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Nip 2nd Covid wave in bud: PM to CMs

Modi asks States to create micro-containment centres, speed up vaccination

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Against the backdrop of a sudden rise in coronavirus cases in many States, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday stressed the need for checking the "emerging second peak" of the pandemic in the country and sought States to create micro-containment centres and speed up the vaccination drive.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with the Chief Ministers on Covid-19 situation, through video conference, in New Delhi on Wednesday PTI

In the meeting of Chief Ministers called by him to decide new Covid-19 strategy, Modi said, "Test, track and treat mantra" should be followed to combat the "second peak" of the pandemic. "Seventy districts of the country have seen an increase of more than 150 per cent in the last few weeks. If we don't stop it here, a situation of a nationwide outbreak can come up," he cautioned.

the State Chief Secretary. The Prime Minister said vaccination should be speeded up and regretted 10 per cent "wastage" of doses in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and UP. "Over 10 per cent vaccine wastage in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Vaccine wastage in Uttar Pradesh is almost the same. The State must review why vaccine wastage is happening? Monitoring must be done every evening and pro-active people should be contacted so that there's no wastage," he told the

Chief Ministers. Modi said States should be creating micro-containment centres to limit the spread of

the virus and pressed the need to increase RT-PCR testing across the country. **Continued on Page 2**

2 Chinese fliers arrested with forged Aadhaar cards

Held at Bagdogra Airport on way to Hyderabad, duo had been to Pak

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Two Chinese nationals with forged Aadhaar cards were nabbed at Bagdogra Airport. The duo was held at 9.20 am on Tuesday by the CISF while checking tickets and identity documents at the departure gate of the airport and subjected to intense multi-agency interrogation.



"During checking of travel documents of both the passengers Aadhaar cards appeared to be forged. On questioning, both the suspected passengers revealed their identity as Zhang Jun and Kaileng who were supposed to travel from Bagdogra to Hyderabad by Indigo Airlines flight and further bound from Hyderabad to Tirupati by Indigo Airlines flight," the CISF said in a statement here.

Later, both the suspected passengers, who visited India in 2020, were handed over to the local police by the CISF for further investigation. As per their

BJP's Mandi MP found hanging at Delhi residence

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Ram Swaroop Sharma, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP from Mandi in Himachal Pradesh, was found hanging from the ceiling in his official residence in New Delhi on Wednesday. Prima facie, it appears to be a case of suicide, said police, adding that however no suicide note was found from the spot.



BJP MP from Mandi Ram Swaroop Sharma PTI file photo

According to a senior police official, a PCR call was received around 7.45 am by his aide after the parliamentarian did not respond to knocks at his door. "A police team reached the spot and forced open the door and found Sharma hanging from a ceiling fan. He was taken to a hospital where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival," said Chinmoy Biswal, the Public Relation Officer (PRO) of the Delhi Police. "An enquiry is underway

and the exact cause of his death will be ascertained after a post-mortem examination," he said. The Lok Sabha proceedings were adjourned till 1 pm after an obituary reference to Sharma. Meanwhile, the BJP cancelled its parliamentary party meeting following Sharma's death and also called off the joining ceremony of an "eminent" person, who was not named. **Continued on Page 2**

IAF loses Group Capt in MIG-21 Bison crash

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A MIG-21 Bison aircraft crashed in Gwalior on Wednesday killing its pilot Group Captain A Gupta. The mishap took place around 10.50 am when the aircraft was taking off for a combat training mission.



Wreckage of the Indian Air Force MIG-21 Bison fighter jet lies in a field after the crash in Gwalior on Wednesday PTI

The mandatory court of inquiry was ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident. "A MiG-21 Bison aircraft of IAF was involved in a fatal accident this morning while taking off for a combat training mission at an airbase in central India," the IAF said in a tweet. "The IAF lost Group Captain A Gupta in the tragic accident. IAF expresses deep condolences and stands firmly with the family members. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause of the accident," it added. The Soviet-origin MIG-21 Bison is an upgraded version of the MIG-21 aircraft that the IAF began inducting in the 1960s. The MIG-21 Bison is

capable of carrying beyond-visual-range missiles and other potent weapons. On February 27, 2019, Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman flew a MIG-21 Bison and shot down an F-16 aircraft of the Pakistan Air Force, before his aircraft went down in a dogfight. He was captured by the Pakistan Army and released two days later. The IAF has lost many MIG-21s and other aircraft in accidents in the last few years. **Continued on Page 2**

CAPSULE

KUSHWAHA NOMINATED AS BIHAR MLC
Patna: Former Union Minister Uppendra Kushwaha and two members of the Nitish Kumar Cabinet were among 12 persons who on Wednesday got nominated to the Bihar legislative council.

GOVT TO INDUCT SECYS THROUGH LATERAL ENTRY
New Delhi: The Centre proposes to induct three joint secretaries, 27 directors and 13 deputy secretaries in the Central Government through lateral entry.

PANEL FOR 'OFFICIALS OF THE UNION OF INDIA'
New Delhi: A parliamentary committee has suggested the use of the term "officials of the Union of India" in place of "Central Government officials".

BURGLARS TO BE FITTED WITH GPS TAGS IN UK
London: Burglars, thieves and robbers released from prison will be made to wear GPS tags to track their movements in a world-first scheme to crack down on neighbourhood criminals, the UK Government announced on Wednesday. P8

Atlanta shootings leave 8 dead, many of Asian descent

AP ■ ATLANTA

A series of shootings over nearly an hour at three Atlanta-area massage parlours left eight people dead and raised fears that the attack was another hate crime against Asian Americans.



A police officer watches as a body is taken from the Gold Spa massage parlour after a shooting on Tuesday AP

Police arrested a white 21-year-old Georgia man and said the motive for Tuesday night's attacks wasn't known, though many of the victims were women of Asian descent. "We're in a place where we've seen an increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans since the pandemic started," said Georgia state Rep. Bee Nguyen. "It's hard to

think it is not targeted specifically toward our community." The attacks began Tuesday evening, when five people were shot at Youngs Asian Massage Parlour near Woodstock, about 30 miles north of Atlanta, Cherokee County Sheriff's spokesman Jay Baker said. **Continued on Page 2**

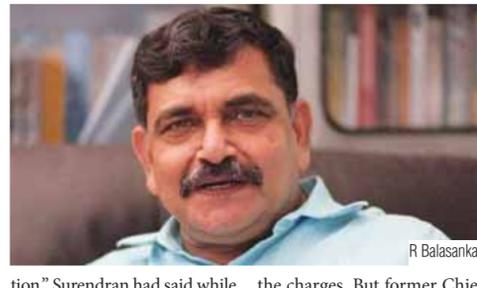
RSS-CPM tacit deal claim spices up Kerala politics

Charge act of vengeance over ticket denial, says BJP; Muslims question Left 'secularism'

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The sensational charge by R Balasankar, former chief editor of *The Organiser*, that there was a secret deal between the CPI(M) and the Sangh Parivar, has caused a political earthquake in Kerala. The BJP denied ticket to Balasankar to contest the April 6 Assembly election.

Balasankar created a flutter in the political circle when he told mediapersons on Wednesday that there was a deal between the Kerala BJP and the CPI(M) for the Assembly election so that the latter could retain power in the State. The BJP's State leadership



R Balasankar

and the RSS, which were at loggerheads over a range of issues, buried the hatchet for the time being and vehemently denied the charges. "This statement by him arose out of discontentment over the denial of ticket to him," said K Surendran, Kerala BJP chief while speaking to reporters. "If he had the blessings of the national leadership, his name should have been in the list," Surendran added. The allegation has upset the BJP which had exuded confidence and claimed that it would emerge as the game-changer in Kerala politics. "This time Kerala will see a third alternative calling the shots in Government forma-

tion," Surendran had said while announcing the names of candidates. The fight for supremacy in the State has shifted back to the CPI(M) and the Congress-led fronts. Chances are that the BJP may finish the race as "also ran," according to Roy Mathew, a political commentator. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has also repudiated

the charges. But former Chief Minister Oommen Chandi and Leader of the Opposition Ramesh Chennithala said there was nothing surprising in the charge as it was a fact. "We in the Congress were the first to bring to light the secret deal between the BJP and the CPI(M). The Enforcement Directorate probe against the CPI(M) leaders have been put

on hold as part of this deal," said Chennithala. Meanwhile, PC Thomas, leader of the Kerala Congress (Mani) faction leader, who was a part of the NDA-led by the BJP till Wednesday morning, jumped the fence and appeared in a UDF meeting by noon. He had declared at Kasaragod that he would remain only with the BJP. The BJP national leadership on Wednesday announced the name of Shobha Surendran as the candidate from Kazhakkootam in Thiruvananthapuram constituency. The uncertainty in the name of the candidate from Kazhakkootam has come to an end with this announcement.

The CPI(M) too was not free from problems in selecting the candidates. The constituency of Kuttiyadi saw the Muslim community coming out in the open demonstrating against the move to field a Kerala Congress (Mani) faction leader. The CPI (M) leadership was forced to replace him with local politician Kunjahammed Kutty. Similarly, the CPI, which too swears by secularism, had to withdraw Ajit Koladi, its official candidate at Tirooragadi, a Muslim dominated area, and substitute him with Niyaz Pulikkalakkathu. Siji Karuthedathu, author and political commentator based in Malabar, expressed apprehension over the CPI(M) and CPI genuflecting before religious fundamentalism. "This is further proof of the Jamaat-e-Islami (Hind) and Popular Front of India swallowing the Congress and Communist parties slowly but steadily," said Siji.

Jobs, subsidised food in Mamata manifesto

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A booklet that could well give the communist manifesto a run for its money Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday released the Trinamool Congress' manifesto that critics called a "project work on social engineering with economic blend".

Should the ruling outfit return to power it would create five lakh new jobs yearly, provide door-to-door ration, ensure basic minimum income for every household (read woman of the house), provide guarantee-free education credit to students, highly subsidised food in Government run canteens, pucca houses for millions, OBC reservations to an overwhelming part of the population the Chief Minister while releasing the Trinamool Istahar (manifesto) 2021 said.

"We will decrease unemployment as 5 lakh job opportunities will be generated every year," Banerjee said reading out a juicy promise from the booklet for the women voters.

"For the first time ever, a new scheme is being launched, wherein female heads of 1.6 crore households will benefit from universal monthly income support," the Chief Minister said quoting the manifesto and wondering why the rival BJP had hit the kitchens hard by rising prices of cooking gas and kerosene oil.

The TMC's pledge book assures of ₹500 monthly income to the women head of every household across caste and religion. The amount of dole for the Scheduled Castes and Tribes would be ₹1,000 per month. This, in addition to the old age and widow pensions. "All the widows would get pension," Banerjee said.

The manifesto apparently bears the declarations of Banerjee's 10 commitments (Ongkar) that she earlier referred to in a tweet. "I humbly present my 10 'Ongkar' to build a stronger & more prosperous Bengal so that the wheels of development keep moving forward in the third term of our government. The aim is just one, to sustain Bengal as one of the leading states in the country," she wrote.

In an apparent bid to attract the students and the youth the Chief Minister quoting the manifesto said a low-interest credit of Rs 10 lakh would be provided to students for pursuing higher or specialized education at minimal 4 percent interest. "No guarantee would be required for the loan and credit cards would be issued for that."

Besides the manifesto also promises a yearly assistance of Rs 10,000 to the farmers --- per acre of their land. This would come under the Krishak bandhu scheme. Under the Bangla Awas Yojna 25 lakh

pucca houses would be constructed for the poorer section of the society.

To top it all, the manifesto also promises highly subsidised food for all sections of the society at 2,500 government-run Maa Canteens. The canteens --- charging Rs 5 per thali non-veg food with egg curry --- had already been started on an experimental basis in Kolkata but were shut down after the of elections were announced.

The doles apart the manifesto also announces reservation for Mahisya (agrarian community) hitherto regarded forward castes, Tili and Sahas (both businessmen classes) --- jointly about 50 lakh-strong group.

The manifesto also promises free ration to every household that would be delivered at every doorstep, the Chief Minister said adding the highly popular "duarey sarkar" (Government at the door steps) scheme which was launched post December last year would be continued in the coming years and "every year Duarey Sarkar would be organized four times."

"When TMC came to power our revenue was about Rs 25,000 crores, it is now over Rs 75,000 crores," Banerjee said in an apparent bid to pre-empt any question by the opposition to questioning the source of funding for the huge amount of doles her party was promising.

Suwendu's father MP Sisir Adhikari to join PM rally

PNS ■ KOLKATA

After Suwendu Adhikari it could be turn of his father Sisir Adhikari the veteran MP and former Union Minister from East Midnapore to join the BJP.

The senior Adhikari who is currently the Trinamool Congress's East Midnapore chairman on Wednesday said that he could remain present in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally at Contai near Nandigram "if Suwendu asks me to do so."

The junior Adhikari later told in a rally that his father would remain present in the Prime Minister's meeting adding "he is well within his capacity as a local MP to remain present in the Prime Minister's programme." Considered a father figure with massive grassroots base in East Midnapore senior Adhikari's formal joining the BJP could be ashot in the saffron outfit's arm, experts feel.

Meanwhile, the TMC on Wednesday wrote to the Election Commission seeking cancellation of Adhikari's voter status from Nandigram, alleging that the BJP candidate was not a permanent resident of the place and that he had given false residence details without staying there.

Adhikari "has no resided in Nandanayakbar village of Nandigram over the past six months let alone being a permanent resident," Trinamool letter signed by senior leader Derek O'Brien read.

The party also said that only a person who is an "ordinary resident" can be registered as a voter of any constituency. Adhikari had filed false residence details before appealing for a migration of his name from the electoral lists of Haldia to Nandigram the letter read. Adhikari would not comment on the issue.

Upendra Kushwaha among 12 nominated to Bihar Legislative Council

Patna: Former Union Minister Upendra Kushwaha and two members of the Nitish Kumar Cabinet were among 12 persons who on Wednesday got nominated to the Bihar legislative council. Of the dozen seats, 10 had been lying vacant since the expiry of term in June last year while two others were vacated a year earlier by members who got elected to the Lok Sabha in general elections.

Nominations to the 12 seats had been hanging fire on account of a tug of war between the BJP, which now is numerically superior in the NDA in the assembly, and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U). Both parties have, ultimately, settled for six seats each.

The MLCs nominated from the JD(U) include Kushwaha who merged his Rashtriya Lok Samata Party into the chief ministers party on Sunday last and was immediately rewarded with a top organisational post.

Also on the list are the minister for building construction Ashok Choudhary, the party's voluble spokesman Sanjay Singh, the chief ministers close aide Sanjay Kumar Singh alias Gandhiji, Lalan Saraf and Ram Bachan Rai. Sanjay Singh returns to the Upper House after a gap of nearly three years.

The terms of Choudhary, Gandhiji, Saraf and Rai had expired a year ago. From the BJP, the MLCs nominated include Janak Ram, a former Gopalganj MP who was recently made the states minister for mines and geology. Others from the party include journalist-turned-politician and state general secretary Dvesh Kumar and vice president Pramod Kumar Chandravanshi, besides Nivedita Singh, Ghanshyam Thakur and Rajendra Kumar Gupta. The development comes a day after the chief minister was authorised by the state cabinet to take the final call on the names of candidates. **PTI**

JD(U) boosts caste support through RLSP merger

Patna: Caste-based politics has always been a feature of Bihar's politics and the merger of Upendra Kushwaha's Rashtriya Lok Samta Party (RLSP) with the ruling Janata Dal-United is seen as an effort of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to strengthen its support base.

With the merger, Nitish Kumar is looking to target the Kurmi and Kushwaha voters, and thus, the development is also likely to pose a big challenge for the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD).

Soon after the merger, Nitish Kumar rewarded Kushwaha with key post of JD-U's Parliamentary Board President.

With the merger, the caste credentials of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), which comprised the BJP, the JD-U, Jitan Ram Manjhi's Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM) and Mukesh Sahani's Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP), seems to be strengthened in the state.

Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Yadav, who reacts to any small development in the state, is yet to comment on the merger. It should be noted that prior to Kushwaha merging his outfit with the JD-U, a lot of RLSP leaders including its state President Virendra Kushwaha and General Secretary Nirmal Kushwaha had joined the RJD. Kushwaha might have not won a single seat during the 2020 Assembly elections and 2019 Lok Sabha elections, but he had won all the three seats it contested in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections.

The Congress is not perturbed by the merger with state Youth Congress President Lallan Kumar saying: "Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Upendra Kushwaha are two broken filaments, you can't light a bulb from this. The JD-U has lost its support and the Assembly polls are example of this."

"After losing prominence in the politics at the Centre, Kushwaha is trying to regain it by joining the JD-U. The caste-based politics can't sustain for long. Both the leaders have come together for their political benefits. They hardly pose any challenge for other parties," he added. **IANIS**

Kerala's tryst with Aaya Ram Gaya Ram begins

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Aaya Ram Gaya Ram politics which had been part and parcel of North Indian politics, especially in States like Haryana, has taken roots in Kerala.

Electorate in the State were in for some amusing moments as P C Thomas, leader of one of the Kerala Congress factions performed a flying trapeze act which made the State politics watch it in bewilderment.

Thomas, a former union minister of Kerala in the 1999-2004 LDF Government switched over to the NDA when the BJP failed to win majority in the 2004 Lok Sabha election. Since then Thomas was shuttling between the LDF and the UDF depending on who the winner was.

During the 2020 Local Body election in Kerala, Thomas was with the LDF. He graced the inaugural function of BJP Kerala chief K Surendran's Vijaya Yathra at Kasaragod which was inaugurated by Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

But Thomas made a perfect landing in the UDF camp by Wednesday noon as political commentators in the State stood watching with awe. His track records

prove that his presence has not helped his alliance partners much.

Another maverick politician who made a vault face on Wednesday was C K Janu, the tribal leader from Wayandu. Janu who was with the NDA till the 2019 Lok Sabha election had dumped the Hindutwa party for its upper caste and Brahminical image and switched over to the UDF.

But come election time, Janu who was spitting venom on the BJP labelling it as Manuvaadi party returned to the Hindutwa fold and has become a leader of the NDA. "Many candidates who have been fielded by the BJP for the 2021 assembly polls are turncoats and defectors from parties like the CPI(M). There are persons who switched over to the BJP camp after their failure to get tickets to contest the assembly election," said a senior BJP leader in Kerala. He expressed his doubt about the credibility and utility of leaders like Janu and Thushar Vellappilli.

The likes of Thomas and Janu may defect further in days to come, said Sudheer Damodaran, Thiruvananthapuram based political commentator who had worked with Prasanth Kishore in studying the psyche of Indian voters.

Lt-Gen DP Pandey assumes charge of Chinar Corps in Srinagar

PNS ■ JAMMU

Lt-Gen Devendra Pratap Pandey Wednesday assumed command of the Srinagar-based strategic Chinar Corps on Wednesday.

Lt Gen BS Raju, who is set to take over the charge of Director General Military Operations (DGMO) in New Delhi handed over the baton to him at a simple ceremony in the 15 Corps headquarters.

Lt-Gen Pandey is joining the crucial posting at a time when almost all the security parameters remain under control and the security forces are enjoying an upper hand after eliminating top leadership of the different terror outfits in the recent months.

Soon after taking over the charge Lt-Gen Pandey paid homage at the Chinar Corps Memorial at Badami Bagh in Srinagar. He also conveyed his best wishes to the people of Kashmir. In a press statement, Defence spokesman said, "Lt-Gen Pandey addressed and interacted with troops of Chinar Corps and exhorted them to continue to work with unflinching dedication and perseverance in pursuit of Peace and Stability in Kashmir. He asked for all combatants to take extra steps required to connect with citizens in order to jointly work towards the common cause.

Muzaffar Hussain Baig joins People's Conference

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Muzaffar Hussain Baig, a founding member of the Peoples Democratic Party and a close aide of former Chief Minister Mufti Mohd Sayeed, Wednesday joined the People's Conference in the presence of its Chairman Sajad Lone and other senior party leaders in Srinagar.

A political stalwart, Baig who also served as deputy Chief Minister under the command of Ghulam Nabi Azad, was also credited for scripting PDP's roadmap on 'Self-rule'.

However, his relations went sour with the PDP top brass after the BJP-PDP alliance collapsed in June 2018.

Speculations were rife in the political circles for a long time over the possibility of him joining the Peoples Conference soon.

Announcing the decision on his twitter timeline Sajad Lone wrote Wednesday evening, "Visited the residence of Muzaffar Baig Sahib. It is sheer pleasure to converse with him. I was six years old when I first met Baig Sahib. I very humbly requested him to again be a part of Peoples Conference. A party where he started his career from. Pure



Muzaffar Hussain Baig at a meeting.

nostalgia". The official twitter handle of the Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Conference posted pictures of the meeting along with a brief note, "It is with great pleasure we announce that one of the towering leaders of the state Mr. Muzaffar Hussain Baig is now a part of the party from where he started his political journey. It is a nostalgic and a proud moment for all of us".

