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Mamata cries rigging bid

TMC chief alleges Shah influencing EC, threatens to hold indefinite dharna at EC office

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Upping the ante, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday alleged that Union Home Minister Amit Shah was "conspiring to kill me, rig the elections and capture Bengal," by influencing the Election Commission of India.

Referring to twin developments — the removal of her security-in-charge Vivek Sahay, a senior IPS officer of the ADG rank, and an ED notice to State Home Secretary HK Dwivedi in connection with the divestment of Government-owned Metro Dairy at an alleged low price — Mamata said there was a "conspiracy" being hatched by the Home Minister to eliminate her.

"Will the Home Minister run the country or hatch conspiracy to kill me, finish the Trinamool Congress and capture Bengal" by influencing the EC, Mamata claimed in an election rally in Bankura, threatening to hold an indefinite dharna outside the office of the EC if the way things were working did not change.

"Today I heard that my Home Secretary has been issued a notice by a Central agency for appearing as witness, they have also summoned our Minister Partho Chatterjee as witness... will these high officials and politicians discharge their electoral duties or



West Bengal CM and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee addresses an election rally in Bankura on Tuesday PTI

appear before the Central agencies as witnesses," Mamata said in an apparent bid to hammer home the point that the persons concerned had been asked to appear only as witnesses and not otherwise.

The ED sent notices to the Home Secretary and another senior IAS officer in regard to the divestment of Government-owned Metro Dairy in 2017 when 47 per cent of the company's shares were sold out to a private company for an alleged pittance of ₹87 crore.

The Home Secretary who was Finance Secretary during

that period is likely to be questioned regarding the reasons behind such undervalued transfer, sources said.

As for Vivek Sahay, the EC suspended and replaced him with senior IPS officer Gyanwant Singh days after the Chief Minister received injuries in her leg during an election campaign when the crowd pressed too close against the opened doors of her vehicle.

Attacking Shah for the recent developments, Mamata said, "What does he (Shah) think of himself? Just because you cannot gather crowd in

your rallies you disturb us by using brute force to shut everything?"

"You don't allow the press to speak. You have shut their mouths," and now "you are controlling the Election Commission and forcing it to take certain decisions," Mamata said, warning, "if this does not stop I will have no hesitation to stage a dharna at the EC with my broken leg."

Alleging that the people and politicians of Bengal were being harassed by the Home Minister, she said, "conspiracies are being hatched to arrest

people... warrants are being sent to the participants of farmers' movement in Nandigram... industrialists and Government officials are being summoned and raided... those who took part in Singur and Nandigram movements are getting notices... what is happening?"

Alleging that the Election Commission had lost its independence, Mamata said, "Most respectfully I want to ask the Election Commission as to who is running the Commission?... Is Amit Shah running the Commission or you running it?... We want a free and fair election but why should Amit Shah guide the EC? Who is Amit Shah to interfere in the day-to-day work of the Commission?"

BJP WORKER'S BODY FOUND, PARTY FILES COMPLAINT WITH EC

Suri (WB): The body of a 24-year-old booth-level worker of BJP was found near a river in Birbhum's Ilambazar area on Tuesday prompting the party to lodge complaint with the Election Commission.

Bapi Ankur's body was found on the bank of Shal river at Nadas village and the saffron party and his family have alleged that he was strangled to death. PTI

Staff interests intact in case of banks' privatisation: FM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said all public sector banks will not be privatised and assured the interest of all employees of State-owned banks will be protected in the case of privatisation. Nine bank unions observed a two-day strike on Monday and Tuesday opposing the Government's policy to privatise lenders.

"...We have announced a public enterprise policy based on which we have identified those four areas in which we said Government presence, public sector presence will be there, and bare minimum presence is what we have said, in that financial institutions are also there. Meaning, even in financial sector, we will still have the presence of public sector enterprise...Not all of them are going to be privatised," she said.

Even for those which are likely to be privatised, Sitharaman said the Government will ensure that "these privatised institution will also continue to function. After the privatisation, we will have to ensure that the staff or the personnel who are there, their every interest will be protected."

In her Budget Speech on February 1, Sitharaman had announced that the Government proposes to take up the privatisation of two public sector banks (PSBs) and



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman speaks during the Lokmat Maharashtra of the Year Award 2020 function in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

one general insurance company in the year 2021-22.

This would require legislative amendments and she had proposed to introduce the amendments in the ongoing Budget session of Parliament itself. At the press conference, the Minister referred to amalgamation of PSBs and said the country needs many more lenders of the size of SBI.

She further said the Government wants financial institutions to get more liquidity and more people to put money into them to make the entities sustainable.

The Government wants the staff of these financial institutions to be able to perform their duties, in which they have acquired skill over the decades, and run the banks, the Minister added.

"So, to immediately quickly conclude saying every bank is going to be sold off is not right. And even whether it is a bank or any other privatisation, I want to take this opportunity to tell...That the interest of the workers, interest of those who have put in services over the decades will absolutely be protected. Whether it is their salaries, whether it is their scale, whether it is the pension, it will all be taken care of," she said.

The four strategic sectors in which the Government will continue to have its presence, though bare minimum, are — atomic energy, space and defence; transport and telecommunications; power, petroleum, coal and other minerals; and banking, insurance and financial services.

CAPSULE

NIGHT CURFEW IN INDORE, BHOPAL AFTER COVID RISE

Bhopal: In view of rising coronavirus cases in the State, the Madhya Pradesh Government on Tuesday decided to impose night curfew in Bhopal and Indore municipal areas and also ordered closure of shops at 10pm in eight other cities.

CA SHOT DEAD AT ADARSH NAGAR

New Delhi: A 45-year-old chartered accountant was shot dead on Tuesday morning allegedly by unidentified men in northwest Delhi's Adarsh Nagar area, police said here.

INDIA, B'DESH DISCUSS WATER-SHARING ISSUE

New Delhi: Top officials of the Water Resources Ministries of India and Bangladesh met here on Tuesday to discuss issues related to river water-sharing and flood forecasting and to enhance cooperation on controlling pollution in trans-boundary water bodies, sources said.

UK peers ask Boris to discuss freedom in India with Modi

PTI ■ LONDON

Peers in Britain's House of Lords held a debate on the issue of "freedoms of non-governmental organisations, academics and other groups in India" and called on UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson to take up the issues directly with his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi during his visit to New Delhi next month.

The "India: Restrictions on Freedom" debate in the Upper House of the Parliament was called by cross-bench peer Lord Richard Harries on Monday and, as is customary, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) minister Lord Zac Goldsmith responded on behalf of the Government to highlight the close ties between the UK and India which allow Britain to raise all issues as part of an ongoing dialogue.

He pointed to a "very deep and broad relationship" with the world's largest democracy, with which the UK's trade and

investment partnership is "thriving" and collaboration on defence and security mean the two countries a "force for good in the world".

"Our approach has always been to raise any concerns directly with the Indian government. We will continue to engage India on the full range of human rights matters and raise our concerns where we have them — as we do — including at ministerial level," said Lord Goldsmith.

"The Prime Minister will visit India shortly. That will be an opportunity to discuss a very wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues directly with the Indian Government. Of course, where we have specific concerns, the Prime Minister will raise them directly with the Government of India, as you would expect of a close friend and partner," he said.

The Lords debate comes a week after a debate in a House of Commons on the issue of farmers' protests in India. *Continued on Page 2*

AstraZeneca vax safe, works extremely well, says Johnson

PTI ■ LONDON

The Covid-19 vaccine developed by Oxford University and bio-pharmaceutical major AstraZeneca is safe and works extremely well, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Tuesday, amid reports that the doses were causing blood clot-related complications.

In an editorial to coincide with the launch of a new "Integrated Review" of the UK's foreign policy vision, he said, "That vaccine is safe and works extremely well, and now, only six months later, it is being made in multiple places from India to the US, as well as Britain, and it is being used around the world."

In explaining the context of the "Integrated Review", which lays out Johnson's Global Britain agenda as a non-member of the European Union (EU), Johnson made reference to the vaccine.

Denmark, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Norway and Iceland has paused Oxford-AstraZeneca jabs. *Continued on Page 2*

Delhi tops polluted capitals list: Report

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Twenty-two of the world's 30 most polluted cities are in India, with Delhi being ranked as the most polluted capital city globally, a new report said on Tuesday.

The report is prepared by Swiss organisation, IQAir, in the form of the "World Air Quality Report, 2020", which has released globally.

The report, however, shows that Delhi's air quality improved by approximately 15 per cent from 2019 to 2020.

It said that despite the improvement, Delhi ranked as the 10th most polluted city and the top polluted capital city in the world.

"India continues to feature prominently at the top of the most polluted cities ranking, with 22 of the top 30 most polluted cities globally," said the report. Besides Delhi, the 21 other Indian cities among the 30 most polluted cities in the world are Ghaziabad, Bulandshahar, Bissakh Jalalpur, Noida, Greater Noida, Kanpur, Lucknow, Meerut, Agra and Muzaffarnagar in Uttar

Pradesh, Bhiwari in Rajasthan, Faridabad, Jind, Hisar, Fatehabad, Bandhwari, Gurugram, Yamuna Nagar, Rohtak and Dharuhera in Haryana, and Muzaffarpur in Bihar.

As per the report, the top most polluted city is Xinjiang in China followed by nine Indian cities.

Ghaziabad is the second most polluted city in the world followed by Bulandshahar, Bissakh Jalalpur, Noida, Greater Noida, Kanpur, Lucknow and Bhiwari.

The global cities ranking report is based on PM2.5 data from 106 countries, which is measured by ground-based monitoring stations, most of which is operated by government agencies. The report also reveals the impact of Covid-19 lockdown and behavioural changes on global particulate pollution (PM2.5) levels.

Major sources of India's air pollution include transportation, biomass burning for cooking, electricity generation, industry, construction, waste burning and episodic agricultural burning. *Continued on Page 2*

Take Chinese job to enter country: Beijing to Indians

Notice pasted in 19 Chinese embassies in other nations

PTI ■ BEIJING/NEW DELHI

China has made it mandatory for people coming from India and 19 other nations to get Chinese-made Covid-19 vaccines if they want to travel to this country.

"For the purpose of resuming people-to-people exchanges in an orderly manner, starting from 15 March, 2021, the Chinese Embassies and Consulates in India will provide the persons having taken Chinese-made Covid-19 vaccine and holding the Certificates of Vaccination," a notice posted on the Chinese

Embassy in New Delhi said.

The announcement makes little difference for thousands of Indian students besides professionals working in China and their family members who are stuck in India awaiting Beijing to permit their return as there are no Chinese vaccines available in India.

The Chinese Embassy notice did not specify how Indians can access the Chinese-made vaccines in India as they are not available in the country. Over 23,000 Indian students, most of them medical students, besides hundreds of professionals working in China are stuck in India since last year due to coronavirus travel restrictions.

Despite repeated representations from the Indian embassy and appeals by the students, China is yet to respond positively. *Continued on Page 2*

Bee fences to avert man-jumbo conflict

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Tiny honey bees can play a big role in averting man-elephant conflict by keeping the pachyderm at bay.

To keep wild elephants away from human habitations, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) on Monday launched a unique project RE-HAB (Reducing Elephant-Human Attacks using Bees) in Karnataka's Kodagu district.

The largest animal on the land is so terrified of the tiny insect that it will flap its ears, stir up dust, make noises, and leave when it hears the buzz of bees.

"Elephants are scared of bees and this has been proved in researches done across the world," says KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena.

The pilot project was launched at four locations around village Chelur in

Kodagu district of Karnataka. These spots are located on the periphery of Nagarhole National Park and Tiger Reserve and are known to be human-elephant conflict zones. The total cost of the project is just ₹15 lakh.

The project RE-HAB is a sub-mission of KVIC's National Honey Mission. This will also help to reduce fatalities of humans as well as retaliatory death of elephants by humans.

Earlier, Central Bee Research and Training Institute, Pune, which is a unit of KVIC, had conducted field trials of creating "bee-fences" in Maharashtra to mitigate elephant attacks. Northeast Frontier railway also used the sound of honeybees downloaded from the internet to keep elephants away from the railway track to bring down the elephants' death.

"KVIC has set up 15-20



interspersed bee boxes at each of the four locations. The bee boxes are set up in the passageways of elephant-human conflict zones to block the entrance of elephants to human habitations. The boxes are connected with a string so that when elephants attempt to pass through, a tug or pull causes

the bees to swarm the elephant herds and dissuade them from progressing further," he said.

Saxena further said bee boxes have been placed on the ground as well as hung from the trees to block the passageway of elephants.

High resolution, night vision cameras have been

installed at strategic points to record the impact of bees on elephants and their behaviour in these zones.

He said that it has been scientifically recorded that elephants are annoyed and even frightened of honeybees. Elephants fear that the bee swarms can bite their sensitive

inner side of the trunk and eyes. "The collective buzz of the bees is so annoying to elephants that force them to return. Elephants, who are the most intelligent animal and carry their memories for long, avoid returning to the place where they have encountered honeybees," he said.

"The biggest advantage of project RE-HAB is that it dissuades elephants without causing any harm to them. Besides, it is extremely cost-effective as compared to various other measures like digging trenches or erecting fences," Saxena added.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forest data, nearly 500 people die every year due to elephant attacks in India. This is nearly 10 times more than the fatalities caused by big cats across the country. From 2015 to 2020, nearly 2,500 people lost their lives in elephant attacks. Out of this,

nearly 170 human fatalities have been reported in Karnataka alone. On the contrary, nearly one-fifth of this number, ie nearly 500 elephants have been in retaliation by humans in the last 5 years.

In the past, Governments have spent crores of rupees on digging up trenches and erecting fences to dissuade elephants. Also, hundreds of crores of rupees have been spent on compensation for the loss of human lives. These trenches and barbed wire fences have often caused the death of elephant calves and thus rendering these ideas largely impractical.

However, this is for the first time, KVIC has launched this project in totality. KVIC has roped in the College of Forestry under the University of Agriculture and Horticulture Sciences, Ponnampet, for impact assessment of the project. *Continued on Page 2*

Back in Kerala LDF, declares Chacko after joining NCP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress leader PC Chacko joined the NCP on Wednesday days after he resigned from the primary membership of the Congress.

"I am formally joining the NCP today. The NCP is part of the Left Democratic Front in Kerala. Once again, I am back in the LDF as a part of NCP," Chacko told the media.

Chacko was accompanied by CPI(M) chief Sitaram Yechury at the Press briefing in Delhi where he confirmed his decision to join the NCP. The CPI(M) leads the ruling LDF coalition in Kerala.

Chacko was formally inducted into the NCP in presence of party president Sharad Pawar. *Continued on Page 2*

Night curfew in Indore, Bhopal as Covid cases rise

PTI ■ BHOPAL

In view of rising coronavirus cases in the State, the Madhya Pradesh Government on Tuesday decided to impose night curfew in Bhopal and Indore municipal areas and also ordered closure of shops at 10 PM in eight other cities.

The restrictions would come into force from Wednesday, an official said.

The decision was taken by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan after reviewing the COVID-19 situation at a meeting with senior officials, he said.

The night curfew will be in place in Indore and Bhopal cities from 10 PM to 6 AM, an order issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Dr Rajesh Rajora said.

Essential services such as medical shops, ration shops and eateries will be exempted from curfew. Passengers arriving from outside by flight, train or bus will be allowed to

travel to their destination even after 10 PM.

Shops will remain closed in Indore, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Ratlam, Chhindwara, Burhanpur, Betul and Khargone cities (which are also district headquarters) from 10 PM to 6 AM.

No public programs will be allowed on the occasion of Holi but individual celebration of the festival will be allowed. Permission of the district administration in these ten districts is mandatory if more than 100 persons are expected to take part in any social, educational, political, religious, sports, entertainment or cultural program. Thermal screening and one-week isolation for those coming from neighbouring Maharashtra will continue.

Madhya Pradesh on Monday reported 797 new coronavirus cases, taking the tally of infections to 2,69,391. The death toll reached 3,890 with three more fatalities.

Hindu man hailing from HP wrongly buried in Saudi; CM to take up matter with Centre

PTI ■ SHIMLA

A Himachal Pradesh Congress MLA on Tuesday raised the issue of the mortal remains of a Hindu man hailing from the State being wrongly buried in Saudi Arabia as per Muslim custom, following which Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said in the Assembly that he would take up the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Thakur extended condolences to the man's family and regretted his burial which is against his religious custom.

The chief minister also said the state government would explore options to bring back his mortal remains.

Una MLA Satpal Singh Raizada alleged the family of the man took up the matter at various levels but to no avail, and demanded a probe into it.

According to the Congress legislator, Una-resident Sanjeev Kumar died due to cardiac arrest on January 24 in Saudi Arabia where he had been working for three years.

After his family was

informed about his death by a co-worker on January 25, they sought help from the Una Deputy Commissioner and Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs Anurag Thakur, the MLA said.

Subsequently, the family also approached the Indian Embassy for bringing his body back to India but didn't get any response, he added.

However, on February 17, his family got to know that his body has been buried in Saudi Arabia.

The man's wife has also approached the Delhi High Court seeking direction to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to take steps to urgently exhume the remains and repatriate them to India in a time-bound manner.

According to the petition, officials in Indian Consulate explained to the family that the burial was conducted "due to a mistake committed by the official translator of Indian Consulate, Jeddah, who wrongly mentioned his religion as 'Muslim' in the death certificate".

349 babus fail to submit IPR for 2020 in time

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Nearly 349 IAS officers have not submitted their Annual Immovable Property Returns (IPR) for the year 2020 in the stipulated time limit while 338 IAS officers had not filed Immovable Property Returns for 2019. There are 5,166 IAS officers working across the country as against their sanctioned strength of 6,746. According to a Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice said in its 106th report on Demands for Grants (2021-22) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Indian administration has become heavily dependent upon a particular administrative service and it is time to give equal opportunity to officers belonging to other services having expertise in that specific domain.

The committee said it is of the view that while making appointments to higher echelons of the administration, priority should be given to integrity, calibre, aptitude and inter-

Just because somebody is an IAS officer, he is running fertiliser and chemical factories to airlines, Modi had said in a reference to public sector units being headed by bureaucrats

est of the officer among other things rather than the service to which he belongs.

"The generalist versus specialist controversy is one of the major challenges facing the Indian civil service today. Today, India needs no generalists or specialists but specialised generalists, i.e. A generalist with knowledge, work experience in a particular domain. This calls for administrative review and restructuring along functional lines," it said.

Just because somebody is an IAS officer, he is running fertiliser and chemical factories to airlines, Modi had said in a reference to public sector units being headed by bureaucrats, and asked what this will

achieve.

The committee noted with concern that 349 IAS officers have not submitted their Annual Immovable Property Returns (IPR) for the year 2020 in the stipulated time limit. "During the examination of Demands for Grants (2020-21), the committee was informed that 338 IAS officers had not filed Immovable Property Returns for 2019. This makes a case for institution of stringent measures other than denial of vigilance clearance against erring officers," it said.

"The committee also recommends the DoPT to furnish a status note detailing the stringent measures that can be taken against IAS Officers who failed to file IPRs within the stipulated time limit," it said.

An IAS officer is required to submit an annual return with the government giving full particulars regarding the immovable property inherited by him or owned or acquired by him or held by him on lease or mortgage, either in his own name or in the name of any member of his family or in the name of any other person.

4 Naxals killed in Bihar

New Delhi/Patna: Four Maoists were killed and arms were recovered after an encounter with security forces in Bihar's Gaya district on Tuesday, officials said.

The gunbattle took place in the jungles of Manubar village of the district around 2 pm.

The security forces team was led by the 205th battalion of the COBRA, the 159th battalion of the CRPF and the state police, the officials said.

The Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) is a specialised jungle-warfare unit of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

The four Naxals, of the ranks of zonal commander and sub-zonal commander of the Magadh zone of the Left Wing Extremists, were identified as Amresh Singh Bhokta, Shivpujan Yadav, Sita Bhuiyan and Uday Paswan, the officials said.

The four bodies have been recovered, they added. The slain ultras had multiple police FIRs filed against them on charges of extortion, attempt to murder and under the Arms and Explosives Act, the officials said.

"Four hardcore Maoists were neutralised and four weapons -- three AK series weapons and an INSAS rifle -- were recovered," a senior officer said. PTI

Uttarakhand CM distributes portfolios among his Ministers

Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat on Tuesday distributed portfolios among his cabinet colleagues while keeping 14 departments, including Finance and Home, with himself.

Satpal Maharaj, Harak Singh Rawat, Yashpal Arya, Arvind Pandey and Subodh Uniyal have retained their departments.

The chief minister has kept 14 departments, including Finance, Home, Revenue, Excise, Health, Civil Aviation and Public Works, with himself.

