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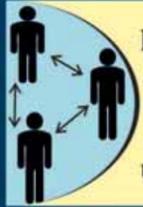
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Sh. Manohar Lal
Chief Minister, Haryana

Delhi Govt means 'LG', says Bill

NCT of Delhi Bill gives proper 'interpretation' of SC ruling

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the objective of giving a proper "interpretation" of a Supreme Court ruling, the Centre on Monday introduced a Bill in the Lok Sabha that seeks to define certain role and powers of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy introduced the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

According to proposed amendments, Section 21 of the Act — dealing with restrictions on laws passed by legislative Assembly with respect to certain matters — is sought to be revised to clarify that the expression "Government" referred to in any law to be made by the Legislative Assembly shall mean the "Lieutenant Governor".

A sub-section shall be



inserted to this effect in Section 21. In section 24 of the principal Act — which requires a Bill passed by the Delhi Legislative Assembly to be presented to the L-G who may assent, withhold or reserve it for consideration of the President — an additional clause will be inserted to cover any of the matters that fall outside the purview of the

powers conferred on the Legislative Assembly.

In Section 33 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1) after the words "conduct of its business", the words "which shall not be inconsistent with the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in House of People" shall be inserted.

Also, in the proviso, for the

words "Provided that", the following shall be substituted, "Provided that the Legislative Assembly shall not make any rule to enable itself or its Committees to consider the matters of day-to-day administration of the Capital or conduct enquiries in relation to the administrative decisions, and any of the rule made in contravention of this proviso, before the commencement of the Government of NCT of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021, shall be void".

"The section 44 of the act deals with conduct of business and there is no structural mechanism provided in the act for effective time bound implementation of said section. Further, there is no clarity as to what proposal or matters are required to be submitted to the LG before issuing order thereon," it said.

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BJP trying to curtail powers of elected Govt: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday accused the BJP of seeking to drastically curtail the powers of his elected Government through a new Bill in the Lok Sabha.

He also said the Bill is "contrary to Constitution Bench judgment".

In a tweet, the AAP national convener said he strongly condemns "BJP's unconstitutional and anti-democracy" move. "After being rejected by ppl of Delhi (8 seats in Assembly, 0 in MCD bypolls), the BJP seeks to drastically curtail powers of elected Government through a Bill in LS today. Bill is contrary to

Constitution Bench judgement. We strongly condemn BJP's unconstitutional anti-democracy move," Kejriwal tweeted. "The Bill says- 1. For Delhi, "Govt" will mean LG Then what will elected govt do? ... 2. All files will go to LG This is against 4.7.18 Constitution Bench judgment which said that files will not be sent to LG, elected govt will take all decisions and send copy of decision to LG," he said in another tweet.

Later addressing a press conference, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said, "It is a very dangerous amendment democratically and constitutionally. It will render the elections and elected government in Delhi meaningless."

Ariz gets death for killing cop in Batla House encounter

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Monday awarded death sentence to Ariz Khan, convicted for the murder of Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma and other offences in connection with the 2008 Batla House encounter.

Additional Sessions Judge Sandeep Yadav said Ariz be hanged by neck till death.

Inspector Sharma of the police's Special Cell was killed during the Batla House encounter between the police and terrorists in Jamia Nagar in South Delhi following serial bomb blasts in the national Capital in which 39 people died and 159 were injured.

The court also imposed a total fine of ₹11 lakh on Ariz in the case. It said ₹10 lakh



In this file photo, Ariz Khan, alias Junaid, one of the most wanted Indian Mujahideen terrorists, being taken to a court by Delhi Police Special Cell after his arrest in New Delhi PTI

should be immediately released to the family of Sharma.

"I feel the fine of ₹10 lakh is insufficient. Hence, I am referring the matter to Delhi Legal Services Authority for award of additional compensation," the judge further said.

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Highest day rise in 85 days, Covid cases cross 26K

85% of new Covid cases from 6 States

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Registering an upward trend in Covid-19 cases for the fifth day in a row, India recorded 26,291 new infections on Monday in the last 24 hours, its highest single-day spike in 85 days, taking the total tally to 1,13,85,339. Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan blamed the rise in cases to people's disregard for social distancing and other guidelines.

Vardhan also said that Covid-19 cases are on the rise in a few States only. "Around 85% of cases are in five to six States. The main reason behind the increase in cases is people not taking Covid appropriate behaviour," the Minister said.

Five States — Maharashtra, which alone accounts for more than 58 per cent of the total



A street wears a deserted look during complete lockdown in Nagpur on Monday PTI

active cases in the country, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu — continue to report a surge in Covid-19 cases, accounting for 78.41 per cent of the new infections, the Union Health Ministry said in a statement here.

The death toll due to the disease increased to 1,58,725 with 118 more fatalities being recorded in a day, the Ministry added. The total active caseload has gone up to 2,19,262 which is 1.93 per cent of the total infections in the country, while the recovery rate has dropped to 96.68 per cent, the data said.

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Broken ankle keeps Mamata, Amit Shah engaged in fisticuffs

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Prime electoral issues tended to give way to the ankle politics as rival Trinamool Congress and the BJP continued to cross swords on the plastered heel of Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Mamata on Monday started the second leg of her election campaign in wheelchair even as Home Minister Amit Shah tore apart her "conspiracy" theory saying only God knows what happened to her at Nandigram in the evening of March 10 when she hurt her leg during election campaign.

"I was fortunate to survive on March 10 ... otherwise people (read BJP) had thought that they would be able to keep me indoors with a broken leg," Mamata told a rally at Balrampur in Bankura district circuitously rebuilding the "conspiracy" theory that she alleged after hurting her ankle during a campaign at Nadigram last week — but curiously skipped its mention

in her subsequent bites.

"I have plaster in my leg. I have pain all over my body and I cannot walk... They thought that I will remain indoors after this... But then I thought that the pain of the people is greater than my pain and so I am here," she said.

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Suvendu's complaint to EC against Didi for hiding facts may boomerang on him

Kolkata: A complaint regarding suppression of facts lodged by BJP's Nandigram candidate Suvendu Adhikari against Mamata Banerjee is threatening to boomerang on him. Adhikari had lodged a complaint with the EC saying Mamata had suppressed facts — while filing her nomination — that she had six cases pending against her name.

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CAPSULE

SC HEARING ON NEED TO REVISIT MANDAL ORDER
New Delhi: The Supreme Court commenced hearing on Monday on whether the landmark 1992 verdict in the Indra Sawhney case, which caps the quota at 50 per cent, require a re-look by a larger bench.

WORLD CLASS SPORTS ACADEMY IN GULMARG
New Delhi: The Government on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that it would soon set up a world class winter sports academy in Gulmarg and 100 small sports centres under the "Khelo India" mission across Jammu & Kashmir.

WPI INFLATION RISES TO 4.17% IN FEBRUARY
New Delhi: The wholesale price-based inflation rose for the second consecutive month in February to 4.17 per cent, as food, fuel and power prices spiked. The WPI inflation was 2.03 per cent in January and 2.26 per cent in February 2020.

CBI books 17 Army officers among 23 in job scam case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against 23 persons, including 17 Army officers in a recruitment scam. It conducted searches at 30 locations across 13 cities in the country.

The CBI registered a case on a complaint from office of Additional DG, Discipline & Vigilance, Adjutant General's Branch, Integrated Headquarters of Ministry Defence (Army), New Delhi against 17 Army officials, including Lt Colonel, Major, Naib Subedar, Sepoy, besides six private persons on the charge of bribery in recruitment through Service Selection Board (SSB).

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BRO hailed for opening pass before schedule

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With Indian and Chinese troops still in a stand-off mode at some friction points at the Line of Actual Control, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) worked overtime despite inclement weather to open the strategically important road linking Lahaul in Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh ahead of schedule. The road will ensure steady logistical support to the troops.

The BRO team braved difficult terrain, avalanches, sub-zero temperatures, lack of oxygen and shelter to open the crucial pass Baralachala.

The BRO on Monday praised the team for the "sheer grit and dogged determination" it showed in the line of duty without concern for personal safety.

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Closed since Jan 26, Delhi to Gzb traffic on Meerut e-way resumes

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The traffic movement on the carriageway of Delhi-Meerut Expressway leading to Ghaziabad from Delhi, which was closed since January 26, was reopened for commuters on Monday, police said.

"The carriageway going towards Ghaziabad from Delhi has been opened in due consultation with police officials," a senior official said.

The side of the road from Ghaziabad towards Delhi, however, remains closed, they said.

The stretch has been closed when violence broke out in during a tractor rally. The carriageway was briefly opened on March 2. The Tikri and the Singhu borders continue to be closed due to farmers' agitation.

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Govt against spl judicial category for Covid vax

New Delhi: The Centre told the Supreme Court on Monday that it may not be desirable to create a separate class of judges, lawyers and court staff below the age of 45 for administering the Covid-19 vaccine on priority basis.

It said the vaccine, which is already being produced beyond the manpower and infrastructural capacity, is also being exported in view of the global pandemic.

A bench of Chief Justice Bobde and Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian said that it would consider the plea, seeking inclusion of judges, judicial staff and lawyers in the priority category for the Covid-19 vaccine, on March 18.

During the hearing, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said the government reply has been filed.

Senior advocates Harish Salve, appearing for Serum Institute of India, and Mukul Rohatgi, representing Bharat Biotech, said that different High Courts are seeking data as how many vaccines are being produced and when will it be given to all.

Rohatgi said this was a very important matter and they have filed a petition seeking transfer of all cases before the High Courts to the top court. The bench then said it will



take up the transfer petition along with the PIL seeking fixing of priority of judges, lawyers and court staff for Covid-19 vaccine on March 18. Salve said the Delhi High Court and the Bombay High Court are hearing different petitions and seeking data from them.

Rohatgi said that the Delhi High Court is asking how much vaccine will be produced and who will it be given to.

"Please see that it's a larger issue and needs to be decided once and for all by your lordship", Salve said, as the bench adjourned the matter for further hearing on March 18.

The Centre in its affidavit said: "It may not be desirable to create a separate class consisting of lawyers and others below 45 years of age and discriminating persons engaged in other trade, profession or business and working under similar geographic conditions and circumstances as such a classifi-

fication would necessarily lead to discrimination.

"As there are several other trade, business or profession who directly deal with the health, help and assist a common-man to provide his day-to-day requirements and are working in a small space with a large number. Thus it may not be appropriate to discriminate them as against a separate class of lawyers as both are doing their respective duties towards the citizens under similar circumstances."

The government said that from the facts it is clear that the classification of citizens is based upon most rational and non-arbitrary criteria and thus any specific classification either based upon the nature of trade, profession or otherwise is neither possible nor advisable.

"It is submitted that the fraternity of lawyers are requesting for being classified as frontline workers. Though the government has tremendous respect for the profession and the discharge of duties by these professionals for and on behalf of citizens of India, those lawyers and other associated staff who are either above 60 years or between the age group of 45 to 59 years and are suffering from very long and almost exhaustive list of co-morbidities would, in any case, be covered by the vaccine drive," it said. **PTI**

India, B'desh to meet on river water sharing today

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top officials of the water resources ministries of India and Bangladesh will meet here on Tuesday to discuss issues related to river water-sharing and flood forecast, sources said on Monday.

The Indian delegation will be headed by Pankaj Kumar, secretary in the Jal Shakti Ministry. The Bangladesh side will be headed by senior secretary Kabir Bin Anwar, the sources added.

The meeting takes place ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh later this month. Sources said the two sides

will discuss water sharing of Manu, Muhuri, Khowai, Gumti, Dudhkumar and Dharla rivers.

Discussions are likely to take place on further cooperation in the area of flood forecasting, they added.

A system of transmission of flood forecasting data on major rivers like Ganga, Teesta, Brahmaputra and Barak during the monsoon season from India to Bangladesh already exists.

They added that discussions are also expected to take place on drawing water from Feni river for the Sabroom town in Tripura.

Further, talks are also

expected on a possible Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for drawing water from the Surma river.

India and Bangladesh have a robust mechanism in place to address water issues at different levels. An Indo-Bangladesh Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) is functioning since 1972. It was established with a view to maintain liaison in order to ensure the most effective joint effort in maximising the benefits from common river systems.

This enables meetings at the ministerial, secretary and at technical experts' level.

Kathakali maestro Kunhram dies at 105

Kozhikode: Veteran Kathakali exponent Guru Chemancheri Kunhram Nair, whose portrayal of Lord Krishna and Kuchela on stage enthralled the audience, died at his residence near here early on Monday.

He was 105. A Padma Shree awardee, Chemancheri died at his residence at Cheliya in Koyilandi, family sources said.

Condoling the death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said his passion towards Indian culture and spirituality was legendary and he made exceptional efforts to groom upcoming talent in classical dances.

"Saddened by the demise of Kathakali maestro, Guru Chemancheri Kunhram Nair. His passion towards Indian culture and spirituality was leg-

endary. He made exceptional efforts to groom upcoming talent in our classical dances. My thoughts are with his family and admirers. Om Shanti," Modi tweeted. Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala and various ministers consoled the demise of the maestro.

"My heartfelt condolence on the demise of PadmaShri Natyacharya GuruChemancheri Kunhram Nair, Kerala's senior-most exponent of Kathakali & Bharatanatyam and mentor of hundreds of dance & Kathakali artists," Khan tweeted. **PTI**

Kerala HC allows transwoman to enroll in NCC

Kochi: In a landmark judgment, the Kerala High Court on Monday allowed a transwoman to enroll in the National Cadet Corps (NCC). Justice Anu Sivaraman gave the order on a plea by a transwoman, challenging a Section of the National Cadet Corps Act, 1948, which excludes the transgender community from enrollment with the NCC.

In its order, the court said the petitioner is entitled to enrollment in the NCC senior girls division and the denial of the request of the petitioner for such enrollment is completely unsustainable. Observing that the 'Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019' recognises the right of transgender persons to a life of dignity, the Court said the provisions of the NCC Act cannot preclude its operation.

The court said in view of the specific provisions of the 2019 Act, a transgender person has the right to be recognised not only as a transgender, but also a right to self-perceived gender identity. "The petitioner will be entitled to participate in the selection process on the basis of her application. If she is successful, the petitioner will be enrolled in NCC Unit", the court said.

In November last year, the court had observed that a person cannot be denied legitimate rights merely because he/she is a transgender. The Central government counsel had opposed the plea, submitting that the petitioner cannot be included in the enrollment process for NCC unit of the college because she is a transgender, though assigning herself the identity of a woman. **PTI**

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Delhi Govt...

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In section 44 of the principal Act dealing with powers to makes rules for conduct of business, in sub-section (2) — which states that as otherwise provided in this Act, all executive action of the Lieutenant Governor whether taken on the advice of his Ministers or otherwise shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the Lieutenant Governor — the following proviso shall be inserted, namely "Provided that before taking any executive action in pursuance of the decision of the Council of Ministers or a Minister, to exercise powers of Government, State Government, Appropriate Government, Lieutenant Governor, Administrator or Chief Commissioner, as the case may be, under any law in force in the Capital, the opinion of Lieutenant Governor in term of proviso to clause (4) of article 239AA of the Constitution shall be obtained on all such matters as may be specified, by a general or special order, by Lieutenant Governor".

According to the statement of objects and reasons of the bill, the original bill was enacted to supplement the provisions of the Constitution relating to the legislative assembly and a Council of Ministers for Delhi and for matters connected therewith.

It said that to give effect to the interpretation made by the Supreme Court which had ruled that the city government need not obtain the Lieutenant Governor's "concurrence" of every issue of day-to-day governance, the bill has been brought.

The Government said it wanted to clarify the expression "Government", which in the context of legislations to be passed by the Delhi Assembly, shall mean the LG of Delhi, consistent with the status of Delhi as a Union Territory to address the ambiguities in the interpretation of the legislative provisions.

It further seeks to ensure that the LG is necessarily granted an opportunity to exercise the power entrusted to him under proviso to clause (4) of article 239AA of the Constitution, in select category of cases and also to make rules in matters which incidentally encroach upon matters falling outside the preview of the Assembly.

Suvendu's...

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Adhikari's election agent Meghnad Paul named "Mamata Banerjee" in a disproportionate Assets case. However, the CBI sources said that the name was indeed the same but it was a different Mamata Banerjee — the wife of a Group D staff of the central Government working in Asansol area.

The fate of other five cases allegedly filed against the same name by the Assam police is not known as yet, sources said. Adhikari had on Monday furnished a list of six cases and demanded the cancellation of the nomination of the Chief Minister who is contesting against him from Nandigram in East Midnapore district.

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Highest day rise in 85 days, Covid...

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As many as 26,624 infections were recorded in a span of 24 hours on September 20.

The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 1,10,07,352, while the case fatality rate stood at 1.39 per cent, according to the data.

India's COVID-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

According to Indian Council of Medical Research, 22,74,07,413 samples have been tested for COVID-19 up to March 14, including 7,03,772 on Sunday.

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BRO hailed for opening pass...

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Baralachala - a mountain pass that links Himachal Pradesh's Lahaul district to Ladakh's Leh district - had to be opened much ahead of schedule to gain strategic advantage over "the adversaries". It was the first time the armed forces had decided to open the pass ahead of time, the BRO said in a statement.

According to the initial plan, snow clearance team were to be air-inducted at two points - Patsio and Sarchu - so that the pass could be cleared in an early time frame. Since air induction could not take place because of bad weather, it was decided that the team would walk 20 kilometres in deep snow towards Satchu Dett, where equipment was stocked in "mothballed" state.

Stocked with ration, spare parts and communication equipment, the team began its march on the morning of March 11, but it had to return to base because of heavy snowfall. On March 12, they attempted to cross the pass - which is at the height of 16,000 feet. Low visibility and snowfall sent it back again.

"Slight window was available on March 13. The team again attempted crossing Baralachala. This time they succeeded in crossing Baralachala, crossing a number of avalanches en route," the BRO said.

Ariz gets death for...

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Additional Public Prosecutor AT Ansari, appearing for the police, sought death penalty for Ariz, allegedly associated with the terror outfit Indian Mujahideen, saying it was not just any killing but a murder of a law enforcement officer who was a defender of justice.

Ansari said the case attracts exemplary punishment, which is capital punishment. He further said a police officer was killed while discharging his public duty.

"Ariz along with others was carrying deadly weapons which clearly suggests that they were ready to kill anybody in any eventuality. They were the first to start fire without any provocation," the public prosecutor said.

He added that widespread concerns were raised after the incident regarding the safety of police officers and it instilled fear in the minds of the common people.

Advocate MS Khan, appearing for Ariz, opposed the death penalty and said the incident was not premeditated. The court had said on March 8 that it was "duly proved that Khan and his associates caused murder of police official and fired gunshot on the police official".

A trial court had sentenced Indian Mujahideen terrorist Shahzad Ahmed in July 2013 to life imprisonment in connection with the case. His appeal against the verdict has been pending in the High Court.

Khan had fled from the spot and was declared proclaimed offender. He was arrested on February 14, 2018, and faced the trial. On March 8, the Additional Sessions Judge

Sandeep Yadav had convicted Khan stating that the evidence produced by the prosecution duly proved the case beyond reasonable doubt. The judge had said it was "duly proved that Khan and his associates caused murder of police official and fired gunshot on the police official".

"The evidence adduced on record, including ocular, documentary and scientific, prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt that Khan along with accomplices with common intention obstructed inspector Sharma in discharge of public function," the court had said.

"Khan, along with his accomplices, also fired gunshots at head constables Balwant and Balvir Singh," the court had said.

During the encounter in Batla House at Jamia Nagar in south Delhi on September 19, 2008, two suspected terrorists, identified as Atif Amin and Mohammed Sajid, were killed

while Inspector Sharma of Special Cell received gun shot during the encounter and died. Three other terrorists identified as Khan and Shahzad escaped while Mohammad Saif surrendered to the police.

The encounter had taken place within a week of 2008 Delhi serial blasts that had killed 30 people. Blasts had taken place at Karol Bagh, Connaught Place, Greater Kailash and India Gate. The Delhi police received intelligence about terrorists hiding at L-18 Batla House.

Khan, a native of Azamgarh in Uttar Pradesh, was arrested by the Delhi police's Special Cell in February 2018. The multiple bombings that rocked cities like Jaipur and Ahmedabad, apart from the national capital itself, in 2008 saw 165 people losing their lives and over 500 injured in all. A reward of ₹15 lakh had been declared on Khan, besides an Interpol Red Corner Notice.

Broken ankle keeps...

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"I can break but cannot bend ... I will never surrender before the outsiders ... I will never mortgage my spines ... I will continue to fight till I am alive."

Addressing a rally in neighbouring Bankura district, Shah hit back wishing her a speedy recovery but wondering "what really had happened to Mamata Didi who is telling that she was a victim of conspiracy... whereas the Election Commission is telling that what happened to her was only an accident ... God only knows what happened."

