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# **BJP** goes full throttle in Bengal

Modi to address 20 rallies, first on Mar 7; BJP plans over 800 rallies

The BJP is set to roll out a mega campaign blitzkrieg in poll-bound West Bengal with Prime Minister Narendra Modi visiting the State on March 7 to address his first public rally after announcement of poll dates by the Election Commission. Apart from Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president JP Nadda are likely to share about 120 public rallies among them in the poll-bound Bengal, BJP sources said.

Out of at least 800 rallies to

poll-bound Bengal, BJP sources said.

Out of at least 800 rallies to be addressed by the national BJP leaders in the State, the Prime Minister will address 20, party sources said. Sources also said that the PM's Brigade Ground rally would also be attended by the people from across the country from as far as Uttarakhand. Minister and the BJP president are likely to address 50 rallies each in the State which goes to eight-phase polls for its 294 seats.

Chief Ministers of the BJP.

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demands", sources said while pointing out that he is in demand in other States too.

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The Left-Congress-Indian Secular Front has already had their electoral "Brigade-show" of strength on February 28.

In the run-up to the Sunday rally, party workers are holding corner meetings to invite people to the rally, BJP workers from other BJP-ruled States froe according the States froe according to the States froe according t

#### **CAMPAIGN BLITZKRIEG**

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- "Chief Ministers of the BJP-ruled States, all key Central Ministers and a number of BJP MPs are to descend down on Bengal to give power to
- The party is also trying to draw some of the Bollywood stars to match TMC's glamour, colour and the punch

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helping hand to make the Sunday Parade Ground show at Kolkata a grand success.

The elections for the 294 Assembly seats in West Bengal will begin on March 27. The State is going to witness eightphase Assembly polls this year. In Assam, the Assembly elections shall be held in three phases beginning from March 27 with the final round of voting taking place on April 6. Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday attacked the Mamata Banerjee Government for allowing love jehad and cowsmuggling in the State.

Yogi, who was speaking at a rally near Bulbulchandi in Malda district said how rampent cases of Towe jehad is happening in Bengal with the State Government allowing that to

happen."
The UP Chief Minister "The UP Chief Minister who promised to stop all that anomalies if the BJP came to power in Bengal said, "In UP we have made a law against love jehad and have brought the menace under control... but in Bengal the Trinamool Congress is allowing this to happen."

#### **TMC MLA Jitendra** Tiwari joins BJP

Hooghly. Amid an ongoing exodus from, the ruling exodus from, the ruling Trinamool Congress ahead of the West Bengal Assembly elections, two-thme party MLA from Pandabeswar in Paschim Barddhaman district and former Asansol mayor, Jitendra Tiwari, joined the BJP on Tuesday.

# Stop pleasing future boss: Adhir to Anand

Sonia forms panel led by JP Aggarwal to screen Assembly candidates in WB

PNS NEW DELHI

Fissures widened further in the Congress a day after senior Congress leader Anand Sharma slammed the party leadership for its tie-up with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) in the poll-bound West Bengal. On Tuesday, Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury hinted at a possible split in the party when he questioned the intention of his colleague "who is trying to

Chowdury in the party when he questioned the intention of his colleague "who is trying to please his future boss in a reference to speculation that Sharma may join the BIP.
"If his intention was honest, he could have simply called how the could have simply called him...but he thought it was better to tarnish the image of the Congress to please somebody who could be his future political boss," Chowdhury said.
While Sharma is Deputy Leader of Opposition in the Raiya Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury is Leader of the Congress in the Lok Sabha.
The West Bengal Congress chief went ahead to accuse Anand Sharma of criticising



the Congress without any rea-son. "Anand Sharma is more

the Congress without any rea-son. "Anand Sharma is more vocal against Congress without any reason. He is simply blow-ing the issue out of proportion," Chowdhury stated.

In response to the criticisn over alliance with Furfura Sharif cleric Abbas Siddiquis ISE, Chowdhury took to twit-ter to respond to Sharma. "Know Your Facts, Anand Sharma ji. Would urge a select group of distinguished Congressmen to rise above always seeking personal com-fort spots & stop wasting time stringing prisaes of PM (Narendra Modi)," Chowdhury mentioned.

(Narendra Modi), 'Chowdhury mentioned. Amid the continued war of words between two party vet-erans over the alliance partners for Assembly elections in West Bengal, Congress chief Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday constituted a screening committee under the chairmanship of vet-eran Delhi Congress leader JP Aggarwal. The screening com-mittee constituted for the eight-

phase Bengal Assembly polls starting March 27 also have Mahesh Joshi and Naseem Khan as members besides some ex-officio members, including the State Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president and the AICC in-charge for West Bengal. The panel would screen the probable party candidates and put forward its recommendations to the Central Election Committee of the Congress chaired by party chief Sonia Gandhi.

The grand old party also formed a screening committee or poll bound States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. While party veteran HK Patil

Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. While party veteran HK Patil will chair the Kerala Screening Committee with former CM Oomen Chandy and former Union Minister Tariq Anwar as its member, Digyijay Singh will head TN and Puducherry with senior leaders KS Alagiri, K Suresh and former Puducherry CM V Naranswamy as its members.

# Haryana Bill reserves 75% pvt sector jobs for locals

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Manohar Lal Khattar on
Tuesday said Governor
Satyadeo Narain Arya has
given assent to the Bill providing 75 per cent reservation in
the private sector to job seekers from the State.

The Haryana Assembly
had late last year passed the Bill,
a key poll promise made by the
ruling alliance partner
Jannayak Janta Party.
Addressing a press conference here, Khattar said, "The
Haryana Governor today gave
his assent to the Bill entailing
75 per cent reservation in the

75 per cent reservation in the private sector to job seekers from the State. The Government will notify it

Government will notify it sooon."

The Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2020 provides quota for local people in private sector jobs that offer a salary of less than \$50,000 a month. The quota will initially apply for 10 years, according to the Bill.

Apart from tackling unemployment among local people, the State Government said the



law will discourage the influx of migrants seeking low-paid jobs, which has a significant impact" on local infrastructure and leads to the "proliferation of slums." The Bill cowers private companies, societies, trusts and partnership firms in the State. It provides for training to eligible local candidates when qualified people are not available.

It defines local candidates as those domiciled in the State. For domicile status, a person

much-hyped project.

should be born in Haryana or have lived there for at least 15

years.
Giving 75 per cent reser Giving 75 per cent reser-vation in private sector jobs was a key poll promise by Dushyant Chautala's JIP, which is 'the BJP's coalition partner in the State. Chautala described the assent given by the Governor as "happiest moment for the youth of Haryana." "The rules on this new law will be framed soon and pub-lished," he said at Faridabad.

### **Karnal Covid** +ve, classes suspended

Fifty four students of a school near here have tested Covid-19 positive leading to suspen-sion of classes and other acad-

sion of classes and other academic activities.

Karnal Chief Medical Officer Yogesh Sharma said officer Yogesh Sharma said officer Yogesh Sharma said three students of Sainik School Kunipura had tested positive for the virus on Monday following which the health department took samples of 390 students and staff members of the school for testing.

"The reports revealed that 4 students are COVID-19 positive," Sharma said.

Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav said the school building and its hostels

Nishant Kumar Yadav said the school building and its hostels have been declared as a containment zone. The Sainik Schools are run by the Sainik Schools Society under the Ministry of Defence and the students stay in hostels.

The Haryana education department had reopened schools for classes 9-12 in December last year and classes 3-5 from February 24.

### 54 students in PM, Shah hail BJP's stellar show in Guj local body polls

Party grabs 2,085 of 2,771 seats whose results were declared on Tue

PNS NEW DELHI

The ruling BJP on Tuesday scored a big win in Gujarat local polls by winning all 31 district panchayats and leading in 2,085 of 8,474 seats across various municipalities that in 2,085 of 8,474 seats across various municipalities that voted on Sunday in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's home State and establishing a wide gap with the closest rival Congress. The PM and Home Minister Amit Shah hailed the BJP's impressive show in Gujarat.

BJP's impressive show in Gujarat.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) bagged 16 seats on its debut in Gujarat.

The BJP gained a lead by winning 2,085 seats, while the Congress won 602 seats so district and taluka panchayats in Gujarat where results for 2,771 seats out of the total 8,474 were declared on Tuesday.



"Results of the Nagar Palika, Taluka Panchayat and District Panchayat polls across Gujarat give a crystal clear message — Gujarat is firmly with the BJP's agenda of development and good governance. I bow to the people of Gujarat for the unwavering faith and affection towards BJP," tweet-ed Modi

ed Modi. Shah hailed the results of Shah hailed the results of the municipal corporation elec-tions in Gujarat, saying the BJP won around 85 per cent of the seats it contested and that the party continues on its "devel-opment journey" under the leadership of Modi. The Home Minister too

targeted the Congress, which saw a dismal performance. He said the Opposition party won only 44 seats, the number which the BJP won in Bhavnagar corporation lone.

"The municipal corporation poll results have again established Gujarat as BJP's stronghold. The BJP continues on Vikas yatra' under the lead-riship of PM Modi. Today's results are one of the best results in Gujarat," the Home Minister said.

"The BJP has won around 85 per cent of the seats it contested, and the Congress has suffered badly in this election. The Congress won only 44 seats across the whole State, while the BJP bagged 44 seats in Bhavnagar corporation alone," he added.

The Home Minister congratulated Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister of the The Congratulated Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Office of Chief Minister of the Proposition of the Proposition of Chief Minister of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Office of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Office of Chief Minister of the Proposition of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Office Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, Deputy Chief Ministe

### **CAPSULE**

GOVT NETS ₹77,815 CR IN SPECTRUM AUCTION

New Delhi: Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Jio cornered more than half of the telecom spectrum auctioned by the Government over the past two days, offering about ₹57,123 crore to consolidate its holding crore to consolidate its holding of the scarce resource that are used to carry mobile call and data signals.

ACCEPTANCE OF COVID-19
JAB HIGH AMONG WOMEN
New Delhi: Covid-19 vaccine
acceptance among pregnant
women and mothers is the
biotest is believed by believed to highest in India, the Philippines and some Latin American of 16 countries according to a survey of 16 countries that asked questions premised on a safe and free preventive with 90 per cent efficacy.

GHAZIPUR BORDER CLOSED AGAIN

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New Delhi: The Delhi Police on
Tuesday afternoon closed the
Ghazipur border again, hours
after it reopened a portion
of NH-9 for traffic movement,

# Kisan stir halts ₹35K-cr Delhi-Katra e-way in its tracks

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A fter Covid-19 pandemic, agitation has cast a shadow on the proposed Delhi-Katra Expressway corridor. This includes the Punjab stretch which has been converted into a Greenfield project by providing a direct link from Nakodar onward to the five historic towns of Sultanpur Lodhi, Goindwal Sahib, Khadoor Sahib, and Tarn Taran, leading up to Amritsar.

However, in the absence of a mandatory public hearing of the affected villagers due to ongoing agitation, the Expert Ministry has deferred the ₹35,000-crore project to be executed by the National Highway Authority of India (NiHAI) under the Union Road Transport and Highways Ministry.

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Ministry.
The total length of the



proposed project is 361.656 km — 262.656 km for Punjab Section of Delhi-Katra Delhi-Katra Expressway pro-poses to cover journey from Katra to Delhi in about seven hours and from Jammu to Delhi in just over six hours. Greenfield Amrica. Connectivity. About 24,700

Going through the project details submitted by the project proponent (NHAI) and the

Gurugram-based EIA consul-tant Feedback Infra Pvt Ltd, the EAC members noted that the proposed alignment will also cross 55 canals, 20 drains, four proposed cross 55 ce rivers, five nallah and three ponds in the Punjab Section of Delhi-Katra Expressway,

crossed by the proposed alignment of Amritsar connectivity. The public hearing was conducted in December 2020 at all eight districts of Puniah namely. Sangrur, Pattiala, Ludhiana, Jalandhar, Kapurthala, Gardaspur, Tam Taran and Amritsar by the Punjab Government. Sources said the Government had proposed to complete the landmark Katra-Delhi expressway corridor by 2023.

The Government hopes that it will promote religious tourism as the road will connect the holy cities of Katra in Jammu and Amritsar in Punjab.

The project involved the diversion of forest land. About 76 hectares of Protected Forest (roadside and canal-side plantations declared as forest) will eaffected by the proposed expressway.

# **Bamleshwari temple set** to woo religious tourists

STAFF REPORTER RAIPUR

The Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple in Dongargarh is set to become a key centre of reli-gious tourism following the completion of the development project for Rs 43.33 crores, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said on Tuesday.

Bhupesh Baghel said on Tuesday. It will also open new avenues in tourism develop-ment and employ-ment to local resi-dents, Baghel said. Under the

Under the Central govern-ment's Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and S p i r i t u a l Augmentation Drive (PRASAD), the bhomi ---: Drive (PRASAD), the bhoomi pujan event was done by Baghel in the pres-

ence of Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel virtually. Tourism Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu conducted the rituals at the temple premises. Culture Minister Amarieet Bhagat was present In October, Dongargarh was selected under PRASAD, a Central scheme that focuses on identifying and developing pilgrim sites to enrich religious tourism. developing pilgrim sit enrich religious tourism.

The Chief Minister urged the Union Minister to include the development of Kabir Chabutra, Rajmergarh and Shiv Temples in Chhattisgarh with the Amarkantak development

the Amarkantak development project under the PRASAD scheme.
Patel said Chandragiri Teerth will be included in the Dongargarh project. He laid emphasis on completion of the project within the time-frame.



# **Md Salim Left** Front face in **Bengal polls?**

In apparent bid to stump Manata Banerjee in her own alleged game the Left Front is planning to field party polithur onember and former MP Md Salima as its leading face in the coming Assembly elections, inside sources aid ruling out however that the move had anything to do with the effort to reach out to the Muslim community.

munity.

The Muslims who had largely supported the Left Front in Bengal till 2011, have been the electoral mainstay for the Chief Minister --- more so, post the rise of BJP as the main opposi-

The Bengal Chief Minister have often been criticized for

the State by appeasing the Muslims and igniting a saffron

the State by appeasing the Muslims and igniting a saffron upsurge in turn.

The ploy to field Salim who had not contested the Assembly dections in 2011 or 2016 comes in tandem with the Marxists' to tie up with the Indian Secular Front a newly erected outfit led by Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui a prominent cleric of Furfura Salim the Salim Sa

#### Manmohan: Unemployment high in India due to Govt's 'ill considered demonetisation decision

Thiruvananthapuram: Attacking the Centre, former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh on Tuesday said unemployment is high in the country and its informal sector is in shambles following the "ill consid-ered demonetisation decision" taken by the BJP-led government in 2016.

2016.

He also criticised the central government of the properties of the consultations with the states. Inaugurating a development summit virtually organised by the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Development Studies, an economic think tank aligned to the Congress ideology in poll-bound Kerala, Singh said temporary measures by the central government and the RBI to paper over the credit problem cannot blind us to the looming credit crisis ahead that could affect the small and medium sector.

medium sector.

"Unemployment is high and the informal sector is in shambles, a crisis precipitated by the ill considered demonetisation decision taken in 2016", he said at "Pratheeksha

2030."

The summit was organised to launch a Vision Document, a framework of ideas for development of Kerala well in advance of the state elections. He observed that in Kerala and many other states, public finances were in disarray with states having to resort to excessive borrowing, which creates an intolerable burden on future budgets.

"Federalism and regular consultation with states, which was the cornerstone of India's economic and political philosophy as enshrined in the Constitution, no longer finds favour with the present Central government," he said.

Singh said while Kerala's social standards are high, there are other sectors that need strong attention in the future.

the future.

There are many roadblocks ahead that the state has to overcome. The global downturn of the last two or three years, aggravated by the pandemic, has made the global interface of Kerala more fragile.

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#### Delhi man held for credit card fraud

New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested a 21-year-old man for allow!

New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested a 21-year-old man for allegedly cheating people on the pretext of redeeming their credit card points from east Delhis Preet Vihar area. The accused has been identified as Tushar Tyagi, a resident of Mandawali. He came in contact with the main accused through PUBG game. According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, an advocate Sadab Khan lodged a complaint at Malviya Nagar police station that he received a text message on his mobile phone to redeem his credit cards points.

"As soon as he clicked on the given web link and entered his card details, he lost Rs 1 lakh from his credit cards built. Suring investigation, it was revealed that the accused had used spoofed SMS services to send phishing messages of points redemption. Police found that the cheated amount had been credited first in an e-wallet account and then, it was used for purchasing the gift wouchers of a multi-brand electronic store," said the DCP.

"The e-wallet account was opened in the basis of fixed D. Thereatter police on the basis of the property of

DCP.

"The e-wallet account was opened on the basis of fake ID. Thereafter, police informed the store in Kota, Rajsthan from where the gift vouchers were obtained in different names. Police had the numbers of vouchers and alerted the manager of the store in Kota about the

them," said the DCP.

"The store has many branches across. India. The accused redeemed the wouch-rand when Tyagi came to take delivery on Sunday at Preet Vihar branch, the store staff apprehended him and handed ower to police," said the J Damid and the store staff alias Shubham while playing Fred Shubham provided game accessories to Tyagi and was talking to him think the store to Tyagi and was talking to him they be the streads. In the store the Document protocol (VOIP) cut the DOcument protocol (VOIP) cut the DOcument price of the store that the works in credit or debit cards fishing and has good knowledge to earn easily in cyber space. He offered Tyagi 20 per cent commission on sale of his purchased items. In January 2021, Shubham inbest from the stores and to sell it in the open market," said the DOC.

"After keeping his commission of 20 never the band to shad in the open mercent."

said the DCP.

"After keeping his commission of 20 per cent, he had to deposit the remaining amount to Shubhamis wallet and bank account. He has deposited around Rs 2 lakh in Shubham's account till now, the DCP said. Efforts are being made to apprehend Shubham. Police recovered 15 mart phones, including 9 iPhone, from his possession, said police.

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#### Govt will take action against officials involved in illegal appointment: Arunachal CM

Arunachal CM

Itanagar: Arunachal Pradesh Chief
Minister Pema Khandu on Tuesday said
the government will take appropriat
action against officials involved in the
alleged illegal appointment in the
Education department.

Responding to a question by senior
Congress member Ninong Ering on
appointment of teachers and other
posts in the department without conducting any interview. Khandu asserted that all such appointment would be
cancelled if proved. He said the
Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board
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Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (APSSB), was created to check corrupt practices in recruitment process.

Raising the question Ering asked the government as to why the APSSB was not informed about such appointments and want to know the total number of teachers.

and want to know the total number of teachers and multi-tasking staff (MTS) appointed without interview by the department. Education Minister Taba Tedir while denying such appointments informed the House that the department on complaint from Ering had initiated a departmental enquiry, report of which would be available soon.



An artist makes a painting of the world-famous monument Taj Mahal, as a part of the beautification of road, in Bhopal on Tuesday

#### Seers ask U'khand Govt to organise Kumbh Mela on grand scale

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Haridwar: The Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, a body of various sects of ascetics, on Tuesday asked the Uttarakhand government to organise the forthcoming Kumbh Mela in Haridwar on a grand scale.

"If the Magh Mela in Uttar Pradesh can be held on agrand scale, why not Haridwar Kumbh?" ABAP president Mahant Narendra Giri said.

Thanking Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for successfully organising the Magh Mela, Giri said the Uttarakhand government to should organise the Kumbh Mela on similar lines.

"Haridwar Kumbh should be held on a grand scale, religious discourses and kirtans should be held on the banks of the Ganga besides pitching tents for the seers," he said.

said. He asked the Uttarakhand government to remove

He asked the Uttarakhand government to remove all restrictions imposed on devotees coming for the Kumbh Mela in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. Crores of people converged at Allahabad for Magh Mela but no one contracted coronavirus nor did any-one die due to it, Giri said.

### Ruling and Opposition benches trade charges in UP Assembly over withdrawal of criminal cases

Lucknow: The Uttar Pradesh Assembly on Tuesday witnessed a slanging match between the ruling and opposition benches over withdrawal of criminal cases by the BJP government in the state. Ruling party members alleged that cases against terrorists were withdrawn during the previous regime, while the opposition benches trashed the claim and said case against "rioters'

sition benches trashed the claim and said case against "rioters" were withdrawn by the BJP government.

Replying to a question by BSP member Shyam Sundar Sharma, Law Minister Brijesh Pathak said that from April, 2017 to July, 2020, as many as 670 cases were withdrawn by the government in 'janhit' (public interest) and 'the cases pertain to political leaders

and workers". He said that after the government formation, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced the decision to with-

Minister 10g1 Adityanatin announced the decision to with-draw political cases to lessen the burden on judiciary.

In his supplementary query during the Question House, the member asked about the political cases and sought a list of all people with their party affiliation whose cases were withdrawn.

To this, the minister said that political cases are not defined but those with less serious charges were withdrawn.

"After an application is made for withdrawal of cases, a 13-point report is sought from the District Magistrate concerned and then Principal Secretaries of Home and Law departments go through

it before final decision," he said, adding that as law doesn't permit discrimination on basis of parties, it would not be appropriate to take

it would not be appropriate to take names.