Banshidhar Bhagat has been given important portfolios like Parliamentary Affairs, Urban Development and Information and Technology.

Ganesh Joshi has been given the responsibility of Sainik Welfare, Industrial Development, Small and Medium Industries Departments. PTI

CBI books Delhi-based firm for causing ₹252-cr loss to PNB

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered a case against a Delhi-based private firm and others for causing an alleged loss of ₹252.61 crore and conducted searches on Tuesday against the accused entity and individuals.

The CBI registered the case on a complaint from Punjab National Bank (PNB) against the private company (borrower company) SVOGL Oil Gas & Energy Ltd., Padam Singhee, Managing Director and Prem Chimanlal Singhee, Director of the accused company besides unknown public servants for causing an alleged loss of Rs. 252.61 crore to the public sector lender.

The complainant has informed that the fraud was detected on June 18, 2016 and reported to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on August 15, 2019.

The private firm, incorporated in 1989, is said to have been started as on shore service providers to oil and gas industry in India. The searches were conducted at three

locations in Delhi at the premises of the borrower company and its directors.

Meanwhile, the CBI on Tuesday arrested a Senior Section Engineer (SSE) of Carriage & Wagon (C&W), Northeast Frontier (NF) Railway, Dibrugarh Coaching Depot, Tinsukia Division (Assam) for demanding and accepting an alleged bribe of Rs One Lakh from the complainant.

A case was registered on a complaint against the official on the allegations of demanding a bribe from the complainant for clearing the pending bills in respect of contract agreement relating to work of Mechanized Railway Coach Cleaning at Coach Cleaning Depot, NF Railway, Dibrugarh.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the accused red-handed while demanding and accepting the bribe of Rs One Lakh from the complainant.

Searches in this case were conducted at the residential and official premises of the accused which led to recovery of some incriminating documents, it said.

Take Chinese vax to enter country: Beijing to Indians

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State-run Global Times reported that such notices were put up by Chinese embassies in 20 countries. Asked about the rationale of the regulation to have Chinese vaccines in countries like India where China made vaccines are not available, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here on Tuesday that many countries have floated the idea of linking vaccination status with opening up international travels.

"Our proposal to facilitate the travel of those who have been inoculated with Chinese vaccines is made after thoroughly considering the safety and efficacy of Chinese vaccines," he said.

"We believe this is a meaningful exploration of facilitating international travel once mass vaccination has been achieved. It is not linked to the recognition of Chinese vaccines," he said.

When pointed out that would it not be better if China recognised the vaccines endorsed by

WHO, which is yet to approve the Chinese vaccines, Zhao said, "China's proposal is a meaningful step. We are trying to facilitate international travel".

"This is an arrangement made by the Chinese side unilaterally. It is a different thing from vaccine recognition," he said.

The WHO has already approved Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines. AstraZeneca vaccine is being produced by Serum Institute in Pune in the name of Covishield.

AstraZeneca vax safe, works extremely well, says Johnson

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Some Asian and African countries have expressed concern. Congo and Thailand have stopped the doses.

However, the UK and EU regulators and the World Health Organisation (WHO) have backed the usage of the Oxford-AstraZeneca jabs.

"Successful as the UK vaccination programme may be, there is little point in achieving some isolated national immunity. We need the whole world to be protected. We need the whole world to have the confidence to open up for trade and travel and holidays and business, all the things that drive jobs and improve our lives at home," said Johnson, highlighting that it is the "principle of enlightened self-interest" that underlies the new review of UK security, defence, development and foreign policy published on Tuesday.

The coronavirus has so far claimed 125,817 lives in the UK, along with 4,276,840 confirmed cases, according to Johns Hopkins University.

Back in Kerala...

In his first remarks after his entry into the NCP, Chacko attacked the Centre and the BJP. "Today, the need is the unity of the Opposition. A united Opposition should emerge as an alternative to the BJP. I don't see that initiative in the party which I was a member of earlier," Chacko said.

Pawar, welcoming the entry of Chacko into his party, said Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has also appreciated his entry into the LDF.

Pawar said there is a need for a third front in the country but it has not been given a shape yet. "We have been talking to different parties. Sitaram Yechury has also stated the need for it today," said Pawar.

"The Kerala CM called me and told me that the Left is happy with PC Chacko joining the NCP," said Pawar in his reaction pertaining to joining of the former senior Congress leader.

Chacko has been associated with Kerala's politics for the last four decades. A four-term Lok Sabha member, his exit from the Congress comes days before the Assembly polls in which the United Democratic Front (UDF) is considered as the prime contender to challenge the Vijayan-led LDF.

Chacko, when he quit the grand old party, alleged that the factionalism within the Congress' State unit was one of the reasons behind him quitting the party.

Outside Kerala as well, the party has lost direction, he said, adding that the Congress is failing to fulfil the role of largest Opposition party.

"Overall, I do not think the Congress has got a systematic functioning, even at the top. People wanted Rahul Gandhi to be president of the party but he is refusing. It has literally become headless party," rued Chacko about the fate of Congress.

Delhi tops polluted capitals list...

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"The transportation sector is one of the major contributors to India's leading PM2.5 emission sources across cities," the report said.

Contextualising the global IQAir report in the Indian context, Avinash Chanchal, Climate Campaigner at Greenpeace India said while many cities, including Delhi, have recorded marginal improvements in air quality due to

lockdowns, the health and economic cost of air pollution remains severe.

He said it is pertinent that governments prioritise sustainable and clean energy sources, as well as the cities, need to encourage low cost, active and carbon-neutral mobility choices such as walking, cycling, and accessible public transport. "Speeding up the transition to clean energy and clean transport not only saves lives but

also dramatically reduces health-care-related costs," Chanchal said.

"The year 2020 brought an unexpected dip in air pollution. In 2021, we will likely see an increase in air pollution due to human activity, again. We hope this report will highlight that urgent action is both possible and necessary to combat air pollution, which remains the world's greatest environmental health threat," said CEO of IQAir Frank Hammes.

UK peers ask Boris to discuss freedom in India with Modi

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India has firmly told Britain that the country's MPs should refrain from practising "vote bank politics" by misrepresenting events, especially in relation to another fellow democracy.

During the debate in the House of Lords, around eight cross-party peers called on the Boris Johnson led UK government to make representations to the Indian government over issues such as "the closure of Amnesty International India and the freezing of its accounts", the situation in Kashmir and the "imprisonment of journalists and the fear of persecution felt by non-Hindu minorities, Dalit activists, NGOs and all those campaigning against human rights violations".

"The strong relationship with India, built on trust and mutual respect, should give us the

confidence to play the role of a critical friend. That means stressing the importance of a free civil society in a democracy," said Lord Roy Collins, an Opposition Labour Party peer.

"Until recently India has broadly upheld the democratic principles and traditions she inherited from the UK. It is now observable that the Indian government has restructured some hitherto democratic freedoms in a number of areas," noted Lord Howard Flight, a Conservative Party peer.

Lord Goldsmith responded to all the issues raised by pointing to regular exchanges with the Indian High Commission in London and the Indian government.

On the issue of Kashmir, he reiterated the UK government stance of being "concerned by the lack of communication between India and Pakistan and its impact

on tensions" but that it is not for the UK to "prescribe a solution or act as a mediator".

The UK government had sought to reiterate that the issue is "absolutely and totally" an internal matter for India and highlighted that the scheduling of debates in Parliament are just part of the nature of its parliamentary democracy.

The Indian government took strong exception over the Commons debate as "gross interference in the politics of another democratic country".

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla summoned the British High Commissioner in New Delhi on March 9 and conveyed India's strong opposition to the "unwarranted and tendentious" discussion on India's agri reforms in the UK Parliament, describing it a "gross interference" in politics of another country.

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This is to inform general public that lease deed and allotment letter of property B-171, XU III, Greater Noida have been lost somewhere. Any person having any objection in transfer of this property may contact the Greater Noida authority within 15 days. Sunil Chaudhary, S/o-Virpal Singh, H.No. 152, Brahmपुरi Garama Road, Modinagar, Ghaziabad, U.P. PD(8961)C

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No. 14681236A, N/K Gyanendra Pratap Singh S/o Sh. Ravendra Kumar Singh R/o H. NO. 21A, Kabir Nagar, Dayalbagh, Agra (UP)-282005. My Daughter's name is Erroneously Recorded as Eshita Singh She Correct Name as Ishita Singh for all future purpose. PD(8959)A

I, No. 14684253L, Sep. Dina Nath Yadav S/o Shree Ram Bachan Yadav R/o-26, Akash Nagar, Dasna Shiv Puram-2, Ghaziabad (UP)-201001, my wife name is Erroneously Recorded as Aarti Yadav, She Correct name as Aarti for all future purpose. PD(8960)A

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WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(1)(2) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column (B) below on dates specified in Column (C) to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column (D) below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column (E) herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column (F) in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column (E) below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column (D) along with interest and other charges.

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SI No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF PHYSICAL POSSESSION
A	B	C	D	E	F
	Loan No.X0HEEDL00001577052 Borrower & Co-borrower 1.Kailash Chander Bhatt, 1. Parul Bhatt, C-669, LIG Flats, East of Loni Road, Shahdara, New Delhi - 110 093.	20.11.2019	Rs. 96,08,337.18 as on 16.11.2019	All that part and parcel of mortgaged property built up second floor without roof rights of property bearing No.177007-A/C, Old Plot No.84 measuring 150 Sq.yds., out of Kharsa No. 249 & 250 situated at village Sikdarpur in Abadi of Shivaji Park, Shahdara, Delhi.	15.03.2021

Date : 15.03.2021
Place: New Delhi

AUTHORISED OFFICER
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

Bhopal Municipal Corporation
HFA Cell, 3rd Floor, ISBT Building, Hoshangabad Road, Habibganj, Bhopal 462023

Notice Inviting e-Tenders

N.I.T. No.: CEP/08-09/HFA(PMAY)2021 Dated: 13.03.2021

Online Percentage Rate Tenders are invited for the following work Reputed eligible firms.

Tender ID	Name of Work	District (s)	Probable Amount (Rs. in lakh)	Completion Period (Months)
2021_UAD_126243_2	Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Maintenance of Electromechanical equipment and allied works for Pumping arrangement for water supply system at various sites under PMAY (Package-1).	Bhopal	3,21,99,470.00	24 Months (including rainy season)
2021_UAD_134763_1	Additional Electrification Work at Kokta site Under PMAY	Bhopal	1,63,82,432.00	1 Months

1. The interested bidders may view the Detailed Notice Inviting Tender on website <https://mptenders.gov.in>

2. The bid documents can be purchased online up to 06.30 P.M. of 13.03.2021.

3. Amendments to this NIT would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

In. Chief Engineer
Bhopal Municipal Corporation

T.N.1849/020/021

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Certificate(s) for certificate nos.102328,253807,370606, 462579 and 1326221 Equity Shares Nos. Distinctive number-4904723 to 4904822 (100) 143243676-143243775 (100) 578969406-578969605 (200) 620151382-620151581 (200) 1391456008-1391456307 (300) of Larsen & Toubro Limited standing in the name (s) of ANUP SETHI jointly with MEENAKSHI SETHI (Deceased) has/have been lost or mislaid and the undersigned has / have applied to the Company to issue duplicate Certificate(s) for the said shares. Any person who has any claim in respect of the said shares should write to our Registrar, KFin Technologies Private Limited, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Hyderabad-500032 within one month from this date else the company will proceed to issue duplicate Certificate(s).

ANUP SETHI
MEENAKSHI SETHI (Deceased)
Name(s) of Shareholder(s)
S-442, Greater Kailash Part I New Delhi-110048
Date:17.03.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is known to all that Allotee of residential Plot No. C-4/178, Sector-36, Noida, Sh. Purshottam Lal Nayyar S/o Sh. Labhu Mal Nayyar R/o 64F, Pocket-3, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi-110092 has sold the above said flat on GPA basis.

1. A.G.P.A. was executed on 10.01.2001 in favour of Sh. Kunwar Prashant S/o Sh. Raj Singh R/o E-27, Sector-36, Noida, which is registered in the office of Seelampur, New Delhi Sub Registrar Office, sell was not executed.

2. Because the Agreement to sell written in para 1 is not registered so with the help of this notice it is informed that the transfer of the above plot on the basis of GPA goes in favor of Mrs. Sarita Choudhary W/o Sh. Pramod Chaudhary R/o Kalypto Tower-5, Flat No: 1103, Jay Preet Wish town, Sector 128, Noida Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.). If anyone has any objection, he/she can submit his/her objection in the residential department of Noida Authority within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Kunwar Prashant S/o Sh. Raj Singh Resi.: E-27, Sector-36, Noida Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)

NON-PAYMENT OF ACADEMIC STAFF IN DELHI GOVT-FUNDED COLLEGES

Delhi Govt to release ₹28 cr

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Government is releasing funds amounting to ₹ 28.24 crores for the salaries of the staff of its fully-funded DU colleges, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Tuesday.

Clearing the chaos over non-payments to academic staff in Delhi Government funded colleges, Kejriwal said the Government will only issue funds in the future based on the directions of the court on whether the funds currently available under different heads can be used for salaries or not. "We are releasing the amount so that teaching staff and the colleges do not suffer till the matter is in court." "We will issue an invite to the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of Shri Manish Sisodia Ji's office to initiate a dialogue with him on the pending issues and concerns," he added.

"I have been reading news reports that the teaching staff of the DU colleges is not getting salaries. Our Government is known and recognised for working to improve the edu-



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cation and health sectors in Delhi but there has been an unwarranted misunderstanding and misinterpretation of the intentions of the Delhi government. I want to clarify to all of the esteemed members present in this meeting, we are on the same side of the table. We do not oppose the pleas and concerns of the staff. Since the last few years, we have tried to initiate talks with the DU authorities and the VC, but there may have been differences, political and otherwise. Today is a new beginning," Kejriwal said during his meeting with senior academic staff

, Principal Secretary and other senior officials.

Supporting the CM Kejriwal, Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia also said that the 12 fully funded colleges should have confidence in the Delhi government, and they should be 100% Delhi government-funded colleges in letter and spirit; unfair to demand funds from government but follow Pattern of Assistance of another agency. "There should be 100 per cent transparency in their accounts and budgets which is required to bridge the gap between the Delhi government and Delhi University,

Sisodia asserted, who also hold portfolio of education minister in the Delhi Cabinet.

Urging colleges to maintain transparencies, Sisodia said that Delhi government does not have any record of the appointment of staff before 2010, but we are expected to pay the salaries of the teaching staff irrespective of that. "The colleges must take prior permission from the Delhi government before appointing the staff because the Delhi government is funding their salaries and expenses. If that does not happen, it will reflect as an impractical and unfair approach on the part of the Delhi University. Thirdly, the Governing Bodies serve as a bridge between the Delhi University and the Delhi government, we cannot demolish them. Their timeline should be extended as soon as possible. Fourthly, there have been delays in issuing the Utilisation Certificate (UC), which should be eliminated for the officials to function efficiently and release funds as soon as possible," he added.

INTRODUCTION OF NCT OF DELHI (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021

AAP leaders to protest at Jantar Mantar today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Delhi convener Gopal Rai on Tuesday announced that the party leaders including Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will protest at Jantar Mantar on Wednesday against the Central Government's step of introducing the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in Parliament.

Addressing the media, Rai spoke of the unconstitutional way in which the Central Government was attempting to restrict the powers of an elected government in Delhi, leaving it virtually powerless.

"The BJP-ruled Central government is once again trying to rob the elected government of Delhi of its powers. The BJP lost poorly in the Assembly elections in Delhi and in the recently concluded MCD by-elections too, they won zero seats," he said.

Rai said that with introducing the National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2021 in Parliament on Monday, the intention of the BJP is clear. "One would do well to remember how even earlier under the leadership of Kejriwal, attempts were made to restrict the pow-

ers of the Delhi Government through orders issued by the MHA.

Rai said, "The Delhi government had thus far worked during the COVID-19 pandemic and had now introduced the Deshbhakti budget, under which several schemes would be introduced.

The minister also mentioned the Delhi government's plans of commemorating 75 years of Indian Independence and of the installation of 500 flags across Delhi of a deshbhakti curriculum, to instill a patriotic fervour among citizens.

According to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021, the "government" in the city would mean the "Lieutenant Governor" in context of any law to be made by the legislative assembly.

The bill that was introduced by Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy in Lok Sabha makes it mandatory for the Delhi government to take the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor (LG) before any executive action in the national capital.

On Monday, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had alleged that the bill would stall Delhi's progress by giving undue powers to the LG.

Delhi BJP president welcomes Bill, says will remove ambiguities

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party president, Adesh Gupta welcoming the introduction of National Capital Territory (Amendment) Bill, 2021 said, "The Bill will remove existing ambiguities, help coordinate better between Centre and state and lead to speedy development of the capital."

"The bill is aimed at promoting harmonious relations between the legislature and the executive and clearly defines the responsibilities of the elected government and the Lieutenant Governor in line with the constitutional scheme of governance of Delhi as interpreted by Supreme Court," Gupta said.

The fact of the matter is the bill in no way curtails the power of elected government but only aims at better coordination between different wings so as to ensure developmental works are not stalled, but implemented with speed for giving Delhiites a better life, Gupta said adding the Kejriwal government should better concentrate on the work defined within its parameters rather than raising the bogey of curtailment of its power.

As a matter of fact, there are more than 75 subjects including water, transport, power, water, on which the state government could have acted independently and can do so even now, he said charging but

Kejriwal only believes in creating hype through publicity rather acting on ground level.

The Delhi BJP leader further said need of the hour is better coordination not only between state government and Lt Governor and state government and Union government but also between state government and municipal corporations which is something missing in the existing scheme of things.

"While the Ayushman yojna has not yet been implemented, the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojna was implemented rather late. In fact, it is the duty of elected government to provide all basic amenities, clean and pure water, good health system, controlling pollution and better roads," he said adding but nothing has been done in the past few years by the Kejriwal government.

Gupta sought to make it clear that the 1993 Act of Delhi and the present one are more and less the same and the only difference now is that it is being defined crystal clear so that there is no room for any doubt or ambiguity.

He said the AAP knew it might well that it was contesting elections for a union territory state and not a full-fledged one. "If Kejriwal wants to be a Chief Minister with all powers he should better contest from a full-fledged state rather than a UT cadre state," he added.

COVID-19

City records 425 fresh cases, positivity rate remains at 0.61%

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi reported 425 fresh Covid-19 cases on Tuesday, while the positivity rate stayed at 0.61 per cent.

The number of active cases of the disease in the city rose to 2,488 on Tuesday from 2,321 on Monday. The total number of positive cases in the city has reached to 6,44,489 till now, according to health bulletin issued by the health department of the Government.

The total number of tests conducted on Sunday stood at 70,049, including 39,425 RT-PCR tests and 30,624 rapid antigen tests, the bulletin said.

On Sunday, the daily case tally had crossed the 400-mark for the fourth consecutive day. On Tuesday, the daily cases count rose again to 425, while the positivity rate increased slightly to 0.61 per cent. The death toll climbed to 10,945 with one more fatalities.

Delhi on Saturday had recorded 419 COVID-19 cases, with a positivity rate of 0.56 per cent, while 407 cases were reported on Sunday and the positivity rate was 0.60 per cent. On Friday, 431 cases were

recorded, the highest in over two months, and the count on Thursday was 409.

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.

The numbers had started to come down in February. On February 26, the month's highest daily count of 256 cases was recorded.

The number of people under home isolation on Tuesday rose to 1,401 from 1,342 on Monday, it said, adding that over 6.31 lakh people have recovered from the infection till date.

Delhi health minister Satyendar Jain on Monday had said that the positivity rate in the national capital was the lowest compared to states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kerala and Punjab.

"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.

Jab administered at 89 hospitals in Gurugram

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

In Gurugram a rapid phase of the Covid-19 vaccination drive is being conducted in 89 hospitals.

These include 37 government health centers and 52 private hospitals. So far, 1 lakh 13 thousand 683 doses of the vaccine have been given in the district, the health officials said on Tuesday.

Sharing more information, Dr. Virender Yadav, chief medical officer (CMO), Gurugram said that according to the instruction of the government, the vaccination drive is being conducted in the district.

According to the health officials, the vaccine doses are being given four days a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in 37 government health centers and hospitals in the district. Similarly, in 52 private hospitals, doses of vaccine are being given daily from Monday to Saturday.

"The 24-hour corona vaccine dose has already been started seven days a week in five hospitals which includes Civil hospital Sector 10, Medanta The Medicity,



Artemis, Fortis and Max Hospital," Yadav said.

