last-minute deal worked out during a trip to Tehran by Rafael Grossi, the head of the Vienna-based UN atomic watchdog, some access was preserved.

Under the agreement, Iran will no longer share surveillance footage of its nuclear facilities with the IAEA but it has promised to preserve the

facilities with the IAEA but it has promised to preserve the tapes for three months. It will then hand them over to the IAEA if it is granted sanctions relief. Otherwise, Iran has rowed to erase the tapes, narrowing the window for a diplomatic breakthrough. Inspections are a critical part of

Trump indicates to run for

In his first public speech since leaving office, former US president Donald Trump has called for Republican Party unity while indicating that he

unity while indicating that ne might launch a third presiden-tial bid in 2024 even as he slammed the Biden adminis-tration, claiming that the coun-try has gone from "America First" to "America Last" in just

2024; says we've gone from 'America first to America last' in 1 month

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

the landmark 2015 nuclear

France's Sarkozy convicted of corruption, sentenced to jail

the landmark 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA.

Since President Donald Trump pulled the US unilaterally out of the deal in 2018, Iran has been slowly increasing its violation of the pact by enriching more uranium than allowed, and to a greater purity than allowed, among other things.

The violations have been intended to put pressure on the other signatories to the deal—Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China — to come up with a vay too fist the exconnic devastation caused by American sanctions, but so far they have not been able to come up with a solution suitable to Iran.

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Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy arrives at the courtroom on Monday AF

The court found that Sarkozy and his co-defendants sealed a "pact of corruption," based on "consistent and seri-ous evidence". The court said the facts were "particularly serious" given that they were commit-

given that they were commu-ted by a former president who used his status to help a mag-istrate who had served his per-sonal interest. In addition, as a

lawyer by training, he was "perfectly informed" about committing an illegal action, the court said.

Sarkozy had firmly denied all the allegations against him during the 10-day trial that took place at the end of last year. The corruption trial focused on phone conversations that took place in February 2014.

Hungarian PM threatens to quit conservative political group

Democratic voting Bill would make

biggest changes in decades

AP ■ BUDAPEST (HUNGARY)

Hungary's right-wing Prime Minister has threatened to pull his party out of its group in the European Union's legis-lature as the conservative group edges closer to excluding its largest Hungarian delegation.

In a letter on Sunday to chairman of the European People's Party (EPP) group in the European Parliament

Washington: As Congress begins

debate this week on sweeping voting and ethics legislation, Democrats and Republicans can

agree on one thing: If signed into law, it would usher in the biggest

overhaul of US elections law in at least a generation. House

Manfred Weber, Prime Minister Viktor Orban con-demned a group proposal agreed to on Friday that would allow for entire parties to be excluded from the center-right EPP, rather than just individual MEPs as currently allowed.

Orban wrote that the pro-posed rules, which are expect-ed to pass with a two-thirds vote at an EPP group meeting on Wednesday.

Resolution 1, Democrats' 791-

page bill, would touch virtually every aspect of the electoral process — striking down hurdles to voting erected in the name of

election security, curbing parti

gerrymandering and curtailing the influence of big money. AP

'anti-jobs', 'anti-science' speech stopped short from announcing that he will run for president 2024, he gave enough indications that he is moving in that direction.

Though 74-year-old Trump multiple times in his

Trump calls for Republican party unity; says Biden admin

In his first public speech since leaving office in January, for-mer US president Donald Trump indicated he might launch a third presidential bid in 2024, called for Republican Party unity and slammed the Joe Biden administration, say-ing it was "anti-jobs" and "anti-science."

"We will take back the House. We will win the Senate and then a Republican presi-dent would triumph the White House. I wonder, who that will be," he said amidst cheers from his supporters at the annual session of the Conservative Political Action Committee in Orlando, Florida.

Netanyahu claims Iran behind blast on Israeli-owned ship

Tsraeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday accused Iran of attack-ing an Israeli-owned ship in the Gulf of Oman last week.

Netanyahu spoke to Israeli public broadcaster Kan and said that "it was indeed an act by Iran, that's clear."

"Iran is the greatest enemy of Israel, I am determined to halt it. We are hitting it in the entire region? Netanyahu said. The mysterious explosion struck the Israeli-owned MV Helios Ray, a Bahamian-lagged roll-on, roll-off vehicle cargo

non-on, roll-off vehicle cargo ship, as it was sailing out of the Middle East on its way to Singapore on Friday.

AF BE CEMEVA

The new head of the World
Trade Organization threw her support behind long-fruit-less efforts among member countries to agree on fisheries subsidies that could reduce overfishing, calling the efforts at por priority as she took office on Monday.

Director-General Ngozi Okonjio-Iweala, a Nigerian economist and former government minister, donned a mask and doled out elbow bumps — Cowid-19 oblige as she took up the job at WTO

Nepal President summons lower house session on March 7

Kathmandu: Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari on Monday summoned a session of the House of Representatives on March 7, days after the apex court reinstated the lower house in a landmark verdict that annulled embattled Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli's "unconstitutional" decision to

dissolve it.

President Bhandari called President Bhandari called for the commencement of House on recommendation of Government of Nepal, in accordance with Article 93 (1) of the Constitution of Nepal, ot the Constitution of Nepal, according to a notice issued by the President's Office on Monday. As per the notice, the 275-member lower house will begin at 4:00pm on the slated date. PTI **GLOBE** TROTTING

PAK-IRAN-TURKEY FREIGHT TRAIN TO RESUME OPS Islamabad: The Istanbul-Islamabad freight train is

likely to resume operations this week after a gap of nine years, connecting three countries — Turkey, Iran and Pakistan, according to a media report.

RACE ON IN UK TO TRACK BRAZIL VARIANT CASES London: UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Monday said that a "massive effort" was underway to track the spread of

NEPAL PLANNING TO PURCHASE 2M VACCINES Kathmandu: Nepal is all set to start the second phase of Covid-19 vaccination drive from March 7, the Health Minister has said, as country is planning to purchase an additional 2 million doses of vaccine from India.

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4	3407	TD-1106	Mr. Rakesh Yadav	N/A
5	3409	TD-1706	Ms. Riti Yadav	N/A
6	3639	TA3-1101	Mr. Veeneet Verma	N/A
7	3688	TB-204	Mr. Nitin	N/A
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In 1st day on job, new WTO chief pushes for fisheries deal

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one man namely Mohd. Farid, S/o Mehbub, R/o Mohalla Khel, Ward No. 8, Kasba Kandhla. Distt. Shamli, U.P. Age: About 36 years Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5' 5",

Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5°, Face Oval, Built Strong, Hair: Black, ID Mark. Mentally Weak, Wearing: Red colour sweater, dark brown colour part and black colour slipper in his feet, has been missing Lady Harding hospi Mandir Marg, New Delhi. In this regards a case DD No. 24-A Dated 07.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing man but no clue has come to light so far. If any on

having any information about this missing man please inform undersigned. Website: http://doi.nic.in/E-mail Id-icige.big.ov.in/Ph.: 011.43486332, 24368641 PS Mandir Marg, New Delhi DPi/226/NDD/2021 Ph. No. 011-23366730, 8750870522

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one female fetus was found dead at BG-7, Kothi No. 134, White House, Paschim Vihar, Delhi on 16.02.2021. at 08.40 am. In this regard a FIR/DD No. 52/21 u/s 315 IPC, Dated 16.02.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi The description of the dead body is given as under



Name: Unknown, D/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 4-5

months fetus, Complexion: Fair, Height: 9" Inch.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the information about the dead female fetus but no clue has come to light so far. If any one is having any information about this dead female fetus please inform the undersigned.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is here by informed that one girl Namely: Lado, D/o Ram Khilawan, R/o H. No. 2400/1. Gali No. 19, Shadipur, Village Patel Nagar, New Delhi, has been missing since 15-01-2021 from the Jurisdiction of P.S. Ranjiet Nagar, New Delhi, Age: 16 years, Height. 42°, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: Blue Color Suit & Black Color Trouser and Black Shoes in her feet. In this regard a Fir. No. 1821 dated 16.01.2021, U/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Ranjit Nagar, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly

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Sensex surges 750 pts as |₹77,146 cr bids for spectrum on Day 1 investors cheer Q3 GDP

Benchmark BSE Sensex Surged nearly 750 points and NSE Nifty rallied over 232 points on Monday as investors cheered the domestic economy returning to positive territory after two quarters of

contraction.