Taking a dig at the Chief Minister he said, "Didi, you're roaming around in a wheelchair, we are concerned about your leg, but we are concerned about the pain of mothers of my 130 workers who were killed by the TMC goons."

He said if BJP came to power in Bengal it would end the "syndicate and cut money raj unleashed by the Trinamool Government where you have to pay Rs 100 even for a governing certificate." Attacking the Mamata Banerjee Government for perpetrating "corruption, hooliganism, infiltration and appeasement politics", Shah said, "After May 2 all that will be a thing of the past. Bengal will be restored to its glorious past when it used to contribute 25 percent of the national GDP."

Shah was scheduled to address a rally at Jhargram but failed to do so as his chopper developed a snag. "I was going to come here for campaigning. Unfortunately, my helicopter developed snag and I couldn't come to see you ... but I won't call it a conspiracy," he said.

Attacking the TMC Government for blocking the Centre's Jal Shakti project aimed at reaching drinking water to every household, Shah said "the Centre had disbursed Rs 900 crore for the project but the State could spend on Rs 130 crore."

Promising the three-year arrears of Kisan Sanman Nidhi project amounting to Rs 18,000 Shah said how the central projects to benefit the farmers were being blocked by the State Government. "Even the Ayushman Bharat Project for free medical insurance up to Rs 5 lakh has been blocked by this Government," he alleged.

Banerjee hit back saying that the Centre was not releasing the funds that legitimately belonged to the State whereas it took away thousands of crores from the State in the form of Central taxes.

"Remember, people cannot be purchased with money. On one side, we are doing development activities and on the other side BJP is increasing fuel and gas prices. How the BJP became rich all of a sudden," she asked saying, "They earned huge money from Notebandi (demonetisation) and now they are making money by selling public sector banks."

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सर्व संबंधित को सूचना

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय की ईआईए अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 के अंतर्गत सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स महावीर कोल वैश्वीज ड्राइव लिमिटेड, ग्राम - खरगहनी, पथर, तहसील - कोटा, जिला - बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) द्वारा कुल क्षेत्रफल - 11.82 हेक्टर पर प्रस्तावित कोल वैश्वीज भन्ना - 0.96 मिलियन टन प्रतिवर्ष के पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 19.04.2021 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे ग्राम - पथर के ग्राम पंचायत भवन के पास स्थित भवन में निवृत्त की गई है। यह भी सूचित हो कि -

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CBI books 17 Army...

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"Searches were conducted today at 30 places, including Base Hospital, Cantonment, other Army establishments, civilian areas covering 13 cities like Kapurthala, Bhatinda, Delhi, Kaithal, Palwal, Lucknow, Bareilly, Gorakhpur, Vishakhapatnam, Jaipur, Guwahati, Jorhat and Chirangung which led to recovery of several incriminating documents," the CBI said.

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Covid positivity rate in Delhi 0.6%: Min

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain on Monday said the Covid-19 positivity rate in the national Capital was 0.6 per cent which is lower in comparison to States like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala and Punjab.

The Government reinforced that everyone including those who have taken the vaccine shot should continue to wear a mask and follow proper social distancing. Ahead of the Holi, he appealed to the Delhiites, to celebrate a dry Holi with proper precautions.

About the anticipated water shortage due to cleanliness work of the Munak Canal, he said that if the Punjab Government decides to halt the supply, there will be a 25 per cent shortage in the availability of drinking water in Delhi. While deliberations were being conducted by the Delhi Government team, in case there is a shortage, it'll be

equal for the entire capital. Delhi Health Minister said there were 407 positive cases in Delhi on Sunday. "The positivity rate was at 0.6 per cent. There was a time when the positivity rate in Delhi had crossed 15 per cent but according to WHO guidelines, the positivity rate should be less than five per cent and Delhi is continuously seeing less than three per cent for the past few months," he said.

Comparing the data of the Delhi with that of the other States, he said that Maharashtra saw 16,620 cases on Sunday with a positivity rate of 16.46 per cent while Kerala saw 1792 cases and the positivity rate was 3.54 per cent Punjab had 1492 cases and the positivity rate was 4.81. Gujarat recorded 810 cases and the positivity rate was 1.78 per cent. When compared, Gujarat has three times the positivity rate of Delhi, Punjab has six times, Kerala has seven times and Maharashtra has 30 times

the positivity rate. "We are aware and careful and increased the testing capacity to 70,000 per day," he said.

Responding to queries surrounding the surge in infection given the upcoming festive season, the Minister said, "Coronavirus is a recurring infection. It is not going to completely vanish. People have to be careful. The one thing that we have learnt in the past one year is that if we wear a mask, safety is supreme.

Commenting on the query regarding whether the sudden increase in the number of cases was due to the influx of patients from states with a higher positivity rate, Jain said "Delhi is the capital of India and therefore attracts a lot of people from various states. There are a lot of cases that fall in that category as well. But still, I will maintain that there is no need to worry and that Delhi Government is completely aware and careful. Wear a mask, be safe and keep others safe."

407 new Covid cases; two deaths

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi recorded 407 new Covid-19 cases on Sunday, crossing the 400-mark for the fourth consecutive day, while the positivity rate stood at 0.60 per cent, according to data shared by the health department.

The death toll climbed to 10,941 with two more fatalities, as per the latest bulletin issued by the Delhi Health Department. The city had recorded 419 fresh Covid-19 cases on Saturday, while 431 cases were recorded on Friday, the highest single-day spike in over two months. The count on Thursday was 409.

Delhi had registered 370 new cases on Wednesday and 320 on Tuesday. The city had reported three Covid-19 deaths on Wednesday and four on Tuesday. A total of 585 cases were reported on January 1 and 424 on January 3. The daily count had dropped to 306 on January 11 and risen again to 386 on January 12, according to official figures.

Atishi questions Centre's failure to table ordinance on air quality commission

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi questioned the Central Government over "failing" to table the ordinance of the "Commission for Air Quality Management" in Parliament for controlling Delhi's pollution.

However, replying to the statement, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said the AAP is in a habit of creating propaganda and attacking Centre to avoid its own accountability. "The AAP tried to portray that Delhi's pollution is caused by other States due to stubble burning, thermal power stations and brick kilns within 300 km of Delhi as some of the causes but the truth is that these are not the main reasons of Delhi's deteriorating air pollution situation," he said.

The APP leader said that the Commission for Air Quality Management Ordinance lapsed as BJP failed to table the bill in the Parliament. "Despite constant directions to the Central Government to take action to control pollution, it has done nothing. After a petition was filed before it, the Supreme Court had asked the Central government to submit a detailed report on how it plans to control stubble burning," she said.

Atishi also said that in November 2020, the Supreme Court had even brought a new ordinance, the Commission for Air Quality Management to deal with air pollution in the Delhi-NCR region and adjoining areas. Despite this, the Central government did nothing concrete to solve the matter, she added.

Accusing the BJP of not being serious about solving

Delhi's air pollution crisis, she said "The Delhi government has taken consistent steps to control pollution in the city. A report by the Centre for Science and Environment stated that pollution in Delhi reduced by 25 per cent with providing 24*7 electricity. Delhi is the only state in the country to completely shut down thermal power plants to discourage stubble burning and also had launched Green Delhi app, which aims to control dust across the city."

Elaborating it further, Atishi said, "I'd like to ask the Central government, what is it doing to control pollution that's coming from outside Delhi, from states like Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan? Why has the Central government taken no steps towards controlling or preventing this pollution? Why is Delhi being forced to live in pollution?"

MCG seals 16 properties of tax defaulters

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

The Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has initiated action against property owners who are not depositing their property tax, despite the interest waiver and exemption given by the Haryana Government on the payment of property tax.

The team of Taxation Branch in Zone-4, led by Tax Inspector Pankaj Saluja under the supervision of Zonal Taxation Officer-4 Devendra Kumar along with the police force, visited 25 such properties in the areas concerned, where property tax of crores of rupees is yet to be submitted to the MCG. Out of these properties, the team sealed 16 properties, while one property owner paid the property tax on the spot.

Apart from this, 8 property owners have applied to the civic body to correct the property tax.

AAP MLA building office on usurped land: BJP

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has alleged that Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA and chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj has encroached upon a piece of land at a Chirag Delhi village where a 150-year-old tree once stood and used to be a platform for staging of Ramlila and meeting point of village elders. Bhardwaj is illegally constructing party office there and also hurting the religious sentiments of Hindus.

The party general secretary Dinesh Partap Singh and Delhi BJP Spokesperson Harish Khurana said this is in gross violation of the Delhi High Court orders which had ordered all construction to be stopped there but Saurabh Bhardwaj and local AAP councillor Pooja Jakhar

have teamed up and got the office construction work resumed. "BJP is with people of the locality in this matter and will do whatever is possible to help them. The State Media Co-Head Harihar Raghuvanshi was present alongside them," he said.

The two leaders said this piece of land is dear to the local villagers whose religious sentiments are attached with this tree which is being cut to make way for the office. It is because of this very reason the villagers are forced to approach the court again to restrain the AAP leaders from going ahead with the construction activity.

Singh and Khurana said a wall has been erected all around this piece of land. In fact, the two leaders asked when Kejriwal

will continue to play with religious feelings of the Hindus. They said if the need be, the BJP which has always stood by Delhiites, will stand by villagers here and will oppose this work of illegal construction and playing with religious sentiments of the Hindus tooth and nail.

They said it shows that there is a vast difference between what the Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal who calls himself son of the soil, says and does. In fact, on one hand the Kejriwal government does not get tired of repeatedly saying they are for making Delhi green and on the other, his own party MLA and councillor are indulging in cutting of trees thus destroying the green lungs of the capital.

"While charging AAP with illegally occupying land in the

capital, said it is not something new for AAP. In fact, they had tried this earlier as well but on October 23, 2020 the court had ordered stopping of illegal construction here as also its demolition. But the local councillor and MLA conspired to do this," Khurana said.

"At least eight AAP MLAs have their offices in the premises of Delhi Jal Board which is illegal. He asked the Kejriwal government under which law permission was given to these MLAs for their offices in the board premises. It seems occupying land forcibly has become a daily routine of the AAP MLAs, he said.

The two BJP leaders alleged all this is being done in the name of making chaupals in the villages whereas the fact shows otherwise.

7 women held for running fake placement agency

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested seven women for allegedly running a fake placement agency and duping hundreds of people across the country on the pretext of providing them lucrative jobs in reputed airline companies.

The accused have been identified as Sushmita (26), Chhaya (21), Akansha Sharma (21), Pooja (21), Roshni (24), Rekha (23) and Jyoti (29). The police have recovered six phones, fake appointment letters of airlines and data of victims from the accused.

According to Urviya Goel, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), West district, police team raided a building in west Delhi's Ramesh Nagar on Saturday where the agency was being run through a call centre.

"The accused duped job seekers across India in the name of providing them lucrative jobs at airports and reputed government and private airline companies. The accused used to send bulk messages which read 'Job openings in various airlines and interested may call on the given mobile number', to random people," said the DCP.

Man lures girl with job offer through FB, rapes her, on run

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A 22-year-old woman was allegedly lured and raped in Manesar by an accused on the pretext of getting her a job.

The medical examination of the woman has confirmed rape, the police said on Monday. The accused is still on the run.

The woman is a native of Chamoli district in Uttarakhand and was currently residing in Aaliy village in Gurugram.

In her complaint, she told the police that around 4-5 days ago she came in contact with the accused Amit Kaushik of Delhi through Facebook messenger.

"During the chat, the accused told the victim he was a resident of Delhi but used to commute to and from Gurugram. So he promised her a job at a reputed company in Manesar," she told the police.

"On Sunday, Amit called me and told me he had arranged a 'good job' for me. He asked me to reach in Manesar immediately.

"Trusting Amit, I went to Manesar there he took me to a hotel in Manesar and offered some soft drinks laced with sedatives after consuming this

lost my senses and he raped me," the victim told the police.

"After the offence, he threatened me with dire consequences if I narrated the incident to anyone. Later I had filed a complaint at Manesar women police station," the woman added.

An FIR has been lodged against the accused under sections 376 (rape), 506 (criminal intimidation and other relevant section of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and a hunt is on to nab the accused," Assistant Sub-Inspector Pinki Devi, the investigation said.

under sections of the Delhi Police Act as they were found roaming around suspiciously," said the DCP.

An extensive usage of e-beatbook led to checking of 59 vehicles, he added. An e-beatbook of a particular area contains details of suspects and wanted criminals among others.

On March 6, a similar cordon-and-search operation was carried out in areas of Patel Nagar, Ranjeet Nagar and Anand Parbat.

55 ROAMING AROUND SUSPICIOUSLY IN KAROL BAGH DETAINED

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

To curb street crime, the Delhi Police conducted a five-hour-long cordon-and-search operation in Karol Bagh and detained 55 people found roaming around suspiciously in the area.

The operation involving around 100 personnel, including those of paramilitary forces, was conducted on Sunday from 7 pm till midnight.

According to Jasmeet Singh,

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Govt to take up with UK racist attack on Indian

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking note of an incident of alleged racism in Britain against an Indian, the Government on Monday said it will take up the issue with the UK when required and asserted it will never turn our eyes away from racism wherever it is.

Giving this assurance in the Rajya Sabha, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar described India as the land of Mahatma Gandhi and said, "It can never turn its eyes away from racism... particularly so, when it is in a country where we have such a large diaspora."

This reiteration came when BJP MP Ashwini Vaishnav drew the attention of the house to the incident of racism and cyber bullying that forced the Indian-origin Rashmi Samant to resign as president of the Oxford University Students Union. The minister said New Delhi has strong ties with the UK and will take up such matters with "great candour" when required.

Samant, the first Indian woman to be elected as president of the Oxford University Students Union, was forced to resign within five days of her appointment over several of her social media posts that were labelled anti-Semitic and racist.



Vaishnav said she was cyber bullied and her parent's Hindu religious beliefs were publicly attacked by a faculty member.

"As a friend of the UK, we also have concerns about its reputational impact. We will monitor these developments very, very closely. We will raise it when required and we will always champion the fight against racism and other forms of intolerance," Jaishankar stressed.

Raising the issue through a zero hour mention, Vaishnav said there appears to be a continuation of attitudes and prejudices from the colonial era in the United Kingdom. Samant, a bright student from Udipi, Karnataka, overcame all challenges to become the first Indian woman president of the union, he said.

But "what was the treatment meted out to her?" he asked. "Shouldn't this diversity been celebrated?" Instead of that, she was cyber bullied to the point that she had to resign. Even the Hindu religious belief

of her parents was publicly attacked by a faculty member, which went unpunished. If this happens at an institute like Oxford what is the message that goes out to the world," he said.

While she did issue a public apology for 'unintentionally' hurting anyone's emotions, Samant believes she was unfairly targeted as a 'conscious attempt'.

Vaishnav also referred to Prince Harry's wife Meghan Markle's accusations of racism by UK royals. "A behaviour of a society is actually a reflection of its beliefs and value system. If such practices of racial discrimination are followed at the highest level in society what would be the following at the lower levels," he asked.

Stating that the two instances were not isolated, he said the treatment of migrants and their segregation in the UK on a racial basis is very well known all over the world.

Quoting a recent report which said the death rate among people of Asian origin because of COVID-19 is higher than the death rate in other communities in the UK, the MP said "Doesn't it raise a major question about equitable access to health and indeed the entire basic human rights issue?"

Desi push cuts arms' import by 33%

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Given the sustained drive to achieve self-reliance and indigenization in weapon manufacturing, India's imports in the last nine to ten years have dropped by more than 33 per cent. In the process, Russia, the main supplier of arms to India, suffered. And so did the US which had emerged as a big supplier of arms to India in the last one decade.

Noting these points in its report on Monday, the reputed international organization Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) also said the decline took place due to an attempt by to reduce its dependence on Russian arms and complex procurement processes.

Its arms imports reduced by 33% between 2011-15 and 2016-20, the report said. At present, more than 70 per cent of inventory in the Indian armed forces is of erstwhile USSR and Russian origin. For



its part, the US in the last one decade has supplied arms and ammunition worth over 15 billion dollars.

Attributing this reduction in imports to an attempt to reduce its dependence on Russian arms and complex procurement processes, the SIPRI report said, "Russia was the most affected supplier, although India's imports of US arms also fell by 46%." India is planning large-scale arms imports in the coming years from several suppliers, it added.

Arms exports by Russia, which accounted for 20% of all exports of major arms in 2016-20, dropped by 22%, the report said. "The bulk -- around 90% -- of this decrease was attributable to a 53% fall in

its arms exports to India," SIPRI said.

It also said exports by China, the world's fifth largest arms exporter in 2016-20, fell 7.8% between 2011-15 and 2016-20. However, the United States, the world's largest arms exporter, saw its exports rise. Its global share of exports went up from 32% to 37% between 2011-15 and 2016-20.

Over the years, India has taken several steps to reduce dependence on imported military hardware. The defence industry was thrown open to the private sector in a big way with special focus on giving an impetus to MSMEs.

Last year, the government banned the import of more than 100 items in a determined attempt to goad the armed forces to procure such systems from the local industry. More items are likely to be added to the list in the coming days.

Also, the budget for next fiscal has set aside more than Rs 71,000 crores, 63 per cent of

the capital budget of defence, for purchasing weapons systems from the Indian industry. The government spent nearly Rs 50,000 crore, 58% of the capital budget, on indigenous equipment procurement.

In a one of the big ticket upcoming purchases, the IAF will buy 83 Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) worth over Rs 48,000 crores from the aerospace company Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

The Army will also buy upgraded 118 Arjun main battle tanks (MBT) worth over Rs 9,000 crores from the tank manufacturing unit in Avadi, Chennai. Prime Minister Narendra Modi last month handed over to the Army the indigenously designed and manufactured Arjun Main Battle Tank (MBT) MK-1A in Chennai.

Presiding over the ceremony, Modi said the tank represented the united Indian spirit as the weapon system manufactured in the south will guard the frontiers in the north.

INSHORT

CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE WORKING IN GULF: MEA

New Delhi: Maintaining that India is fully cognizant of the employment concerns of people working abroad and expects Governments in the Gulf to be helpful in facilitating the early return of those compelled to return home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday told Parliament that India has repatriated 45.82 lakh people from 98 countries under the Vande Bharat Mission till date.

BILL TO AMEND JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT INTRODUCED

New Delhi: Union Minister Smriti Irani on Monday introduced a bill in Lok Sabha to amend the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which seeks to increase the role of district magistrates and additional district magistrates. Congress MP Shashi Tharoor opposed the bill at the introduction stage. As per the Cabinet decision, in every district, the district magistrate and the additional district magistrate will get the power to monitor functions of agencies responsible for the implementation of the Act.

MARINE NAVIGATION BILL INTRODUCED IN LOK SABHA

New Delhi: With technological changes taking place at a fast pace in marine navigation, a bill to provide for a fresh framework to establish and manage vessel traffic services was introduced in Lok Sabha on Monday. The Marine Aids to Navigation Bill, 2021 provides for the use of the term "marine aids to navigation" instead of "lighthouse" to enable further use of modern forms of aids to navigation, according to the bill.

e-commerce firms draw max complaints on Govt helplines

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With a rising consumer base, e-commerce firms have drawn maximum complaints on Government helplines. As per data, on an average 70,000 complaints are registered at National Consumer Helpline every month. Out of this e-commerce Sector related grievance comprise of 22 per cent of total grievances. Besides, 172 Notices have been issued by Central Consumer Protection Authority since October 2020 for misleading advertisement and unfair trade practice and Violation of Declarations under Packaged Commodity Rules including country of origin.

According to the Department of Consumer Affairs, between April 2020 and February 2021, 188262 dockets registered against E-Commerce companies. Between April 2017 and March 2018, the number of dockets registered was 78089 which rose to 154122 in 2019-2020.

Other Sectors which have significant number of grievances are Banking (8.6%) and telecom (7.7%) of total grievances. The number of convergence companies on the NCH Platform has increased from 403 in 2017-18 to 647 and with 98.5% of grievance redressal during April - December 2020.

Batla House verdict exposes terrorist sympathisers, doubters: Javadekar

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Reacting to the verdict and conviction in the Batla House encounter, the Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar on Monday attacked the Opposition leaders saying "Delhi court's verdict on Batla House Encounter today thoroughly exposes the 'terrorist sympathisers' and doubters lobby in the country."

Javadekar said Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal should apologise to the nation

for raising questions on the integrity of our police forces.

He said all terrorist sympathisers have been thoroughly exposed by the verdict. Union Minister Giriraj Singh also hailed the verdict. In a tweet, he reacted to the verdict saying "Jai Ho".

Batla House is a locality in Delhi's Jamia Nagar, where an encounter between the Delhi police and alleged terrorists took place on September 19, 2008. The terrorists were suspected to be the members of terror outfit, Indian Mujahideen.

Naidu: India believes in multilateralism, democratisation of global governance

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Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday emphasized that India believes in promoting multilateralism and democratization of international governance architecture.