Giving detailed information about the doses of Corona vaccine given in Gurugram district till now, District Immunization Officer Dr. MP Singh said that as per the instruction of the government, till Monday evening, 26,278 persons in health care workers got the first dose and around 16,338 persons have been administered with the second dose of vaccine. Similarly, in the case of front line workers 18,759 persons have been given the first dose and 4508 persons have been given the second dose.

"During third phase of the vaccination drive 5,587 persons with severe diseases ranging from 45 years to 59 years have been given the first dose and 42,213 senior citizens above the age of 60 years have been given the first dose of vaccine," Singh informed.

SDMC eyes better Swachchh Survekshan ranking LAUNCHES SMART SYSTEM TO MONITOR PUBLIC TOILETS

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to improve its ranking in Swachh Survekshan-2021, South Delhi Municipal Corporation's (SDMC) West Zone launched QR based smart system for live monitoring of different parameters of public toilets.

A senior SDMC official said that the Corporation has aimed to improve services following which smart system is being equipped at public toilets.

The civic agency will be able to rectify and improve services in a time bound manner through this system which is unique in nature, he said.

After scanning the QR Code, toilet users will get five options — availability of electricity, water and soap, cleanliness of toilet premises and toilet seat — will be shown

After scanning the QR Code, toilet users will get five options- availability of electricity, water and soap, cleanliness of toilet premises and toilet seat- will be shown. Toilet users will have to select an option to submit the feedback. Besides this, location of the Public Toilet, name of the

ward, and other relevant information will also be displayed.

"Through the system, users of public toilets can give feedback regarding facilities being provided at public toilets. Under the system, users will have to scan QR code to give feedback," he said.

Under the initiative, QR code was equipped at a public toilets located along Najafgarh Road in West Zone's Rajouri Garden.

SDMC Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti said that the civic agency is making special efforts to ensure proper upkeep and maintenance of public toilets hence it has started a feed-

back system. About the newly equipped smart system, he said that through this all zonal headquarter will come to know about upkeep and maintenance of toilets, facilities available for toilet users, issues faced by them while availing the facilities, etc.

Nodal officer of Swachh Bharat Mission, Rajiv Jain said that this system is being equipped at all SDMC public toilets. He appealed people to share feedback through QR Code about availability of electricity, water, soap, cleanliness of toilet premises and toilet seat while using the toilets.

Palm Civet resting on top of AC rescued

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A juvenile Asian Palm Civet was rescued by Wildlife SOS after it was found resting on top of the air conditioning compressor unit of a house in NRPC (Northern Regional Power Committee) Colony located in the Qutab Institutional Area.

In another incident, the NGO rescued a civet cat from a farmhouse Chattarpur. Both animals were later released back into their natural habitat.

A family residing in NRPC (Northern Regional Power Committee) Colony were shocked to discover that they were sharing their home with a civet cat! As it turned out, the civet cat had taken up temporary residence on top of their air conditioning compressor unit.

They immediately contacted Wildlife SOS on their 24-hour helpline (+91-9871963535) and a two-member team rushed to the aid. The team carefully extricated the civet cat and it was later released back into the wild.

Neelam, the resident who called Wildlife SOS said, "The maintenance staff caught sight of the civet sitting on top of our A/C unit and rushed to inform us. Thankfully, we came across the Wildlife SOS helpline number online and immediately contacted them."



Kartick Satyanarayan, Co-founder & CEO of Wildlife SOS, said, "Civet cats are often sighted in this area as it is surrounded by vast green spaces. It is heartening to see a rise in the number of people considering the well-being of animals and making an informed decision of calling Wildlife SOS. We request the public to keep supporting our cause and immediately report any such situations on our helpline number."

Wasim Akram, Deputy Director - Special Projects, Wildlife SOS, said, "The Asian Palm Civet (Paradoxurus hermaphroditus) is a long mongoose-like mammal which survives in a wide range of habitats. It is a nocturnal species and

locally referred to as Kabar bijju or gravedigger."

The NGO later rushed to the aid of another civet cat that had wandered into a farmhouse in Chattarpur. Last week, the team rescued a civet cat after it broke into a family's kitchen in Delhi Cantt.

The Asian Palm Civet also called a toddy cat, is a small member of the family Viverridae native to South and Southeast Asia. Civet cats play an important role in the ecosystem by controlling the rodent population and are prime contributors to the dispersal of seeds as they often feed on fruits, berries, coffee beans. This species is protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

29-yr-old criminal, accomplice held from Jaipur

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Special Cell of Delhi Police has arrested a 29-year-old criminal along with his associate from their hide-out in Rajasthan's Jaipur area. Police said that the accused was wanted in cases of murder.

The accused has been identified as Priyavart alias Kala while his accomplice has been identified as Rohit (23), both residents of village Katewada near Bawana.

Police said that Priyavart is a "Bad Character" of Bawana police station and he is the right hand man of Sandeep alias Kala Jathedi. He was running wanted in a recent case of murder of a Civil Defence employee posted at SDM Office, Alipur and several other cases of murder.

According to Manishi Chandra, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, on March 15, specific inputs were received that wanted criminal Priyavart along with his associate Rohit are staying in a hotel situated in Park Street area of Jaipur.

"Accordingly, a team was rushed who after painstaking efforts, located the wanted criminals. After a patient watch, the team nabbed both the accused persons in a swift and professional operation," said the DCP.



Bank employees raise slogans during a protest in support of the two-day nationwide strike, called by United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), against the proposed privatisation of two State-owned lenders, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Tuesday, Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

Two stabbed to death in Paschim Vihar road rage

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Following an incident of road rage, two men were stabbed to death allegedly by two persons including a juvenile in outer Delhi's Paschim Vihar on Monday night.

The deceased were identified as Rohit Aggarwal (23) and Ghanshyam (20). Police said that the accused identified as Pardeep Kohli (19), has been arrested while his juvenile accomplice has been apprehended in connection with the incident that took place on late Monday night.

A CCTV footage of the incident was also doing rounds on social media. In the video the two accused persons can be

seen stabbing Rohit and Ghanshyam multiple times with a knife until they fell unconscious and soon fled from the spot on their bike after leaving them grievously injured.

According to a senior police official, the two men were on their two-wheeler when their vehicle allegedly collided with a motorcycle. "This led to a heated argument between the two parties following which the accused persons who were on motorcycle chased the victims for about half kilometre and stabbed them inside a narrow lane near the Udhog Vihar metro station," he said.

"Soon after the incident, the accused persons fled from

the spot on their bike," he said. "Police had received a call about two injured men lying near Udhog Vihar metro station. The injured were taken to hospital where they were declared as brought dead," said A Kaon, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer district.

"With the help of technical surveillance and human intelligence, both the accused were apprehended and during interrogation, it surfaced that road rage between both the parties led to double murder," said the DCP.

"The knife and motorcycle used by the accused persons in commission of crime has been recovered from them," the DCP added.

Man held for selling stolen vehicles, 10 cars, 1 pistol seized

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police has arrested a 28-year-old man for allegedly selling stolen vehicles on lucrative rates in the National Capital. Police said that they have seized a total of 10 cars, one country made pistol and two live cartridges from the possession of the accused.

The accused has been identified as Mohsin Khan, a resident of Meerut in Uttar Pradesh who had sold more than 500 stolen vehicles in the last seven years.

According to Jasmeet Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district, on March 6, police got a tip-off, following which they laid a trap in front of residential complex, GB Pant Hospital and apprehended Khan.

"During interrogation, Khan told police that he purchased the stolen cars from one Babloo, an auto-lifter, from Moradabad in UP. Khan further revealed that through his links in Delhi, Meerut, Rajasthan and Punjab, he used to get the accidental or total loss vehicles. After getting the scrap car, he gave the details of the car to Babloo," said the DCP.

"Khan also stated that he had sold many cars in Delhi, UP, Haryana, Rajasthan and Punjab. When Khan received any total loss car, he would ask Babloo to steal the same vehicle," said the DCP.

"After receiving the stolen car from Babloo, he used to fix the registration number of accidental car. Later, he used to change the engine and chassis numbers of the stolen car. After completing all the formalities, he used to sell the car in market," said the DCP. SR

Plan for worst 2nd Covid wave, Centre tells Maha

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Maintaining that Maharashtra is in the beginning of a second wave of Covid-19 pandemic, the Centre on Tuesday asked the Uddhav Thackeray Government to plan for a "worst-case scenario" with sufficient lead time. Maharashtra is witnessing an alarming resurgence in Covid-19 cases accounting for 61 percent of all fresh infections recorded countrywide last week.

In the meantime, as a preventive measure Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab have imposed night curfew as well as lockdown in cities like Nagpur, Pune, Nashik and some areas in Uttarakhand. Night curfew has also been imposed in Patiala, Ludhiana, Mohali, and Fatehgarh Sahib.

In view of rising Covid cases in some parts of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a meeting with the Chief Ministers on Wednesday where further course of action will be decided to ramp up the vaccination programme launched on January 16.

The Centre also has placed a new purchase order with the Serum Institute of India (SII) for the supply of 10 crore doses of the Covishield, each costing ₹157.50, including GST, according to official sources. The cost of the 10 crore doses would be borne by the health ministry under the budgetary allocation for the purpose.

The aim is to ensure inoculating as many people so as to curb the virus which is resurging in Maharashtra among a few other States.

In its communication to Maharashtra, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that while the available health infrastructure was adequate, the State needed to look into vaccine hesitancy among front-line workers, "as their services would be required if the trajectory follows the upward swing as is being witnessed now".

"The State should also expedite vaccinating those with co-morbidities and elderly. Maharashtra is in the beginning of a second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

Efforts to track, test, isolate cases and quarantine contacts are limited there with no adherence to Covid-19 appropriate behaviour among people both in rural and urban areas," Bhushan wrote in his letter. Pointing towards contact tracing, the Health Secretary's letter mentioned that the case-contact ratio is more than 1:20 in the state.

According to a Central team that had visited the State recently, some districts were found implementing/contemplating to implement measures such as night curfew, partial lockdowns, weekend lockdowns etc (Aurangabad, Nashik and Jalgaon).

It has recommended that treating physicians should be re-sensitised to clinical management protocols and keep a close watch on any changes in clinical profile.

"The high case fatality among admitted cases in Vasant Rao Pawar Medical College, Nashik, needs to be investigated in detail, including sending samples for whole

genome sequencing," the team has recommended.

The report was submitted after the Central team visited Mumbai, Thane, Nashik, Dhule, Jalgaon and Aurangabad. Previously, the team had covered the Vidarbha region.

The Health Ministry has now recommended monitoring of the situation at the highest level, strengthened surveillance (as per the containment plan), enhanced involvement of private practitioners, increased testing and reviewing the practice of isolating 80-85 per cent of active cases kept at home.

It added that measures such as night curfews and weekend lockdowns had limited impact on containing/suppressing the transmission. If Mumbai is registering a sharp upward trend, at least 10 other states/UTs are also showing a significant rise in infections, indicating a wide resurgence of the pandemic in the country.

India has recorded 24,458 new cases on Monday, a shade lower than Sunday's count of 26,386.

Overall, India reported nearly 1.56 lakh cases during the week. During the week, just seven out of 36 States and Union territories registered a week-on-week fall in cases. On the other hand, seven states registered a rise of more 1,000 cases over the previous week — Maharashtra, where cases rose by a staggering 30,029, Punjab (3,149), Karnataka (1,493), Gujarat (1,324), Chhattisgarh (1,249), Madhya Pradesh (1,074) and Tamil Nadu (1,026).

Cong seeks FM's views on bankers' strike



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Charging the Government with not consulting all the stakeholders before deciding to privatise some public sector banks, the Opposition Congress on Tuesday demanded a statement by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the ongoing bank employees' strike.

Raising the issue in the Rajya Sabha, Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said the two-day strike had affected the common people and small businesses. He also said the coming days will see nationwide strike by the General Insurance Company and the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) employees against the proposed move to privatise the sector.

Making these assertions during a Zero Hour mention, Kharge said the government has taken a decision to privatise two public sector banks without consulting the 75 crore account holders, who too are stakeholders.

Bank employees are worried about their future following the government's decision to privatise and merge public sector banks.

The nation's 12 public sector banks employ 13 lakh and have about one lakh branches across the country, he said adding the Government was

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able to implement schemes like zero-balance Jan Dhan accounts only on the back of the public sector banks.

Also, India was largely untouched by the 2008 global financial meltdown as it had strong public sector banks, Kharge said.

Moreover, these banks as well as public sector units are the only ones that give reservation to the deprived sections of the society, he said.

Public sector bank employees and officers began their two-day strike on Monday while employees of General Insurance Company will strike work on March 17. The LIC employees have given a strike call on March 18, he said.

Kharge demanded that Sitharaman should make a statement to address concerns of employees over privatisation and mergers of banks and insurance companies.

'Govt always tries to revive PSUs that can be revived'

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Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Prakash Javadekar on Tuesday said in the Lok Sabha that the Government always makes efforts to revive public sector undertakings that can be revived and that Government and private sector both will have presence in the strategic sector.

During the Question Hour in Lok Sabha, Javadekar said the effort always is to utilise the full capacity of the public sector undertakings (PSU).

"There is always an effort to ensure that those units which can be revived are revived," he asserted.

The Minister further said the Government has approved the revival, merger, or restructuring of some PSUs.

"Some of them are Brahmaputra Valley Fertiliser Corporation Ltd, Hindustan

Steelwork Construction Ltd, Richardson & Cruddas Ltd, NEPA Ltd, Hooghly Printing Company Ltd, Konkarn Railway Corporation Ltd, Mahanagar Telecom Nigam Ltd (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL)," he said.

Replying to a question, Javadekar said BSNL and MTNL are strategic assets. "And in a strategic sector, there will be government presence and there will be private companies also," he said.

He also clarified that the government is not privatising Life Insurance Corporation of India.

Railways won't be privatised but private investment needed for efficiency: Goyal



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Seeking the cooperation of States for acquisition of land for speedy implementation of the projects there, Railways Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday asserted in the Lok Sabha that the Indian Railways would never be privatised but maintained that private investment should be encouraged for more efficient functioning of the behemoth.

"Indian Railways will never be privatised. It is a property of every Indian and will remain so," the Minister said, adding that it will remain with the Government of India.

Replying to a discussion on Demands for Grants for Railways in the Lok Sabha, Goyal said central allocation for railway projects has been enhanced several times more than the previous years and

includes all States without any discrimination.

Goyal said the Modi Government has hiked investment in railways to ₹2.15 lakh crore in 2021-22 fiscal, from ₹1.5 lakh crore in the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The railway minister said some states have not been cooperating to allot land for railway projects — doubling and gauge conversion — and cited the case of West Bengal where, he said projects have been stalled for want of cooperation and allocation of land. He said in one of the projects, approved in 1974-75, only 42 km length of total 110 km is completed.

The Minister said all of the broad gauge lines have been made crossing-free and the country has become self-reliant in the signaling system without being dependent on the foreign technology. "We are developing

our own home growth signaling system and not European", he said and credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for suggesting self-reliance in the technology.

Goyal said there has been no death of any passenger in rail accidents in past two years and the railways has been putting enormous focus on passenger safety and punctuality of train timings.

The Lok Sabha later passed the Demands for Grants for Railways for 2021-22.

He said they were working to making Indian Railways the "engine of growth". The minister also sought cooperation of State Governments for land acquisition for faster implementation of rail projects.

Besides Bengal, he also pointed to another opposition-ruled state of Maharashtra for delaying railway projects.

RS passes Bill to increase upper limit for abortion to 24 weeks

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The Rajya Sabha on Tuesday passed two legislations — The Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 paving way for increasing the upper limit for permitting abortions from the present 20 weeks to 24 weeks for "special categories of women" which include rape survivors and The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020 which seeks to provide for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals.

The Bill on MTP (Amendment) 2020 also provides for setting up of State-level Medical Boards to decide if a pregnancy may be terminated after 24 weeks in cases of substantial foetal abnormalities.

The Bill was passed in

March last year in the Lok Sabha. "A demand to send the bill to a select committee of Rajya Sabha was defeated by voice vote, along with some other amendments proposed by members. "The bill as amended is passed," Rajya Sabha deputy chairman Hariyansh Narayan Singh said.

The Bill increases the time period within which abortion may be carried out. Currently, abortion requires the opinion of one doctor if it is done within 12 weeks of conception and two doctors if it is done between 12 and 20 weeks. The Bill allows abortion to be done on the advice of one doctor up to 20 weeks, and two doctors in the case of certain categories of women between 20 and 24 weeks.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said the amendments in the bill have been made after studying global

practices and wide consultation within the country. "Under the leadership of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, we will not frame any law which harms women. This is to preserve and protect dignity of women," he said. However, various Opposition parties like the Congress, CPI-M and the NCP demanded that the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 be sent to a select committee of the Rajya Sabha.

The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Bill, 2020 provides for regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals, assessment of institutions, maintenance of a central register and state register and creation of a system to improve research and development and adoption of latest scientific advancement.

Abolish smoking areas in public places to curb Covid-19, urges ICMR scientist

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Equating the designated smoking areas (DSAs) with 'Covid-19 hotspots' in public places like hotels, airports and restaurants, a senior scientist has called for abolishment of such zones to curb the spread of the deadly virus.

Dr Raman Gangakhedkar, the CG Pandit National Chair at ICMR, said, "It has been seen that no safe distance norms are followed in these zones which are usually like smoke-filled chambers where people take off their masks and follow no social distancing norms. Hence, there are chances that the virus may remain airborne for a long period while smokers come and go, adding to the risk of transmission."

"In the absence of Covid-19 safety norms, there is always a threat of transmission from such closed spaces, particularly at a time when we are facing the threat of the second wave of the pandemic," he said at a

webinar on '100 per cent smoke free public places: challenges and way ahead', organised by SpeakIn, an online learning and speakers' platform.

"Also, new evidences have shown that death risk among smokers with Covid-19 disease is two times higher than non-smokers. This just adds to the healthcare burden," he added.

"In the wake of Covid-19, the importance of preventive healthcare has gained importance. It's time to legally ban such health hazards zones impacting non-smokers to deter the violators. Also, the public should come forward to support the 100 per cent smoke-free public places movement, BJP national spokesperson Gopal Krishna Agarwal said while GP Sharma, President of Uttar Pradesh Hospitality Association talked about the ill-impact of tobacco on the public in the Northern State. "We support a ban on tobacco and creating awareness among hotel owners about its toxic health impact," he added.

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	Gandhidham	19:00	19:30	18:55	19:15	
	Bhachau	20:03	20:05	19:47	19:49	
	Samakhiali	20:26	20:28	20:08	20:10	
	Santalpur	21:35	21:37	21:13	21:15	
	Radhanpur	22:05	22:07	21:43	21:45	
	Diyodar	22:37	22:39	22:15	22:17	
	Bhildi	23:00	23:02	22:38	22:40	
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Balasankar blasts Kerala BJP after denial of ticket

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The BJP's claim that it would emerge as a game changer in Kerala after the 2021 Assembly election suffered a setback on Tuesday as a national level leader of the party came out in the open lambasting the State leaders.

"The present leaders of the Kerala unit of the BJP do not want the party to grow and are using the party as a milch cow," said R Balasankar, former chief editor of *The Organiser*, the RSS mouthpiece and an author of repute.

Balasankar was upset because he was denied a ticket in the Assembly election scheduled for April 6. It was widely reported in the local vernacular media that he would be fielded from Chengannur Assembly constituency, his hometown.

He had told *The Pioneer* sometime back that he had come to Kerala to contest the Assembly election with the blessings of the national leadership. "But the writs of the Prime Minister, Home Minister and the party's all India president do not run in Kerala. The State leadership does not want the party to take roots in Kerala for obvious reasons," Balasankar told *The Pioneer*.

This newspaper had report-

ed on Tuesday that there was widespread resentment among the party cadre and leaders over the denial of party ticket to Sobha Surendran, former vice-president of the party. While K Surendran, president of the Kerala unit of the party is heli-hopping from Manjeswaram in Kasaragod and Konni in central Kerala, the two constituencies from where he is seeking electoral fortunes, the party is yet to take a decision on fielding Sobha Surendran.

"It is K Surendran who unleashed an agitation against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for hiring a helicopter to visit different parts of the state. Now he is enjoying the chopper rides.

A deal has been struck between the Kerala BJP and the CPI(M) to ensure the victory of Surendran in one of the constituencies from where he is fighting," said Balasankar.

The outburst in the Hindutwa party has helped the Congress to divert the narrative caused by the Mahila Congress leader tansuring her head for denying her a seat in the ensuing election. "Though there were protests in the CPI(M) over selection of candidates, no party in the State has seen the kind of resentment being shown by the BJP.

"It was gross injustice to

deny Balasankar a seat in this election. The BJP may have to be content with the percent of votes it had polled in the 2016 and 2019 election. Even if it manages to win two or three seats in this election, it will not cause any impact in Kerala politics," said P Rajan, former editor, *Mathrubhumi* and author.