The 30-share BSE index briefly traded above the 50,000-mark in day trade before closing at 49,849.84, showing a rise cent. Of the Sensex constituents, 29 closed with gains. Likewise, the NSE baroms. Likewise, the NSE baroms. eter Nifty settled with a gain of 232.40 points or 1.60 per cent at 14,761.55.

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Top performers were PowerGrid, ONGC, Ultratech Cement, Asian Paint, Kotak Bank and Titan – rising as much as 5.94 per cent.

"Positive global cues and US yields retreating from highs led to a strong opening today with Indices sustaining gains throughout the day. The broader markets saw energetic buying momentum across PSU basket and sectors like Paints & Speciality Chemicals," S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP Securities said.

After two consecutive After two consecutive quarters of contraction, the Indian economy has finally entered an expansionary path. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 0.4 per

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cent in the October-December 2020 period compared with the same period a year back, data released by the National Statistics Office on Friday showed.

showed.

High-frequency indicators were pointing towards the
fact that the domestic economy
is slowly entering the recovery

Rupee drops 8 paise to 73.55 against dollar as oil spikes

The rupee dropped by 8 paise to close at 73.55 against the US dollar on Monday, extending its falling streak to a third day due to spike in global crude oil prices and strong American currency.

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At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened lower at 73.76 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 73.19.

The local currency finally ended at 73.55 against the American currency, registering a fall of 8 paise over its previous closing.

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On Friday, the rupee had settled at 73.47 against the American currency.

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5. संदेशक प्राच कांग्रेशन अपनीत करने की हिनक—25.03.2021 के 15.00 4-ले तर्च (on website https://eproce.bhilar.gov.in)

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Govt says response better than expected

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India's first auction of spectrum in five years attracted Rs 77,146 crore of bids on the opening day on Monday with Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea participating in the bidding process - a response that the government said was better than expected.

There were, however, not Makers for spectrum in 700 MHz and 2500 MHz bands on the first day, and the auctions will continue and conclude on Tuesday.

About 2,308.80 MHz of spectrum, that carry telecom signals, in seven bands worth nearly Rs 4 lable crore at the reserve or start price, was described for helding that was a seven bands worth and the seven bands worth and the seven bands worth and the seven bands worth a seven bands worth and the seven bands worth a seven bands worth a seven bands worth and the seven bands worth and the seven bands worth a seven bands wore bands whit was a seven bands whith a seven bands worth a seven Research at Geojit Financial Services said, "Domestic mar-kets kick-started the month on a strong footing with increased optimism led by GDP reaching

Gold price rises

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Cold prices on Monday rose
by ₹241 to ₹45,520 per 10
grams in the national capital in
ine with the strong global bullion market trend, according to
HDFC Securities.

The precious metal had
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Patel said, "Spot prices for 24
karat gold in Delhi rose by
Z241, in line with the recovery
in global gold prices while
upee appreciation capped
upside." The spot rupee was
trading around 16 paise
stronger against the dollar,
halting three days of loss, during the intra-day session,
HDFC Securities added.

₹241; silver

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reserve or start price, was offered for bidding in the auc-

tion that began on Monday. Communications Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said Rs 77,146 crore worth of spectrum was bid on the first day but there were no takers for the air-

there were no takers for the air-waves in the premium 700 MHz as also 2500 MHz bands. The response from players and the bids received sur-passed government's internal estimates, that had anticipated

estimates, that had anticipated bids worth Rs 45,000 crore.
"The winning bids that have come till 6 PM today is Rs 77,146 crore. We thought since there are only three players, and spectrum replacement is happening. Our estimation was that the bids will touch about Rs 45,000 crore, but it is a mater of assurance that it has gone as high as Rs 77,146 crore." Prasad said.

The bidder-wise details were not available immediate-

were not available immediately. A total of 2,308.80 MHz

spectrum is being put to auction, out of which there have been bids for 849,20 MHz so far, an offficial release said.
Bids were received in 800 MHz, 980 MHz, 1800 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz and 2300 MHz bands, as players gave the prized 700 MHz band a miss on the first day of auctions.

"Total value of spectrum "Total value of spectrum to auction was about Rs 4 lakh crore. In this, 700 MHz band was a costly band, and that cost itself is Rs 1:97 lakh crore," the minister said adding that the government will take a call on 700 MHz band, used for 56, in case it remains a call on 700 MHz band, used for 5G, in case it remains unsold in the ongoing auctions. Excluding 700 MHz and 2500 Mhz bands, the bidding accounted for 60 per cent of the spectrum that was put to auction.

The 700 MHz band went unsold during the 2016 auc-

tions, too. During 2016, when there were seven bidders, the spectrum sold was 41 per cent by value of the total spectrum put to auction. The corresponding figures in the 2021 spectrum auction so far are 37 per cent and 19 per cent respectively, with three participants.

Spectrum will be offered for assignment for a validity period of 20 years. Successful bidders can pay entire bid amount in one go (upfront), or exercise an option to pay a certain amount (25 per cent for spectrum won in 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz bands or 50 per cent for spectrum won in 500 MHz, 200 MHz, 900 MHz bands or 30 per cent for spectrum won in 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz bands) upfront with remaining amount in a maximum up to 16 equated annual instalments. after a moratorium of two

Automakers report double digit sales growth in Feb

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Leading car makers Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai and Tata Motors reported robust sales growth in the domestic market in February as the demand for personal mobility amid COVID-19 pandemic continues to drive the market.

Others, including Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), Mahindra & Mahindra, and Honda Cars India, also reported strong wholesale dispatches to dealers last month.

The country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) said its domestic sales increased 11.8 per cent to 1,52,983 units last month, as against 1,36,849 units in February 2020.

PM says farmers should get more avenues to sell crops

LPG price hiked

price up 6.5%

again by ₹25; ATF

Cooking gas LPG price was on Monday chiked by Rs 25 per cylinder across all categories, including subsidised fuel and those availed by Ujiwala scheme beneficiaries - the fourth increase in rates in a month's time.

LPG prices have gone up by Rs 125 per 14.2-kg cylinder since the beginning of February, price data from state-owned oil marketing companies showed.

Also, jet fuel prices were hiked by a steep 6.5 per cent on the back of a rally in international oil prices.

A 14.2-kg cylinder in Delhi now costs Rs 819 as against Rs 794 at which they were supplied on Sunday.

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The increase is applicable across all cate-gories, including subsidised and non-subsidised users.