Baig's return to JKPC is seen by party insiders as a major political development in Kashmir valley in recent times. Baig is expected to propel party's prospects by expanding its base and bringing in new faces to take on the challenges ahead.

Earlier, JKPC's senior leader Imran Reza Ansari had also stepped down on Monday from his general secretary's post.

INSHORT

4 HELD IN CHILDREN KIDNAPPING CASE

Aligarh: Police disclosed the case of kidnapping of two-and-half-year-old children in the Kwasari area police station and selling them to a childless couples. In this case, the police has arrested two people who kidnapped the child. Also, a woman and a male have been arrested from two families buying children. One of the person who kidnapped the children is a brother-in-law of the child. Victimised families also work as daily wage worker.

ENACT LAW TO MAKE FB, GOOGLE PAY FOR NEWS

New Delhi: India, on the lines of Australia, should enact a law to make tech giants like Google and Facebook share their advertisement revenue with local print and electronic media. Besides this issue, others matters flagged in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday included rising prices of domestic cooking gas, ensuring security of women in rural areas and demand for conferring Bharat Ratna to Biju Patnaik and Ram Manohar Lohia.

UNDER 'PPP', GOVT TO BEAUTIFY 123 RLY STNS

New Delhi: As part of beautifying railway stations, Indian Railways is developing 123 stations as part of redevelopment agenda driven with full force by the Government with the participation of private players as a part of 'Public Private Partnership' (PPP) projects.

MAHA RECORDS 23,179 NEW CASES, 83 DEATHS

Maharashtra: In a quantum jump witnessed in the daily tally of Covid-19 infections, Maharashtra recorded a staggering 23,179 new cases on Wednesday, while 84 more people succumbed to the pandemic in various parts of the State.

BJP's Mandi...

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Born at Jalpehar village in Mandi district on June 10, 1958, Sharma was a two-time MP. Presently, Sharma had been suffering from various ailments. He was elected to the 16th and 17th Lok Sabha from Mandi Parliamentary constituency in 2014 and 2019 respectively. Following Sharma's death, Modi expressed grief and tweeted, "Ram Swaroop Sharma was a dedicated leader, who was always committed to solving people's problems."

IAF loses Group...

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In June 2019, the Defence Ministry informed Parliament that 27 IAF aircraft have crashed since 2016. In 2016-17, six IAF fighter jets, two helicopters, a transport aircraft and a trainer crashed. In 2017-18, the IAF lost two fighter jets and a trainer aircraft in crashes. The number rose in 2018-19, when the IAF lost seven fighter jets, two choppers and two trainers.

Vaccine Maitri reinforced India's status...

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Even as the Covid pandemic was in full fury, there were already global demands of India's pharmaceutical and medical capabilities. This could be met largely due to the extraordinary ramp up of India's Covid-related capabilities, Jaishankar said.

Talking about low fatality rates and the high recovery rates, he said: "Our reputation as the 'pharmacy of the world' has been reinforced. So indeed has the faith in 'Make in India'. But more than the vaccines, our policies and conduct have emerged as a source of strength for the stressed and vulnerable nations of the world. They can see that there is at least one major nation that truly believes in making vaccines accessible and affordable to others in dire need."

He said, "Vaccine Maitri" began in the immediate neighbourhood, starting with the

Maldives, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Myanmar, as also Mauritius and Seychelles and thereafter to the Gulf.

"Supplying smaller and more vulnerable nations was then the logic of reaching out to regions from Africa to the CARICOM - Caribbean Community. There was also contracts that our producers have entered into with other nations, either bilaterally or through the Covax initiative. To date, we have supplied 'Made in India' vaccines to 72 nations across geographies," the Minister said.

Jaishankar said there was an external beneficial impact of India's capabilities and it could meet the spiking requirements of hydroxychloroquine, paracetamol and other relevant drugs across the world and added that India's domestic vaccination programme started in January and within a few days, it also started assisting our immediate neighbours.

Giving some details, he said, "In fact, we supplied 150 nations with medicines, 82 of them as grants by India. As our own production of masks, PPEs and diagnostic kits grew, we made them available to other nations. This generous approach... Was also extended to the Vande Bharat Mission. Starting from Wuhan, we brought back nationals of other countries while looking after our own."

The Minister said as Indians, "we are all naturally internationalist by virtue of our culture, traditions, heritage and history and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision has provided an overarching framework to make India's goodwill meaningful in terms of practical initiatives and activities that reflected in its humanitarian assistance and disaster responses, whether in Yemen, Nepal, Mozambique or Fiji."

Jaishankar said the Prime

Minister in his virtual address to the UN General Assembly in September 2020 had declared that India's vaccine production and delivery capacity will be used to help all humanity in fighting this crisis.

"We also offered to enhance cold chain and storage capacities for the delivery of vaccines. This approach is not only in keeping with our age-old tradition of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam... As a prominent nation in an increasingly multipolar world, the international community has greater expectations of us, and we, in turn, are prepared to demonstrate our willingness to shoulder greater responsibilities," he said.

Moreover, as early as March 15, 2020, the Prime Minister took the initiative to hold a meeting of SAARC heads of Government to fashion a regional response resulting in SAARC Covid-19 Fund that supported the early exchanges on this issue.

Atlanta shootings...

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Two people died at the scene, and three were taken to a hospital where two died, Baker said.

About an hour later, police responding to a call about a robbery found three women dead from apparent gunshot wounds at Gold Spa near Atlanta's Buckhead area, where tattoo parlours and strip clubs are just blocks away from mansions and skyscrapers in one of the last ungentrified holdouts in that part of the city.

Officers then learned of a call reporting shots fired across the street, at Aromatherapy Spa, and found another woman apparently shot dead.

Mumbai CP shunted...

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Pawar had reportedly advised the CM to take swift action to improve the eroded image of the Mumbai Police in the police officer's alleged involvement in the planting of explosive-laden SUV near Ambani's residence and suspicion about his role in the circumstances leading to the death of Hiren.

While the NIA is currently investigating the SUV recovery case, Maharashtra's ATS is looking

into the murder of Hiren, whose body was recovered from the Reti Bunder creek area at Mumbarkalwa in the neighbouring Thane on March 5.

Now that it has been established that there is link between both the cases, the NIA may push for taking over the Hiren murder case as well.

Talking to mediapersons after taking over the charge as the new Mumbai Police Commissioner from Singh, Nagrale said on Wednesday afternoon that it was "inap-

propriate" to comment on the investigations into the "ongoing cases" but said that his priority would be to improve the image of the Mumbai Police.

"The police department is passing through a rough phase... It is not proper if policemen are involved in criminal acts... In future, we shall ensure such things don't recur. The NIA and ATS are investigating so I cannot comment on the cases," Nagrale said.

"The image of the Mumbai Police has eroded. I am confident that my fellow officers and personnel will help in improve the image of the Mumbai Police. I will

also look forward to the cooperation from the citizens in our effort to restore the Mumbai Police force's image of being an effective force," Nagrale said.

Beginning his career as an ASP of Rajura in Naxalite-infected Chandrapur district in 1989, he has worked in several capacities across the State.

As SP, CID, Crime (1996-1998) he investigated the MPSC paper leakage case which was spread over to several parts of Maharashtra, and the Anjanabai Gavit-multiple children kidnapping and murder cases. This case ended in capital punishment by the apex court.

AAP protests against Bill to curb City Govt power

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Thousands of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supporters, along with citizens of Delhi, staged a protest on Wednesday against the GNCTD (Amendment) Bill 2021 recently tabled in Parliament that seeks to curtail the powers of the AAP-led Delhi Government by making the Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi the supreme authority.

Addressing the gathering, AAP national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the GNCTD (Amendment) Bill has been brought to deceive the people of Delhi and to stop their progress as well as to stop the development of the city.

The AAP convener questioned the meaning of the mandate of the people of Delhi and the relevance of holding elections if the LG was to be made the authority. He said the rule of the people is primary in a democracy, but this Bill shows that the BJP does not believe in the rule of the people, democracy, and constitution.

"The BJP frequently holds elections but then dismantles the Government in several states; now that they cannot



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia during a protest against the Centre's Bill that gives overarching power to the Lieutenant Governor at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi on Wednesday. Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

buy AAP MLAs despite trying, they want to dismantle the Government by bringing in law in such an unruly manner," he added.

Kejriwal said that the BJP does not want AAP to work for the development of Delhi because due to this development model.

"The AAP is securing seats in several other states, and the BJP feels threatened. Almost 90

per cent of Delhi believes the Central Government's move is totally unwarranted and unacceptable and that the AAP government should run the administration of Delhi," he said.

The Chief Minister assured the people of Delhi that he will not let any development work stop, even if he has to "touch their feet or beg them."

The Chief Minister further said that the country is cele-

brating its 75th year of independence from British rule and here BJP led Centre government is snatching the rights of citizens of Delhi.

Kejriwal was joined by his cabinet ministers and several AAP MLAs, along with thousands of AAP volunteers and the people of Delhi who gathered at Jantar Mantar to show their anger.

"There is anger amongst

the people because the BJP-led Central Government has brought a bill in the parliament three days back. The Bill says that the Delhi Government will mean LG, but then, what will be the meaning of us? What will be the meaning of the people of Delhi? What will be the meaning of the CM and the will of the people? If this was to be done, then what was the point behind holding elections? If their votes mean nothing, why did the people stand in line and vote for us? he asked?

Accusing the BJP, he said that the AAP to work for the development of Delhi because they are being bothered by the development in Surat, Karnataka, and several other states because AAP is slowly gaining momentum in all the municipal corporation elections held across various states.

"People from Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh etc want free electricity like Delhi. Rather than stalling the progress made by AAP, the BJP should also work for the progress of the people," he said.

Kejriwal said, "On behalf of the people of Delhi and the people of the country, I want to

appeal to the Central Government to take back this law. We will struggle together to establish the rule of the people and not let any development work stop, even if I have to touch their feet or beg them," he added.

AAP leader and Deputy chief minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia said, "We have gathered here today to protest against the GNCTD Amendment Act. This Act is not only an act to curtail the powers of the Arvind Kejriwal government in Delhi, it is an act to stop the Kejriwal model from making progress in Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh."

"The BJP feels threatened because we are now getting votes in other states like Himachal Pradesh. We are working with a dream, that a three-year old kid today should have an income equal to his Singapore counterpart after 25 years when he is a youth but the BJP has brought in law because it does not want the income of the youth to increase. The BJP does not want our schools and hospitals to function effectively. This is why they have brought in this amendment bill to curtail the development of Delhi," he added.

Pollution dipped by 15% due to AAP Govt's efforts: Rai

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has consistently worked to tackle air pollution and in making Delhi a more environment-friendly city through its administrative will resulting in bringing down the pollution level by 15 per cent, said Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai.

The statement came after a report prepared by the Swiss organisation, IQAir, in the form of the 'World Air Quality Report' released which stated that Delhi ranked as the 10th most polluted city and the top polluted capital city in the world. However, it shows that Delhi's air quality improved by approximately 15 per cent from 2019 to 2020.

Talking about the report, Rai said, "Nine cities in the top 10 include cities from Uttar Pradesh. Delhi used to be polluted, but the condition is slowly improving, with reports stating that pollution has seen a fall of 15 per cent and the reason for this reduction is the consistent

and diligent efforts of the Kejriwal Government."

Rai said that under the leadership of Kejriwal Government, the city has seen reduced pollution and an increased green belt. "The Delhi Government has been working to bring about a fuel change policy, tree transplantation policy and a progressive Electric Vehicle policy besides installing smog guns in worse-affected areas," he said.

The Delhi Government had in collaboration with the PUSA Institute made bio decomposers to eliminate stubble burning, worked on war-footing to fight dust pollution, worked on a Green Delhi app to help identify the problem areas in the city, he said.

"We have launched a war room to tackle pollution. Delhi is the first in the country to shut down its power thermal plants. The Government has shown a clear intention to eliminate pollution and brought about several steps to do so thereby attempting to make Delhi more environment-friendly," he said.

Stop killing democracy, Centre's stooge CM must resign: Cong

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A large number of Congress workers under the leadership of Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar held a dharna at Jantar Mantar to protest against the National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) (Amendment) Bill introduced by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Government in the Lok Sabha.

The Congress workers shouted slogans against the Modi Government, and carried banners and placards with slogans such as "Loktantar Ki Hatya, Band Karo, Band Karo", "Centre Ka Kath Pulki Mukhyamantri Gaddi Chodo", etc (Stop killing democracy, Centre's stooge CM must resign).

Addressing the packed venue filled with Congress workers and commoners, Kumar said that the Congress has a history of fighting for the rights of the people and the country, right from the freedom struggle, whether the



party was in power, or out of power. "The Congress stands for the freedom and rights of the people and it will not keep quiet if the Modi Government tries to undermine the Constitution and usurp all the powers in its hands to run the country and the State Governments, in an autocratic and authoritarian manner," he said. Kumar said that the Congress party has mounted country-wide protests against the Modi Government usurping the powers of the people, which party senior leader

Rahul Gandhi had aptly described as "India is no longer a democratic country."

The Congress president also accused Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of being scared of the authoritarian rule of the Modi-Amit Shah duo and that was the reason he was forced to support the Union Government's decision to snatch the powers of Jammu and Kashmir, and relegate the State to the status of Union Territories.

Union Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy had

recently introduced the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

According to proposed amendments, Section 21 of the Act — dealing with restrictions on laws passed by legislative assembly with respect to certain matters — is sought to be revised to clarify that the expression 'government' referred to in any law to be made by the legislative assembly shall mean the 'Lieutenant Governor'. A sub-section shall be inserted to this effect in Section 21.

In section 24 of the principal Act — which requires a Bill passed by the Delhi legislative assembly to be presented to the LG who may assent, withhold or reserve it for consideration of the President — an additional clause will be inserted to cover any of the matters that fall outside the purview of the powers conferred on the legislative Assembly

Caretaker held after toddler found with 4 broken rib bones

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

In a shocking incident, a 13-month-old girl was brutally beaten by her 15-year-old caretaker at her house on March 15.

The parents reported the matter on March 17 after which the police have apprehended the caretaker, the police said on Wednesday.

According to the police the complainant Nikhil Bhatia — a native of Patiala in Punjab — was currently residing with his wife Jasmeet Bhatia and children at Alaknanda Apartment in Sector-56 in Gurugram.

The complainant parents told the police that the couple had hired a 15-year-old caretaker, a resident of West Bengal, three months ago through their domestic help Sabina for their 13-month-old daughter Ziana Bhatia.

The couple had paid ₹9,000 per month as the girl had to feed at regular intervals everyday.

"On March 15 both I and my wife went to buy personal belongings of our house after leaving our daughter with the caretaker at home. When we after about an hour, my daughter was crying loudly, seeing this, I took my girl to the W-Pratiksha Hospital for treatment, where she checked her and referred her to Artemis Hospital Gurugram after informing us that her condition was serious," Nikhil told the police.

"The doctor had informed me that my daughter's had four rib bones broken, pancreas, kidney, liver and spleen and also suffered head injuries, which cause her critical condition. Her caretaker beat her up brutally in our absence. So an appropriate action should be



taken against the caretaker girl, he stated to the police.

Meanwhile the 13-month-old girl, is still undergoing treatment in a critical condition in a private hospital.

Station House Officer of Sector-56 police station, Pawan Malik said, "During preliminary investigation we came to know that the girl had slipped from the caretaker's hand and when she didn't stop crying the irritated caretaker slapped her several times which left serious injuries on her body"

In connection with the incident the police have registered two separate FIRs.

"In the first FIR a case was filed on the complaint of the parents against the caretaker under relevant section of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) including 307 (attempt to murder) after a medical report of the victim. In the second FIR a case was filed against the parents under section of the Juvenile Justice Act. The parents allegedly had hired a minor as caretaker. Further probe is on," Malik said.

Malik also informed that the incident took place inside the bedroom while the couple had installed CCTV cameras at the entry and exit points of the house. So that the incident could not be captured in the CCTV cameras.

Nepalese woman shot dead by two

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 45-year-old Nepalese woman was allegedly shot dead by two bike-borne assailants on Wednesday in New Aruna Nagar area of north Delhi. Police said teams are scanning CCTV cameras in the area to identify the culprits and nab them.

The deceased has been identified as Meena, who ran a shop of snacks and beverages with her husband in the locality.

According to a senior police official, at around 7 am Meena was at her shop when two unidentified men riding a motorcycle opened fire at her and fled from the spot.

"The woman received bullet injury in her chest and collapsed. She was taken to a nearby hospital where doctors declared her brought dead," he said.

The woman had been staying at a rented accommodation with her husband and her 12-year-old daughter for the last eight years.

A case of murder was registered and efforts were on to nab the suspects, police said, adding that the motive behind the killing was yet to be ascertained.

"Police team are scanning CCTV footage to identify the suspects and to know the crime sequence," said police official.

Covid advisory for Delhiites visiting Kumbh Mela issued

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi residents visiting the Kumbh Mela in Haridwar have been advised to undergo RT-PCR test for Covid-19 on their return and self-monitor their health. In an advisory, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has asked people attending the congregation to take extra precautions and follow Covid-19-related instructions issued by authorities.

A sizable number of pilgrims from Delhi are expected to visit the mela beginning on April 1, it said. "As advised by Uttarakhand Government in view of Covid-19 pandemic, all the residents of Delhi are required to take extra precautions during their visit to Kumbh Mela in Haridwar," the advisory stated.

Pilgrims from Delhi have been advised to strictly follow the Standard Operating

Procedure (SOP) issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for managing the Covid-19 pandemic during the Kumbh Mela as well as all relevant instructions issued by the Uttarakhand Government.

The Health Ministry SOP prescribes that all the visitors to Kumbh must produce a health certificate issued by a competent authority, which is a mandatory requirement for entering the Kumbh Mela area.

It said that the pilgrims are required to mandatorily produce a Negative RT-PCR Test report for Covid-19, not older than 72 hours prior to the date of visit, at the time of entry to the mela.

"All the persons are also advised to get Covid-19 RT-PCR test done after returning from Kumbh Mela and actively self-monitor their health as per prevailing health protocol prescribed by the Governments," it added.



DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RESPONSE

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF TRUE-UP OF FY 2019-20

AND

AGGREGATE REVENUE REQUIREMENT (ARR) & TRANSMISSION TARIFF FOR FY 2021-22

1. Delhi Transco Limited (DTL) has filed a Petition for True-up of FY 2019-20 and ARR & Transmission Tariff for FY 2021-22 on 18th January, 2021 before the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as "Commission") for necessary Orders under the provisions of Electricity Act, 2003, Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Business Plan) Regulations, 2017, Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Business Plan) Regulations, 2019 and Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2017. The Commission has admitted the Petition vide Order dated 19/02/2021.
2. The salient features of the Petition are provided below:

TRUE-UP OF FY 2019-20		
(in Rs. Crore)		
SR. NO.	PARTICULARS	FY 2019-20
1.	O&M Expenses	467.80
2.	Depreciation	267.52
3.	Return on Capital Employed	388.55
4.	Income Tax	180.52
5.	Additional Past Power Purchase Liability	3.24
6.	Less: Non-Tariff Income	4.22
7.	Aggregate Revenue Requirement	1303.41

IMPACT OF TRUE-UP OF FY 2019-20

(in Rs. Crore)

SR. No.	PARTICULARS	FY 2019-20
A.	Approved ARR for FY 2019-20 (in Tariff Order dated 31/07/2019)	952.72
B.	True-up of ARR for FY 2019-20	1303.41
A-B.	Surplus/[Deficit]	[350.69]

3. **AGGREGATE REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR FY 2021-22**

(in Rs. Crore)

SR. NO.	PARTICULARS	FY 2021-22
1.	O&M Expenses	384.19
2.	Depreciation	280.02
3.	Return on Capital Employed	552.66
4.	Less: Non-Tariff Income	4.42
5.	Aggregate Revenue Requirement	1212.45
4. **Capital Investment Plan Proposal for FY 2021-22**
DTL has proposed capitalization of Rs. 1341.49 Crore for establishment of various 400 kV, 220 kV Substations/Lines and other EHV system augmentation and improvement works for FY 2021-22.
5. In accordance with the provisions of the DERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2001 notified by the Commission, the consumers and stakeholders are requested to submit their comments/suggestions on the above Petition. Comments/Suggestions is to be submitted personally or by post or email to the Secretary of the Commission at the address given below by 26/03/2021 or date of Public Hearing, whichever is later:

The Secretary
DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
Viniyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik,
Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017
Email id: secyderc@nic.in Telefax: 011-26673608
6. The Commission may hold a Public Hearing (virtually/in person) with the stakeholders; and the date of hearing may be notified separately.
7. A copy of the Petition can be purchased from the Registered Office of Delhi Transco Limited (DTL) located at Shakti Sadan, Kotla Marg, New Delhi 110002 on any working day till 26/03/2021 or date of Public Hearing, whichever is later, between 11 AM and 4 PM in the form of CD on payment of Rs. 25/- per CD or in the form of Hard Copy on payment of Rs. 100/- either by cash or by Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of "Delhi Transco Limited" payable at New Delhi.
8. A copy of the Petition is also available on our website (www.dtl.gov.in) and the Commission's website (www.derc.gov.in) and for inspection at our Registered Office and Commission's office on any working day till 26/03/2021 or date of Public Hearing, whichever is later, between 11.00 AM and 4.00 PM.