He said the present leadership of the party is immature and does not know how to fight an election. "Helicopter rides by the party president is sure to cause loss of face to the BJP," said Rajan.

C P Radhakrishnan, party-in-charge of Kerala said he was ignorant of what was happening in Kerala BJP. All of us who have been deputed by the central leadership are in the dark about the goings on in the party. Let this election be over. We will do something to rejuvenate the party," said Radhakrishnan.

With the internal fightings in the BJP coming out in the open, the fight for supremacy in Kerala is between the CPI(M) led LDF and the Congress-led UDF. "It seems Amit Shah's dream of Congress-mukt Bharat would remain unfulfilled while the BJP in the State would become more Congressised in days to come," said Rajan, himself a vintage Congress leader.

Simultaneous polls will reduce burden on exchequer, parties' expenditure, says House panel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Parliamentary Committee on law and justice, and personnel Ministries on Tuesday said "certain provisions of the Constitution may be amended to have fixed terms for local bodies, legislative assemblies and the Lok Sabha for holding simultaneous elections".

In its report on demands for grants for the law ministry, it said that holding of simultaneous elections in the country will reduce the burden on the exchequer, expenditure of political parties and also ensure that human resources are optimally utilised.

The report of the Parliamentary Committee was tabled in the Parliament on Tuesday. It said the committee also believes that simultaneous elections will reduce voters' apathy of frequent elections and will enthuse the general population and voters in particular which will ultimately enhance voters' participation in the electoral process.

The committee said it is of the view that the idea of 'One Nation, One Election' or simultaneous elections is not new to the country as the first three Lok Sabha elections in 1952, 1957 and 1962 were held simultaneously only and it can be brought into the mainstream with suitable amendments to the

Constitution.

The terms of legislative assemblies and Lok Sabha are also required to be synchronised with one another and the mechanism in this regard requires to be evolved with political consensus as the term of the respective state assemblies need to be reduced or increased," the report said.

It said having continuous elections around the year whether it is for local bodies, state assemblies or Lok Sabha, put a big strain on the state machinery which further causes hurdles in governance. "Our country remains in election mode throughout the year," the report observed.

The first, second and third elections after promulgation of the Constitution were held simultaneously. However, premature dissolution of some legislative assemblies in 1968 and 1969 caused discontinuation of holding simultaneous elections, it noted.

"The renewed emphasis on the concept of simultaneous elections was made in 1983 when the Election Commission brought out its first annual report and recommended for holding simultaneous elections for Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies as it will reduce expenditure and ensure effective use of manpower and human resources," the report noted.

Bypolls to 2 Lok Sabha and 14 Assembly seats on April 17: EC

New Delhi: The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday announced bypolls to two Lok Sabha seats — one each in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh — and 14 Assembly constituencies across 11 States will be held on April 17 when the fifth phase of the West Bengal assembly election will also take place. The counting will be held on May 2, the same day as the results for elections in Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat and West Bengal, and the union territory of Puducherry.

By-election to Tirupati LS seat was necessitated after the death of sitting MP Balli Durga Prasad of the YSR Congress Party in September last year due to COVID-19 disease. The seat is reserved for the Scheduled Caste category. The bypoll to the Belgaum Lok Sabha seat in Karnataka is being held following the death of former Union minister Suresh Angadi in September last year.

The EC has also announced bypolls to 14 assembly seats -- three in Rajasthan, two in Karnataka and one each in Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana and Uttarakhand. "In view of spread of COVID-19, the Commission on 21st August, 2020, issued broad guidelines, which are to be followed strictly during the conduct of elections," the EC said.

Rajasthan's 120-year-old prison Act amended to end caste discrimination

Jaipur: Believe it or not, the 120-year-old Act in which prisoners from backward castes were not allowed to work as cooks in Rajasthan jails till January 2021 has finally been amended, said prison officials.

This Act, framed 120 years ago during the British regime, discriminated between prisoners on the basis of caste in delegating tasks such as cooking and cleaning in jail.

The DG Prisons strongly pitched for this change in January this year and made sure he got the Act amended in February this year.

Speaking to IANS, Dasot said, "Despite India attaining Independence and new laws being framed, the practice of discriminating between prisoners on the basis of caste continued under The Rajasthan Prisons Rules, 1951 which were made under The Prisons Act, 1894 (central Act no. 9 of 1894)."

This Act clearly mentioned that cooks in the prison shall be Brahmins or high-caste Hindu prisoners. Cleaning work was entrusted to the so-called "lower caste" inmates.

Surprisingly, this discrimination continued even after the country's indepen-

dence when newer laws were formed, Dasot said, adding that the High court and some NGOs pointed out this discrimination to him and he immediately decided to propose for its amendment.

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot also took very seriously and directed the concerned authorities who helped amend the act within 20 days which is a record in itself, added Dasot.

On February 12, this year, the state government amended The Rajasthan Prisons Rules, 1951 and titled it the Rajasthan Prisons (Amendment) Rules, 2021. The order has been notified for its immediate enforcement, he added.

The new law clearly specified that no inmate shall be selected for cooking on the basis of caste or religion. Also the convicts termed as menial servants under rule 13 of section 1 were replaced as 'tradesmen' in the amended law. These include those employed as cooks, barbers, water carriers, sweepers etc.

The amended law deleted the earlier clause which mentioned that any member of a criminal tribes subject to the discretion of the government shall be termed as habitual criminals. IANS

Rajyogini Dadi Ratan Mohini now Brahma Kumaris global chief

PNS ■ MT ABU (RAJASTHAN)

Rajyogini Dadi Ratan Mohini was declared global chief of Brahma Kumaris organisation on Tuesday.

After the demise of Rajyogini Dadi Gulzar, former chief of the organization, management committee appointed the 96 years old Additional Chief Dadi Ratan Mohini as the global head.

As per, press release issued by the organisation, Rajyogini Dadi Ratan Mohini took over as Chief of Brahma kumaris along with Rajyogini Dadi Ishu Ji it's Additional Chief.

Born in Sindh Hyderabad on 25 March 1925, Dadiji joined the Brahma kumaris movement when she was just 11 years old. Under her inspiring leadership, innumerable youth empowerment camps, campaigns, conferences and programs have been organized in all nook and corners of India.

Union Minister Arjun Munda's vehicle attacked in Purulia

PNS ■ RANCHI

Union Minister Arjun Munda on Tuesday had a close shave as the election campaign vehicle he was using in Manbazar Assembly constituency under Purulia district was attacked by miscreants. The Minister remained unhurt and he directly blamed TMC supporters for the incident.

In a series of tweets Munda stated that the attack was orchestrated by the "goons of TMC". "Today I had to meet people in Bamani of Maan Bazar Vidhan Sabha, but TMC goons attacked the chariot Birsu Munda, Sido Kanhu Samman Rath. Mamta Didi's police remained a mute spectator...." stated Munda in a tweet.

According to reports, besides Union Minister Arjun Munda, BJP candidate from Maan Bazar, Gauri Singh Sardar, former Bahragora MLA Kunal Sarangi and others were present in the vehicle when it was attacked.

Condemning the incident, State BJP president Deepak Prakash said that today JMM is supporting such a party which conducts planned attacks on Jharkhand's former Chief Minister and other leaders



Damaged Sido Kanhu Rath after being vandalised by unknown people during an election campaign at Shyampur village of Manbazar Assembly constituency of Purulia district on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

of Jharkhand including popular leaders.

He said that the chariot that Arjun Munda was traveling in was also the chariot named after martyrs Sido Kanho and Lord Birsu Munda of the State.

He said that TMC has become completely frustrated and disappointed in the West Bengal elections.

"Today, the people of West Bengal want freedom from the misrule of Mamata Banerjee. There is a wave in favour of BJP across the State," he said. Prakash said that the Chief Minister of the State, Hemant Soren should give a statement on the insult and martyrdom of the martyrs of the State.

EXPLOSIVE-LADEN SUV RECOVERY NEAR ANTILIA & MURDER CASE Cong mounts pressure on Fadnavis to hand over SUV CDR to probe agencies

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid the BJP's continued effort to target the Shiv Sena-led MVA government over the arrest of controversial police officer Sachin Vaze, the ruling Congress on Tuesday sought to turn the table on the Opposition, by asking its leader Devendra Fadnavis to hand over the Call Detail Record (CDR) relating to the recovery of gelatine sticks' laden SUV near Mukesh Ambani's residence to the investigating agencies.

Alluding to Fadnavis' statement in the State Assembly that he possessed the CDR relating to recovery of gelatine sticks' laden Scorpio near Ambani's residence, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) general secretary and spokesperson Sachin Sawant appealed to the senior BJP leader to cooperate with the investigators by handing over the CDR to them.

"The Hon' Leader of Opposition should hand over the details in the CDR to the investigators and help book the culprits. Procuring CDR is a crime. Some days ago, the city crime branch police had unearthed crime," Sawant tweeted.

"Common people look up to leaders as their role models. There cannot be two yardsticks - one for the common people and another for leaders. It is not enough to raise the voice in the Legislature. I am sure that the once chief minister and current leader of the Opposition will consider this issue," Sawant added.

During the course of a debate in the State Assembly on the issue of gelatine sticks' laden SUV near Mukesh Ambani's residence on March 9, Fadnavis had claimed that he had secured a CDR relating to the incident.

Training his guns at Fadnavis, Congress leader Nana Patole had wondered: "I would like to know as to how did Fadnavis get access to the call data records, carrying the exchange between Vaze and Hiren. Does he have the authority to obtain CDR?"

In his response, Fadnavis dared to investigate him to find out as to how he obtained CDR. "Yes I obtained CDR (between Vaze and Hiren). Let the state government investigate me. But, do not shield Vaze. You can't threaten me of ordering investigations against me. I have the right to speak in the House."

Karnataka to launch slew of ads to create awareness on Covid protocol

Bengaluru: With Covid-19 cases continuing to surge in Karnataka, the State Government on Tuesday said they would launch a slew of advertisements to create awareness on following protocol and increase the vaccination drive to contain the spread.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar warned that stringent measures would be put in place if people continued to flout government guidelines on wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. He said COVID-19 cases were increasing in Karnataka and there was a spike in neighbouring states as well and noted that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa had asked people to strictly follow the guidelines.

"The Chief Minister has issued strict instructions to follow guidelines. Otherwise the

government has no option but to take tougher steps," he said.

Sudhakar said the government would launch a slew of advertisements to create awareness on following protocol.

Besides, the vaccination drive, which has so far covered 15 lakh people, would also be increased, he said.

Sudhakar said primary hospitals have been instructed to conduct at least 100 tests per day and general hospitals, 500 a day.

"At least 20 primary and secondary contacts have to be traced for every infected person," he told reporters. The Chief Minister had earlier asked people to cooperate by adhering to the preventive measures if they don't want another lockdown. PTI

MAHA RECORDS 17, 864 NEW CASES, 87 DEATHS AS COVID RESURGES IN STATE

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The health authorities in Maharashtra went into a tizzy on Tuesday, as the state recorded an alarmingly high 17,864 Covid-19 infections and 87 deaths.

A day after it witnessed 15,051 fresh infections and 48 deaths, the infections peaked to a new high of 17,864, which is higher than the highest caseload of 15,817 registered October 7 last year.

There has not been any let up in the increasing number of Covid-19 cases ever since the advent of the second wave of pandemic that is sweeping the state since early this month. Tuesday was the fifth consecutive day when there were 15,000-plus cases.

With 17,864 fresh cases reported on Tuesday, the total infections in the state climbed from 23,29,464 to 23,47,328. Similarly, with 87 new deaths the Covid-19 toll in the state went up from 52,909 to 53,996.

As 9,510 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March last year went up to 21,54,253. The recovery rate in the state dropped marginally from 92.07 per cent to 91.77 per cent.

With five fresh deaths, the Covid-19 toll in Mumbai rose from 11,539 to 11,543, while the infected cases went up by 1922 to trigger a jump in the infections from 3,45,675 to 3,47,597.

Meanwhile, the number of "active cases" total cases in the state went up from 1,30,547 to 1,38,813. The fatality rate in the state dropped from 2.27 per cent

to 2.26 per cent. There are a maximum of 28817 "active" cases in Pune, followed by Nagpur (19,558), Mumbai (13,862), Thane (13,150), Nashik (8,677), Aurangabad (8,877), Jalgaon (4,848), Amravati (3,743) and Akola (3,061). Pune district, which continued to be the worst-affected city-district in Maharashtra, saw the total number of cases increase from 4,41,745 to 4,45,319, while the total number of deaths in Pune rose from 8144 to 8158. Thane district remained in the third spot -after Pune and Mumbai - after the total number of infections rose from 2,94,094 to 2,95,494, while the total deaths climbed from 5,876 to 5,878. Of the 1,77, 15, 522 samples sent to laboratories, 23,47,328 have tested positive (13.25 per cent) for COVID-19 until Tuesday.

Currently, 6,52,531 people are in home quarantine while 6,067 people are in institutional quarantine.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

An unidentified Pakistani intruder was shot dead by the alert jawans of the Border Security Force (BSF) along the international border in Ramgarh sub sector of Samba on Tuesday.

It is for the first time an intruder has been shot dead across Jammu frontier after the neighboring countries India and Pakistan decided to observe the agreements and ceasefire along the LoC and the International Border from the midnight of February 24/25.

In a written statement a BSF spokesman in Jammu said, "On 16th Mar 2021 at about 3.55 p.m., BSF troops observed

suspicious movement of an intruder aggressively moving towards wild sarkanda growth (elephantine grass) while approaching fence from direction of Pak Village Lehri Kalan side & crossing the IB into Indian territory between BP No 12/5 and 12/6".

The BSF spokesman said, "the intruder attempted to negotiate & exploit the Basantar river gap. BSF troops tracked & challenged him but the intruder tried to escape into Pak territory upon which he was fired upon. Dead body of intruder was recovered upon search of area and handed over to PS Ramgarh".

Basantar River has been a traditional route of exploitation for infiltration & Lehri Kalan

has been old launching pad of terrorists.

This is the third killing of Pak intruder in a recent times.

BSF jawans recovered some Pak currency from the possession of an intruder before shifting his dead body to a mortuary of a nearby district hospital. Meanwhile, repeated recoveries of a dummy plane shaped balloon with PIA written over it has also created flutter here in the security establishment.

The security personnel and jawans deployed along the International grid have been put in a state of high alert following repeated recoveries of these dummy plane shaped balloons . In the recent days two incidents have come to light across Jammu region.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CHEMIST
Public Health Engineering Department, Gandhi Nagar, JAIPUR
NIT No- Lab-48/20-21/ dated:- 10/03/2021

TENDER NOTICE

PHED invites on line tenders in electronic format on website <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> and <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>, from the manufacturers and authorized dealers, for the "Supply & Installation of the UV-Vis Spectrophotometers (26 in nos.) along with all accessories and sample preparation facilities essential for the analysis of water samples (2 for state lab and 24 in district PHED laboratories (11n each district of Rajasthan)"

No.	NIT No. & Date	Item	Estimated Cost in Rs	Earnest Money in Rs	Date & Time of downloading of Tender documents	Last Date & Time of Online Submission of Tender	Date & Time of online opening of qualifying bids	Delivery & Satisfactory Installation period
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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, NAWA RAIPUR, ATAL NAGAR

Notice

Sl.No. 791/ F-7/33/13/1/2020 Atal Nagar dtd. 15.03.2021

Vacancy for one post of The Chairman and one post of The Member, Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (CSERC), are arising on 01.04.2021 and 22.06.2021 respectively. Section 84 of The Electricity Act, 2003 stipulates the qualification of a person for being eligible for the selection to the above post.

Selection committee has been constituted for the selection of panel of names for appointment to the above posts.

Applications are invited for post of one (01) Chairman and one (01) Member separately from experienced and qualified eligible person. Candidate applying for both Chairman and Member are required to send application for each separately. The application should be made on single piece of paper with covering letter and bio-data along with self attested supporting documents. Application should be sent by registered/ speed post and via e-mail on the following address. It should reach within four (04) weeks from date of publication of this notice. Application received after due date shall not be considered:-

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R.O. No.- 8794/4 (ANKIT ANAND)
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CORRIGENDUM

It is informed that the Hindi and English Pioneer, published date 19/02/2021. Notice to file an objection in residential Plot No.-109 Block-C Sector-44, Noida, Distt G.B. Nagar an objection should be read in 30 day instead of 15 day.

Smt Kamlesh Verma

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is Certify that Shri Arun Jain S/o Shri D.R. Jain, R/o 38, Lalita Park, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi Director of M/s Jainson Diecasting Ltd., had executed a General Power of Attorney in favour of Smt. Malpal W/o Shri H.D. Pal, R/o Flat No. 311, Block-F-64-C-13, Sector-40, Noida, against the residential LIG Flat No. 311, Block-F-64-C-13, Sector-40, Noida, on 16.04.2003 Regd. with S.R. Noida dt. 16.04.2003 as Document No. 395, and the Agreement to Sell is not registered. Because an Agreement to Sell is not registered so it is publicly notified that the above said property is going to apply for Lease Deed in favour of Attorney holder by Noida Authority. If someone has any objection he should move her/his/their objection with proof within 30 days from this notice in the Residential Group Housing Department of Noida Authority.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Capital mess

The Delhi Government is crying foul over the Centre's attempt to clip its powers

The national Capital, it seems, is to have no peace. Because, with the introduction of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021, the stage is set for another protracted power struggle between the duly-elected Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government in Delhi and the BJP-led Government at the Centre. The citizens had to witness the unsavoury war between the Lieutenant-Governor and the Delhi Chief Minister in the first term of the Arvind Kejriwal-led Government as Najeeb Jung had demanded that the CM's Office route all the files through his office. This was resisted by Kejriwal who viewed it as gubernatorial overreach as in none of the other States and Union Territories of the country was such a protocol necessary. Things came to such a pass that governance in the Capital began to suffer due to the daily spats between the L-G and the Delhi Government, with the bureaucrats caught in the crossfire. The matter reached the Supreme Court in 2017 and, in July 2018, a Constitution Bench of the apex court ruled that the L-G was the "administrative head but can't act as an obstructionist" and "cannot interfere in every decision of the Delhi Government". However, while the separation of powers of the CM and the L-G was clearly delineated by the top court's verdict, the matter related to services remained unresolved and is yet to be concluded in the country's top court. However, after the apex court's decision, governance in Delhi was back on track.

The new L-G shared cordial relations with the CM and Kejriwal's office was required to only inform Anil Bajjal about its decisions. Now, the Centre has brought the NCT Bill to demarcate the powers of the L-G and the Delhi Government and it will open up a Pandora's Box all over again. This is because the Bill makes it necessary for the Delhi Government to obtain the L-G's opinion before taking any executive decision. This will not only drastically curtail the powers of the elected Government but will also have dangerous consequences for India's federal structure. It would undoubtedly be a mockery of the people's will if Governors across the country are given overriding powers to interfere in the working of an elected Government. It is no wonder that the AAP Government is up in arms as it is worried that the passage of the Bill will take the Capital back to the days when the Centre versus Delhi Government confrontation marred governance in the city. The Congress, which ruled the Capital for 15 years before the AAP Government came to power in 2015, has also termed the Bill unconstitutional, with senior leader Kapil Sibal saying it "violates the federal structure, hems in the elected Government and makes the MLAs caged representatives" and Delhi's Deputy CM Manish Sisodia accusing the Centre of wanting to "rule Delhi through a backdoor channel by making the L-G ever more powerful". Whatever it portends for the successive Governments that will rule Delhi, one thing is sure: The national Capital is set for yet another battle for political supremacy.

PICTALK



Icelandic horses play in their paddock at a stud farm in Wehrheim near Frankfurt, Germany

AP

Crying wolf?

If women don't play fair and wrongly accuse men of misconduct, they should also face the music

The use or abuse of women's rights is a common thread binding these two seemingly unrelated developments that hit the headlines recently. On the one hand, the report pertaining to the arrest of a Zomato delivery man physically assaulting a social media influencer has turned on its head with the police now filing a case against the female customer; on the other, there is a genuine and long-pending demand for criminalising marital rape in India. As far as the Bengaluru developments are concerned, the incident reflects the customer's sense of entitlement on account of being moneyed, power-wielding AND a woman. The customer, Hitesha Chandrane, a beauty influencer, had accused the Zomato delivery agent, Kamaraj, of attacking her after delaying her order's delivery. Now, the alleged perpetrator — who was arrested, released on bail and has since been temporarily suspended by the online platform — has filed a case against her claiming that she accidentally hurt herself. This incident reveals one side, where women could present themselves as victims while actually being the perpetrators.