In his interaction with the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Duarte Pacheco, the Vice President reiterated India's commitment to democracy and an inclusive development paradigm. This was also reflected in the supply of COVID-19 vaccines to several countries around the world.

Naidu said that India also

provided COVID-19 related medical supplies to more than 154 countries and Indian Rapid Response Teams were deployed in many countries to assist in pandemic response.

Pointing out that India has been pro-actively associated with the IPU since 1949, Naidu wanted IPU to focus on issues which enrich democratic governance. It should avoid becoming a forum for bilateral issues.

Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha, Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary to the Vice President, Dr. I.V. Subba Rao, and senior officials were present during the interaction.

Trying to convince J'khand about coal mining policy's benefits: Govt

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The Centre on Monday said it is trying to "consult and convince" the Jharkhand Government about benefits of commercial coal mining policy which is designed to boost domestic production and reduce imports. Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi during the Question Hour in the Rajya Sabha said that it is a "big sin" that India despite having the largest coal reserves is dependent on import of thermal coal used in power generation.

The dependence on imports was due to restriction on allocation of coal blocks, which has been eased out after deep consultation with the state governments, he said. After consultations with states, the central government has brought a commercial coal mining policy under which coal blocks are opened to private investors through auction for commercial purpose, he added.

"We have consulted the state governments. Even we have consulted the Jharkhand

government. Initially, they appreciated it and later they have opposed it. But we are in regular consultation with the state government," Joshi said in the Upper House.

The central government is trying to "consult and convince" the Jharkhand government because ultimately the policy is in the interest of the state as the revenue earned goes to the state, not to the centre, he said.

"We are trying to convince them. I hope they will be convinced. Already auction is

done, since cooperation of the state is needed, we are in regular touch with the state government," he added. The minister was responding to a query by BJP leader from Jharkhand Sameer Oroan that if any hurdle has been faced in imports due to opposition to the government policy by Jharkhand.

Replying to another question asked by BJD leader Amar Patnaik on non-operation of coal blocks that were already auctioned, the minister said some of the mines have not started the production.

Cong attacks Centre on plans to sell residual stakes in Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad airports

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The Congress on Monday attacked the Government over reports that it plans to sell its residual stake in the already privatised Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports, alleging that such privatisation hurts the public and benefits only a handful of cronies.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi questioned the Centre's plans to sell the stakes of the Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports. "Does not know how to build, knows only how to sell. India Against Privatisation which hurts the public and benefits only a handful of cronies," Rahul tweeted.

The attacks comes following reports about ambitious Rs 2.5 lakh crore asset monetisation pipeline identified to raise additional resources from the Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad airports.

In a statement, Congress chief spokesman Randeep Singh Surjewala said the government is running away from its responsibility of ensuring better governance in public

sector units including the banks by recklessly selling these public sector establishments.

The party recalled as to how this government forced ONGC to acquire HPCL, a move with no benefits for the oil explorer. But in the bargain, ONGC's cash reserves were eroded by 91% and today the company is forced to spend less than half of what it did on oil exploration in 2014, consequently domestic oil production has dipped under the Modi regime. The government needs to get out of the mindset of running a 'Hum do Humare Do' government and instead focus on the welfare of every Indian including the poor and marginalized, the statement read.

The Congress also attacked the government on the two-day bank strike. "We stand in solidarity with 10 lakh bank officials and staff participating in the strike against reckless privatisation of public sector banks. The strike called by the United Forum of Bank Union is against the ill placed priorities of the Modi government.

CBI questions kin of TMC MP Abhishek in coal pilferage scam

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Monday questioned relatives of Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee in connection with its ongoing probe into the multi-crore coal pilferage scam.

The agency had on Friday issued a notice to Ankush Arora, husband of Menaka Gambhir who is the sister-in-law of Banerjee, for questioning in the illegal coal mining case. The agency had also asked Gambhir's father-in-law Pawan Arora to join the investigation.

"Both have appeared before the anti-corruption branch (ACB) of CBI at the agency's Nizam Palace office in Kolkata," source in the agency said.

Earlier, a CBI team had on February 23 visited the residence of Banerjee and examined his wife Rujira in connection with the case. The agency also examined Rujira's sister on the previous day in this case.

Abhishek is West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew.

When Gambhir was interrogated by the CBI, she had told the sleuths that her husband and father-in-law were in the know of some bank transactions. She claimed that she was not aware of anything, the sources said.

Searches were also conducted at the residences and offices of people who are "considered close to Anup Majhi alias Lala" -- the prime accused in the coal scam.

NIA conducts searches at 11 locations in case related to terror activities of Kerala group

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The NIA along with local police units on Monday conducted simultaneous searches at 11 locations including eight in Kerala spread over districts of Kannur, Mallapuram, Kollam and Kasargod, two locations in Bengaluru and one location in Delhi in connection with a case pertaining to terrorist activities of a group led by one Mohammed Ameen of Kerala who along with two of his associates were arrested preliminary questioning.

"The NIA also arrested three

accused persons Mohammad Ameen alias Abu Yahaya, Mushab Anuvvar and Dr Rahees Rashid after preliminary examination. Mohammad Ameen was leading the module and the other two arrested accused were his close associates," the NIA said in a statement.

This group has been running various ISIS propaganda channels on different social media platforms such as Telegram, Hoop and Instagram for propagating the violent jihadi ideology of ISIS and radicalizing and recruiting new members to this ISIS module, the NIA said.

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1. INVITATION:- For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, The Chief Engineer, Distribution JPDC, Jammu, herein after referred as 'Employer', invites online e-bids from Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) or their authorized representatives. "For Extension of Existing Control Room Buildings at Various 66-33/11 KV Feeding Stations of O&M Circle-I, Jammu & O&M Circle Kathua on Turnkey Basis"
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Government of Maharashtra Public Works Division No 2, Gadchiroli E-Tender Notice No. 10 / 2020-2021

Online percentage rate e-tenders in 'B-1' form are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No 2, Gadchiroli for the following works from registered contractors in appropriate class of the Public Works Department of the Maharashtra State.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.) Lakhs	Earnest money (Rs.)	Time limit for completion (month's)	Class of Contractor	Cost of E-Tender (Rs.)
1	2	3	4	7	5	
1	FDR To Chandrapur Lohara Ghantachouki Mul Haranghat Chamorshi Ghot Mulchera Road (SH 370) in Km 34/700 to 81/770 Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	468.00	2,34,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard	2240/-
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3	FDR To Chatgaon karwafa Ghot Markanda(k): Road km 45/500 to 82/00 (SH 378) Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	181.00	1,50,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard.	1120/-
4	FDR To Talodhi Bhabdidi Ghot Regdi Devda Road km 45/500 to 82/00 (SH 381) Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	165.00	1,50,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard.	1120/-
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6	FDR To Konsari Jamgiri Krunsanagr Road km 0/000 to 26/400 (MDR-09) Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	750.00	3,75,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard.	3360/-
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8	FDR To Mudholi Laxmanpur Yenapur Subhashgram Road km 0/000 to 25/400 (MDR- 16) Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	218.00	1,50,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard.	2240/-
9	FDR To Bhendala Bori Jairampur Ankeda Road km 20/000 to 39/800 (MDR-17) Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	595.00	3,00,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard.	3360/-
10	FDR To Chamorshi Waghndara Bori Road km 0/000 to 10/500 (MDR-19) Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	403.00	2,00,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard.	2240/-
11	FDR To Chamorshi Markandadev Shankarpurheti Haranghat Road km 0/000 to 17/100 (MDR-37) Ta.Chamorshi & Dist.Gadchiroli.	428.00	2,14,000/-	12 Months	Non Registrard.	2240/-

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SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Top JeM commander killed in Shopian

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In the ongoing operation in the South Kashmir district of Shopian, Jaish-e-Mohammad dreaded commander Sajjad Afghani was gunned down by the joint team of security forces on Monday. So far two terrorists including LeT cadre Jahangir Ahmad Wani have been eliminated while fresh firing resumed late Monday evening after the security forces established contact with the third terrorist at the encounter site.

Till the time of filing the report intermittent firing was going on in the area.

At least three houses also caught fire on Sunday during the heavy exchange of firing. Some of the local residents also tried to assemble near the scene of action to disrupt the operations but were dispersed by the paramilitary forces after they resorted to heavy stone pelting in the area.

Meanwhile, Inspector

General of Police, Kashmir range Vijay Kumar Monday congratulated Shopian police & security forces for eliminating JeM commander Sajjad Afghani in a Shopian encounter.

He along with GoC Victor Force conducted aerial monitoring of the operation and law and order situations at the encounter site.

Sajad Afghani along with his associates was trapped by security forces in Rawalpura village of Shopian district on Saturday. To avoid any collateral damage the security forces waited patiently while maintaining a tight cordon in the area.

Afghani, resident of Rawalpura area of Shopian, remained active since 2018 and was chiefly responsible for recruiting local youth in the terrorist ranks.

According to a police spokesman, "Several terror crime cases were registered against him and was wanted by

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law for his complicity in several terror crime cases including Case FIR No. 304/2018 PS Shopian pertaining to terrorising the people so as to keep them away from Panchayat polls including blazing a Panchayat Ghar at Kanji-ullar. Case FIR No. 307/2018 PS Shopian pertaining to barging into the houses of police personnel, abducting and killing of SgCt Nisar Ahmad, Foll. Firdous Ahmad and SPO Kulwant Singh.

Case FIR No. 343/2018 PS Shopian regarding attack on 34RR camp at Matribugh. Case FIR No. 362/2018 PS Shopian regarding abduction and killing of civilian Suhail Ahmad Ganai. Case FIR No. 35/2019 PS Shopian regarding killing of SPO Khusboo Jan and Case FIR No. 45/2019 PS Shopian regarding abduction and killing of civilian Tanveer Ahmad Dar".

As per police records, another terrorist Jahangir Ahmad Wani was active since 01/09/2020 and was involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on security forces and civilian atrocities.

Arms & ammunition including USA made M4 Carbine rifle and other incriminating materials were recovered from the site of encounter so far.

On the other hand, Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh accompanied by IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar visited Anantnag where he chaired a security review meeting with Police, Army & CRPF officers.

5 charred to death in Kishanganj fire

PATNA: Five persons of a family, including four minors, were charred to death in a massive blaze that broke out in Bihar's Kishanganj district early Monday leaving at least one more critically injured.

The fire broke out in Salam colony under Kishanganj police station at around 2.30 a.m. The deceased were identified as Noor Alam and his four children aged between 4 and 12.

Shahnawaz Akhtar Niyazi, the SDO of the area said that the reason for the fire was yet to be ascertained. "We are investigating the matter to find out possible reasons. Short circuits could be one," Niyazi said.

"As per eyewitness account, the intensity of the fire was as such that it engulfed the house of Noor Alam within minutes. The fire was so intense, it also damaged four adjoining houses. The residents of other four houses were evacuated," Niyazi added.

Gehlot Govt admits to tapping phone during crisis, BJP slams it

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Rajasthan BJP on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Ashok Gehlot Government after it "accepted" phone tapping during the political crisis of July last year.

The BJP accused Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot of "crossing all limits and bypassing laws" just to "save his chair".

In August, the "rebellious" Sachin Pilot camp accused Gehlot of tapping the phones of some MLAs who were staying at a resort in Jaisalmer. Gehlot had then claimed at the time that it was "not the way" of his government to tap the phones of Ministers and MLAs.

Eight months after leaked phone conversations between a Union minister and Congress leaders in Rajasthan triggered a political crisis in the state, Gehlot's government recently confirmed that phones were indeed "intercepted".

The confirmation was reportedly posted on the website of the Rajasthan Assembly in reply to a question asked during the House session of August 2020. BJP MLA (who was health minister in the BJP's Vasundhara Raje government) Kalicharan Saraf in his question asked: "Is it true that phone tapping cases were done in the last days? If yes, under which law and on whose orders? Place details on the table of the House."

In the reply, furnished after a delay of many months, the government reportedly said: "In the interest of public safety or public order, and to prevent the occurrence of a crime which might risk public safety or public order, telephones are intercepted after an approval by a competent officer under the provisions of section 5(2) of The Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, and section 419 (A) of The Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Rules, 2007, as well as section 69 of the Information Technology Act, 2000."

"Telephone interception has been done by the Rajasthan Police under the above provision only after obtaining permission from the competent officer. As per the provision described in Rule 419(A) and Section 69 of the Information Technology Act 2000, the approval of the competent authority is granted," it said. State BJP president Satish Poonia attacked Gehlot and accused him of conspiring against the people of his own party. "Those who wear the false mask of Gandhism and cry for democracy @ ashokgehot51 Ji crossed all limits for the sake of saving the chair; They conspired against the people of their own party, but even tapped the telephone of the leaders of the opposition party in an unethical manner; indulged in spying," he said in his tweet.

EXPLOSIVE-LADEN SUV RECOVERY NEAR ANTILIA & MURDER CASE

'Deshmukh performing well, no question of his resignation'

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The ruling Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) on Monday scotched the intense speculation that it had asked Maharashtra Home Minister Amit Deshmukh to put in his papers over the allegations of "inept" handling of the explosive laden SUV recovery incident and subsequent murder, saying that Deshmukh was performing well and the question of his resignation did not arise. Talking to media persons here, Maharashtra NCP president Jayant Patil said: "Anil Deshmukh is performing well as the State Home Minister. The question of his resignation does not arise. Hence there is no need for speculation over his resignation."

Patil made the statement soon after NCP chief Sharad Pawar held an hour-long meeting with chief minister Uddhav Thackeray apparently over the situation arising out of the recovery of explosive-laden SUV near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence on February 25 and the events like the murder of businessman Mansukh Hiren and the arrest of Mumbai's crime branch officer Sachin Vaze.

After his meeting with Uddhav, Pawar headed straight to the YB Chavan in south Mumbai where he was sched-

uled to have a meeting senior party leaders and review the performance of some of the party ministers in the Shiv Sena-led MVA government in the state.

However, Patil - who was present at the meeting - said that no discussion took place on either the resignation of Deshmukh or the reshuffle in the State Cabinet took place at the meeting.

Reiterating the party's stand on police officer Vaze's arrest, Deshmukh said: "Two separate investigations are going on in connection with the recovery of explosive-laden SUV near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence on February 25 and subsequent murder of Hiren. While the NIA is investigating the car recovery case, the ATS is looking into the subsequent murder of the businessman. All the three constituents in the ruling MVA - Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress - are on the same page. There is no truth in the allegation that the Shiv Sena is trying to protect the culprits behind the twin incidents. Whoever found guilty will be punished sternly."

Alluding to the claim that former chief minister and leader of the opposition Devendra Fadnis possessed an incriminating CD purportedly carrying the telephonic conversations between Vaze and late Hiren.

2 days after his arrest by NIA, Vaze suspended

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Two days after his arrest for his alleged link with the recovery of an explosive-laden SUV near industrialist Mukesh Ambani and subsequent murder of businessman Mansukh Hiren, the Maharashtra Government on Monday suspended Mumbai's Assistant Police Inspector and encounter specialist Sachin Vaze from his service.

Confirming Vaze's suspension, Mumbai Police Spokesperson DCP S Chaitanya said: "API Sachin Vaze has been placed under suspension, by an order of Addl CP Special Branch." Monday's was the second occasion when Vaze's was suspended from the service by the Maharashtra government. It may be recalled that on March 3 2004, Vaze was suspended along with 14 other policemen for the alleged custodial death of Khwaja Yunus, a suspect in the December 2, 2002 Ghatkopar bomb blast case. Vaze subsequently resigned from the police on November 30 2007 after requests for his reinstatement were rejected by the Maharashtra government.

The Maharashtra government revoked Vaze's suspension and reinstated in service in June last year, after the outbreak of Covid-19 when there was shortage of police personnel.

Vaze's latest suspension has come two days after he was arrested by the NIA for his alleged link with the recovery of an explosive-laden SUV near industrialist Mukesh Ambani and subsequent murder of businessman Hiren. Currently in the NIA's custody, Hiren is being investigat-

ed for his role in the planting of 20 gelatin sticks in a "stolen" Scorpio car, which was recovered by the Mumbai police near Industrialist Mukesh Ambani's skyscraper mansion "Antilia" on Carmichael Road in south Mumbai on February 25.

Vaze has been booked under sections 120 (B) (criminal conspiracy) 286 (negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance), 465 (forgery) 473 (making or possessing counterfeit seal) and 506 -2 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and 4 (a)(b)(i) of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908. Vaze is the first accused to have been arrested by the NIA which registered an FIR in the explosive-laden SUV recovery case on March 8.

This is for the first time that Vaze, who has gunned down 63 underworld gangsters during his three-decade-long controversial career, has come under scanner. This time around, the investigators are looking into the recovery of gelatin sticks laden SUV and the mysterious death of businessman of Mansukh Hiren, whose body was recovered from the Reti Bunder creek area at Mumbra-Kalwa on March 5.

While the NIA is investigating the case involving the recovery of explosive-laden Scorpio car, Maharashtra's Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) is looking into the murder of Hiren.

The ruling Shiv Sena and State Home Minister Amit Deshmukh have come under severe flak for reinstating Vaze into service on June 6, 2020 - after the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown during which there was shortage of police staff.

BJP tried to lure me, alleges Kerala Cong leader

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Prominent Congress leaders in Kerala accuse the BJP of attempting to make them cross over to the Hindutwa party with offers of crores of rupees. "I was offered crores of rupees to ditch my party and defect to the BJP but I rejected the offer outrightly," said M A Wahid, a senior Congress leader in the State.

Despite his rejection of the offer, the BJP leaders told him that they would wait till he changes his mind. Saratchandran Prasad, another Congress leader too accuse the BJP of trying to make him move over to the Hindu party.

Meanwhile, discontentment is brewing up in Kerala BJP over the highhanded behaviour of V Muraliedharan, union minister of state for foreign affairs and K Surendran, state party chief for dumping long serving cadres of the party while allocating tickets. Till

Saturday, there was a feeling among political commentators that the BJP may win four to five seats but developments in the last 24 hours have dampened the spirit of senior party leaders.

"We may win two or three seats but that will not make any impact in Kerala politics," a senior party leader told The Pioneer.

Kummanam Rajasekharan, former Governor of Mozoram who is the BJP candidate at Nemom assembly constituency said that he was in the dark about party leaders approaching Wahid or Prasad with offers of crores of rupees.

The fight between Sobha Surendran, former vice-president of the Kerala BJP and the present State leadership continued unabated as she was denied a ticket. But what upset the party cadre in the State was denial of ticket to R Balasankar, former chief editor of The Organiser and author of many

books. He had begun his campaign at Chengannur constituency, his home town, with the blessings of the party's national leadership. "But instead of Balashankar, it is a political greenhorn who has been fielded from Chengannur," said Sreela Pillai, political commentator.

Adding to the woes of the party, Manikuttan, whose name was announced by Arun Singh, national general secretary as the candidate for Mananthawadi constituency cried off within hours telling that his name was announced without his consent. The euphoria associated with E Sreedharan, the Metroman and Dr Jacob Thomas, the former DGP, joining the party has become a thing of the past, said commentators.

Roy Mathew, veteran scribe and analyst, said that the present leadership in Kerala is incapable of making the party take roots in the State. "They

don't want the BJP to grow in Kerala because they know they would be nowhere if a new generation emerges as leaders. The talks between Church and BJP leaders are all bunkum. We in the community do not go by what the bishops or cardinals ask as to do while casting votes," said Mathew.

The Congress is yet to recover from the shock of the visuals featuring Mahila Congress leader Lathika Subash tansuring her head in protest against denial of a ticket to her. Subash resigned from the coveted post of AICC membership despite requests from senior leaders like A K Antony and Oommen Chandi.

Seasoned leaders like Chandhi and K Sudhakaran may intervene and save the Congress from further embarrassment. But the BJP does not have trouble shooters in their ranks which could spell doom for the party, said Mathew.

Cong leader flays Latika tonsure act

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Lali Vincent, senior Congress leader in Kerala has lambasted Latika Subash who on Sunday tonsured her hair in protest against denial of an assembly seat to her by the party leadership.

"What Latika Subash has done is against all ethics associated with a political party. She has been honoured with many State and national level positions by the party in the past. She was twice elected to district panchayath councils, made chief of Janasree mission and made president of district panchayath president. Subash, her husband too was appointed as district panchayath member and was fielded as a candidate from Vypeen assembly constituency in the 2016 assembly election," said Vincent.

She said there were no couple like Lathika and Subash who have made it big with the label of Indian National

Congress. "Tonsuring the hair over denial of ticket in the assembly election is her personal issue. This is not the way to protest against party decisions," said Lali Vincent, who too was expecting a ticket to contest the 2021 assembly election.

Vincent said she too was part of the group politics in the Congress. "But we have drawn a line beyond which we will not take out party issues," she said.