"If Speaker permits, I can make the list of the persons whose cases were withdrawn public," the minister said.

In his reply without taking name of the Samajwadi Party, the minister said that the previous government withdrew cases against terrorists who had charges under the Explosives Act and even POTA.

even POTA. His reaction led to a sharp attack from Leader of the Opposition Ram Govind Chowdhary who alleged that the government had taken back cases of their own men. PTI

#### Magisterial probe ordered into clash between villagers, police in U'khand

Bhararisain (U'khand): A magisterial probe has been ordered into a clash that broke out between protesting vil-lagers and police at Diwalikhal near Gairsain, Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat said on

Trivendra Singh Rawat said on Tuesday.
Rawat told reporters here that those responsible for the clash will be brought to book but there should be no action against the innocent.
A clash erupted between protesting villagers and the

Platform ticket price raised to ₹50 at kev police on Monday at Diwalikhal when locals broke stations in MMR barricades to march to the Vidhan Sabha in Gairsain, demanding widening of the Nandprayag-Ghat motor Mumbai: The Central Railway has increased The price of platform tickets at some key stations in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) to avoid over-crowding during the upcoming summer season in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, an official said on Tuesday.

road. Villagers of Ghat area have Villagers of Ghat area have been agitating over the issue for the last two months demanding widening the stretch by 1.5 metres. Police had to burst water canons and lathicharge protesters to control them. PTI

Tuesday.

A platform ticket now costs
Rs 50 instead of the previous
rate of Rs 10 at the Chhatrapati
Shivaji Maharaj Terminus,
Dadar and Lokmanya Tilak
Terminus in Mumbai, and
neighbouring Thane, Kalyan,
Panvel and Bhiwandi Road
stations, CR's chief public relations officer Shivaji Sutar
said. Andhra logs 106 fresh Covid cases, tally over 8.9L

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#### Paper leak case: 2 Army personnel | Telangana's first Covid among 4 more held in Pune Police are now

Pune: Pune Police probing the Army paper Leak case has arrested four more persons, including two Army personnel, a senior officer said on Tuesday,

a senior officer said on 'luesday, adding that the scope of the case looked like the "tip of the iceberg".

With this, the number of persons arrested in connection with the paper leak case so far has reached seven, including an overcent of the second of the seven including an overcent of the second of the seven including an overcent of the second of

nas reached seven, including an ex-serviceman.

On February 18, the Army cancelled Army Relation Recruitment exam, which was scheduled to be held on February 28 at BEG centre in Pune, after the paper was found to be leaked.

neighbouring I hane, Kaliyan, Panyel and Bhiwandi Road stations, CK's chief public relations officer Shivaji Sutarsaid.

The new rate came into force from March 1 and will remain effective till june 15 this year, the official said.

The decision was taken to prevent over-crowding at these stations during the summer travel rush, "he said.

Since the second week of February, there has been a surge in daily COVID-19 cases in Mumbai.

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Read ret pe paper was tound to be leaked, and police are now investigating the source of the leaked paper and the exact number of andidates who had received in date of the exam.

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the date of the exam
on Tuesday.
He said the police had
formed two teams and apprehended some people who were
found to be in the possession
of a question paper and were
planning to sell it to aspirants.
We then approached
Army officials and crosschecked the question paper. We
came to know that the question
paper found in the mobile
phones of those detained by us
was the same that was set for
the February 28 exam," he
said, adding that the exam was
subsequently cancelled by the
Army.
Shisawe said the scope of
the probe looks very wide and
'the police investigation so far
could be just the tip of the iceberg." The first case was registered against three people at
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Pune, following which police arrested Ali Akhtar Khan (47), Azad Khan (37) and Mahendra Sonawane (37). The three accused had promised an aspirant to give him the question paper in exchange of Rs 1 lakh.

In another case registered at Wanwadi police station in the city, police have arrested four persons, identified as Kishor Giri (40), Madhaw Gitte (38), an ex-serviceman, Gopal Koli (31) and Uday Awati (23). Koli and Awati work in the Army, another officer said Koli is a full instructor at Batalian-2 at BEG Centre, while Awati is a regimental police personnel.

The officer said that Giri and Gitte had called 14 candidates to a hotel in Vishrantwadii area to give them the copy of

dates to a hotel in Vishrantwadi area to give them the copy of the question paper.

"Giri used to run military training classes but became tout as his business failed. Gitte retired on January 21 from Battalion-2, where the exam was supposed to be held." said Vitthal Patil, senior police inspector, Anti-Extortion Cell.

# patient, doctors felicitated

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Hyderabad: The Telangana
government on Tuesday felicitated the first Covid patient,
doctors and other staff at the
state-run Gandhi Hospital
where he along with thousands of other coronavirus
patients have been treated during the last one year.
Raw Teja, who was the first
man in Telangana to test postitive for Covid exactly a year
ago, doctors, nurses and saniattent staff of Gandhi Hospital
were felicitated by Health
Minister Eatala Rajender,
Minister Gor Animal
Husbandry T. Srinivas Yada
and other top health officials.
Both the Ministers lauded
the doctors at the Gandhi
Hospital since the first case was
reported on this day last year.
The Health Minister said
Gandhi Hospital is providing

The Health Minister said Gandhi Hospital is providing quality services at par with the corporate hospitals. He said doctors, nurses, para-medic staff and sanitation staff rendered extraordinary services during the pandemic.

Rajender said the government hospitals had bad reputation but the way doctors and the entire staff took care of Covid patients once again

bros felicitated
brought good name to the state-run health facilities.

The Health Minister recalled that when the pandemic broke out there were fears that this may lead to heaps of bodies but the way healthcare workers responded helped the country and the state to handle the situation with minimum loss of lives.

"We have come a long way healthcare workers responded with minimum loss of lives.

"We have come a long way and learnt many a lessons in the last one-year. I must congratuate the recovered Covid patients and health care workers who have worked nonstop over the entire year and saved lives," said Rajender.

He noted that during the last one-year, the healthcare workers at Gandhi Hospital treated 35,000 Covid positive women and saved the lives of nearly 7,000 Covid positive women and saved the lives of nearly 7,000 Covid positive women and saved the lives of nearly then the first few cases of Covid-19 were reported in the country in March last year, there was little information available on treatment protocols country in March last year, there was little information available on treatment protocols and life-saving drugs to treat Covid infection. IANS

# Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday registered 106 new Covid-19 cases, pushing the state's tally to over 8.9 lakh, even

state's tally to over 8.9 Jakh, even as 57 more persons have recov-ered from the virus in the past 24 hours, health officials said. Chittor district reported the highest number of cases at 33, followed by East Godavari (11 each), Anantapur (10), Srikakulam and Krishna (9 each) and Visakhapatham and West Godavari (8 each). Among other places are Guntur (7),

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Hollore (3 each infections were recorded in Prakasam and Vizianagaram districts in the past 24 hours while Chittor has been logging the highest number of cases for some days already. East Godavari's tally crossed 1.24 lakh, the highest among all the Andhra districts, while the state's positivity rate fell to 6.35 per cent, which is still higher than the national average of 5.11 per cent. IANS

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#### Goa has scope for exploiting maritime trade: CM

Panajii: Goa has scope for exploiting maritime-linked trade, especially in the areas of import and export of commodities and tourism, Chile Minister Pramod Sawant said on Tuesday, a day before he is scheduled to address the two-day Maritime India Summit 2021 that was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday.

Speaking to preporters bere Sawant

that was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday. Speaking to reporters here, Sawant thanked Narendra Modi for mentioning Goa as being one of the key areas for development of marine clusters at the summit on Tuesday, in which Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Dharmendra Pradhan, and Union Minister for State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Mansukh Mandaviya, were also present. They have invited all these investors to India. They have specially mentioned Goa and invited people to invest in shipbuilding repairs, imports and exports. I thank the Prime Minister for it, "Sawant said, adding that he will spell out the existing maritime infrastructure in Goa and craete a blueprint of new infrastructure which are needed to be raised for expanding the scope of maritime trade in Goa. IANS



Baul and Kirtan artists perform during their mass meeting at Shahid Minar, in Kolkata onTuesda

# Korba to be beautiful, healthy, educated district, says CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Inaugurating the Korba
Medical College, Chief
Minister Bhupesh Baghel
declared on Tuesday that
Korba will soon become a
beautiful, healthy and educated
district in Chhattisgarh.
Baghel said this while
addressing a function after
inaugurating the Medical
College and performing
Bhoomi Poojan of a new building of the Medical College rom
the Vidhan Sabha in Raipur
through video conferencing.
He said this is the first
time that Chhattisgarh will get
four government medical
colleges in a year.

Three medical colleges
have been approved in Korba,
Kanker and Mahasamund.

approved in Koroa, and Mahasamund. Besides, a decision has been taken to acquire the Chandulal Chandrakar Memorial Medical College. This will help improve medical education and medical



facilities in the state, he said. When Chhattisgarh w born, there was only one med-ical college -- in Raipur. Later, new Government Medical new Government Medical Colleges were established at Bilaspur, Raigarh, Ambikapur, Rajnandgaon and Jagdalpur. Stating that shortage of doctors has always been a problem, he said the govern-

ment is trying to open a med-

ical college in every Lok Sabha constituency to increase the number of doctors and to pro-vide better medical facilities. In future, the government would take steps towards establishing medical colleges at the district level, he said. Efforts would be made to start a medical college in Janjgir as

well.

well.

Budget allocation for the new medical colleges will be released in April, Baghel said.
Health Minister T.S. Singh Deo said today is a day of happiness for everyone.

piness for everyone. Chhattisgarh is continuously advancing in the field of health. School Education Minister

and Minister in charge of

and Minister in charge of Korba Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam said the building of Korba Medical College will be built for about ₹325 crors. The college will have 100 seats. Revenue Minister Jaisingh Agrawal said the college will be established in the IT college campus and 25 acres of land have been allotted.

# 35,161 agriculture pumps to get power: Baghel

A total of 35,161 agricul-tural pumps which are awaiting permanent power connection will be energized soon, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced on Tuesdav.

Chief Millister England
Baghel announced on
Tuesday.

He said this in the
Assembly on the seventh
day of the Budget session.
Following the

day of the Budget session.
Following the
announcement, the process
of providing permanent
power connection to all the
agricultural pumps will be
completed in fiscal 2021-22.
This year, electricity
connection has been provided to 10,504 pumps in
the state, the House was
informed.
Farmers have started

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going for two crops due to which demand for electric connection for the agricultural pumps is



continuously increasing.
Congress Kondagaon
MLA sought details of the
farmers from Makdi and
Kondagaon blocks who
have submitted all the documents and deposit to the
Chhatitsgarh State Power
Distribution Co Ltd (CSPD-

CL) in the last two years but are yet to get power. The Chief Minister replied that in 366 farmers in Makdi and 791 in

they did not fall in the sen-iority category and so per-manent power connection had not been provided. In Makdi, tender process was on for 235 cases. In Kondagaon, 184 connections have since been provided and the rest are pending on the basis of seniority with work in progress, he said.

# **'Security, safety** accounted for while hiring choppers'

STAFF REPORTER

All security and safety concerns will be taken care of while taking helicopters on rent, Chhattisgaria Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said on Tuesday.

The helicopters are taken on rent on the basis of a Finance and Planning department order given to the Aviation Department, he told the Assembly.

Baghel was replying to a query by former Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh on the seventh day of the Budget session.

Singh sought details of the rules and provisions for taking helicopters on rent by the government, the companies providing the services from January 1, 2011, 2011, payments made and pending payments.

Baghel said helicopter services were sought from six companies and payments were made on sanctioned rate of per flight per hours, GST and handling charges.

CG Aviator, Raipur, has been paid \$1.30 coroers from January 1 to January 31, 2021

been paid ₹1.30 crores from January 1 to January 31, 2021. Another ₹14.40 crores was paid to five companies till December 31, 2019. In 2020, a total of

Companies.

Raman Singh said CG
Aviator fell under
Non-Scheduled Operator
Permit (NSOP) category
and asked if it fulfills
the Director General of
Civil Aviation norms.
He wanted that utmost
care be taken as it concerns

He wanted that utmost care be taken as it concerns the safety of the Chief Minister.

Baghel in reply said all the norms are being taken care of before taking the helicopter on rent.

#### CM, ex-CM come face to face

Assembly Speaker Dr Charan Das Mahant before commencement of the Question Hour said that for the first time in the Chhattisgarh Assembly, a format Chief Minister is seeking reply to a question from the present Chief Minister. When some members tried to make a comment, he said no

a comment, he said no one should interrupt the proceedings and instead patiently hear the question and reply.

# 'Notice for penalty issued to Tata Project Ltd' progress in 3,223. The project has been sanctioned to Tata Project Ltd for eight years. Three times, the deadline has been extended. The delay is due to reduce to obtain village village.

Ashowcause notice has been issued to Tata Project Ltd for imposing penalty for not completing work within a time period under the BharanNet project Phase 2, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced on Tuesday.

Baghel was replying to a question raised by BIP's Ajay Chandrakar regarding the BharatNet project Phase-2 in the Assembly.

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Chandrakar had sougan details of the contribution of central and state governments, work completed in villages and pending work, extra time given to the implementation agency and penalty imposed or deducted for delaying the prainct

project. The Chief Minister said a

**Issue of English-Hindi** 

Before asking his question BJP's Ajay Chandrakar sought details in Hindi. He said as he had done MA in Hindi literature, he did not know English. All the documents provided to him were in English. He said there is a provision and a precedent that in such cases the Assembly provides the Hindi version and the question be taken up later for discussion. He said he is unable to raise further supplementary questions. The Chief Minister said as it is a Government of India project, all the agreements are in English, which is why they were provided as it is.

Food and Civil Supplies Minister Amarjeet Bhagat stood up and said: "For the first time Chandrakar looks depressed," This triggered laughter in the House as Chandrakar is known for digging further questions from answers provided.

The Speaker then said that all members were aware that Chandrakar knows many languages including English.

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड मुंगेली, जिला - मुंगेली ( छ.ग. )

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट ई.ओ.आई सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत प्रपत्र ''ए'' में प्रतिशत दर पर अनुबंध हेतु निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन ई.ओ.आई. आमंत्रित की जाती हैं :- निविदा क्र. 6/जि.ज.स्व.मि./ मुंगेली दिनांक 26.02.2021 सिस्टम निविदा क्र. 72328 Survey and DPR for 439 Single Village Scheme/Retro Fitting निविदा की अनुमानित लागत 139.84 effet, Class of Contractor Class 'C' & Above under Unified registration system, E-registration, 1st Call, Schedule of date - Bid start date - 10-03-2021, Pre Bid date- 15-03-2021, Bid due date - 25-03-2021, Physical sub.date - 26-03-2021,

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total of ₹2,464.14 crores have been received from the Centre and ₹112.82 crores is the state's contribution.

The project envisaged to 7.764 villages and work is in

<u>नोटिस</u> नाटस इमांक/222/ब-121/2018-19/1120 संयपुर, दिनांक 15 ग्रिक्त, तथ्युर, दिनकि 15 फरवरी, मृति, 1. मेससे कसी एगोटेक (ऋगी) द्वारा ग्रो. श्री हर्षय विकार व शारिकांत शर्मा बास्ये मार्केट के पीछे, शहीद स्मारक भवन, जी.इ. तेड, रावपुर 2. श्री शरिकांत शर्मा व जगसोहन शर्मा निवासी की-7, अवंति विहार कालोनी

procedures to obtain permission from village

permission from village panchayat, forest, railways and other departments. A show cause notice has been issued to the company to impose penalty for the delay, he said.

न्यायालय जिला दण्डाधिकारी रायपर (छ.ग.)

#### Cong Corporator, 9 others booked

AMBIKAPUR: Police on Tuesday booked a Congress Corporator and nine others for attacking a policeman at the Kotwali police station in Chhattisgarh's Ambikapur city, Surguja district Additional Superintendent of Police On. Chandel said a FIR was registered against Deepak Mishra and others on the complaint of policeman Satendra Dubey. They were booked for rioting, unlawful assembly, obscene act, criminal intimidation, voluntarily causing hurt, voluntarily obstructing public servant in the discharge of public function and assault or criminal force against a public servant, the officer said.

#### कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकीय खण्ड बिलासपुर ( छ.ग. )

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Public Notice for Auct AXIS Bank Ltd

Public Notice for E-Auction of pledged assets being Gold Ornaments

The Borrowers, in specific and the public in general are here buy notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledge in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted by the Axis Bank at the below mentioned Branch.

The below mentioned Borrowers has availed the credit facility from the Axis Bank Limited against the pledge of gold ornaments ("Gold Loan Facility") in favour of the Bank towards the security. The Demand notices were issued to the Borrowers/Guarantors calling up the Borrowers/Guarantors to pay their outstanding on amount, the bank is constrained to invoke the pledge and proposed to conduct an e-auction sale of pledged gold ornaments more particularly described in schedule of property hereunder on 12-03-2021 (dated) at 12-30 PM-3.30PM (time of e-auction) on "As in Where Is", "As is What Is", "Whatever There Is" and Details of Borrowers and availated resources."

etails of Borrowers and outstanding amount

Branch Name	Customer Name	Loan A/c No.	Amount Outstanding	Date of Demand Notice	Gross weight
JHILMILA [CT]	NISHANT KUMAR CHANDRAKAR	917060071454761	71,051.00	10-Dec-18	45.38
NEHRU NAGAR SQUARE BHILAI [CT]	HUMA PARVIN	919060074530750	4,01,374.04	18-Jan-21	184.3
NEHRU NAGAR SQUARE BHILAI [CT]	NISHANT JHA	919060071857164	1,91,214.89	25-Nov-19	78.4
RAIPUR [CT]	BHARAT SINGH	920060051766178	3,74,151.09	26-Dec-20	134
RAIPUR [CT]	DAMAYANTIN CHIKHLE	919060077309489	63,696.00	18-Jan-21	30.8
RAJNANDGAON [CT]	DHIREN KUMAR PANDA	918060058393912	2,32,966.21	25-Nov-19	97.2
VYAPAR VIHAR, BILASPUR [CT]	HEERA DEWANGAN	919060097006979	2,75,410.62	17-Nov-20	128.4
VYAPAR VIHAR, BILASPUR [CT]	PRIYANKA VISHWAKARMA	918060091773434	82,419.67	27-Nov-20	122.3
VYAPAR VIHAR, BILASPUR [CT]	KRISHNA KUMAR KAIWART	919060091478466	74,557.00	17-Nov-20	33.1

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# In a first, IAF to join | Politicians, VIPs come forward for jab on Day 2 'Desert Flag' in UAE

The IAF, for the first time, will take part in exercise 'Desert Flag' in the United Arab Emirates(UAE), starting Arab Emirates(UAE), starting Wednesday. The Indian pilots will test their skills with their counterparts of air forces of USA, France Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Bahrain and host UAE in the more than 20 day long multi-national exercise. Giving details of the prestigious annual exercise, IAF officials said here on Tuesday the exercise is scheduled from Moreh 2 to 27 at the AL Diefee.

March 3 to 27 at the Al-Dhafra airbase, UAE. The drill will take

airbase, UAE. The drill will take place in the strategically impor-tant Persian Gulf region. The IAF is participating with six SU-30 MKI, two C-17 and one IL-78 tanker aircraft. The C-17 Globemaster will provide support for induction and de-induction of the IAF contingent. The Su-30 MKI aircraft

will undertake long range ferry, routing direct from India to the exercise area with aerial refu-eling support from IL-78 tanker aircraft. The aim of the exercise is to provide operational expo-sure to the participating forces

In the backdrop of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's full-time praise of 'dissident' Congress leader Gulam Nabi Azad, a compliment which the latter richly returned this week, the BJP on Tuesday expressed it's 'sadness' over 'Congress tar-geting' its stalwarts who are backing the "rightful agenda" of Modi.

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BJP took a dig at the Congress amid a vocal dissent within the opposition party, saying its ideology is all about fulfilling the Gandhi family's "ambition", and anyone speak-ing against it or standing with the rightful agenda of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is cas-tigated.



while training them to under-take simulated air combat oper-ations in a controlled environ-ment. The participating forces will get an opportunity to enhance their operational capa-bilities along with mutual exchange of best practices. The large-scale exercise involving diverse fighter air-craft from across the globe will provide the participating forces, including IAF, a unique oppor-runity to exchange knowledge, experience, enhance oper-actional capabilities and intero-perability. Exercising and inter-action with the participating nations in a dynamic and real-sic warfare environment will also contribute to strengthen international relations, they said. The Indian jets will fly along with F-15 and F-16s of

Cong targeting its stalwarts who are backing rightful agenda of Modi: BJP

the US besides Rafales and Mirage-2000s of the French Air

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Over the last decade, IAF has regularly hosted and participated in multi-national operational exercises, wherin collaborative engagements are undertaken amongst the best air forces of the world.