The other, diametrically opposite angle, pertains to their true plight, like in the instances of marital rape. Already made to feel unsafe at the workplace or on the roads, they have not been safe within their own homes, too. The instances of domestic violence during the lockdown are a case in point where they were forced to remain closeted at home with their family. In this backdrop, the NCP's Rajya Sabha MP, Vandana Chavan, made an authentic demand asking the Government to take steps to criminalise marital rape. This was not only a demand by women's organisations but also the norm as laid down by the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW), she rightly pointed out. According to data, 10 per cent to 14 per cent of the married women in India are raped by their husbands. Though many countries have already criminalised marital rape; India is one of 36 such countries where it is not yet penalised. While there is no denying the shameful fact that even in this time and age, the fair gender is shortchanged and often subjected to harassment and gender inequality, owing largely to the patriarchal mindset, the other side of the coin — where underserving members of the gender encash their femininity to settle scores, as in dowry-related or stalking cases — must also be addressed by the nation's women.

It's time to address learning concerns

The Justice JS Verma Committee in 2012 recorded the existence of around 10,000 teacher education institutes out to make a quick buck



JS RAJPUT

The Madhya Pradesh (MP) legislature recently witnessed a rare scene. The Government didn't contest the points raised by the Opposition; rather significantly, both sides showed equal concern. The issue reveals how callous and insensitive our systems are towards children in tribal and backward areas. In this case, the Government assured urgent steps to ameliorate the schoolchildren's sufferings. Recall the constitutional directive to the State to ensure free and compulsory education to all children below 14 years. Now, the revelation: Alirajpur, Jhabua and Mandala are tribal districts in MP with 256, 208 and 237 Government schools, respectively, but without a single teacher. The district of Badwani tops the list with 408 "shikshak-viheer" schools. The current Opposition was in power till a couple of months ago; the new dispensation squarely blames it for this situation. No one accepts responsibility for the continuing fiasco; there are practically no provisions to hold people responsible. There, however, is no dearth of pious assurances.

In the time of global initiatives to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs-17) by 2030, this may appear shocking to those who are striving to successfully achieve SDG-4: "Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning." The UN explains: "Obtaining quality education underpins a range of fundamental development drivers. Major progress has been made towards increasing access to education at all levels, particularly for women and girls... The world has achieved equality in primary education between girls and boys, but few countries have achieved that target at all levels of education."

India is being recognised globally as a nation of young people who have earned appreciation in intellectual and technological arenas. Distressingly, such islands of neglect and exclusion inflict irreversible damage on the image of India and Indians, apart from the sinful deprivation being thrust upon innocent young children. Such conditions persist only



because of a lethargic and archaic work culture that continues to prevail in the departments of education in most States and UTs. This, if not transformed urgently, could seriously impede the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP-2020). The challenges that emerge before the implementers of the NEP-2020 include filling up of such breaches at the earliest. The State Governments have to play a major role in redressing such deficiencies as school education is solely their responsibility.

It is high time that past experiences are incisively analysed and transformed into lessons for the future. The NEP-1986 led to several initiatives that had the potential to transform the school education scenario in quality, character and relevance. The Centre had come in a big way to assist the States. I would like to recall only two such schemes: Operation Blackboard (OB), and restructuring and strengthening of teacher education institutes (TEIs). As a lateral entrant to the bureaucracy from the world of academics, I was in charge of these two also in Shastri Bhavan, with very high hopes of enhancing the credibility of sarkari schools and the TEIs. By early 80s, the downfall of sarkari schools was visible



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while private schools, exceptions apart, emerged as a lucrative commercial enterprise. The craze for English medium had overtaken people willing to invest more in the education of their children. To implement the NEP-86, the Centre's support included funds for an additional room, equipment and play material and an additional teacher for every primary school. There would be no single-teacher school in the country. Visiting an educationally backward tribal block, one came across a shocking instance of how things were moving. Under the OB scheme, there were 208 appointments as second teachers in single-teacher primary schools. Asking to meet a couple of them, it was revealed that all the OB teachers are now OD (on duty placement) teachers. Finally, it emerged that most of the new appointees got postings in cities and towns of their choice, leaving the single teachers to their fate. The TEI scheme also met with similar luck. Having headed the Regional Institute of Education in Bhopal for 11 years, one was convinced that the nation needs quality teacher educators who would prepare quality teachers, and the quality so generated would flow into every area of human endeavour. For the TEIs, the Union

Government offered financial support. Buildings came up, all the posts of support staff were filled up, but not many States were ready to fill up the academic positions on regular basis; they preferred the "on deputation" approach. The spirit of innovation was thus jeopardised. The mushrooming growth of TEIs during the last two decades attracted the attention of the Justice JS Verma Committee in 2012, which painfully recorded the existence of around 10,000 TEIs that were commercialising teacher education. The NEP-2020 has made serious recommendations on teacher preparation: "The teacher must be at the centre of fundamental reforms in the education system. The new education policy must help re-establish teachers, at all levels, as the most respected and essential members of our society, because they truly shape our next generation... The new education policy must help recruit the very best and brightest to enter the teaching profession at all levels, by ensuring livelihood, respect, dignity and autonomy while also instilling in the system basic methods of quality control and accountability." This says it all.

(The author works in education and social cohesion. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SEEK ADVICE WHEN IN DEPRESSION

Sir — Some people can't cope with their depression and take the extreme step of ending their lives. A person who is suffering from depression should talk to someone who can understand their emotions so that they can share what is on their mind. Further, they should also seek psychological counselling from an expert. Medication also helps and a depressed person must seek the advice of a medical practitioner.

There are several ways to deal with depression. Taking the first step is always the hardest. But going for a walk or getting up and dancing to your favorite music is something a depressed person should do. It will substantially boost his/her mood and energy for several hours — long enough to put a second recovery step into action, such as preparing a mood-boosting meal or arranging to meet an old friend.

Here are some instances when prominent sports personalities benefited from the advice of suitable persons. When Virat Kohli was facing consecutive failures recently, he had a chat with AB De Villiers. When Prithvi Shaw was faced with repeated failures and Surya Kumar Yadav was not selected in the Indian cricket team, they took the advice of Sachin Tendulkar and the results are there to see. Sachin himself wanted to retire from international cricket after a series of low scores in the 2007 World Cup. Then he had a long chat with Sir Vivian Richards, who guided him against taking the hasty decision of quitting cricket. Eventually Sachin was part of Indian cricket team that lifted the Cricket World Cup in 2011.

V Nagendra Kumar | Hyderabad

PUT AN END TO RACISM IN EUROPE

Sir — It's quite unfortunate that Rashmi 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.

Left alliance is pseudo-secular



In Indian politics, secularism does not have a decisive meaning, but it certainly has divisive tendencies. The term has more often been employed by the Left to vindicate its "unbiased" moral stature which in reality is only a means to sway public sentiment. Left-leaning political parties such as the Congress and TMC have always flaunted their secular credentials

Racism is deeply rooted in the West. Those who are not of fair skin are targeted by these White supremacists. Many Indian students and workers have been killed indiscriminately because of their skin colour. No law can prevent this discrimination unless the White people change their attitude.

Further, India must resolve to take up with the UK, when required, the alleged incidents of racism in Britain. Our External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said in the Rajya Sabha that India is the land of Mahatma Gandhi and it can never turn its eyes away from racism. The era of colonialism is over but the mindset seems to be still persistent. It must go.

Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

GPS-BASED METERS WILL END CORRUPTION

Sir — In its bid to become technically advanced, the Maharashtra transport

department is looking at bringing in GPS-based meters that can be installed in autorickshaws. This will save time, energy and money as it will ensure that when e-meters are recalibrated, it can be done in a centralised fashion contrary to the current system which is slow and lengthy.

The GPS-based meters would get automatically updated like any software from a central place. Technical upgradation is a welcome move and comes to the rescue to autorickshaw and taxi drivers. There are also many instances when taxi and autorickshaw drivers have to pay hefty amounts to get their meters recalibrated. The move will bring transparency and will end corruption endemic to the transport department.

Nissim Aggarwal | Chandigarh

Bhagwan Thadani | Mumbai

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SOUND BITE

The less Congress speaks of misuse, the better it is. It jailed JP Narayan, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and others by misusing the Maintenance of Internal Security Act.



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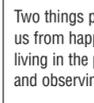
— G Kishan Reddy



The internal and external strands of migration have to go hand in hand. We cannot look at the migration policy in isolation from overall relations with our partners.

High Representative of the EU

— Josep Borrell



Two things prevent us from happiness, living in the past and observing others.

Actor

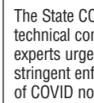
— Juhi Chawla



I am excited to play in a team of youngsters who were last year's finalists. It will be exciting to play alongside Steve Smith.

Cricketer

— Vishnu Vinod



The State COVID technical committee experts urged stringent enforcement of COVID norms in public places to contain positive cases.

Karnataka Chief Minister

— BS Yediyurappa



FIRST COLUMN

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S NO OTHER WAY

It's imperative to draft a watertight Will that ensures it is uncontested and valid in the eyes of the law



SONAM CHANDWANI JUHI PANCHOLI

One can measure the law's commitment towards justice and equality for historically-disempowered groups such as women, children, low-income or poor families, through a simple perusal of the laws of intestacy (no Will has been made), Will construction and contest and construction of trusts, to name a few. Wills play a vital role in the protection of loved ones after one's demise and laws provide the necessary support thereafter. A Will is a legal declaration of the intention of a testator with respect to the distribution of his/her assets upon death, hence, it is the sole ground on which the distribution of property takes place.

However, a written Will cannot be held as cast in stone and can be contested in its capacity. The provision of modification of a Will at any given point makes the document a complex and tricky one. Nevertheless, in the absence of a blatant lie or explicit medical evidence proving the incompetence of the testator, contesting a Will can be onerous. On the flip side, if a person dies without leaving a Will (i.e. intestate), this triggers rules under the laws of intestate succession under which the deceased's properties pass to relations specified under the laws. Significantly, these default rules will not apply with respect to the property bequeathed under a valid Will. However, an ambiguous Will means drawing a line in the sand. Thus, it is imperative to draft a watertight Will that ensures it is uncontested and valid in the eyes of the law. This is vital, particularly for people suffering from an ailment, having a property under dispute or for those who are involved in a matrimonial dispute.



Additionally, it is paramount that details of movable and immovable properties are mentioned in detail without any ambiguity which shall also include the value and extent of the property, name of all the individuals who shall inherit the said property along with the monetary benefit arising from the same. Moreover, to circumvent disputes, in case any outsider (who is not part of the family) is made the beneficiary, it is prudent that the reason for the same is mentioned in the Will. More importantly, registration of the Will though not mandatory, is advisable as it gives authenticity to the document, whereby it is difficult to challenge the same. Furthermore, a quintessential watertight Will would also include the name of an executor who shall be responsible for dividing the property and the same could be smoothly carried out if the Will is executed and sealed before the Magistrate or the public notary. The executor is further required to file a probate petition in the court of law to establish their said right as an executor. Another fundamental requirement for making a Will is to affix the signature of the testator in the presence of credible witnesses, as a result of which the intention of the testator is crystal clear.

Most Wills sail smoothly through the process; however, the testator's signature is susceptible to be challenged on the grounds of the testators' unsound mind, undue influence exercised by interested parties, or apparent unnatural disposition which raises suspicion of lack of free will of the testator. Therefore, as Wills can be beneficial to the family of the deceased, one that is free from ambiguity and includes the exact details of the assets, names of beneficiaries and the extent of the benefits, is imperative. This must also have a declaration to the effect that the document is the last Will which is free from any coercion or fraud as affixed by the testator in the presence of credible witnesses. This would help to uphold the legitimacy of the document, thereby making it watertight in the true sense.

(Chandwani is Managing Partner and Pancholi is Legal Associate, KL Legal and Associates. The views expressed are personal.)

The Rohingyas must go back from India

Interestingly, it is not only the Government of India or the people of Jammu who consider Rohingyas as a security threat. Myanmar and Bangladesh, too, consider them similarly



ANIL GUPTA

In a recent move, Jammu and Kashmir Police started moving Rohingya refugees to holding centres prior to their deportation to Myanmar. It is believed to be a part of the larger all-India exercise which will finally culminate with their deportation to the country of their origin. Many of the refugees have been living in India since 2008, when they fled their home country following a brutal outbreak of violence at the hands of the Myanmar military.

In 2012 and then 2017, the numbers of Rohingya in India grew again after further campaigns of violence. Most ended up in camps in Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, but tens of thousands have also sought safety in India over the past decade, where they have set up established communities.

The mass detentions, which began in Jammu, are part of a wider nationwide crackdown against Rohingyas, who number about 40,000 in India. Many hold registered United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) refugee ID cards, which offer protection from arbitrary detention. They were also provided identity documents, ration cards and settled on the periphery of Jammu city surrounding the military garrison at Sunjuwan.

Surprisingly, in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), they were not allowed to settle down in Kashmir despite religious affinity and the fact that they were also being supported financially by many Kashmiri philanthropic organisations who were working towards their rehabilitation in Jammu. Along with successive Governments, even these organisations never thought of taking them to Kashmir where it would have been much easier to look after them logistically. The growing dissent in Jammu to these illegal settlers received no attention from successive State Governments and their influx to the region grew and their population increased over the years. In the end, it was the Narendra Modi Government with began the process of putting an end to the inflow of Rohingyas into the country. It took a firm view on their deportation and its efforts in this direction included talks between Prime Minister Modi and Aung San Suu Kyi, the *de facto* ruler of Myanmar. (She has now been replaced by the military regime).

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Interestingly, it is not only the Government of India or the people of Jammu who consider Rohingyas as a security threat. Myanmar and Bangladesh, too, consider them similarly. Many other Muslim nations like Indonesia and Malaysia who have resisted the entry of Rohingyas into their country also do so because of security concerns despite sharing religious affinity.

In June 2017, Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali told the national Parliament that Rohingyas could pose a major threat to the safety and security of the country. "Among the Cox's Bazar population, 20-25 per cent people are now Rakhine Muslims. Such huge Rakhine Muslims may become a threat for national security in the future," he said.



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Only recently his junior Minister Shariar Alam echoed the same sentiments when he said that the Rohingya crisis is both a humanitarian and security issue. He further said that the possibility of links between the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) and foreign terror groups cannot be ruled out. India also shared a similar view point.

New Delhi had sent relief material to the refugee camps in Bangladesh housing Rohingya refugees as humanitarian aid. But humanitarianism and national security cannot be viewed from the same prism, particularly when India is a victim of global jihadi terror.

As soon as the police began to round up the illegal immigrants in Jammu recently, the pro-Rohingya lobby became active as they have a solid support base in Kashmir among the separatists. In the past, whenever protests were held in Jammu to deport the Rohingyas, there used to be a severe backlash in Kashmir because the whole issue of national security was communalised by portraying it as a religious vendetta. The Hurriyat at one time had threatened of a Valley-wide agitation on the issue.

The Gupkar Alliance, too, has begun to criticise the Government's move to deport the

Rohingyas and said that India, being a signatory to the UN charter, must abide by it and work on humanitarian grounds. While his party spokesperson accused the then Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA Government of settling the refugees in Jammu, Dr Farooq Abdullah also supported him indirectly by saying, "Nobody can settle here without the permission of the Government of India."

Having failed in its ambitious plan of overhauling Jammu's demography, the National Conference (NC) is now trying to create a new narrative. But everybody in Jammu is aware of the truth and the NC, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) or the Congress cannot wish away their involvement in facilitating the Rohingyas to settle here illegally and, in the process, facilitate the nefarious designs of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). Incidentally, India is not a signatory to the 1951 UN convention on refugees.

Where was the humanitarian conscience of Farooq Abdullah and his party that had turned a blind eye to the persecution and ethnic cleansing of the Hindu Kashmiri Pandit community from their ancestral land by blood-thirsty, slogan-shouting and gun-toting locals to convert Kashmir from a multi-ethnic, peace-loving,

multi-religious society to a mono-lith? Till date except for lip service, they have made no sincere effort for the exiled people's safe and honourable return to their homeland. Consequently, Kashmiri Pandits continue to lead the life of refugees in different parts of India and long to return to their homeland.

The clear aim of these political parties is to draw the necessary political mileage through polarisation for petty vote bank politics. But the Government of India is sincere and uncompromising on the issue of national security; hence it is not going to blink or get bogged down by such actions.

The police need to be complimented but it faces a long haul. The number of illegally settled Rohingyas is not in hundreds but thousands. Many of them are missing or possibly have mixed and settled with the local population through fraudulent means. The police have an arduous task ahead to identify, locate and deport them.

However, one thing is crystal clear, the Rohingyas have to go back to their country. This is non-negotiable. Their exit from Jammu is mandatory. The nation can ill-afford to let the design of the ISI succeed in the strategically vital Jammu.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IT IS A VERY DANGEROUS AMENDMENT DEMOCRATICALLY AND CONSTITUTIONALLY. IT WILL RENDER THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT MEANINGLESS. —DELHI DEPUTY CM MANISH SISODIA



THE AAP IS MAKING AN OUTCRY AS THE BILL WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM SPENDING PUBLIC MONEY ON ADVERTISEMENTS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. —BJP LEADER VIJAY GOEL

Investing in leadership must for overall development

At the sectoral level, there is a growing recognition among social purpose organisations to invest in leadership and capacity building

Let's start with two seemingly incompatible facts. First, India ranks 130 out of 180 countries in the Human Development Report (United Nations, 2018). Second, the country has around 3.2 million registered Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) — which means that Indians have more NGOs per capita than hospital beds.

While we have a long way to go with respect to attainment of social equity and justice, efforts for the same are innumerable. These efforts have spanned across the country and are diverse in domain — from grassroots empowerment to Government-partnered undertakings. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us that the social sector is at the forefront of providing relief and maintenance.



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At a time when funding is massively diverted for COVID-related relief and many people have lost their jobs, we must remember the importance of fostering leadership and talent to steer us during these turbulent times.

For Social Purpose Organisations (SPOs), capacity building serves as an investment in organisational growth, resilience and sustainability, rather than a cost.

The non-profits need to be sustainable for a far-reaching and measurable impact. Sustainability can only be achieved when the leadership within the organisation has a long-term vision for success. A systemic gap in investing in leadership development threatens organisational sustainability. A lack of leadership development in the sector leads to SPOs that are founder-driven.

Overdependence on a single leader, often the founder, and the lack of a second line of leadership reduces the life span and efficiency of a non-profit.

If India has to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals towards realising a more equitable form of development, then the role of civil society organisations cannot be ignored. The sector needs investments of different kinds: Money, people and intent. We need skilled and sensitive citizens who can passionately contribute in meaningful ways to the sector. However, in the past, non-profit organisations have not been considered aspirational as they were unable to rival, culturally and monetarily, the dazzling corporate world. This has been slowly changing over the last couple of years. The social sector is



no longer limited to only NGOs. With the startup boom in India, the gates for young social entrepreneurs to bring innovative models into the sector to drive change has also been opened. SELCO, an enterprise providing innovative solar energy solutions, is a prime example of a social business striving to solve the problem of energy scarcity in rural India. The rise of phil-

anthropy and investment from high-net worth individuals is also pushing the sector to recalibrate its strategy and organisational structures, making it conducive for talent to enter into the sector. According to the 2019 Bain Report, philanthropic giving has grown 11 per cent since 2015. While that doesn't account for the effect of the pandemic, it is an indicator of changing social priorities and patterns.

The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) law mandates businesses to invest or contribute to the social sector. The funding flow has created an opportunity for non-profits to not only access more funds but also work with the funders in designing and evolving models for impact assessment. This helps in measuring effectiveness internally as well as external-

ly. At the sectoral level, there is a growing recognition among organisations to invest in leadership with various programmes on developing leadership and the capacity with incubators. Accelerators run by non-profit organisations and universities expanding their courses, aimed at the social sector, have also been a great push in the right direction.

Through an unprecedented crisis, the development sector has remained resilient and continues to fight for the vision of India as an equitable society. The pandemic has revealed not only our own ability to swiftly adapt and respond to hardship, but also a shift in the larger mindset. The focus now towards building organisational capacity and individual skill is needed for sustainability.

FOREIGN EYE



FORGET THE HYPE ON HYDROGEN

Big industry players pushing techno-fixes are ignoring the only realistic solution to the climate crisis: Renewables. Environmentalists who are tempted by the new nuclear/hydrogen hype should remember that our transition to a net zero world has to be a just transition. Every kilowatt hour of nuclear-generated power will be a much more expensive kilowatt hour than one delivered from renewables plus storage. So let's just concentrate on ramping up renewables. (The Guardian editorial)

Deadly violence resumes in Myanmar

Yangon: At least two people protesting last month's military coup were reported shot and killed by security forces on Tuesday after a morning of peaceful marches in parts of Myanmar.