G.M. (Comml. & Reg. Affairs)
For Delhi Transco Limited

Day after record inoculation, number falls by 36% IN SHORT



PNS ■ NEW DELHI
8.34 million COVID-19 vaccine doses were administered worldwide, of which India alone administered 36 per cent of doses, he said.
This, even as the average of Covid-19 vaccine wastage in India is 6.5 per cent, with Telangana topping the list at 17.6 per cent wastage followed by Andhra Pradesh (11.6 per cent), Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka

India not giving Covid vaccine to world at the cost of its own people: Vardhan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Wednesday underlined that India is not giving COVID-19 vaccine to the world at the expense of the need of local population. Speaking in the Lok Sabha on Demands for Grants for the health ministry, he noted that the Government has not reduced the expenditure on health as has been alleged by certain members. On the criticism that India is providing coronavirus vaccine to other countries when it is needed more at home, the minister asserted,
"We are not giving (the vaccine) at the expense of our own people". He said the government has discussed the matter with experts and has tried to strike a balance. "The whole world is a family... The whole mankind should benefit from the vaccine," he added. Vardhan added that the Government is treating the health sector in a holistic manner.
Presenting a contrarian perspective on COVID-19 vaccination, YSRCP Lok Sabha MP Sanjeev Kumar Singari asked the Government not to waste ₹35,000 crore on the inoculation drive and instead use the money in improving the health infrastructure in the country. He argued that vaccination is a waste of money as universal vaccination is neither possible nor warranted. "Now the government is proposing to spend ₹35,000 on COVID-19 vaccination, this is a waste of money in my view. COVID-19 vaccine saves us only for 6-9 months after that ₹35,000 crore will be evaporated," Singari said.
He also noted that crises like COVID-19 occur once in 100 years, so the government should not give much impor-

Manish Tewari slams Govt in LS for condoning China's Covid spread

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
Congress MP Manish Tewari on Wednesday attacked the Government in Lok Sabha for "allowing" China a "clean-chit" in the worldwide spread of Coronavirus pandemic that caused deaths of lakhs of people across the globe.
Speaking in the Lower House while initiating the debate on Demand for Grants for the Ministry of Health, Tewari said China with the tacit support of the World Health Organization (WHO) has completely absolved itself of the proliferation of Coronavirus pandemic all over the world.
He said the WHO, which has yet not formally put out its



report into the origin of Coronavirus from China has, however, said on February 9, 2021, that the "lab leak is extremely unlikely".
Lashing out at the Government, the Congress MP said: "What surprises me that Indian Health Minister chairs WHO and culpability of China's absolution is happening at the hand of India".
Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan was in the house when the Congress MP was making his point on China and the WHO.
"India should not be part of the culpability to allow China to go scot-free. As the chair of the WHO executive board, India must take the initiative to order an inquiry so that China, where the virus had originated, could be held responsible for spreading the disease throughout the world," he said.
The Congress leader said that so far just 3.5 crore people in the country have been vaccinated while 5.74 crore doses were given to 72 countries. "It reflects that the Government is giving more importance to its vaccine diplomacy rather than inoculation of its own citizens," he alleged.

and Jammu and Kashmir. Concerned at this wastage, the Ministry on Wednesday called for optimal utilisation of the jabs.
Addressing a press conference, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that 3.51 crore vaccine doses have been administered till now in the country, which include 1.38 crore beneficiaries aged 45-60 years with specific co-morbidities and those above 60 years who have been given the first dose.
Bhushan also expressed concern at vaccine wastage in some States and said that they have been told to optimally utilized the shots.
On the increase in daily Covid-19 cases from March 1-15, he said about 70 districts in 16 states have registered more than 150 per cent increase in active cases, while 55 districts in 17 states have registered 100-150 per cent rise in cases. Noting that the high positivity rate is a matter of concern, he said the tests numbers are not increasing at

the same rate as the positivity rate is increasing.
To handle the increasing cases especially in 12 states, states have been advised to ensure strict adherence to mask wearing, physical distancing and hand hygiene along with greater vigilance and monitoring at the highest levels for all potential events where crowds gather.
"We are advising the states to ensure all close contacts of any positive person are traced, isolated and tested in 72 hours. They have asked to identify clusters, focus on surveillance and stringent implementation of containment zone approach and undertake priority vaccination of identified groups in districts reporting higher cases," he said.
There are a few cases of three more variants of the Coronavirus, UK variant, Brazil variant and South Africa variant and the Government is keeping a watch on them, said Dr VK Paul, member, Niti Aayog.

MODI PAYS HOMAGE TO BANGLADESH FOUNDER
New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Bangladesh founder "Bangabandhu" Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on his birth anniversary on Wednesday and said he is a hero for all Indians. "It will be my honour to visit Bangladesh later this month for the historic #MujibBorsho celebrations," he tweeted. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Bangladesh on March 26 and 27, his first visit to a foreign country since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

SC ALLOWS SSP DISCHARGE FROM NHRC
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed discharge of Senior Superintendent of Police Mahesh Bhardwaj in the NHRC from the SIT probing alleged fake encounters in Manipur. Bhardwaj has been promoted as DIG in his parent AGMU cadre.

SC: 3-CR RATION CARD CANCELLATION SERIOUS
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday termed the cancellation of around three crore ration cards by the Centre due to non-linking with Aadhaar card as "too serious", and sought response from the Central Government and all States on the issue.

EC panel on poll expenditure limit of candidates likely to submit report by March 31

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
The Ministry of Law and Justice on Wednesday informed the Parliament that a four-member committee set up by the Election Commission of India (ECI) to examine the expenditure limit of candidates contesting elections is likely to submit its report by March 31, 2021 while the EC's proposal to link electoral roll with the Aadhaar ecosystem to root out multiple enrolments is under the consideration of the Government.
In a reply to the Lok Sabha, Union Law and Justice Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "Expenditure limit for a candidate was last revised in 2014 while in respect of

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana it was revised in 2018. In last 6 years the limit was not increased despite increase in electorate from 834 million to 910 million in 2019 to 921 million now. Further, Cost Inflation Index during this period has increased from 220 to 280 in 2019 to 301 now".
In a written reply to question related to link voter identity cards with the Aadhaar, the ministry said the poll panel has proposed to link electoral roll with the "Aadhaar ecosystem" with a "view to curb the menace of multiple enrolment of the same person at different places". He said this would require amendments to the electoral laws.

ED attaches assets of TV channels for manipulating TRP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached immovable and movable properties in the form of land, commercial and residential units in Mumbai, Indore, Delhi and Gurgaon and balances in bank account totalling ₹32 crore of television channels Fakt Marathi, Box Cinema and Maha Movie under money laundering charges for manipulating TRP of television channels.
Investigation under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) has revealed that the 'Proceeds of

Crime' for these channels is to the tune of Rs 46 crore.
The ED had initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Mumbai Police.
Money laundering investigation revealed that People Meters / devices also called Bar-O-Meters are installed at certain places/households (approximately 1,800 in Mumbai and 44,000 in India in total) on the proportionate basis to mimic the viewership pattern of 197 million households in India for capturing viewership of various channels of different genres and languages in selected homes to calculate the TRP.

Armed Forces to ban import of winter clothing if desi textile industries match quality: CDS Rawat

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In an effort to give a boost to the local industry, the armed forces will completely ban the import of winter clothing if the Indian textile industry is able to come up with top class products, Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat said here on Wednesday.
Soldiers deployed in places like Siachen glacier, Ladakh and many such places in Arunachal Pradesh are provided with specialised winter clothing to withstand extreme cold and vagaries of weather.
Urging the Indian industry to innovate and manufacture such clothing, Rawat said "we are looking at the kind of clothing that can sustain our soldiers in the kind of extreme cold climate (near northern borders of Ladakh) and in the hot, dry and humid climate in the deserts and the north-eastern regions where we have the jungle and semi-mountainous



terrain".
Making this point at an event organised by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), he said as of now, a large amount of clothing for the armed forces is imported. However, in the past one or two years, there has been a lot of innovation by the Indian industry as far as high altitude clothing is concerned, the CDS said.
Highlighting some steps, he said the armed forces have now started placing orders for such clothing to the local industry. "And if we find that this thing can take off and support us, we will not hesitate in putting the entire clothing or

the entire 'techno clothing' that we are using in the armed forces on the positive indigenisation list, which we were earlier calling the negative list for imports," Rawat said. "This means we will completely ban the import of these items and make sure that the defence services have to depend only on the Indian industry as part of our Atmanirbhar Bharat support that we wish to give to the industry," he added.
Techno clothing is special clothing that is developed by incorporating new technology to make it usable in special circumstances and places such as extremely cold areas, biomedical equipment and aircraft.
The Government in August last year announced a 'negative list for imports' that restricted purchase of 101 defence items such as light combat helicopters, transport aircraft, conventional submarines and cruise missiles from foreign entities.

16% Assam poll candidates hold criminal background: ADR report

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After analysing the affidavits uploaded on the Election Commission of India's website, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) came out with a report on Wednesday saying that of the 259 candidates in Assam, 41 (16 per cent) candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves and 34 (13 per cent) have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. Besides, there are 101 crorepati in the fray. Elections to the 126-member Assam assembly will be held in three phases on March 27, April 1 and April 6.
The report, among the major parties, 10 (23 per cent) out of 43 candidates analysed from the Congress, eight (20 per cent) out of 41 candidates analysed from the Assam Jatiya Parishad, three (8 per cent) out of 39 candidates analysed from the BJP and one candidate each from the NCP, AGP and the SUCI(C) have declared serious criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits," the ADR said.
"Among the major parties, nine (21 per cent) out of 43 candidates analysed from the Congress, six (15 per cent) out of 41 candidates analysed from the Assam Jatiya Parishad, three (8 per cent) out of 39 candidates analysed from the BJP and one candidate each from the NCP, AGP and the SUCI(C) have declared serious criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits," the ADR said.

POLL TO THREE RS SEATS FROM KERALA ON APRIL 12
New Delhi: Election to three Rajya Sabha seats from Kerala falling vacant next month will be held on April 12, the Election Commission said on Wednesday. Abdul Wahab of the IUML, K K Ragesh of the CPI-M and Vayalar Ravi of the Congress are retiring on April 21, the Commission said.

SC TO HEAR PLEA IN 'DUCT BUILDING' ON NHS
New Delhi: The Supreme Court Wednesday agreed to hear a PIL seeking directions for mandatory provision for construction of a common utility duct in the construction plan of National Highways and roads to avoid re-digging for large infrastructure projects.

BABY GIRL BORN ONBOARD INDIGO FLIGHT
New Delhi: In a rare incident, a baby girl was born onboard an IndiGo flight from Bengaluru to Jaipur on Wednesday morning with the help of cabin crew and a doctor. "A baby girl was born mid-air on board flight 6E 469 from Bengaluru to Jaipur. The baby was delivered with the help of the IndiGo crew, effectively assisted by Dr. Subahana Nazir, travelling with us on the same flight," the airline's statement noted.

PARL PANEL WANTS FLIGHT CANCELLATION BE CAPPED
New Delhi: A parliamentary panel on Wednesday expressed anguish over the lack of uniformity in cancellation charges levied by airlines, and said there is a need to prescribe an upper limit. "Time and again, the panel's attention has been drawn towards the high cancellation charges levied by the private airlines operating in the country," the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture said.

EC seizes narcotics, cash worth ₹331 cr ahead of polls in 5 States

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In record seizures from the five poll-bound States after the model code of conduct came into effect, the Election Commission has confiscated cash, liquor, narcotic drugs like heroin, ganja, brown sugar and valuables worth ₹331 crore. This has already surpassed the seizure figures of 2016, when the surveillance teams of the poll body had confiscated ₹225.77 crore from these five states and Union Territory.
Interestingly, the EC has identified 259 Assembly Constituencies in West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry where the use of black money is expected to be higher.
As per the EC data, a maximum of ₹127.64 crore worth seizures have been made in Tamil Nadu, while ₹112.59 crore worth seizures have been made from West Bengal; ₹63.75 crore from Assam; ₹21.77 crore from Kerala and ₹5.72 crore in Puducherry so far.
Cash seizures (₹50.86 cr) and precious metals (value ₹61 cr) are highest in Tamil Nadu. Besides, freebees value ₹14.06 crore and liquor ₹1.32 crore also confiscated from Tamil Nadu by flying squads.
The EC data also says West Bengal leads in seizures of narcotic drugs like ganja, heroine, brown sugar, charas (value Rs 47 crore), freebies (value ₹ 29.42 crore), cash (₹19.11 crore), liquor (₹9.72 crore) and precious metals including gold and silver worth ₹ 6.96 crore.
The flying squad also seized drugs worth ₹27.09 crore, liquor (value Rs 17.25 crore), cash (₹11.73 crore), freebees (₹4.87 crore) and precious metals (₹2.82 crore) from Assam.
The EC is taking help from the State Excise Department, Income Tax Department, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Narcotics Control Bureau, Flying Squads, Static Surveillance Teams and other regulatory agencies to detect suspicious movement of cash, liquor, valuables, narcotics and other items in the poll bound States. Distributing cash, liquor and gifts during the electoral process is not permitted under the law. This expenditure comes under the definition of "bribery" which is an offence both under section 171B of the Indian Penal Code and under the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

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7 CRIMEA - SEVEN YEARS AT HOME

CELEBRATING THE SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CRIMEA REUNIFICATION WITH RUSSIA

MESSAGE BY H.E. MR NIKOLAY R. KUDASHEV, RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

Dear readers,

Today, on March 18, we celebrate the 7th anniversary of Crimea's reunification with Russia. Seven years ago, on this day, the people of Crimea exercised their right to self-determination guaranteed by the UN Charter and the Declaration on Principles of International Law. Thus, when the Crimeans expressed their relevant commitment at the referendum, on March 18, 2014, the Agreement on the Accession of the Republic of Crimea in the Russian Federation and on Forming New Constituent Entities within the Russian Federation was signed. After all these years, it is becoming increasingly clear that there was no alternative to the decision taken by the Crimean people through a free expression of their will and that it was the only correct decision that could have been taken in the tense situation around the peninsula. Today, the structural integration of the Republic of Crimea (RC) and the federal city of Sevastopol into the Russian Federation has already been finalised, and Crimea has got new development opportunities.

Despite the challenging legacy of the period when Crimea was a part of Ukraine that led to a significant decrease in key areas, and notwithstanding the Western sanctions, the peninsula's social and economic situation is steadily improving. Though this region is currently aligning its indicators with all-Russia average ones, its growth rates are among the highest in the country. Positive developments are noted in almost all sectors. Regional budget revenue is persistently increasing (it has tripled since 2014), real estate and industry are gaining momentum, agriculture is recovering and traditionally important resort and tourism business is flourishing.

More to say, since Crimea's reunion with Russia, real wages of people working in the public sector as well as pensions and allowances have increased and approached the national average. That was an outcome of the implementation of the Federal Special Purpose Programme for the social and economic development of the Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol until 2024 with a budget of about 1 trillion roubles (around ₹1 trillion). It aims to redress imbalances in regional development, upgrade the living standards and the rate of economic growth. The main focus areas



are the energy complex, water supply and transport infrastructure (upgrading the road system, operationalising ports and ensuring reliable connectivity with mainland Russia).

In response to the "energy blockade" of Crimea by Ukraine

imposed in 2015, interim schemes were promptly established to supply power to the peninsula: hundreds of mobile higher-capacity generators were brought in, the so-called "energy bridge" was created — cables and a cross-country twin gas pipelines were extended

— from Kuban through the Kerch Strait.

The only problem not yet completely resolved is the safe and secure water supply, which was cut by Kiev in 2014. In order to cope with that issue somehow, 100 km of new water pipelines have been

constructed. By 2030, a programme with a budget of 36 billion roubles to improve water quality is expected to be carried out as well.

Against all of the odds, the Crimean economy is growing steadily. In 2020, the number of attracted investments reached more than 20 billion roubles. Investors show firm interest in the fields of industry, construction, agriculture, resorts and tourism, with over 1,760 investment agreements signed with the declared value about 150 billion roubles. More to say, 1,704 registered economic entities engaged in Crimea's Free Economic Zone (FEZ). By the way, the FEZ participants are covered by a tax incentive programme until 2040. To learn more about investing in Crimea you can visit the web-portal <http://invest-in-crimea.ru>.

Since 2015, over 950 km of roads were repaired all over the peninsula, and 2,000 more km of roads are to be upgraded by 2024. Road traffic via the Crimean Bridge (which is one of the longest in Russia and Europe at 19 km) along with the Crimean railway bridge, opened in 2018 and 2019, respectively, as well as Tavrida Highway (Kerch-Sevastopol), launched in August 2020, has sig-

nificantly benefited the socio-economic development of the region.

A positive atmosphere of inter-ethnic and inter-confessional relations continues to prevail on the peninsula. Federal and regional authorities are dedicated to promoting cultural, religious and other interests of all national minorities, including Crimean Tatars. Moreover, the Constitution of the Republic of Crimea established a clear and democratic legal framework for the development, protection and use of the three state languages — Russian, Crimean Tatar and Ukrainian.

To conclude, I would like to emphasise that Crimea is one of the most beautiful locations in Eastern Europe. The rich heritage from the Greek and Roman periods, Imperial Russia and the Soviet-era together with its natural wonders offer unforgettable experiences. We welcome everyone to visit the peninsula to benefit from its vast economic opportunities and to enjoy its natural colorful beauty. The Indian tourists and businessmen are warmly encouraged to join this success story, and there is no doubt it would contribute to increasing the bilateral trade and investment cooperation, as well as strengthen people-to-people ties in a big way!



A BEAUTIFUL MELANGE

Beautiful beaches, soaring mountains, chequered history and wellness industry that has caught the fancy of visitors make Crimea the destination of choice

Shaped like a diamond, the Crimean Peninsula on the Black Sea offers spectacular views and offers heartwarming experiences. Explore the Crimean steppe or prairies in the East and North, walk on sandy beaches, take in the undulating hills of vineyards and fruit trees, get mesmerised with the castles reminiscent of Bavaria which cling to cliffs plunging into the warm sea and dive into the forested mountain ranges with fabled cave cities to the West.

With such a plethora of options on offer, it is not surprising that 6.3 million tourists holidayed in Crimea in 2020. During the last nine months, the tourist sector contributed towards almost 2.3 billion roubles in tax revenues.

A new trend which was witnessed was an autumn surge where 1.15 million people visited the peninsula in September and 4,27,000 people in October, which is 40 per cent and 31 per cent more, respectively, than in the same periods of 2019. Over 4.5 million cars passed over the Crimean Bridge in 2020 and over one million passengers crossed the Crimean Bridge by rail (railway freight traffic increased by 161 per cent as compared to 2019). The Simferopol International Airport received 4.63 million passengers in 2020 (16 airlines operated flights to Simferopol from 57 destinations). Flights to Irkutsk, Khabarovsk and Pskov were resumed. Vladivostok has emerged as a new destination as it is now connected with direct international flights.

As of today, all preventive measures initiated due to the COVID-19 are observed by the industry. Logs are kept for monitoring the temperature of the personnel, mask-wearing and disinfection measures are still being maintained. Moreover, the Republic of Crimea initiated mass vaccination of those employed in the recreational sector.

With the pandemic last year, it is the health and wellness industry in the region that has attracted tourists. Recovery and rehabilitation programmes to overcome the consequences of a Coronavirus infection, as well as programmes to prevent respiratory diseases are in great demand. Tourists often choose Yalta, Theodosia and Eupatoria for the different health programmes that the regions have on offer. The Foros Wellness and Park Sanatorium in Yalta won "The Best Sanatorium" at the National Hotel Awards in 2020 beating more than 160

FREE ECONOMIC ZONE

- Profit tax** Reduced to 0% for 10 years (Federal Budget 20% for 10 years, Crimean Budget 0% and 10, 15% according to established types of business activities)
- Land tax - 0%** Exemption from land tax for 7 years
- Property Tax 0%** Exemption from property tax for 10 years
- Procedure of free customs zone** Exemption from import duties and taxes payment
- Land for rent without bidding** Land plots necessary for the implementation of all investment projects are leased without a tender
- Accelerated amortization** Own assets have the depreciation coefficient up to 3

IN CRIMEA ALREADY 1300 PARTICIPANTS VOLUME OF CAPITAL INVESTMENTS 70.3 BILLION RUB WILL BE CREATED 4310 WORK PLACES

GETTING THERE

BY PLANE
Simferopol Airport is connected to Moscow, Anapa, Volgograd, St Petersburg, Orenburg, Novokuznetsk, Novosibirsk and other Russian cities.