LPG is available only at one rate, market

LPG is available only at one rate, market price, across the country. The government, however, gives a small subsidy to select customers. However, this subsidy to select customers. However, this subsidy has been eliminated in metros and major cities through successive price increases over the past couple of years. So, in places like Delhi, there is no subsidy paid to customers since May 2020 and all LPG users pay the market price, which currently is Rs 819.

An oil company official said a small subsidy is paid to customers in remote and far-flung areas to make up for the higher price arising from freight charges.

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LPG prices were hiked first by Rs 25 per
cylinder on February 4, followed by a Rs 50 per
cylinder increase on February 15 and Rs 25 raise
on February 25.

Prices have been on the rise since
December and rates have cumulatively gone up
by Rs 175 per cylinder.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday emphasised on farmers getting more avenues to sell crops and said a food processing revolution was needed in the country for value addition to farm produce and to realise better prices. Addressing a webinar on effective implementation of Budget provisions regarding the Agriculture Ministry, he

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underlined the need for increased participation of private players in the farm sector, including in research and development (R&D) work.

Without making any direct reference to the three new farm reform laws or to the three-month-old agitation by farmers, Modi said there is a need for expanding options for the country's farming community to sell agri produce.

PM taking vax

to build trust

in vaccination

drive: Biotech

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Modi taking the first dose
of the Covid-19 vaccine would
go a long way in building conidence in the ongoing nationwide vaccination process
against the pandemic, Bharat
Biotech said on Monday.

The PM on Monday took
his first dose of the COVID-19
vaccine at AIIMS here and
appealed to all those who are
eligible to get inoculated. Nurse
P Niveda, who hails from
Puducherry, administered
Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN to
the prime minister. "We thank
the Prime Minister for taking
the first dose of the COVID-19
vaccine himself and are deeply
appreciative of the gesture.
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against the pandemic, he
added.

GST collections rise 7% to ₹1.13L cr in Feb

The collection is, however, lower than the record ₹1,19,875 crore collected in the previous month

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GST collections crossed the ¶1 lakh crore-mark for the fifth month in a row in February, rising 7 per cent to over ₹1.13 lakh crore, indicating economic recovery, the Finance Ministry said on Monday.

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The collection is, however, lower than the record ₹1,19,875 crore collected in the previous month. The gross GST revenue collected in February 2021 is ₹1,13,143 crore, of which CGST is ₹2,092 crore, GST is ₹2,727 crore. IGST is ₹3,5253 crore (including ₹4,932 crore (including ₹9,932 crore (including ₹660 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹9,932 crore (including ₹660 crore collected on import of goods). The work of the february 2021 are 7 per cent higher than the GST revenues over past five months, the revenues for the month of services are fine the same month last year. The per cent higher than the GST revenues from import of goods were 15 per cent higher and the revenues from the domestic transaction (including import of services) are 5 per cent higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year, the ministry said in a statement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INBRIEF

ITS OFFICERS CELEBRATE SILVER JUBILEE REUNION OF 1994 BATCH
ITS officers celebrated silver jubilee reunion of 1994 batch on 26 th February, over 20 officers had come to attend the reunion at Indian Habitat Centre Lodhi Road New Delhi. Other officers celebrated it at Haonat Lentre Lodhi Road New Delhi. Other officers celebrated if at different places as well like Bangluru and Udajour. AS Meena Ex-President and Ex-General Secretary of 1TS association, told that many of them had come with their spouses and children. Besides telecome field, officers either had worked or are working on deputation in different ministres like Agriculture, Corporate Mafras, Environment& Forest, Home Affairs, Minority Affairs etc and also in important organisations like UPSC, CVC, Election commission, NPPA, UID and various state governments.

NORTH DMC'S KAROL BAGH ZONE LAUNCHES A #14 Days Challenge involving SIX activities

DAY'S CHALLENGE INVOLVING SIX ACTIVITIES

Mayor of North Delhi Jai Präkash on Monday informed that North

More Saro Blad Zone today launched a #14days challenge which is
in accordance to the true spirit of Swacch Survekshar-2021 i.e.

maximum participation of stakeholders with true spirit. The citizens
have been requested to perform six activities regarding cleanliness and
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e-Tender Notice Date: 01-03-20

Bampanga Power Station, UUVN Limite and number Detail

Date of availability of bid document on website: 02/03/2021

Last date for submission of tender : 23/03/2021 up to 16.00 Hrs

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED MALE SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo) namely Ashwani S/o Dharmpal R/o H.No.125, Near Mogra Chakki, Near Harijan Choupal, Qutubgarh, Delhi Aged-23 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 17.02.2021 at ut 4:30 AM from his residence vide No.99A Dated 17.02.2021



DD No.99A Dated 17.02.2021
registered at Police Station
Kanjhawala, Delhi. His physical
description is as under:
Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'6", Face: Round, Built:
Medium, Hair: Black Clothing: White coloured T-shirt, Blue
Lower & Blue coloured sports shoes in feet
Any person having any information/Clue about this
missing/kidnapped male, may inform SHO, Kanjhawala,
Delhi at E-mail: clc@cbl.gov.in or website: Delhi at E-m http://cbi.nic.in

http://cbi.nic.in Sur-Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Kanjhawata, Dein FAX No.: 011-24568639 Tel.: 011-25951485 DP/682/RD/2021 Mob.: 8750870324

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Priya D/o Joyti Bahadur R/o D-14/255, Soctor-3, Rohini, Delhi Aged-25 Years has been reported missing since 15.02.2021 at about 11:15 AM from her residence vide DD No.56A Dated 17.02.2021 registered of Delice States South Public Delice. at Police Station South Rohini, Delhi,



at Police Station South Robini, Delhi.
Her physical description is as under:

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'11",
Face: Long, Built: Thin, ID: A mole on nose, Clothing:
White, black grey coloured Sweater, white, red coloured salwar and Sandal in feet.

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Any person having any information/Clue about this missing female, may inform SHO, South Rohini, Delhi at E-mail: cjc@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No. 1011-24586338 or 24389641

S4/FAX No. 1011-24388339

SHO, South Rohini, Delhi

Tel.: 011-27512189, 27510515

NOTICE:
"I RAKESH SHARMA, ADVOCATE, on behalf of my client Smt. Parul Joshi 22, Vindyachat Apartment, Inder Endive, Rohttak Road, New Delhi-110087, caused this notice to the General Public that Property No SCD 142 was allotted in the name of Mrs Daya Pant who Late KC Pant 167 22 Vindyachal Jacartment Inder 167 22 Vindyachal Jacartment Inder of Mrs Daya Pant Wo Late KC Pant R/o 22, Vindyachal Apartment, Inder Endawe, Rothak Road, New Delhi 110087 Now. Mrs. Daya Pant has expired on 17/01/2018 and accordingly the name of Mrs Parul Joshi is being noted in DE's record in respect of the captioned property.