Incidentally, the IAF participation comes at a time when India has forged strong ties with countries in the Gulf region. Army Chief General M Naravane was the first chief to visit Saudi Arabia and UAE in December last year. Moreover, the UAE provided mid-air refuelling facilities to the IAF for bringing their Rafales from France over a 7,000 km journey to Ambala in September last year.

both party general secretaries — and Priyanka's husband

and Priyanka's husband Robert Vadra.

"Their only agenda is hate Modi! It has grown to such an extent that Congress workers are protesting on the streets against their own leaders who have praised good works of Modi," he said answering a question.

aroun, the said aliswering a question had praised Modi at an event-G-23 meet in Jammu on Saturday, saying he speaks frankly about his past as a teaseller and does not try to hide his background from the world. Modi left everyone guessing, last month, while speaking in the Rajya Sabha in the last session of the Parliament as he went on praising the retiring Azad.

A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation's vaccination drive by taking the Covid-19 vaccine, a battery of politicians cutting across party lines and VIPs from various walks of life came forward to inoculate themselves on the second day of the

serves on the second day of the second phase of the vaccination programme aimed to cover persons over 60 years of age and those between 45-59 years with co-morbidities.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan and his wife took the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine at the Delhi Heart and Lung Institute on Tuesday. A constant of the control o

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan and his wife being administered dose of Covid-19 vaccine at the Delhi Heart and Lung Institute on Tues national Capital Ranjan Di

# Don't take Covid-19 lightly, cautions Min

admitted this during the inter-action with the teams deputed there," Paul said. Notably, municipal elec-tions and other local body

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While maintaining that India's current positivity rate suggests Covid pandemic is under control, the Union Health Ministry cautioned people about not taking the virus lightly after the vaccination programme has started and evolution programme has started and evolution programme has tended and programme has tended and the programme has tended and large gatherines, parties, eveddings etc. "Thee could be super spreading events," warned Dr VK Paul, Member (Health), NITI Asrog, As Gujarat, Punyab, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattigarh and Delhi, apart from Kerala and Maharashtra 'reports' upstick in cases each passing day, Paul who is also the chairperson of the National Task Proce on Cowild-Us VR Paul, blamed on the wedding season coinciding with elections in some of them as a few of the reasons for the resurgence of infections.

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Paul said he got the information after taking inputs from various State Governments, which engaged with the Centre deputed teams there to find out the probable causes behind the steady rise in the number of cases.

People have gone lax on the Covid protocols. The reasons which the States have cited behind this laxity include crowding at wedding functions and elections. Many states

duce a medical certificate attested by a registered medical practitioner at the time of vac-cination at the Covid-19 vaccination centre. This phase is likely to cover close to 270 mil-lion beneficiaries. Beneficiaries will have to

less than 2 per cent (1.51 per

K'taka Minister gets vaccinated at home. Centre seeks report on vaccination protocol violation



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Taking exception to a Karnataka Minister's act of getting vaccinated at his residence, the Union Health Ministry called it a violation of protocol and has sought a report in the matter. However, the Minister BC Patil brazened it out saying that his decision to take the vaccine at home cannot be considered wrong. The video and pictures of health officials administering the vaccine at Patil's home were widely shared on social media where people talked about the misuse of processes by the minister at a time when

Notably, municipal elec-tions and other local body polls have been conducted in Gujarat and few other states recently, while West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam and Puducherry are sched-uled to go to the polls in March-April. Wedding ceremonies also act as superspreaders of the disease since they attract a sub-stantial crowd, often throwing social distancing norms to the wind. social distancing norms to the wind.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said though certain states including Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamill Nadu, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are seeing a surge in number of Covid-19 active cases, of the fact remains that recovered cases are still more than 97 per cent and India's active cases are still more than 97 per cent and India's active cases are still sees than 2 per cent (1,51 per by the minister at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah among

other Cabinet Ministers had gone to the hospital to receive the shot.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said at a press briefing on Tuesday that "This is not allowed in the protocol. We have asked for a report from the State Government."

However, the minister in question justified his action, arguing that, "There were many people in the house and Iwould have to wait for around half an hour at the hospital is why I took it at home."

He added that there were certain privileges and his decision to take the vaccine at home cannot be considered wrong. Patil said that he had only called health officials home for the vaccine.

less than 2 per cent (1.51 per cent). Per cent (1.51 per cent). Per pointed out that, "According to the World Health Organisation, if 140 tests per sullion are being conducted per day and the case or below, it means the Covid-19 pandemic is under control. We are very close to that mark at 5.11% overall case positivity."

register on the Co-Win website and book an appointment for vaccination. There is also an option for booking a walk-in appointment after registration. While Government hospitals will provide the vaccine free of charge, the price has been kept at ₹250 per dose in private hospitals. R S Sharma, the Chairman of the Empowered Group (EG) on COVID-19 Vaccine Administration, said there were no glitches in the system. What happened was that people were looking for an App no Playstore which appeared similar to Co-WIN and started using that, when no mobile ed using that, when no mobile

App meant for registration is actually present right now, he

the registrations were opened up at 9 am, we had about 50 lakh registrations on our sit. Though there were some glitches in the first version of the Co-WIN which was launched on January 16, we have had no glitches in the new version of the system, he said. The number of transactions and data transmission will be very large, he said adding that "We want data to be secure and free from cyber-attacks.

that "We want data to be secure and free from cyber-attacks. We are taking best security practices. We are only collect-ing data in the form of name, age and gender as we need to monitor the second dose." Total number of hospitals which are involved in this job are 26,000-27,000. There are 12,500 private hospitals, Sharma added.

# BJP's national spokesperson Sambit Patra told a press conference here that the Congress will "castigate" anyone who wants democracy in the party, wants its president to be eloced, speaks in favour of politics of development or stands with Modis rightful agenda. While stating that the G23, a reference to the group of 23 senior Congressmen pushing for an organisational overhaul in the party, is an internal matter of the opposition party, Patra said it is "saddening" to see senior leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad and others being targeted. The Congress is now all about four leaders, he alleged. The Congress is now all adout four leaders, he alleged, referring to its president Sonia Gandhi, her son Rahul and daughter Priyanka Vadra — EC slashes public notice time for registration of new parties to 7 days

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Keping in view the prevailing restrictions on account
of Covid-19, the Election
Commission (EC) on Tuesday
reduced the public notice period for registering new political
parties from 30 days to seven
days in all the five poll-bound
States. This relaxation will
remain in force till March 19, the
last date for filing nominations
in Assam, Tamil Nadu, Kerala
and Puducherry, and till April 7
for West Bengal(the last date for
filing nominations for the last
phase in the State).

The order said a party seeking registration with the
Commission has to submit an
application within a period of 30
days following the date of its formation. According to officials,
60 to 70 political parties have
approached the poll body in the
past two-three months seeking
registration.

As per the existing guide-

registration.

As per the existing guide-lines, the applicant association should publish the proposed name of the party in two nation-al daily newspapers and two

local daily newspapers, on two
days for submitting objections,
if any, with regard to the proposed registration of the party,
within 30 days from such publication. The EC has announced
general elections for the legislative Assemblies of West Bengal,
Tamil Nadu, Kerala and
Puducherry on February 26, It
has been brought to the notice
of the EC that in view of the
Covid pandemic situation, there
was dislocation and delay in
mowing applications for registration, which in turn led to
delay in registration as a politiintowing applications for registration, which in turn led to delay in registration as a political party. After considering all aspects of the matter, the Commission has given a relaxation by reducing the notice period from 30 days to 7 days for the parties who have published their public notice on or before February 26. For all parties, including those which have already published the public notice in less than 7 days prior to February 26, objection, if any, can be submitted latest by 5.30 p.m., on March 2 or by the end of the originally provided 30-day period, whichever is earlier.

# NIA takes up WB railway station bomb blast case

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The NIA has taken up investigation of bomb blast at Nimita Railway Station, Murshidabad, West Bengal after re-registering the case originally registered by the State police.

The bomb explosion at Nimita Railway Station in Murshidabad had caused serious injuries to 22 people including Jakir Hossain, Minister of State for Labour, West Bengal Government.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 05/21 dated February 17, 2021 under various Indian Penal Code Sections and the Explosive Substance Act against unknown miscreants at Azimganj GRP PS, Murshidabad on the statement of Md. Allarakha.

"The NIA re-registered the case as RC-04/2021/NIA/DIL and has taken over the investigation today. Investigation in the case continues," the NIA said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the NIA regis-

Meanwhile, the NIA regis-tered a case related to conspir-acy by terrorist organisation.



Lashker-e-Mustafa, a frontal outfit of JeM.

The case relates to conspiracy by frontal terror organization Lashkar-e-Mustafa working at the behest of proscribed terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed to carry outerrorist activities in Jammu area with the aim of threatening the sovereintry interrights.

area with the aim of threatening the sovereignty, integrity and security of India.

The case was initially registered as FIR number 16/2021 of Gangyal Police station, Jammu on February 6, 2021 under section 18, 20 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

01/2021/NIA/JMU on March
2, 2021 and has taken over the
investigation.
The arrested accused
Hidayat-ullah Malik is the chief
of Lashker-e-Mustafa. During
searches, one hand grenade,
three magazines and 28 rounds
with other incriminating material were recovered from his
possession, it said.
Hidayat-ullah Malik had
done reconnaissance of many

done reconnaissance of many security installations in Jammu and Delhi in 2018 and 2019 for carrying out terror attacks.

He has been associated

with other terror groups in past and has furthered subversive and terror activities in Kashmir valley.

# Kangana, her sister move SC, seek transfer of cases

Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel have moved the Supreme Court seeking transfer of cases pending against them in Mumbai to a court in

transfer of cases pending against them in Mumbai to a court in Shimla, alleging there would be threat to their lives if the trial proceeds there because of "personal vendetta" of Shiv Sena leaders against them.

The actress and her sister said they apprehend that if trial in these cases are conducted in Mumbai, there would be a "material thera" to their life and property as the Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra Government has been "harassing" them.

"The petitioners face a threat unto life if the trials proceed in Mumbai, because of personal vendetta of Shiv Sena leaders against the petitioner herein," said the plea, filed recently through advocate Neeraj Shekhar.

The plea has sought transfer of trial of FIRs and complaints registered against them,

AKHTAR HAD FILED
A COMPLAINT
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RANAUT ALLEGING
auring COVID-19 pandemic. It said subsequently, Twitter account of Chandel was suspended after which Ranaut had spoken on a social media video CRIMINAL DEFAMATION

including a complaint case filed by veteran lyricist Javed Akhtar against Ranaut alleging defama-tion, from Mumbai to a com-

against Nahaut aneging detains-tion, from Mumbai to a com-petent court in Shimla in Himachal Pradesh.
It said that Akhtar had filed a complaint case against Ranaut alleging criminal defamation after the actress had given an interview to a newschannel last year in which she had talked about a meeting with the lyri-cist in 2016.
It has further sought trans-fer of an FIR lodged in Mumbai by one Ali Kashif Khan Deshmukh which relates to Chandel's tweet in which she had expressed her anguish over attack on doctors

against it.

The plea said Khan had lodged an FIR against Ranaut and Chandel for the alleged offences under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including 295A which deals with deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class.

are ann mancious acts internet to outrage religious feelings of any class. It said that the same complainant had also filed a complainant casebefore the Metropolitan Magistrate, Andheri, against the petitioners. "Multiple proceedings on the same cause of action clearly demonstrates how the said complainant is just trying the harass the petitioners herein," the piea has also sought transfer of an FIR lodged by one Minster of an FIR lodged by one Alli for the alleged offences of sedition against them.

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#### Cancellation of e-NIT-24 of 2020-21

Subject : - Supply of liquid chlorine to be refilled in Deptt. Chlorine tonners as per IS 646-2020 with latest amendment (in chlorine tonners of capacity 900 Kgs) for Water Treatme Plants of Kashmir PHE Jal Shakti Department Srinagar.

Ref: 1. This office NIT No: PHE/QC&PD/24/2020-21/e-Tender 27-11-2020. DPC decision held on 22-01-2021 and minutes circulated vide N JSD/Misc/22997-98 Dated: -23-01-2021.

As per decision of the DPC as referred in reference in its meeting held on 22-01-2021, due to poor response the e-NIT No. PHE/QC&PD/24/2020-21 Dated: 27-11-2020, is hereby

No. DIPK-14257/20 Dated: 02-03-2021

Sd/- Executive Engineer, QC&PD Jal Shakti HMT Srinagar

# CCTVs in offices of probe agencies: SC expresses displeasure over delay

The Supreme Court Tuesday expressed displeasure over the Centre for 'dragging its feet' by seeking more time on the issue pertaining to installation of CCTV cameras in the offices of investigating agencies. RF Nariman, which observed that this issue concerns the rights of citizens, said it is not accepting theexcuses given in the letter filed by the Centre seeking adjournment in the

matter.

"We are getting a distinct impression that you are dragging your feet," the bench, also 'We are getting a distinct impression that you are

dragging your feet'

comprising Justices B R Gavai and Hrishikesh Roy, told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who was repre-senting the Centre. The apex court had on

December 2 last year directed the Centre to install CCTV cameras and recording equip-ment at the offices of investi-gating agencies — the Central

ment at the offices of investi-gating agencies — the Central Bureau of Investigation, National Investigation Agency, Enforcement Directorate, Narcotics Control Bureau, Department of Revenue Intelligence, Serious Fraud Investigation Office and any other agency which carries out interrogations and has the power of arrest. During the hearing con-ducted through video-confer-





# **ADMK in dilemma as BJP** wants to rope in Sasikala

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Chief Minister Edappadi
Palaniswamy and his
deputy O Panneerselvam are
facing the biggest test in their
political career as the BIP
national leadership wants the
duo to accommodate VK
Sasikala, former aide to J
Jayalalithaa, in the AIADME
led alliance to fight the April 6
Assembly election.
Palaniswamy, who ruled
out any possibilities of Sasikala
getting accommodated in the
AIADMK would be doing a
vault face if he agrees to the diktat of the BIP. The Hindutwa
party's directive to the

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party's directive to the AIADMK leadership is a follow up to a report by various inteligence agencies that Sasikala and her nephew TTV. Dhinakaran are capable of spoiling the chances of the AIADMK's winnability in 40 to 45 constituencies in southern districts of Tamil Nadu.

"The BJP wants the AIADMK with the election because then it could remote control Tamil Nadu from New Delhi. But both Palaniswamy and Pannerselvam know well that if they yield to the command of the BP it would be the end of their political careers," said Sam Rajappa, long time observer of Tamil Nadu politics. Pannerselvam, who was sworn in as Chief Minister fol Jayalaithaa on Dec 5, 2016 was sword in a Schief Minister fol Jayalaithaa on Dec 5, 2016 was sword in Sakiakala and her close relations to pave the way for her

relations to pave the way for her to become chief minister. Though she was unani-mously elected as chief minis-

ter by the AIADMK legislature, the Supreme Court order upholding the Bangalore Special Court's verdict sen-tencing Sasikala to four years rigorous imprisonment came the next day. That spoiled her chioef ministerial dreams as he had to surrender in Parappana Agrahara Central Prison to

Agrahara Central Prison to serve her term.
Palaniswamy was hand-picked by Sasikala to stand in as-chief minister in her absence. But when Dhinakaran, her nephew decidied to take over the dministration by ousting Palaniswamy, the Blp inter-vened and made EPS and OPS to patch up. The duo eased out Sasikala and Dhinakaran from to patch up. The duo eased out sasikala and Dhinakaran from the party and established their control over the AIADMK and the government. Now that Sasikala has come back to Chennaiafter serving her term in the jail, she has staked her claims. This has upset the Palaniswamy-Panneerselvam duo. Dhinakaran , who had launched Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhakam (AMMK), claiming that the AIADMK has become history made a volte face and declared that the out-fit had been launched to retrieve the AIADMK.

Palaniswamy had successfully completed four years in power and has been looking at a second shot at the chief minister's chair when the BIP has asked him to take the AMMK into the alliance fold. Amit Sha, union home minister, who was in Chennai on Sunday is elieuwed to have told EPS and

Sha, union home minister, who was in Chennai on Sunday is believed to have told EPS and OPS tp patch up with Chinnamma (as Sasikala is addressed by her cadre).

Theyar community, which is quite powerful in southern districts. In Dravidian Tamil Nadu, it is the caste factors that determine the fate of elections. The Vanniyar dominated PMK walked away with 23 seats from the AIADMK in Saturday's seat sharing talks. The BJP has been offered 20 seats by the AIADMK but the former expressed unhappiness over what has been offered to it. Seat sharing talks between the AIADMK and the BJP have been held up because of the uncompromising stance of both the parties. AS Gurumurrhy, editor. Thuglaq and advisor to Tamil Nadu BJP had said that while he was not averse to the Theyar community

Thughaq and advisor to Tamil Nadu BJP had said that while he was not averse to the AIADMKs alliance with the AMMK, he would strongly oppose any kind of mergy between the two parties. "Though both the DMK and AIADMK are corrupt, the DMK is a dynastic party while the AIADMK is democratic. If Sasikala and her family members return to the AIADMK, that will be the end of the AIADMK founded by MGR and nurtured by layalalithaq." Gurumurthy had said on January 15 during the Thuglaq Founder's Day.

While the DMK is expected to ink the deal with Congress in a day or two, the AIADMK is faced with issues like the anger of Vijayakant-led DMDK which wants an equal number of seats as was given to PMK. A clear picture of the political landscape before the assembly polls would emerge in three days, according to sources in AIADMK.

### BIP to unleash high-voltage campaign | DADRA NAGAR HAVELI MP SUICIDE to wrest power in Puducherry

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Bengaluru: The BIP plans to
unleash a high-voltage campaign in Puducherry with a
battery of central leaders as it seeks to wrest power in the
union territory in the coming
assembly elections.
The party in-charge for
Puducherry Nirmal Kumar
Surana said the BIP would
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Stharman and Smriti Irani, he
told PTI here.
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already launched the party's campaign in the tiny union ter-ritory. Surana, who is Vice-

President of Karnataka unit of BJP, said discussions were underway with the All India NR Congress (AINRC) and AIADMK on seat-sharing for the elections and it would be finalised as soon as possible.

possible.

Asked if the NDA plans to declare its Chief Ministerial candidate, he said: "All the

candidate, he said: "All the matters are getting discussed". Surana said Puducherry Assembly Speaker V P Sivakolundhu, who quit on Sunday citing health reasons, is in touch with the BJP and would decide on joining the party in a day or two. Sivakolundhu won from tawspet constituency in the 2016 assembly elections on a Congress ticket.

Congress ticket His brot

Ramalingam joined the BJP in Karaikal in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his campaign visit on Sunday

Shah during his campaign visit on Sunday.

"He (Sivakolundhu) wants his brother (Ramalingam) to contest from his constituency (Lawspet), Surana said.

On how many seats the NDA hoped to win in Puducherry, he claimed that according to his assessment the Congress would not be able to win even a single seat.

Puducherry is now under President's rule after the Congress would not be able to win even a single seat.

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MLAs and a DMK brother V P legislator.

be, but the person is not above law. Action should be taken against the person concerned." In Parliament, Delkar had raised the issue of harassment meted out to him by the UT administration. "He tried to draw the attention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah to the harassment faced by him from Praful Patel and others. Coming from Tribal community, Delkar came to Mumbai to commit suicide. He expected that justice would be done to him in Mumbai after his death? Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray had said on Sunday last that he would request Prime Minister Manies and the would request Prime Minister Manies and the would request Prime Minister damit Shah to direct the authorities in the Union Territory to cooperate with the Mumbai in the investigations. "The probe hasn't begun."

from in," Akhliesh said in a tweet in Hindi.
"Enough of the artocities on women, this time BJP is out," he added. Akhliesh also tagged a video of a girl, said to be the victim's daughter along with his tweet. In the video, the girl is heard saying, "Please" goke me justice. Please give me justice. Please give me justice. Please give me justice. First, he molested me and now he has shot my father. He had come to our village. There were six-seven people. My father had no emmity against anyone. His name is Gaurav Sharma, he is a dog…" PTI bungalow.

### Mumbai cops should register FIR against those named in Delkar's suicide note: Cong

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Two days after Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said that his Government would investigate the circumstances leading to the the circumstances leading to the alleged suicide by seven-time Dadra Nagar Haveli MP Mohan S Delkar, the Maharashtra Congress on Tuesday clamoured for the registration of an FIR against the persons whose names figured in the 15-page suicide note left by the deceased MP.

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Participating in a debate or the Governor's address to a joint the Governor's address to a joint sitting of both the Houses in the State Legislature, Maharashtra State Congress president and senior party legislator Nana Patole said: "He wanted justice. That why came to Mumbai and committed suicide. In his sui-cide note, he has named sever-al persons. But still an EIR has

cide note, he has named sever-al persons. But still an FIR has not been registered. The police should register an FIR without any further delay and initiate stern action in the case". Alluding to the role of Administrator of the Union Territory (UT) of Dadra, Nagar Havell and Daman & Diu and former BJP MLA Praful Patel in the death, Patole said: "The name of former minister of home Praful Patels figures in Delkar's dying declaration. He home Praful Patel's figures in Delkar's dying declaration. He is the Administrator of the Union Territory (UT). However big and influential a person may be, but the person is not above law. Action should be taken

with the Mumbai in the investigations.