P Rajan, veteran scribe, commentator and himself a Congress leader belonging to the old school, said there was nothing abnormal in the behaviour of Subash. "This is part of the Congress culture in Kerala. We have seen much worse incidents in the name of group fightings. But this will not affect the chances of the party in the coming election. The polling is on April 6 and chances are that the Congress would recover and retrieve the lost space," he said.

4 held for insurance policy fraud

Aligarh: Now fraud on online insurance installment platform is also going on. The Kwarasi police arrested a gang from Noida with the help of a cyber cell. The gang leader succeeded in escaping. But four gang members were caught. This gang has so far transferred several crores of rupees to a Bangalore account. The police is now engaged in an attempt to arrest the kingpin. The four arrested members have been sent to jail.

According to SP City Kuldeep Singh Gunawat, a resident of Kishan Pur had filed a case of cheating last year at kwarasi police station, stating that he searched online platform to deposit insurance premiums.

SC seeks Govt's reply on IMA plea against order allowing Ayurveda doctors to perform surgery

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday sought response from the Centre on a plea by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) against a Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM) order authorising post-graduate practitioners in specified streams of Ayurveda to be trained to perform surgical procedures.

A bench comprising Chief Justice S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian issued notices to the Ministry of Ayush, CCIM and National Medical Commission while seeking their replies on the petition.

IMA has moved the top court seeking to set aside or quash the amendment to regulations to the Postgraduate Ayurveda Surgery by CCIM and declare that the council does not have the pow-

ers to include modern medicine in syllabus.

The notification by the CCIM listed 39 general surgery procedures and around 19 procedures involving the eye, ear, nose and throat by amending the Indian Medicine Central Council (Post Graduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations, 2016.

According to the November 20, 2020 gazette notification the procedures listed include removal of metallic and non-metallic foreign bodies from non-vital organs, excision of simple cyst or benign tumours of non-vital organs, amputation of gangrene, traumatic wound management, foreign body removal from stomach, squint surgery, cataract surgery and functional endoscopic sinus surgery.

NCB moves SC against Bombay HC granting bail to Rhea in drugs case

New Delhi: The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has moved the Supreme Court challenging the Bombay High Court order granting bail to actress Rhea Chakrabarty, arrested over drugs-related charges in actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death case.

A bench of Chief Justice Bobde and Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian will hear the plea on March 18.

On October 7, last year the Bombay High Court had granted bail to the actress and directed her to deposit a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh.

It had however rejected the bail plea her brother Showik Chakrabarty, who is also an accused in the case, and

an alleged drug peddler Abdel Basit Parihar.

Rhea, her brother and the other accused were arrested in September last year by the NCB in connection with its probe into the drugs angle related to the case of Rajput's death.

While granting bail to Rhea Chakrabarty and two others, the high court had directed them to deposit their passports with the NCB and not to leave the country without permission of the special NDPS court.

It had asked Rhea to deposit a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh and directed her to visit the NCB office at 11 am on the first day of every month for next six months.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

White elephants

Our varsities must not function in silos and there is a pressing need to bring about systemic changes

These are public-funded "white elephants", a fiefdom of those who have been able to secure permanent appointment either on the basis of their talent or "otherwise", as it offers terms and conditions – handsome salary, job guarantee, HRA, TA, DA and other perks – which the highly competitive private sector can hardly match. Most of the Vice-Chancellors are political appointees who are subservient to the cause of their masters and their single-point agenda is to appoint those who are either "recommended" or belong to a particular ideology. Earlier, the Congress and the Left ruled the roost, particularly in Central varsities, but now the BJP and RSS are in the driving seat. Our universities are fraught with nepotism, favouritism, bribery, financial misappropriation and all forms of corruption. These are the focal points of an ideological war among the faculty members but out of focus for academics. Crippled with inherent corruption and bogged down by incompetency, our universities have failed to keep pace with their global counterparts and stand nowhere in terms of research, innovation and generation of ideas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised on reforming universities so that they can play a leading role in India's development in terms of ideas, innovations, quality research and startups. These goals cannot be achieved unless those in the university system give up their complacency. We need to understand that our universities have a wider role to



BINDU DALMIA

Green energy as the next growth propeller

India must go for far-sighted policy initiatives and a collaborative response with multilateral institutions to transit to clean energy

At the Quad summit last week, as also at the last G20 summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated India's commitment to combat climate change, as we move towards the target of "net-zero emissions by 2050". This calls for far-sighted policy initiatives and a collaborative response with multilateral institutions to achieve a transition to clean energy.

The sunrise sectors that emerged as post-pandemic growth catalysts have been health-care, ed-tech, digitisation, fin-tech and e-commerce. While there is a greater urgency to transition to smart infrastructure and green technologies, this space is yet to see traction, as renewable energy, electric vehicles (EVs), sustainable infrastructure, smart urbanisation and smart ruralisation, water harvesting, recycling of post-usage wastage and so on, are still in nascent stages of adoption by corporates and consumers.

Currently, there is a resistance to invest in the vast array of utilities and products that come under the sustainability sector, like solar and wind energy, or EVs, as most products have shorter technology life cycles. Also, these products need a proven track record of usage and need to achieve economies of scale to lower costs before consumers actually buy into them.

Just to illustrate this point, electric mobility is a sunrise sector in the sustainability field, with the potential to create 15 million jobs globally. Considering that India has high dependency on oil imports and rising levels of pollution remain a challenge, autonomous vehicles and EVs are a solution to both the problems. Yet, EVs account for less than one per cent of the total vehicles sold in India. Similarly, though solar power prices have declined globally and India produces the cheapest solar power as project costs have declined, the transition to solar energy is just two per cent of the global energy generated.

To accelerate the transition towards deep-decarbonisation and facilitate adoption, the Government needs to further incentivise the supply side



through productivity-linked schemes as they have done for batteries, as also spur consumer demand through access to cheaper finance.

India's weightage is today seven per cent of the world's GDP, based on purchasing power parity. As we begin the road to recovery and target to reflate to healthy pre-crisis growth averages of six-eight per cent, increased economic activity will mean higher mobility levels and higher manufacturing intensity, therefore, higher emissions.

Even though India maintains that we are on target to achieve the goal of producing 450 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030, we require \$600 billion of funding to leapfrog to that goal. Apart from multilateral funding for mega renewable projects and for FDI for electric vehicles, there is need for easier financing through development finance institutions for long gestation projects. While the Government supports newer financial instruments like green bonds to raise capital at competitive rates to finance climate-friendly projects, public sector banks need to extend lower interest rates to companies at the forefront of sustainable ESG investing.

So, what kind of financial

allocations and prospects are we looking at?

Being the most populous country with a high-living density, being a large manufacturing hub and having a large consuming population, our average carbon footprint is estimated at 0.19 tonne per capita among the poor, and 1.32 tonne among the rich. As the target is to cut emission intensity of the GDP by 33-35 per cent by 2030, this in itself holds great business potential.

Second, there is heightened awareness by corporates to provision for ESG investing into their business planning. So, with 24 of the largest conglomerates in India (that contribute to emitting 530 million tonnes of CO2 annually) having signed a declaration on climate change, this is an important beginning, as the private sector plays a vital role in bringing technical expertise and enhanced spending on research and development.

According to the World Economic Forum estimates, a "nature-positive economy" could globally deliver \$10 trillion of annual business and create 395 million jobs by 2030. It is projected that for every \$1 spent to advance the global energy transition, it offers returns of around \$3-8 as renewable and clean energy infrastructure construction

generates twice as many jobs per \$1 million spent as compared to fossil fuel projects.

The vast potential for the transition to green technology is embedded in Budget 2021 itself, as also the 15th Finance Commission report pushing for priority outlays with ₹7 lakh crore allocated for urbanisation over the next five years; ₹5 lakh crore allocated for water, sanitation and waste management; ₹15,000 crore for clean air; and ₹2.87 lakh crore for the Jal Jeevan Mission.

With the Government having set an aspirational target of becoming a \$10 trillion economy by 2030, much of India's growth will unfold in the next decade. This makes integrating the principles of green recovery a win-win business proposition that can address the concerns of jobs, growth and sustainability. This is an opportunity that must be tapped into by forging stronger public-private partnerships with the Centre and State Governments, as also by accessing global expertise for technology inputs if we are to make the green transition in conformity with the Paris Agreement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

QUAD WILL DEAL WITH CHINA EFFECTIVELY

Sir — This refers to the editorial 'Docile threat' (March 15). The first summit meeting of the Quad countries — India, Japan, the US and Australia — is a leap towards realising a free and open Indo-Pacific. The Trump dispensation, in dealing with an aggressive China, went by its gut instincts and lacked a larger strategic vision. While it largely sought to push the Quad in a military direction, US President Joe Biden is seeking to expand its scope and adopt a holistic approach to push back an aggressive Beijing. This is smart strategy as military coordination without an economic and technological anchor is insufficient to meet the challenges posed by China.

The emphasis is on resilient supply chains, emerging and critical technologies, maritime security and climate change. Hence, the idea is to insulate other countries from becoming dependent on Beijing's economic and technological patronage. This will offer members market access and technology transfers as an alternative to Chinese products.

India should fully capitalise on these coalitions to obtain cutting-edge technology, boost domestic research and development and kickstart its own industrial reforms. Also, India is on the right track in seeking to firewall critical sectors from Chinese equipment and cyber attacks — such as the recent intrusions into India's power infrastructure. With telecom forming the backbone of a digital economy, this sector must be protected from Chinese intrusions. We must be ready to meet all the challenges posed by our northern neighbour.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

COMMON PEOPLE SUFFER DUE TO BANK STRIKE

Sir — It is not the Government or the Finance Minister who suffers from a bank strike. Common people are the victims and poor, uneducated people in villages who have no access to e-banking are at the receiving end of it. The debit card transaction has a limit and in case more

Food delivery men face hardships



Food delivery at the doorstep is not an easy business. The delivery executives are often faced with various difficulties like traffic jam, customers cancelling orders at the last moment, sometimes the address is hard to locate and a change of order, to name a few. Many customers who order online don't choose the option of adding tip to the delivery boy. They are highly underpaid and, in many cases, are the only

breadwinners in their family. Many students belonging to poor background work as food delivery agents after their college or university timings in order to sustain themselves and earn some extra bucks as pocket money. A bad report from a customer means they might lose their job. Therefore, it is rare to spot a delivery man arguing with the customers.

Recently, social media was taken by a storm when a Bengaluru-based woman alleged that a delivery man punched her on the nose and fled when she refused to accept the delivery as it was too delayed. Every single incident of frayed tempers during food delivery can be traced to delay on the part of the boys.

While the customers have nothing much to lose, the delivery boys have much at stake. The Bengaluru incident snowballed on social media into a vituperative clash between the rich and the poor, female and male, outsiders and locals and much more. Such happenings can destroy the goodwill between members of the society.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

money is required to be withdrawn or transferred, those who are without internet banking account are left in the lurch.

Bank employees and unions don't give a second thought before taking a break from work in the name of strike. Bank employees should go to strike only on public holidays and on weekends. Further, they should voluntarily give up their salaries for the number of days they are on strike and ask the Government to donate it to the poor.

Further, banks should not be privatised but salary should be given in accordance with the work done by an employee and the system of fixed salary should be done away with. In the tussle between the Government and bank employees, customers should not be made to suffer.

N Nagarajan | Secunderabad

END CORRUPTION IN ELECTIONS

Sir — Elections in India, whether it is pan-

SOUNDBITE

Repatriation of more than 45 lakh people from various countries during the COVID-19 lockdown highlights the success of diplomacy of the current Government.

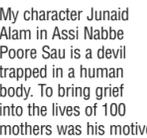


External Affairs Minister — S Jaishankar



An investigation into multiple allegations of sexual harassment against New York Governor Andrew Cuomo is underway and the public should wait for its outcome.

US President — Joe Biden



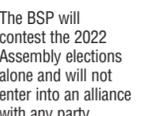
My character Junaid Alam in Assi Nabbe Poore Sau is a devil trapped in a human body. To bring grief into the lives of 100 mothers was his motive.

Actor — Rakesh Bapat



You are always going to miss Mark Wood. He is feeling better today, so hopefully he'll be fit for the next game.

England captain — Eoin Morgan



The BSP will contest the 2022 Assembly elections alone and will not enter into an alliance with any party.

Bahujan Samaj Party president — Mayawati

PICTALK



Devotees perform 'Chunri Manorath' on the banks of Yamuna river, in Vrindavan

PTI

Sycophants

With a clean profile, Tirath Singh Rawat's fawning on PM Modi doesn't gel with the BJP's image

Politics, they say, is a dirty business. If that be correct, it is arguably not too far from the truth to claim that sycophancy is the oxygen and ego booster that most politicians live on. It's their ticket to power and a surefire method for survival in the scheming, manipulative underbelly of politics. There have been any number of people in public life who have embraced, and even perfected, the art of servile flattery for self-promotion and self-interest. The one-leader outfits in particular, and all parties in general, can be accused of this trait.



Hitherto not tainted much by this blemish, sycophancy has come of age in the "party with a difference", too. Speaking at an event in Haridwar recently, Uttarakhand's new Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat compared Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Lord Ram, saying that Modi has become so popular that the leaders of various countries now line up to get their pictures clicked with the Indian Prime Minister. He also equated Modi's regime to the "good work done by Lord Ram for society" and, therefore, people started considering him god and a similar thing will happen with Modi, too. Last month, a video showed Rae Bareilly's circle officer Anjani

Kumar Chaturvedi in uniform touching Shivpal Singh Yadav's feet.

A video, showing 1996-batch IPS officer Rajeev Mishra in uniform touching Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's feet, had in August 2019 triggered a controversy. In May 2015, her Minister Rachpal Singh — a former IPS officer — stood calmly while a policeman tied his shoelaces at a public function. Similarly, Etah SSP Ajay Mohan in January 2013 touched the feet of Ramgopal Yadav, the brother of SP's former chief Mulayam Singh Yadav. But perhaps no party has perfected the art of sycophancy as much as the Congress stalwarts. Zail Singh, grateful to his party's leader for getting him into Rashtrapati Bhavan, famously said he would gladly "sweep the ground" that Indira Gandhi walked upon. And taking the top spot in the pantheon of flattery would be Dev Kant Barooah, who served as the Congress president during the Emergency. He is remembered even today for his adulation of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which he encapsulated in his proclamation in 1974: "India is Indira. Indira is India". Such leaders, who crawl when asked to bend, are a disgrace to society and the people they represent. There should be no place for such courtiers in a democracy; rather, their work should speak for them.

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FIRST COLUMN

REJECT UNREALISTIC POLL PROMISES

Manifestos of political parties should be legally binding or else they mean nothing



KALYANI SHANKAR

Famous author Emma Goldman once said, "Politicians promise you heaven before elections and give you hell after." It is true that the rate of compliance with election promises is erratic for most parties after coming to power. So what is the point of coming out with a pre-election manifesto? The political manifesto has a long history as it is a written statement of the beliefs or aims of a party. In 1848, the Communists released their statement of belief; in 1850, the Anarchists released theirs. Then came the Fascists' manifesto of 1919, propagating the rights of women to cast votes, proportional representation, minimum wages and so on. Political manifestos are interesting because people get a glimpse of what is in store for them if the party they vote for comes to power. In India, the statement of belief is more relevant as political parties are multiplying fast. According to the Election Commission (EC) the total number of parties registered is 2,698, with eight national parties, 52 State and 2,638 unrecognised ones.

With elections to five State Assemblies soon, there will be a show-off of manifestos. Political parties, particularly regional ones promise, laptops, cycles, mixers, televisions and even washing machines. National parties mostly promise free electricity or water, waiver of farm loans and so on, to lure voters. In the days of the pandemic, the BJP promised free COVID shots for Bihar if voted to power. The DMK in Tamil Nadu released its manifesto recently with a whopping 500 poll promises. These include a waiver of education loans (for those under 30) and reduced fuel prices. It promises an allocation of ₹1,000 crore towards the renovation and conservation of Hindu temples. Party chief MK Stalin announced that the DMK would also allocate ₹200 crore for churches and mosques. All this from a party with an atheist ideology!



The late Labour politician Peter Shore once described manifestos as "a party's contract with the electorate." I once asked then Finance Minister Madhu Dandavate how they would achieve the Janata Dal's poll promise of waiving loans taken by thousands of farmers. He smiled sheepishly and said, "We promised because we did not think we would come to power so soon." While offering freebies, the parties do not calculate the cost of implementing them. The Congress and the BJP, the two major political parties, have promised 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures and Parliament. The BJP's Sankalp Patra had 75 resolutions and the ruling party is fulfilling its pre-poll promises like construction of the Ram Mandir, abrogation of Article 370 and so on. Before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP had also assured that apart from making India the third-largest economy of the world by 2030, it would double the farmers' income. However, once elected, no party has ever delivered its promises hundred per cent. The late Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao had come up with a single-page manifesto containing promises relating to food, clothing, and shelter and won a massive mandate. So it is not the number of pledges a party makes but the intention to fulfill them, which matters. In the US, manifestos are policy-based, generally covering the economic and foreign policy, healthcare, governance reform, environmental issues, immigration and so on. President Joe Biden even released a separate agenda for Indian-Americans during his campaign. In many European countries, the manifestos tend to mention more concrete policy choices and their budgetary implications. It is vital to make parties accountable for their promises as the manifesto is a kind of political bargain in lieu of votes. The EC should keep an eye on the nature of manifestos and make the parties agree to the realities before promising things. It is also for the people to reject unrealistic promises. Party manifestos should be legally binding or else they mean nothing.

(The writer is a journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

Who is responsible for the high fuel prices?

For lowering fuel taxes, the Centre and States need to see how tax revenue from other sources can be boosted. If they don't, then consumers will have to pay high fuel prices perennially



UTTAM GUPTA

Faced with skyrocketing prices of petrol and diesel, (with petrol crossing the ₹100-mark in Sri Ganganagar), Prime Minister Narendra Modi has blamed the erstwhile UPA regime for not doing enough to increase domestic production, thus making India vulnerable to rising international prices, while Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan has urged oil exporting countries to exercise restraint while fixing the price of crude. However, their arguments don't enthuse.

With the pricing of oil products being linked to international prices (even domestic refineries are paid for their supplies on this basis), even if the share of indigenous production were to increase from the current 15 per cent to, say, 50 per cent, Indian consumers would still be paying what they pay today.

Even if the extant system of "linkage with international price" were to be abandoned and oil companies allowed to price products based on market forces, then also, considering that domestic supply is far short of demand, it is unlikely that they would charge any less. As regards Pradhan's point, exporters don't pay heed to what leaders of importing countries say while fixing the price. They go fundamentally by the global demand-supply balance and don't even look at their cost of production. When, the balance is tight, they increase the price. For instance, in 2008, when the demand zoomed (courtesy, pump-priming by developed countries in the wake of the Lehman financial crisis besides major booster doses from China and India), crude price touched a record high of \$150 per barrel. In 2014, under similar circumstances, it touched \$117 per barrel.

At another extreme, in 1997 when there was massive destruction of demand (due to the Asian financial crisis), the price plummeted to \$10 per barrel. In recent times, due to excess supply building all through 2015, it reached \$26 per barrel in January, 2016. In April 2020, the price plunged to another low of \$20 per barrel, courtesy the Coronavirus-induced disaster and the resultant demand annihilation. The price has since been rising in sync with revival of demand and is currently hovering around \$70 per barrel. From these trends, it is clear that the exporters won't reduce the price merely because we want them to. The only way India can get some leeway is by taking measures which impact the demand-supply dynamics.

We need to intensify our efforts on multiple fronts. These include among others increasing the percentage of ethanol in fuel mix; reducing consumption of diesel by farmers accelerating the pace of solar-based power supply for running pumps; electrification of railways (it has plans to power trains with electricity drawn from solar plants to be set up along the tracks); pursuit of conservation efforts across all sectors like industries, services, infrastructure and making the policy and regulatory environment conducive for increasing domestic production of crude and gas.

However, it would be naïve to expect the above measures to deliver results immediately. It can happen only in the medium to long-term and therein also the scope for substantial relief



WE NEED TO INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS ON MULTIPLE FRONTS. THESE INCLUDE INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE OF ETHANOL IN FUEL MIX; REDUCING CONSUMPTION OF DIESEL BY FARMERS ACCELERATING THE PACE OF SOLAR-BASED POWER SUPPLY FOR RUNNING PUMPS; ELECTRIFICATION OF RAILWAYS; PURSUIT OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS ACROSS ALL SECTORS AND MAKING THE POLICY AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE FOR INCREASING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF CRUDE AND GAS

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to consumers is limited. The real culprit is the disproportionately high component of taxes. To get a sense, let us look at some numbers.

The pump price is the sum total of the ex-refinery price (ERP), freight charges, dealer commission and taxes. The ERP in turn is linked to the import parity price (IMPP) and export parity price (EPP) of respective fuels in the ratio of 80:20. In Delhi, the price of ₹89.29 per litre (as on February 16, 2021) includes ERP plus freight ₹32.1; central excise duty (CED) ₹32.9; dealer commission ₹3.68; Value Added Tax (VAT) ₹20.61.