Sd/-Rakesh Sharma, Advocate Chamber 87/88 District Court Sector 8, Lawyers Chamber, Guru Gram, Haryana

PICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi- 110055 PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

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Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit		Date & Time of Auction	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	
1.	Mohammad Ali Hasan (Borrower), Nargis Parveen (Co-borrower) LBDEL00002378631	Flat No. 39, LIG, Fourth Floor, Block B5, Sector 34, Pocket 1, Rohini, New Delhi 110085. Area: 344 Sq. fl.	Rs. 14,43,292/- as on February 20, 2021.	Rs. 9,00, 000/- Rs. 90,	March 15, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to	March 24 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards	

The crimer succurring to econolicities on website (unit, Link-https://oisposalhiub.com) of our auctor Mik NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors' notice are given a last chance to pay the is with further interest till March 23, 2021 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as p schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi Hernalter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned webuils onlyon or before 1021 before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of pay Kindly note, incase prospective bidderia are unable to a bushed that with a bushed that with the submit that with the му гили», псаве рговресите высоетку вте unable to submit their offer through the website then в ander documentsmay be submittedat ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rot rol Bagh Delhi- 110055 on or before March 23, 2021 before 05:00 PM. Eurnest Money Depu uld be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

If anybody has any objection to this, he or she may approach Ms/ DLF Ltd. or the undersigned within 10 days of publication of this notice. 171002993319810029928/01244239933

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SleepOnIt

A disorder called obstructive sleep apnea that occurs when breathing is repeatedly interrupted during sleep is common in people with thinking and memory problems says a new study. The risk of cognitive impairment increases as people age. The study involved 67 people with an average age of 73 who had cognitive impairment



DOCYARD DR COL VIJAY DUTTA

Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine

INDIAN SPINAL INJURIES



Take care of your throat



Dysphagia, a medical condition that makes swallowing of food or fluid difficult, is one of the lesser-known side effects of COVID-19 infection. The condition has so far been observed as a fallout of viral and bacterial infections, pharyngeal and esophageal obstructions or other palate problems and neurological diseases. Dysphagia was witnessed in maximum cases of severe cases of COVID-19, especially those who developed acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) and were ventilated. There are a few ways to feel Most of the Most of the Section of the distribution of the distributio

also experienced a change in their voice, ranging from a rough one to a change in their voice, ranging from a rough one to a deeper-pitched one or a mere whisper. The inflammation of vocal cords is exacerbated by long periods of coughing. When you can be done by following these steps:

The inflammation of vocal cords is exacerbated by long periods of coughing. Such an effort makes the vocal folds put extra effort to clear any mucus from hungs and thorat, in the process making them swellen and inflamed.

Easing the sore throat and post-COVID voice problem can be done by following these steps:

Exep yourself well hydrated with warm fluids. Drink about two liters of fluid (plain water and fresh juices) daily. Avoid caffeine or alcohol as they can aggravate the condition.

Warm saline gargles and steam inhalation for at least 15 minutes.

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"Try to rest your voice as much as possible.

If you are in hospital then you must keep a few things in mind that comprises immediately informing the concerned Doctor or paramedical staff immediately if you are feeling more short of breath during or after the meals.

If you are recovering at home, then you must be careful about a few things and directly inform your General Physician if you are facing problems while eating or drinking something and coughing or choking while having your food. Such patients should avoid shouting, smoking or chewing tobacco and going in dusty areas Medicated lozenges can also be used.

SUMMERCOOLERS

PAPAYA: Papayas are rich in Vitamin C, fibre and antioxidants which prevent cholesterol build up in your arteries and boosts immunity, apart from the several other health benefits.

It also helps in weight loss because the fibre content in papaya leaves you feeling full and clears your bowel move-ment

ment.

It is also a rich source of phytonutrients and flavonoids that prevent your cells from cells from undergoing free radical damage. Some stud-ies have also linked the co

sumption papaya to reduced risk of colon and prostate cancer.

The presence of various vitamins and nutrients also help in preventing the skin from free radical damage thereby keeping all the signs of ageing at bay.

Several studies have shown that eating papayas also help in maintaining and improving he a r t health.





DR KANCHAN SANYAL lists the precautions one should take and things to keep in mind before going for the vaccine

which is the covid-section of the covid-section was the covid-section of 60 and people with other medical diseases, it worst be too long when people above 50 and less will also be able to receive the jab.

Despite the fact that the virus is a new and a highly transmissible one, the medical fraternity has learnt immensely from it in the lacent immensely from it in the lacent immensely from it in the sease, analyse and la flowour power with the control of the coverage of the

worn together as one to produce reliable and safe vaccines in record time.

Therefore, as your much awaited turn rolls in, here are some precautions you should remember to adhere to before you go to the health facility for your inoculation.

Some of these precautions apply to any vaccine, you may have taken before this.

Take normal diet the evening before the vaccine.

Avoid alcohol before the injection (and for a few days after). This helps in reducing any mild side effects you may have.

Clarify with your physician about your underlying illnesses and medical history (the Ministry of Health and Family Planning, Govt. of

Do not worry about side effects. Any vaccine can have side effects but they are miniscule compared to the good they do to the individual and to the society

India has issued clear guidelines and your physician will be aware of this). Precautions specific to the COVID-19 vaccine:

The three basics of COVID-19 preventive measures will have to be followed (i.e. wearing a mask, hand hygiene and social distancing) at the

India has embarked on the third and the largest phase of vaccina-tion drive against Covid-19 which will reach out to around 27 crore of population aged above 60 or above 45 with co-morbid conditions.

45 with co-morbid conditions.

However, registration is required to receive the vaccine doses. The Government has provided three modes for the registration of eligible beneficiaries — online, on-site and facilitated cohort registration.

istration.

The first is advance self-registration under which the beneficiaries will be able to self-register in advance by downloading the CO-Win 2.0 portal and through other IT applications such as Arogya Setu etc.

tion. Eligible beneficiaries can register at the CO-WIN 2.0 portal through their mobile number following a step by step process. After registration, the application will show the government and private hospitals serving as Covid Vaccination Centres (CVC) with the date and time of the available schedules. The beneficiary would be able to choose the CVC of his/her choice and book an appointment for vaccination. for vaccination.

How to get your dose

vaccination site and in public places.

Cough/sneeze etiquette should be practiced in all areas.

Register yourself for the vaccine and go to the centre designated to you on the date intimated.

Do not worry about side effects but they are miniscule compared to the good they do to the individual and to the society.

Vaccines are voluntary, so

decide for yourself but remember that we already have a vast experience in vaccines, tried and tested in many diseases to make the world a healthy place for ourselves and our children.

With the COVID-19 vaccines, we have learnt to deal with this disease scientifically, clearly and with optimism.

The witler is Advisor, Wellness and Wellbeing, Columbia Pacific Communities

Eligible people can register

themselves on the platform from Monday, March 1, 9 am onwards. The platform can be accessed via web or through a mobile applica-

BEAUTY LIES WITHIN



For a flawless skin, lustrous hair and a slim figure, good health must be on top of the list, says

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ood health and beauty are two sides of the same coin. For a flawless skin, lustrous hair and a flim figure, good health must be on top of the list. A healthy woman is abo etter equipped to deal with the stresses of daily life. A body that is healthy is imperative for preserving beauty and building up immunity.

The right diet is absolutely essential to good looks. A diet for beauty should be high in vitamin-rich foods and low in carbohydrates and sugar. The answer is to choose from a variety of foods, to ensure a balanced diet. Fresh fruits, raw salads, sprouted grains and yogurt should be included in the daily diet. Have whole grain cereals. Reduce tea and coffee and have freshly extracted fruit and vegetable juices, lassi and clear soups. Avoid fried snacks, rich grawten and have it frist thing in the more liminate toxins and westers, and confectionary items. Add the juice of a lemon to a glass of water and have it frist thing in the more liminate toxins and wastes from the system.

Exercise, together with a balanced diet, can work wonders. Not only does it build up stamina and strength, but improves blood circulation to the skin and scalp. Every tissue of the body need soxygen, so begin in our exercises walking is good physical activity, as it exercises all the muscle groups. The ancient Indian doctrine of Voga has attained universal popularity today. In fact, it has become very relevant to modern lifestyle, bringing about harmony of body and mind.