"The probe hasn't begun yet. But I will request the Prime Minister and Home Minister to instruct the authorities in the Union Territory to cooperate with the Mumbai police when they reach there for investigation," Uddhav said, while interacting with media persons on the ewe of the budget session of the Maharashtra Legislature.
"An independent MP+ ends hied life by suicide..he wrote 14 to 16 pages... He commits because of harasent. This is serious," Uddsav said.

In his weekly column

"Last year, there was such a hullabaloo and sensation in the media. Now everyone is silent. Delkar's purported sui-cide note blamed the adminis-trator of Dadra and Nagar Haveli for alleged harassment

trator of Dadra and Nagar Haveli for alleged harassment and pressure brought to bear on him to join the BJP. Raut had written on Sunday.

On his part, Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh had said last that the Mumbai police would investigate the circumstances leading to Delkar's suicide.

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Or lebruary 22. Fifty-eight-year-old Delkar is suspected to have committed suicide by hanging himself. The police had recovered a 16-page suicide note from the hotel room where Delkar's body was found.

On February 24, the ruling Congress – which is one of the three constituents in the MVA government in Maharashtra had turned the needle of suspicion towards Administrator of the Union Territory (UT) of Dadra, Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu and former BJP MLA Praful Patel who, it alleged, was among the UT officials that harassed Delkar leading the latter ending his life.

In a video-conference held

cials that harassed Delkar leading the latter ending his life. In a video-conference held with Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh, State Congress general secretary Sachin Sawant and party's spokesperson Dr Raju Wagmare alluded to a video clip released by late Delkar in mid-2020 and the suicide note left by the latter and rooted for thorough investigations into the circumstances leading to the suicide by the stiting MP. The tragic end of Mr Delkjar needs to be investigated. He has left a 16-page suicide note in which he has mentioned the names of all the officials who harassed him. It is being discussed no page saticule role in which has mentioned the names of all the officials who harassed among people that he has mentioned the name of Praful Patel, who is currently working as the Administrator of Dadra, Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu since 2016; Sawant and Dr Wagmare had said in their representation to the State Home Minister.

"Mr Patel is a former BJP MLA from Himatnagar constituency in Gujarat for its 12th Legislative Assembly. He also served as an Minister of State for Home of Gujarat and is very close to the RSS and BJP's national leadership," the two Congress leaders had said.

"It is pertinent to note that Delkar travelled to Mumbai late Travelled to Mumbai late and Sunday, checked into a hotel and committed suicide' by hanging himself in the room. He may have chosen to come to Mumbai committing suicide because of he was not sure to Gumbai with an expectation from the MVA government that the culprits who compelled him to take the extreme step would be punished by law," the two Congress leaders stated in their letter.

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An elephant takes a dust bath on a hot summer day, at Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata on Tuesday

#### Dalit girl in Aligarh was strangulated, no clear evidence of rape: Police

Man arrested for attempt to

**Banda**: A man has been arrested for allegedly trying to rape a 14-year-old girl in Banda district in Uttar Pradesh, police said on Tuesday.

rape teenage girl in Banda

Aligarh (UP): The postmortem report of the teenage Dalit girl, whose body was found here on Sunday, has not indicated any clear evidence of rape and found that she was strangulated to death, a senior official said here.

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Five persons have been picked up by the police for questioning in the case, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Muniraj G told mediapersons on Monday night.

The body of the 16-year-old girl was found in a field in Akrabad area here following which villagers clashed with police and indulged in stone pelting/inspector Pranendra Kumar was injured in the attack.

The postmortem report has not indicated any clear evidence of rape, the SSP said.

Three minor girls go missing in UP's He said that in view of the inconclusive evidence the police has decided to conduct further Shahjahanpur after has decided to conduct further microbiological tests using vaginal swabs. "The proceedings of the postmortem were videographed. There were multiple injury marks on the body of the victim who died due to strangulation," the SSP said.

An FIR has been registered under IPC 302 (murder), 376 (rape) and POCSO Act. Earlier, on Monday when the body was handed over to the family for last rites, a large group of protestors leaving home for school

Shahjahanpur (UP): Three minor girls went missing here after they left home for school, with one of them carrying cash and clothes sup-posedly meant for a programme at the insti-tution, police said on Tuesday. Two of the girls are aged 15 and one is 10, Superintendent of Police 8 Anand said, adding that three teams have been formed to look into the matter.

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The three girls are from separate localities in the Sadar area and study in the same school. They left home on Monday to go to the school, Assistant Superintendent of Police (City) Praveen Kumar told PTI.

He said one of them was carrying Rs 2,500 and another had taken Rs 2,700 and clothes with her

with her.

One of the girls told her family members that she had packed the clothes as there was a programme at the school, the police said.

Police were informed about the matter on Monday night when the girls did not return home, Kumar said.

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Last month in the district, a BA secondyear student of a college run by the Mumukshu
Ashram of former Union minister Swami
Chimmayanand was found without clothes and
severely burnt along a national highway.
She said in a statement before a magistrate
that three people tried to rape her in a field near
asi Kheda village and when they did not succeed, they poured kerosene and set her on fire.
Four people, including a female friend who had
allegedly sent her to the field, were arrested
from different places in the district.

PTI

# Molestation victim's father killed by accused on bail "Before my father could say anything, he opened fire on him. We rushed him to the hospital, where he died," the girl said in the FIR. The victim had lodged a case of molestation of his daughter two and a half years ago against Gaurav, who was jalled. Gaurav, then, came out on bail after a month and he had animosity with Ambrish since then, the SP added. Taking note of the insident Chief

Lucknow: A 50-year-old man was allegedly shot dead in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras district by an accused out on bail in a case of molestation lodged in 2018 against the victim's daughter, police said uesday. 'The incident took place in Nozarpur

on Tuesday.

"The incident took place in Nozarpur village of Sasani area in Hathras on Monday afternoon when the daughters of Ambrish Sharma (50) had gone to a temple, where the wife and aunt of accused Gaurav Sharma were present. The women had heated arguments with each other after which both Gaurav and Ambrish also reached there, "Hathras Superintendent of Police Vineet Jaiswal said Roth Gaurav and Ambrish also had an argument after which the accused called some members of his family and shot Ambrish in a fit of rage, the SP said. Ambrish was rushed to the hospital where he was declared brought dead, the SP added.

According to an FIR lodged by the victim's daughter, however, the incident took place in their family potato field.

victim's daughter, however, the incident took place in their family potato field. The Hathras SP said the FIR had been registered against Gaurav Sharma, Lalit Sharma, Rahitas Sharma, Rishita Sharma, Rahitas Sharma, Rishita Sharma, and two others. Out of them, Lalit has been arrested while the main accused Gaurav is absconding. In the FIR, it was alleged that the girl was there in her family potato field with her father Ambrish when Gaurav came in a white car with his accomplice and asked Ambrish to take back the case lodged against him.

# 14-year-old girl in Banda district in Uttar Pradesh, police said on Tuesday. The 22-year-old man dragged the girl and tried to rape her on Monday when she was grazing goat in a forest area, Dehat police station SHO Pradeep Kumar Yadav said. He said that the accused has been arrested and booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and other relevant sections of IPC. The girl has been sent for medical examination.

# Firms should support startup tyros: Raj Guv Jaipur: Rajasthan Governor Rajasthan Business Conclave skills of the youth studying in technical, management and higher education to the best of the shift He said with the

handed over to the tamily for last rites, a large group of protestors collected at the the house of the victim and blocked traffic on the main Agra road.

The SSP said efforts are on for giving adequate financial compensation to the victim's family.

PTI

Jaipur: Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra said on Tuesday that industrial organisations should encourage and support the youth who want to start new startups.Such efforts are neces-sary to speed up the economy and generate employment, he said.

ı. Mishra was addressing the

of Kajasthan Industry in Japur.
He said there was a need of
changing the thinking of youths
that they can get employment by
getting a degree.
The governor said industrial organisations should also
play their role in developing the

skills of the youth studying in technical, management and higher education to the best of their ability. He said with the availability of trained young professionals at the local level, investment in industries would in the state and the problem of youth employment will also be solved. PTI

#### members as five star category restaurant starts at club house

Jaipur: Commissioner of Rajasthan Housing Board and Patron of RAS Club, Japur: Commissioner of Rajasthan Housing Board and Patron of RAS Club, Pawan Arora informed that giving a big gift to the members of RAS club, operation of high level five star category restaurant has been started here from Monday. There are 203 types of items in this restaurantee 39s, menu. Usually, this type of option is not available in the menu of restaurants in clubs. This restaurant offers seating for up to 10 people simultaneously.

The club&e39s patron, Pawan Arora, said that the coffee shop, bar, banquet hall, air-conditioned rooms, conference room and gym facilities are already operational in this club. Recently the art gallery has also been inaugurated here. Arora said that members of the club can enjoy family delicacies in this restaurant.

#### Good news for RAS Club | BSF seizes 20,000 kg of smuggled dry peas in Meghalaya

Shillong: The BSF has seized 20,000 kg of smuggled dry peas worth over Rs 20 lakh from Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills district, an official said on Tuesday.

The dry peas were smuggled from Bangladesh, the official said.

official said. 
Acting on a tip-off, the BSF launched a special operation and intercepted 10 mini-trucks loaded with 20,000 kg of dry peas at an area under Muktapur police station in the district on Monday night, a BSF spokesper-

son said in a statement.

The seizure, however, did not go without protest as smugglers outnumbered the BSF personnel and the police, he said.

'Aggressive villagers confronted BSF personnel and the pick- up vehicles managed to escape. On pursuit with the escaped vehicles, the villagers started pelting stones and empty bottles on BSF personnel," the spokesperson said.

To prevent the situation from going out of control the BSF fired one round of non-lethal weapon in the

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Taking note of the incident, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has ordered strict action to be taken against the accused and directed officials to imoke provisions of the stringent National Security Act (NSA) against them.

Meanwhile, the Samajwadi Party reacted to the incident with its president Akhilesh Yadava uleging that women in UP have lost hope of justice from the state government.

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"After 'Hathraski beti', murder of a father who had complained of molestation of his daughter has taken place. UP's women has not lost hope from the government has stopped seeking justice from it," Akhilesh said in a tweet in Hindi.
"Enough of the streeties on women

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PAPER WITH PASSION

# Scorcher ahead!

Climate change is real; not acknowledging it is not going to protect us from the inevitable

the rising temperatures in the last few days of February and an unusually hot March are bothering you, it is because most of the northern, western and eastern parts of India breached the 30°C-mark nearly two to three weeks before they usually do. In fact, the country needs to brace for a hotter-than-usual summer this year as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast that day temperatures are likely to be 0.86°C higher than normal in the north, northeast, parts of east and west India between March and May. The worst impact is likely in Odisha and Chhattisgarh, where the maximum temperatures will deviate  $0.86^{\circ}$ C from their usual averages. Last week, Bhubaneswar was the



first region to record 40°C anywhere in the country this year and Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh should brace for summer temperatures anywhere from 0.46°C to 0.71°C above normal. The IMD last month had said the minimum temperature recorded in the country in January was the warmest for the month in 62 years, with South India being particularly warm. It is not surprising that we expe rienced a shorter winter and are getting warnings of a sizzling summer ahead as, according to a Government report on current climate change impacts and future scenarios till the end of the century, India needs to control greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on a war footing. The failure to do so will mean major heatwaves, droughts, cloudbursts, floods and a more degraded coastline, says a report by the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).

Worryingly, India's saverage temperature rose by around 0.7°C during 1901–2018 and, unless urgent steps are taken to control GHG emissions between 2070 and 2099 average, the temperature will rise by approximately 4.4°C relative to the recent past (1976–2005) average). The high GHG emissions would increase the heat on Earth's surface by 8.5 watts per square metre. Called RCP8.5, this is the worst-case scenario used by climate modellers worldwide. In a medium GHG emissions scenario, called RCP4.5, the average temperature in India would rise by 2.7°C in the last 30 years of this century. Before that, during 2040-2069. India's average temperature would rise by 2°C in a medium emissions scenario, and by 2.4°C in a high emissions scenario. Despite all nations making pledges under the 2015 Paris climate agreement, current emissions are taking the world to the worst-case scenario, though other development pathways are not only available but eco-nomically more attractive in the medium and long term. So, the only option before us is to go green, else we will perish because we are already feeling the effects of a planet that has been pushed to breaking point. The most recent examples of this are the Chamoli tragedy in Uttarakhand and the "Big freeze" in Texas. It is the collective responsibility of the peoples, every business and every industry on the planet to fight climate change so that we leave a greener, cleaner world for our children and not a dying planet.



# The right path

Modi's plans and policies speak volumes about his intention to empower the 'real' farmers at the grassroots

Thousands of farmers in India die by suicide every year as they see no option to get out of the debt trap. The poor and marginal farmers depend upon loans for purchasing seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, irrigation and even harvesting. Most of these growers find it more convenient to borrow at heavy interest rates from moneylenders or big cultivators rather than from banks, thanks to the cumbersome paperwork and the



broker-bank officials' nexus. However, these deaths. as recorded by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), fail to shake the collective conscience of society and are just another figure for most of us. Ironically, there is no outcry, no borders are sealed, no tractor rallies organised, no national monuments sieged, no violence. This is because these deaths don't affect the interests of the politically connected and powerful "arhatiya" community that drives the Agricultural Produce Marketing Community (APMC) in Punjab, Haryana and parts of Western Uttar Pradesh. This strong community is at loggerheads with the Government over three new agril laws for shielding its own interests. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recent-parted that the Covernment is underlay for the agriculture sector in Budget 2021-22 and reit-parted that the Covernment is underlay for repail and angelium level former.

erated that the Government is working for small and medium-level farmers.

One might argue that Modi is not concerned about the farmers camping at Delhi's borders and project him as "anti-farmer" and "pro-corporate", but his plans and policies speak volumes about his intention to empower the "real" farmers at the grassroots. The Prime Minister has said that India needs to expand its agriculture sector to the global market for processed food. He also emphasised that the number of agro-industry clusters near villages should be increased so that the rural populace gets farm-related employment in the vicinity. It is indeed a plan that will likely empower the marginal and small farmers. If the Government succeeds in providing market access to these farmers (small and marginal) beyond *mandis*, it would prove to be a milestone. Further, the Government has increased the agriculture credit target to ₹16.50 lakh crore and infrastructure fund to ₹40,000 crore, besides doubling the micro-irrigation fund. All this proves statute failed to Applications of the Application o to camp at Delhi's borders for months and hold the Government to ransom.

# The Internationale: Kumbh of protests



The agrarian issue is being politicised by media magicians but, for the farmers, it's a question of livelihood and existence

reen mango flowers are now bursting and kites dance in the sky purple flowers bloom one last time and farmers in Tihar Jail, New Delhi, welcome a silent spring. The warm air rustles the yellow plastic tents at the floazipur Border, flowing from AH2 to the Tikri Border, announcing a new season and the next phase of the Farmers' Revolution begins.

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It's been over a month since farmer leader Rakesh Tikait's tears galvanised the farmers from Uttar Pradesh (UP) to Rajasthan and much has happened over the spring—Basant Ritu—since then Lakhs of devotees have cleansed themselves taking dips in the holy Ganga from Haridwar to Prayagraj, Prime Minister Narendra Modi may have shed explaiory tears as he reassured his followers that the three farm laws are good for farmers and for business. But the farmers of the world are not convinced.

laws are good for farmers and for business. But the farmers of the world are not convinced. Recently, major US-based farmer groups like Agrarian Trust, National Farmers Union and 87 other organisations have started an international movement expressing solidarity with the farmers' revolution. Over 50 Canadian organisations have also extended support. They have been exerting pressure on their public representatives too to end this "injustice". Their criticism comes from having suffered due to the market-led agricultural policies since the 1960s in the US. This is no longer an "international conspiracy" or "attack on India's soverignty" or "attack on India's soverignty" or "sedition" perpetrated by "international media celebrities like Rihamna or Greta" but a moment of true global solidarity beyond race and religion.

Foreclosures and debt have destroyed millions of US farm families. Suicides and despondency plague rural America while Big Ag grows. It's not only he older generation but young farmer leaders like Severine Fleming who have supported the farmers' revolution. All, save for the corporate media, see the invisible hand behind these

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reforms — Big Ag. Modi has led the Big Ag to India's doors and sacrificed Indian farmers for agri-dollars. India farmers are jubilant

India farmers are jubilant about the US support but, as the harvest season nears, some of them are now returning with the stories of their struggles and indignation to their villages to work the fields, while others farmers are on the road to Delhi's borders. In Haryana, media reports indicate, hundreds of villages have pledged to send one person from each house to join the revolution. The farmers' revolution is getting ready for the hot summer. Although the Modii Governments version occupies the media discourse, the farmers' revolution is getting ready played to the media discourse, the diagnostic played to the media discourse, the farmers' may have outwitted

pies the media discourse, the farmers may have outwitted the Government once again. How? With the help of the returning farmers, their unions and leaders have now expanded their base far beyond Delhis borders. YouTube videos and independent vernacular citizen journalists have spread each update across the country. The tune of Farmer Revolutions Haryanavi anthem — "Modij in um Dilli aage" — now sways young and old farmers from Bengal to Rajasthan.

From Ganganagar to Kerala, the farmer unions have

addressed millions of people in a short span of 30 days. Now that the movement has a short span of 30 days. Now that the movement has reached a mature stage, it will spread even faster. Even the Government is finding it hard to call them "a handful of farmers" as it did in early January. Now the discourse has become "crowds don't get the work done." The movement today represents not just farmers but all those who work the land — migrant workers and the traders. This is a united rural India resisting a corporate auction. Meanwhile, the Government has unleashed the biggest round of privatisation of public assets since Yellsnis Russia.

No one knows why fuel prices have skyrocketed. Why

No one knows why fuel prices have skyrocketed. Why taxes and cess keep increasing, squeezing the middle class, and yet arterial roads of Delhi have potholes? The fuel prices directly impact farmers input costs and offset the MSP calculations. India is being rigged for food inflation. Indian agri produce vastly outperforms against the highly subsidised imports from countries like the US.

The agricultural bubble is soon going to burst; the collateral will be rural India and millions of lives. History

will repeat itself as from its ashes shall emerge a new class of *neo-zamindars* that shall profit from each morsel. The US is a fine example of

The US is a fine example of this, where four corporations control over 80 per cent of the food and about 50 per cent of all produce is wasted!

The Modi Government needs to correct course by abandoning the laws and making a fresh start with farmers, for their movement is no longer an Indian affair or internal matter as the External Affairs Ministry is already involved in this diplomatic issue.

already involved in this diplo-matic issue.

We as a nation should remember that India loses face in the world only because democracy dies at home. This is an agrarian issue that is being politicised by media being politicised by media magicians, swaying public opinion inciting more hate in society. But for the farmers, at home and abroad, it's a question of livelihood and existence. We need to stand in solidarity because it's a fight for the survival of our soul and roit, together.

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**REVOLUTION IS GETTING READY** FOR THE HOT SUMMER. ALTHOUGH THE MODI GOVERNMENT'S VERSION OCCUPIES THE MEDIA DISCOURSE, THE FARMERS MAY HAVE OUTWITTED THE GOVERNMENT

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### CONGRESS MUST BOUNCE BACK FAST

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SIT — It is said that the BJP is afraid of losing a State and the Congress is shy of winning none. It does not matter for the BJP
how big or small the State is, it just wants
to form a Government there.

Though it had a minuscule presence in
Puducherry, the astute power game of the
BJP ensured its indirect control over the
Union Territory (UT). Assam, Tamil Nadu,
Kerala, West Bengal and Puducherry are
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Congress? The Congress grip over the States is loosening each passing day. For the Congress, the intention to go all the way and the determination to win appears to be missing. That the Congress is enjoying power in only three States is an unmistakable sign of decay and degeneration in the party. Of the three, the wind may change direction in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh anytime. So, what's the party left with? When a party is reluctant to learn even after repeated drubbings, nothing can infuse hope among the people in the party's future. Despite top leaders saying "enough is enough," nothing has been done to revive the party. The filp-flops over Rahul Gandhi assuming the party presidentship should end. Either he should assume party presidentship or leave politics. Even at the cost of some leaders leaving the party, the Congress must resolve its issues soon.

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Sir — This refers to the editorial "Taming the virus" (March 2). By taking the jab, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a promising impetus to the pace of vaccination in the second phase. This phase of vaccination for senior citizens and those above 45 with comorbidities is expected to witness a good footfall or inoculation rate.
So far, the drive hasn't matched up to India's immense population challenge but the opening of centres at private hospitals and flexible options for registration can give it a big boost. All Chief Ministers,

### Make the cyber system robust

ONCE AGAIN



The Maharashtra cyber department has sub-mitted a provisional report to the State Government on the recent massive grid fail-ure. If the massive power outage in Mumbal in October last year is the result of a Chinese cyber campaign against India, I should be a cause of concern for the Indian Government. If it stue, it means none of our establishments, including the Defence Research and Development Organisation and other institutions

STOP HARASSING WOMEN FOR DOWRY

related to national security, are safe from mal-ware attacks by foreign forces.