With the tax component alone being ₹53.51 per litre, even if the ERP goes down to ₹22 per litre — the level that existed in June 2020 when international crude price was \$40 per barrel (given the past trend, this level won't sustain beyond a few months) as against the current \$70 per barrel — the price at the pump would still be a high of ₹79.29 per litre.

With respect to taxes, even as the Centre and State Governments blame each other, the fact remains that both are equally responsible. Let us look at the precise bifurcation. Out of the CED i.e. about ₹33 per litre collected by the Centre, ₹18 per litre comes from the Road and Infrastructure Cess (RaIC) which is entirely retained by it. Of the balance ₹15 per litre, it retains 59 per cent or ₹9 per litre (after giving 41 per cent to States under the 15th Finance Commission's

devolution formula). On a net basis, thus, the Centre gets ₹27 per litre while almost an equivalent amount ₹26.6 per litre goes to the State.

Finance Minister (FM), Nirmala Sitharaman has opined that bringing petrol and diesel — besides crude, natural gas and Aviation Turbine Fuel — under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) can help in reducing the tax burden. But it is easier said than done. The Constitutional Amendment Act on GST provided for inclusion of these products but the purpose was defeated by branding them as "zero-rated" — a glamorous nomenclature for continuing them under the pre-GST regime.

This was prompted by the fear of revenue loss. But the GST Compensation Act, 2017 — along with an amendment to this Act to garner resources by levying cess on goods falling in the highest 28 per cent slab to fund compensation to the States for the loss of revenue — was meant precisely to address this concern. Yet, the decision to keep these products outside GST in the first place defies logic.

Replying to a question on a TV channel on July 1, 2017, the then FM and chairman, GST Council, Arun Jaitley had said that he was "personally not in favour of excluding" the aforementioned products. Yet, the Central Government and States decided to exclude them and the position continues to date.

Following a spike in oil prices, both the Centre and States feel that now is the time to bring them under GST. They don't realise what they are up to. Even if the Council decides to put them in the highest tax slab (by any stretch of imagination, oil and gas products can't be termed as demerit or sin goods; so placing them in 18 per cent/12 per cent slab would be more realistic), the tax rate on petrol will be 28 per cent (or even less at 18 per cent/12 per cent if they are put in any of these slabs). Against this, the current tax rate is a whopping 167 per cent (53.51/32.1x100)!

At present, the Centre collects over 20 per cent of its indirect tax revenue (ITR) from CED on petrol and diesel. States, too, get about 20 per cent of their ITR from VAT and other taxes on these fuels. Put together, their collection comes close to ₹4,50,000 crore annually. In this backdrop, they will shudder at the very thought of reducing tax to a mere 1/6th/1/9th/1/14th of what they are collecting today.

The message is loud and clear. For lowering the burden of fuel taxes, the Centre and States need to put their heads to see how tax revenue from other sources can be boosted (there is huge untapped potential, including taxes evaded). If they don't do that, there is no escape for consumers from having to pay high fuel prices perennially.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IT'S MY GOOD LUCK THAT I SURVIVED. I HAVE A PLASTER AND I CANNOT WALK BUT I NEEDED TO COME OUT AND TALK TO THE PEOPLE.

—WEST BENGAL CM
MAMATA BANERJEE



DIDI, YOU'RE ROAMING AROUND IN A WHEELCHAIR, CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR LEG, BUT NOT THE PAIN OF MOTHERS OF MY 130 WORKERS WHO WERE KILLED.

—UNION HOME MINISTER
AMIT SHAH

No rationale behind disaffiliating schools from the CBSE

Over the years, there has been spectacular growth in the number of CBSE-affiliated schools and the number of students studying in them

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has announced that some Government schools will be disaffiliated from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and affiliated to the new Delhi Board of School Education (DBSE) in the 2021-2022 academic year. While presenting Delhi's annual budget for 2020, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had announced that the Government was setting aside ₹62 crore to set up a separate State Board of Education. Currently, there are over 1,000 schools run by the Delhi Government which are all affiliated to the CBSE.

What is the rationale or what benefits will accrue by setting up a DBSE and by disaffiliating schools from the CBSE, is a speculative question shrouded in mystery as no rationale has been given for the move. The Delhi Board of Higher



DEVENDER ASWAL

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Secondary Education was set up by a resolution on November 26, 1942, and dissolved with effect from July 1, 1962, when schools were affiliated to the CBSE, reads a notification of the Delhi Administration dated June 30, 1962. The CBSE, set up almost a century ago in 1929, has grown into a prestigious, autonomous Board of education in India for public and private schools, including for many Indian schools across the world. From 309 schools in 1962, today the CBSE has 25,185 schools including 228 institutions in 25 foreign countries affiliated to it. All these schools follow the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) curriculum.

The British set up the first school Board in 1921. The Sadler Commission's report of 1917-19 led to the formation of various Boards of secondary education in India. The Uttar

Pradesh Board of High School and Intermediate Education was the first such Board with a vast jurisdiction. In 1929, the Government of India set up a joint Board namely, the Board of High School and Intermediate Education, Rajputana. This included Ajmer-Merwara, Central India and Gwalior. Later it was confined to Ajmer, Bhopal and Vindhya Pradesh. In 1952, it became the CBSE. It was a bold and futuristic experiment towards inter-State integration and cooperation in the sphere of secondary education.

Besides facilitating rapid growth and expansion, the CBSE did a commendable job in improving the standard of secondary education in the institutions recognised by it through transformative initiatives and periodic inspections. All Sainik Schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs), all Jawahar



Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs), Eklavya Model Residential Schools, most private schools and those approved by the Centre are affiliated to the CBSE. There are 1,245 KVs — including one each at Kathmandu, Tehran and Moscow, 647 JNVs, 3,011 Government Schools, 20,265 private schools, and 14 Central Tibetan Schools affiliated to the Indian Board. Such is its credibility and international repute, the Board has schools affiliated to it in Africa, the Gulf,

Nepal, Bangladesh, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia. Over the years, responding to the needs and aspirations of the students, the CBSE has taken steps to transform the education ecosystem, especially in pedagogy, the examination process and assessment of papers.

The CBSE grants affiliation, following a transparent and rigorous procedure, to the schools under two broad categories — regular (Government) and general (independent). Schools seeking affiliation must fulfil essential requirements and procure from the State Education Departments mandatory certificates, that is 'No Objection Certificate', 'Recognition Certificate' and land area documents as per extant rules and provisions of the Right to Education Act, 2009 (RTE Act). The CBSE strictly monitors the observance of affiliation granting

conditions by the schools. In case a school is found violating the provisions of the affiliation by-laws or examination by-laws, or does not abide by its directions, the CBSE imposes penalties, including withdrawal of affiliation. All schools funded by the Centre and majority of the schools affiliated to the CBSE are private. Delhi, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands do not have their own secondary school Board as they are affiliated to CBSE. Over the years, there has been spectacular growth in the number of CBSE-affiliated schools and students studying in them. During the period 2011-2019, the number of candidates appearing for the Board examination from these schools increased from 18,32,364 to 31,14,832, registering an increase of almost 70 per cent.

This is so because the Board strives to achieve academic excellence by conceptualising policies and operational planning to ensure balanced academic and physical activities in the affiliated schools. It follows the scheme of studies, curriculum, academic guidelines and capacity-building programmes as per the objectives set by the National Curricular Framework and in consonance with the policies approved and the laws enacted by Parliament.

Before the setting up of the National Testing Agency, the CBSE was also entrusted with the task of holding NEET exams and continues to conduct successfully many other tests. The decision of the Delhi Government remains shrouded in mystery. Given the multiple benefits of an internationally-reputed Board like the CBSE, disaffiliation and creation of a new Board is hard to justify.

Myanmar junta orders martial law in 6 townships

AP ■ YANGON
Myanmar's ruling junta has declared martial law in six townships in the country's largest city, as security forces killed dozens of protesters over the weekend in an increasingly lethal crackdown on resistance to last month's military coup.
State broadcaster MRTV said Monday that the Yangon townships of North Dagon, South Dagon, Dagon Seikkan and North Okkalapa have been put under martial law. An initial announcement was made late Sunday saying two other townships — Hlaing Thar Yar and neighbouring Shwepyitha — were being placed under martial law.
At least 38 people were killed Sunday and dozens were injured in one of the deadliest days of the crackdown on anti-coup protesters, according to the Assistance Association for



Protesters display plate card and shout slogan as they protest against the military coup in Mandalay, Myanmar on Monday AP

Political Prisoners, or AAPP, an independent group tracking the toll of the violence. Several estimates from other sources gave higher figures.

Complicating efforts to organise new protests as well as media coverage of the crisis, mobile internet service has been cut, though access is still

available through fixed broadband connections. Mobile data service has been used to stream live video coverage of protests, often

showing security forces attacking demonstrators. It had been turned off only from 1 am to 9 am for several weeks, with no official explanation.

The blockage of internet service forced postponement of a court hearing in the capital, Natpyitaw, for Myanmar's detained leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, who was supposed to take part via a video conference, said her lawyer Khin Maung Zaw. Suu Kyi and President Win Myint were detained during the February 1 military takeover, and have been charged with several criminal offences that their supporters believe are politically motivated to keep them locked up.

Since the takeover six weeks ago, Myanmar has been under a nationwide state of emergency, with its civilian leaders ousted and detained, and military leaders in charge of all Government.

Myanmar court delays Suu Kyi's hearing as more protesters killed

AGENCIES ■ YANGON

A court in Myanmar has postponed the hearing of Aung San Suu Kyi's virtual hearing because of internet issues, a lawyer said, as security forces again opened fire on protesters rallying against the military's February 1 coup.

The court's decision on Monday to adjourn Aung San Suu Kyi's hearing comes amid a mobile internet shutdown in the country, a day after security forces killed at least 44 people in the deadliest crackdown on anti-coup protests yet.

UN: At least 138 protesters killed in Myanmar since coup

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations said Monday at least 138 peaceful protesters have been killed in Myanmar since the Feb. 1 military coup.

UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said this included 38 people killed Sunday, the majority in the Hlaing Thayer area of Yangon, Myanmar's largest city, and 18 people killed on Saturday. The total includes women and children, according to the figures from the UN Human rights office.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "strongly condemns this ongoing violence against peaceful pro-

testers and the continuing violation of the fundamental human rights of the people of Myanmar," Dujarric said.

The U.N. Chief again calls on the international community, including regional countries, "to come together in solidarity with the people of Myanmar and their democratic aspirations," the spokesman said.

UN special envoy Christine Schraner Burgener issued a statement earlier condemning the bloodshed "as the military defies international calls, including from the Security Council, for restraint, dialogue and full respect for human rights and fundamental freedom," Dujarric said.

GLOBE TROTTER

15 HURT IN MINIBUS BOMBING IN KABUL
Kabul: A bomb targeting a minibus in Afghanistan's capital exploded on Monday wounding at least 15 civilians, police said, amid a surge in attacks.

VOTING STARTS IN COVID HIT DUTCH ELECTION
The Hague (Netherlands): Polling stations opened across the Netherlands early Monday in a general election that has been spread over three days to allow people to vote safely during the coronavirus pandemic.

UGANDA'S BOBI WINE HELD WHILE PROTESTING
Kampala: Ugandan Opposition figure Bobi Wine was arrested Monday while leading a protest against the detention of many of his supporters in the aftermath of a presidential election. Police arrested Wine near a public square in the capital and then drove him back to his home outside Kampala.

No 'small cliques' should be formed: China on first Quad

PTI ■ BEIJING

China on Monday criticised the Quad, saying no "small cliques" should be formed, as it accused some countries of trying to "sow discord" among regional nations by "hyping" the "China threat" and asserted that they will not succeed.

Quad countries involving the US, India, Australia and Japan held their first virtual summit on Friday during which President Joe Biden told leaders of the coalition that a "free and open" Indo-Pacific is essential to their countries and vowed that his country was committed to working with its partners and allies in the region to achieve stability.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the virtual summit alongside Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.

2 key US Cabinet members visit Japan for China focused talks

AP ■ TOKYO

Shared concerns about China's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific region will take center stage when President Joe Biden's defence chief and secretary of state visit Japan for their first in-person talks with their Japanese counterparts.

Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Tokyo on Monday for meetings meant to reaffirm America's commitment to the region and to the two nations' alliance following former President Donald Trump's more confrontational approach.

The two secretaries will hold so-called "two plus two" diplomatic and security talks on Tuesday with their Japanese counterparts, Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi.

EU takes legal action vs UK over Brexit deal delays

AP ■ BRUSSELS

The European Union said on Monday it is starting legal action against the United Kingdom, arguing it does not respect the conditions of the Brexit withdrawal agreement and is violating international law.

The 27-nation EU is objecting to Britain unilaterally extending a grace period beyond April 1 that applies to trade on the island of Ireland, where the EU and the United Kingdom share a land border and where a special trade system was set up as part of the Brexit divorce deal.

It marks yet another worsening of relations between the two sides since a divorce tran-

sition period ended on January 1. Disputes have ranged from fights over vaccines, to the full diplomatic recognition of the EU in Britain and now again the terms of the divorce agreement.

Britain announced last week that it is delaying the imposition of checks on some goods from the EU to give businesses more time to prepare for new post-Brexit rules.

On March 3, the UK decided to unilaterally extend a grace period until October on checks for goods moving between Britain and Northern Ireland, a key part of the deal meant to avoid a hard border on the island of Ireland when the post-Brexit transition period ended on December 31.

Prachanda proposes to drop 'Maoist Centre' from party name

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Chief of Nepal's CPN-Maoist Centre (MC) Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" has proposed to drop "Maoist Centre" from the party's name to make it acceptable for communist forces in the country, who do not like Maoism, to join it, according to a media report on Monday.

CPN-MC member Shiv Kumar Mandal said that former prime minister Prachanda was always in favour of unity among all communist forces of the country and suggested that if dropping "Maoist Centre" from the party's name could help unite these forces, then the party should be ready for that, *The Himalayan Times* reported.

The proposal to change the name of the party came as CPN-MC faces the heat to

bolster the party after the Supreme Court recently nullified its merger with CPN-UML led by Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, it said.

This has created a situation where Prime Minister Oli suddenly sees his position strengthened in the party, as he has a clear majority in the Central Committee and Parliamentary Party.

Other prominent leaders of the CPN-UML's Nepal faction - Madhav Kumar Nepal and Jhalanath Khanal, who had joined hands with Prachanda in seeking Oli's resignation as Prime Minister - find themselves in disadvantageous position, the report said.

The CPN (UML) and CPN (MC) merged in May 2018 to form a unified Nepal Communist Party following the victory of their alliance in

the 2017 general elections.

The ruling NCP split over Oli's move to dissolve the 275-member House of Representatives in December. In a landmark ruling, the apex court last month reinstated the lower house of Parliament.

Nepal's Election Commission on Tuesday asked the CPN (UML) and the CPN (MC) to come up with a new name and election symbol of the party if they decide to merge their parties again after the Supreme Court quashed the 2018 unification of the two parties.

However, the political tussle between the two parties intensified after Prachanda on Sunday for the second time asked its ministers in Prime Minister Oli's government to resign en masse for breaching party discipline, amid their reluctance to quit the Cabinet.

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Tender Notice for e-tendering is invited by Principal Chief Engineer, Metro Railway for the following work : **Name of work :** Heavy repairs and rehabilitation of Metro Railway tunnel from Km 10.200 to Km 11.200, Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Tender Value:** ₹ 7,86,53,203.65. **Cost of Tender Document:** Nil. **Earnest Money:** Nil. **Completion period:** Twenty four (24) months. **Date of closing:** 16.04.2021. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in

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General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Name:** Unknown **S/O** Unknown **R/O** Unknown **Age :** about 30-35 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face :** Long, **Built :** Medium, **Injury :** Train Accident. **Wearing :** Blue colour linerad shirt and Black colour lower has been found dead at Ele. Pole K.M No. 16/11, 16/13 Up line Railway Track, Near Ganda Nala, Sagarpur, New Delhi on 04.03.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 09A dated 04.03.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in DDU Hospital Mortuary, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-
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Railway Station, Delhi
DP/82/RLY/2021 Tel. No. 011-25688505, 9810228755

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a lady named **Laxmi Kushwaha** along with a child named **Lucky W/o** Chhote Lal **R/O** Gali No. 3, Tibba Road, Gas Agency, National Colony Ludhiana has been missing since 09.03.2021 at 12:55 PM from Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station, Delhi. In this regard, **DD No. 31-A dated 11.03.2021** has been registered at P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing lady and her child but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing lady and her child are as under:
Name: Laxmi Kushwaha, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 24 years, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Fair, **Identification Mark:** Tattoo mark on the left hand, **Wearing:** Purple colour suit-salwar and shoes on her feet.
Name: Lucky, **Gender:** Male, **Age:** 3 years, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** T-shirt and black colour underwear.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing lady and her child, kindly inform SHO/ Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station, Delhi.
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station, Delhi, Ph. No. 011-24356743
SHO DP/80/RLY/2021

Public Notice
Known to all that my client Rajesh Kumar is mortgaging Area measuring 45.5 Sq. Yds. Khasra No. 149/1U, Girish Enclave, New Shantinagar, Dundaheera, Loni, Ghaziabad with Sati Housing Finance Ltd. Rajesh Kumar has lost original sale deed executed by Avnish Tyagi in favour of Bhopal Singh, registered with SR-1, Ghaziabad, registered vide doc. no. 7380 dt. 08.09.2014. Police complaint was lodged with U.P. Police. It is informed that any deal with said lost deeds by any person except my said client with said institution regarding said property shall be deemed as null and void. If any person found said deeds or is having right in said property then he may contact and handover the same and apply his firm to undersigned and within 8 days of this publication.
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It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Subham who is purchasing the Upper First Floor without roof rights of Property bearing No. D-9 & Old No.-WZ-358, area measuring 50 Sq. Yards, Out of Khasra No. 268, situated at village Bassai Darapur, in the abadi of Saraswati Garden, New Delhi from Mrs. Janak Rani Bhasin vide Mr. R.P. Bhasin's registered deed dated 08.07.2013 & Relinquishment Deed dated 17.03.2017 and same to be finance & mortgage by Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited. That, Death Certificate & Surviving Member Certificate Of Late Mr. Gurnarain Singh s/o Mr. W. Singh & Mr. R.P. Bhasin s/o Late Mr. C.L. Bhasin are not available and one of the Daughter's Name of Late Mr. Gurnarain Singh was wrongly mentioned in Relinquishment Deed dated 17.03.2017. If any person having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 14 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc.
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Decade's worst sandstorm hits China; several flights cancelled

PTI ■ BEIJING

Beijing on Monday was enveloped in yellow dust as the most powerful sandstorm in a decade swept through the capital and most parts of northern China, leading to the cancellation of several flights due to poor visibility.

Citizens of Beijing woke up to a bleak yellow sky, with visibility reduced to less than a few hundred metres. The concentration of hazardous airborne particles of PM10 in most areas exceeded 2,000 micrograms per cubic meter, the National Meteorological Center (NMC), which issued a yellow alert, said.



A cyclist and motorists move past office buildings amid a sandstorm during the morning rush hour in the central business district in Beijing on Monday AP

Vatican bars gay union blessing, says God 'can't bless sin'

Rome

The Vatican's orthodox office, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, issued a formal response Monday to a question about whether Catholic clergy have the authority to bless gay unions. The answer, contained in a two-page explanation published in seven languages and approved by Pope Francis, was "negative".

The note distinguished between the church's welcoming and blessing of gay people, which it upheld, but not their unions.

Watchdog: Mideast arms imports grew by a quarter in a decade

AP ■ STOCKHOLM

Arms imports to the Middle East rose by a quarter in the decade to 2020 even though arms sales globally remained stable over the same period, a Swedish watchdog said on Monday.

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, or SIPRI, said the Middle East figures were driven chiefly by the world's largest arms importer, Saudi Arabia, which increased its purchases by 61%. Egypt's imports rose 136% and Qatar's 361%.

SIPRI said the international sale of major arms stayed at the same level during the period from 2011-2020.