Pay attention to cleansing and daily leviene Improve can underly and the proper control of the proper can underly weight men and the proper can underly leviene.

ming about namenly of vocy and ming and daily hygiene. Improper daily hygiene can undermine the health in a number of ways. The skin is influenced by many external factors, like dirt, chemical pollutants, bacteria and virus. By daily washing, bathing and cleaning, we can remove impurities and keep ourselves free from infections. A daily bath, or shower, is a must, especially on returning home. During the ancient times, infusions were used to wash the body. Soak neem leaves in hot water and let it stand overnight. Use the water to bathe the next morning.

overnight. Use the water to bathe the next morning,
Adequate sleep is also essential for fitness. Sleep is a way of restoring energy to the body and is nature's best cure. It is a beauty treatment in itself.
A positive mental attitude is also important, because mind and body are closely related. All of us encounter a certain amount of stress and anxiety in our daily life. It is a matter of learning how to cope with it. We have to train our minds towards positive thinking and relaxation. Regular patterns of rest and exercise, along with hobbies and interests certainly help. Some people are so aware of the world around them. They are always keen to learn new things. Hobbies, interests and new activities can actually be very relaxing to the mind. They also give another dimension to the personality.

ality.

Indeed, the finest foundation for beau ty consists of some common ractors, which we often overlook.

The writer is founder of The Shahnaz Husain Group

DadiKa Kehna

Toothaches are common, especially if one prefers to eat a lot of sweets. ROSHANI DEVI shares easy home remedies that can help ease the pain without much hassle



Whad a toothache at least once in a while. While as painful it is, it is also extremely annoy-

Here are a few remedies that can help relieve the

Rinse with salt water. Salt water is a nat-ural disinfec-

tant. One can
rinse their mouth
twice to relieve the pain and
inflammation caused by bacteria.

Use garlic. Garlic can help in killing the harmful bacteria that causes dental plaque and can also help in relieving toothache. Crush a clove of garlic and

apply it to the affected area and let it sit for five minutes. Alternatively, you can also chew a clowe of garlic. Cloves can help. Cloves are known to relieve toothache and reduce inflammation for

many years.
Dab a small
amount of
clove oil onto

a cotton ball and apply it to the affected area. You may want to dilute the clove oil with a few drops of a carrier oil, like olive oil, or water. Do this a few times per day.

water. Do this a few times per day. You can also add a drop of clove oil to a small glass of water and make a mouth-wash. Use it twice daily for best results.

'Regular exercise is key'

Experts talk us through the thyroid disorders, reasons and how one can keep them at bay

reasons and how

The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM), one of the apex trade associations of the country successfully organised another edition of the webinar series on 'Illness to Wellness' campaign, themed around "Thyroid & Related Disorders - Impact on Health! ASSOCHAM organised this webinar with an objective to cascade mass awareness and disseminate knowledge & wisdom for prevention and treatment of thyroid.

The virtual event was graced by a team of eminent Gastroenterologists, hepatologist who shared their valuable inputs on causes, trends and recent advancements in the treatment of thyroid.

The ASSOCHAM's campaign running under a CSR

The ASSOCHAM's cam-paign running under a CSR initiative supported by SAVLON, aims at promoting healthy living with a keen focus on wellness and preven-tive health through healthy

habits, diet, exercise, and holis-

habits, diet, exercise, and holistic health.
Sharing his perspective,
Dr Joshi said: "Thyroid disorder occurs when thyroid gland
does not work properly either
permanently or temporarily.
However, the disease is treatable and one needs to consult
endocrinologists once in three
months and in some cases only
once in a year."
Dr Joshi also emphasised
on following healthy lifestyle,

once in a year.

Dr Joshi also emphasised on following healthy lifestyle, balanced diet and follow regular exercise regime.

Addressing the ASSOCHAM webinar, Dr Tripathi talked about the various thyroid disorders in detail. He said, the commonest thyroid disorder is Hypothyroidsins, followed by Hyp perthyroid is m. Hypothyroidsins, followed by Hyp perthyroid in a form congenital hypothyroidism can affect the entire life span of a human from congenital hypothyroidism, adult onset hypothyroidism and even in the elderly age group. The

treatment of hypothyroidism is generally lifelong, but it is easy to begin and continue and is without side effects. Dr Kapoor, in his address also explained thyroid is a butterfly shaped gland in the neck which weighs about 18 grams it is not a disease. The under functioning gland leads to hypothyroidism and the over functioning gland leads to hypothyroidism.

On behalf of the chamber, Rajput said that following a regular exercise regime, maintaining healthy weight together with low fat, low sugar, low rice and high fibre diet can go a long way for everyone to keep such aliments at bay.

He added: "In India over 22 million people suffer from thyroid gland doesn't produce the required hormones to meet the needs of the body. It can also cause serious complications during pregnancy."

INBRIEF -

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A Central Fabrication Unit for prostthetics and orthotics is being developed at Narayan Seva Sanshan with
support from Rotary Foundation. The
unit will provide artificial limbs and
equipment to bolster NSS global campaign for empowering the differentlyabled. The cutting-edge technology
installed at the unit will ensure quality
and affordable prosthetics and will help
to bring down the cost of the procedures.

During the programme Rotary govermor (District 6900), Rajesh Agrawal
said: "To give a fresh start to the differently-abled, NSS is serving needy individuals by offering services such as free
food, operative surgery, limbs, education,
and skills. With setting up for artificial
limb namufacturing, which will bring us
additional accomplishment to change the
lives of differently-abled people."

In a two-phase project, Global
Grant by Rotary Foundation, Rotary
Club Emory-Druid Hills(USA District6900), Rotary Cub Udaipur Mewar budget is USD 182995 passed in the first
phase.

Speaking on occasion Prashant
Agarwal, President, Narayan Seva

get is Cold 16259) passed in the implemental phase, parking on occasion Prashant Agarwal, President, Narayan Seva Sansthan said: "Due to the Rotary Foundation, our various efforts to establish this unit have now been successful. NSS hopes that the installation of the central manufacturing unit will meet the demands and release of the patient load to achieve stability in the quality of equipment manufactured in a short period of time."



Nano influencers are proving to be the next big leap for social media. By TEAM VIVA

As the world experiences the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been an upsurge in people turning active on social media. This phase has unlocked the creative minds and pushed people to explore relatively fresh opportunities. Aradhana Srivastava, Public Relations Expert from Savin Communication says, "Social Platforms have hidden potential, if cultivated fairly can yield exceptional output both in matter of content and vogue."

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Social Media has always been a highly interactive platform catering to users of a young generation, giving rise to a new community called "Influencers". These social media connoisseurs have turned into a driving force for the national economy in the most surprising way. They are the first preference of any brand because of their better reach among millions of instagram users and creators.

Welcome the nano influencers
The latest community of influencers added to the Instagram family is popularly called "Nano Influencers."
These are the social media warriors with Inese are the social media warnors with the power to influence a small group of 1000-5000 people and have the ability to nurture communities with specific interests and influence. Partnering with nano-influencers is fast becoming a major strategy point for



brands with budgetary constraints due to the pandemic. A report by Marketing Week projected that 52 per cent of brands are planning to collaborate with more nano-influencers in the forthcoming months and 44 per cent of brands who are already collaborating, plan to continue their association with

these new-age agents of social media growth. Engaging with such influencers is not only cost-effective but also help-ful in reaching highly engaged audiences.