Security forces have killed scores of their countrymen in recent days, and the UN has put the nationwide death toll at 149 since the February 1 coup that toppled Aung San Suu Kyi's elected Government.

The independent Assistance Association for Political Prisoners said 183 people have been killed since the coup.

Violence was reported Tuesday in Myanmar's biggest city, Yangon, where casualties have been the highest. Police used rubber bullets against crowds in several neighbourhoods, and one man was reported shot to death. Another killing was reported in Kawlin city in the northwestern



Armed riot policemen charge after firing teargas as rubber bullets as anti-coup protesters abandon their makeshift barricades and run in Yangon on Tuesday AP

Sagaing Region.

UN Human Rights Office spokesperson, Ravina Shamdasani, said at least 11 people were killed Monday, adding to 57 deaths over the weekend. While there were many more reports of killings, it was unable to corroborate them.

"The killing of demonstrators, arbitrary arrests and the reported torture of prisoners violate fundamental human rights and stand in clear defiance of calls by the Security Council for restraint, dialogue and a return to Myanmar's democratic path," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement.

The coup reversed years of slow progress toward democracy in Myanmar, which for five decades had languished under strict military rule that led to international isolation and sanctions.

Protesters in some areas have recently started to use tactics meant to avoid violent confrontations. On Tuesday, reports on social media said candlelight marches before sunrise were held in Mawlamyaing in Mon State in southeastern Myanmar.

Another tactic has been to use signboards as proxies for human protesters, placing them in neat rows in public places. This tactic was reported to have been used by a group of engineers in the second-biggest city, Mandalay, in central Myanmar.

More conventional peace-

ful protests of the sort that have been occurring daily were held without incident Tuesday in Monywa and Ye-U in central Myanmar, the city of Loikaw in the eastern state of Kayah, and Kalaw in Southern Shan State, also in the east.

Complicating efforts to organise new protests as well as media coverage, cellphone internet service was cut Sunday night, although access was still available through fixed broadband connections.

Mobile data service had been used to stream live video coverage of protests, often showing security forces attacking demonstrators.

It previously had been turned off only from 1 am to 9 am for several weeks, with no official explanation.

Sunday's violence in Yangon — virtually all committed by police — led to the greatest single-day death toll since the coup. **AP**

Nepal's 3 ex-PMs boycott Prez's all-party meet amid political crisis

Kathmandu: Nepal's three former Prime Ministers on Tuesday boycotted an all-party meeting called by President Bidya Devi Bhandari to discuss contemporary issues amid the political crisis that has gripped the country.

Former premiers Baburam Bhattarai, Madhav Kumar Nepal and Jhala Nath Khanal skipped the meeting called by President Bhandari at Shital Niwas, questioning her role in the row of the erstwhile Nepal Communist Party (NCP), My Republica newspaper reported.

While both Khanal and Nepal belong to the rival faction of the ruling Communist Party of Nepal (UML), Bhattarai heads the federal council of the Janata Samajbadi Party.

They have publicly alleged that President Bhandari had failed to act as a custodian of the Constitution, supporting even unconstitutional moves taken by Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli who had dissolved the House of Representatives in December.

Tuesday's meeting was attended by Prime Minister Oli, CPN (Maoist Center) Chairman Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', Nepali Congress President Sher Bahadur Deuba, Chairman of Janata Samajbadi Party Mahanta Thakur, and former Chairman of Council of Minister Khil Raj Regmi.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the CPN (Maoist Center) parliamentary party picked Prachanda as its leader, said Devendra Poudel, a lawmaker belonging to the party. Oli was the parliamentary party leader when the NCP existed.

Dev Prasad Gurung has been named the CPN (Maoist Center) party's chief whip while Dinanath Sharma is the new leader of the party in the National Assembly, the upper house of the bicameral federal parliament.

However, the party's parliamentary party has yet to designate the party's deputy parliamentary party leader and whip, the paper said.

The all-party meeting by the President came at a time when the CPN (UML) too appears to be headed for a split.

The CPN (UML) faction led by Madhav Nepal on Tuesday accused party Chairman and PM Oli of trying to divide the party. **PTI**

EU regulator 'firmly convinced' AstraZeneca benefit outweighs risk

Brussels: With coronavirus cases rising in many places, Governments faced the grimmest of dilemmas on Tuesday: push on with a vaccine that is known to save lives or suspend use of AstraZeneca over reports of dangerous blood clots in a few recipients, even as the European Medicines Agency said the agency is "firmly convinced" that the benefits of the AstraZeneca shot outweigh the risks.

Emer Cooke noted Tuesday that thousands of people across the EU develop thromboses every year for a

variety of reasons and that there were no reports of increased blood clots in the clinical studies of the AstraZeneca vaccine. Still, experts would undertake a "very rigorous analysis" and make a recommendation Thursday, she said.

Europe has the luxury to be able to pick from several vaccine candidates — but the decision is still not an easy one on the continent, where the virus is again surging and where the vaccination campaign has repeatedly stumbled. **AP**

UK fugitive wins plea against India extradition on suicide risk

London: A British fugitive wanted in India to serve a 10-year sentence after his conviction for possession of 10 kilograms of cannabis in April 2002 won a High Court appeal in London on Tuesday, as a judge ruled that it would be oppressive to extradite him to India because he posed a "very high risk of completed suicide".

Justice Martin Chamberlain noted that the assurances given by the Indian government did not "significantly reduce" the risk that the accused, Ivor Fletcher, could try to kill himself if transferred to an Indian prison.

"Certainly, the detail that is provided does nothing to allay the concerns about the extent of supervision to prevent suicide," Justice Chamberlain notes. "For these reasons, I have concluded that the assurances given do not significantly reduce the very high risk of completed suicide."

Accordingly, on the evidence before the court (which is quite different from that before the District Judge), the physical or mental condition of the Appellant (Fletcher) is such that it would be oppressive to extradite him," his judgment reads. **AP**

N Korea warns US not to 'cause a stink' before Seoul meeting

Seoul: In North Korea's first comments directed at the Biden administration, Kim Jong Un's powerful sister on Tuesday warned the United States to "refrain from causing a stink" if it wants to "sleep in peace" for the next four years.

Kim Yo Jong's statement was issued as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin arrived in Asia to talk with US allies Japan and South Korea about North Korea and other regional issues. They have meetings in Tokyo on Tuesday before speaking to officials in Seoul on Wednesday.

"We take this opportunity to warn the US Administration trying hard to give off (gun) powder smell in our land," she said. "If it wants to sleep in peace for coming four years, it had better refrain from causing a stink at its first step."

Kim Yo Jong, a senior official who handles inter-Korean affairs, also criticized the US and South Korea for holding military exercises. She also said the North would consider abandoning a 2018 bilateral agreement on reducing military tensions and abolish a decades-old ruling party unit tasked to handle inter-Korean relations if it no longer had to cooperate with the South.

She said the North would also consider scrapping an office that handled South Korean tours to the North's scenic Diamond Mountain. **AP**

Japan, US to share China worry as Ministers meet in Tokyo

Tokyo: Japan and the US joined forces on Tuesday to criticise China's "coercion and aggression" in Asia as senior Ministers from both countries held their first in-person talks since President Joe Biden took office in January.

Aside from the sharp rhetoric aimed at Beijing, the meeting in Tokyo and a planned stop next in Seoul are as much an effort by the Biden administration to reassure worried allies in Asia after four years of occasionally confrontational dealings with the Trump administration.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, after holding the so-called "two plus two" security talks with Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and their Japanese counterparts — Foreign Minister Toshimitsu

Motegi and Defence Minister Nobuo Kishi — said democracy and human rights in the region are being challenged and the US will push with its partners for a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Blinken said the Biden administration is committed to work with US allies and those in the region as they face challenges from China and its ally North Korea, which is pursuing an illicit nuclear weapons program.

"We will push back if necessary, when China uses coercion or aggression to get its way," he said.

In a joint statement released after the talks, the ministers also shared strong worry over Beijing's human rights violations in Xinjiang. **AP**

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ICICI BANK LTD., VS. MS. STUTI SINGH & ORS
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Dated: 01.02.2021

R.C. No. 179/2016 "ORDER"

As per my order dated 01.02.2021 the under mentioned property will be sold by e-auction sale in the matter of ICICI BANK LTD., VS. MS. STUTI SINGH & ORS. The auction sale will be through "online e-auction" through website: <https://www.bankauctions.com>.

Date and Time of Auction:
21.04.2020 between 03:00 PM to 04:00 P.M. (with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required).

S. No.	Property Description in RC	Reserve Price/ EMD
1.	Flat No. 14031, Block Timaru, Third Floor, Prestige Wellington Park, Bangalore.	Rs. 1,10,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ten Lacs Only) EMD: Rs. 11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Only)

Terms & Conditions

- Auction/bidding shall only be through electronic mode through the website.
- The intending bidders should register the participation with the service provider-well in advance and get user ID and password for participating in E-auction. It can be procured only when the requisite earnest money deposit be paid by prescribed mode.
- EMD shall be deposited by 19.04.2021 by way of DD/pay order in favour Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi to be deposited with Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi in the sealed cover. EMD deposited thereafter shall not be considered for participation in the e-auction.
- The copy of PAN card, Address proof and identity proof, E-mail ID, Mobile No. and declaration if they are bidding on their own behalf or on behalf of their principals. In the latter case, they shall be required to deposit their authority, and in default their bids shall be rejected. In case of the company copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/ attorney of the company and the receipt/counter file of such deposit should reach to the said service provider or CH Bank by e mail or otherwise by the said date and hard copy shall be submitted before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III, Delhi.
- Prospective bidder may avail online training from service provider Prospective bidder may avail online training from service provider M/s. C-1 India Pvt. Ltd., Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana (India) Tel.: +91 7291981124/25/26 Contact person Sh. Vinod Chauhan, Mobile No. 9813887931 email: support@bankauctions.com Website <https://www.bankauctions.com> For further details contact: Sh. Dinesh Sharma officer of CH bank, having mobile no. 9354004619.
- Prospective bidder are advised to go through the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> for details terms & conditions of sale before submitting their bids.
- The property shall not be sold below the reserve price.
- The bidder shall improve offer in multiple of Rs. 1,00,000/-.
- The property shall be sold "As Is Where Is Basis and As is What is Basis".
- The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds after adjustment of EMD on being knocked down by next day i.e., by 3:00 P.M. in the said account as per detail mentioned in para 3 above. If the next day is Holiday or Sunday, then on next first office day.
- The successful highest bidder shall deposit the balance 75% of final bid amount on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the property. If the 15th day is Sunday or other Holiday, then on the first bank working day after the 15th day by prescribed mode as stated in above para. In addition to the above the purchaser shall also deposit **stamp duty** with Recovery Officer-II, DRT-III @2% upto Rs.1,00,00,000/- and @1% of the excess of said amount of Rs.1,00,00,000/- through DD in favour of Registrar, DRT-III, Delhi.
- In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or the amount deposited. The property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. Further the purchaser shall also be liable to make good of any shortfall or difference between his final bid amount and the price for which it is subsequently sold.
- The Recovery Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or bids or to postpone or cancel the e-auction without assigning any reasons.
- Unsuccessful bidder/s are directed to file an application along with identity proof in the Registry of DRT-III on or before the schedule date of hearing of the RC for refund of their EMD which shall be refunded on the schedule/subsequent date of hearing of the RC accordingly.
- CH Bank to publish the e-auction notice in English as well Vernacular language in the news papers widely circulates in the area/ having sufficient circulation in the locality where the property situate and CDs reside or work for gain. C.H. Bank may also give wide publicity by way of circulating Pamphlets and Beat of Drum etc. till the date of auction and submit a report to this Tribunal.
- There is no detail of revenue/encumbrance or claim against the properties in the knowledge of undersigned at this stage. However, prospective bidders are advised to make their own due diligence w.r.t. dues of electricity/water/house tax bills or any other encumbrance etc., in their own interest, before deposit of EMD.
- The counsel for CH bank is directed to authenticate the veracity of the paras hereinabove.
- Matter be listed for filing affidavit of service of sale proclamation and for further proceedings on 24.02.2021

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Greek, Turkish diplomats hold talks after year of strain

Athens: Senior diplomats from Greece and Turkey are meeting in Athens on Tuesday in an effort to ease long-standing tensions between the two NATO members over disputed sea boundaries and related mineral rights.

The exploratory talks are aimed at leading to more formal negotiations following a five-year pause.

The tension between Greece and Turkey led to a dangerous military build-up in the eastern Mediterranean last year and also added strain to Ankara's ties with the European Union. **AP**

Georgia prosecutor investigating Trump's call urges patience

Atlanta: The Georgia prosecutor investigating potential efforts by Donald Trump and others to influence last year's general election has a message for people who are eager to see whether the former president will be charged: Be patient.

"I'm in no rush," Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis said this week in an interview with The Associated Press. "I think people think that I feel this immense pressure. I don't." Willis, a Democrat elected in November, sent letters to state officials on Feb 10 instructing them to preserve records related to the election. **AP**

International diplomacy crucial to end Syria's war: UN

United Nations: The UN special envoy for Syria has said that international diplomacy is crucial to end Syria's 10-year war and it's important to establish a new format to bring together key nations with an influence on the conflict, including the United States, Russia, Iran, Turkey, Arab states and the European Union.

Geir Pedersen told the Security Council on Monday that Syria "is among the most deeply internationalised conflicts of a generation, with many of the issues that matter most to the Syrians not even in Syrian hands." **AP**

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(Re-Tender No. 1 of e-NIT No. 26 of 2020-21)

Executive Engineer TLM-D-III, Udhampur, for and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of Jammu & Kashmir, invite online e-bids for "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing And Commissioning Of 132/33 KV 20 MVA Transformer alongwith allied Electrical & Civil Works at Grid Station Ramban for Augmentation of 132/33 KV Grid Station Ramban From 1x20 MVA To 2x20 MVA", completed in all respects as specified in technical specification of the SBD. Submission of e-bid against this standard Bidding Document (SBD) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedure, terms and conditions of the standard bidding document with full understanding of its implications. The tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidders may view/download the e-bid document, submit their e-bid online upto date and time mentioned in the table below:

Scope of Work :- "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing And Commissioning Of 132/33 KV 20 MVA Transformer alongwith allied Electrical & Civil Works at Grid Station Ramban for Augmentation of 132/33 KV Grid Station Ramban From 1x20 MVA To 2x20 MVA"

Estimated Cost :- Rs. 285.00 Lacs (Two Crores Eighty Five Lacs only). **Earnest Money** :- Rs. 4700000-00 (Four lacs Seventy Thousands only). **Cost of Tender Documents** :- Rs. 5000 (Rupees Five Thousand Only). **Last Date of e- bids submission online** :- 05-04-2021 upto 14:00 Hrs., **Class of Contractor** :- "A" Class Electrical contractor / Transformer OEM

Other Details:

- Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document** :- The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <http://jktenders.gov.in> from date 15-03-2021 (5:00 PM onwards)
- Pre-bid meeting** :- Shall be conducted at 22-03-2021 at 12:00 Noon in the Office of the Executive Engineer TLM-D-III Udhampur J&K.
- e-Bid submission (starts) date & time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format)** :- 15-03-2021 (06:00 PM onwards)
- e-Bid submission (end) date & time** :- 05-04-2021 upto 14:00 Hrs.
- Online Commercial & Technical e-Bid opening date & time** :- 07-04-2021 at 14:00 Hrs.
- Online financial e-Bid opening date & time. (Only of the technically qualified bidders)** :- Will be communicated to the Technically Qualified Bidders.
- Venue of the opening of technical & financial e-Bids** :- The Office of the Executive Engineer TLM-D-III Udhampur J&K. 182101
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No.: DIP/J-4973-P/20 Dated :- 16.03.2021

Israeli experts announce discovery of new Dead Sea scrolls

Jerusalem: Israeli archaeologists on Tuesday announced the discovery of dozens of new Dead Sea Scroll fragments bearing a biblical text found in a desert cave and believed hidden during a Jewish revolt against Rome nearly 1,900 years ago.

The fragments of parchment bear lines of Greek text from the books of Zechariah and Nahum and have been dated around the 1st century AD based on the writing style, according to the Israel Antiquities Authority.

They are the first new scrolls found in archaeological excavations in the desert south of Jerusalem in 60 years. The Dead Sea Scrolls, a collection of Jewish texts found in desert caves in the West Bank near Qumran in the 1940s and 1950s, date from the 3rd century B.C. to the 1st century A.D.

They include the earliest known copies of biblical texts and documents outlining the beliefs of a little understood Jewish sect. The roughly 80 new pieces are believed to belong to a set of parchment fragments found in a site in southern Israel known as the "Cave of Horror" — named for the 40 human skeletons found there during excavations in the 1960s — that also bear a Greek rendition of the Twelve Minor Prophets, a book in the Hebrew Bible. **AP**

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one female namely Hemu, D/o Dinesh Chand, R/o H.No. 2775, Gali No. 6, Kashmiri Block, Jain Nagar, Delhi, Age: 32 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Hair: Black Long, Face: Round, wearing Pink colour T-Shirt, Black colour Jeans, has been missing/kidnapped since 21.02.2021.

In this regards a DD No. 59A, dated 01.03.2021 has been registered at P.S. Begumpur, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Taseena, D/o Guddu Ansari, R/o H.No. 211, AU Block, Ekta Camp, T-Huts, Pitampura, Delhi, Age: Approx 19 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, wearing Yellow colour Suit & Salwar and Blue colour Sleeper in feet, has been missing from the jurisdiction of P.S. Maurya Enclave since 02.11.2020. In this regard a DD No. 107A, dated 02.03.21 has been lodged at P.S. Maurya Enclave, Delhi.

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

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Haldwani Rudrapur Cluster SWM Society (HRCWSWS) (Nagar Nigam Haldwani —Kathgodam)

Reference No. 37 E-Tender Notice Date 16/03/2021

Request for proposal are invited for the development of "Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Processing & Disposal Facility, SLF & Bio-mining of legacy waste on site for HRCWSW Haldwani Distt-Nainital" from the eligibility /Consortium / developers / Agencies / Firms through online portal www.uktenders.gov.in Details / RFP can also be downloaded from this portal.

Schedule of activities :

Activity Description	Date/ Time
Issue of RFP	17-03-2021
Site Visits for interested Parties	From 18-03-2021, 14.00 hours
Pre-bid meeting at Nagar Nigam, Haldwani Office	24-03-2021, 14.00 hours
E-Publication of pre bid queries related corrigendum(if any)	Till 26-3-2021
Proposal Due Date	09-04-2021 Till 15.00 hours
Opening of Pre-qualification & Technical Bids	12-04-2021, 11.00 hours
Physical Verification of projects by HRCWSWS Technical Team	Will be intimated later
Opening of Financial Bids	Will be intimated later to the Technically Qualified Bidders

(Chandra Singh Martolia)
Member Secretary HRCWSWS/
Nagar Aayukta Nagar Nigam Haldwani

(Dr.Jogendra Pal Singh Rautela)
Honourable Chairman HRCWSWS /
Mayor Nagar Nigam Haldwani

Retailers reach 93% of pre-Covid sales in Feb

ON BRINK OF FULL RECOVERY: REPORT PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The retail industry's business is on the brink of full recovery as it achieved 93 per cent of the pre-Covid sales in February, according to a report.

grocery are showing steady month-on-month recovery. "The 13th edition of the Retail Business Survey by the Retailers Association of India (RAI) indicates sales in February 2021 were at -7 per cent of last year's sales on a Y-o-Y comparison and at -18 per cent in Q3FY21 on a Y-o-Y comparison," it said.

BHIM UPI customers can raise complaints through the platform, says NPCI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Customers using BHIM UPI for digital transactions will now be able to check the status of their pending transactions as well as raise complaints instantly, with the addition of a new feature on the payments platform.

No proposal for scrutiny of GST assessment in faceless mode: Thakur

New Delhi: There is no proposal of faceless scrutiny assessment of GST returns as the Goods and Services Tax rule already provide for electronic filing and assessment, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur said on Tuesday.

Income tax assessments are being done in a faceless manner except in certain conditions and till March 10, a total of 82,072 assessment cases have been completed in a faceless manner, he added.

Private mandis under APMC not under new farm law: Tomar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Agriculture has again made it clear that private mandis, licensed under respective State Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) Acts, are not governed under the new farm law of "The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020".

Prime reason for delay in construction of Rani Jhansi flyover was Delhi Govt: Mayor Jai Prakash

North Delhi Mayor Jai Prakash on Tuesday in a press conference said that the main reason behind the delay in construction of Rani Jhansi flyover was Delhi Govt, whose departments did not do their part of the job in time.

During the press conference, Standing Committee Chairman Chhail Bihari Goswami and Leader of the House Yogesh Verma were also present.