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11	MC HISAR	PURCHASE OF TAT ACE FOR HORTICULTURE IN MC HISAR + 1 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 25.03.2021	-	etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmchissar@gmail.com
12	MC PATAUDI	CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL AT RAM JOHD WARD NO. 15 PATAUDI + 10 OTHER WORK	12.03.2021 18.03.2021	EMD 2.54 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in/nicgep/app	0124-2672869
13	HSAMB, FARIDABAD	ANNUAL REPAIR OF VARIOUS LINK ROADS (GROUP NO.1) IN PRITHLA CONSTITUENCY (ROAD ID H-660, 666, 682, 4600, 686, 693, 697, 795, 5988) + 15 OTHER WORK	CLOSING DATE 31.03.2021	85.46 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9971730975 xenfaridabad.hsamb2020@gmail.com
14	MC, PANCHKULA	EMPANELMENT OF CONSULTANTS WITH DIRECTORATE URBAN LOCAL BODIES, HARYANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREPARATION OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORT ON ASSESSMENT OF ROAD SAFETY & AUDIT OF MAJOR ROAD NETWORK INCLUDING CRN WITHIN MUNICIPAL LIMITS	12.03.2021 02.04.2021	EMD 1 LAKH	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	xenmcpkl@gmail.com
15	HVPLN	CONSTRUCTION OF 2 NO. AC KIOSK ROOM FOR 220KV T/F AND 66KV LINE BAYS FOR ADDITIONAL 100 MVA 220/66 KV T/F AT 220KV S/STN. RAIWALI (CIVIL WORKS)	12.03.2021 22.03.2021	21749/-	https://hvpn.org.in	01722583789 pro@hvpn.org.in

States may face ₹3 L cr GST compensation shortfall in FY22: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

States may face a GST compensation shortfall of ₹3 lakh crore in the next financial year, a situation that will force them to borrow more from the markets, says a report.

The states may face a shortfall of ₹2.7-3 lakh crore as Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation from the Centre next fiscal. Out of that amount, the shortfall from cess collections will be at ₹1.6-2 lakh crore, according to an Ica report released on Monday.

In FY21, the States were facing a shortfall of ₹1.1 lakh crore in GST compensation from the Centre but over 90 per cent of that amount has been cleared now.

According to the rating agency, the shortfall will force states to borrow at least ₹2.2 lakh crore more from the market, which means that they will have to utilise as much as 90 per cent of their enhanced borrowing limits in FY22.

"Based on the Centre's GDP estimate for FY22, we project the enhanced borrowing of 1 per cent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) or ₹2.2 lakh crore by the states as we estimate a shortfall in GST compensation from the Centre to the tune ₹1.6-2 lakh crore, taking the overall GST compensation shortfall to ₹2.7-3 lakh crore in FY22," Jayanta Roy, group head of corporate sector rating at Ica, said.

The 15th Finance Commission has recommended that the normal limit for net borrowings of states be fixed at 4 per cent of GSDP in FY22, higher than the base borrowing limit of 3 per cent.

The commission has also recommended an additional borrowing of 0.5 per cent for the states during FY22-25, if they completed some conditions linked to power sector reforms.

The Centre has estimated the maximum power sector-related additional borrowings at ₹1.1 lakh crore in FY22. This along with any carried-forward borrowing of FY21, which we estimate at another ₹1.1 lakh crore, will provide considerable space to the states

to spend more on capital expenditure in FY22, he said.

The agency has estimated the states' projected revenues at ₹8.7 lakh crore next fiscal, which is 14 per cent higher than ₹7.7 lakh crore in FY21.

The numbers are based on an estimate by the agency for all the 31 states and the Union Territories on a base case scenario of 23 per cent growth in GST collection by the states, which is in line with the Central estimate as well.

Based on this, the agency expects the SGST collections by all the 31 states and UTs at Rs 5.7 lakh crore in FY22. The gap between the estimated projected revenue and SGST collections is pegged at Rs 3 lakh crore.

So far, the Centre has not proposed a mechanism to fund the possible shortfall in GST compensation to the states.

Based on the State Development Loans issuance till March 9 and borrowings notified/indicated for the remaining three weeks, the agency expects the net issuance of SDLs in FY21 at Rs 6.7 lakh crore or 71 per cent of their aggregate net borrowing limit of Rs 9.5 lakh crore for this fiscal.

This means the states can borrow an additional Rs 2.8 lakh crore during the remainder of the outgoing fiscal but it seems that some state may choose to carry forward a portion of the unutilised borrowings to FY22.

FinMin releases entire ₹1.10 lakh crore estimated FY'21 GST shortfall to States

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry on Monday said it has released the full ₹1.10 lakh crore estimated GST compensation shortfall to the states with the release of final weekly installment of Rs 4,104 crore.

With the release of the 20th installment, 100 per cent of the total estimated GST compensation shortfall of ₹1.10 lakh crore for the year 2020-21 has now been released to the states and UTs with Legislative Assembly. Out of this, an amount of Rs 1,01,329 crore has been released to the states and an amount of Rs 8,879 crore has been released to the three UTs with Legislative Assembly, the ministry said in a statement.

The Government of India had set up a special borrowing window in October last year to meet the estimated shortfall of Rs 1.10 lakh crore in revenue arising on account of implementation of GST.

The borrowings are being done through this window by the central government on behalf of the states and UTs. Starting from October 23, 2020, the borrowings were completed in 20 weekly installments.

Exports up 0.67 pc in Feb; trade deficit widens to \$12.62 bn

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Growing for the third consecutive month, the country's exports rose marginally by 0.67 per cent year-on-year to USD 27.93 billion in February even as trade deficit widened to USD 12.62 billion, according to official data released on Monday.

Imports rose by 6.96 per cent to USD 40.54 billion in the month, the data showed. The trade deficit in February 2020 was at USD 10.16 billion.

Exports during April-February 2020-21 period contracted by 12.23 per cent to USD 256.18 billion compared to USD 291.87 billion in the year-ago period. Imports dipped 23.11 per cent to USD 340.8 billion in April-February.

In February, oil imports declined by 16.63 per cent to USD 8.99 billion while during April-February the shipments were down by 40.18 per cent to USD 72.08 billion.

Domestic airport sector likely to incur loss of ₹5,400 cr this fiscal: Ica

Mumbai: The domestic airport sector is expected to incur a net loss of ₹5,400 crore, and cash loss of ₹3,500 crore in FY21, impacted by a 66 per cent year-on-year slip in passenger traffic amid Covid-19 induced travel restrictions, rating agency Ica said in a note on Monday.

It also said that given the significant delays in tariff orders in the past, timely tariff orders of regulator Airports Economic Regulatory Authority, which adequately compensates for the ongoing Capex and revenue loss due to COVID remains critical from the credit perspective.

According to the agency, domestic passenger traffic may drop by 61 per cent, while the international passenger traffic will nose dive by 85 per cent in 2020-21. The industry, however, could see its profitability improving to Rs 190 crore backed by an expected massive 130 per cent year-on-year recovery in traffic in the next fiscal, the note stated.

Finance Minister introduces Insurance Amendment Bill 2021

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday introduced a Bill in Rajya Sabha that seeks to amend the Insurance Act to pave the way for 74% FDI in the sector. The Union Cabinet on Wednesday had given its nod for amendments in the Insurance Amendment Bill 2021. Finance Minister Sitharaman introduced the Bill for amendments in the Insurance Act, 1938.

Currently, the permissible FDI limit in the life and general insurance stands at 49% with ownership and management control with Indian. Sitharaman presenting the Union Budget for 2021-22 had said, "I propose to amend the Insurance Act, 1938 to increase the permissible FDI limit from 49% to 74% in insurance companies and allow foreign ownership and control with safeguards."

WPI inflation rises to 27-month high of 4.17 pc in Feb on costlier food, fuel

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The wholesale price-based inflation rose for the second consecutive month to a 27-month high of 4.17 per cent in February, as food, fuel and power prices spiked.

The WPI inflation was 2.03 per cent in January and 2.26 per cent in February last year.

After witnessing months of softening of prices, the food articles in February saw 1.36 per cent inflation. In January it was (-) 2.80 per cent.

In vegetables the rate of price rise was (-) 2.90 per cent in February, against (-) 20.82 per cent in the preceding month.

Inflation in pulses was 10.25 per cent in February, while in fruits it was 9.48 per cent.

Inflation in the fuel and power basket was 0.58 per cent in February, against (-) 4.78 per cent in January on rising prices of petrol and diesel.

Petroleum product prices have reached historic highs as international crude prices have surged in recent months and due to high indirect taxes both at the centre and state level.

ICRA Ltd Principal Economist Aditi Nayar said the doubling in the WPI inflation in February reflects the rise in commodity prices brought on by the global risk-on sentiment, hardening of crude oil and fuel prices, as well as a fading of the favourable base effect for food items.

Core inflation was at 5.5 per cent in February.

LIC OF INDIA launches new plan- LIC's Bachat Plus

Life Insurance Corporation of India has introduced LIC's Bachat Plus a Non-Linked, Participating, Individual, Savings Plan which offers combination of protection and savings. This plan provides financial support for the family of the deceased policyholder any time before maturity and lump sum amount at the time of maturity for the surviving policyholders. Proposer can choose to pay the premium either as Lumpsum (Single Premium) or for a limited period of 5 years.

It can be purchased Offline through agent/other intermediaries as well as Online directly through website www.licindia.in.

An option to choose Sum Assured on Death is provided under this plan as per the two options available under each of Single Premium and Limited Premium payment.

Time to envision what we want to achieve in 25 years, says Union Minister Prakash Javadekar

INAUGURATES EXHIBITIONS AT SEVEN PLACES INCLUDING DELHI

New Delhi: Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Shri Prakash Javadekar today inaugurated a photo-exhibition at National Media Center in New Delhi. The exhibition, set up by Bureau of Outreach & Communication is part of a massive awareness campaign by Ministry of I&B to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Addressing media on the occasion the Minister said this was an important moment for the country to reflect on how far we have come since independence as well as envision what we want to achieve in next twenty five years.

This is the core belief that informs these exhibitions. The Minister added that freedom for the country came at a great cost, and this exhibition seeks to narrate the story behind those sacrifices. Shri Javadekar congratulated BOC for setting up the exhibitions.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is here by informed that an unidentified Male (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown**, residence and family is **Unknown about 35-45 years** of age was admitted in accidental condition in Maharaja Agarsen Hospital, Punjabi Bagh, Delhi on 26.02.2021 at about 4:00 PM. He was declared dead on 01.03.2021 at 2:09 AM. In this regard a FIR No. 164/21, dated 26.02.2021 has been registered at Police Station Punjabi Bagh, Delhi. Dead body has been preserved in Mortuary of SGM Hospital, Mangolpuri, Delhi for a period of 72 hours.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** Approx. 35-45 years, **Height:** 5'7" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White and Blue colour checkard shirt, black pant and chappal in feet.

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

SHO
P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25225616
DP/364/WD/2021 Mob. No: 8287641531, 9868594600

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Abhishek @ Shekhu, S/o Ramesh, R/o H.No. 415, VPO Katewara, Delhi and Prince @ Bhura, S/o Jaivir, R/o H.No. 508, VPO Katewara, Delhi** have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 743/2020 Dated 27.12.2020 U/S 302/201 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act, P.S. Bawana, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Abhishek @ Shekhu & Prince @ Bhura** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Abhishek @ Shekhu & Prince @ Bhura** have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Abhishek @ Shekhu & Prince @ Bhura** accused of FIR No. 743/2020 Dated 27.12.2020 U/S 302/201 IPC & 25/27 Arms Act, P.S. Bawana, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 19.04.2021.

By Order
Sh. Vaibhav Mehta,
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate Court,
Delhi
DP/845/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Khushi, D/o Lt. Updesh R/o S-819, Mangolpuri, Delhi, Age: 19 years, Height: 5', Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Green Top-Blue Jeans and white sleeper in her feet** has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. Nangloi since 26.02.2021. In this regard a vide DD No. 94A, dated 26.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Nangloi, Delhi.

Khushi

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

E-mail : **cic@cbi.gov.nic.in**
 Ph.: **011-24368638, 24368641**
 Fax : **011-24368639**
SHO
PS Nangloi, Delhi
DP/735/OD/2021 Ph. : 011-25947225, 25949470

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Ankuhs Bansal is the owner of House No. 9/54-D measuring 45.28 sq. yds. at Ward No. 9, Mohalla Bhatwada, Near Nai Subzi Mandi, Old Faridabad, Haryana by virtue of Transfer deed dated 18/1/21 (Doc. No. 6279) executed by Om Prakash and Ankuhs Bansal (all are the legal heirs of Kamlesh Rani)

All person/s having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan for purchase of the said Property and subsequent creation of mortgage in respect thereof.

Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
 Shop No. 5 & 6, Pk-E, CSC, Mayur Vihar-II, Delhi-91, 9810063351

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)

1. TENDER NOTIFICATION

Name of work: Minor Repair and Replacement of Fans and Fan switches in MEMU coaches at MEMU Car Shed, Saharanpur.

Tender Notice No.: 15/2020-21

1.1. General: UMB division of Northern Railway invites Open tender through E-tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in tender document for "Minor Repair and Replacement of Fans and Fan switches in MEMU coaches at MEMU Car Shed, Saharanpur."

1.2 The key details are as follows:

Open Tender No.	30-EL-MEMU-T-15-20-21
Name of Works	Minor Repair and Replacement of Fans and Fans switches in MEMU coaches at MEMU Car Shed, Saharanpur.
Approximate Cost	Rs. 2,12,500/-
Earnest Money	Nil
Completion Period	06 months from the date of issue of the letter of acceptance.
Validity of offer	45 days.
Date of closing/opening	07.04.2021 at 10:30 Hrs./thereafter
Cost of tender document	Free

NOTE:-

- Public procure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L.No. 2015/R(S)/G/779/5 Dt. 16.03.2018 shall be followed.
- The tender can be seen or upload on website as under: Website portal: <https://www.reps.gov.in>.

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DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW) VII
NSTP CORONATION PILLAR DELHI -110009
E-mail ID: -nstp.djb@gmail.com, Phone No 011-27602302

SHORT PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO: 15 (2020-21)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Cost of work (In Rs.)	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution	Last date/time for receipt of tender through e-procurement Solution
1.	SIYC of Automated PAC Dosing System with complete automation at 20 MGD STP Coronation Pillar re invite.	Item Rate	Rs. 3997952/- Or Undertaking as per office memorandum No. F-9/14/2020- PPD	15.03.2021 Tender ID No. is 2021_DJB_201556_1	22.03.2021 at 1:30 PM

NIT along with all terms & conditions is available on web site <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
 Advt. No. J.S.V. 512 (2020-21)

(Er. O.P. Yadav)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (SDW)-VII

DHFL DEWAN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED (DHFL)
 National Office : HDIL Tower, Ground Floor, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra East, Mumbai - 400 051.
 Branch Office : Mumbai Metro Branch

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Under Section 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act and under Rule-8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas

The undersigned is an Authorised Officer of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3, 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated 31/08/2020 under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following:

Name & Addresses of the Borrower, Guarantors and Mortgagees and description of Secured Assets of loan code No.00035650

- Rani Promoter Private Limited** : B-9, Shekhar Apartment, MayurVihar, Phase-1, Delhi- 110091. (Borrower / Mortgagee)
- Mr. Mithilesh Kumar Jha** : Flat No.212, Janki apt. plot no. 7, Dwarka Sector 22, Delhi- 110075. (Director / Guarantor)
- Mr. Nagendra Kumar Sinha** : House No. 3b, Vasudha Apartment, Sector 6, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201012. (Director / Guarantor)
- Mr. Manoj Kumar** : No. 2C, Vasudha Apartment, Sector 6, Vasudha, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh- 201012. (Director / Guarantor)
- Mr. Ashwani Kumar Dhawan** : A/61, VivekVihar Phase II, VivekVihar, East Delhi, Delhi, 110095. (Director / Guarantor)
- Akshat Dhawan** : A/61, VivekVihar Phase II, Shadha, Jhilmil, Delhi, 110095. (Director)
- Shanti Niketan Buildtech Private Limited** : B-9, Shekhar Apartment, MayurVihar Ph-1, Delhi- 110091. (Pledger)
- Art Constructions Private Limited** : A/61, VivekVihar Phase II, VivekVihar, East Delhi, Delhi, 110095. (Pledger)

For Loan Account Code No. 00035650 of Mumbai Metro Branch to repay the amount outstanding, as mentioned in the notice, of Rs. 80,53,79,337/- (Rupees Eighty Crores Fifty Three Lacs Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Seven Only), outstanding and payable as on 31/08/2020, with further interest, non-compliance charges, incidental expenses, costs and any other charges etc. from 01/09/2020 till the date of repayment of liability in full, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the abovementioned demand notice.

The Borrower, Guarantors and Mortgagees having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers, Guarantor, Mortgagees and public in general that the undersigned has taken constructive Possession of the property described herein below on this date 10.03.2021 in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules.

The Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagees in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property described herein below and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of DHFL, for an amount of Rs. 80,53,79,337/- (Rupees Eighty Crores Fifty Three Lacs Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Seven Only), incidental expenses, costs and any other charges etc. from 01/09/2020 till the date of repayment of liability in full of the Loan Account Code No.00035650 of Mumbai Metro Branch.

The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Details of mortgaged Secured Assets

Exclusive charge by way of **Registered Mortgage of leasehold land** allotted to borrower for construction of residential flats of Project Aakriti Shantiniketan situated at PLOT NO. GH-1/B, SECTOR-143B, NOIDA (SUBDIVIDED PLOT NO. GH-01, SECTOR - 143B), district. GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, U. P. MEASURING 12820.14 SQ. METRS. (LEASE HOLD PROPERTY) (Previously allotted area measuring 13330.49 later on reduced to 12820.14 sq.mtrs.) 69 unsold units of Project Aakriti Shantiniketan, more particularly described in the Annexure II to the Mortgage Deed, which are mortgaged with DHFL more particularly mentioned in Schedule of Demand Notice dated 31.08.2020.

(Please note that the units constructed in "Aakriti Shantiniketan" for which DHFL has issued NOCs for sale/lease, may be excluded from the list of Section 13 (2) Notice dated 31/08/2020, on production of copies of the NOCs of DHFL along with proofs in respect of payment made to DHFL and compliances of all other terms and conditions stipulated therein)

Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.
 Sd/- Authorised Officer

GHATAMPUR TRANSMISSION LIMITED
 644 & 644A, Lakhnapur Co-operative Housing Society, Vikas Nagar, Kanpur,
 Pin Code - 208024, Uttar Pradesh

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All are being informed that construction work of 765 kV S/C (Quad) Ghatampur-Agra Transmission line connecting Ghatampur Thermal Power Station of Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Ltd (NUPPL) to 765/400 KV Fatehabad, Agra Substation of Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited (UPPTCL) has been completed by Ghatampur Transmission Limited. The Ghatampur - Agra transmission line will be electrified / charged any day on or after 17.03.2021 and current shall flow from the line.

The transmission line passes through, over, around & between following villages, towns & cities in Uttar Pradesh State:

District: Kanpur Nagar, **Tehsil:** Ghatampur
Name of Village: Sidhaul, Bandh, Anupur, Bibipur, Hamiramau, Mau Nakhat, Tikwanpur, Akbarpur Birbal Bangal, Dharampur, Maya Ka Purwa, Tikwa Gaur Bangar, Kiraon, Shrinagar, Ghughuwa, Rahti Aima, Rahti Khalsa

District: Kanpur Dehat, **Tehsil:** Sikandra
Name of Village: Sahabapur Satin, Silhaura Khurd, Silhaura Buzurg, Kandhi, Korauwa, Jarauli, Rasdhan, Kalenapur, Asainapur, Rohini, Nainapur, Gurdahi Buzurg, Jamaura, Muzaffarpur, Pindarth, Kasolar, Randhirpur, Sadhwapur, Jamalpur, Murlipur, Sahnipur

District: Auraiya, **Tehsil:** Auraiya
Name of Village: Luhiapur, Kadalpur, Shahbadian, Rudauli, Ikorapur, Biria, Bamhuripur, Daulatpur, SherpurSaraian, Talepur, Shikohla, Inguthia, Udampur, Rajohanpur, Bheekampur, Jaura, Sadhabapur, Sundripur

District: Auraiya, **Tehsil:** Ajitmal
Name of Village: Hirapur, Misripur, Chamarpur, Belajhar, Surjanpur, Birhuni, Elchinagar, Halepur, Mohaddinpur, Chatkapur, Chak Sattapur, Khushalpur, Kethupur, Jagannathpur, Gangdaspur, Kakraiya, Manikpur, Rupshah Muraina, Shahpur Baidni

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Bhartana
Name of Village: Rayatpur, Salempur, Aheripur, Mukatpur, Nagaria Buzurg, Anaipur, Ujhani, Sunwarsa Bhatpura, Sarai Narottam, Vyaspur, Bakewar, Berikhera, Jaitpur, Chandpura, Inguri

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Chakar Nagar
Name of Village: Daipur, Dharampur, Dadora

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Etawah
Name of Village: Ishwaripur, Prithvipur, Sitaura, Musawali, Kasanga, Rajpura Janewarsa, Kameth, Bhagauti, Nagla Kachar, Bahori, Dhama, Ajabpur Jhinjhapur, Ratnupura, Aswa, Bhaupur, Sakatpur Vijaypur, Slaita, Jhabarapura

District: Etawah, **Tehsil:** Jaswant Nagar
Name of Village: Jasohan, Sirsa Bibamau, Kukaoli, Nasirpur, Nagla Tor, Nagla Ramsundar, Nagla Salahdi, Dondua, Gopalpura, Ajabpur Bibamau, Tijaura, Bauth

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Sirsaganj
Name of Village: Maigadhokar, Saruppur, Parihar, Jahanabad Birai, Urawar, Gadshan, Patna Karkha, Mahmudpur Nadai, Garhi, Shekpur Gadhi, Rapri, Ababakarpur, Atapur, Tatarpur, Asrauli, Mubarakpur, Nagla Gulal, Nagla Khangar

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Shikohabad
Name of Village: Sarhohan, Pokhra, Himmatpur, Badhikpura, Radhe Ka Nagla

District: Firozabad, **Tehsil:** Firozabad
Name of Village: Pharaul, Nagaria, Allahdadpur, Sikhara, Hardsapur, Jalalpur

District: Agra, **Tehsil:** Fatehabad
Name of Village: Dhanaula Khurd, Luhari Fatehabad, Nagla Mawai

Therefore, all public is informed not to climb on the tower, conductor etc. & refrain from touching, performing construction activity under the above transmission line as it may lead to the loss of life & property. Notwithstanding above notice, Ghatampur Transmission Limited shall not be answerable / responsible for any violation by any public which results from the loss of life & property of anyone.