New-age celebs Remember the ice bucket chal-lenge? Those were the days when film

celebrities used to set trends that went viral but the situation has flipped now. Nowadays, it is the Nano influencers' who are driving public opinion in a micro-manner than global celebrities. No wonder that this community has become the new-age celebs and has even moti-vated various brands to collaborate.

Taking over competition
Nano-influencers may take over
from the micro-influencers as key brand
partners in the coming years. Microinfluencers who have followers between
Sk to 100k have been the premiere preference for any brand campaigns for the
past couple of years but it is being
observed that nano influencers have
established a closer relationship with
their audience and are considered a more
reliable option to take the brand forward.

The need of the hour
Since there are thousands of nano
influencers creating content for
Instagram, brands look for a platform
through which they can directly pick the
right influencer for their needs. One such
forthcoming platform is "We The
Influencers! It is an online community
of talented and enthusiastic influencers
from all across the country. This halform from all across the country. This platform will cater to a common room for both the brand and the influencer, allowing them to communicate and create fruitful collaborations.

A helpful companion
Marketing specialists are searching
for creators with an individual approach
and who enjoy the trust of their followers. Since the nano influencers tick both and who enjoy the trust of their tollow-ers. Since the nano influencers tick both the boxes, they've become the ideal com-panion for brands looking for new vays to spread their message. What makes this association better is the fact that these young guns are also highly dedicated to their work and are open to learning new things. TREND TOOL

Decoding fusion

Design your spaces by combining elegance with durability



Do you often find yourself juggling to achieve a fine balance between the lifespan and design of our interiors? Trust us, it's not a herculean and design of our interiors? Trust us, it's not a herculean task. Undoubtedly, home decor must be planned very thought find the planted by the planted with the planted with the planted by the planted with the planted wit

A SOOTHING FACELIFT
The entry of your house is usually through the living room which sets the tone for the entire home and leaves the first impression. Therefore, a minimal and clean look is needed for such spaces. Calming shades give your mind, body and soul a certain level of relaxation. Throw muted shades of yellow

and grey to your cushions placed on a sofa set in muted placed on a sofa set in muted blue. These colours will instant-ly infuse a comforting vibe around your space. The best way to distinguish your colour scheme is by keeping your walls, door and floor crisp

walls, door and floor crisp white. While visual impact of doors must not be compro-mised as they are some of the most visible design elements in the house, its resistance and lifespan should top your check-list.

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The majestic grandeur and simplicity of a natural element like wood is just limitless. Wood holds the power to make an unmatched statement and looks absolutely charming when used for home interiors. If you have cream or off-white interiors, opting for a darker shade of wooden doorset to complement the entire ambiance. Keep your area spick and span by placing minimal kitchen essentials out in the open. Make it look more modern by showcas-

ing your silver crockery and glassware in open cabinets.

OPTIMISTICALLY YOURS
We all have stepped into a new year with positivity and hopefulness. How about we paint this outlook all over the hopefulness. How about we paint this outlook all over the house to ensure every touch point encourages you? Spill the pantone colour 'Ultimate Gray' on your walls to add an instant warmth and comfort. Since, we are talking about all the earthy tones, we suggest going for a crisp yet classic white shade for doors. It will not only exude sheer panache but also a strong sense of calmness. Make your space functional and minimal; this can be done by placing a statement sofa and a minibreakfast table in opposite directions.

directions.

Every element of your house speaks to you and brings along a purpose to fulfill. The three distinct decor looks are three distinct decor looks an an inspiration for designing a space that brings élan as well as ensures durability. So, think no further and get on with curat-ing your own dream-like haven.

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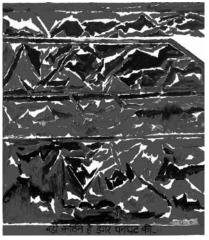
Artist SAYED HAIDER RAZA, who would have turned 100 this year, lives through his works even today. By UMA NAIR

Artist SAYEU HAIDER R.

At the art gallery, Akar Prakar, Athree are canwasses created by Sayed Haider Raza in his last few years. They are a testimony to his love for painting and clearly prove that he was a pilgrim of deeper intensitis in geometry and symbolism.

Amongst all the works in this seminal show, it is Shantibindu that strikes a deep chord in this critic. In a conversation to me in 2004 on the eve of his 85th birthedy, he said, "My birth with the said," which was a single property of the property of the said, which was a single property of the said, which was a single property of the said, which was a single property of the said, which was the said of the sai

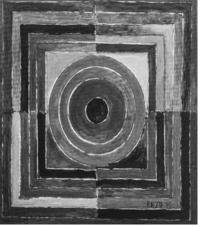
Shantibindu tryst
Raza Sahib's tryst with the
Shantibindu began in the 1990s. The
black orb that went beyond the black
sun into infinite realms and references sax to dail with cyloid in consequence save way to a set of concentric geometric circles that formed a suffused ethereal Bindu, which looked like a symphony of peace created for a vista of harmonies. For Raza, the recurring Bindu became a new corollary on canvas with infinite variations. The Sharthibindu for Raza was an exemplification of Purusha Prakrit principles. These principles dwell on the infinite, on dualities and deeper philosophies of the inner spirit and outer realities of nature's relativity. Born of a meditative mooring,



his bindu was the device of a spiritu-al firmament. The softly nuanced pastel toned circles resonate with a harmony emanating from the epi-centre. Their terracotta and soft tint-ed colour tones form an elegant exemplar. The Shantibindu became

an iconic nucleus in which the central core was an energy that created a ritual.

Nostalgia and memory Looking at this show highlights the power and prowess of his paint-



ings that come rushing into human memory. His early landscapes of European cities, churches, glowing ember like landscapes that spoke of his passion for nocturnes, his mid-night moorings of works like Tapovan, La Terre, Saurashtra,

Rajasthan and his Shantibindu series, all become a part of his pilgrimage of painting. India's avant grade artist who combined expressionist brushwork with the symbolism of geometry woven into personal memory lives through his works.

Ayushmann praises CISF

The armed forces of India have been on the front-line of the COVID-19 pandemic in India, protecting the citizens of the country while being in harm's way. Bollywood star Ayushmann Khurrana, who is currently shooting for his next, Anek, directed by Anubhav Sinha, has been deeply moved seeing the commendable work that the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) in Guwahati has been doing. The youth icon was requested to send a video message to the entire unit stationed in Assam and Ayushmann sent them a hearfielt thank you.

Assam and Ayushmann sent them a heartfelt thank you.

In the video, Ayushmann says, 'I would like to congreatulate all the majors and soldiers from the CISF Guwahait regiment on how right since COVID-19 unfolded, until now, they have contributed to the aviation security with patience and valour. I truly hope you stay safe and healthy.'

Ayushmann has always been inspired by the army men in India who selflessly devote their lives to protect others. The actor has also been deeply and well by the pandemic and has impacted people from every strata. He has almaced prome some feartfelt poems on this sufferings of



people during the pandemic, which instantly became a rage in the country. The actor will be shooting for Anek right through March before jumping onto his next film, Doctor G.