A cyber threat is looming large on India's security and the Government needs to counter it effectively. According to unverified sources, the 100-page report confirms that a malware attack was behind the blackout and about 14 Trojan Horses and eight GB of unaccounted data was found in the system installed at the Maharashtra

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An American firm has said that the Chinese could have introduced the maharast. The State Government, however, did not want to confirm which country was behind the possible malware in the system as it fell there could be ta-reaching international ramifications. However, it's time for the Centre and State Government to think about and act upon it. Our Government must devise a robust system which is not to be breached by the hostile foreign nations. India must be prepared for cyber war.

Bhagwan Thadani I Mumbai

Union and State Ministers and Opposition

committed suicide. She recorded a video message and then jumped into a river. She was allegedly facing harasment from her husband since their marriage in 2018. A case of abetment to suicide has been lodged against the husband. Her story is Union and State Ministers and Opposition leaders must follow suit so as to encourage others for inoculation. Not only politicians but also bureaucrats and celebrities must take the jab.

Since February 13, India's seven-day rolling average of daily COVID infections has shown a steady surge, signalling a fresh need to ramp up the campaign. India's vaccination strategy is closely intertwined to its economic fortunes. A GIDP contraction of eight per cent in 2020-21 requires a big bounce-back in the new year. But the restrictions on interstate movement in response to February's COVID surge are symptomatic of persisting jitters.

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who face harassment on a daily basis either in office spaces or inside their homes. Despite several NGOs championing the cause of women rights, strict laws for crime against women, special courts and women-only branches in police, nothing seems to have changed on the ground. Women are still vulnerable and are subjected to various sorts of atrocities by their relatives. Even the religious organisations, which keep crying foul over one or the other issue, keep silent over women's issues until it is related to religious tenets.

Asim Sohail | Bihar SIV THANASAINE WORKER YOU DWANT SIV — India has an alarming trend of dowry deaths, harassment and domestic violence, and yet society is indifferent towards it. It was heart-wrenching to watch a video on the social media in which a girl in Gujarat

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The Budget that the Madhya Pradesh Government presented today is a pack of lies. It is





I think it's time to make efforts to adopt a new Constitution in October of this year by a national referendum,

and transition to a semi-presidential system should be one of the possible options

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#### **CHALLENGES AND** OPPORTUNITIES

We still have a narrow window for vaccinating most people amid the falling number of new infections



BAJINDER DHAMIJA

year ago the Coronavirus made its entry into the country. Since then, we have come a long way from the hard lockdown begin-ning in March-end to the second phase of the vaccine rollout which started from Monday with Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking a shot. By opting for the ICMR vaccine, he sent a clear signal that our indige-nous vaccines are safe. Right now we are at a crucial stage of the pan-demic's trajectory as we still have a narrow window for vaccinating the maximum number of people amid the falling number of new infections in most parts of India. This is the time to focus on mitigation with no scope for complacency. The pandemic is not over until it is actually over in all States and the vinus does not have an adequate number of susceptible individuals to infect and survive. We need to chase the virus aggressively rather than the contagion chasing us.



It has been a sort of partial success so far as we have managed to keep infections as well as mortality rates low as compared to many countries in the West with a better infrastructure and capacity to concountries in the West with a better infrastructure and capacity to con-tain and mitigate the virus. However, still more needs to be done as we enter into the next stage of the trajectory with an upsurge in cases in Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjah, Gujarat and looming signs of increasing numbers in Delhi. Vaccine hesitancy remains an issue, with half of the eligible people coming forward for the inoculation. This is a universal phenomenon seen across the globe. Much of this is due to misinformation on social media and the tendency of many individuals to wait and watch. This needs to be aggressively countered and the State has made all efforts to quell this phenomenon. This all-out effort by the Government needs to continue in order to accelerate the vaccination drive which can gain momentum if more vaccines are made available to the public and in the open market so that everyone can get the jab on demand both through the public as well as private healthcare system

both through the public as well as private healthcare system. The second strategy should be to continue mass-scale RT-PCR test-ing. There is no reason to scale down testing as we have seen lately in many States because that can be disastrous, especially with new mutant variants of the virus making entry into our cities. These variants be been in India as it is difficult to stop the transmission in view of relaxation of movement in an era of necessary international bravel. More genom-ic sequencing would perhaps help us in early detection of these new variants arriving in the country and within India. We need to prepare for the inevitable and the focus should remain on both COVID-appropriate

behaviour as well as vaccinating the masses.

Third, we need to create resilient district health systems. A weak link in most States is the poor status of district hospitals. In contrast to the prevailing political and bureaucratic response with focus on hardware (beds, ventilators, oxygen, and so on) in healthcare facilities, we should also focus on software development (capacity building and better-quality health workers) which is more important. The current pandemic provides us opportunity and finances to influence politicians and bureaucrats to build resilient and responsive health systems at both pribureaucras to build resident and responsive health systems at obuilty many and secondary healthcare centres in States. Since health is a State subject, a collaborative and collective effort both by States and the Centre should be made to augment these district hospitals. Excellence in secondary healthcare is crucial and well-placed, well-funded, well-staffed and well-equipped district hospitals should be developed as the most important component of the healthcare chain to respond to future out-breaks. We have the opportunity to create a resilient secondary district healthcare system that is responsive to the needs of the public with focus on preventive, promotive, curative and restorative patient care.

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# A less talked about crime against women

Witch-hunting is used as a tool to subjugate women and there will always be a new reason to brand a woman a witch in the hinterlands of India

Tan never forget the night when the entire village, including women, armed with weapons came to attack a helpless woman on the suspicion of being a witch. I would also have been killed with her had I not called the police," recalls 22-year-old Birubala Rabha, a victim-turned-crusader from Assam's Goalpara district, referring to a ghastly incident that took place in a small village on the Assam-Meghalaya border in 2007.
This year the primary school-educated Rabha was the recipient of the Padma Shri, India's high-est civillian award for her crusade against witch-

est civilian award for her crusade against witch hunting. The award was a much-deserved pan-

hunting. The award was a much-deserved panIndia recognition of her work. Rabha, ostracised
and branded as a witch, devoted her life for the
cause of other women like her, and, through her
organisation Mission Birubala, has been the
force behind the State's law to check the practice
of witch-hunting in Assam.

There is no dearth of women like Rabha in
Assam, who came close to death or got killed, as
more than two-thirds of its districts reported incidents of witch-hunting. As per the State
Government's records, 107 people, mostly women,
got killed between 2011-2019. Locally, even a village on the Assam-Meghalaya border, is called
"dainigaon (village of the witches)", where many
ostracised women live in isolation.

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"In rural hinterlands, a Deodhani, Bez or an Opha (poople who allegedly specialise in healing, casting out unclean spirits and telling fortunes) wields tremendous influence. They often target a widow, a single or a guardian-less woman.....with little or no formal education ...... and label her a witch, when they are clueless about a malaise. Many poor people fall into their clutches, not sole-jout of superstitions belief, but also because of their inability to pay for a qualified doctor, says a 2014 field report from the districts of Goalpara and Sonitpur, conducted by the Partners for Law in Development (PLD), a Delhi-based legal resource group.

ource group. Rightly, Rabha in her '*Manuhe Manuhor Babe* rignity, kaona in ner Manune Manunor Baoe campaign, cautions gullible villagers against falling prey to such quacks who are nothing but "money-making racketeers exploiting people's ignorance".

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The PLD's field study in Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand and Chattisgarh, also reveals that "women are more often targeted for material motives." Dibayjotis Saikia, a human rights activist, who leads a Guwahati-based organisation, Brothers, feels that "individual factors like personal rivalry, jealousy, conspiracy come into play in such targeting in semi-urban and rural areas." Mamani Saikia, district co-ordinator, Goalpara, further explains that "in calculated attacks, gender relationship determines the selection of targets, often driven by ulterior interests like grabbing a property or for sexual exploitation, whereas, in surprise attacks, which are more violent in nature, the goal is supposedly to eliminate an evil."

Dalit and marginalised women are doubly prone to such attacks because of systemic patriarchy and also because of their social identity. However, Natyabir Das, a medical practitioner and

archy and also because of their social identity. However, Natyabir Das, a medical practitioner and a co-ordinator of Mission Birubala, says: "Though women as victims are more in number but recent times, men are also facing such accusations." Now, as per the National Crime Records

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Bureau, more than 2,500 people, mostly women, got killed in such incidents between 2000-2016, while many believe that the number is much higher, as most States don't list witchcraft as a motive for murder. Nevertheless, some States like. Bishar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odishah, Rajasthan, Assam, Maharashtra and Karnataka have framed anti-witchcraft Acts. Commenting on the existing Tonahi Pratadna Nivaran Act, 2005, Chhattisgarh, Dinesh Sharma, a doctor-turned-activist and founder of Andhshraddha Nivaran det. Changard, Dinesh Sharma, a doctor-turned-activist and founder of Andhshraddha Nirmoolan Samitee, rues that "hundreds of Cases are pending under the Act. Many victims have died and without fast-track courts, the purpose of the Act is somewhat defeated.

Moreover, in such incidents of organised community violence, the law cannot overlook the complicity and accountability of a village sarpanch or a kotwal."

Ajay Agarwal, Secretary, Association for Social and Human Awareness, Ranchi, İharkhand, echoes similar sentiments. He says: "Though more than 1,300 women were killed since 2000 in the Statcher's no official data available under the Prevention of Witch (DAAIN) Practices Act, 2001. Some case get registered under the IPC and only one or two get convicted, while almost the entire village is responsible for such killings."

Assam's new Act, notified in 2018, has been feted as India's

toughest anti-witch-hunting law, which makes any offence under it non-bailable, cognisable and non-compoundable.

However, the State's ADGP, LR Bishnoi, highlighted that the wider scope of legal protection included in the Act with the setting up of special courts and addition of new offences related to targeting, humiliation and ostracism, and so on are hitherto not part of the IPC.

Dibyajyoti Saikia opines that "the Act is yet to make any visible impact.... and the police still have a tendency to settle cases through a compromise." Natyabir Das says that agencies like the ASTEC (Assam Science Technology and Environment Council) have been chipping in through awareness different machen with the court of the cou Environment Council) have been chipping in through awareness directly been chipping in through awareness directly been considered by the council of the coun

Many activists point out that the existing legal regime, be it the IPC or special Acts, vests enormous

power with the police, who are often found to be wanting in their preventive and protective role, particular-ly when the victim is poor or a woman.

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Thus such Acts remain merely as pieces of paper failing to make any dent in the impunity attached to the practice. The legal vacuum for compensation of losses due to social ostracisation, forced displacement, or deprivation in livelihood opportunities is another drawback. Mehra, however, is sceptical about the actual realisation of compensation even if such a provision gets legal backing as the process of conviction is a long-drawn affair, with the accused mostly being as poor as the victim.

accused mostly being as poor as the victim. Many activists wouch for sociolegal measures like dialogue and awareness creation to help people distinguish between what is a socially permissible act and a crime. Some also voice the need for a central legislation reviving the Prevention of Witch-Hunting Bill, introduced in the Lok Sabba in 2016.

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woman as a witch. As incidents of women bearing the brunt of personal vendetta and unfounded smear campaigns continue to pour in from many parts of India, the issue of witch-hunting deserves greater attention not only from the legal point of view but from a wider socio-economic perspective.

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WE ARE IN CHARGE OF A STATE AND DON'T TAKE ANY DECISION ON OUR OWN WITHOUT ANY PERMISSION. -BENGAL CONGRESS CHIEF ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY

# Don't treat Puducherry differently from the rest of India

Do nominated members in other State legislatures, Union Territories and in Parliament, too, enjoy voting rights during a trust vote?

Latin pressio unius est exclusio alterius (expression of one subject, object or idea is the exclusion of other subjects, objects or ideas), is a maxim in Latin, which is heard maxim in Latin, which is heard quite frequently in law classes as well as in courtrooms. It finds application in the con-struction of Constitutions, statutes and similar instru-ments. This phrase came to mind after watching the pro-

mind after watching the proceedings in Puducherry that led to the fall of the V Narayanasamy-led Congress Government last week.

The resignation of Narayanasamy as the Chief Minister (CM) has not surprised any of the political observers. The only question being asked by them is why did it take four years for Narayanasamy to quit his post. Though the BP is accused of political manipulation, encouraging defections from



KUMAR CHELAPPAN

"Why did the Congress high command appoint Narayanasamy, who had not contested the 2016 Assembly

the ruling party to topple the Government and MK Stalin, the president of the DMK, is accused of murdering democ-racy, the fact is that the fall of the Congress Government was he Congress Government was bound to happen from the day Narayanasamy was sworn in in

contested the 2016 Assembly election as CM, superseding many party heavyweights in the Union Territory? wonders Kolahala Srenivasan, political chronicler of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. "There were seasoned leaders like former CM Vaithilingam and A Namasivayam who were in the running for the top post," says Srenivasan.

Narayanasamy, the all-powerful Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) during the United

Progressive Alliance (UPA) regime under Manmohan Singh, had been defeated in the Lok Sabha election held in 2014. Sources say that the interests of other Congress leaders were overlooked by the party high command while appointing him. Apparently, there was strong discontentment among the Congress MLAs when he was handpicked by the party president. The appointment of Kiran Bedi, the former super cop of Delhi as the Lieutenant Governor (L-G) of the Union Territory (UT), was like opening another war front by the BJP Consequently, the running battle between the CM and the L-G hogged the limelight in the last four years. This style of functioning of the 1-G was a new experience for the population of the UT and naturally, altion of the UT and naturally, new experience for the popu-lation of the UT and naturally,

rayanasamy got annoyed! The nomination of three



BJP leaders as MLAs by the Union Home Ministry was also on expected lines. But the nominated legislators getting a chance to cast their votes in the trust vote held on Monday has to be explained by the BJP's national leadership. What sealed

What sealed Narayanasamy's fate was the resignations of K Lakshminarayanan, MLA and former Minister who was also former Minister who was also the Parliamentary Secretary to the CM and that of D Venkatesan, an MLA belonging to the DMK. These resignations happened 24 hours before trust vote.

Lakshminarayanan had been complaining since 2016 that the party was not recognising his seniority and experience. He was hurt when he was overlooked by Narayanasamy when Speaker Vaithlingam resigned to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha and London ground feet time. to contest the 2019 Lok Sabha poll and appointed first-time MLA Sivakozhunthu as the presiding officer of the House. The resignation of John Kumar from the House, too,

Kumar from the House, too, speaks about the discontent-ment that had set in. John Kumar was elected as an MLA facilitate the election of Narayanasamy to the House. Though John Kumar was elected subsequently to the House in 2019, he too fell out with Narayanasamy eventually. Though Venkatesan, the DMK MLA, announced his resignation from the House well in advance, the party leadership in Tamil Nadu kept

silent over the issue. Despite the declaration by Venkatesan that he quit from the House with the concurrence of his party leader (MK Stalin), the DMK did not do anything till Tuesday to buy peace with him. It was no Tluesday that the party's general secretary Durai Murugan announced the removal of Venkatesan from all official posts in the party.

posts in the party. Last month saw Stalin Last month saw Stalin deputing party MP and moneybags Jagathrakshakan to rejuvenate the DMK in the UT. "This gave rise to many doubts in the minds of the Congress and DMK leaders in Puducherry. What we saw during the last two days was the impact of this decision," said Srenivasan.

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The question why Jagatrakshakan was sent to Puducherry at this juncture remains unanew. remains unanswered. Narayanasamy did not include

his alliance partner, the DMK, in the Government and this resulted in a lot of heartburn. Though the Congress and the DMK challenged the L-G's nomination of three BJP leaders to the Assembly, the apex court upheld her act. But how the nominated members were allowed to cast their votes in the Assembly reminds one of the Latin maxim "expresse units.."

Latin maxim "expresso unius..." Do nominated members in Do nominated members in State legislatures, other UTs and in Parliament, too, enjoy voting rights. There cannot be one rule for Paducherry and another for the rest of the country. Let's have the same rules for the whole country. This was what Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared when Parliament abrogated Article 370: "Now people in Jammu and Kashmir enjoy the same status as that of the rest of the Indians." People of Puducherry, too, should get the same status. Shouldn't they?

# **FBI** chief to face questions on extremism, Capitol riot

AP ■ WASHINGTON

RPBI Director Chris Wray is set to testify for the first time since the deadly January 6 deadly riot at the US Capitol, with lawmakers likely to press him on whether the bureau adequately communicated with other law enforcement agencies about the potential for violence that day. Questions about the FBI's preparations for the riot, and investigations into it, are expected to dominate Wray's appearance Tuesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He's also likely to be pressed on how the FBI is confronting the national security threat from white nationalists and domestic violent extremists, and tic violent extremists, and whether the bureau has adequate resources to address the problem.

The violence at the Capitol made clear that a law ent ment agency that revolu-tionised itself after the September 11, 2001, attacks to



deal with international terror-ism is now scrambling to address homegrown violence from white Americans. The Biden administration has Biden administration has tasked his national intelligence director to work with the FBI and Department of Homeland Security to assess the threat. Wray has kept a notably low profile since a violent mob of insurrectionists stormed the Capitol two months ago. Though he has briefed law-

makers privately and shared information with local law enforcement hearings, Tuesday's oversight hearing will mark Wray's first public appearance before Congress since before November's pres-idential election.

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The FBI is facing questions over how it handled intelligence in the days ahead of the riot, and whether warnings it had of potential violence reached the correct officials.

Last week, for instance, the acting chief of the Capitol Police said a January 5 report from the FBI made its way to investigators within the police force and to the department's intelligence unit but was never sent up the chain of command. The report warned about concerning online posts foreshadowing a "war" in Washington the following day. The FBI has as did not uncorroborated information, was shared through its joint terrorism task force.

# on ending H-1B visa ban

The Biden administration has indicated that it is still undecided on ending the Trump-era ban on issuing new H-1B visas, with the Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas asserting that the US governments top priority is the acute needs of individuals fleeing persecutions.

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The H-IB visa, the most sought after among Indian IT professionals, is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employe foreign workers in spec-ciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. Technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from coun-tries like India and China. In January, then-President

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In January, then-President
Donald Trump had extended
the ban on issuing new H-1B
visas till March 31, arguing that
the country is having a very
high unemployment rate and
the US cannot afford to have more foreign workers.

"His successor President
Joe Biden has revoked dozens

like the lifting the Muslim visa ban or those related to Green ban or those related to Green Card, the one that imposed ban on issuing H-1B has still not been lifted. It will expire on March 31, if Biden does not issue a fresh proclamation. "What is the status of the

What is the status of the review of the Trump era visa bans for H1B visas and has the White House decided to lift those bans before they expire at the end of the month?" Mayorkas was asked at a White Mayorkas was asked at a White House news conference on Monday.
"I don't really (know)- I The to end the questioning on a question. The answer to which I am not certain. But this

which I am not certain. But this goes to what preceded us. We have so much work to do to repair and to restore and to rebuild that we have a prioristation matrix and of course, the acute needs of individuals fleeing persecution is a high priority. Which brings me to this meeting this morning. Mayorkas said in response.

### Biden admin 'undecided' | Myanmar police fire tear gas. rubber bullets at protesters

Police in Myanmar repeatedly used tear gas and rubber bullets on Tuesday against crowds protesting last month's coup, but the demonstrators regrouped after each volley and tried to defend themselves with barricades as standoff's between protesters and securi-

and tried to defend themselves with barricades as standoffs between protesters and security forces intensified.

Myanmar authorities have scalated their crackdown on the protests in recent days, making mass arrests and firing into the crowds. The United Nations said it believed at least 18 people were killed on Sunday by security forces. Foreign ministers from Southeast Asian countries were meeting Tuesday to discuss the increasingly volatile crisis.

Despite the crackdown, demonstrators have continued to flood the streets — and are beginning to more rigorously resist attempts to disperse them. Hundreds, many wearing construction helmets and carrying makeshift shields,



gathered in Myanmar's largest city of Yangon, where a day ear-lier police had fired repeated rounds of tear gas. They dragged bamboo poles and debris to form barricades, chanted slogans and sang songs at the police lines. They even threw banana skins onto the road in front of them in a bid to slow am police sub.

to slow any police rush.

The mainly young demonstrators fled in panic each time

tear gas canisters were fired but soon returned to their barri-cades. Videos posted on social media showed similar chaotic

media showed similar chaotic scenes in the Insein neighbor-hood of northern Yangon. Protesters also took up their flags and banners to march through the streets of Dawei, a small city in south-eastern Myanmar that has seen almost daily large demonstra-tions against the coup.