Violation on any of the above instructions may lead to legal action under Electricity Act 2003 as applicable.

Authorized Officer for Ghatampur Transmission Ltd
Hitesh Vaghysiya
 Director

NoEvidence

Following recent concerns raised around blood clots or thrombotic events, AstraZeneca has reassured on the safety of its COVID-19 vaccine. A careful review of all available safety data of more than 17 million people vaccinated with the vaccine has shown no evidence of an increased risk of pulmonary embolism, deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or thrombocytopenia, in any defined age group



WEIGH IN CONSEQUENCES



Maintaining good and healthy lifestyle is essential for overall weight management, says DR MANOJ KUTTERI

Ever wondered how maintaining an optimum weight can solve many of our health problems? Weight balance and a healthy digestive system are the two major aspects of our good health. A healthy lifestyle includes good food, nutrition and adequate physical activity. In recent times, a lot of importance has been given in going back to the traditional way of living for maintaining optimum health. Our ancestors not only followed a healthy diet, but also believed in good physical activity for balancing weight. Several factors contribute to one's weight. Thus, choosing what is right for you personally is what we need to focus on.

As we know, maintaining good and healthy lifestyle is essential for overall weight, which will help in preventing many health complications that may arise from obesity. Just like overweight, being underweight also can be harmful especially when you are starving from the key nutrients that are essential to your day to day life. Hence, it is important to focus on keeping the weight in balance that helps to lower the risk of various metabolic issues and make us feel good inside out.

How weight balance affects digestion: Since majority of us work from home, our lifestyle has changed totally with more stress; binge eating, unhealthy diet and a sedentary lifestyle, which has led to a whole lot of digestive distress and cause constipation, bloating and other problems related to our digestive tract and such poor digestion can also lead to unnecessary weight gain. Thus, balancing our weight and doing moderate exercise every day can stimulate our intestinal activities and can prevent us from facing digestive problems at a later period.

Three effective ways to balance your weight:
Yoga: Yoga is one of the most trusted and effective forms of exercise, yoga not only helps in improving your digestive system but will also help improve your mental wellbeing.

Food and nutrition: Having a balanced and nutrient-rich diet is important for maintaining optimum weight. It is necessary to look into what we eat every day. Improper diet is one of the major reasons why we face digestive problems and weight gain. A well-balanced diet is the need of the hour especially during the seasonal changes. During summer, with the rising temperature and humidity outside, we may face difficulty in digesting the foods that we usually consume. Adding more fibre rich foods to our diet will help us in improving our digestive tract and eventually lead to weight balance.

Get moving: The best way to do this is by including your favourite activities in your daily routine. Try to move around to make the most of it. Try to include activities like dance, walking, spinning in your daily routine, which gives you a lot of movement and will always increase the scope of your fitness in various ways and it helps to promote the healthy functioning of your digestive system.

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POEM FOR THE THROAT

Achalasia is a rare disease where patients experience trouble swallowing. DR KAPIL SHARMA tells you how Per Oral Endoscopic Myotomy can help treat it

Achalasia is a disease where the function of the esophagus stops working overtime. It is thought to be neural degeneration of the selective nerve fibers in the body of the esophagus and the valve at the top of the stomach. It is a rare disease with an estimated prevalence of 10.82 and incidence of 0.3-1.63 per 100,000 adults per year.

In this disease esophagus muscles do not squeeze and the sphincter muscle does not open, so food cannot pass through valve top on stomach. Patients begin to experience trouble swallowing. They cannot swallow regular food; they have trouble swallowing liquids and they get a sensation that stuff just sits in their esophagus. Some may need to drink a lot of fluids to get food into the stomach and others may feel pain and/or discomfort after eating. Some patients suffering from achalasia may have undigested food come up after eating or when lying down.

Symptoms of achalasia may include:

- Regurgitation of food
- Chest pain or pain felt in the back, neck, and arms.
- Difficulty swallowing liquids and solids.
- Heartburn
- Unintentional weight loss
- Cough

How it can be diagnosed:
Esophageal manometry: During esophageal manometry, a thin, flexible tube (catheter) that contains pressure sensors is passed through nose, down into esophagus

and then into stomach. Esophageal manometry provides information about the movement of food through the esophagus into the stomach. The test measures the force and coordination of esophageal muscles as they propel food into stomach. This test also diagnoses other swallowing disorders and classify Achalasia to customise treatment accordingly.

Upper Endoscopy: In this test flexible tube equipped with a light and camera inserted into food pipe through throat to examine the inside of food pipe and stomach. Endoscopy can be normal or may show retained saliva, undigested food, or liquid in the food pipe without any blockage of the esophagus by tumour and narrowing with subjective evidence of resistant at valve at top of stomach while negotiating tube.

X-Ray of upper digestive System: X-rays are taken after the patient swallows chalky liquid that coats and fills the inside lining of the food pipe and visualisation of a dilated proximal food pipe with a narrowed junction just above the stomach giving the characteristic "bird beak" appearance is highly suggestive of achalasia.

Both Endoscopy and barium esophagram are only complementary to esophageal manometry and lack sensitivity for accurately diagnosing achalasia.

TREATMENT:

■ **Pneumatic dilation:** A balloon is inserted by endoscopy into the centre of the esophageal sphincter

and inflated to enlarge the opening. This outpatient procedure may need to be repeated if the esophageal sphincter does not stay open. Nearly one-third of people treated with balloon dilation need repeat treatment within five years. It is uncontrolled and forceful dilation sometimes can result into oesophageal perforation although response is good among early or evolving Achalasia.

■ **Botox:** Botox is generally recommended only for people who are not good candidates for Balloon dilation, endoscopic and laparoscopic myotomy because of age or overall health and presence of significant comorbidities. Botox injections typically do not last more than six months.

■ **Surgery (Heller Myotomy):** During this procedure, five or six small incisions are made in the abdominal wall and laparoscopic instruments are inserted. Then muscle cut along the esophagus, starting above the lower esophageal sphincter and extending down onto the stomach a little way

■ **Per Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM):** This new less invasive and effective procedure eliminates the need for abdominal incisions. It is a major advance in treatment of achalasia and is less invasive and less traumatic to the body.

How is the POEM procedure done?

■ A flexible tube called an endoscope is passed through the mouth into oesophagus and make

a small cut in the inner most layer of the esophagus and then reach between the layers of the esophagus to selective cut that stiff muscle and then close the hole in the esophagus with clips. This whole procedure is being done with an endoscope without having any incisions on your abdomen. Carbon dioxide gas (Co2) is used for insufflation during this procedures because Co2 absorbed very rapidly hence air insufflation related complications can be avoided in this procedure.

■ It can be done in advance cases of Achalasia like sigmoid Oesophagus and in presence of diverticula. POEM usually not require an additional anti reflux procedure.

■ POEM is also effective for other swallowing disorders like diffuse oesophageal spasm, ineffective oesophageal motility and Jackhammer Oesophagus.

■ Procedure time is usually one hour and some time can be prolonged due to difficult procedure in view of long standing disease, huge dilation and unexpected bleeder during myotomy.

■ However, POEM is not without risks. As with other operations, there are risks of bleeding and rarely leak which may result in chest infection. It has been shown to increase the risk of long-term reflux, although rarely troublesome and most of times controlled with anti acid tablets.

DOCYARD

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Don't let allergies bring you down



Now that the season is changing, there is a steady rise in number of patients coming with allergic symptoms. Allergies are common when the temperature starts increasing. Your immune system overreacts to an outdoor allergen, such as pollen. An allergen is something that triggers an allergic response. The real culprits of summertime seasonal allergies are grasses, such as ryegrass and timothy grass, as well as certain weeds. Grasses are the most common trigger for people with hay fever.

The most common allergens are pollens from wind-pollinated plants, such as trees, grasses, and weeds. The pollens from insect-pollinated plants are too heavy to remain airborne for long, and they're less likely to trigger an allergic reaction. Many people with hay fever also have asthma. If you have both hay fever and asthma, your seasonal allergens may trigger an asthma attack.

Allergies in children are caused by a complicated interplay of genetic and environmental factors. Children are more likely to develop allergies if one or both parents have allergies. It is not a static disease and as the child matures the pattern of the disease changes.

The dry, itchy throat can last for weeks to months at a time and varies in intensity from one day to the next, depending on the level of exposure to the pollutant. Other signs of seasonal allergies are runny nose, sudden bouts of sneezing, and watery and itchy eyes. Some may also develop dark circles under the eyes known as allergic shiners. These dark circles are caused by the pooling of blood under the eyes because of swollen tissue in the nasal cavities.

Viral infections can be accompanied with headache, body ache, fever and tiredness. The cough sometimes can be mucous-filled as the infection progresses. Most of these infections are self-limiting and the symptoms improve on their own after peaking for two to three days. Infections, both viral and bacterial, can lead to complications in people with other health conditions such as lung or kidney disease, heart failure, chronic obstructive lung disease or asthma, making their visit to a doctor a must if high fever lasts for more than two days. Cough with phlegm or pus accompanied with high fever, chills and difficulty breathing can also be a sign of pneumonia, which must be ruled out.

Three of the most common allergens — house dust mites, animal dander and cockroach droppings — are worse when there is less ventilation. Choosing a wrong skincare product, forgetting to drink enough water, indulging in spicy and fried foods, frequent use of peel-off masks and forgetting to apply sunscreen daily adds to all these. Exposure to pollution leads to early ageing of skin, pigmentation, skin irritation and other skin related problems.

- Precautions:**
- Wear a good quality mask.
 - Visit a doctor if your fever is 103 degrees F or more and lasts for more than two to three days, or you develop trouble breathing.
 - Drink a lot of water.
 - Wear loose cotton clothes.
 - Keep the humidity level inside the house below 50% and regularly clean the air conditioners and carpets.

SUMMERCoolERS

COCONUT: Rich in fiber and MCTs, coconuts may offer a number of benefits, including improved heart health, weight loss and digestion. Fresh coconuts can be either young or mature. Young coconuts either have a green shell or a white husk. Young coconuts are the most health enhancing of the two.

The water in the young coconut is one of the highest sources of electrolytes. Electrolytes are responsible for keeping the body properly hydrated so the muscles and nerves can function appropriately. Therefore, it is more beneficial to drink the water from a young coconut after an intense workout rather than the



commercial sports drinks. Coconuts are highly nutritious and packed with essential vitamins and minerals. The coconut milk is also good for health.

Coconuts also contain a lipid called lauric acid, and many researchers believe that lauric acid can support the immune system.

DadiKaKehna

With temperature settling above normal, there are high chances that one might get dehydrated. ROSHANI DEVI shares easy home remedies that can help treat it



With the weather department predicting an increase in temperature over the next few days, there are chances that you might feel dehydrated.

Here are a few home remedies that can help.

Start with sipping small amount of water. This will help your body to get rehydrated.

Drink electrolyte containing drinks. This is comparatively a faster and easier way of getting hydrated. You can choose coconut water as it is rich in sodium and potassium. Drink it four-

five times a day. Saltwater is the easiest way to cure dehydration and consuming three litres of saltwater daily will yield better results. One must add sugar and salt to a glass of water and drink it.

Suck on popsicles made from juices. This will help bring down your body temperature and cool you down.

And last, but not the least yoghurt. Yoghurt is one of the best home remedies for dehydration and consuming it once a day can prove to be beneficial for the body.

Don't hesitate. Get jabbed

Even if a vaccine is not 100% effective at protecting from contracting a disease, it is likely to lessen the severity of the symptoms associated with it, says DR VARUN GUPTA

As our nation prepares for COVID-19 vaccines, we know that issues of equitable distribution and access for all — particularly for the at-risk population — are critical in determining the pace and success of the nation's recovery. Allocation, distribution, access and utilisation of the COVID-19 vaccine will likely be the greatest public health effort of our generation.

And while this effort will present significant challenges, it also brings a new opportunity to expand the strength of existing immunisation infrastructure in India. This has become more important now than ever before.

Setting aside the current pandemic, vaccine confidence and hesitancy issues remain a challenge across all sectors of the healthcare system. Despite the well-known benefits of immunisations, more than 1.5

million people worldwide die from vaccine-preventable diseases each year.

Adult coverage lags behind current Healthy People targets for most commonly recommended vaccines: influenza, pneumococcal, tetanus, hepatitis B, herpes zoster, and HPV. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared vaccines to be one of the most important public health interventions of the twentieth century.

Because vaccines have been so successful at controlling diseases like smallpox and polio, we often take our relatively epidemic-free world for granted. But less than a lifetime ago, these diseases and others were still real threats to health. Despite vaccines' successes, many people do not know how vaccines work, or that they are not just important for children, but adults too.

Aren't vaccines for children?

Vaccines are for everyone, not just children. In fact, there are some vaccines that are specifically recommended for adults.

These adult vaccines protect against diseases that are more common in adults than children. Some vaccines protect against diseases that can be more serious when contracted by adults. Other adult vaccines may actually be boosters of vaccines that you received as a child. Boosters refresh the immune system's memory of how to make the tools to fight a pathogen, so that it can continue to provide protection against the disease.

Getting vaccinated reduces your risk of getting diseases like shingles, measles, whooping cough, or influenza. Even if a vaccine is not 100% effective at protecting you from contracting

the disease, it is likely to lessen the severity of the symptoms associated with the disease.

Reasons to get vaccinated:

- Vaccine-preventable diseases have not gone away.
- Vaccines will help keep you healthy.
- Vaccines are as important to your overall health as diet and exercise.
- Vaccination can mean the difference between life and death.
- Vaccines are safe.
- Vaccines won't give you the disease they are designed to prevent.
- Young and healthy people can get very sick, too.
- Vaccine-preventable diseases are expensive to treat.
- When you get sick, your family is at risk, too.
- Your family and coworkers need you.

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'What better way to embark upon the journey of Ram Setu than to kick-off at the very birth place of Lord Ram.
 —Akshay Kumar

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TRENDBLAZER

'ACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR BEING TYPECAST'

KIRTI KULHARI feels if an actor doesn't want to be stereotyped in similar roles, then he or she should be ready to refuse projects.

"You are as responsible for being typecast as the person who is typecasting you. You have to make choices that are different and learn to say no. It is not easy to say no but if you don't, you cannot complain. If you stand up for the roles you want to do, you will break out of that mould eventually," she said.

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"We are expected to look and dress a certain way and I feel it is an added pressure. There is one exception, which is Arijit Singh. You will never see him wearing loud makeup and showy clothes, he looks just normal and that's his style. Every singer has their style. Styling is very important but I feel music is even more important."

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BOBBY DEOL



"I have seen ups and downs in my career and there was a moment I wasn't so marketable. When that happens you look for projects with lots of actors. So that you get noticed. Like I did *Race 3* and *Housefull 4*. I knew that people would go and watch such films, and when they did they would realise Bobby Deol exists."

EDDIE MURPHY GOT LUCKY WITH KIDS

Actor **EDDIE MURPHY** says he is very proud of his children and that none of them turned out to be 'the bad one'.

Eddie has five sons and five daughters, aged two to 31, from five relationships, and shares a good bond with all of them.

"I am going to be 60 in April and I have all these babies, I love fatherhood. That is the centre of everything. The whole idea of being out there and doing three movies a year, that is over. I have got all these babies," he said.



WHO WORE IT BETTER?

Music stars Doja Cat and Cynthia Erivo led the fashion march at the Grammys 2021



Doja Cat went for neon feathers and a moto-inspired look zipped all the way down and Cynthia Erivo stunned in a sparkling silver gown with gold accents by Louis Vuitton at the Grammys as music's big night offered a luxe fashion moment for the stars.

Dressed in Roberto Cavalli, Doja's revealing look included cat-claw zips on each arm and a feathered skirt. "I want to be the cat lady, so let me be that," she said.

Erivo's gown included a low cutout at the front with a gold bib effect at the top and a gold belt, while DaBaby brightened up a drastically pared-down red carpet in a bright mustard and green floral suit from Dolce & Gabbana. Erivo didn't hit the carpet, but she made a statement nevertheless. Her gown was adorned with more than 60,000 glass beads, crystals and sequins. She topped off the look with jewels from Tiffany & Co.

Dua Lipa also sparkled in a pink sequin Versace gown with a butterfly motif. The body-skimming gown included cutouts at the hips and a sexy high slit. "It was really cool to collaborate," she said of the look.

Billie Eilish matched her long nails to a loose pink and black trouser look by Gucci,



her hat and face mask also a match.

DaBaby, his mom, Linda, by his side in red, topped off his suit with a wide-brim green hat with red underneath. He was on hand in person but earlier created an Instagram red carpet moment with his daughter since no kids were allowed at the Los Angeles show.

Joanie Leeds, winner of the best children's music album, did something similar at a distance from home in New York.

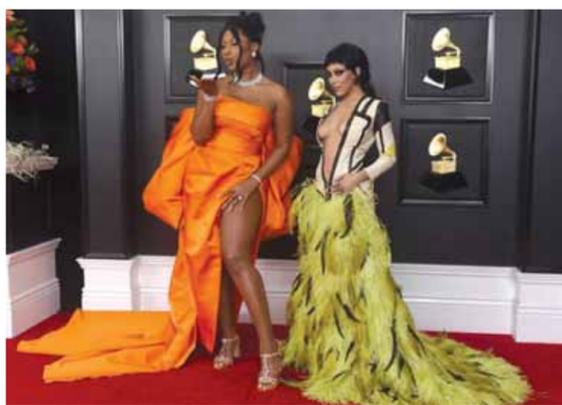
"I actually created a step and repeat and a red carpet," she told reporters during a virtual news conference before the show. "We all walked the red carpet and we had a photographer here and took some

really good pictures."

Leeds wore a multicolour sequined gown by Nicole Miller, and she slid off her silver heels to show on camera. "Just because we're virtual this year, I wasn't going to wear my hoodie sweatshirt," said Leeds, a first-time Grammy winner.

Due to pandemic precautions, the "red carpet" was not the usual mass of cameras and TV crews. A select few outlets were permitted on site to conduct live interviews — a safe distance apart.

The night's host, Trevor Noah, showed up for the pared-down carpet in a classic black tuxedo by Gucci, while nominee Debi Nova went big — and pink — in a mini



dress that had a huge train and tropical details by Georges Chakra.

Phoebe Bridgers wore a black gown adorned with a beaded human skeleton from Thom Browne, and Megan Thee Stallion wore a strapless bright orange princess look with a high side slit and a huge back bow and train by Dolce & Gabbana. Her Chopard choker finished off the look.

"I wanted to pop. I wanted to look like a Grammy," Megan said.

Nandi Howard, associate fashion editor at Essence, lauded the style moments provided by Megan and DaBaby.

"I'm eager to see D&G work more with hip-hop artists. Megan looked so regal in her orange gown, and tonight

she wore her outfit effortlessly. I hope to see her in couture more often. She wears it very well," she said.

Howard also offered kudos to Lizzo, who shimmered in a pink mermaid look to present an award and earlier wore a short ruched sea foam strapless dress by Balmain. She dripped in Bulgari jewels.

"We normally see avant-garde gowns at the Grammys, but leave it up to Lizzo to switch it up in the best way," Howard said.

Jacob Collier said he went for comfort in a floral Stella McCartney turtleneck and red suit.

"I've never been asked about clothes before," he said. "I feel like a rock star."

In Dundas, H.E.R. rocked a burgundy, mid-calf robe with matching wide-leg trousers.

Jonathan Evans, style director for Esquire, saw a healthy dose of 1970s flare running through menswear, in no small part to Gucci. Bruno Mars and Anderson .Paak slid into leisure suits for Silk Sonic's debut.