TRENDBLAZER



KANGANA REMINISCES ABOUT CHILDHOOD

Bollywood actor KANGANA RANAUT has reminisced about her childhood as it is

her birthday month.
Kangana shared a childhood picture
on Instagram. In the image, a young
Kangana is seen dressed in salwaar

Alongside the image, she wrote: "My birthday month, growing up grannies told stories that after a sister another girl child birth disappointed



fairtalk

'I've always felt more comfortable around animals than humans. I'm the most uncomfortable in social places like parties with people I don't know. But put me in a forest with ani-mals and I feel at home. Animals are uncomplicated, easy to interact with They live in the moment. I recently rescued an injured bird while shooting and named it Twitter.'



'I remember our screening at the Berlinale where bar-ring me, Udita and her par-ents, the rest of the audience in the screening the-atre, which was a full house was an entirely international audience. The way the audi-ence reacted to the story after the screening was overwhelming. *Dust* is an Indian film with a global appeal and that is why we touched the right chords."

HOW ELLIE KEPT HER PREGNANCY PRIVATE

Singer ELLIE GOULDING reveals she used her husband Casper Jopling's coat to hide her pregnancy for the first six months

Chatting on a show, Ellie was asked how her pregnancy is going and how she hid it. "It's different. I stole my husband's coat for about six months," she revealed.





India's top guns go full throttle at nets

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Big guns Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane went full throttle at the nets as the Indian cricket on Monday trained in earnest for the upcoming fourth and final Test against England.

The fourth Test starts here on

The fourth Test starts here on Thursday.
Captain Kohli, his deputy Rahane and senior opener Rohit were seen batting at the nets in a video posted by the BCCI on Twitter.
The three senior players drove, pulled and flicked against the fast

bowlers and spinners at the Narendra Modi Stadium here. Head coach Ravi Shastri was seen interacting with Rohit and Kohli before the two star batsmen sat together for a discussion.

Left-arm spinner Axar Patel, who bagged 11 wickets in India's thumping win in the pink ball third Test at the same venue, was seen rolling his arms over at the nets against some of the world's best

batsmen.

They were also seen fielding with Rahane, standing next to Robit in the second slip position, taking a one-handed diving catch to his right.

Eng didn't prepare well for spin challenge: Richards

PTI NEW DELHI

Pet Indian batting past and present English cricketers "moaning and groaning" about the spin-friendly pitches in India and said the visitors did not prepare well for the challenge.

The newly-laid Motera track in Ahmedabad became a subject of debate after India crushed England inside two days in the third Test to go 2-1 up in the four-match series. The severe criticism came from former England captains like Michael Vaughan and a section of the British media. All the chatter has not gone down well with Richards, whose incredible range of strokes and fearless approach to the game terrorised the best of bowlers in his prime in every corner of the cricketing world.

"Tve been asked questions recently about the Test match that was played in India, the

that was played in India, the second and third Test match against England. "And I am a little confused

"And I am a little confused about the question really because there seems to be a lot of moaning and groaning about the wicket that they were playing on," Richards said in a video posted on his Facebook page.

"I just felt that the ones who are meaning, in my opin-

"I just felt that the ones who are moaning, in my opin-ion, should realise that there are times that you're going to get a seaming track, a ball that is basically jumping off a good length and everyone thinks that's a problem for batters," he reasoned.



England all-rounder Ben Stokes plays shot against India during third Test in Ahmedabad

England all-rounder Ben Slokes plays shot against India during third liest in Ahmedat The 68-year-old pointed out that playing in India has mostly been about tackling and has mostly been about tackling quality spinners and that England may not have done their homework properly ahead of the tour.
Weighing in on the debate, the batting great said, "... But now you've seen the other side, and this is why! I think it they are seen the other side, and this is why! I think it they are seen the other wise. They have been that the vicket is spinning too much and all that sorts of stuff. This is another

"Spin is also a part of the game, this is what a Test match brings. The Indian pacers have been brilliant over the past few were the past few wicket-taking ability and stuff like that."

The legend urged the Inglish team to work harder and face the challenge resolutely.

you are going to encounter things and have got to find a way. You're going to get dirty. There is nothing in the rule book that says I've got to score my runs in pretty, classical ways," he said.

SINGLES

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Dona: Ace Indian paddlers Manika Batra and Harmeet
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VIJENDER'S BOUT ON ROOFTOD DECK

WEENDER'S BOUT ON RODFTOP DECK NEW DELHI: Indian professional bover Viginedre Singh's next bout, his first since November 2019, against a yet-to-be-announced opponent will take place in Goa on the rooftop deck of a docked ship on March 19. 'Undefeated professional boxing star Vijender Singh is set to make his teturn to the ring on March 19. The first-of-its-kind flight will be held on the rooftop deck of the Majestle Pride Saino Ship — who have been roped in as the venue partner," his promoters IOS Boxing Promotions said in a statement. The Majestle Pride is a ship docked on the Mandovi River in Panaji, Goa.

VARUN, MALVIKA WIN UGANDA INT'L TITLES

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NEW DELHI: Indian shuttlers Varun Kapur and Malvika
Bansod registered hard-fought wins to clinch the men's
and women's singles titles respectively at the 2021
Uganda International in Kampala. Varun had to sweat it
out to get the better of seventh seeded Saak far
Muthusamy 21-18, 16-21, 21-17 in the men's singles
find, while second seed Malvika notched up a comefrom-behind 17-21, 25-23, 21-10 victory over

BRADY LOSES IN 1ST ROUND OF DOHA

DONA: Jennifer Brady lost in her first match since the Australian Open final, falling to Anett Kontaveti 6-1, 6-2 on Monday in the first round of the Oatar Open. Brady made 25 unforced errors against her Estonia opponent. Kontaveti had only nine unforced errors and didn't face a single break point against the seventh-seeded American.

SEVERAL ARRESTED DURING RAID AT BARCA

RAIRANG TAKES BREAK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA
NEW DELHI: Olympic-bound star Indian grappler
Bajrang Punia on Monday announced he will be
deachteating all his social media accounts until the
Games in Tokyo this July-August. One of India's biggest
medial hopes at the Olympics, Bajrang took to Twitter to
announce the decision.

Agoncies

England appoint Trescothick as batting coach

London: England on Monday London: England on Monday appointed former opener Marcus Trescothick as the new batting coach of the national team, besides roping in Jon Lewis and New Zealand's Jeetan Patel as bowling and spin bowling coaches on permanent basis

ing coaches on permanent basis.

These three are part of the four new appointments to England's coaching set-up, which is being headed by heir coach Chris Silverwood.
Trescothick will take over from Jonathan Trott, who replaced South African Jacques Kallis in the ongoing tour. Kallis had played the role of a batting consultant for England in Sri Lanka.

"...Tm really excited about the calibre of the individuals that we've appointed into these specialist roles. Marcus. Ion

calibre of the individuals we've appointed into these ialist roles. Marcus, Jon Jeetan have demonstrated and jeetan nave demonstrated their ability at the highest level and also show huge potential for the future," ECB perfor-mance director Mo Bobat said in a statement.

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Trescothick, who scored
over 10,000 International runs
across formats between 2000
and 2006, is expected to take uphis new role in mid-March
after stepping down from his
position as assistant coach at
Somerset.

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Maxi eager to learn from Kohli | Mumbai trounce HP by 200 runs



PTI ■ WELLINGTON

A ustralian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell is chuffed about playing alongside and learning from Virat Kohli in the upcoming IPI, calling the Indian capana 'the pinnacle of the game' for his dominance across formats. The Kohli-led KCB bought Maxwell, who was released by Punjab Kings, for a whopping ₹14.25 crore at the auctions last month.

mat player from Tests all the way to T20s. "He's been able to adapt his game, dominate for a long period of time and deal with the Indian pressure of being their captain and their best player," Maxwell added.