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### Morocco freezes ties with German Embassy amid Sahara tension with the German Embassy and embassy-related activities. A senior Moroccan gov-ernment official confirmed to

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Rabat (Morocco): Morocco's

Foreign Ministry has suspended ties with the German

Embassy because of 'deep misunderstandings,' notably related to the disputed Western

Sahara. The move this week

comes amid diplomatic tension

around Western Sahara since the

US under Donald Trump took

the unusual move in December

of recognizing Morocco's

reeignty over the territory.

A letter leaked online from

Moroccan Foreign Minister

Nasser Bourita to the rest of the

Moroccan government orders

officials to suspend 'all contact,

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# US sets sanctions over Russia Opposition leader's poisoning

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The Biden administration announced sanctions of Russian officials and businesses searcheap for a nearly fatal nerve-agent attack upon opposition leader Alexei Navalny and his subsequent jailing. Senior administration officials did not immediately identify the Russian officials targeted. The Biden administration also announced sanction also announced sunction also announced sunction and warfare Elimination Act for 14 businesses and another enterprise, most of which it said were involved in production of biological and chemical agents. The US intelligence com-A senior Moroccan government official confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that the letter was authentic, but said it was not meant to be made public.

The official, who was not authorized to be publicly named, said the decision has to owith Germany's recent stance on the Sahara issue, especially in the aftermath of the US decision.

The official also noted the appearance of a flag of the proindependence Polisario Front outside the state assembly in the northern German city of Bremen. Germany's Foreign Ministry said it was aware of media reports about the letter, but had no further comment.

munity concluded with high confidence that Russia's Federal Security Service used the Russian nerve agent Novichok on the dis-sident last August, a senior administration official said.

administration official said.
Tuesday's sanctions would
be the first of several steps by
the Biden administration to
"respond to a number of destabilizing actions," said one of the
administration officials, who administration officials, who briefed reporters on the con-dition they not be identified further. The sanctions are the first against Russia by the Biden administration, which has pledged to confront President Vladimir Putin for alleged attacks on Russian opposition figures and hacking abroad, including of US Government

agencies and US businesses. President Donald Trump had spoken admiringly of Putin and resisted criticism and many proposed penalties of Putin's Government.

#### **EU** slaps sanctions on 4 Russia officials over Navalny arrest

The European Union on Tuesday imposed sanctions on four senior Russian officials on four senior Russian ornciais over the jailing of opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who is President Vladimir Putin's most high-profile political foe.

# Saudi envoy disputes **Crown Prince role in** Khashoqqi killing

Saudi Arabia's UN ambas Saudi Arabia's UN ambassador on Monday disputed
the US intelligence report which
concluded that the Saudi crown
prince approved an operation to
kill or capture dissident journalist Jamal Khashoggi, saying
in a tweet: "Let us all move forward to tackle the serious business of world issues!"
Abdallah Al-Mouallimi
said the newly declassified
Central Intelligence Agency
report "is based on could've,
should've and does not rise to anywhere close
to proving the accusation
beyond reasonable doubt."

Though intelligence offi-lls stopped short of saying own Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered Khashoggi's murder in October 2018, the murder in October 2018, the human described him as having "absolute control" over the kingdom's intelligence organizations and said it would have been highly unlikely for an operation like the killing to have been carried out without his approval.

Al-Mouallimi said in a series of tweets that "the Prince courageously accepted moral responsibility, presented the accused to the justice system, and pledged to reform the intelligence organizations. Case closed!"

### **Nigerian Governor says 279** Metro Railway, Kolkata kidnapped schoolgirls are freed

CORRIGENDUM 1
To Tender Notice No.: S&T/
Work 05-2021 for Upgradation of
Train Management System in Metro Hundreds of Nigerian Ischoolgirls abducted last week from a boarding school in the northwestern Zamfara state have been released, the state's governor said Tuesday.

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Zamfara state governor
Bello Matawalle announced
that 279 girls have been freed.
Gunmen abducted the girls
from the Government Girls
Junior Secondary School in
Jangebe town on Friday, in the as ₹ 3,83,49,800 instead of

as been issued for this tender or 01.03.2021. Corrigendum details are to be viewed at website https://www.ireps.gov.in. Tender pening date is 05.04.2021 at 2.300 hrs. Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer Front Strand 


Some of the students wait for a medical checkup after their release meeting with the state Governor Bello Matawalle, in Gusau, northern Nigeria on Tuesday

dressed in light blue hijabs and barefoot sitting

at the state Government House office in Gusau.

After the meeting, the girls were escorted outside by officials and taken away in vans. They appeared calm and ranged in ages from 10 and up.

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Bhuneshwar Niketan Cop. House Building Society Ltd. Bhondsi, Reg. No. 774 15th March 2021 nual General Body Meeting (AGBM) At House No. 65, Vijay Vihar,

Sec.-30, Silokra, Gurugram-122001 Time: 3:00 pm All members to be present personal) . To discuss issue of President Future working of Society & governing body.

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# Govt nets ₹77,815 cr | Sensex rises for 2nd day on gains in IT, INBRIEF in spectrum auction

JIO TOP BUYER WITH RS 57,122 CR

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Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Jio cornered more than half of the telecom spectrum auctioned by the government over the past two days, offering about Rs 57,123 crore to consolidate its holding of the scarce resource that are used to carry

resource that are used to carry mobile call and data signals. Telecom giant Bharti Airtel bid Rs 18,699 crore to pick up 355.45 megahertz (MHz) out of the 855.60 MHz

(MHz) out of the 855.60 MHz of radiofrequency, giving it "most formidable spectrum holding in the country. Vodafone Idea Ltd, which is facing a huge liability of unpaid statutory dues of past, bought spectrum worth Rs 1,993.40 crore, Telecom Secretary Anshu Prakash told reporters here.

In all, some 60 per cent of the spectrum offered was sold, according to Prakash.

In all, some 60 per cent of the spectrum offered was sold, according to Prakash, who said the bids came at the

floor price -- or minimum price that was acceptable to the government. In the first auc-tion of radio airwaves in five years, the government offered years, the government offered 2,308.80 MHz of spectrum in seven bands, at a reserve price of nearly Rs 4 lakh crore. However, airwaves in the pre-mium 700 MHz and 2,500 MHz bands went unsold. The telecom secretary said

The telecom secretary same 855.60 MHz of spectrum was bought for Rs 77,814.80 crore in the two-day auction.

Spectrum refers to the

# Spectrum acquired in 5 circles to boost

4G COVERAGE, CADACITY: VOCASIONE IDEA
New Delhi-Telecom operator
VIL said it has used "this
Vodation lede Ltd (VIL) on
Tuesday said spectrum
acquired by it in five circles
will help boost 4G coverage
and capacity; enabling the
company to offer "superior
digital experience" for its customers.
In a statement issued after
the conclusion of the spectrum auctions on Tuesday,

radio frequencies allocated to the mobile industry and other sectors for communication over the airwaves. This includes FM or AM radio broadcasts and even other wireless forms

and even other wireless forms of communication like Bluetooth and Wi-Fi.

Mobile phones also use these same radio waves to transmit voice calls and data. These frequencies come in different bands, supporting specific technologies as well as rowening specific technologies as well as rowening specific technologies.

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# auto shares, reclaims 50,000-level

Pril MUMBAI

Penchmark BSE Sensex spurted by 447 points to close above the psychological 50,000-mark on Tuesday following hectic buying in auto and IT counters amid positive domestic and global cues.

The 30-share index swung nearly 633 points during the session before ending at 50,296.89, showing a rise of 447.05 points or 0.90 per cent. Likewise, the NSE Nifty climbed 157.55 points or 1.07 per cent to settle at 14,919.10, extending gains to a second day.

Among Sensex stocks, Mahindra servers.

Among Sensex stocks Mahindra & Mahindra was Mahindra & Mahindra was lead gainer rising by 4,98 per cent. NTPC rose by 3.83 per cent, and Tech Mahindra by 3.53 per cent, and Tech Mahindra by 3.44 per cent. TCS, Maruti, Infosys, HCL Tech, Nestle and Bharti Airtel were among the gainers.

gainers.

On the other hand,
ONGC, HDFC, Dr Reddy's,
PowerGrid and SBI suffered of the Sensex constituents

Of the Sensex constituents, 25 shares ended with gains. Sectorally, BSE auto surged the most with 3.18 per

cent gains, followed by IT (2.85 per cent), teck (2.84 per cent) and industrials (2.20 per cent). All the 19 sectoral indices closed in the green. Broader smallcap, midcap and largecap indices too rallied 1.60 per cent, 1.55 per cent and 1.11 per cent, respectively - outperforming the benchmark. Analysts said investor sentiment remained upbeat due to encouraging

### Gold tumbles ₹679. silver

crashes ₹1,847

New Delhi: The Gold prices on Tuesday tumbled 7679 to 744,760 per 10 grams in the national capital, due to bleak international market trend and rupee appreciation, according to HDFC Securities. The precious metal had closed at 745,439 per 10 grams in the previous close. Silver also crashed by 74,847 to 76,7073 per kg from the closing of 768,920 per kg in the previous day trade.

GDP numbers for the third quarter as well as returning of calmness in global bond mar-kets after the last week's tur-

moil.
Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said, "An improved outlook post-February auto sales numbers resulted in continued buying in auto stocks with IT sector also being a major contributor in the rally".

#### Rupee rises by 18 paise to 73.37

Mumbai:The rupee rose by 18 paise to close at 73.37 against the US dollar on Tuesday, ending its three-day losing streak on the back of gains in domestic equities amid improving risk appetite.

Dollar demand eased Dollar demand eased after a pullback in crude oil and bond yields which sup-ported the rupee sentiment, analysts said.At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 73.23 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 73.31 and a low of 73.48.

UNDERGROUND METRO\*
Kollada: A technical semiara on "Construction of Underground Metro"
was held at Metro Rail Bhavar on 27 02 0201. Shri Manoi Joshi,
General Manage, Metro Railway inaugurated this seminar by lighting a lamp, In his address, Shri Joshi expressed his hope that this seminar would be useful to give insights to all important sepects of the Underground Construction. Senior officers of Metro Railway were present in this seminar in which technical susses like Top-Down Construction and Concrete Technology, "Circular Economy for Sustainable Development' were elaborately discussed. After the seminar, a technical quiz was also held.

INNER WHEEL CLUB DONATES 4 WHEEL CHAIRS NEW DELHI: Mala Bhargava President, Inner Wheel Club, Delhi Main accompanied by Mala Rishi, District Secretary, Past Presidents Ritu Dass & Rita Dhawan and other members Sunita Mangla & Madhu usas & rita Uhawan and other members Sunita Mangla & Madhu Surekha donated 4-wheel chairs today i.e. on 02.03.21 at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station to help the disabled passengers becoming mobile. The above donation of 4 wheel chairs at Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station is naddition to 4 wheel chairs donated by Bharqava on 07.01.2021 to New Delhi Railway Station, interestingly, whatever detections as readed buth. tions are made by the club to the society, are the donations made

LAUNCH OF SUGAMYA BHARAT APP UNDER ACCESSIBLE INDIA CAMPAIGN
The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPVID) on the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has developed a Sugamya Bharat App for crowdsourcing issues related to accessibility being witnessed in the built environment, transportation scotor and ICT ecosystem across India. DrT Thaewarchand Cehlot, Hontble Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Launched the App on 02 March 2021 in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shin Rattan Lal Kalaria and the Secretary, Department of Empowerment with Desabilities, Smt. Shakuntala D Gamlin. The Mobile App can be downloaded from Playstore by Android users. The Icd Sversion of the App will be Playstore by Android users. The IoS version of the App will be available by 15th March 2021.

**India's fuel demand** 

to rebound in 2021-22

#### Exports dip marginally in Feb; trade deficit widens to USD 12.88 bn

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A fter recording positive a growth for two months in row, India's exports dipped marginally by 0.25 per cent to USD 27.67 billion in February and trade deficit widened to USD 12.88 billion, according to preliminary data released by the government on Tuesday. Imports grew 6.98 per cent to USD 40.55 billion during the month, the data showed.

The trade deficit stood at USD 10.16 billion in February

USD 10.16 billion in February

2020. Exports during April-February 2020-21 were USD February 2020-21 were USD 255.92 billion, compared with USD 291.87 billion during the same period of last year, exhibiting a negative growth of 12.32 per cent. Imports during April-February this fiscal also dipped

23 per cent to USD 340.88 bil

In February, oil imports

In February, oil imports declined 16.63 per cent to USD USD 8.99 billion. It was down by 40.18 per cent to USD 72.08 billion during 11 months period of the current fiscal.

Major commodities of export that have recorded positive growth during February include oil meals, iron ore, rice, meat, dairy and poultry products, carpet, spices, pharmaceuticals, and chemicals.

The sectors that recorded

The sectors that recorded The sectors that recorded negative export growth in February include petroleum products (-27.13 per cent), leather (-21.62 per cent), leather (-21.62 per cent), gens and jewellery (-11.18 per cent), engineering goods (-2.56 per cent), tea (-2.49 per cent), and coffee (-0.73 per cent), it added.

#### Private investment missing in action: RBI article

Only private investment is O"missing in action" at a time when all engines of aggregate demand are starting to fire to boost economic growth, according to a Reserve Bank

according to a Reserve Bank article.

Observing that there is lit-tle doubt today that a recovery based on a revival of con-sumption is underway, the RBI in the recent article said, "the jury leans towards such recovin the recent article Susy, ..., jury leans towards such recoveries being shallow and short-lived." The key to whet the appetite for investment, it said, is to rekindle the animal spirits, a spontaneous urge to action rather than inaction, and not as the outcome of a weighted average of quantitative benefits multiplied by quantitative probabilities.
"All engines of aggregate demand are starting to fire;

articles
only private investment is missing in action. The time is apposite for private investment to come alive," said the article prepared by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra and other officials.

The article published in RBI Bulletin: February 2021 further said "the time is apposite" for private investment apposite for private investment.

2021 turther said the time is apposite' for private investment to come alive.

Fiscal policy, with the largest capital expenditure (capex) budget ever and emphasis on doing business better, has offered to crowd it in

in.
"Will Indian industry and
entrepreneurship pick up the
gauntlet?," it said. The Indian
economy is estimated to contract by 8 per cent during the
current financial year on
account of the impact of the
COVID-19

#### Indian mobile retailers' body slams Amazon, phone vendors

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The All India Mobile Retailers Association (AIMRA) has written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stressing that Amazon's operations in India should be suspended until a probe into the company is done.

AIMRA, a trade union that represents more than 1.5 lakh mobilenhone retailers in the

AIMRA, a trace union ware represents more than 1.5 lakh mobilephone retailers in the country, said that Amazon, along with leading mobile brands, have joined hands to derail the retail industry and put small retailers' life in dan-

The association said that Amazon is doing business in

India with the strategy of deft-ly dodging the regulators and politicians.E-commerce com-panies promote sales on their platforms through their own preferred sellers.

"Unfortunately, E-com-

"Unfortunately, E-com-memrce companies often are the stakeholders of these pre-ferred sellers. Since 2014, mobile brands have had exclu-sive tie-up for sales with these very preferred sellers. All stocks wery preferred seilers. All stocks are given to the preferred sell-er so that the e-com platform can show non-involvement and do not suffer any implications," Arvinder Khurana, National President, AIMRA in the letter that was sent to Modi on Monday.

with 10% growth

India's fuel consumption is likely to rise nearly 10 per cent in the fiscal year beginning April 1, as a reflating economy drives petrol and diesel demand, according to Oil Ministry's projections. Petroleum product consumption in 2021-22 could hit 215.24 million tonnes, compared to the version elsimate of

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215.24 million tonnes, com-pared to the revised estimate of 195.94 million tonnes con-sumption of the current fiscal year ending March 31, the ministry's Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) said. This will be the fastest pace of fuel product consumption in

six years.

As the economy rebounds from its worst contraction on record and industrial activity picks up, fuel consumption is projected to rise.

An over two-month-long lockdown imposed to curb the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic had shrunk demand to less than half as most vehicles went off roads, trains stopped plying and airlines halted operplying and airlines halted oper-ations.

ations.

The reopening of the economy has brought demand back but diesel - the most consumed fuel in the country - is yet to reach pre-pandemic lev-els.

PUBLIC NOTICE

# "STOP CORONA: Wash your Hands & Wear Mask, Maintain Social Distance"

S. No.	Name of Work	Coet (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e- procurement solution	Earnest Money	Tender Fee (Non- refundable	Last data/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement Solution
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Open Date & Time

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### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a female Age: 30-35 years, Height: 56°. Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Medium, ID Mark: Body of the deceased is decomposed, was wearing Red colour Swater. Printed Flower Black Liner Suit and Orange Pajama, Golden colour Ball in both hears and metal bangle in both the hands Black thread in night leg ankle and red & black thread in neck, was found near Haiderpur Treatment Plant on 25,02.2021. In this regard a DD No. 10A, dated 25.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi.

Katju Marg, Delhi.

His dead body has been preserved in BSA Hospital

Mortuary, Any person having any information or clue about
the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the

DP/71/RLY/2021

P.S. K.N. Katju Marg, Delhi Ph.: 011-27571162, 27571171

#### UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead at Haider Pur Water treatment Plant dated 27.02.2021. In this regard a vide DD No. 99A, dated 27.02.2021, has been registered at PS. K.N. Katju Marg. Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification at BSA Mortuary, Delhi Delhi for 22 hrs. The description of the

Deint for 72 hrs. The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Unkonwn, Sfo: Unkonwn, Rfo: Unkonwn, Rf

DP/705/RD/2021

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Anjali, Dfc: Bhagwan, R/o: H.No. F-1636, J.J. Colony, Bawana, Defhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 28.01.2021 at 6:30 pm. from her house, from the area of P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DN o. 29A dated 03.02.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped girl are as under: Age: 21 years, Sex: Female, Height: 5', Face: Oval. Complexion: Fair, Bullt: Medium, Wearing: Unknown colour suit-saiwan and slipper in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following. Website: http://cb.inic.in

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.ii Ph.: 011-24368638, 243686 Fax No. 011-24368639

P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi Ph.: 011- 27787592, 7065036324

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#### **SEARCH FOR MISSING**



General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely Pooja D/o Rajkumar R/o 413, Gali No.13, Vijay Colony, Bawara, Delhi has been missing since 02-02-2021 at 03.00 PM from her house the area of P.S. Bawana, Delhi. In this regard a case vides FIR No. 58/21 dated 05.02-2021 has been registered at PS. Bawana, Delhi. The description of missing girl is as under:

Name : Pooja, Father's Name : Rajkumar, Age : 15 years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing: Green Suit Salwar and Black Sandel in feet If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the

undersigned. Website: http://cbi.nic.in e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO P.S., Bawana, Delhi Ph.: 011-27752534

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead at K.M. Pole No. 16/17-19, UP Rly Line, Near Nangois Raiway Station, Delhi dated 25/02/2021 at 12.56 pm. In this regard a D. No. 184. dated 25/02/2021 has been registered at P.S. Saral Rohilla Raiway Station, Delhi The description of the dead body is given as under Name: Unknown, Sro: Unknown, Roi: Cunknown, Roi: About 28-30 years, Height: 55 Complexion: Wheatish, Wearing; Sky Blue T-Shirt, Blue Jean Part, Injury Mark: Injury mark on head, knees.





Rohilla Railway Station, Delni Ph.: 011-28711697, 28714802, 8750871308 DP/81/Crime/2021

#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARENCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that the one
accused persons annely Mohit @ Panchi Slo Surender
R/o VPO Panchi, PS Ganour, Distt: Sonipat Haryana
have committed offence in Case FIR 148/20 u/s 25/54/59
ARMS Act Dated 01.10.2020, PS Crime Branch, Delhi
and that it have been relured to the warrants of arrest and that it have been returned to the warrants of arrest thereupon issued, that the said Mohit @ Panchi could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mohit @ Panchi have absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said Mohit @ Panchi in Case FIR 148/20 u/s 25/54/59 ARMS Act Dated 01.10.2020, PS Crime Branch, Delhi are required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 07.04.2021.

By order Satvir Singh Lamba CMM (North District) Rohini Court, Delhi

#### SEARCH FOR MISSINGM FEMALE



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

General public is hereby informed General public is nereby informed that one female namely Sumitra Devi, Wio Surender Sharma, R/o House No. 21 Sahapur Garhi Narela, Delhi. Age 32 Yis, Height 5', Shallow Complexion, Thin built, Oval face, wearing blue colour suit-salwar and sleeper in feet missing since 01.02.2021 from her house

Sumitra Devi In this regard a DD No. Dt. 04.02.2021 PS Narela Industrial Area, Delhi, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing female but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing female may kindly inform to the following.

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#### SEARCH FOR MISSING



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Indian B School can give several Indian B School can give several lucrative opportunities to earn. Many might have this question in their mind. 'What exactly do MBA graduates do at work after business school?' This largely depends on the area of specialisation that they choose and the organisation that they choose school?: This largely depends on the area of specialisation that they choose and the organisation that they join. Some organisations ensure that the MBA graduates have an experience in all functional areas. They make them have a short stint in marketing, finance, operations human resources and even in International Business. There are oth-

human resources and even in International Business. There are others who make them take executive assistant roles, and make them get the experience of working with the top leadership of the organisation. There are others who make them work in core functional areas of business. The initial period of six months goes in understanding the culture of the company along with the organisational politics.