BY TRAIN
Russian Railroads offer combined "train+bus" tickets to Crimea from major Russian cities.

BY BUS
Buses from Russia reach Crimea via Kerch ferry or the bridge. The bus services are operating from Sochi, Gelendzhik, Novorossiysk, Krasnodar, Anapa (the closest city to the Kerch ferry), Rostov-on-Don, Voronezh and Moscow. Here you can find the e-tickets: <https://e-traffic.ru/>

BY CAR
Crimea is accessible by car from the Krasnodar region of Russia across the Crimean bridge which links Kerch in Crimea with Taman in Russia.

BY FERRY
Kerch ferry was one of the most important links to the region until the construction of the bridge. You could decide to use it if you're travelling without a car, but there shouldn't be a reason to not just drive across the bridge.

competitors from 56 Russian cities. Crimea is also famous for its beaches which resemble, the ones in Maldives, Italy or Zanzibar. Among the most popular beach destinations are Eupatoria,



Olenyovka, Theodosia and the Belyaus spit. The top 10 include Popovka and Shtormovoyeh (Saki district), Green Bay (NoviySvet) as well as beaches in the villages of Uchkuyevka (Sevastopol), Mirniy (not far from Eupatoria) and Kapkany (Kerch).

The peninsula also beckons on account of its equitable climate. While almost entire Russia languishes under the snow, the first flowers already begin to bloom in Crimea. So, beginning in January snowdrops begin to spread their heady fragrance and continue to do so till early spring. Catch them merrily bobbing their heads in the wind throughout the South Coast in places like the Nikitsky Botanical Garden, on the slopes of Ayu-Dag and Ai-Petri, and also in Simferopol and in the Bagrov Botanical Garden (Vernadsky Crimean Federal University).



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The coastal beach cities are hospitable with plentiful accommodation at wide-ranging prices depending on location and accommodation type. The houses advertising accommodation will usually have a large white sign stuck with three words written in Cyrillic. The entire coastline is dominated by the mountains that tower above sometimes reaching up to 1,500 m. The mountain area that stretches from the coast to about 70 km inland contains ragged limestone that has been shaped into high peaks with canyons, cliffs and valleys. One can go hiking and camping here. Crimea has several places worth vis-

iting. Simferopol — The capital is a place of transit to the coast or the mountains. It has the world's longest trolley bus service which stretches over 56 km. Alupka — With its rocky beaches, dachas (a seasonal or year-round second home) and the magnificent Vorontsov palace, where Churchill stayed during the Yalta Conference in 1945, the city is worth a visit. Bakhchisaray — Located in a canyon between Simferopol and Sevastopol, this town has the Tatar Khan's palace, the cave

MUST TRY

- EAT**
- The ice cream sold at the beach includes a simple one called *molochnoye* (Russian for made of milk). It's white and tastes like sweet milk.
 - If you see women walking up the beach selling something from the buckets, it's probably *paklava* (Russian for *baklava*). This *paklava* has thin layers of homemade dough, put together to resemble big flowers, deep-fried and covered with nuts and honey.
 - Find a pastry shop and try the *trubochki* (Russian: for little trumpets). A *trubochka* is a cornucopia-shaped short pastry filled with meringue and sometimes dipped in nuts.
- DRINK**
- Crimea is a wine-producing region. Most of the wine produced here, at the famous Massandra Palace winery and in Koktebel, is dessert wine in the style of Port or Madeira.
 - Try the regional sparkling wine, produced at Noviy Svet (Russian for New Light), near Sudak.
 - Try the local *kefir*, a cultured milk beverage. When ice-cold, it's extremely refreshing on a hot day.
 - If you're feeling adventurous, you might look for *kumys*, which is fermented mare's milk, a traditional drink of the Tatars and nomadic peoples of Central Asia.

city and the Armenian monastery that is built in a cave.

Feodosiya — Located 100 km to the east of Simferopol, it is home to the Aivazovsky National Art Gallery with paintings by Ivan Aivazovsky.

Koktebel — Located between Feodosiya and Sudak, this small town has a great atmosphere. There is a spectacular wilderness area to the west that can be accessed through a guided tour.

Sevastopol — A major port for the Russian Black Sea fleet. It proudly sports the title of 'Hero City' for its resistance to the Nazis during WWII. There are numerous monuments which highlight past military exploits.

Yalta — A beautiful city and a tourist hotspot, which contains a mixture of old-fashioned hotels and modern high-rise apartments.

To learn more about tourism opportunities in Crimea, visit web-portal <http://en.travelcrimea.com>.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Breathless

Not Shankar Mahadevan's number, we are talking about the plight of Delhi and adjoining regions

Maybe you are not a chain-smoker, or even a smoker for that matter, but it hardly matters if you are in Delhi. For, breathing in the Capital itself amounts to smoking many packs a day. Though nothing really comes for free, the Governments can guarantee free electricity and water, relying mainly on public money, but not clean air. The air you breathe comes at the price of your health and, if in Delhi, it may come at the cost of your life. Ranked the world's most polluted Capital and the 10th most polluted city across the globe in the *World Air Quality Report 2020* by a Swiss air technology company, IQAir, Delhi is gasping for breath and so are its residents. It's not that efforts are not being made to tackle the menace but these seem to be too insignificant while the problem is gigantic. Last month, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the 'Switch Delhi' campaign and said his Government will ensure that within the next six months, only electric vehicles (EVs) are hired by the Government departments. He also fixed an ambitious goal of 25 per cent EVs among the total vehicle registrations in Delhi by 2024. However, it's easier said than done. With the Centre also putting its weight behind e-mobility, we can only hope that the Governments would work in consonance to mitigate pollution.

However, with the Centre introducing a Bill in Parliament that seeks to give overarching powers to Delhi's Lt Governor and the AAP dispensation opposing it tooth and nail, the consonance factor seems only a distant possibility. Besides, the AAP Government has never failed to blame the Governments of adjacent States like Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh for the pollution caused by farm stubble burning. Of course, politics and pollution are inter-related. If the situation doesn't improve, the day may not be far when political parties would lure voters with the promise of free oxygen supply. The Swiss company's report also states that Delhi's air quality marginally improved by approximately 15 per cent between 2019 and 2020, but it was due to the pandemic-induced lockdown and not as a result of the Government's efforts. However, with the economy having already been thrown wide open, the ongoing year doesn't seem to be promising with respect to curbing pollution. Moreover, the study reveals, 13 of the 15 most polluted cities in the world are in north India, with Ghaziabad at the second spot, followed by Bulandshahr. While nine of these cities are in the National Capital Region, as many as eight are in Uttar Pradesh. It shows that the problem is not limited to only Delhi and, hence, the solutions also should be comprehensive. The Governments concerned must set aside their differences and sit together to address the problem. However, since the Governments' anti-pollution action plans are known to exist only on paper, maybe the only thing that can help the citizenry again breathe freely is another lockdown. Fighting both the pollution and the pandemic, let's hope we come out of it alive.

PICTALK



Farmers winnow rice grains in a field on the outskirts of Visakhapatnam

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Holier than thou?

Rahul's proclamation that the Congress nurtures differences and dialogue raises a few questions

In his first acknowledgement of the group of 23 dissenters (G23) and in an oblique attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP, Congress' former president Rahul Gandhi has claimed that the leaders belonging to the ruling party at the Centre are scared of freely airing their opinion. In his own party, however, free speech and differences of opinion nurture and flourish, he hinted. The comments, ostensibly to underline the Congress' inclusive nature that allows "conversations and negotiations" and to show that it cares for intra-party democracy, come just weeks ahead of the Assembly elections in four States and a Union Territory and were made during an interaction with the faculty and students of the US-based Brown University. Rahul asserted that a group like the G23 cannot exist in any other political party and immediately pointed the finger at the major political rivals. He went on to extol the democratic virtues of his own party but, of course, a slight oversight made him conveniently overlook as to how his grandmother and mother had handled dissent — or whatever smelled like it — within and outside the Congress.

Piloo Mody famously called Indira Gandhi's MPs "bonded labour", alluding to the servitude to which she had reduced her party men, for which the then Prime Minister never forgave him. He also mocked her with an "I am a CIA agent" placard in the Parliament complex, reacting to her tendency to label her political opponents as agents of US imperialism. People familiar with the internal functioning of the 'Grand Old Party' are quite aware how fond Sonia Gandhi was of dissent; she even sent her own party's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 'maun vrat' for at least 10 years. Then there's Rahul himself, who publicly tore up the then PM's ordinance on allowing convicted lawmakers to contest elections. Besides, his hint that he might return as the party president following the "election" and virtually staking claim to the top post, saying that nobody in his family has been the Prime Minister since 1989, again reeks of a sense of entitlement. But Rahul may have a point when he talks about the change in the political discourse since 2014, the eroding credibility of democratic institutions in the public eye and the BJP's control over the political narrative. Of course, all's not hunky-dory with the BJP and it also needs to answer some tough questions.

Chinese conundrum in raging Myanmar

The common Myanmar citizen has seen through China's game of co-opting the junta back to power, putting its 'investments' at risk



BHOPIINDER SINGH

The complexity of the societal tinderbox in Myanmar has always been shortchanged for simplistic binaries of "pro-China" or "pro-India" assumptions, whereas the realities have been layered and unobvious. Lazy perceptions that Myanmar's junta rule (1962-2011 or till 2015 with a dummy civilian Government) was a Chinese borough or, that post-2015 till the 2021 coup, Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD Government was decidedly "pro-India" are bereft of subtleties and underlying dynamics at play. Fact is, the Chinese were the only major power to support the historical pariah-status junta Government as it brooked no "moral considerations" (like for North Korea or Pakistan), even as the Chinese continued stoking ethnic insurgencies within Myanmar to keep the Tatmadaw (Myanmar's military) entrapped and beholden to Beijing.

The Chinese ignored international sanctions and supplied the beleaguered junta with weaponry, critical supplies and diplomatic support towards its contentious management of the Rohingya issue. Given India's "moral insistencies", New Delhi's support was more mealy-mouthed and less forthcoming for the junta. Yet, the Generals saw through the Chinese duplicity and realised India's "moral" conundrum in its restraint — whereas unsaid fears about the controlling Chinese agenda were clearly felt. Yet, popular perceptions of the junta's preference for China persisted outside Myanmar.

One such Sino-wary Myanmar General was Min Aung Hlaing, who led theatre-level forces responsible for taking on the Chinese-supported insurgent groups in the bloody 2009 clashes — today, Hlaing has taken over absolute power through a military coup! But again, only China has seemingly pitched in favour of the latest junta takeover by calling it "local issue" and posturing neutrality. Consequently, the optics of China playing court to the junta have gained credence, even as that may not be the wholehearted view shared within the



Tatmadaw. But situationally, the junta will have to gravitate towards the Chinese as that remains its only "power option", despite lurking undercurrents.

Similarly, contrary to public expectations, Suu Kyi's Government had been extremely accommodative and welcoming of Chinese largesse, involvement and investments. The NLD had signed 38 contracts, worth an estimated \$100 billion, towards the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (much bigger than the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor). So, to assume a linear "pro-India" or "pro-China" position onto either the junta or the civilian Government is facile. Situational reality, realpolitik and stark necessities have defined the preferences of the prevailing regimes in Naypyidaw.

Now, given the invested stakes in the Myanmar economy (also given the shaky status of the alternative CPEC), the Chinese cannot afford to upset the junta who have re-seized power — so, the amoral Chinese "flexibility" makes it the rare country to defend the junta's return at global forums. But, for once, beyond the usual compulsions of the Myanmar dispensations to remain ingratiated to China owing to their selfish requirements and lack of



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viable alternatives, the common Myanmar citizen has seen through the Chinese "adaptability" with the situations, and is increasingly blaming the invisible "Beijing hand" for co-opting the junta back to power.

As the largest lender, trader and sovereign investor in Myanmar, Chinese "investments" are at risk with the brewing public ire. The Chinese Embassy has emerged as a hot spot for protests and murmurs of Beijing building "firewalls" to control the internet and flow of information have gained belief. The international "re-pariahisation" of Myanmar, which traditionally drove it into the willing arms of the Chinese, may not go so smoothly this time, given the public pressure.

In an unprecedented expression of blame game, several Chinese factories in Myanmar were targeted and set on fire last week. These Chinese-funded projects in Yangon's industrial zone also housed several expatriates, and the local Chinese Embassy issued several SOS and warnings to the authorities and the anti-coup protesters. The Chinese Government's mouthpiece, *Global Times*, asked for the perpetrators to be booked and compensation for the destruction. It warned: "Those who maliciously defame China and

instigate attacks against Chinese factories are common enemies of China and Myanmar."

But this time, the Chinese have been caught flat-footed in trying to be too clever by half with their shifty allegiances and known interferences in the internal strife. Neither the pro-democracy civilian parties nor the junta would court China willingly — but because it emerges as the only bailout option in the country, it is always at the forefront of defining Myanmar's narrative. But perhaps the Chinese have bitten more than they can chew in sanctifying the junta's return as the citizenry has conflated the anti-coup sentiment with the exploitative and expansionist anti-Chinese sentiment. The international sanctions may not have much impact given that the junta is well versed in such tactics, as also due to the expected Chinese largesse, but the soaked-in-the-blood public perception and expression of the anti-China sentiment offers the almost intractable and unresolvable threat to China's interests. The Chinese are in a clear conundrum.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MEN ALSO NEED PROTECTION OF LAW

Sir — This refers to the editorial 'Crying wolf?' (February 17). I concur with the view that if women don't play fair and wrongly accuse men of misconduct, they should also face the music. Although women have equal rights and special laws have been made to protect them as they are vulnerable, in my view the existing laws are gender discriminatory.

In most of the cases, it is enough for a woman to just complain to the police who take action against the accused without confirming whether he is even *prima facie* guilty or not. The onus of proving themselves "not guilty" lies on men. Further, without knowing the reality, society also looks down upon those who are accused in dowry harassment and domestic violence cases. Media houses pass judgment long before the court actually delivers it. Many women use these laws to extort money and blackmail colleagues, husband and in-laws. The menfolk are the ultimate victims. No remedy is available for men to establish their innocence or ignorance. Many have served even jail sentences for no fault of theirs and they were eventually released.

In such a situation if marital rape also becomes a law, many ill-intentioned married women can use it as a tool to target their husbands. They will make their husband do all the household chores and will torture him. If the poor fellow tries to resist or refuse, he would be threatened in the name of law. Not all women are good-intentioned and so are not all the men. Hence laws should not be gender discriminatory. They should be gender neutral.

NR Ramachandran | Chennai

JUSTICE DELAYED BUT NOT DENIED

Sir — Finally, justice was done in the 2008 Batla House encounter case when a Delhi court awarded the death penalty to Ariz Khan for murdering Delhi Police inspector Mohan Chand Sharma. Police had sought the death penalty for Ariz, allegedly associated with the terror outfit Indian Mujahideen, saying it was not just any

Complete the vaccination course



It is really worrisome that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs has expressed concern over the slow pace of the ongoing vaccination drive in the country and observed that, at this rate, it will take many years to vaccinate the entire population. The panel also expressed concern that a large number of people are missing the second dose.

It is really a matter of concern as the Coronavirus is mutating and new variants are being reported from different parts of the world. The committee also noted that the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had instructed all the State

governments to mandatorily disburse relief through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme into the account of the beneficiary. The committee should be appreciated for asking in its report as to how many States are sending relief through DBT while observing that the matter should be pursued with the States that have not come on board for the purpose. It suggested that the MHA should assist those States facing bottlenecks in transferring money through DBT.

We must realise that it is our collective responsibility to fight the menace of the COVID pandemic and we will sink or swim together. Vaccination is futile unless all the doses are taken within the stipulated time period as immunity against the Coronavirus can be only developed if we get ourselves properly vaccinated. There are reports that even after getting the first shot, some people get infected. We should keep in mind that even after the inoculation, we need to wear masks, maintain social distancing and regularly sanitise our hands.

CK Subramanian | Mumbai

bricks from the foundation of the pillar called PSBs." The Government has already chosen amalgamation as the remedy and brought down the number of Public Sector Banks from 19 to ten, which includes the five kept out of last year's merger exercise. What is preventing the Government from going for another merger exercise involving the left-out banks, either among themselves or with the Big Five?

The Government is ill-advised in the matter of privatisation of nationalised banks. It is good for the Government if it decides against going ahead in its obsession with disinvestment. It will prove to be as much a retrograde step as demonetisation.

MR Anand | Vrindavan

PRIVATISATION OF BANKS IS REGRESSIVE

Sir — The Finance Minister's statement that the Government is privatising only two Public Sector Banks is amusing. It is like saying "I am removing only two

SOUND BITE

The risk is increasing in Goa. I appeal to all Goans and tourists to wear masks and maintain social distancing in public places.



Goa CM — Pramod Sawant

The Australian Government will send 8,000 AstraZeneca vaccines and provide essential personal protective equipment supplies to Papua New Guinea.

Australian Prime Minister — Scott Morrison

Do not put forth your theories about me quitting social media. I live by my will and, above all, where am I on social media?



Actor — Aamir Khan

African football needs partners who can make things happen. We need partners who will be with us on the ground, who will make a difference.

African Football Confederation chief — Patrice Motsepe

The matching grants for modernising village 'chaupals' would be increased.



Haryana Deputy CM — Dushyant Chautala

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ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO LIQUOR

A change in Delhi's liquor retail ecosystem is long overdue and will complement its global appeal



LLOYD MATHIAS

As a global city Delhi has a lot going for it: The broad, tree-lined roads; the colonial-style facades of the Connaught Place area and the majestic Central Vista; Mughal grandeur and history and four UNESCO World Heritage sites; some of India's finest public parks and a world-class metro rail system. Inextricably linked with these sights are the images of long unruly queues outside liquor shops. Yes, this is a common plight for Delhi's consumers and the situation has just got worse over the years.

For millions of consumers, a visit to a liquor shop is far from a pleasant experience. Unruly queues, dimly lit shops resembling cages, stores that do not give receipts or even carry bags and a "take it or leave it" attitude of the sales staff gives one a sense of doing something illegal. Delhi was voted among the top 10 popular travel destinations in 2019 by *Euromonitor*. This implies that the city offers a good, international standard travel experience to discerning guests. The proverbial fly in the ointment however, is the lack of a good liquor ecosystem for purchase of spirits. I have personally seen tourists horrified when they see what it takes to buy a pint of beer off a retail store in the Capital.

As a consumer, I see these as symptoms of a deeper malaise. When things are this wrong, there must be an incorrect approach in the fundamentals of the policy. It is fairly obvious that a shortage of retail outlets will make for longer queues outside shops. If customers are facing problems then it clearly means that the number of shops is not adequate to meet the demands of consumers at a particular location. So, there clearly is a need for more shops in more locations across the city. It is a well-known fact that Government-owned retail outlets provide abysmal services, where the store staff is neither motivated nor incen-



tivised to serve customers. Government-owned hotels, emporiums, shops and transport services all bear testament to this fact.

Another worrying aspect concerns the dated legal drinking age restrictions mandated in Delhi's antiquated excise policy. A young adult who enters college and is eligible to vote and drive at 18 and start working and get married by the age of 21, is legally not permitted to drink until he turns 25. This really doesn't make any sense. Tales about the drinking age in India are told the world over, and not in a complimentary way. College students cannot consume liquor legally in Delhi but if they cross over to neighbouring Noida they can do so freely. In fact, there are different legal drinking age rules all over the country, as the policy is independently framed by each State. These are just pointers to how consumer unfriendly liquor policies across the country are.

In Delhi, it's no secret that consumers drive across State borders to pick up liquor at cheaper rates, which causes huge revenue losses to the State Government. All it takes is to have parity in pricings and allowing consumers the right to choose. For a woman consumer, the pain points are multifold. Only private liquor shops provide an ambience where women can actually buy liquor without feeling insecure. All this clearly goes against making Delhi a world-class tourist destination and hampers the growth of the city. Moreover, it is bad economics and unfair to citizens who pay taxes for getting good infrastructure.

A change in Delhi's liquor retail ecosystem is long overdue and should be based on a pragmatic approach of lowering the drinking age, increasing the number of retail outlets across locations and having more private shops, where consumers have a pleasurable shopping experience. Also, there is a need to provide consumers with a wider choice instead of forcing brands on them. Addressing these pain points will go a long way towards making millions of consumers happier and keeping the liquor revenue in the Capital.