The Indian Premier League is scheduled to start in the second week of April and the swashbuckling all-rounder hopes to pick up some leadership qualities from the Indian skipper, who will also be Maxwell's captain at RCB.

Tim looking forward to watching him go about his work, not just in games but in training, and hopefully tapping into some of the leadership stuff and try and learn off him."

New Delhi: Australian great Steve Waugh feels that Virat Kohli is like a "modern-day hero" who represents the "new attitude of India" of taking everything head on with a mind set of nothing is impossible.

sible.

In a 60-minute documentary titled, Capturing Cricket:
Steve Waugh in India, the former Australia captain said that Kohli is loved by the fans for his attitude of not being intimidated by an opposition.

'Virat is like modern day hero'

"What they love about Kohli is that it's like the new attitude of India, get stuck in, don't be intimidated. Take everything on and anything is achievable and possible But hes' like the modern-day hero? Waugh was quoted as saying in a media release after the launch of the documentary. The documentary can turns the content of the commentary can turns.

The documentary captures the very essence and undying love for the game in India through the lens of Waugh and is brought by discovery+. PNS

lyer-led side remain unbeaten in league stage to advance in Hazare knockouts

Domestic giants Mumbai Pradesh by 200 runs in their final Elite Group D game here on Monday to remain unbeat-en in the league stage of the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Mumbai had won their first four matches against Delhi, Maharashtra, Puducherry and Rajasthan.

Maharashtra, Puducherry anu Rajasthan.
Opting to bat at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Mumbai posted an imposing 321/9, cour-tesy Shardul Thakur's 92, Suryakumar Yadav's 91 and Aditya Tare's 83 after a top-order

Himachal were then bun-

failure.

Himachal were then bundled out for a meagre 121, with leg-spinner Prashant Solanki (4/31) shining with the ball.

After losing four for 49, Suryakumar began the rescue act and toyed with the Himachal attack, striking 15 boundaries on his way to a 75-ball 91.

He found an able ally in the experienced Tare (83 off 98 balls, 6x4; 1x6) who played the perfect second fiddle as the unings.

After Suryakumar fell in the 31st over, Tare and Shardul added 112 runs for the sixth wicket, as they tackled the



Himachal attack with ease. Shardul, one of the heroes of the Brisbane Test against Australia, hammered six bound-

Australia, hammered six bound-aries and as many sixes, as he cantered to 92 in just 57 balls. Thanks to Shardul Shittiting, Mumbai crossed the 300-run mark, but Tare's patient knock was equally important as he anchored the innings and supported the aggressors. In the other two Elite Group D league games, Maharashtra thrashed Puducherry by 137 runs, while Delhi defeated Rajasthan by eight wickets.

SAURASHTRA IN Q/F In Group E games at Kolkata, Saurashtra suffered a shocking 62-run loss at the

hands of Services but still managed to finish as group toppers and qualified for the knock-out

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Saurashtra finished with 16 points, four clear of Chandigarh whose direct qualification hopes were dashed with an eight-wicket loss to Jammu & Kashmir at the Jadavpur University second campus in Saltlake.

At the 22 Yards Academy in Saltlake, Services rode on Rahul Slingh Gahlaufs career-best 158 to post a challenging 301 for seven and in reply Saurashtra were bundled out for 233 in 43.1 overs.

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Elsewhere at Eden Gardens, hosts Bengal lose by five wickets against Haryana.

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Uttarakhand thrashed
Sikkim by 145 runs to remain
unbeaten in the Plate group, and
clinch a spot in the knockout
plase, piping Assam by virtue
of a better net run-rate.
Assam completed its
engagements with a crushing
182-run win over Mizoram.
Both Uttarakhand and
Assam finished with an all-win
record but the former qualified
for the next stage due to a higher NRR (3.273) as against the
latter's 1.909. Meghalaya edged
for the next stage due to a higher NRR (3.273) as against the
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Nagaland to the third spot by
virtue of a superior NRR despite
sccuring 16 points. They were
followed by Sikkim (4 points),
Aruna chal Pradesh (2),
Mizoram (2) and Manipur (0).

Reds answer critics with win

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Jurgen Klopp believes
Liverpool can prove the
doubters that have written their
season off wrong after snapping
a four-game Premier League
losing streak to win 2-0 at
Sheffield United on Sunday.
The English champions'
title defence has been decimated by injuries and they face a
battle just to qualify for next
season's Champions League via
a top-four finish.

Klopp's men remain in
sixth, but are now just two
points behind fourth-placed
West Ham and can leapfrog
Chelsea in fifth when the Blues
visit Anfield on Thursday.

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"Plenty of people have writen us off. That's fine," said Klopp. "With all the problems we have had, we're still around the exciting places."

Jordan Henderson has been added to Liverpool's long-term injury list, while goalkeeper Alisson Becker was absent after



he lost his father this week.
But the Championshipbound Blades proved the perfect opponents for Klopp's
men to restore some confidence as Curtis Jones' secondhalf strike and Kean Bryan's
own goal got the Reds back to
winning ways.
"This was about us showing we're still there," added
Klopp.

"We play Chelsea on Thursday, we have to show it again. We have to win football games, we know that. There's no way into the Champions League without results." Sheffield United are still 15 points adrift of safety at the bot-tom of the table and manager Chris Wilder admitted his side lacked the quality to challenge even a depleted Liverpool.

Milan back on track

Milan won an intense batthe with rivals Roma at
the Stadio Olimpico in the
Italian capital on Sunday night,
as Stefano Pioli's side push for
a first league title since 2011.
A Franck Kessie penalty
gave Milan the lead five mintutes before the break after
Federico Fazio fouled Davide
Calabria.
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after the break with an
arrowed shot, but the away
side were soon back in front.
Ante Rebic drilled home
the winner eight minutes later
after collecting a pass from
Alexis Saelemaekers following a poor clearance from
Roma goalkeeper Pau Lopez.
Off-form Milan star Zlatan
Brahimovic had been substituted shortly before Croatia
international Rebic scored the
decisive goal.

Ti told the lads that two
games (losses) cannot take
away the confidence build up





Atlético keep rivals at bay

A tletico Madrid bounced back from recent poor form with a hard-fought 2-0 win at Villarreal on Sunday that allowed the La Liga pace-setters to extend their lead to

setters to extend their lead to five points.

An own goal from Alfonso Pedraza and Joao Felix's powerful strike gave Alletico a precious win after a wobble which had allowed Barcelona and Real Madrid to gain ground in the title race. Diego Simeone's side had come into the match off the back of a Champions League last 16 defeat to Chelsea and a league run in which they picked up just five points from

two very strange weeks."
Earlier, Napoli's record goalscorer, Dries Mertens, returned from injury to help the southerners boost their Champions League hopes with a 2-0 win over local rivals Benevento, to sit just a point behind Roma in sixth.

Mertens started for the Mertens started for the first time in over two months after injuring his ankle in mid-December, and the 33-year-old got his boot to a Faouzi Ghoulam cross after



nao Felix scores Atletico Madrid's second goal against Villarreal @ATM/Twitten

However, the win ensures Atletico hold second-placed Barca at bay and crucially keeps the gap between them and rivals Real Madrid at six

half an hour for his 131st

half an hour for his 131st Napoli goal. Matteo Politano turned in the second in the 66th minute, with Gattuso's side holding on for the points despite Kalidou Koulibaly's sending-off 10 minutes from time.