During the initial years an MBA in sales and marketing generally spend time in research and generate lists of potential customers, provide input on customer briefs, prepare presentations and sales literature. They also help to develop client relationships and retain existing accounts. They assist in evaluating new clients and maintain records. They also work with experienced sales and marketing professionals, attend meetings, and participate in other networking activ

# KNOW YOUR JOB

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ities. An MBA Finance helps in assisting the process of developing and reviewing budgets.

They also provide accurate cash-flow projections to the finance division. They work on the monthly budget and work closely with experienced finance executives in decision making. They help in general ledger management, reconciliation of balance sheets; follow up with various internal stakeholders; prepare monthly schedules for specific accounts and support in the monthly book closing process for expense accrual and accounting adjustments, and also manage prepaid expenses. Some organisations make the MBA finance graduates prepare statutory financials, organisations make the whot financials, make notes to accounts and schedules; coordinate external and internal audits; answer audit queries. They also make them support the accounting

An MBA in operations is expected to have the ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment as well as work under pressure, especially when there are clients facing

operation roles

Upskilling surgeons must

To fill the gap of technical superiority, industry-academia partnerships should initiate programmes

that allow the surgical residents to get acquainted with the future of surgical care, says Dr SVS DEO

manager/finance director on expenses and balance sheet analysis, compliance with internal controls and complying with internal controls for

compring win measure accounting functions.

An MBA Operations person is expected to have a customer — focused, 'service first' mentality. He she is expected to assimilate data rapidly and create timely resolutions and solutions to all levels of stake-holders. He/she is expected to be proactive in assessing the procastives and sevaluate room for enhancement.

procedures and evaluate room to enhancement. An MBA in operations is expect-ed to have the ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment as well as work-ing under pressure, especially when they are in a client facing operation roles. An MBA specialised in human resources (HR) works alongside the HR Business Partner and HR

Operations teams as well as the local Management team to provide generalist HR support to the business. An HR Generalist works alongside the HR Centres of Excellence and is responsible for the management and administration of employees through the entire employee life cycle including onboarding, HR Programme support, offboarding among others. Irrespective of the specialisation MBA graduates are expected to create and present impressive presentations to the internal and external customers of the organisation. They are also expected to be good in using software and data management tools, which can help their reporting managers in better decision making. The wine is Director—Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM)—Pune & Dean—Faculty of Management — Symbiosis International (Diemed University)

#### **C**QUOTE OF THE DA'

Children should be taught how to think and not what to think by equipping them with the weapons of discernment and knowledge.

# Make way for online school

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The first online school of India has been launched in the Millenium city of Gurugram in Delhi-NCR. Known as Cyboard School, the salient feature of the virtual school is a hybrid model of delivery encompassing a mix of online classes which will be followed by physical camps spread over 30 days in a year and city-level interactions. The school targets enrolment of about 5000 students in Classes I to III by the end of March 2021.

A brainchild of two serial entrepreneurs and visionaries — Rajat Singhal, Co-Founder & CEO, and Kunal Singhal, Co-Founder & CEO, and Kunal Singhal, Co-Founder & CTO, the model aims to overcome the drawbacks in conventional K-12 education, including lack of personalised learning, lack of requisite infrastructure and good teachers, limited student-teacher interaction and increased dependence on utilions and impart futuristic education to students through expert faculty members, irrespective of any geographical barriers.

"The online K-12 segment is projected to be nearly 3.7 times its existing size of \$1.16 billion by 2025. The pandemic has underscored the significance of digitisation across sectors and education is no exception," said Singhal.

# Masters programme

The ILAMED is going to start its Masters Course in Micropigmentation & Microblading for doctors with live sessions followed by hands-on training. This is the flagship programe which is the most sought after in the field of Aesthetic Medicine. This course is designed by experts for all the practitioners, which helps them in adding a new dimension to their practice and answers most of the clients' needs. This programme covers the latest techniques and procedures which are followed around the world by the eminent aesthetic medicine expert including the best practices as per the global standards.

This Masters Course is backed by the best Institutes and Associations around the world along with the renowned faculty who are having more than two decades of experience in the field of teaching and training.

This course is certified by The Plastic Surgery Center of Western New York.

The duration of this course is seven days. The curriculum is very detailed and covers most of the important topics and procedures which are delivered in the form of lectures, and the candidates are given hands on training on Live Patients which helps them to enhance their skills in their clinical practice.

This Masters programme covers most of the key topics related to Micropigmentation and Microblading such as Introduction DPMU & Microblading (Basic & advanced), full blown reconstruction (Alopecia), faux skin, eyebrows micropigmentation, Lip Buisc, Lip Thit, Lip correction, Eyelme Micropigmentation, Lip Risk, Lip Thit, Lip correction, Eyelme Micropigmentation, pig Bush, Lip Thit, Lip correction, Eyelme Micropigmentation, Lip Risk, Lip Thit, Lip correction, Eyelme Micropigmentation, pig Bush, Lip Thit, Lip correction, Eyelme Micropigme

With the union budget of 2021 focusing like never before on Healthcare through the three-pronged, holistic approach -including preventive care, curative care, and well-being, there will be a bigger push toward a healthier country. To meet the demand for healthcare solutions that was generated last year, there has been many frugal state-of-the-art innovations associated with touchless diagnostic tools, ventilators, mediand surgical devices that support better patient outcomes and faster healthcare administration in hospitals.

At a national scale, there has

At a national scale there has At a national scale, there has been an unprecedented push towards digitisation through upskilling across sectors. The main reason why it is considered as an unprecedented push towards dig-italisation, is because this was not limited to just the key employees who were used to the II infra-structure that was rowided but also. who were used to the IT infra-structure that was provided, but also all the support staff that included the Admin, HR, Finance, Training and development, etc. to get aligned with the new protocols of commu-nication and also be effectively able to perform the organisations functions without any Jacuna. This sea of change was not any different for the health care professionals of the country.

the country.

Without any differentiation of urban or rural, all doctors were urban or rural, all doctors were expected to get used to online con-sultations, ordering online diag-nostics and prescriptions, resulting in the patients getting the said medicines at home, based on the diagnosis. While there was initial reluctance by some of the doctors

and staff, everyone was quick to overcome their limitations in technology for the larger benefit of the patients and the country at large. The demand for healthcare solutions also prompted fast-tracking digitisation initiatives by the Government and providers. One such game changer was the Government approval for telemedicine usage in India. This changed the landscape of how doctor-patient visits were being managed in India, resulting in making healthcare more accessible to both urban and rural areas across the country.

Another outcome of the pandemic has been the acceptance of

the larger public to become more willing to undergo regular health check-ups to ensure that they remain healthy. This has resulted in identifying more people with different adverse health conditions. This situation has put additional stress on the current healthcare ecosystem resulting in the need for better and faster treatment protocols to support patient care and outcomes. This is an area that can be upgraded by upskilling the medical fraternity. While there ismultiple such continuing medical education for Masters in Medicine (MD), there are only limited options for Masters in Surgery (MS) speciali-

s, related to new age tech

nology.

To fill this gap of technical superior and partners. To fill this gap of technical superiority, industry academia partnerships should initiate programmes that allow the sugical residents to get acquainted with the future of surgical care. Such programmes should engage with resident surgeons/fellows early on in their career, equipping them with knowledge on robotic/tech-enabled surgery and its chinical applications. Facilitating such programmes with Robotic-Assisted Surgery (RAS) will allow the residents to understand the functionality, and scope stand the functionality, and scope stand the functionality, and scope for such tech-enabled surgical pro-

tor such tech-enabled surgical pro-cedures.

These kind of programmes can give the budding surgeons theoret-ical knowledge about how the robot works, and the clinical applications of the technology that will be imparted by trained and successful RAS practitioner. Early RAS sensi-tisation programmes may lead to better adoption of technology which could result in not just reducing the learning curve, but also enable the country's surgical healthcare land-scape to function more effectively

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# Tips to stay relevant

Skills such as basic calculation of construction cost, estimation of appreciation and basic knowledge of building codes come in handy for a real estate manager, says ANNUJ GOEL

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If you have remained mesmerised
with buildings and skyscrapers
during your childhood, a career
in the real estate sector can be a
rewarding choice. From relationship
manager to direct sales executives,
there are several roles to make a
head start in the property market.
However, like every other job, you
must be equipped with a gamut of
skills to succeed and stay relevant in
he real estate industry.
Skills such as basic calculation
of construction cost, estimation of
appreciation, knowledge of rules
related to stamp duty and registration charges, and basic knowledge of
building codes etc., come in handy
for a real estate manager. Here is a
lst of five critical skills needed for
landing a job in a real estate firm.

Communication skills: If you
are foraying into a career in the real

Communication skills: If you are foraying into a career in the real estate sector, be prepared for a oneon-one with the potential homebuyers. Excellent communication skills are an essential part of the job. The executives must be able to lay bare the features of the project in simple words.

bare the features of the project in simple words. As real estate investment is a cost-intensive proposition, one must be able to spell out the pros and cons as well as the approximate 'Return-on-Investment' (ROI) clearly. You can develop these skills gradually by



practising in front of a mirror and taking feedback from friends about your body language.

Active listening: Along with effective speaking skills, active listening is equally important. Attentively listening to the exact requirements of the customer is essential. Only then you will be able to suggest him the options in the given budget and configuration.

Being enthusiastic, empathetic and honest with the customer will automatically incite your interest in him. You can also develop active listening skills by listening to online podcasts and making notes out of them.

Negotiation skills, It is business.

anager, says ANNUJ GOEL

at the end of the day, You must be
able to convince the customers that
they are making the right choice.
However, as real estate investment
is heavy on the pocket decision, be
prepared for a lot of questions.

Be thorough with the details and
communicate effectively. Satisfying
the customers with all their queries
and being honest will put you in the
right stride. Learn to negotiate effectively. Following up is a part of the
process, and you must be persistent
in keeping track of a beneficial lead.
Tech-savy: Being tech-savy is
not about being a cybersecurity
typert. It is about essential computer
skills such as making a presentation,
excel sheet and use of social media.
Being comfortable with technology
saves a lot of time and lets you better manage your clientele.

Social cues and local dialect: Be
prepared to face people from every
income strata and backeround.

Social cues and local dialect: Be prepared to face people from every income strata and background, while meeting an international client, you must be presentable with adequate mannerisms. While dealing with a native client, you might have to incorporate some local sayings and serve them accordingly. Knowledge about the local dialects, societal trends and using it to seal the deal will be immensely useful. The writer is Managing Director, Goel Ganga Director, Goel Gan

### Higher education summit

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The Indian Education Network recently hosted the 9th edition of the
Higher Education Summit in association
with Shobhit University at Le-Meridian
Hotel. The objective of the summit was
to discuss the new education policy, its
implementation on the ground and the
challenges and solutions to it.

Over the years, the Indian Education
Network hosted successful editions of the
summit. Last year, the education sector
around the world and more so in India has
seen a big shift due to pandemic. The
Covid-19 pandemic has put a lot of
restrictions on traditional classroombased teaching and learning in educational

distillations and has transformed it into digital-based education. This year, the summit witnessed many delegates from higher education institutions, including industry veterans and representatives from the Ministry of HRD, AICTE and other Government authorities who shared their thoughts and insights on higher education in India. Kunwar Shechar Vijendra-Chancellor, Shobhit University, said: "Disruption due to COVID-19has given us a reason to innovate new things, to do new things, I take this opportunity to congratulate our Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the dynamic Ministry of Education for taking this step when the word was not able to do anything."

### Int'l recognition for IP varsity teacher

An assistant professor of nanoscience & technology at
University School of Basic Applied Sciences (USBAS) Dr
Satyabrata Mohapatra has been
assigned as the editor of coveted
international nano -science
research journal — NANO.
This Singapore-based research
journal has tendered this responsible assignment seeing his outstanding contributions in the field
of nano- science & technology.
Around 110 peer-reviewed



research papers in the related field in the international journals are already to his credit. He leads a multi-functional nano-materials

a multi-functional nano-materials laboratory at the university. It definitely makes for a special mention that Stanford University, USA had adjudged Dr Mohapatra as among the World's top 2 per cent scientists in the field of applied physics some times back. While, the university is busy promoting a culture of research at present, this news will definitely boost the endeavour.

#### Young researchers conference

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The Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Dwarka, New Delhi, in col-laboration with, JNU Jean Monnet Module, Centre for Monnet Module, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, is organisting an online Young Researchers Conference 2011. "Global Dynamics and Emerging Trends: India and Europe" on March 4 and March 5, 2021. This conference

intends to deliberate upon the emerging trends, glob-al changes and current socio-economic and politi-cal crises in changing land-scapes and how these crises pose challenges to India, and Europe.

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His excellency Ugo Astuto, Ambassador of the European Union to India has kindly consented to address the inaugural session of the conference on March 4, 2020. The guest of honour of the inaugural session is Dinesh K Patnaik, Director General, ICCR.



In today's era of digital tech-nology, survival of many organ-isations is contingent on how they leverage cutting-edge tech-nologies to transform their work-places into augmented environ-ments. However, for this transfor-mation to happen, organisations must make prudent decisions and avoid the costly buy, not build tal-ent strateey— of office for expenent strategy — opting for expen-sive new hires instead of re-skilling or up-skilling the existing employ-

Skill advancement is not a sta-process, rather it is crucially ttc process, rather it is crucially important to continue it at all levels. If one envisions to form an organisation that is constantly learning, growing, and achieving its targets, they need to have learning employees who are keen to adopt new skills and move in pace with ever-evolving business landscape.

with ever-evolving business land-scape.

Up-skilling is a term well-known. With technology causing a tectonic shift in the workplace and creating new possibilities that can be fully realised only by a mod-ernised workforce, there is an ever-increasing need for students and employees to learn new skills and competencies that are required for the emerging job market.

Here we have rounded up a list of courses that can help you upskill and boost your job prospects. Cloud Architect Certification

Cloud Architect Certination
Programme: This specialised
course offered by one of India's
leading ed-tech company,
Intellipaat, equips you with proficiency in Cloud and DevOps. As Intellipata, equips you with profi-ciency in Cloud and DevOps. As part of the program, you get to work on real-world projects in AWS, Azure, DevOps, Python, Java, Splunk, Linux, and much more. In this program, it will cover 11 courses, 26 industry-based projects, and the CAP-STONE Project. As part of this masters in Cloud Computing, you will also receive official course material issued by Microsoft for visible and program of the pro-ting of the property of the Azure and implementing securi-ty. In Azure Development Solutions.

Data Taylor Development Solutions.

Data Course officed in joint collaboration introduces stu-dents to integrated behendel learn ing, equipping them with expertise.

ing, equipping them with expertise in both AI and data science. This advanced course will make students industry-ready for skills in AI and data science and consequentand data science and con-ly render them job-ready

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Content Writing Course: This course teaches you to become a potential content creator & skills to translate thoughts into words that potential content creator & skills to translate thoughts into words that can attract everyone. It upgrades your resume with certifications and industry experience, differentiating your profile from masses and accel-erates your career to a better job pro-file. The course enables participants to translate their thoughts into structured words and explore new ways to express themselves in the best possible way at the workplace. It enables the participants to inves-tigate deeper into any topic and become a deemed expert by devel-oping skills pertaining to creating, evaluating, repack-aging, strategising and presenting content. Taking the course helps in improving one's persuasive skills which comes in handy especially for professionals in sales, marketing, advertising and communications. This course shapes you into a dynamic writer who can write on any subject at any forum which dri-ves conversations and actions on social media, search engines, e-com-parce, also and landine pages.

ves conversations and actions on social media, search engines, e-com-merce, blog and landing pages. PGD in software development (Big Data): This comprehensive diploma program offered by UpGrad is designed for those who

wish to deep dive into the world of Big Data, its key processes and industrial applications. This course teaches in-depth about concepts related to Big Data such as data warehousing, real-time processing, data processing and Big Data analytics. Students also get to work with took like Java, Python, Spark, Kafka, and Hive etc. The program includes seven-pluscase studies and projects which will assist you in sharpening your real-world skills.

Professional teaching. Surasas is a leading teacher-growth-focused EdTech and JobTech platform, offers internationally-recognized

Ediech and Jobiech platform, offers internationally-recognized UK Level 6 Teaching Qualifications in India. Designed by a team of veteran educationists, cognitive scientists, and data scientists in consultation with thousands of teachers and industry specialists, the two qualifications — Professional ers and industry specialists, the two qualifications — Professional Graduate Certificate in Teaching & Learning (PgCTL) and Diploma in Teaching aim to help teachers accelerate their professional growth and be successful in creating a high

and be successful in creating a night impact learning environment in their classrooms.

They empower teachers with 11st Century teaching skills, crucial to engage the new generation of Gen Z and Gen Alpha students.

# 'Demand for cyber security professionals on rise'

Advancement of digitisation has spurred an increase in cybersecurity solutions leading to lucrative options, says DR SANJEEV KUMAR SHARMA

In COVID-19-era world economy and society are now interconnectived by supply chains, communications technology and travel. The rapid growth of the number of appliances, devices, vehicles and infrastructure are linked which is foremost to the overly interconnected world. Rise in demand of digitalisation services creates a network of Internet of Things devices to enable better consumer experience but also raises the high incidence of cyber attacks. n COVID-19-era world economy

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Cyber security jobs have been one of the hottest jobs for students today. The demand is unmatched in any other technology domain. Companies across the world have been continuously targeted for cyber-Attacks. This scenario has given massive opportunities for professionals willing to enter the security domain. Cyber security today serves as a major source of employment and a lucrative career option. First step is to acquire basic cybersecurity skills, followed by choosing a specific domain based on personal interest and market demand. For a successful career, students need to get in-depth training develop skills, and acquire specific certifications in security.

India faced around seven lakh cyber-statacks in August 2020 report by (MeITY). As per the report India was ranked third and one of the biggest vicinis of cyber-attacks in recent years, makes it even more exigent.

In recent years Government and private players have introduced a flury of specialised and standalone courses on cyber security. From part-time to distance learning to online mode with

private players have introduced a rivery of specialised and standalone courses on oyber security. From part-time to distance learning to online mode with varied provisions for certification, diploma and degree programmes, these courses have found much popularity among students as well as career professionals.

The professionals are focused on delivering technologies that help move business operations forward while preserving sensitive information. Despite the recent increase in popularity of cyber security as a course in our universities, colleges and institutes, are not much enough. The demand of cyber security experts in India has even less than a paltry 10,000 professionals. For a second largest economy of world



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India and sustained by the second
largest population of the world with
expanding digital footprints, such a
miniscule number is grossly insufficient. Therefore, it is time that cyber
security as a specialised disciplines
with all its attendant sub-disciplines
becomes an integral component of any
IT syllabus being taught within our university systems as well as outside.
Innovations and trends in technology have a direct impact on digitasecurity. Recent advancement of digitisation and the Internet over things has
supured a significant increase in cybersecurity solutions. We are moving forsaverating a digital and smart
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basic knowledge about advanced cyberscurity work experience, industry certifications, knowledge of regulatory
policies is usually required to make a
career in cybersecurity. The rise in
cyber attacks is increasing the opporruntites for professionals from all backgrounds who want to make a career in
cybersecurity. Even people from
Humanities can make a career in
cybersecurity.

A recent parliamentary report states that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, the Indian automotive industry suffered ₹2,300 crore loss per day and an estimated job loss in the sector was about 3.45 lakt. This report clearly indicates that there is still a miss-match in the development of the watch in the education we impart to the youth and the demand they have to meet at the job.

This gap will widen further if we don't

initiate structured reforms and initiative in the next Union Budget, which will be tabled in less than a week's time. The dream of achieving a self-reliant \$5 trillion economy completely depends upon the education and the skill level of its citizens.

#### Training the workforce to get adapt to

Training the workforce to get adapt to the digital setup
With the advent of COVID-19 vaccines and India's emergence as the soft-power in the medical industry, companies are considering the year 2021 with full of hopes. They are slowly and steadily adapting to the new normal by upskilling, relearning and learning the importance of advanced technologies in order to retain their relevance and competitiveness in this digital era. At this juncture, the public and private partnership can help to bring the major shift in skilling/reskilling programmes in tandem with the government skilling programs. Apart from this, the academic curriculum in schools and colleges must be

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rebooted to remain in sync with the current realities of the post-pandemic era. It is alarming to see how India despite being renowned for its large talent pool, most graduates are unemployable due to mismatch of their skill sets with industry requirements. The Ministry of Education and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship should work together to come up with a new curriculum and skilling programs as per the industry standards.