India fuel sales return to pre-Covid levels

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's fuel demand, except ATF, has returned to pre-Covid levels and a reflating economy will help consumption grow in near future, head of the nation's top oil firm said on Tuesday.

Indian liquor makers urge Govt to ask UK to reduce non-trade barriers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid reports of the United Kingdom (UK) mounting pressure on the Indian Government for massive tariff concessions on imports of Scotch whiskey, Indian liquor makers on Tuesday urged the Government to ask the United Kingdom to reduce non-trade barriers to provide easy market access for domestic alcoholic beverages in Britain.

Cabinet approves Bill to set up DFI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved a bill to set up a Development Finance Institution (DFI) to generate funds for investment in the infrastructure sector.

Inflation remains low in last 7 years: Govt

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday informed Parliament that inflation has remained low in the last seven years - except for a spike in some items - and the government is taking steps to bring it further down.

Rupee snaps 4-day winning streak, drops 9 paise vs USD

Mumbai: The rupee snapped its four-session winning run to close 9 paise lower at 72.55 against the US dollar on Tuesday as muted domestic equities and a strengthening greenback overseas weighed on market sentiment.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 72.46 against the American currency and witnessed an intra-day high of 72.37 and a low of 72.64.

Sensex, Nifty slip for 3rd day; financial stocks drag

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty gave up early gains to end marginally lower on Tuesday, tracking losses in financial stocks despite a firm trend in global markets.

Extension Notice

The date of submission of proposal against notice published by this office on dated 27.02.2021 for the work "Request for shortlisting of firms for preparing of scope of work, PQR & other terms and conditions for preparation of protection manual for UPCL" is hereby extended till 07.04.2021, 11:00 am.

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SBFC Finance Pvt. Ltd. (Erstwhile Small Business Fincridit India Pvt. Ltd.) PUBLIC NOTICE

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD. (A Government of India Undertaking) NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Metro Railway, Kolkata Kolkata's Pride E-Tender Notice No. : 15/20-21 dt. 15.03.2021 for procurement of stores.

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS E-TENDER NOTICE

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED General Public is hereby informed that one female Namedly: Suman, W/o: Ravinder Sagar, R/o: H.No. 145A Block, Gali no. 5, Kailash Vihar Pansali, Begumpur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped with her son since 26.02.2021 at 10:00 pm from the area of P. S. Begumpur, Delhi.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General public is hereby informed that one male was found dead from Y Block, Near Shani Mandir, Tej Singh Akhara Wali Gali, Footpath par Aantika, Sector 1, Rohini, Delhi in the area of PS Vijay Vihar, Delhi, on 04.03.2021.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
Freedom of speech is unnecessary if the people to whom it is granted do not think for themselves.
— **Mokokoma Mokhonoana**

INTEGRATED COMM DESIGN
JK Lakshmi Pat University, Jaipur's Institute of Design is all set to offer an Integrated Communication Design program at the Under Graduate level from August this year.



The programme will predominantly follow the 'learning by doing' routine as the project-based learning helps in preparing the students for a career that will be both inspiring and invigorating. Students will be exposed to all media and related software. Students will work on design assignments that will define the nature of their career options besides learning to work on communication projects that are human-centric. They can also apply the principles of Design Thinking in solving the communication problems for the creative industries like advertising, print, web, film and video, new media, tech start-ups as well as designing for the social concerns like health and education of masses.

UG-PG PROGRAMMES
JD Institute of Fashion Technology invites applications for the academic year 2021-22 for its undergraduate, post graduate and diploma programmes.

Students can get complete information on the various programmes in masters, bachelors, advanced diploma, post-graduate diploma and diploma programmes in Art, Design, Management, Technology, Fashion Communication, Fashion Photography, Makeup and Hairstyle Artistry at <https://www.jdinstitute.edu.in/courses/>.

Putting into perspective the course and the highlights, Neelsh Dalal, Managing Trustee — JD Educational Trust, shares: "At JD Institute, we go above and beyond the purview of conformed forms of education. Our aim is not to just impart education but also acquaint our students with industry perspective through industrial visits, workshops, seminars and collaborations. With cutting edge technology, software and the addition of new-age courses we want students to also explore streams that are gaining momentum."

MSC PROGRAMME
The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow invites applications for MSc Supply Chain & Logistics Management course starting in September 2021. Supply chain management is a critical business competency. It encompasses procurement of materials, processing and distribution of products and services to customers. Drawing on the expertise of two leading academic departments, this course combines skills in leadership, production planning and strategic business management in the context of supply chains. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of strategic, tactical and operational issues relating to the management of supply chains. Students will also focus on the improvement of process performance from a logistics perspective, taking into consideration new demands such as reverse logistics and green

Just like any other sector, there is a great deal of hard work, determination and a bit of luck involved to make progress in real estate sector as well, says **SUNIL SISODIYA**

Fuel a future in real estate

The real estate business has for quite some time been a specialty that is continually flourishing. No big surprises there are a many individuals who are keen on starting career in this industry. One can without much of a stretch expect accomplishment in land given that there are a great deal of organisations and people that are clear of real estate success. However, just like some other industry, there is a great deal of hard work, determination and a bit of luck involved to make progress in this industry. That is the reason there are a few essential things you must know before beginning a real estate business.

Be specific: The real estate business is a vast industry because of its wide scope. Assuming you expect to begin a business in this industry, be specific about the niche that you will work in, regardless of whether you need to work in housing sector, land buyouts, agrarian developments, commercial spaces, or be only a simple landowner. Whichever kind you pick, ensure that you are very learned about it.

Do some research and be open to continuous learning: Regardless of whether you as of now have experience working in this industry, there will consistently be space for more information. That is the reason you need to do some exploration and be open to learning new things. You need to remember that this industry is continually developing and that a portion of the things you definitely know could get out dated because of changes in the business. Your insight is your most noteworthy resource in this kind of business.

Capital money: Whenever you have picked a specific niche in the real estate business that you might want to work in, at that point you need to tie down a specific measure of cash to kick off your business. The cash that you will need will rely upon the size of the business that you are planning. You need to compute the costs included previously, and this incorporates the sums that you will spend during the initial not many long stretches of the business when there is no income coming in. Recollect that real estate isn't like a retail store, wherein products are effective-

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ly sold and purchased.

Build a team of experts: In the realm of real estate, organisations depend vigorously on realtors who give customers and work for businesses. These realtors need to have characteristics that can make them effective and beneficial. They should be dynamic enough so they can deal with the intense rivalry in booking arrangements and finishing off exchanges for their managers, alongside making a move on marketable strategies. It is additionally significant for them to have various leads and associations so they can cover a greater degree. Geography ought not be a factor for their restrictions and capacities. You need dynamic realtors who can be viewed as specialists in their field.

You must be ready for change: As we probably are aware, the real estate business is continually evolving, and it is significant for you as an entrepreneur in this industry to accept change instead of keep away from it. There are great deals of components that can rapidly cause change in this industry, like the economy, disasters, stock

trade, and so on.

This is the reason an entrepreneur should be available to the progressions that will be capable en route. It is significant for them, just as their real estate team, to be able to adapt to these changes to remain competitive.

Making money in real estate requires patience: Bringing in cash in real estate is definitely not a short-term matter. To produce benefit, you should perform due ingenuity and trust that the venture property will begin creating cash. So, patience is key for this situation.

Managing the business: Beginning a real estate business necessitates that you realise the actual undertakings related with a venture property. A part of the business is advertising, planning, and managing clients. Thus, leaving you with two alternatives: You either oversee it yourself or you recruit proficient property the executives' administrations. In any case, you can't simply begin the business and leave it to run itself.

The writer is Founder-MD, Geetanjali Homestate

Personal finance should be a subject of interest to everyone. All of us are an inextricable part of a functioning society and its economy. Therefore, all of us need the knowledge of smart money management to sustain and succeed in our professional and personal lives. Simply defined, personal finance is the knowledge and ability to manage money intelligently. Its foundation is best laid in school education, preferably at the middle level. But this important underpinning has been missing in Indian education if we go by the unimpressive financial literacy rates prevalent in India. A Global Financial Literacy Survey conducted in 2018 by the Standard and Poor's Rating Services revealed that only 24 per cent of the adult population in India is financially literate. This is a dismal figure, considering that 74 per cent of the total population is otherwise literate.

Be a finance wiz

Financial literacy empowers individuals with the knowledge and confidence of making smart financial decisions regarding spending, says **HARISH SANDUJA**



■Differentiate between need and greed: By teenage students must be made aware of the difference between need and greed. One of the most important objectives of financial literacy is to make learners ethically strong and learn to make money grow not only for oneself but also for society.

■Smart money management: Teaching personal finance to middle-level school students creates a firm base for lifelong money management. Today's youth is already well connected with technology. An understanding of personal finance will empower them to make the best use of the digital tools for smart spending, which involves

cashing in discounts, winning cash-backs, and breaking payments into low-cost EMIs. Besides intelligent spending, personal finance also inculcates the virtues of saving and investing at a young age. Over time, these virtues manifest as responsible money management.

■Prudent financial planning: Planning for the future starts at the school level. Teaching personal finance to students will enable them to create financial goals that are in sync with their career aspirations. Instead of leaving the financial planning to their parents, students will be active participants in charting out a plan for saving and multiplying money to meet their goals.

The writer is Director — Schools, Seth Anandram Jaipuria Group of Educational Institutions, Ghaziabad

'We need more radiographers'

Good communication skills, a focus on detail and careful attention to procedure are essential to become a successful radiology technician. **ARUNA SINGH** tells you more

Have you ever notice those guys in hospital gowns who escort patients for an X-Ray CT-Scan or Chemotherapy? They are the ones who operate the machine for you and later interpret the results for doctors. The word used for them are Radiographers.

Radiographers, also known as radiologic technologists, are certified technicians who capture images of organs, bone and tissue for patient diagnosis. Radiographers are equipped with the technological skills to handle imaging equipment and the interpersonal skills necessary for patient care.

Educational and licensure requirements vary by state and profession, though completion of a certificate or two-year degree programme is common for radiologic technologists.

Now India's healthcare sector on a growth trajectory, the career opportunities for such allied healthcare workers with expertise in diagnostic science have never been better. Services of diagnostic professionals can be essential for medical treatments and their demand is on the rise.

Radiologic technologists perform medical imaging exams and



urban outpatient clinic or a rural physician's office. You could specialise in dozens of clinical areas ranging from prenatal care to orthopedics. You could manage an entire radiology department, including its budget and personnel.

You could teach, inspiring new generations of radiologic technologists, or you could perform research that leads to breakthroughs in diagnostic imaging or radiation therapy. With additional education, you could become a radiologist assistant, expanding your capabilities by serving as a radiologist extender. The boundaries of your career in radiologic technology are determined only by your own abilities and interests.

Necessary skills and qualities: Good communication skills, a focus on detail, and careful attention to procedure are essential to success as a radiology technician. Physical strength is needed to position patients, and at times, to lift them onto examination tables. As with health care professionals in general, empathy, cultural sensitivity, and high ethical standards are necessary as well.

The writer is Principal, Delhi Paramedical and Management Institute

Accolades for Company Secretaries

The University Grants Commission has recognised Company Secretary Qualification as equivalent to post graduate degree based on representations submitted by The Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

This recognition will leverage the Company Secretary Profession across the globe, giving the members of the Institute an opportunity to pursue PhD in Commerce and Allied Disciplines.

To keep pace with the changing dynamics of global governance framework, the institute has carefully designed and benchmarked the Company Secretary Course content. In accordance, the profession has evolved and has gained its due recognition in different jurisdictions world

over.

Besides this, ICSI also has a full-fledged academic and research wing that enhances the acumen and expertise of its members and students and encourages them to undertake research in crucial areas like Corporate Governance; Company Law; CSR; Tax Laws and other Commercial Laws etc.

Thanking the University Grants Commission, CS Nagendra D Rao, President, The ICSI said: "This recognition will open up another world of opportunities for CS. Such recognitions reaffirm the fact that with the increasing focus on good governance, the demand for Company Secretaries, as skilled professionals, is both ubiquitous and inevitable."

VIT Chennai students shine

The Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) Chennai students Venkat Ragavan and Tarun Hariharan from School of Computer Science and Engineering, Yogeeshwar S. Vishwath Kumar BS from School of Electronics and Electrical Engineering emerged as one of the finalists in the first virtual edition of Imagine Cup organised by Microsoft.

Despite its 353 team entries and over 10,000 individual entries across



India the VIT Team IntelliSense proved its mettle in this competitive event. This event of World champions of Imagine Cup 2021 awards a prize money of \$75,000 and a mentorship opportunity with Microsoft.

Microsoft Imagine Cup is a global competition designed to empower students to apply artificial intelligence and other technologies to solve some of the world's most critical social and sustainability problems. In this year 2021

focused on assistive technology for people with low vision.

Microsoft and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) jointly organised this great nation-wide event and it had in its noteworthy panel Anant Maheshwari, President, Microsoft India, Pulkit Jain, Co-founder and Product Head of Vedantu and Dr Manish Kumar, CEO and MD, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

Online entrepreneurship course

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Motion Education, under the astute leadership of edupreneur Nitin Vijay, has developed a futuristic entrepreneurship e-programme for kids aged between eight and 16 years. Considering the safety and convenience for young students, the programme will be delivered digitally in Jaipur effective first quarter of the financial year.

This innovative course is strategically designed to align with the objectives of

PM Modi's three flagship programmes viz., Startup India, Skill India and Digital India.

The planned e-Programme in Jaipur aims to bring out the city's talents, which will help the pink city emerge as the reservoir of entrepreneurs. Beyond infusing skills in children, the programme motivates them to harvest those skills in individual and community interest. Its practical approach would guide the kids to be the next big thing rather than being just skilled talent.



GET CREATIVE

If you have excellent organising skills, qualities like planning, project and time management, communication, interpersonal and problem-solving skills, visual merchandising offers lucrative options, says DR ROOPAK VASISHTHA

It is rightly said that first impression is the last impression, whether it's a job interview, or attracting customers into the fashion store to increase sales. As a fashionista, you keep an eye on the latest trends, but presenting the garments strikingly and appealingly is equally important. As the fashion industry is expanding, new creative career options are coming into it. Visual Merchandising (VM) is critically important in the ever-evolving fashion industry as well as creating a strong brand identity. It is a rapidly emerging sector and there are good career prospects in this field. It is the art of creating visually appealing displays that attract customers to the store and promote sales. Now this concept is being used as a marketing tool in the retail sector. The sector encompasses all activities that help increase sales of products in retail stores.

an important support for fashion retail operations. It includes window displays, signs, and interior displays. A good combination of colour and theme plays a vital role in visual merchandising. The goal is to create a distinctive atmosphere and aesthetic appearance to drive customers' in-store purchase decisions. They are creative and use their skills to develop interest among the customers by perfectly styling mannequins and their surroundings. They plan store themes, arrange display fixtures and lighting, set up stores before opening, work with floor plans. Under this, he has to work in areas such as window and interior displays as well as stock placement and staff training. The more you make the store attractive through music, lighting, etc., the more consumers will be attracted towards your store.

VMS CAN WORK IN FASHION BOUTIQUES, SHOPPING MALLS, EMPORIUM, ARCHITECTURE FIRMS, DESIGN COMPANIES AND THEME PARTY ORGANISING COMPANIES. THEY CAN ALSO DO FREELANCING ON A CONTRACTUAL BASIS FOR WINDOW DISPLAYS AT EXHIBITIONS, AWARD CEREMONIES AND MALLS

SKILLS
Nowadays many institutes offer certificate and diploma courses. Students who want to pursue this course must be 12th pass out. However, in most institutes, VM is taught under the fashion designing

or fashion technology course. Given the career prospects in this emerging field, two courses have been specially designed by Apparel Made-Ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC), formed under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. One is merchandiser and the other is Merchandiser Made-Ups and Home Furnishing, in which students are also taught about visual merchandising. In the course of visual merchandising, students are trained on various aspects related to visual merchandising such as store display, presentation of products, and attracting customers through the use of various communication tools.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES
It is very important to have the quality of designing and creativity among the students looking for a career in this field. A visual merchandiser must have excellent organizing skills as well as qualities like planning, project management, and time management. Apart from this,

they also need to have communication and interpersonal skills, must have problem-solving ability and computer knowledge. Experts say that VMs should know the psychology of consumers and should also anticipate trends.

SCOPE
With the increase in the number of shopping malls, five-star hotels, boutiques, and retail outlets, the demand for visual merchandisers has also increased significantly. VMs can work in fashion boutiques, shopping malls, emporium, architecture firms, design companies and theme party organising companies. They can also do freelancing on a contractual basis for window displays at exhibitions, fairs, award ceremonies and malls.

REMUNERATION
A fresher can earn ₹10,000-₹15,000. After gaining some experience you can work in a retail outlet of a big brand and get an attractive package. Salary package increases with skill and experience. The writer is CEO & DG, AMHSSC

Bridging gap in skill & industry requirements

Three new programmes aim to offer a world-class learning experience to students and help them to become job-ready, says NIKHIL BARSHIKAR

In line with its focused strategy to address the skill gap in new-age career, Imarticus Learning has announced new batches of its three latest programmes — dual certification PG programme in new-age banking and PGDBM in banking from university NMIMS Global Access, PG programme in analytics, and AI in collaboration with UCLA extension, and a senior level Professional Certification in FinTech from SP Jain School of Global Management. While the present batch for the new-age banking PG programme will commence from March 15, 2021, the other two are scheduled for March 27 and March 28, 2021, respectively.



Nikhil Barshikar
Founder of Imarticus Learning

The new-age banking programme enables learners to undertake two courses simultaneously. The comprehensive programme follows an extensive admission process, comprising an aptitude and psychometric test, intensive customised training, and corporate interview. The course will be delivered via online instructor-led live classes for 11 months, while the business management course will be available in the form of self-paced learning for 24 months. The programme offers guaranteed job placements in 11 months with an assured salary increment of 25 per cent, along with convenient weekend batches.

The analytics and AI PG programme combines Data Science courses aimed at offering world-class post-baccalaureate education for domestic students with an international learning experience. This programme is designed to provide dual recognition to students and help them gain in-demand skills via a cutting-edge curriculum, global content, and access to world-renowned faculty from a top-tier US University. It offers deep insights on the practical applications of ML and analytics to make learners future-ready for roles like Data Scientist, Analyst, and ML Engineer, to name a few. The program will also include engaging elements, including hackathons, mentorship, and a fully integrated LMS (Learning Management System) for self-paced learning.

first-of-its-kind 100 per cent online immersive FinTech learning experience, thereby exposing learners to the crucial aspects of FinTech solutions. The curriculum will offer hands-on training from domain experts, covering key topics like Blockchain, Cloud Computing, AI, Machine Learning, Robotic Process Automation (RPA), IoT and Big Data. Learners, upon successful completion of this course, will gain a globally-recognised certification.

The world is more connected than ever with evolving digital technologies like AI, ML and IoT. As these advancements gain more relevance across various domains, businesses and organisations are envisioned to rapidly adapt to them in order to ensure sustainability and success.

These new-age programmes are designed in sync with this vision, and endeavors to equip professional with the right knowledge and skills that are imperative for future jobs. Not only do we offer world-class mentorship and learning experience, but we also endeavor to offer placements to young professionals seeking an upgrade in their careers.

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VM is art or activity of displaying and promoting the products in such a manner that it appeals to the eyes of the customer. It's considered

at least 9 percent Indians will be in jobs that do not exist currently and 37 percent of the workforce will require radically changed skill sets to meet their employment demands. Therefore, skill development programmes have to be robust so that the youth are well-equipped with the essential skills that are needed for lending a support and enhance the economy.

More than 1.5 million schools across India had to shut down overnight owing to the Covid-19 pandemic throwing the children to a completely new world of digital education. Although in the post-pandemic ecosystem, digital education has been embraced, India still needs to work extensively to create the environment for

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2019 and 2029.

More than 476,000 new jobs are expected to be added to the hundreds of thousands of positions already in place in these industries. For professional stability and rising opportunities both the courses offer diverse career path to pursue.

This kind of curriculum provides them both practical and theoretical knowledge of the world. This also helps them to be future ready. The schooling experience also becomes unified. Even the faculty members need to be trained to the new teaching techniques that include activity-based learning, hands on problem solving skills and skills from various domains.

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Scholarship

The British Council, University of Dundee is offering the GREAT scholarships 2021-22 to study a full time, on campus, postgraduate taught course starting in September 2021.

The scholarship is aimed for International students who want to study at a UK University for a one-year post-graduate course. It also encourages the students to apply and demonstrate interest in the chosen subject, through examples of work or academic experience.