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The rhetoric vs reality of 'atmanirbhar' cities

Concomitant institutional reforms with a focus on empowered city governments having the capabilities to implement strategies that are feasible are urgently needed



SOUMYADIP CHATTOPADHYAY | ARJUN KUMAR

Rapid urbanisation in India has not met adequate planning, governance and infrastructure development. The impact of the pandemic has exposed the shortcomings of our cities in addressing urban densification and the inadequacies of basic services, including power, transportation and sanitation. Given the predominance of informal production and labour relations, a cessation of major economic activities in the cities during the lockdown and beyond has had an adverse socio-economic impact, especially on the urban poor. Nevertheless, the outbreak has provided a window of opportunity to rethink the glaring gaps in our cities and the policy rhetoric. Against the backdrop of the pandemic, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman prioritised urban development in the Union Budget 2021-22, which is evident from the nine per cent increase in financial allocation from ₹50,040 crore in the Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 to ₹54,581 crore in the FY 2021-22. However, the revised estimate (RE) for FY 2020-21 was ₹46,791 crore, suggesting a decline from the Budget Estimate (BE) owing to the pandemic. The urban sector RE for FY 2020-21 reported the capital expenditure at around 22 per cent *vis-à-vis* the 42 per cent envisaged in its BE; thus, highlighting the impact on infrastructure projects too.

Public Transport: Augmentation of transport infrastructure of cities in the form of investment in metro rails and buses in Chennai, Bengaluru and Nagpur is an important development. An innovative Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model is envisaged to enable private sector players to enter the domain of bus services. Importantly, the Budget extends the transport outlay to peripheral areas of Tier-1 cities primarily through the greener and cheaper light rail systems. However, an overt emphasis on PPP is problematic. One of the main reasons for limited private investment in infrastructure is the absence of a revenue model, making a large part of the urban infrastructure sector financially non-viable. Lack of enabling PPP legislation, multiplicity of agencies, the inability to select and structure a PPP project, lackadaisical political will towards project implementation and lackluster citizen participation further complicate the entire process of formulation and implementation of PPPs. In fact, the relative success of technically simple projects with small gestation periods emphasises deft crafting of PPP models with a well-defined role of the private sector as well as clear visibility on both costs and risks, making them viable in the long-term. The vulnerability of the urban poor can be addressed through the adoption of an independent regulatory mechanism with the responsibility of accurately assessing as well as monitoring the cost of service delivery by leveraging smart technology and use of a cross-subsidy model to ensure cost recovery at an overall level.

Smart Cities Mission (SCM) and AMRUT: Even after five years, the progress of the SCM has been disappointing and the BE for SCM remains the same between the FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 at ₹6,450 crore. The RE for FY 2020-21 for SCM was ₹3,400 crore, almost half of the BE, suggesting a continued trend in the implementation lag. Also, there has been no change in the budgetary provisions for AMRUT as the BE remains the same as 2021-22 at ₹7,300 crore. As opposed to the centralised one-size-fits-all approach of JNNURM, SCM and AMRUT through the Service Level Improvement Plans, provide, at least on paper, some degree of flexibility in the formula-



THE RECENT APPROACH OF MAKING OUR CITIES COMPETE AMONG THEMSELVES BY VARIOUS PERIODIC RANKINGS SUCH AS THE SWACHH SURVEKSHAN, THE EASE OF LIVING INDEX, THE MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE INDEX AND SO ON, HAS DEMONSTRATED A LIMITED IMPACT. TIME AND AGAIN, THE VARIOUS GLOBAL RANKING OF CITIES REVEALS THE PRECARIOUS STATE OF OUR URBAN SPACES

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tion, approval, and implementation of projects at the State level. Nonetheless, the operationalisation of these schemes portrays a worrisome picture. As the city selection under the SCM is based on the city's competence and smartness of the proposal, State actors engage themselves in a competitive mode to attract capital investment and to create new institutions like Special Purpose Vehicles that are directly controlled by State institutions to manage the new space. These are headed by the State Government officials and city governments do not have much role in the decision-making processes of the SCM projects, thus eventually weakening the municipal governance structure. The actual decision-making processes have fallen into a pattern of strict investment logic, resulting in preference to larger and costlier infrastructure over the needs of urban deprived communities. Several projects under the SCM (parking facilities or real estate development or commercial real estate) seek to build the financial corpus of the city. Given the SCM's emphasis on the convergence of funds from other schemes, the possibility of transmission of the inherently unequal nature of fund allocation for Area Based Development projects into them is set to make the policies more exclusionary. The provision of end-to-end support by the Project Development and Management Consultants for planning, design, management and monitoring of urban projects have led to the splintering of resources away from the purview of democratic accountability. On a positive note, 45 smart cities in India have set up Integrated Command and Control

Centres (ICCCs) as 24x7 war rooms for creating situational awareness and real-time coordination of emergency response services amid the COVID-19 crisis. Therefore, acknowledgment of the loopholes in the implementation of SCM and AMRUT and some policy reorientation with emphasis on co-producing the bottom-up solutions will be useful.

PMAY: There has been a big push in urban housing for the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) with resources also being raised from Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR) such as the Affordable Housing Fund. However, the pandemic has highlighted the focus on the issue of redevelopment of slums, congestion and informal housing. The Budget has provided some indirect benefits for the urban housing sector via, an additional deduction of interest amounting to ₹1.5 lakh for purchasing an affordable house and tax breaks for the developers of notified affordable housing projects as well as rental housing projects for one more year up to March 31, 2022. The Affordable Rental Housing Complexes for Migrants Workers/Urban Poor scheme, launched in 2020 amid the migrant crisis did not see much of a push in the Budget.

Livelihoods in the lurch: There was an absence of any additional budgetary provisions for urban poverty alleviation programmes like the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Urban Livelihood Mission. The Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM-SVANidhi) was launched in 2020, to help formalise 70 lakh street vendors. Till

February 2021, more than 21 lakh loans were sanctioned under PM-SVANidhi. But, despite the success of MGNREGS scheme in providing some income security to the rural people and migrant labour and the cash transfer scheme PM-KISAN for farmer households, there is no similar employment guarantee scheme or cash assistance this year for the poor.

COVID-19 has reignited the housing vulnerabilities of the urban poor. It has impacted the real estate and construction sector and highlighted the need for adequate housing, the structural and institutional deficiencies in urban governance and management. India needs to invest in urban infrastructure to bridge the investment deficit and to upgrade the quality of existing services.

The recent approach of making our cities compete among themselves by various periodic rankings such as the Swachh Survekshan, Ease of Living Index, Municipal Performance Index and so on, has demonstrated limited impact. Time and again, various global ranking of cities reveals the precarious state of ours. The FM has attempted to augment urban investment with an emphasis on private financing. Concomitant institutional reforms with an explicit focus on empowered city governments having enhancing capabilities to develop and implement strategies that are feasible and effective in their local contexts is urgently needed. Financially empowered city governments with a clear functional domain can bring self-confidence to our cities which can, in turn, lead us towards fulfilling the vision of a New India and *Atmanirbhar Bharat*.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE VERY NEXT DAY AFTER FORMING THE GOVERNMENT IN WEST BENGAL, WE WILL SEE WHO MAKES BOMBS HERE AND THROWS IT ON PEOPLE.

—DEFENCE MINISTER

RAJNATH SINGH



WHY DOESN'T YOUR NIA ENTER BENGAL AND PROBE IF BOMBS ARE BEING MADE THERE, LIKE IT ENTERED MUMBAI WHEN GELATIN STICKS WERE FOUND?

—SHIV SENA MP

SANJAY RAUT

Meeting the challenges of urban water supply in India

We need to ensure water use efficiency across all sectors and reallocate water among them without compromising their productivity

Early forecasts suggest that 2021 might be one of the hottest years ever recorded. If the mercury touches record highs while we are still recovering from a pandemic, can India ensure water supply to its vast urban population? Where do we stand in terms of water security for our economic hubs? In the Union Budget 2021, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman signalled that water security is one of the priorities of the Government and announced an outlay of ₹2.87 lakh crore for the national Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban) (JJM(U)). The Mission, which has set a target of supplying piped drinking water connections to 2.68 crore urban households by 2026, gets ₹60,000 crore this financial year.

It's a known fact that several parts of urban India are water-stressed. The crisis stems from a myopic understanding of



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water resources, lack of data-driven approach to water management, inadequate budgetary allocation, weak policies and archaic governance structures.

Further, the increasing frequency of non-linear tail-end risks such as extreme climate events — cyclones, floods, and droughts — and climate change-induced disruption in the pattern of rainfall, exacerbates water stress. Delhi recently faced water shortages after the Chamoli flash floods increased turbidity in water fetched from the Upper Ganga canal. In recent years, Chennai has been the biggest victim of urban drought but the ground and surface water availability in cities like Delhi, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad are also precarious. Meanwhile, a recent study by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) found a shift in the pattern of extreme climate

events in over 40 per cent of Indian districts. Flood-prone areas are now becoming drought-prone and vice-versa, increasing water stress.

For the long-term success of JJM (U), the implementation strategy should be built on four pillars — identifying vulnerabilities, data-driven circular water management, utilities' financial sustainability, and reallocation. First, JJM (U) should focus on districts having a high proportion of vulnerable populations. While the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO) study of urban slums is already available, more data could be crowdsourced through mapathons and inter-Ministerial coordination to identify vulnerabilities. India's drought-affected district hotspots — Rajkot, Anantapur, Aurangabad, Barmer, Bijapur, Churu, Jaisalmer, and Jodhpur — should be prioritised in the first



phase of implementation.

Second, we must readily adopt a data-driven circular water management approach for managing urban water resources. It starts with a shift from the "use and throw — linear" to a "use, treat, and reuse — circular" approach that requires multi-stakeholder engagement. This can be facil-

itated through transparency in data sharing. Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched a pilot water survey under the JJM (U) in 10 cities. Data collected through such surveys should be made available on a digital dashboard. The dashboard should also integrate data on city-level water balances, water demand, near-real-time water availability and quality, wastewater generation and treatment, the potential for water reuse and rainwater harvesting, and the status of urban water bodies to facilitate smooth multi-stakeholder interaction. The data-driven approach also has the potential to minimise wastage by optimising supply. It's high time that we start conducting periodic water-use surveys both online and offline.

Third, if JJM (U) is to succeed, we must have a dialogue with citizens on the need for

water pricing. Water utilities are often underfunded and their operation and maintenance suffer. While vulnerable populations can be covered through subsidies, ensuring utilities' financial sustainability, requires a viable revenue model. To enhance revenue collection, options such as prepaid meters, increased pay points and digital payment channels, which offer discounts and cashback for timely payments should be considered.

Finally, we need to ensure water use efficiency across all sectors and reallocate water among sectors without compromising productivity. By 2050, the JJM (U) supply would have to be pushed up to at least 54 billion cubic meters (BCM) compared to 17 BCM municipal water supply in 2010.

How can we source the additional supply? According to a study, about 20 to 47 per cent

of irrigation water could be saved in 2030 to 2050, without compromising yield, if low-to-high water-saving irrigation methods are adopted. For instance, 1 BCM of water saved from agriculture could provide domestic water supply to 4.2 million urban households for a year. To facilitate water reallocations, we need to devise State-specific water reallocation strategies based on existing institutions, an enabling environment and participatory stakeholder engagement.

Equitable and reliable access to safe drinking water is not only a basic right but is also essential to maintain a healthy and productive workforce in urban India. It's safe to say that the Union Budget's ambition of laying the foundation of India's next phase of growth would have fallen short without investing in water security for urban areas.

Protesters in Myanmar fight back

202 people killed, and 2,181 arrested: Assistance Association for Political Prisoners

AP ■ YANGON

Protesters in Myanmar fired slingshots and threw Molotov cocktails toward lines of security forces after apparently coming under fire Wednesday, a rare incidence of anti-coup demonstrators fighting back against a relentlessly violent crackdown.

The growing resistance comes after one organisation said that more than 200 people have been killed since the February 1 takeover.

At least two people were shot dead during protests Wednesday in northwestern Myanmar, according to press and social media posts that included photos of the victims.

Protests against the coup that ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi have shown remarkable staying power and largely remained peaceful, despite curbs on internet access, the imposition of martial law in some places, and an extraordinarily violent response by police.

Demonstrators have come up with innovative ways to



An anti-coup protester uses a fire extinguisher to provide cover for others as security forces approach their encampment in Yangon, Myanmar on Wednesday

carry on in the face of the violence, including lining up placards as stand-ins for themselves or coconuts painted with the words "Spring Revolution."

But on Wednesday, after security forces apparently shot at them in the country's largest city of Yangon, demonstrators initially fled — but then crept back to hunker down behind sandbag barricades.

Some hurled firebombs, while others took aim with slingshots — though the forces were too far away to be hit. Pope Francis appealed for an end to the bloodshed on

Wednesday. In an apparent reference to widely broadcast images of a nun in Myanmar, kneeling in the street in front of armed security forces, Francis said: "I, too, kneel on the streets of Myanmar and say: may violence cease."

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.

The independent Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, which keeps a tally of deaths related to the crackdown, said that as of Tuesday 202 people had been killed, and 2,181 arrested or charged.

"Junta forces target protesters but also ordinary people using sniper rifles regardless of the time or place," according to association.

"Some injured people were arrested and died without access to medical treatment, some individuals have died due to being tortured during

interrogation, some others who were shot dead in a crackdown were dragged away without mercy and their dead bodies are not being returned to their families by junta forces," it said, repeating widespread and credible allegations.

The junta has denied any abusive actions, but concedes protesters have been shot when taking part in what it has described as rioting. Its death toll is much lower than others.

In addition to the violence, the junta also initially detained hundreds of senior politicians and has kept Suu Kyi, who was the country's de facto leader before the takeover, in custody and charged her with several crimes that her supporters say are politically motivated.

State television MRTV announced Tuesday evening that another leading figure, Dr. Sasa, has been charged with high treason, which carries a death sentence. He remains at large, and though in hiding, has frequently been in contact with journalists, diplomats and others.

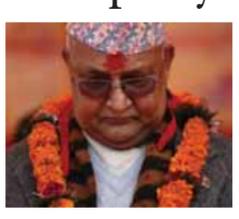
Oli calls for ruling CPN-UML's meet as rift widens in party

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli has called for a parliamentary party meeting of the ruling CPN-UML on Thursday as the rift between the two warring factions of the party widened with the rival group convening the national gathering of cadres despite warning of disciplinary action against those attending it, according to media reports.

The meeting will take place at Baluwatar, the official residence of the Prime Minister, who is also the Chairperson of the party, Bishal Bhattarai, party's chief whip, was quoted as saying by myRepublica newspaper.

"All the party leaders who won elections with the symbol 'Sun' have been invited to the meeting," Bhattarai said. The call for the meeting came as the Communist Party of Nepal-UML's rival faction led by Madhav Kumar Nepal and Jhala Nath Khanal went ahead with the two-day national gathering of the party's leaders and



cadres that began on Wednesday.

Yogesh Bhattarai, a key leader belonging to the rival faction, said that at least 2,000 leaders and cadres of the party are expected to join in the national gathering being organised at the Sanepa-based Heritage Garden in Lalitpur, the report said.

Party's senior leader Madhav Nepal is expected to present a political report on the widening rift in the party and his faction's strategy for the coming days, it said.

The Oli-led faction had threatened to take disciplinary action against those who will attend the event organised by the Nepal-Khanal faction on Wednesday and Thursday.

GLOBE TROTTERING

FIRE FESTIVAL KILL 10, INJURE HUNDREDS IN IRAN
Tehran: Mishaps during an annual fire festival in Iran have left at least 10 people dead and hundreds more injured around the country.

7 MINERS KILLED IN BLAST AT COAL MINE IN PAKISTAN
Karachi: At least seven Pakistani miners were killed after an explosion at a coal mine in the troubled Balochistan province, the second such incident in the province in a week.

JAPAN COURT: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE ALLOWED
Tokyo: A Japanese court for the first time ruled Wednesday that same-sex marriage should be allowed under the country's constitution, a moral victory that does not have any immediate legal consequence but could bolster efforts for legalisation.

POLICE FIND 13-YEAR-OLD 'MISSING' GIRL IN PAK
Karachi: A 13-year-old Hindu girl, who was reported missing earlier in the week in a suspected forced conversion case, has been found at a "dargah" in Pakistan's Sindh province on Wednesday.

3 COVID PATIENTS DIE IN DHAKA HOSPITAL FIRE
Dhaka: Three Covid-19 patients died in a fire at the Intensive Care Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) here in the Bangladeshi capital on Wednesday, according to media reports.

Police: Georgia shooting suspect may have 'sexual addiction'

AP ■ ATLANTA

Georgia officials said Wednesday that the suspect in a series of shootings at Atlanta-area massage parlours that left eight people dead may have a "sexual addiction" and that it was too early to say if the attack was a hate crime.

Police arrested a white 21-year-old Georgia man who they say has taken responsibility for the shootings, while denying they were racially motivated, though many of

the victims were women of Asian descent.

Instead, officials told reporters that Robert Aaron Long, of Woodstock, said he was a frequent visitor of massage parlours and intended to eliminate the temptation he thought they posed.

But officials wouldn't say whether the parlours were places where sex took place.

He was on his way to Florida and intended to commit similar crimes there, they

said. Atlanta Police Chief Rodney Bryant cautioned that it was too early to say if it was hate crime. But many members of the Asian American community said they felt they had been targeted.

"We're in a place where we've seen an increase in hate crimes against Asian Americans since the pandemic started," said Georgia state Rep. Bee Nguyen. "It's hard to think it is not targeted specifically toward our community."

Boris to get Oxford/AstraZeneca jab

PTI ■ LONDON

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Wednesday indicated that the best safety endorsement he can think of for the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is to confirm that he would be receiving the jab as he now qualifies under an expanded vaccination drive.

As the National Health Service (NHS) marked the 100th day of its vaccination programme by expanding it to



all over-50s, the 56-year-old UK PM used the timing to reiterate the safety message after some countries suspended the

use of the Oxford/AstraZeneca jabs amid some concerns. "It's Oxford/AstraZeneca I will be having," said Johnson, during his weekly Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) session in the House of Commons.

The UK PM has previously said the vaccines are "safe and work extremely well".

Around 13 countries, including France, Germany, Italy and Spain, have sought clarifications around some

reports of blood clotting and as a temporary measure suspended the use of the vaccine developed by Oxford University and being produced by AstraZeneca and also Serum Institute of India as part of a global tie-up.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and the UK and European medicine regulators have said the jabs are safe and that there is no evidence of a causal link between the vaccine and blood clots.

US sanctions 24 Chinese and Hong Kong officials

AP ■ HONG KONG

The US sanctioned an additional 24 Chinese and Hong Kong officials over Beijing's ongoing crackdown on political freedoms in the semi-autonomous city, just ahead of the Biden administration's first face-to-face talks with China.

The sanctions follow planned changes to Hong Kong's electoral law endorsed by China's ceremonial legislature last week, which will give a pro-Beijing committee power to appoint more of Hong Kong's lawmakers.

Biden calls Af withdrawal deadline of May 1 'tough'

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Washington: President Joe Biden says that it will be "tough" for the US to meet a May 1 deadline to withdraw troops from Afghanistan but that the complete drawdown won't take much longer.

The deadline to end America's longest war six weeks from now was set under an agreement reached by former President Donald Trump and the Taliban, without the buy-in of the Afghan government. Biden, in an interview with ABC News' George

Stephanopoulos that aired Wednesday, said he was consulting with allies on the pace of the drawdown. Of meeting the May 1 deadline, he said it "could happen, but it is tough." If the deadline is extended, he added, it won't be by "a lot longer."

Biden, like his predecessor, has promised to end the nearly 20-year conflict and bring home more than 2,500 American troops in the country — down from about 13,000 troops a year ago.

Biden questions 'macho' move to refuse vaccine

AP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden is suggesting that some Americans who are unwilling to get vaccinated for the coronavirus are unpatriotic.

Speaking to ABC News in an interview that aired Wednesday, Biden said he had hoped to get politics out of the nationwide vaccination campaign, and that he's been surprised by some who are refusing to get shots.

Biden said: "I just don't understand this sort of macho

thing about I'm not going to get the vaccine, I have a right as an American, my freedom to not do it."

The president added: "Why don't you be a patriot, protect other people?"

Biden emphasised that the three vaccines authorised for use in the United States are safe and essential to getting the country past the pandemic. He noted that the biggest change in his life since getting vaccinated on TV in December was, "I can hug my grandkids now."

EU chief: Astra shortfalls slow vaccine campaign

AP ■ BRUSSELS

Brussels: The European Union's chief executive criticised Anglo-Swedish vaccine-maker AstraZeneca on Wednesday, accusing the embattled pharmaceutical company of delaying Europe's coronavirus vaccination campaign and warning that the EU is weighing export bans to ensure supplies.

"AstraZeneca has unfortunately under-produced and under-delivered, and this painfully, of course, reduced the speed of the vaccination campaign," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen told reporters.

Von der Leyen said the company originally pledged to deliver 90 million doses of its shot in the first three months of 2021, but later said it could only provide 40 million, then more recently only 30 million.