New job opportunities demands new

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skills
In order to cope with the company's new transformation, the existing and n workforce also needs to have constant workforce also needs to have constant skilling, reskilling and upskilling. The new job requirements will also demand the knowledge of new set of a reas including loT, mechatronics, robotics, 3D printing, AI, machine and deep learning, analytics, virtual collaboration, automotive design, and computational trinking. A lot of training programmes is the meed of the hour to build the capacity of

these workforces.
Even the current time demands a complete change in the mindset of youth and their parents. An engineering student's goal should be getting a job, becoming financially independent than merely holding a degree. Once this mindset sets in, there is no use I date and he harkfel the lead in no way India can be taking the lead in becoming a hub for manufacturing, and supplier of skilled talent.

#### Continuous reskilling programmes in organisations

organisations
Surveys have found out that those companies who launched successful reskilling programmes are also the ones who were able to better address the skill

gaps caused by technological disruptions or

gaps caused by technological disruptions of to implement new business models or strategies in order to stay relevant and competitive.

The lesson here is that simply getting started on reskilling programmes makes organisations better prepared for potential fiture rela (insurtion-and its proferable) to fiture relation-and its proferable (insurtion-and its proferable) to fiture relation-and its proferable (insurtion-and its proferable) to fiture relation-and its proferable (insurtion organisations better prepared for potential future role disruption-and is preferable to waiting. There is a need for continuous skilling programmes and they should not be short term. Companies need to understand that whatever talent reskilling or redeployment they do should also be used to expand their reskilling capabilities going forward.

The writer is Ankit Shyamsukha. CEO. ICA Edu Skills



The University of Hamburg invites applications for merit available for international students to concentrate fully on their studies and gives them the opportunity to develop their skills.

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spond grades in their previous academic study, equivalent to the minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) for their desired degree at the university.

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#### **INBRIEF**

#### **AUV LAUNCHED TO SANITISE SPACES**

The Mahindra University has launched an Autonomous Unmanned Vehicle (AUV) Disinfecting Robot, Mahindra Universite UV Desinfectant Robot dutonome (MUDRA). This robot is designed to disinfect rooms, labs, offices, shop floors, and various other spaces usinn

various other spaces using Ultraviolet C (UVC) rays. Dr Yajulu Medury, VC, Mahindra

University said: "We are University said: "We are constantly focused upon enabling solutions that impact our day to day lives in a positive sense. In this pandemic time, safely is of paramount importance. I am proud that we have created an indigenously designed, developed in-house and

funded disinfecting robot, that helps in the sanitisation of surfaces thereby, ensuring that spaces remain infection free."

The robot has been designed to navigate autonomously on the floor without needing any extra infrastructure. It maps and plans its path to move around, and avoids obstacles and re-charts its path intelligently. It moves from room to room on a floor automatically without any human intervention. In addition, it has automatically without any human intervention. In addition, it has the capability to operate elevators and move from one floor to another using Wi-Fi or wireless connectivity.

The robot is is completely

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# SRM all set to welcome students



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Hospital & Research Centre (SRM MCHRC), Kattankulathur. Under the Faculty of Science & Humanities, SRMIST offers various Undergraduate and Post Graduate programmes from the College of Science and Humanities, School of Management, and School of Law Several UG and PG programmes are also available for stu-dents in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences that has the College of Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, College of Occupational

Therapy, College of Nursing, School of Public Health, among others.

The soft launch of application forms for Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Science and Faculty of Science and Fulumanities was held at the Institute's premises in the presence of SRMISTS of SKMISTO Pro VC (Medical) It Col Dr A Ravi Kumar, Dierctor (Communications) R Nandakummar, Assistant Director (MSH) Venkata Ramakrishnan, Assistant Director (MSH) Por North College (MH) Por North Coll

# Pitch will be similar to last 2 Tests: Rahane 'Ashwin constantly

Andia's Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane on Tuesday said there is no need to take criticism of the spin-friendly pitches in the country 'serious-y' as not a word is spoken about the "damp" tracks elsewhere and England can expect anoth-er turner in the fourth Test.

er turner in the fourth Test.
There has been a lot of talk
about the spinning tracks in the
second Test at Chepauk and the
pink ball game at Motera which
ended inside two days. The
fourth and final Test starts on
March 4.

March 4. "I think the wicket will be similar to the second Test match in Chennai, spinning track. Yes, pink ball made the difference and it came much quicker off the wicket compared to red ball and we had to make adjustments," Rahane said during a virtual media conference.

"Wicket will be a lot similar to last two Test matches," he added.
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added.

Rahane, for the first time in many years, shed his reticence when asked to respond to the criticism from former England players that the pitches have not been ideal. Some have even urged the ICC to act against Iodia for penanting a turger.

been ideal. Some nave even, urged the ICC to act against India for preparing a turner. "See, let people speak what they want to. The wickets, when we tour abroad, no one speaks about how seaming they are. They always speak about the technique of the Indian batsmen, I don't feel we need to take seriously what people say," Rahane was sharp in his response.

response.
"...You see, when we tour abroad, the first day wicket is damp. When wicket becomes grassy and behaves up and down, then the pitch becomes dangerous but we haven't comdangerous but we haven't com-plained about it or we have never spoken about it."



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Young England opener Zak
Crawley too echoed Ajinkya
Rahane's sentiments on the
Motera strip which he believes
will be "similar" in nature but red
ball will make it "slightly easier"
for the batsmen.

"Yeah, I think it will be a
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"Yeah, I think it will be a very similar pitch this week. It wasn't easy to score for sure, but it was the same for both sides, and they played very well compared to us. So, we had our chance to bat first and did well and unfortunately, we didn't play well as we needed to," Crawley said at a virtual confer-

ence.

Quizzed whether batting will be easier in the final Test as it will be a red ball game again,

he answered in affirmative.

"It depends on the pitch obviously, but I do think that it will be slightly easier. I felt that the pink ball was a bit harder (to play) and that ball skidded on quite quickly, which is why Axar got so many wickes through leg before and bowled:

Axar's arm ball will be a massive threat, conceded Crawley.

"It think he still has that ball in his armoury for sure and he'll in his armoury for sure and he'll."

game.
"Yeah, it's nice to score some runs. I probably had the best (chance) to face seamers early, but still nice to score some runs, nonetheless," he said, adding that hopefully he will have the game-plan in the final match.

The 23-year-old, lavished

Axar's arm ball will be a massive threat, conceded Crawley. "I think he still has that ball in his armoury for sure and hells in his armoury for sure and hells till be a massive threat with that one (red ball). But I think it might not skid on with the same pace as the pink ball but it won't be completely different," explained Crawley, Carwley was the only half centurion for England in the last



Shastri on Tuesday received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at a city

# reinventing himself'

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Ravichandran Ashwin is a thinking cricketer, who is constantly reinventing himself, said former India batsman VVS Laxman, insisting that preparation is key to the veteran off-spinner's success. Ashwin recently became the fourth Indian bowler to take 400 Test wickets, when he achieved the feat by dismissing Jofra Archer in the pink ball Test at Ahmedabad. He also became the second fastest bowler to reach the landmark after Sri Lanka spin wizard Muttlah Muralitharan. "I think he's (Ashwin) a very intelligent person. When

"I think he's (Ashwin) a very intelligent person. When you're playing at the highest level, then it's not only about your skill, it's about your preparation, your planning and execution is so critical.

"So, he works out what are the weaknesses of the batsman. He plans those dis-

"So, he works out what are the weaknesses of the batsman. He plans those dismissals and that's why! I think he is reinventing himself." Laxman, a veteran of 134 Tests, said on Star Sports show Cricket Comected.

To prove his point, Laxman cited the example of Steve Smith's trouble against Ashwin during India's recent tour Down Under.

"We saw recently in the Australia series how he (Ashwin) troubled somene as great as Steve Smith and that's another thing that makes Ashwin or any champion player special, that he wants to be the best and compete against the best," he said.

Former India opener Lakish Chopra too lavished praise on Ashwin, saying he is one of the biggest match winners the country has ever produced.

"78 Test matches for 400
Test wickets. Let the naysayers be! He's been absolute phenomenal with the craft that he has displayed over a period of time and as he's growing as a bowler, he's picking a lot of wickets. So, that question mark is also getting answered quite nicely," said Chopra.

"I feel that he's an absolute rockstar. He's one of the biggest match winners that India has ever produced, of course Anil Kumble will still remain at No 1," added 43year-old, who has played 10 Tests for the country.



### Ash, Root in contention for ICC Player of Month

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Seasoned India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin along with England captain Joe Root and West Indies' new batting sensation Kyle Mayers were on Tuesday nominated for the ICC Player of the Month for their exceptional performances in February.

Player of the Month for their exceptional performances in February.

Ashwin played three Tests against England and scored 106 in the second innings of India's second Test victory at Chennai and took his 400th Test wicket in the third Test victory at Ahmedabad.

"Scoring a total of 176 runs across these games with taking a total of 274 wickets."

"Scoring a total of 1/6 runs across these games with taking a total of 24 wickets, Ashwin is the deserving can-didate to be nominated in the men's category for

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February." the ICC release stated.
"England Test captain Joe Root makes it to the list of nominations again this month for his outstanding performance with the bat and the ball. He scored a total of 333 runs and took 6 wickets overall in the 3 Tests that he played against India," it further stated.

From the West Indies, Test debutant Mayers played two matches against Bangladesh and had a match-winning knock of 210 to help his team successfully chase a target of 395 at Chittagong.

ly chase a target of 395 at Chittagong. In the women's section, Tammy Beaumont and Nat Sciver of England along with Brooke Halliday of New Zealand have been nominated.

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\*(NDO-PAK EXPRESS\* TO BE BACK ON TOUR New DEAH: The much-popular Indo-Pak pairing of Rohan Beganes A Asian-mang Qures and Ille back after years who same mangets at the Acquito ATP 500 event but as of now it's an one-off arrangement since their combined ranking won't let them enter bigger tournaments together. It will be strong to the proper of the pr

Express' will play together since they last competed at the ATP 250 event in Shenzen in 2014. MANIKA, SREEJA ADVANCE INTO FINAL ROUND DOHA: Star paddler Manika Batra and young Sreeja

# third T20 World Cup

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That's actually the goal I'm setting in my head — winning the T20 World Cup. The World Cup is still a long way off but by the time you quint (blink), it's World Cup time,"

Gayle has made 1,627 T20I runs with a highest score of 117 at an average of over 32.

T want to win the series," Gayle added. "I want to get off to a good start. It's really good to be back. Hopefully I can perform, help the team, and put the



team in a winning position."

He is one of four openers in the
West Indies squad, but said that he
could be used lower down the order

again.
"It seems like I'm the number three
"" be said. "It's not

"It seems like I'm the number three specialist now," he said. "It's not a problem. I'm good at playing spin, I'm as good at playing fast bowlers as anyone as I'm an opener.
"But with West Indies cricket, whatever role they want me to play, I'm willing to play that particular role. If it's opening, I'm ready, number three, - I'm pretty much flexible. I will still be the best number five in the world, best number five in the world, best number three in the world."

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wonat Cricket Stadium for the importing IPL season. I urge and appeal to glaticit & glatin. Its reconsider their decision. There is no reason with Mohali can't host IPL and our Government will make all necessary arrangements for safety against PCovid19.

Expressing surprise over the exclusion of

Mohali from the list of venues short-listed for the upcoming IPL, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh on Tuesday appealed to the BCCI to reconsider the decision

# Gayle focused to win | Leach eager to learn from Ashwin, Axar

By his own admission, England's Jack Leach is in awe of the exploits of Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravichandran Ashwin and Axar Patel during the pink ball Test and he is eager to learn the nuances of spin bowling from the Indian duo in the fourth and final match, starting here on Thursday.

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Ashwin and Axar used the spin-friendly Motera pitch to great effect and picked up 18 of the 20 English wickets in the match to demolish the visitors. "When you see players having so much success, like Ravichandran Ashwin, who has just got to 400 Test wickets and has a lot of experience in India, and Axar Patch, who has had a great start to Test cricket, of course, you try to learn from them," Leach wrote



in a column for Sky Sports.
"It's important not to look at it too emotionally though and think T just want to bowl exactly like them!.

The 29-year-old left-arm spinner felt the experienced

Ashwin was very clever in the way he changed his seam posi-tion. "He (Ashwin) will bowl to

"He (Ashwin) will bowl to the same spot but the way it gets there and whether it hits the seam or hits the lacquer varies and the ball reacts very differently," Leach observed. "Then Axar is someone who seems to present every ball the same, a squarish seam, then a few skid on and the odd one grips — that has been so effective on the wickets we've played on."

Leach is up for the challenge that awaits him in the final Test and sounded confident after picking up the wick-lengt either the processing with the same processing 
inial rest and sounded comi-dent after picking up the wick-ets of top four Indian batsmen in the third Test.
"...We're all keen to learn and are excited by the chal-lenge; you have to be because if it was all easy then it would-

n't be Test cricket and it would-n't be as much fun when you have those good moments. It's something that I'm relishing,"

said.
"I was really pleased with

Twas really pleased with Twas really pleased with and they were all from straight balls, obviously the balls before spin and then you get the wicket with the straight one." He said he will not get a better four-wicket than he grabbed in the last Test in the form of Rohit Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane. "I'm pleased with the wickets that I've taken, bowling to some of the best players in the

MANIKA, SKEEJA ADVANCE INTO TIVAL ROUND DONA: Star paddler Manika Batra and young Sreeja Akula moved to the final round of the women's singles qualifiers at the WTT Contender after winning their respective matches. The world number 150, Sreeja prevailed over world number 140, Breeja prevailed over world number 150, Sreeja she start packing 87th-ranked Orawan Paranang 11-5, 11-5, 11-6 in the third round. While Manika got the better of trina Ciobanu 11-7, 15-13, 11-8 comfortably in the third round of women's singles qualifiers and will face Ganna Gaponova in the last round. ets that I Ve taken, bowling to some of the best players in the world in their own backyard. I don't think I'll get a better four-for and I feel like I've held my own really; that gives me a lot of confidence moving forward," he said. HAT-TRICK OF DEFEATS FOR INDIA WOMEN

DUSSELDOR: The Indian women's hockey team's defence resisted well but formidable Germany walked away with a 2-0 win in the third game, taking an unassaliable 3-0 leaf in the four-match series, here. Sonja Zimmermann (26) and Franzisca Hauke (42') scored the goals for Germany, who won their third consecutive match on Monday. The fourth match of the series will be played on Thursday.

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SHRTI SLIPS 2 PLACES IN ODI RANKINGS

Dusa: Indian opener Smriti Mandhana slipped two
places to sixth among batters but Jhulian Goswami
retained her fitth spot among bowlers in the latest ICC
women's ODI Players' rankings issued on Tuesday.

England opener Tammy Beaumonth has rockeled five
places to grab the top position after an excellent
display in the three-match series against New Zealand.
She has overtaken the likes of Stafanie Taylor and Amy
Satterthwate to top the list and now leads Australia
captain Meg Lanning by 16 points.

STIMAC NAMES 3S PROBABLES FOR FRIENDLIES NITHING MITTERS 35 PROPRIETES FOR FREEWOLDS.

NEW DELIN: Rational flootball coach Ign Stimac on Tuesday named 10 new players in his 35-member list of probables for India's back-to-back international friendlies against Oman and the UAE to be played in Dubai on March 25 and 29 respectively. The final list of 28 players will be announced after the ISL final on March 13. The players will the machine special properties of the players will the machine special properties of the players will the machine special properties of the players will be made and the players will be players will be players will be made and the players will be made and the players will be players will be made and the players will be made and the players will be players will b

herparativy Campin In Jouan Horin March 1-5.

\*\*New DeLMH: Sk-time world champion M C Mary Kom and Asian Games Gold-medallist Amit Panghal were among 13 Indian boxers who made the quarterfinals of Boxam International Tournament on Tuesday, leaving them just win away from securing mediat the event. While 12 of them either got byes or benefitted from the small size of their respective draws, Commonwealth Games Bronze-medallist Mohammed Hussamuddin (GYM) defeated local hope Joan Manuel Torres in his opening bout on Tuesday.

#### SANIA RETURNS WITH WIN IN DOHA DOHA: Sania Mirza made a winning return to the WTA

Dona: Sania Mirza made a winning return to the WIA circuit as she and her Slovenian partner Andreja Klepac beat Ukrainians Nadia Kichenok and Lyudmyda Kichenok to reach the doubles quarterfinals of the Otatar Total Open here. The Indo-Slovenian pair won 6-4, 6-7(5), 10-5 against the double Kichenok and Kichenok in the opening round of the WTA 500 tournament Monday night.

#### FEDERER OUT OF MIAMI OPEN

MAMI: Roger Federer is withdrawing from this month's Miami Open so he can spend exta time preparing to "work his way back out on tour," in preparing to "work his way back out on tour, in its agent told AP. The 20-time Grand Stam champion has not competed in more than a year. He is scheduled to make his return to the tour next week in a hard-court tournament at Doha, Qatar. Agencies

### Money gets more importance than cricket in IPL: Stevn

South Africa pace great Dale Steyn has claimed that Cricket takes a back seat at the Indian Premier League, insisting that money is given more importance than the game in the lucrative 120 tournament. Justifying his on-and-off IPL career, Steyn said was one of the reasons he had not featured regularly in the worlds biggest franchise-based 120 tournament. 'I think when you go to the IPL, there are such big squads and so many big names and so much emphasis on maybe the anount of money players can and everything like that, so sometimes, somewhere down the line, cricket gets forgotten,' said Steyn, who was part of the Royal Challengers Bangalore squad in the last IPL.

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In January this year, Steyn announced that he is opting out of the IPL 2021 but will play other leagues around the world.

Steyn's decision influenced RCB to release him ahead of the IPL 2021 auction.

Steyn has played 95 IPL matches, picking up 97 wickets with a best of 3 for 8.

But the South African's repeated injury break-downs didn't help his cause as he just featured in 12 IPL matches in the last three seasons.

The South African pacer, who is representing Quetta Gladiators in the Pakistan Super League 6, said he took the break as he needed time off from the game and also because he found playing in other leagues around the world more rewarding as a player.

When you come to like the PSL or the Sri Lankan Premier League, for that matter, there is an importance on cricket. Have only been here for a couple of days and I have had people in and out of my room, just wanting to know about where I have played and how I went about it, 'Steyn said.

"Whereas, when I go to something like the IPL that gets forgotten and the main topic is how much money did you go for in this IPL? That's just me being brutally honest. I wanted to stay away from that and really put more emphasis on playing and bringing good vibes to good cricket teams and tournaments I feel are worth it," he added.



Peal Madrid's chances of chasing down La Liga leaders Atletico Madrid were dealt a blow on Monday as they needed a late Vinicius Junior equaliser to secure a 1-1 draw with Real Sociedad.

It could have been worse for Zinedine Zidane's side, with Vinicius' finish in the 89th minute preventing what would have been a damaging defeat after a weekend in which both Atletico and Barcelona had won.

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Attetico and Barcelona had won.
Atletico's victory over Villarreal on
Sunday put them six points clear of
Real Madrid, an advantage that is now
only cut to five ahead of next week's
Madrid derby at the Wanda
Metropolitano. Atletico also have a
game in hand.

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ie in nand. The result ends Real Madrid's run The result cluss loss. The result cluss result cluss while Portu's brilliant header for Real Sociedad early in the second half was also the first goal conceded by the reigning champions

conceded by the reigning champions in five games.

It represents an important shift in momentum. A few days ago Atletico might have hoped just to hold on to first place next weekend but now they could spy an opportunity to all but

knock their opponents out of the title

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Madrid had 20 shots to Real Sociedads six but lacked edge in the final third, with the injured Karim Benzema watching on from the stands. "We've had games where we won and may

### Richarlison boosts Everton's top-4 bid



Liverpool: Everton boosted their bid to earn a top-four finish in the Premier League as Richarlison sealed a 1-0 win against struggling Southampton on Monday.

Carlo Ancelotti's side won for the first time in six home league games thanks to Richarlison's early goal.

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# Crowds can be avoided at least initially in IPL: Wadia

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Punjab Kings co-owner Ness Wadia Infeles the IPL can avoid crowds initially in the tournament and also wants to know from the BCCI that why his team's base in Mohali has not been picked among the potential venues for the 2021 edition despite a low Covid-19 caseload. Delhi, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai have been shortlisted as potential venues but the BCCI is yet to take a final call on the matter. "We have written to the BCCI to find out under what criter at hey have selected the venues and why they have not selected us. We were hoping to have games in Punjab? Wadia said. "Some of the teams will not have a home advantage, those are the concerns. The cases in Chandigarh and Mohali are not that much, I don't know on what basis they have shortlisted the venues," he added, referring to Chandigarhis 69 new cases on Monday.

The 2020 edition of the IPL was held in the UAE in empty stadiums but there is a possibility that the upcoming edition at home will allow spectators with the Covid situation improving drastically since the last IPL.

The current India-England Test series too is being played in front of lim-

However, Wadia feels IPL is a much tougher challenge logistically compared to a bilateral series and crowds can be avoided at least initially due to safety conerns.
"I think it would better to have no

I think it would better to have no crowd initially and then evaluate the Covid-19 situation as the event progress-es. There is no question that the IPL is tougher to organise than a bilateral series. We want whatever is best and safe for the players and the bio-bubble.

# Vinicius rescues point for Real