Eligibility: Are a passport holder from India; Have an offer to study a full time, on campus, postgraduate taught programme at the University of Dundee, starting in September 2021; Have International Fee Status, as verified by the University of Dundee.

Application deadline: The application deadline is May 7, 2021.

The ScottishPower, part of the Iberdrola Group, invites applications for its scholarship programmes that aim to help train a new generation of professionals capable of driving the transformation towards a sustainable energy model and who have a desire to develop their career in the power industry.

The scholarships are for Master's Studies in the UK programme to support education of motivated people, providing them with experience that will give them access to employment in the industry

Scholarships are for: Electrical/Mechanical/Civil/Naval Engineering; Renewable/Sustainable/Energy; Onshore/Offshore Renewable Engineering; Environmental Sciences /Climate Change; Computer Science & IT Software Engineering; International Strategic Marketing/Digital Marketing.

The scholarships are intended for study at a selection of UK universities including the University of Strathclyde.

Value: Full tuition fees and a monthly payment of £1,200

Eligibility: Be in possession of, or expect to receive, a Bachelor with Honours at a minimum 2:1 (or equivalent) or master's degree from a recognised university on submission of the application. If the applicant is still in the final year of the academic course 2020-2021, the grant will be contingent upon the applicant securing the university degree.

For more information contact: https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/scottishpower_masters_scholarships.aspx

Application deadline: It is March 31, 2021.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr.PC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Rahul @ Nitin @ KK S/o Surender R/o VPO Fafunda, P.S. Kharkhoda, Distt. Meerut, U.P.** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 417/2020 dated 05.12.2020 U/s 302/34 IPC & 27 Arms Act. PS Begumpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rahul @ Nitin @ KK** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rahul @ Nitin @ KK** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rahul @ Nitin @ KK of FIR No. 417/2020 dated 05.12.2020 U/s 302/34 IPC & 27 Arms Act. PS Begumpur, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.04.2021**.

By Order
Shri Babru Bhan
Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 101, First Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/711/RD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely : Neha D/o Mahesh Singh R/o H. No. 3, Kh. No. 6/17, Ground Floor, AB Block, Rajeev Nagar, Delhi** has been missing since 28.02.2021 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 71A dated 01.03.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Begumpur, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 19 Years 2 months, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Black & Long, **Wearing:** Blue colour suit-salwar with red colour stall and pink colour jutti in feet.

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

SHO
P.S. Begumpur, Delhi
Rohini Distt., Delhi
Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Ph. No. 011-27579029, 27579080

DP/719/RD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

The general public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Aash Kumari D/o Chandra Kishor R/o H.No. CN-11, Balaji Enclave, Punjab Khor Delhi, Rohini, Delhi** has been missing since 01/03/2021 at 12:00 pm from her house. In this regard, **FIR No. 101/21, dated 02.03.2021** has been registered at **PS Kanjhawala, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing girl, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing girl is as under:

Name: Aash Kumari, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 5', **Face:** Long, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Healthy, **Wearing:** Yellow colour suit-salwar, white colour sandal on her feet.

If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/Kanjhawala, Delhi.

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SHO
P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi
Ph. No. 011-25474486

DP/708/RD/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male name & address unknown. **Age:** about 25-30 Yrs, **Height:** 5'6" approx, shallow complexion, build thin, oval face. **For identification:** Black moti mala in his right hand, Tatoo of letter 'R' Blow his neck and Written 'Mahakal' on right side of Neck. Wearing grey shirt with white lines and grey colour jeans has been found injured at Sec. 16/17 Dividing Road, Near

Unknown
A-1, Block, Sector-17, Rohini, Delhi who later died in the course of treatment at Safdarjung Hospital on 13.03.2021.

In this regard a **DD No. 81-A, dt. 13.03.2021** has been lodged at **PS KNK Marg, Delhi**. The dead body has been preserved at Safdarjung Hospital Mortuary, Delhi.

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

S.H.O.,
P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27571162, 27571171

DP/723/RD/2021

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 20-25 Yrs., **Height:** 5'6", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Injury Marks:** Head amputated from neck, Both legs cut from knee, both hands amputated from neck, **Wearing:** Light Yellow Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans Pant and Blue Colour Chappal in Feet, **Place of Recovery:** Found dead at El. Pole K.M.No. 16/1-3 UP line between Delhi Cantt to Palam Railway Station.

In this regard **DD No. 19A, U/s 174 Cr.P.C., Dated 12.03.2021** has been lodged at **Police Station, Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

Phone: 011-23014046 (Direct), 011-23015218 Extn. 210
Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in

SHO
P.S. Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25688505

DP/83/RLY/2021

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Rajesh Sharma, **S/o** Suraj Raj Sharma, **R/o:** B-127, First Floor, Ramesh Enclave, Kirari, Delhi **Age:** 54 years, **Height:** 5'2" **Complexion:** Fair, **Gender:** Male, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Shirt and Trouser was admitted in unconscious condition from his R/o. at SGM Hospital and declared Brought Dead

by the doctor on 03.03.2021 time 8:37 PM. In this regard, **DD No.131A Dt. 03.03.2021** has been lodged at **PS Aman Vihar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Aman Vihar, Delhi
Ph : 011-27581812
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SINGLES

RAUT BREAKS INTO TOP 20 IN ODI RANKINGS
DUBAI: Following her brilliant performance in the ongoing ODI series against South Africa, India's Punam Raut broke into the top 20 among batters in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings. Raut, who has held a career high ranking of 13th, jumped eight places to 18th after scores of 62*, 77 and 104* in her last three matches. Opener Smriti Mandhana remains the top ranked Indian batter at the seventh spot, followed by her skipper Mithali Raj, who is placed ninth.

ANKITA, SANIA TO LEAD INDIA

NEW DELHI: Country's best singles player Ankita Raina and veteran Sania Mirza will lead India in the next month's Billie Jean King Cup World Group Play-offs away tie against formidable Latvia as the AITA named a five-member team for the tourney. The five-member team also has Karman Kaur Thandi, young Zeel Desai, who is making steady progress, and Rutuja Bhosale. Riya Bhatia, who was a playing member last year, will be the reserve player of the team.

SANDEEP BOOKS OLY QUALIFIERS SLOT

NEW DELHI: National champion Sandeep Singh Mann booked the 74kg slot in the Indian wrestling team for the upcoming Asian Olympic Qualifiers, edging out comeback-man Narsingh Panchanm Yadav and seasoned Amit Dhankar in the trials on Tuesday. Sandeep beat Dhankar 2-1 in the final bout, earning the right to be on the flight to Almaty, Kazakhstan where the Olympic Qualifiers will be held from April 9-11. He had got the better of Narsingh 4-3 in the semi-finals.

ICC BANS UAE PLAYERS FOR 8 YEARS

DUBAI: The ICC on Tuesday slapped eight-year bans on UAE cricketers Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar Butt for their attempted role in trying to fix matches in the T20 World Cup qualifier in 2019. The bans are backdated to October 16, 2019, when they were provisionally suspended for attempting to corrupt matches and found guilty of breaching global body's Anti-Corruption Code. The 33-year-old former captain and right arm pacer Naveed has played 39 ODIs and 31 T20Is, while 42-year-old middle-order batsman Butt has played 40 ODIs and 32 games in the shortest format.

SREESHANKAR QUALIFIES FOR TOKYO OLY

PATIALA: Long jumper Murlu Sreeshankar on Tuesday qualified for the Tokyo Olympics by bettering his own national record with a leap of 8.26m on the second day of the Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships here. The Olympics qualification mark in men's long jump event is 8.22m. The 21-year-old Kerala athlete's 8.26m jump came in his fifth attempt as he improved his earlier national record of 8.20m which he had registered in 2018.

TIGER GLOBAL-BACKED UPSTOX TO SPONSOR IPL

NEW DELHI: Tiger Global-backed online brokerage Upstox will sponsor the Indian Premier League starting April 9. IPL Governing Council announced a "multi-year" partnership with Upstox as an official partner for the IPL. Backed by marquee investors such as Tiger Global, Upstox currently has over 2.8 million customers, a joint statement said without giving the value of the sponsorship deal.

JOS KEEPS ENGLAND AHEAD

Morgan's men restore series lead after Buttler's unbeaten 83 trumps Kohli's 77 in 8 wicket win



India's captain Virat Kohli, left, watches as Jonny Bairstow, center, and Jos Buttler walk off the field after England's win in third T20I

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Virat Kohli's brilliance wasn't good enough to paper over an otherwise inept Indian batting performance as England humbled the hosts by eight wickets in the third T20I to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series at Narendra Modi stadium on Tuesday.

Eoin Morgan unleashed his fast bowlers Mark Wood (3/31) and Chris Jordan (2/35) to restrict the hosts for 156 for six, which the visitors surpassed easily in 18.2 overs, riding on Jos Buttler's unbeaten 83 off 52 balls.

Skipper Kohli had mistakenly said at the toss that his team led 2-1 but Morgan, in his 100th T20I appearance, made sure that opposite

happened. Buttler showed his mastery in white ball format after Kohli single-handedly carried the team to a reasonable score with an unbeaten 77 off 46 balls.

Buttler in the powerplay pounced on Shardul Thakur and Yuzvendra Chahal in successive overs and England were never in danger of falling behind the run-rate after that.

He played the pacers and spinners with comforting ease, playing reverse slog sweeps interspersed between the lofted straight hits into the empty stands. In all, Buttler hit five fours and four sixes.

More than the Buttler's blade, the difference between two sides was the sheer pace generated by England pacers after Morgan won another good

toss. Mark Wood rocked the Indian top order during the Powerplay overs and even Kohli's magnificence wasn't good enough to save the night for the *Men In Blue*.

Wood's thunderbolts at 90 plus miles per hour found the younger Indian batsmen in considerable discomfort.

He didn't do anything extra but bowled fast and straight, mixing the well disguised short pitched stuff to get them into a tangle.

Save Kohli, other Indian youngsters found it difficult to put bat to ball as pace and bounce off the pitch worked wonders for English speed merchants.

The Indian skipper with his near perfect technique fought fire with fire,

playing pull shots and the lofted hits, shuffling towards leg stump to make room for himself.

He was lucky when his mistimed flick off a short ball from Jofra Archer fetched him a six but then the second flick off Chris Jordan was perfectly dispatched to the longest corner for a maximum.

But the shot of the night was a straight six off Wood, which made the bowler take his time to finish the over. Not to forget the shape which he was in while executing a ramp shot off Archer.

His partnership with Hardik Pandya (17 off 15 balls) fetched 70 runs off just 5.3 overs but it was all about Kohli for the better part as the Baroda all-rounder was struggling to time the ball.

But others were not so lucky with Wood making life miserable for them.

KL Rahul (0) was once again in the midst of a forgettable patch where all the good deliveries were being earmarked for him.

Wood bowled one at 91 mph, that pitched on length and nipped back enough to breach through the opener's defence before he could bring his bat down.

Rohit Sharma (15 off 17 balls) was playing his first game of the series and while he managed to read Adil Rashid's googlies well, Wood's well directed bounce got him as he was holed out in the deep.

Ishan Kishan (4), after a dream debut in the second T20 on Sunday, got a hostile welcome from Wood, who managed to soften the Jharkhand dasher.

The result was Chris Jordan extracting extra bounce and the ill-timed pull shot bringing Kishan's downfall as the hosts looked in complete disarray.

'Champion player' Rahul will continue to open: Kohli

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

India captain Virat Kohli on Friday threw his weight behind struggling opener KL Rahul, calling him "a champion player" who remains the best candidate along with Rohit Sharma for the opening slot in the shortest format.

Rahul has been in woeful form with scores of 1, 0, 0 in his last three T20Is.

Kohli, who was dismissed for naught in the fourth Test and the first T20I against England before he turned it around with unbeaten scores of 73 and 77, said it is a matter of few balls.

"I was going through a lean patch two days back. He (KL Rahul) has been a champions player. He'll continue to be one of our main players along with Rohit at the top of the order," Kohli said in the post-match presentation.

"It's a matter of five-six balls in this format." Kohli, who pulled India out of trouble with a 46-ball knock, said it was tough facing the new ball, especially with pacer Mark Wood hitting the 90 plus miles per hour.

"You don't want to play knocks which don't help the team in any way. It was a bit difficult to bat against the new ball. Their bowlers were hitting good areas," he said.

"The England bowlers attacked right lines and lengths and with their pace they became more potent.

"We got one little partnership, it was important for me to bat deep. The case was to get set and try to get a decent total. We lacked intensity in the second half."

Talking about Pandya, Kohli said, "We want to give Hardik a bit more responsibility with the ball; we know what he can do with the bat."

England skipper Eoin Morgan praised his bowlers for their "exceptional" display. "When you look at conditions tonight, Adil started well and when the pacers came on, the carry that we saw was a bit of a surprise for us. I thought the first half of our bowling was exceptional," he said.

"The wicket stayed similar, throughout all the games, and if you lose early wickets at the top that raises a question. It's just a dynamic of T20 cricket."

Adjudged Man of the Match for his whirlwind innings, Buttler said: "It was nice to spend time in the middle and I always like to not out at the end."

"It just felt like a good time to attack (at the top). It was nice to chance my arm a bit. The first six off got me up and running and gave me confidence."



Indian Eves to play for pride

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

The series already out of their grasp, the Indian women cricketers, who are struggling to put together a cohesive team show, will have pride at stake when they clash with South Africa women in the fifth and final ODI, here on Wednesday.

Barring the convincing nine-wicket win in the second match, the Indian women have barely fired in unison while the South Africans, who have already clinched the series 3-1, have excelled as a team.

To be fair to the home side players, they were a bit rusty as they are playing their first International series after more than a year due to the Covid-19 pandemic while South Africa recently beat Pakistan 3-0 at home.

The Indian team also missed the flair of young Shafali Verma at the top of the order and the experience of Shikha Pandey in bowling department.

Indian spinners, save Rajeshwari Gayakwad (5 wickets from 4 matches), were a big let down on the slow tracks and that has played a big part in India's series loss when the South Africans chased down 249 and 267 in the third and fourth matches.

Veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami continued to be the



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pick of Indian bowlers as she topped the bowling charts with eight wickets from the three matches she has played but she did not get much support from her colleagues except for spinner Gayakwad.

Top-order batter Punam Raut has been in sensational form with scores of 10, 62 not out, 77 and 104 not out in the four games.

The 31-year-old top run getter among the Indians would like to continue from where she left in the fourth match where she hit an unbeaten century, though, in a losing cause.

Captain Mithali Raj and her deputy Harmapreet Kaur were the other two consistent batters while star opener Smriti Mandhana shone only in the second match.

The South Africans, on the

where they were blown away by the batting brilliance of Mandhana and Raut.

For them, opening batswoman Lizelle Lee has been in ominous form, topping the overall batting chart with 288 runs with scores of 83 not out, 4, 132 not out and 69.

She single-handedly won the rain-marred third match for South Africa with a scintillating unbeaten century. She has been ably supported by Laura Wolvaardt (154 runs) and Lara Goodall (124).

Pacewoman Shabnim Ismail has been the top wicket taker for the South Africans with seven scalps from four matches — second overall after Goswami.

Spin attack has not been up to mark: Poonam

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Senior bowler Poonam Yadav Son Tuesday admitted that a below-par show by the home spinners was a huge factor in India's ODI series defeat against South Africa and they are still figuring out how the performance can be improved on non-supportive surfaces.

The Indian women's team, known for its strong spin attack, was let down by its tweekers in the five-match series.

Apart from Rajeshwari Gayakwad, who snared five wickets in four matches, the other spinners have failed to leave an impact.

"We beat South Africa in South Africa and also when they came here. But our spin attack hasn't been that successful now," Yadav said during a virtual pre-match press conference ahead of the fifth ODI on Wednesday.

"So, we talk about what we can work on in the practice ses-

Sindhu & Co chase elusive All England title

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

World champion P V Sindhu will look to shrug off her demoralising Swiss Open final defeat and take advantage of a depleted field when she spearheads India's challenge at the prestigious All England Open Badminton Championships, beginning here on Wednesday.

Sindhu looked a pale shadow of herself in her defeat against Carolina Marin, going down without much fight as she struggled to contain errors.

Carolina, the three-time world champion from Spain, though has pulled out of the prestigious tournament due to an injury, taking some shine off of the event.

Also missing in action will be the Chinese, Koreans and Chinese Taipei shuttlers, who decided not to compete in the Super 1000 event as it is not part of the Tokyo Olympic qualification period.

It affects the quality of the competition but also provides the 19-member Indian



contingent an opportunity to go deep in the draw and recapture the trophy which has been won by just two Indians so far —

the legendary Prakash Padukone (1980) and P Gopichand (2001).

While former world number one Saina Nehwal had a runner-up finish in 2015, Sindhu's best finish was a semifinal in 2018 but none of the other Indian shuttlers have been able to go deep in the tournament till now.

Olympic Silver medalist Sindhu will again be one of the top contenders but Saina is nowhere near her best with just two quarterfinal finishes to show in the last two years.

Among other Indians, former number one Kidambi Srikanth and young men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, currently ranked 10 in the world, had a good run in Swiss Open and will look to put their best foot forward.

Fifth seed Sindhu will kick off her campaign with a clash against Malaysia's Soniia Cheah and is likely to face Japan's Akane Yamaguchi in the quarterfinals, provided she wins her initial rounds.

Jota returns to haunt Wolves

AFF ■ WOLVERHAMPTON

Jurgen Klopp said he had no problem with "winning" three dirty points" as Diogo Jota returned to haunt Wolves with the only goal in a 1-0 win at Molineux on Monday.

A wretched run of six successive home league defeats has left Liverpool with an uphill task to qualify for the Champions League next season. But Klopp's men have now won six of their last seven games away from Anfield.

Victory moved the English champions back up to sixth and within five points of fourth-placed Chelsea.

"It's all about the result," said Klopp. "It was a big fight. We won three dirty points, I am completely fine with that. We need that to get back on track."

A disappointing night for Wolves ended with a bigger concern than just the



result as goalkeeper Rui Patrício had to be stretchered off after 15 minutes of treatment for a head injury following a collision with his own player Connor Coady in the closing stages.

However, Wolves boss Nuno Espirito Santo allayed fears over the Portuguese international's health.

"He's OK. He's conscious, he remembers what happens, he's aware, so they tell me he's OK," said Nuno. "He's going to recover, so it's OK."

Wolves have already been badly affected by a serious head injury this season. Their top scorer for the past two seasons, Raul Jimenez, has been out since fracturing his skull against Arsenal in November.

The absence of Jimenez means Nuno's men have missed Jota even more since he joined the English champions for an initial £41 million in September.

Ibra back in Sweden squad

AFF ■ STOCKHOLM

Zlatan Ibrahimovic will return to Sweden's squad after an almost five-year hiatus to play in World Cup qualifiers at the end of March, head coach Janne Andersson said on Tuesday.

The player, known for his not-so-humble ways, also announced his return himself by posting a picture of himself on Instagram in the Swedish team kit with the caption "The return of the God".

The 39-year-old AC Milan striker retired from the Swedish squad after the 2016 European Championship after winning 116 caps and scoring 62 International goals. Without him, Sweden reached the quarterfinals of the 2018 World Cup in Russia, team's best performance in the competition since 1994. Now he is in line to play at the continent-wide Euros scheduled for June and July this year. Sweden is in the same group as Spain, Poland and Slovakia.

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Messi matches Xavi's appearance record

AFF ■ BARCELONA

Lionel Messi scored a spectacular double the same night he equalled Xavi Hernandez's appearance record for Barcelona, the Argentinian inspiring his team to a 4-1 win over Huesca on Monday.

Messi tied Xavi's 767 games in all competitions for Barca and marked yet another milestone with a brilliant brace, a curling effort in the first half flying in off the crossbar at Camp Nou before a late shot nestled in the corner.

"He's the most important man in the history of Barca," said coach Ronald Koeman. "Even better that he's still with us."

Antoine Griezmann had earlier followed suit with another impressive shot into the top corner before Huesca pulled one back, Rafa Mir converting a doubtful penalty on the stroke of half-time.

But Messi helped Barca pull away, send-

ing in a cross for Oscar Mingueza to head in and then scoring his second as the Catalans moved to within four points of league leaders Atletico Madrid.

Messi's performance had all the key elements of the 33-year-old's genius. In a game that celebrated his longevity, he showed his class with perhaps his best goal of the season, his creativity with an assist and his consistency, by making it 13 consecutive campaigns that he has reached 20 La Liga goals.

"He's so decisive," said Huesca's Mir. "They play with one man extra."

Huesca stay bottom, four points adrift of safety, while Barcelona continue their own excellent form.

They have now managed 11 wins and a draw from their last 12 matches, putting them within sight of Atletico, who they still have to play at home in May.