AP

Virus-hit Dutch election enters final day; Mark Rutte favoured

The Hague (Netherlands): Dutch voters practicing social distancing cast their ballots on Wednesday at thousands of polling stations across the Netherlands on the final day of a general election overshadowed by the coronavirus pandemic.

School gyms, churches, museums and concert halls were pressed into service as voting locations by authorities looking for venues where people could vote safely amid rising infection rates. In Amsterdam, cyclists and drivers voted in a drive-thru facility at a conference center.

Caretaker Prime Minister Mark Rutte's conservative People's Party for Freedom and Democracy has been leading



Voters pass a sign reading "polling station" after casting their ballot at windmill the Kerthovense Molen during general election in Netherlands on Wednesday

polls by a wide margin for about a year, but the lead has been shrinking in recent weeks. If his party emerges as the

Mars may be hiding most of its 'missing' water underground: NASA funded Study

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Washington: Vast amounts of ancient water may have been trapped beneath the surface of Mars, according to a NASA-funded study which challenges the current theory that the Red Planet's water escaped into space.

Evidence found on the surface of Mars suggests that abundant water flowed across Mars billions of years ago, forming pools, lakes, and deep oceans, and where did all that water go has been a matter of investigation. The new study, published in the journal Science, shows that a significant portion of Mars's water — between 30 and 99 per cent — is trapped within minerals in the planet's crust.

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CORRIGENDUM
The clause (vii) of Qualifying Requirement of Notice Inviting Tender (No.10/CE(COMM)/UJCL-10/2020-2021-BANKING OF ENERGY) published on dated 14.03.2021 in various news papers is hereby substituted and shall be read as under:

(vii) The bidder has to submit a self declaration on Rs. 100/- non-judicial stamp paper declaring that the bidder has cleared all his dues/liabilities and has no outstanding net financial liability/net dues towards UPCL on the last date of submission of bid. UPCL reserve the right to unilaterally reject the bid at any stage of the processing of the tender if the declaration submitted by the bidder is found false/incorrect/misrepresented.

All other terms and conditions of the Tender shall remain unchanged.
No.124/EEM/CM/UJCL/A-2
Dated 17.03.2021 SE (Commercial)

SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION. Use LED Bulb, Save Electricity
(Toll Free No. 1912) Pay Electricity Bill Online 24x7 from www.upcl.org (For information on Electricity theft, informer may report to Toll Free No. 1800 180 4185/Fax No. 0135-2760911)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

The general public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Nisha D/o Suresh R/o H.No. 679, Sector-26, Rohini, Delhi** has been missing from her house. In this regard, **FIR No. 093/2021, u/s 363 IPC dated 09.03.2021 has been registered at PS K.N Katju Marg, 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: Nisha, **Gender:** Female, **Age:** 15 years, **Height:** 4', **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Healthy, **Wearing:** Blue colour jeans and white colour top. If anyone has any information regarding this missing girl, kindly inform SHO/K.N Katju Marg, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
SHO
P.S. K.N Katju Marg, Delhi.
Ph. No. 011- 27571171
DP/720/RD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) namely: **Manpreet S/o Jarnel Singh R/o H.No. B-224, Hari Nagar, Delhi** has been missing from above address since **26.02.2021**. In this regard **DD No. 85A Dated 05.03.2021** has been lodged at **PS Hari Nagar, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 35 years, **Height:** 5'11" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** White & Blue Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Jeans, Black Colour Patka & Shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO
Website:<http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-28125719
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No. - 8750871128
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/361/WD/2021

Burglars, thieves, robbers to be fitted with GPS tags in UK

PTI ■ LONDON

Burglars, thieves and robbers released from prison will be made to wear GPS tags to track their movements in a world-first scheme to crack down on neighbourhood criminals, the UK government announced on Wednesday.

Under the new rules, such offenders who have served a prison sentence of a year or more will be automatically fitted with a tag on release, allowing their whereabouts to be monitored by GPS satellites 24 hours a day for up to 12 months. With more than half of those convicted of theft and burglary reoffending within a year and almost 80 per cent of cases resulting in no suspect

being identified, the Ministry of Justice said the new scheme will be a vital extra source of intelligence to help police catch these persistent offenders.

"Being burgled or robbed is devastating and I understand how frustrating it is when the perpetrators can't be caught, both for the public and the police," said Kit Malthouse, UK Minister for Crime and Policing.

"Tagging these prolific offenders so we know where they are 24 hours a day should be powerful persuasion to change their ways and will help police find and charge them if they don't. It's another tool helping probation staff to cut crime and keep the public safe," he said.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/EMU/GZB for and on behalf of President of India, Invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

1	N.I.T.No.	232-Elect-EMU-WC-05-20-21
2	Name of the work	Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of D G sets with AMF panel/Control panel installed at EMU Car Shed, Ghaziabad for 3 years.
3	Tender cost	Rs.0.00
4	Approximate cost	Rs. 12,42,000.00
5	Earnest Money	Rs.0.00
6	Completion period	36 Months
7	Validity of offer	45 days
8	Date & Time from tender advertised on IREPS website	17.03.2021 (12:02 Hrs.)
9	Date & Time from tender submission start and end	29.03.2021 (00:00 Hrs.) to 12.04.2021 (15:00 Hrs.)
10	Tender closing Date & Time	12.04.2021 (15:00 Hrs.)
11	Date & Time of tender Opening (immediately when tender submission ends)	12.04.2021 (15:00 Hrs.)

Note 1: All participant Tenderers/Tenderers will submit their requisite documents along with their tender offer. No post tender correspondence for submission of additional document shall be entertained after opening of the Technical & Commercial offer. Even suo-moto post tender letters of the tenders shall be treated as null & void. **Note 2:** Duplicate documents should not be enclosed/loaded. Tender Notice is available on website of www.ireps.gov.in.
232-Elect-EMU-WC-05-20-21 Date: 17.03.2021 614/21

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Investors wealth down by over ₹5.55 lakh cr

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Investors have lost over ₹5.55 lakh crore in four days of declines in the domestic equity markets.
Rising domestic Covid-19 cases and selling in RIL and banking stocks dragged down the 30-share BSE Sensex by 562.34 points or 1.12 per cent to 49,801.62 on Wednesday.
In four days, the benchmark has fallen by 1,477.89 points or 2.88 per cent.
The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies has

tanked by Rs 5,55,400.52 crore in four days to reach Rs 2,03,71,252.94 crore.
"News of rising COVID cases in India and caution ahead of the US Fed meet were weighing on investors' sentiment," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd. All BSE sectoral indices closed lower on Wednesday, with oil and gas, power, realty, energy and utilities falling up to 3.22 per cent.
"Domestic equities dropped for the fourth consecutive day as concerns pertaining to recent rise in COVID-19 cases in various parts of the country and high inflation continued to weigh on investors' sentiments.
"Additionally, weak cues from global markets ahead of

FOMC meeting outcome also caused selling in domestic equities," said Binod Modi, Head Strategy at Reliance Securities.
ONGC declined 4.95 per cent, the most among the 30-frontline stocks, followed by NTPC, Sun Pharma, SBI, IndusInd Bank, Reliance Industries and Bajaj Auto.
Market heavyweight Reliance Industries dipped 2.16 per cent and was the biggest contributor in the market decline.
In the broader markets, the BSE midcap and smallcap indices declined as much as 2.28 per cent.
At the BSE, 2,188 companies declined, while 795 advanced and 142 remained unchanged.

WhatsApp asked to review proposed privacy policy changes: Dhotre

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The government has asked messaging firm WhatsApp to review its proposed privacy policy changes, Minister of State for IT and Communications Sanjay Dhotre informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.
WhatsApp has drawn massive criticism from users globally, including India, over concerns that data was being shared with its parent company, Facebook. WhatsApp, on its part, has maintained that messages on the platform are end-to-end encrypted and that neither WhatsApp nor Facebook can see the private messages on WhatsApp's platform.
"Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

WhatsApp, on its part, has maintained that messages on the platform are end-to-end encrypted and that neither WhatsApp nor Facebook can see the private messages on WhatsApp's platform
(MeiTY) took cognizance of the WhatsApp announcement of its new Privacy Policy stated to be applicable to Indian users. To safeguard the interest of Indian users, MeiTY has asked WhatsApp to review the proposed privacy policy changes and also to explain the rationale of the same," Dhotre said in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.
WhatsApp has proposed its users to accept updated policy changes by March 15 if they want to continue using the app.

Withholding tax on FPI debt return may surge to 20%

FIANS ■ NEW DELHI
Experts have pointed out that the provision providing for concessional income tax rate of 5 per cent on debt return for foreign portfolio investors has been inadvertently omitted.
Sunil Badala, Partner and Head (financial services, tax) at KPMG in India, said the government had in September 2020 amended Section 115AD of Income Tax Act to accord a concessional income tax rate of 10 per cent on specified income to funds set up in the International Financial Services Centre. "While amending Section 115AD, it seems that the provision providing for concessional income tax rate of 5 per cent on specified interest to foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) has been inadvertently omitted," Badala said.

BRIEFS

78.27 LAKH DOMESTIC AIR PASSENGERS IN FEB
New Delhi: The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) on Wednesday released a data saying 155.61 lakhs domestic passengers travelled by air as against 251.50 lakhs during the same period last year. Around 78.27 lakh domestic passengers travelled by air in February 2021 which is 36.71 per cent lower than the corresponding period last year while 77.34 lakh people travelled by air within the country in January.

NDDB LAUNCHES ANDROID-BASED DAIRY SURVEYOR APP
The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has released an Android-based dairy surveyor framework that could help policymakers devise or revisit successful policies in the field. According to NDDB, the Android application with a geographic information system (GIS) would support dairy cooperatives and producer-owned organisations in the sector by providing real-time information.

DEEP PUBLIC SCHOOL CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
Deep Public School, Vasant Kunj organised a sanitary products distribution drive in Vasant Kunj on International Women's Day i.e. 8th of March 2021. This event was organised in association with A Sanitary Gift. Sanitary napkins were distributed to around hundred women of the underprivileged section of our society. "Poor menstrual hygiene is a problem as big as polio" and in India only 36% percent of women use sanitary products. Such campaigns will surely help in reducing period poverty in India. This initiative highlighted the best possible way in which one can celebrate women's day.



Rupee ends flat at 72.55 ahead of US Fed policy decision

PTI ■ MUMBAI
The rupee on Wednesday closed flat at 72.55 against the US dollar in a restricted trade ahead of the final outcome of the US Federal Reserve meeting.
Losses in the domestic equity markets and a strengthening dollar against major currencies overseas weighed on the rupee sentiment, forex dealers said.
Market participants were cautious ahead of the final decision of the Federal Reserve's meeting on Wednesday.
Though the US Fed is expected to keep interest rates unchanged, investors are focusing on its commentary about the US economy and its predicted path of interest rate movements going forward.

16.5 lakh benefited under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
Around 16.5 lakh people have benefited from the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY) which was launched in October to encourage hiring in the country amid the Covid-19 pandemic, Union minister Santosh Gangwar said on Wednesday.
"As on 9th March, 2021, 16.49 lakh employees were registered for availing the benefits (under ABRY)," Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. The scheme has been introduced to incentivize creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during the pandemic.

Govt has received complaints against some e-comm firms alleging violation of FDI policy, Goyal informs LS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI
The Government has received complaints against certain e-commerce companies alleging violation of foreign direct investment (FDI) policy and necessary actions have been taken for investigation by the Enforcement Directorate, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.
In a written reply to the Lok Sabha, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said no representation from All India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AICCI) was received regarding banning of some big e-commerce companies from operating in India.
"The government has received complaints against certain e-commerce companies alleging violation of FDI policy and necessary actions under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 have been taken for investigation by the Enforcement Directorate," he said.
Replying to a separate question, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Hardeep Singh Puri said there are 1,569 tea gardens in the country covering total area of 4,20,671 hectares.

Govt plans to issue NoC to investors on their doorsteps: Mines Minister

PTI ■ BENGALURU
Karnataka Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh R Nirani on Wednesday informed investors that the government planned to issue NOCs (No Objection Certificate) within 90 days at their doorsteps, instead of them having to run from pillar to post for it.
He said the government was considering introducing a "One Time Settlement" scheme to garner the revenue from penalties imposed on mine owners for mining beyond limits. "I am your representative and I will take your grievances to the Chief Minister and get them redressed.
We are planning to issue No-Objection Certificates (NOC) in 90 days and take the service to your doorsteps," Nirani was quoted as saying by his office in a release.

DISTT. OFFICE HAFED, PANIPAT

Near Khadi Ashram, Panipat.
Email : dmhfppnp@hry.nic.in, Phone No. 0180-2664802

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR LABOUR, CARTAGE & TRANSPORTATION OF FERTILIZER IN HAFED DISTRICT PANIPAT AS PER SCHEDULE GIVEN BELOW :-

The Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED) Panipat invites E-Tender for various Labour operations and Cartage and Transportation of fertilizer to be handled at Panipat, Samalkha, Madlauda and Israna and Transportation of fertilizer from Rail Head Panipat to various Mini Banks/PACS in the jurisdiction of District Panipat, and other places outside of district in Haryana for the period from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022

Sr. No.	Name of Center	Amount of Earnest Money for Labour Cartage & Transportation of Fertilizer	Amount of Security for labour & Transportation	Tender Document fee Rs. 500 and E Service Fee Rs. 1000	Start Date & Time of Bid preparation & submission	Expiry Date of Bid Preparation & Submission
1.	Panipat	30000	120000	Rs. 500/-	17.03.2021	26.03.2021
2.	Samalkha	30000	120000	+ Rs. 1000/-	at 5:00 PM	At 09:00 AM
3.	Madlauda	20000	60000	= 1500/-		
4.	Israna	20000	60000			

The Tender document containing eligibility criteria and other terms & conditions is available at Haryana Single e-procurement portal at <https://eprocurement.hry.nic.in> or Hafed website www.hafed.gov.in. The schedule of downloading of tender document & bid submission and opening of Technical & Financial bid is given as under :-

Sr. No.	Particulars	Remarks
1.	Super scribed No. of Tender	Hafed/DDP/Tender Notice/Fert/487 dated 17.03.2021
2.	Online submission of EMD, Tender Fee & E-service Fee	Upto 09:00 AM on 26.03.2021
3.	Online Bid Submission	Upto 09:00 AM on 26.03.2021
4.	Date and Time of opening of Technical Bids	At 26.03.2021 11:00 AM
5.	Date and time of opening of Financial Bids	As per decision by tender committee

All bidders are required to get register on E-tendering portal <https://eprocurement.hry.nic.in> for applying of online e-tender. Technical & Financial bid will be held on the same day. Hafed reserves the right to cancel/reject of any/all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.
District Manager, Hafed Panipat

Haryana Staff Selection Commission

Bays No. 67-70, Sector- 2, Panchkula-134154
(www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Final Result for the post of Junior Software Developer of (UHBVNL), Haryana Against Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat No. 23.
On the basis of Written Examination, Scrutiny of Documents and Socio-economic criteria for the post of Junior Software Developer of UHBVNL, Haryana against Advt. No.11/2019, Category No.23, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

Advt. No. 11/2019, Cat. No.23, Junior Software Developer (02 Posts) General (02 Posts)
1192301753 1192303721 (87)
General Waiting 1192300769 1192301241 (74)

CRITERIA ADOPTED FOR SELECTION

1.) WRITTEN EXAMINATION.....90-MARKS
2.) SOCIO ECONOMIC CRITERIA.....10-MARKS
TOTAL:- 100-MARKS

NOTE:-
1. While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the same later on.
2. The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in.
Sd/- (Secretary) Haryana Staff Selection Commission Dated:-16.03.2021
RO NO. 2221

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Smt. Vinith Devi W/o. Shri. Virendra Singh who is purchasing the Plot land area measuring 75 sq. yds., out of 250 sq. yds., part of Kharsa No.6, situated at Rahul Vihar Colony, Village Bhanthala, Pargana & Tehsil Loni, Distt. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh from Shri Gherpal S/o Shri Lal Singh owner vide of Regd. General Power of Attorney dated 24.10.2019 executed by Smt. Suresh Devi W/o Shri Ashok Kumar, along with Agreement to sell & Will and same to be finance & mortgage by Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. If any Person having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. **Lucem Legal LLP** 269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ext.II, New Delhi-49. Contact #911-40046316

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to inform to the public at large that Shri Vikash Kumar & Shri Avinash Kumar both S/o Shri Vinod Singh who is the owner of the Built-up Plot Bearing No.39-A, area measuring 100 Sq. Yds., out of Kharsa No.12, situated in the area of Village Masoodabad, Delhi, abadi known as Deepak Vihar, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 owner vide of Notarized General Power of Attorney dated 16.03.2017 executed by Shri Dhanshwar Thakur S/o Shri Ram Lakhan Thakur, along with Agreement to sell & Will and same to be finance & mortgage by Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. If any Person having any type of claim/right/interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address mentioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. **Lucem Legal LLP** 269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ext.II, New Delhi-49. Contact #911-40046316

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-24. The details are as under:

1.	Name of the work	Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) for two years of EOT Cranes with stand by spare installed in Electric Loco Shed, Ghaziabad.
2.	Approx. cost of work	Rs. 14,21,077.35
3.	Last date & Time of Submission of tender bid of tender	08.04.2021 (11.00 Hrs.)
4.	Date & Time of opening of tender document	08.04.2021 (11.30 Hrs.)
5.	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

NOTE:-
(i) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in e-tender system.
(ii) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
(iii) No manual offers are acceptable.
(iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.
No.: 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-24 Dated: 16.03.2021 599/2021
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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown**. Age about 30-35 years, Height about 5'6", Complexion shallow, Built thin, Face oval wearing Grey colour pant and bare footed was found dead at Gandhi Park Kachcha Bagh, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 29-A dated 09.03.2021 U/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at PS Kotwali, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this deceased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.
SHO PS Kotwali, Delhi Ph. 011-23977100, 23273376
DP/1024/N/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Vivek Kumar Mishra S/o Harkesh Mishra R/o H.No. 675, Kataria Gas Wali Gali, Jheel Khureji, Delhi**. Age 19 years, Height 5'6", Complexion shallow, Built thin wearing White half T-shirt, Blue colour jeans pant and sports shoes in feet has been missing since 07.03.2021 from his house. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this boy, but no clue has come to light so far.
In this regard a DD No. 36-A dated 09.03.2021 has been lodged at PS Krishna Nagar, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this missing boy may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218
DP/395/SHD/2021

SHO PS Krishna Nagar, Delhi Ph. 011-22093224, 22093887

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Vanshika Chauhan, D/o: Lt. Sh. Anand Chauhan, R/o: M-95, Jal Vihar, Jhuggi, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi** is Kidnapped since 03.07.2020 from the jurisdiction of P.S. Lajpat Nagar. In this regard FIR No. 463/20 dated 26.11.2020 U/s 363 IPC has been lodged at Police Station Lajpat Nagar, Delhi. The description of Kidnapped girl is as under:
Name: Vanshika Chauhan, Age: 16 Years, Height: 160 CM, Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Normal, Wearing: Blue T-Shirt & black Pajama.
If anyone has any information about this Kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Lajpat Nagar, Delhi
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO Police Station, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi Ph: 011-28832456, 8750870927
DP/64/SE/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Paramjeet Kaur@Poonam, W/o Balvender Singh, R/o: H.No. T-609/4, Gali No. 06-07, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi** is missing since 23.02.2021 from the area of P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 03A dated 24.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Patel Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under:
Name: Paramjeet Kaur @ Poonam, Age: 26 Years, Height: 5', Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Medium, Wearing: Unknown colour suit-salwar and sandal in her feet.
If anyone has any information about this missing lady please inform to the following:-
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO Police Station, Patel Nagar, Delhi Ph: 011-25872637, 8750870434
DP/700/CD/2021

Re- Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)

No.SSA/MDM/Monitoring/32/2019/5070 Date : 12.03.2021
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re- Expression of Interest (EOI) through e-procurement process from Private/ Public limited company or LLP /partnership Agency registered in India with expertise in cloud-based Artificial Intelligence and mobile technologies to Configure and Integrate Artificial Intelligence [AI] based digitization & tracking System for the mid-day meal services for identified institutions across Assam. To participate in this EOI through e-procurement, applicant should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class- II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.
The applicants who have downloaded the EOI schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The EOI should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.
This has the approval of Election Commission of India vide letter No. 437/EC/LET/TERR/NE2-AS/2021 Dated 11.03.2021 and ELE.83/2021/6 Dated 12.03.2021.
Sd/-Mission Director, SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19
Janasanyog No. CF/5470/20

Re- Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)

No.SSA/Spl.Trig/district IEP/478/2020/5069 Date : 12.03.2021
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-Expression of Interest (EOI) through e-procurement process from Private/ Public limited company or LLP /partnership Agency registered in India with expertise in cloud-based Artificial Intelligence and mobile technologies to Create a Digital platform for Tracking Out of School Children across Assam. To participate in this EOI through e-procurement, applicant should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class- II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.
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Sd/-Mission Director, SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19
Janasanyog No. CF/5467/20

APPENDIX IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction sale notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd. [CIN: L65922DL2005PLC136029] ("Secured Creditor"), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "without any recourse" basis on 19.04.2021 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. (with unlimited automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document), for recovery of Rs. 3,02,93,525/- (Rupees Three Crore Two Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Five only) towards Loan Account No. HLAPEOK00191228, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 09.03.2021 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreement and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 10.03.2021 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from MRS. SUSHMA SHARMA (PROPRIETOR M/S SANFORT) and MR. VIRENDER SHARMA.