"Big lapels and flared trousers might, I'll admit, sound a little intimidating, or like a return to the bad old days, but when you see the way guys like Anderson .Paak, Finneas and Harry Styles are wearing it, it feels fresh," he said.

All three wore Gucci. Evans said of Styles' look: "A jacket with a pattern that looks like it could be one of your grandmother's favourite tea cozies is one thing, but a cropped jacket with a gigantic lapel that channels Nana? That's the kind of thing that Styles seems to make wearable."

Styles later performed in a black leather suit — who needs a shirt — with a green boa around his neck. He wore a purple boa with his cropped jacket.

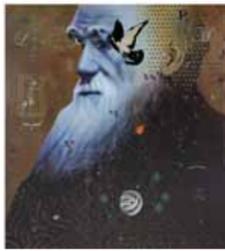
Noah Cyrus spoke to reporters in a cream gown with a huge cape-like effect that encircled her face. It was a Schiaparelli, a somber Cyrus and first-time Grammy nominee said. She said she was honored to be the first to wear it. Cyrus is mourning the recent death of her grandmother.

"I just wish my grandma could have seen this," she said of her nomination.

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A matter of choice

Artist **ASHNA SINGH** says that her exhibition *This & That* is an amalgamation of options that humanity has been gifted with. By **TEAM VIVA**



ink and watercolour titled *Wavering Faith* is about the need to prioritise our choices. The mental act of making a choice to believe and to convert those into action has never been more important. In a fractured society, where one's belief (in socio-religious and eco-political terms) is shattered daily and seldom restored, believing in anything firmly becomes even more difficult. "I have explored this concept through the abstracted metaphor of the *rudraksha* bead. The bead is the divided self, oscillating, rotating, trying to find order in chaos... in a perpetual motion of finding and losing faith."

Veer Munshi's *How Green Is My Valley* is a grid of 14 photographs and a video that captures moments from one lockdown (post the scrapping of Article 370) to another (post-COVID). It is Munshi's experience of being in Kashmir on August 5, 2019, when Article 370 was scrapped and the communication blockade was imposed. "This led to mass migration to other states and reminded me of my youth when I had left the valley three decades ago," says Munshi.

Pooja Iranna's installation in staple pins titled *The Meltdown* represents man-made structures, but there is a twist to all the tales she expresses. Everything is not to be seen

at the surface level. The not so straight partitions and the visible curvatures all denote a concealed part of life. This could be beautiful for some or even complex for others but all these structures are about conflicting emotions and stories. "During the lockdown, I saw the cities become like ghost towns, leading me to the question — is all the construction in the name of development really necessary?"

Ranbir Kaleka's video installation with digital collage on canvas titled *Turbulence, Veiled, Un-veiled* is about the relentless cycle of losing and reclaiming calm in our complex lives.

Khalil Chishtee uses trash bags in sculptural works titled *Unbearable Lightness of Being & Bedtime Ritual* to speak about the transience of life. "Our smartphones are so efficient that information is just a click away. And yet most of the truths are hidden. For instance, we failed to see obvious signs of an impending pandemic. We live in the age of plastic and trash bags are the lowest form of it. My trash bags have the ability to hold the content of my work with so much love and care that it bends themselves for me like clay or any other traditional modelling material. My work is an attempt to connect two worlds together; the world of reality and fiction, the world that we live in and the

world that lives within ourselves."

TV Santosh's sculpture in bronze is titled *Obsolete Objects*. Society is undergoing an enormous structural change forced by technological advancement and even though it has made hardships of manual jobs much easier to execute, on the flip side it has made people more and more dependent on it. Industrialisation and urbanisation have brought in a sense of alienation, making society more fragmented. Technology is fast progressing in a way, upgrading the existing systems, and in some cases even replacing the old one with a completely new system.

Says Santosh, "Today, we live in a world of use and throw culture. My generation has lived through a period of transition, from the era of the radio to the iPod, revolutionising our approach to listening to music. These two sculptures are a kind of re-imagined documentation of obsolete objects that have become part of nostalgia today."

Shivani Aggarwal sculptural work titled *Hangers* is an extension of the series of dysfunctional objects she has been creating for a long now. The work questions how our state

of being is compromised by situations and circumstances. A simple wooden hanger is pushed beyond its limits so that it changes its shape and purpose to become dysfunctional. The fragility of the object further adds to its loss of purpose. These hangers echo the ethos of the times we are living in where anything and everything loses its defined purpose

due to situational intervention, whether economic or ecological or man-made.

Sharmi Choudhury's sculptural work titled *Inner Conversation* (Korean Hanji paper & painted wood) is a manifestation of intimate dialogue and confrontation with the self. A self, which is an assemblage of numerous identities and complex, interlinked

personal histories. "Material always gives me support to build the images. My work is a metaphor for our life experiences."

The painting (acrylic on canvas) titled *Logos & Mythos* (Soul's Sacrifice) by Baiju Parthan depicts a collision between two mutually exclusive world views presented as patterns that overlap each other.

Using Charles Darwin and Alan Turing as the main protagonists, the work is a comment about the old and the new, about the world of poesis and mythos versus the world that is arranged and perceived through reasoning and logic.

(The show is on till May 15 from 11 am to 7 pm at Studio Art, W-16, Okhla Phase 2, New Delhi.)

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INDIA FINED FOR SLOW-OVER RATE
DUBAI: Indian players have been fined 20 per cent of their match fees for maintaining a slow over-rate against England in the second T20. Javagal Srinath of the ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanction after Virat's side was ruled to be one over short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration.

MANIKA OUT OF SINGLES OLY QUALIFIERS
DOHA: Manika Batra's run at the World Singles Olympic Qualification Tournament came to an end after she suffered a 1-4 defeat to Monaco's Xiaoxin Yang in the women's singles knockout stage-1 semi-final match. Despite losing the first two games, Batra held her nerve and attempted a comeback by winning the third game. However, her higher-ranked opponent Yang, world number 44, didn't let the momentum slip and wrapped up the tie 11-9, 11-4, 8-11, 11-4, 11-9.

ANNU BETTERS OWN NATIONAL RECORD
PATIALA: Annu Rani bettered her own javelin throw national record but still missed the Tokyo Olympics qualification mark by more than half a metre on the opening day of the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships. Rani clinched the Gold with a best throw of 63.24m which she came up in her third attempt, obliterating her earlier national mark of 62.43m which she had recorded during the World C'ships in Doha in 2019. The Tokyo Olympics qualification mark for women's javelin throw is 64m.

YUKI GOES DOWN FIGHTING IN DUBAI
DUBAI: Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri frittered away a one-set advantage against Aijaz Bedene in a first round match to bow out of the Dubai Duty Free Championships on Monday. Yuki made a promising start but eventually lost 6-3, 1-6, 4-6 to the world number 59 from Slovenia. Returning to competitive tennis after a long injury lay-off, Yuki had qualified for the main draw after beating Prajesh Gunneswaran and Ramkumar Ramanathan.

PSG MISS OUT ON TOP SPOT IN LIQUE 1
PARIS: PSG missed the chance to move top of Ligue 1 on Sunday after falling to a shock 2-1 home loss to Nantes, allowing Lille to maintain their league lead despite drawing 0-0 at Monaco. The reigning champions had the chance to take first place from Lille on goal difference but strikes from Randal Kolo and Moses Simon wiped out PSG's half-time lead, which came through Julian Draxler.

EN-NESRYI GIVES SEVILLA DERBY WIN
SEVILLE: Youssef En-Nesyri's fantastic first-half strike helped Sevilla seal a 1-0 derby victory over Real Betis on Sunday to take a big step towards securing a top-four spot in La Liga. The Moroccan backed up his midweek Champions League double in Sevilla's last-16 exit at the hands of Borussia Dortmund with a 27th-minute winner.

UNCAPPED PEDRI NAMED IN SPAIN SQUAD
MADRID: Barcelona midfielder Pedri was called up to the Spain squad for the first time on Monday ahead of World Cup qualifiers against Greece, Georgia and Kosovo. The 18-year-old Pedri has been one of the stars of the season in La Liga after establishing himself as a key creator in Barca's midfield. There were also returns to the squad for Jordi Alba and midfielder Thiago Alcantara. Agencies



India pacer Jasprit Bumrah announced on Monday that he is married to sports presenter Sanjana Ganesan. "Steered by love, we have begun a new journey together. Today is one of the happiest days of our lives and we feel blessed to be able to share the news of our wedding and our joy with you," Bumrah and Sanjana tweeted on Monday

Windies sweep SL ODI series

AFF ■ NORTH POINT

Pollard (53*) and Bravo took it away from Sri Lanka from there. Pollard helped himself to three consecutive fours off Lakmal in the 37th over to relieve the scoreboard pressure and Bravo started to up his run-rate.

He slammed Lakshan Sandakan over long-off for six in the 38th before tickling Hasaranga down the legside for four in the 43rd to move into the 90s. In the 45th he raised his fourth ODI century with another clip past fine leg. He perished in the 47th over to Lakmal, caught brilliantly by a leaping Karunaratne at extra cover for 102.

An unbeaten 53 from Pollard in the company of Jason Holder (14*) saw the West Indies home from there.

Earlier, asked to bat first, Sri Lanka posted a total of 274/6 thanks largely to half-centuries from Ashen Bandara (55*) and Hasaranga (80*).

Both sides will now play two Tests, starting next Sunday.

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Kohli & Co eye series lead

Rohit all set to make comeback in XI after 'couple of games rest'

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Their confidence soaring high after a resounding series-leveling win, India would look to build on their new approach of batting freely and fearlessly when they take on England in the third T20, here on Tuesday.

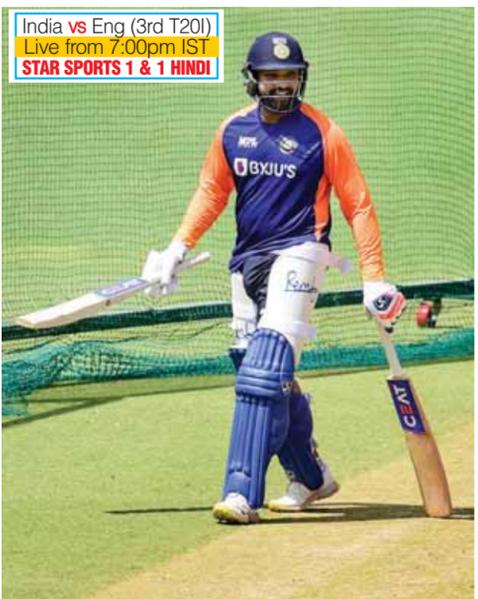
The Men in Blue were off to a horrible start in the T20 series, suffering a eight-wicket loss in the opening match but turned the tables on England with a seven-wicket win in the second game.

In stark contrast from the first match, Virat Kohli and his men excelled in all departments.

The inclusion of Ishan Kishan, who made a sparkling debut with a 32-ball 56, allowed India to go ahead with their new approach that encourages batsmen to express themselves.

Despite losing KL Rahul in first over with no runs on the board, the 22-year-old attacked from the word go, smashing Jofra Archer for a boundary in the very first ball he faced.

The hosts will also gain con-



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Empty stands for last 3 T20s

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The remaining three T20 International matches between India and England will be played here without spectators in the wake of rising COVID-19 cases, Gujarat Cricket Association vice-president Dhanraj Nathwani said on Monday.

"T20s on March 16, 18 and 20 will be played without audience at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Refund will be given to the spectators who have purchased tickets," Nathwani said.

"Due to rise in the number of Corona cases, we at GCA have decided in consultation with BCCI, the matches will be played closed door and not allow the spectators in the ground during T20s to be played between India and England at Ahmedabad."

fidence from Kohli unbeaten innings in the second game as he took the side past the finish line, breaking a sequence of low scores.

The skipper did not have the best of times in the preceding Test series and also got out cheaply in the first T20. Both Kohli and Shreyas Iyer will target big scores.

The bowling department, which didn't have runs to defend in the opener, did a fabulous job to restrict England to 164. The biggest positive would be Hardik Pandya bowling four overs which allowed the hosts to go with an extra batsman.

The bowlers will look to replicate their good show from the last match where they found their rhythm.

What India would aspire is a better effort from Rishabh Pant, who has been promoted to number four ahead of Iyer. The big-hitting wicketkeeper has looked lethal in both outings but failed to capitalise on his starts.

India are unlikely to tinker with the winning combination save the return of star white-ball opener Rohit Sharma who is expected to

be back in the side after being rested for a couple of games.

With Kishan faring well, KL Rahul, who looked out of sorts in both the outings, is expected to make way for Rohit.

The primary objective for India remains the same — to get an idea of the core group of players going into the ICC T20 World Cup in October.

England attack looked less threatening in the absence of Mark Wood, who missed the second T20 due to a bruised heel. However, skipper Eoin Morgan confirmed that the pacer will return in the next game.

Opener Jason Roy has looked in good nick but missed out on half-centuries in both games. He will be eager to go the distance come Tuesday.

With the series locked at 1-1, the third T20 promises to be a cracker of a contest with both teams be vying for the bragging rights at the Narendra Modi stadium.

With the game set to unfold on a surface that red soil beneath, the spinners are expected to test the batsmen.

IPL experience helped Kishan on debut

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Young batsman Ishan Kishan says having faced the best pacers from across the world during the IPL had given him the confidence to play fearlessly against England on his India debut.

Kishan's blistering 56-run knock at the top laid the platform for India's comfortable and successful chase in the second T20 on Sunday night.

The 22-year-old left-hander acknowledged the contribution, the IPL stint has made in his growth as a batsman.

"It obviously helped (to face the likes of Mumbai



Indians teammates Trent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah) in the nets. They are very pacy bowlers and to hit shots against them gives confidence," Kishan said at the post-match conference.

"In IPL you get to face quality bowlers from across the world and you start getting used to these bowlers. And I think that really helped me."

Kishan also said that the team management had backed him to play his natural game without feeling the pressure.

"Before the match I was told to go and open the innings and play freely the way I play in IPL. I was told not to take extra pressure. But it being my first game I was little nervous while going at the ground."

"But when you wear the jersey of your country that pressure simply goes away and you try to give your best."

The debutant was in awe of Virat Kohli during their 94-run stand and hopes to pick the brain of India skipper during the five-match series.

"It was proud feeling for me because I had just seen him (Kohli) on TV, his attitude on the ground, but to see it from the other end is totally different. I think it is something which I can change in myself, his energy, his appearance on the ground, there is a lot to learn from him."

"The way he talks in the ground it takes pressure from you. I just want to make sure that I learn a lot from him in this series," Kishan said.

Not surprised to see Ishan teeing off: Roy

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Having seen Ishan Kishan's exploits in the IPL, England opener Jason Roy was not surprised at all when he saw the young left-hander taking the game away from his team in the second T20.

"He's obviously a star player, he's done that for Mumbai Indians, numerous amounts of time so I wasn't surprised when I saw him kind of teeing off a bit because everyone knows he's a star player so good on him," Roy said in a virtual media interaction with the UK media.

"A couple of times he might have got a little bit wrong with the ball but he capitalised by hitting it for six. It's just a case of just making sure you kind of execute your skills extremely well."

India have come into the series with the intention of playing more fearless cricket, which was on display in the second T20. England, on the other hand, are already used to that brand of cricket.

"It has worked for us in 50 overs cricket, it worked for us in kind of 10 to 20 games we've played. Our policy is to play aggressive cricket, but the problem is, when you're playing on pitches like this you have to be a little bit more calculated. You have to assess it a bit quicker," said Roy.

"If you're wanting to play that way, you got to accept that some days it's not going to go that way. You are going to be three-four down in a powerplay. But with the depth of our batting lineup, that's the opportunity it gives to the top order batsmen," Roy said.

Roy has been consistent with scores of 49 and 46 but has not converted into a big knock and that is something he wants to do in the remaining games.

He termed India a class team but said they are confident to bounce back on Tuesday.

"The boys have bounced back, we're a fast learning side. I don't think there's been a huge amount of wind out of our sails to be honest," he concluded.

India exposed Eng weakness in handling slow conditions

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

India have exposed England's "weakness" in handling slow conditions but competing here will only prepare them well for the T20 World Cup, feels skipper Eoin Morgan.

Morgan admitted they struggled to get used to the slow surface used for the second match on Sunday which India won by seven wickets.

"I suppose the difference was in the wicket we played and how we adapted. It was different wicket from the one we batted in the first game. The pitch was slow and low and one thing that does expose our weakness on these surfaces a little bit," said Morgan.

"We don't play a lot on slow, low wickets and the more that we can do that, the better. You only become better in these conditions by playing in them and making mistakes."

The English skipper, however, said playing in such tough condi-



Virat Kohli shake hands with Eoin Morgan after end of 2nd T20 match on Sunday

tions ahead of the ICC World T20 later this year in India, will only help them.

"I thought the other night (1st T20), the pitch really suited us because it had more pace in it — similar to a wicket at home."

"But this (2nd T20 wicket) took us out of our comfort zone and really was a typical Indian wicket that we would play on in an IPL game. Again, your accuracy has to be on," Morgan said.

"You tend to learn quicker if you're winning and confident and everything goes reasonably smoothly — you can integrate the learning quite quickly — but equally, if we have to learn the hard way, we're still going through that process of trying to learn game-on-game so when it comes to the World Cup in seven months' time, we can be as best prepared."

the top helped 'under-pressure' Virat Kohli settle down and play his natural game in the second T20.

Atherton said Kishan's fluent batting (32-ball 56) helped in taking some pressure off Kohli, who had registered three ducks in his previous five innings.

"I think Virat felt under a little bit of pressure in that first game because of what he'd said in the press conference about India playing a slightly more aggressive game," the former England skipper told Sky Sports.

"The problem in that first game, with the line-up that India had was that they had quite a lot of similar players in the top-order and I think Kohli felt pressured."

"He's (Kohli) an elite player and scores very quickly but not like a (Rishabh) Pant or, indeed, an Ishan Kishan. So when that young man came in and played the way that he did, I think that just allowed Kohli to come in and play his natural game," he observed.

Ronaldo responds to critics with hat-trick

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Cristiano Ronaldo hit back at his critics with a quick-fire hat-trick as Juventus brushed aside Cagliari 3-1 on Sunday, five days after their Champions League elimination.

Portuguese star Ronaldo bore the brunt of the criticism

for Juve's latest European flop after failing to score in either leg of the last-16 defeat by Porto, while also being partly at fault for what proved to be the goal which knocked them out.

But the 36-year-old scored a header in the 10th minute at the Sardegna Arena, added a second from the penalty spot 15 minutes later, and completed a 'perfect' treble on 31 minutes with a fine left-footed strike.

Defending champions Juventus are 10 points behind leaders Inter Milan, who beat Torino 2-1 earlier Sunday, but with a game in hand.

Andrea Pirlo's side pulled just one point behind second-placed AC Milan, whose title hopes took a big hit following a 1-0 home defeat to Napoli.

"Our approach was spot on and it was important to get off on the right foot after being knocked out the other night," said Pirlo.

"Ronaldo was angry like the rest of the team. He reacted like a true champion."

He could also have been

sent off after a quarter of an hour, receiving only a yellow card for dangerous play as his boot struck Cagliari goalkeeper Alessio Cragnò in the face while attempting to meet a Federico Chiesa cross.

Ronaldo is the leading scorer in Serie A with 23 goals this season, ahead of Inter's Romelu Lukaku, who has 19.

His career tally is now 770 goals, overtaking Brazil legend Pele's 767 scored in official matches which he matched earlier this month.

Later at San Siro, AC Milan's

Zidane admits confusion after Hazard injured again

AFF ■ MADRID

Zinedine Zidane admitted Real Madrid are struggling to explain Eden Hazard's fitness problems after the club confirmed the Belgian is injured again ahead of Tuesday's Champions League game against Atalanta.

Hazard came off the bench against Elche in La Liga on Saturday to make his first appearance since January but Zidane said in a press conference on Monday the Belgian is out again, with what the club confirmed was a "muscle injury in the right pelvis."

Zidane said there are "things I cannot explain" regarding Hazard's fitness issues and when asked about the club's long list of injuries, he pointed to various factors including "things up here in the head, which influences a lot."

Hazard has played only 14 times this season for Real Madrid, continuing a nightmare period for the 30-year-old forward, who

joined from Chelsea for 100 million euros in the summer of 2019.

"He is not going to be fit," said Zidane. "There are things I cannot explain. Like always I try to stay positive and hope it will be a little thing. Something is happening. He is a player who was never injured in his career. We want to help him."

Real Madrid beat Atalanta 1-0 in the first leg in Italy last month as they bid to become the first Spanish team to reach the Champions League quarter-finals.

Barcelona and Sevilla were both knocked out last week while Atletico Madrid face Chelsea on Wednesday, hoping to overturn a 1-0 defeat from the first leg at home.

"I have no doubt Atalanta are going to come here to win," said Zidane. "We are going to have to play very well. The first leg means nothing, we have to start from zero."



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