The Reserve Price for the auction of the shops situated in Property is as indicated below against each Property:-

S.No.	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	RESERVE PRICE	AMOUNT IN WORDS
GROUND FLOOR			
1.	LHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1692 SQ. FT.	Rs. 72,80,000/-	Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Eighty Thousand only
2.	RHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1129 SQ. FT.	Rs. 47,20,000/-	Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand only.
FIRST FLOOR			
3.	LHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1692 SQ. FT.	Rs. 72,80,000/-	Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Eighty Thousand only

S.No.	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	RESERVE PRICE	AMOUNT IN WORDS
SECOND FLOOR			
4.	LHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1692 SQ. FT.	Rs. 72,80,000/-	Rupees Seventy Two Lakh Eighty Thousand only
5.	RHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1129 SQ. FT.	Rs. 47,20,000/-	Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Twenty Thousand only.

and the Earnest Money Deposit i.e., 10% of the Reserve Price, for the auction of the Property is as indicated below against each property will be-

S.No.	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	EMD AMOUNT	AMOUNT IN WORDS
GROUND FLOOR			
1.	LHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1692 SQ. FT.	Rs. 7,28,000/-	Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand only.
2.	RHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1129 SQ. FT.	Rs. 4,72,000/-	Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Two Thousand only.
FIRST FLOOR			
3.	LHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1692 SQ. FT.	Rs. 7,28,000/-	Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand only.
SECOND FLOOR			
4.	LHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1692 SQ. FT.	Rs. 7,28,000/-	Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand only.
5.	RHS FLAT ADMEASURING APPRX 1129 SQ. FT.	Rs. 4,72,000/-	Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Two Thousand only.

*LHS- Left Hand Side
*RHS-Right Hand Side
The EMD shall be paid by DD/ RTGS/ NEFT or through any other proper banking channels to the credit and in favour of **INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LTD.**, Account No. 114505001412 with ICICI Bank Ltd. (IFSC: ICIC0001145), having its branch at B1 and B2, Vanija Nikun, Enkay Tower, Udayog Vihar, Phase V, Gurgaon - 122015 (Haryana) before submitting the tender in order to participate in the online public auction. The successful bidder shall pay 25% amount of the sale price (less 10% of the Reserve Price paid before submitting the tender) immediately i.e. either on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining balance of the Sale Price shall be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (IES)
3 LEFT HAND SIDE FLATS EACH ADMEASURING APPRX. 1692 SQ. FT. ON GROUND FLOOR, FIRST FLOOR AND SECOND FLOOR RESPECTIVELY AND 2 RIGHT HAND SIDE FLATS EACH ADMEASURING APPRX. 1129 SQ. FT. ON GROUND FLOOR AND SECOND FLOOR RESPECTIVELY, BUILT ON PLOT No. 2/54 (EXCLUDING ONE FLAT ON 1st FLOOR, LEFT HAND NORTH SIDE ADJOINED TO PLOT No. 1), T.H.A. RESIDENTIAL COLONY, SECTOR-2, RAJENDER NAGAR, TEHSIL AND DISTRICT GHAZIABAD UTTAR PRADESH - 201004
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided on the website of the Secured Creditor i.e. www.indiabullshomeloans.com and www.auctionfocus.in
Date : 15.03.2021 Sd/
Place : GHAZIABAD Authorized Officer
INDIABULLS HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED



Bollywood
 'I will never identify myself as a hero. I will always identify myself as an actor.'
 —Arjun Mathur

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'CHANDIGARH KARE AASHIQI PUSHED ME'

VAANI KAPOOR says she has always tried to be fit but her forthcoming film *Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui* pushed her to work harder.

"I have always tried to be fit but *Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui* really pushed me to work harder and to my limits. To pull off my role, I put myself through a grind that wasn't easy. It was what (director) Abhishek Kapoor saw me have on-screen and I dived headlong into the process of achieving this body type," Vaani said.

fairtalk

AAMIR KHAN



'Do not put your theories about me quitting social media. We used to communicate before social media as well, and now with me quitting it, I think workload and responsibility of the media has increased as I will be interacting with the audience via them. So, I think media should be happy. I trust them completely.'

dailytalk

MOHAMMED IRFAN



'According to me, the authentic way to know whether your song is being well-received or not is fan-mails and messages and direct response of people. Currently, the kind of response I'm receiving for *Belafz Baatein* is absolutely heartening. I am very happy about it.'

I LOST MY VIRGINITY IN A RAPE: DEMI

DEMI LOVATO says she was 'raped' and 'sexually assaulted' by her drug dealer in July 2018.

"When they found me, I was naked, blue. I was literally left for dead after he took advantage of me. When I woke up in the hospital, they asked if we had had consensual sex. There was one flash that I had of him on top of me. I saw that flash and I said yes. It wasn't until a month after the overdose that I realised, 'you weren't in any state of mind to make a consensual decision,'" she added.



AN AUTHENTIC PORTTRAYAL

Actor **SHRIYA PILGAONKAR** tells **AYUSHI SHARMA** that the film, *Haathi Mere Saathi*, makes sure that the audience has a good time and, at the same time, comes out of the theatre a little more sensitised, aware and mindful



What fascinated you to sign the film?

This subject that is very close to my heart. I had seen Prabhhu (Solomon) sir's film *Kumki* earlier and I knew that he would be able to deal with this subject very well. Just the combination of working on the subject that has elephants and knowing Rana (Daggubati) is going to be a part of the film, I wanted to do it. I felt like even my character in the film had an interesting arc. To be honest, there was no reason to say no. It's an entertaining film that has a message as well, something that was quite needed for the times. Also, I was seeking to work in a variety of film industries. It has always excited me to explore different industries. I have watched Telugu and Tamil cinema quite a bit.

Can you talk about character in detail? Were there any reference points while preparing for it?

The character is that of a young news reporter. She decides to support Rana's character in his fight for the elephants. She doesn't really succumb to any pressure because she didn't want to report untruthfully. That was very interesting... With a lot of courage, she decides to take a stand. There was no preparation for the part except for the fact that I had to speak Tamil and Telugu in the film. It was a challenge in itself. All the prep was more towards the language. It was exciting to be working in two languages. Of course, I'll be better prepared now because this was my first time. It took a while to grasp but Prabhhu and Rana sir were extremely cooperative.

Since the film required to shoot in the forest, were there any on-ground challenges?

Not really! It was because my character didn't spend that much time in the forest. It didn't seem like a tedious process. I personally loved the fact that we were shooting in an actual forest where there was no network, where we felt connected with nature. I must say that it was not an easy shoot. There were times where it was not comfortable but all of that really helped. I feel like they also instinctively picked people, who they knew would be willing to surrender to the process. And a lot of the part of this film was just about that because it had to look authentic. So, yes, it was hot, chaotic and hectic but it was very fulfilling because we knew the larger purpose for which the film was being made. We

'We spend so much time obsessing over things that don't require our time and energy but when you use that time and spend with nature, it changes your perspective on a lot of things'

had to be patient with its process. I really enjoyed shooting the forest bits. It was very adventurous to be shooting with elephants around.

An insight into the storyline... Is there a subliminal message that the film tries to convey?

Even though it's a concept that has been heard before, visually it's absolutely stunning. There are so many different elements. Every character in the film is adding a different layer to the story. Moreover, it's shown in an entertaining way and I think that's important. The film is not preachy. It's just trying to make sure that the audience has a good time and, at the same time, comes out of the theatre a little more sensitised, aware and mindful. It shows that while development is important, it's more important to do it in a sustainable way. We owe it to nature to not take more from it or be wise about it. The key word here is balance. The film highlights the beautiful bond that animals share with human beings. The film will make people realise that they have a sense of

responsibility towards nature. Why is it important to show such concepts in mainstream cinema?

Every storyteller has the freedom to speak his/her mind out and to express himself/herself. This was what the director was passionate about. It's wonderful when you have the medium that can give you joy, that can make you learn something and that can just touch your heart. As I said, it's not about being preachy. Especially today, when we are seeing what the world is going through with respect to global warming, natural calamities everywhere and, of course, the pandemic... I think timely reminders are necessary but with this film, I still like to reiterate that it's really not about trying to consciously give out a social message. It is the by-product of the film.

Does filming in proximity in the jungles disturb animals?

Not at all! Full precautions were taken. And because we are talking about this and making a film, so we have to practice what we are showcas-

ing anyway. I feel shooting there just added to the authenticity of it. Just because of that zone you realise you are a part of something so much larger. It's a humbling experience shooting in the forest.

What did you learn from the wild?

I don't have scenes with the elephants but, in general, if you ask... All of us as human beings are constantly carrying our egos everywhere... Sometimes as people, we spend so much time obsessing over things that don't require our time and energy but when you use that time and spend with nature, it changes your perspective on a lot of things. I was very inspired by Rana. The way he has performed is beyond words. He really pushed himself, be it physically with respect to the character. He has very convincingly portrayed himself as Banev in the film. I think I learned a lot in terms of the process of filmmaking. Also, for me, to be a more responsible person in life in general.

(The film releases on March 26.)

Re- Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)
 No.TT/SACG/DACG/BACG/334/2019/5074 Date : 12.03.2021
 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-Expression of Interest (EOI) through e-procurement process from Private/ Public limited company or LLP / partnership Agency registered in India with expertise in cloud-based Artificial Intelligence and mobile technologies to Deployment of Artificial Intelligence based System to Configure and Integrate Mobile based Digital Inspection Solution as per department & Shaala Siddhi Evaluation Standards. To participate in this EOI through e-procurement, applicant should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class- II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.
 The applicants who have downloaded the EOI schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The EOI should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.
 This has the approval of Election Commission of India vide letter No. 437/ECI/LET/TERR/NE2-AS/2021 Dated 11.03.2021 and ELE.83/2021/6 Dated 12.03.2021.
 Sd/- Mission Director,
 SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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 Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our website : www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No. 1 Dt. 12.3.2021
 (Through e-Procurement)

The following tender notice has been floated through e-Procurement. Tenderers are requested to visit the web-site www.ireps.gov.in and submit their offers. It may be noted that the offers submitted manually or on paper will not be accepted. Offers sent by post are not entertained:
 Tender No.- TM-AMC-KOEL for 2 Years., Description :- Annual Maintenance Contract for maintenance of KOEL make Diesel engine fitted on Track machines for two years i.e. 2021-22 & 2022-23. Due Date :- 31.03.2021
 For complete details please refer www.ireps.gov.in.
 Dy. Chief Engineer/TM/HQ/ A0272
 Secunderabad
 For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Mehnaz, D/o: Mohammad Firoz, R/o: F-792, Inder Enclave Phase-II Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi is missing since 18.01.2021 from her home.** In this regard FIR No. 63/21 dated 21.01.2021 U/s 363 IPC has been lodged at Police Station Prem Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:
Name: Mehnaz, Age: 16 Years, Height: about 4'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Build: Normal, ID Mark: On Left hand mark 'R', Wearing: Black Jarsi, Multicolour Plazzo and cream colour chappal in feet.
 If anyone has any information about this missing girl please inform P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639 SHO
Police Station, Prem Nagar, Delhi
Ph:8750870322, 9315164042
DP/721/RD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Girish Pandey S/o Mohan R/o H.No. 172, Gali No. 1, Pratap Vihar, Part-1st, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi Age : 26 years, Height : 5'7", Face : Long, Complexion : Sallow, Build : Medium, wearing black colour shirt, brown colour jeans and black & blue colour shoes in feet, has been missing since 04.03.2021 at about 02:00 PM from his house. In this regard DD No. 101-A dated 06.03.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi.**
 Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> SHO : P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
Fax: 24368639 Ph. : 011-27581223, 27581559
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

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

EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUATERAND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
 (Rs. In lacs except earnings per share)

Sl. No	Particulars	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended
		September 30, 2020	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2019
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	60.65	70.76	89.29
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(8.55)	(35.64)	(11.80)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(8.55)	(35.64)	(11.80)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(8.55)	(35.64)	(11.80)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(8.55)	(35.64)	(11.80)
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs. 10/- Per Share)	675	675	675
7	Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)	-	-	-
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
	(a) Basic	(0.13)	(0.53)	(0.17)
	(b) Diluted	(0.13)	(0.53)	(0.17)

Notes:-
 (1) The above results for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 have been reviewed and Approved by the Board of Directors at their Meeting held on March 15, 2021. The Statutory auditors have carried out a "Limited Review" of above results.
 (2) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Results filed with the Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited (MSEI) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the said Quarterly Results is available on the Stock Exchange website www.msei.in and on the company's website www.ojswi.in

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
 Sd/-
Sandeep Garg
 Director
 (DIN: 00021295)

Place: New Delhi
 Date: March 17, 2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Dilip Kumar Jha, S/o Late Sh. Ramakant Jha R/o Village Chuharchak, PO and PS Barhiya, District Lakh Sarai, Bihar has been missing/kidnapped since 05.03.2021 from Allahabad Bank, Gurudwara Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 67A dated 07.03.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped man but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing/kidnapped man are as under:
Age: 48 years, Height: 6', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Build: Strong, Identification Mark: A cut mark on the left eye, Wearing: Dark grey colour pant-shirt and black colour shoes on his feet, Other Description: Mentally weak.
 If anyone has any information regarding this missing/kidnapped Man, kindly inform to the following.
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO
Fax : 011-24368639 P.S. Karol Bagh, Delhi.
DP/703/CD/2021 Ph. No. 011-28720482, 25726870**

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that a boy namely **Pinku, S/o Sh. Raj Bahadur, R/o Khasra No. 964, Riithala Village, Delhi, Age: 19 years, Height: 5'2", Build: Medium, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Wearing: Blue Colour Jeans & Shirt, Hawai Chhpal in his feet has been missing from the area of P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi since 10.03.2021. In this regard a DD No. 54A dated 11.03.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi.**
 Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this boy please inform undersigned.
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO
Fax : 011-24368639 P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi
DP/717/RD/2021 Ph.: 011-27521294, 27521295

PUBLIC NOTICE

Touchwood Chits (P) Ltd, M-4 Ashoka Apartments Commercial Complex, Ranjit Nagar, Delhi-08 has filed for strike-off of the company. Any person/entity having any claim(s) may report to the Registrar of Chit Funds within 15 days.

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. DUBA/Cons/434/MR/20-(50)
 Dated : 03/03/2021
 Mr. Chirag Bhatia S/o Prem Kumar Bhatia Resident of D4 HIG Colony Indore MP, India Present Address Flat No. 103, Haji Nasser Bldg, Umm Haurir 1 Bur Dubai - UAE
 And Miss. Prema Arora D/o Sanjay Arora Resident of 9A/67 W.E.A. Karol Bagh, Delhi, PIN- 110005, Delhi, India Present Address Flat No. 202 AI Bukharhi Bldg, Al Mankhool, Bur Dubai, UAE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Above mentioned Indian Nationals are presently residing in the UAE have given notice of intended marriage between them under the Foreign Marriages Act, 1969. If any one has any objection to the proposed marriage He/She should file the same with the undersigned according to the procedure laid down under the Act/Rules within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notice.
Jitender Singh Negi
 Marriage Officer & Consul (Consular & Labour)
 P.O. Box 737, Dubai (UAE)
 Fax No. 0997143970453
 Email: cons1.dubai@mea.gov.in, cons3.dubai@mea.gov.in
 Homepage: www.wcgri.dubai.gov.in

LOST & FOUND

VIJAY MEHTA S/O LATE SHRI J C MEHTA have lost our share certificate of VST INDUSTRIES LIMITED 249 held Jointly with my Mother Late Mrs. Raj Kumari shares Details as under:

S.No.	FOLIO No.	No. of shares	Certificate No.	Distinctions no.
1	R001627	50	33145583	13841713 13841762
2	R001627	50	33145584	13841763 13841812
3	R001627	50	33145585	13841813 13841862
4	R001627	3	33145586	13841863 13841865
5	R001627	50	3383859	7805576 7805625
6	R001627	46	3383860	7805626 7805671

 Finder/ Please inform our office address: **MEFCOM CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED 5TH FLOOR SANCHI BUILDING 77 NEHRU PLACE NEW DELHI 110019.**
 Phone no. 9864331202

Re- Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)
 No.SSA/MIS/Fibre Connectivity/537/2020/5073 Date: 12.03.2021
 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites re-Expression of Interest (EOI) through e-procurement process from Telecom Service Providers having valid UASL & NLD License for Assam for providing high speed internet bandwidth connectivity over OFC/RF/4G for 628 schools which may be increased. To participate in this EOI through e-procurement, applicant should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of class-II (minimum) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.
 The applicants who have downloaded the EOI schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The EOI should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.
 This has the approval of Election Commission of India vide letter No. 437/ECI/LET/TERR/NE2-AS/2021 Dated 11.03.2021 and ELE.83/2021/6 Dated 12.03.2021.
 Sd/- Mission Director, SSA, Assam
 Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

NORTH DELHI MAYOR LAUNCHES PLASTIC-FREE MARKET CAMPAIGN 2021



The Mayor of North Delhi Municipal Corporation, Jai Prakash, launched a Plastic Free Market Campaign 2021 at Mahila Haat of NDMC at Delhi Gate. On the occasion, City-Sadar Paharganj Ward Committee, Chairman Mohammad Sadiq, Councilor Aley Mohammed, Ravi Kaptan, Rakesh Kumar, Deputy

Commissioner of the zone, Shashanka Ala, and other officers of the corporation were also present. The students of Municipal Primary Schools showcased the products made by them from waste materials. The Mayor said that as a part of the Plastic Free Market Campaign, kiosks have been set up at various places in the

markets in the Sadar Paharganj zone where citizens can get a jute or a cloth bag by giving one kg of plastic. It's like a barter system. He said that this campaign will help to reduce plastic waste at the streets and landfill sites. Prakash said, "North Delhi Municipal Corporation is providing services to the citizens with limited resources. So the

efforts for working to keep the city clean and discouraging single use plastic is commendable. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has a dream to minimise the single use plastic, North DMC is continuously working towards achieving it." "The North DMC is running an awareness campaign against single-use plastics

through various means to make citizens aware of the bad impact of single-use plastic on the environment," added he. Prakash further shared that we ourselves would discourage plastic and make others stop using single-use plastic. "This programme would be extended to each and every zone," he added.

CLW inaugurates new 3D co-ordinate measuring machine

In order to boost loco production by adopting the latest technology, Satish Kumar Kashyap, General Manager of CLW, inaugurated a state-of-the-art, high sensitivity touch triggered new CNC travelling bridge-type 3D co-ordinate measuring machine. This new machine will enable precise measurements of geometry of loco sub-components such as traction motor, suspension tube, axle box, etc, which will also improve quality and reliability of sub-components of locomotives.

It is a fully automatic three-dimensional measuring machine, having touch trigger probe of quick change stylus configuration, live reading and movements with high accuracy, less setup time, flexibility, reduce operator influence and improved repeatability of measurements. This machine of thermal compensator system is integrated for taking care of thermal deviations and high rigidity body with granite surface plate and y-axis guide rail. RS Sinha/PCMM, J Majhi/PCME, RP Mishra/PCEE, SD Patidar/PCPO, R Yadav/SDGM & CVO were present along with other officers and staff.



BIS celebrates World Consumer Rights Day

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) celebrated the World Consumer Rights Day by organising webinars at various locations in the country through its offices at Headquarters and various Regional and Branch Offices. The theme this year was "Tackling Plastic Pollution".

General (Policy Research & Training), BIS. In his inaugural address, he emphasised on the importance of responsible use of plastics, a material which has percolated in every sphere of human activities. He informed that BIS has formulated important standards on plastic and its recycling. He urged the consumers to come forward and insist for their implementation in letter and spirit.



Pushpa Girimaji, Author and Journalist, Consumer Rights Columnist and

Consumer Safety Advocate, explained how BIS activities are contributing towards con-

sumer empowerment. She said, "Although there are laws and rights for protection of consumers but the challenge is to make a common man aware of it and use them extensively in favour of them. BIS is making appreciable efforts through its various outreach programmes in this direction."

She laid special emphasis on consumer surveys and consumer education to make them

empowered. The consumer organisations actively participated, expressed their opinions and challenges in the webinar. It was an enriching session where important issues related to consumer rights were not only discussed but mitigation of various impediments and hindrances in achieving consumer empowerment in the country were deliberated.

POWERGRID LAUNCHES CERTIFIED E-TENDERING PORTAL

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has established an e-tendering Portal, PRANIT, which will lead to less paperwork and ease of operation, making the tendering process more transparent. It has been certified by Standardisation, Testing and Quality Certification Directorate (STQC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India. With this,

the company is now the only organisation in the country to have an eProcurement solution on SAP Supplier Relationship Management (SRM), complying with all applicable requirements relating to security and transparency as stipulated by STQC. The company in pursuit of digitalisation has been undertaking a number of innovative enhancements within SAP SRM framework.

POWERGRID ACQUIRES RNTL

On being declared as successful bidder under Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) has acquired Ramgarh New Transmission Limited (RNTL), which is the project company to establish Transmission System Strengthening Scheme for evacuation of power from solar energy zones, in Rajasthan (8.1 GW) under phase II -

Part A. The project comprises establishment of 400/220 kV new sub-station, 400 kV D/C transmission lines and associated sub-station extension works under build, own, operate and maintain (BOOM) basis for 35 years. The transmission system is an Inter State Transmission System project situated in state of Rajasthan and is scheduled to be completed in 18 months.

During the FY 2020-21, bidding for five Inter State Transmission Projects have been undertaken till date and the company has been declared as the successful bidder in all the five projects. The acquisition of Ramgarh New Transmission Limited is the first in the series of five projects and acquisition of the remaining four project companies is underway.

Aligning with the Prime Minister's vision to develop the ancient holy town of Badrinath as a spiritual Smart Hill town, Maharatna CPSE, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) signed an MoU with Kedarnath Utthan Charitable Trust on March 17. The MoU was signed between K Sreekant, CMD, POWERGRID and Dilip Jawalkar, Secretary, Tourism & CEO, Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board, Government of Uttarakhand, for developmental projects like con-

POWERGRID signs MoU

struction of road and enhancement of public buildings façade on both sides of the road. The developmental projects worth about ₹19.3 crores will include construction of 2.5 km long 10.5 m wide road. It will prevent traffic jams and help in efficient traffic management. High points of this project will be façade enhancement on public and Devasthanam Board Buildings, battery operated public transport,



installation of property signages, wayfinding signages, ambient lighting, tap-off water supply service and drainage that will highlight the aesthetics of this Char Dham pilgrimage town and maintain its uniqueness. The pilgrimage town of Badrinath is located in a tough terrain, inaccessible by roads during October-March every year. Despite the problem, projects will be completed in three years. It is estimated that the projects will benefit around 15.6 lakh pilgrims every year, visiting Badrinath 2025 onwards.

Ordnance Factory Day observed

Ordnance Factory Day is observed every year on the March 18 to commemorate the foundation of the first Ordnance Factory at Cossipore near Kolkata in 1801. The Ordnance Factories organisation today comprises 41 factories organised into five operational divisions of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) and constitute a defence production conglomerate with the widest range of products in the world. A major strength of the Ordnance Factories is their ability to effect successful indigenisation. The current indigenous content of the products is over 90 per cent and in ammunition items it is 97 per cent. A robust R&D set up has led to the products of in-house R&D, currently contributing to 25 per cent of the overall revenue.

The main achievements of the company this year are the issue of the strategic high explosive HMX for the first time, bulk manufacture and issue of 130/155 mm 'Sharang' Gun System to the Indian Army, handing over of the Bullet Resistant Jacket to the Tamil Nadu Police, the issue of the first consignment of the 40 mm Under Barrel Grenade Launcher UBGL to the BSF; the successful completion of the user trials by the 5.56 x 30 mm Joint Venture Protective Carbine (JVPC), the grant of bulk production clearance for the P-7 heavy drop parachute and the successful completion of the DGQA trials of the brake parachute for the Hawk trainer aircraft. Issue of the first indigenously overhauled T-90 tank is also a significant achievement.



POWERGRID celebrates Women's Day

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited celebrated International Women's Day in all its offices across India and at PAL Manesar, Haryana on March 8. K Sreekant, CMD and all the directors addressed the women employees and appreciated their valuable contribution. Various bonding activities like quizzes, games and felicitations were also organised.

Meeting held for Master Plan 2031

In order to actualise the Master Plan 2031, a marathon meeting was held for several hours between government departments in the GDA auditorium. The meeting churned and suggestions were sought to prepare a master plan according to the likely population and its requirements by 2031. In the meeting, DDF consultants apprised the present situation of Ghaziabad, Loni and Modinagar Maha Yojana. GDA Vice President, Krishna Karunesh, sought suggestions from UPSRTC, Transport Department, Housing Development Council and other related departments for the next 10 years about the possible population and the needs of bus stand, sewage treatment plan, etc. The meeting was attended by GDA Secretary, Santosh Kumar Rai, UPCIDA Regional Manager, Smita Singh, UPSRTC's A RM



PAC and officials from other departments. The meeting also discussed many measures about the plan. There will be various rounds of the meeting. It will also run on March 17 and March 20, during which representatives of the Trade Board Transport Association, Builder Department, the Deputy Association, Architect Commandant of the Ghaziabad Association, will be presented. Many suggestions will be sought for the grand plan. In the meeting held on Tuesday, the UP Manager of the UP Housing Development Department, the UP Jal Nigam

GGSSIPU organises a training programme

The Centre for Disaster Management Studies (CDMS), Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, conducted a two-day training programme on fire and life safety in hospitals. The first programme of the series was conducted at Safdarjung Hospital. Around 30 medical staff of various prominent hospitals of Delhi like Safdarjung, ILBS, etc actively participated in the training programme. The Vice Chancellor of the university, Padma Shri professor Mahesh Verma, was instrumental in initiating such useful training programme for fire safety of hospitals. He said that the fire safety is a matter of great concern, seeing the recent fire incidents in various hospitals in last couple of years. "We have to take pro-active approach by



creating awareness and conducting training programmes from time to time. The university is committed to generate trained manpower for the purpose," he said. He further said that in the case of any fire incident, we as an individual should be trained to act as first responder irrespective of our rank and position. Special care is needed in the case of hospitals as here the vulnerable people are patients. The Medical Superintendent of Safdarjung Hospital, Dr SV Arya appreciated the initiative of CDMS, IP university and congratulated the Vice Chancellor for taking the lead and interest in this matter. He further said that we are fortunate to be a part of this very useful practical training programme. "It is really wonderful and enlightening experi-

ence for all of us. As far as fire incidents are concerned, we should avoid casual approach as it is a matter of life and death." He also expressed his interest for the future collaboration with the university in this field. RC Sharma, former director, Delhi Fire Services, emphasised for conducting more such training programmes, especially for doctors. DK Shami, Fire Advisor, MHA, GOI, said, "Preventive measures are need of the hour seeing the rising fire incidents in the hospitals." He stressed on maintaining fire safety norms and training of hospital staff as per notification issued by MHA. A mock fire drill was also conducted in the premises of Safdarjung Hospital to explain the first-hand response in the scenario of fire incidents.

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Must win game for India

Kohli's men aim to negate toss factor in series deciding fourth T20I today

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PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

India would aim to take the toss out of equation and put up a much improved all-round show against a formidable England in their bid to level the series in the fourth T20, here on Thursday.

The template of win the toss and bowl has been set in the series with the chasing team getting home rather comfortably.

However, India skipper Virat Kohli has repeatedly stressed on the need to do well whether they are posting totals or chasing as part of their preparation for the T20 World Cup at home later this year.

In the two games they lost after batting first, India struggled in the powerplay, which impacted their final total despite one batsman (Shreyas Iyer and Virat Kohli respectively) going on to make a significant contribution.

A lot of it was down to KL Rahul not being amongst the runs but Kohli made it amply clear that the Karnataka batsman and Rohit Sharma remain their preferred opening combination.



The express pace of Mark Wood and Jofra Archer has also made life tough for the Indians in the first six overs. They have been able to extract disconcerting bounce from the surface, putting the batsmen in two minds. Going by Kohli's words

did have some runs to defend but the bowlers hardly troubled the opposition batsman with Jos Buttler running away with the contest.

The team's number one spinner Yuzvendra Chahal has leaked runs both times India have set a target.

Hardik Pandya's return as a bowling all-rounder has been promising but he is yet to take a wicket. Bhuvneshwar Kumar has kept things tidy in his comeback series but the team expects him to provide regular breakthroughs with the new ball.

Offie Washington Sundar has been the stand out bowler for India with four wickets at an impressive economy rate of 6.95.

England, like India, also want to win in all conditions and will be buoyed by their emphatic win in the previous game.

Buttler being amongst the runs is also a cause of worry for India as on his day he can demolish any attack in the world.

Jonny Bairstow, who had a horror run in the two Tests he played against India, came up with a morale boosting 40 on Tuesday.

KL is our best T20 batsman: Rathour

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Three cheap dismissals can't change the fact that KL Rahul is India's "best T20 batsman" and it won't be long that one shot or one innings will get him back to his best, batting coach Vikram Rathour said, promising support for the struggling opener.

Rahul got out without scoring in two of his last three innings while he managed just one run in the series-opener. A part of it could be attributed to no game time since the end of T20 series in Australia early December.

"Anybody can have a lean phase and KL has been our best batsman in T20 format. He is averaging 40 plus with a strike rate of 145 and 3 failures doesn't change the fact that he is the best batsman

we have in this format," Rathour said after India lost the third T20I. "This is the time when we need to support him and I am absolutely sure he will come back out of the lean phase," the batting coach said.

However, Rathour did agree that rustiness could be a reason and all it would take is one good shot to get back into the groove.

"I agree they do tend to get rusty when they are sitting out but only thing we can do is to provide them practice. They are having a lot of net sessions and even on middle (centre strips)," he said.

"That's all they can do and we can just hope that one innings or one shot and they will be back in form. People like KL Rahul."

Now England are waiting for the world's number one batsman Dawid Malan to fire. It will take a special effort from India to stop the number

one ranked team from winning the series on Thursday night. The hosts winning the toss should make their task less tough.



South Africa players pose with the winner's trophy after win in the fifth ODI against India to take series 4-1 on Wednesday

SA give India plenty to think

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

South Africa added salt to India's wounds by registering a five-wicket win over the hosts in the low-scoring fifth and final women's ODI to seal the series 4-1 here on Wednesday.

Mithali Raj played a captain's knock by hitting a well-crafted 79 not out but it was only enough to take India to 188 all out.

South Africa then rode on Anneke Bosch (58) and Mignon du Preez's (57) half-centuries to chase down the target in 48.2 overs.

The series marked India's return to International cricket after 12 months. They were naturally rusty to start with and by the end of the series, it seemed that they have a lot of work to do if they want to be title contenders for the World Cup early next year.

The batting needs more firepower and bowling concerns too need to be addressed as spinners, traditionally India's strength, struggled against South Africa.

Coming back after a long break, the India players had only a handful of training sessions ahead of the series as they also had to undergo a mandatory one week quarantine.

"Clearly, we do need some camps before series. We were underprepared, coming from a gap. The batting unit tried to improve consistently match by match. Our spinners need to improve," said Mithali at the

post-match presentation. "Other than the result, it's been a good series for us. Exposure for the young players, and opportunity to those players looking for rhythm. Congratulations to South Africa for doing so well in our conditions," she added.

South Africa's chase got off to a disastrous start as the visitors lost their top three batters including skipper Suné Luus (10) for just 27 runs.

Du Preez (57) and Bosch (58) the stabilised South Africa's run chase with a 96-run partnership for the fourth wicket before Indian bowlers pulled things back, dismissing both the set batters in quick succession.

At that stage South Africa were 131 for five, still needing 58 runs in 13 overs for a win. Marizanne Kapp (36 not out) and Nadine de Klerk (19 not out), however, ensured there was no further hiccups as the duo shared unbeaten 58 runs for the sixth wicket to guide South Africa home.

For India, left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad picked up three wickets conceding just 13 runs off her 10 overs.

Earlier, Mithali steered India's innings after India lost three early wickets with the scoreboard reading 53 in the 13th over.

Together with Harmanpreet Kaur (30), who retired hurt due to an injury, Mithali shared 71 runs for the fourth wicket before the former left the ground in the 31st over.

Wood gearing up for T20 WC with slow yorker

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

Mark Wood already possesses the ability to intimidate batsmen with his express pace but the England speedster on Wednesday revealed that he is working behind the scenes to develop a slow yorker that would be handy when the T20 World Cup action unfolds on Indian pitches later this year.

Wood said he realised the importance to have a slow ball while competing on Indian pitches when he played with India pacer Shardul Thakur in the IPL, where they play for Chennai Super Kings.

With just seven months to go for the T20 World Cup in India, Woods is making a conscious effort to add ammunition to his arsenal.

"Watching their bowlers... I played with Shradul Thakur at Chennai (Super Kings). And he's got a new slower ball. So just looking at that and how well that's worked here, it's something that I'm trying to adapt into my game," Wood told the British media here on Wednesday.

"My role has been pretty clear, the plans that I have been trying to do. Behind the scenes, I'm still trying to learn new things, slow balls try to get that on my yorker ball and so there are always things to improve on."

"These are the conditions we're gonna come up against in the World Cup, so it's trying to get the right skills in place to be able to adapt on



any given surface or the type of pitches we might come across here," he explained.

"I played well in a couple of games but, you know, last summer, I played well against Australia and then I missed out in South Africa. We have got many good bowlers that I don't feel like my place is a given."

Wood said the series gives him a chance to cement his place for the upcoming T20 World Cup.

"It gives me a chance to prove myself in this series and ultimately we all want to be part of that group that plays in the World Cup and hopefully wins the World Cup for England."

"We've got plenty of backups, people go in and out of form, injuries will come and go. So it's important that, as a group, no one takes a sport for granted."

Wood however said it gives him immense confidence that England skipper Eoin Morgan has identified him as a member of their core group. "Eoin is a great leader, someone when I don't play he tells in a straight-way why I'm not playing and what he wants me to improve on. And when I am playing he's very clear about my role, it's very clear what he's after for me in the game terms of plans and things."

"So it gives me a lot of confidence that he sees me that way. We both get on well and know each other well enough to have that relationship. I'm delighted that he feels that way but that doesn't, by any means, mean that I'm a given in the team. So gotta keep working hard off-the-field as well as on-the-field, keep delivering."

PTI ■ DUBAI

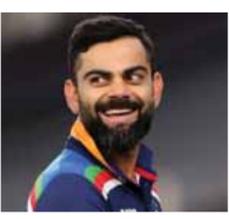
Following his stellar performance in the ongoing series against England, India skipper Virat Kohli on Wednesday broke back into the top of the ICC T20 batsmen rankings.

Kohli, a formerly top-ranked batsman in the format and currently number one in ODIs, gained one slot and a massive 47 rating points after unbeaten knocks of 73 and 77 in the second and third matches against England, to be placed fifth.

KL Rahul remains the top-ranked Indian batsman at the fourth spot despite three failures in the series so far.

Among bowlers, all-rounder Washington Sundar is

Virat returns to top 5



Shreyas Iyer is up 32 places to the 31st spot while Rishabh Pant gained 30 spots to be ranked 80th.

up two places to 11th while seamers Shardul Thakur (up 14 places to 27th) and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (up seven places to 45th) have also gained.

Jos Buttler has re-entered the top 20. His match-winning 83 not out has helped him advance five places to 19th position, just two shy of his career-best 17th position attained in October 2018.

Jonny Bairstow, who chipped in with 40 runs has moved up two slots to 14th position in the list led by his compatriot Dawid Malan.

PTI ■ BIRMINGHAM

World champion P V Sindhu made an impressive start at the All England Badminton Championships but compatriots Kidambi Srikanth and Parupalli Kashyap suffered early exits after losing their respective opening round men's singles matches here on Wednesday.

The Indian women's duo of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikkhi Reddy and men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty also progressed to the second round with straight game wins.

Olympic Silver medallist Sindhu gave a good account of herself as she covered the court well and dished out a disciplined performance to

Sindhu starts All England with win

outwit world number 32 Sonia Cheah of Malaysia 21-11, 21-17 in 38 minutes.

The fifth seeded Indian will face Denmark's Line Christophersen next.

Earlier, Ashwini and Sikki got the better of Thailand's Benyapa Aimsaard and Nuntakarn Aimsaard 21-14, 21-12 in 30 minutes, while the sixth seeded Satwik Chirag

took 19 minutes to see off England's Nikhar Garg and India's Anirudha Mayekar 21-7 21-10 in a lop-sided contest.

Ashwini and Sikki will face sixth seeded Bulgarian sisters Gabriela Stoeva and Stefani Stoeva next, while Satwik and Chirag will meet the formidable Danish pair of Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen, who had defeated the Indian

duo on way to their title win at the Swiss Open.

In the men's singles, seeded eight, Srikanth lost to Ireland's unseeded player Nguyen Nhat 11-21, 21-15, 12-21. His match lasted exactly an hour as the player from Ireland came back strongly after losing the second game against the Indian.

Commonwealth Games Gold medallist Kashyap put up a brave fight before going down to top seeded Japanese Kento Momota 13-21, 2-22 in 42 minutes.

After an initial neck and neck battle till 7-7, Sindhu went into the break with a

three-point advantage. The Indian kept the proceedings under control to eventually wrap up the opening game in 16 minutes.

In the second game, Sonia managed to eke out a 10-8 lead but the Indian upped the ante to head into the interval with a slender 11-10 advantage.

The Malaysian strengthened her defence and managed to catch up at 17-17 with a run of three points. Two unforced errors by Sonia handed Sindhu three match points and she sealed it when the Malaysian went long again.

AFF ■ MADRID

Real Madrid avoided another early Champions League exit on Tuesday by beating Atalanta 3-1 to win the tie 4-1 on aggregate and reach the quarter-finals for the first time in three years.

Sergio Ramos marked his return from injury by converting a penalty after Karim Benzema continued his scoring streak by capitalising on a glaring error from Atlanta goalkeeper Marco Sportiello.

Sportiello's scuffed clearance in the first half resulted in Benzema being given an easy finish at the Alfredo di Stefano stadium and after an electric start, Atalanta never really recovered.

Luis Muriel pulled one back for the visitors late on but any hopes of a comeback were quickly dashed as substitute Marco Asensio fired in a third for Madrid.

Zinedine Zidane's side will be in Friday's draw for the last eight and with their old guard fit and firing again, they will be hopeful of exceeding what are now dampened expectations of La Liga's reigning champions.

"We showed tonight how much hunger there still is in this team," said Luka Modric. "We can go far. How far let's see but today was an important step."

Ramos played just over an

Big boys on target

Benzema, Ramos, Asensio take Real in Champions League quarters with 3-1 win over Atalanta



Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos celebrates with teammate Lucas Vázquez after Ramos scores his side's second goal against Atalanta

hour in his second appearance since recovering from a knee injury while Benzema's goal was his eighth in as many

The 35-year-old Modric and Toni Kroos were dominant in the absence of the suspended Casemiro.

"I feel 27!" joked Modric. "The years on your passport don't matter, it's about what you do on the pitch."

How Madrid's veterans would fare against more polished opposition remains to be seen, after they came up short against Manchester City last year and Ajax the year before that, both in the last 16.

Also they will be unlikely to benefit from the same generosity Atalanta afforded them across the two legs.

Remo Freuler's red card and a late goal spoiled the Italians' night in Bergamo and it was individual errors from Sportiello and then Rafael Toloi for the penalty that let them down again here.

"We started strong and we were succeeding with our pressing," said Muriel. "It's a shame because from our two mistakes came the two goals that cut our legs from under us."

City has only ever gone beyond the quarter-finals once in nine Champions League campaigns, and never under Guardiola since he arrived as manager in 2016. This might be the team's best chance given its form — make that 24 wins in the last 25 games in all competitions — and the fact Guardiola has an injury-free

Man City swat Gladbach aside

AP ■ BUDAPEST

Kevin De Bruyne's blistering strike set Manchester City on its way to a 2-0 win over Borussia Monchengladbach and a place in the quarter-finals of the Champions League for the fourth straight season under Pep Guardiola on Tuesday.

The Belgium midfielder unleashed a first-time shot from the edge of the area that flew in off the underside of the crossbar in the 12th minute, virtually ending Gladbach's hopes of comeback after the German team lost the first leg 2-0 three weeks ago.

Ilkay Gundogan added a second goal by finishing off a flowing team move in the 18th minute and the Premier League leaders had no problem securing a seventh straight clean sheet in the competition to seal a 4-0 win on aggregate.

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squad at his disposal. Gladbach bade farewell to the Champions League and the team is unlikely to return to the competition for at least a year and a half, having dropped to 10th place in the Bundesliga on the back of a losing run since it was announced that coach Marco Rose would be leaving at the end of the season to join Dortmund. It's now seven defeats in a row in all competitions.

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