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Uproar in Houses over fuel price

First day of second part of Budget Session a washout

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The first day of the second part of the Budget Session of Parliament was virtually washed out due to the uproar created by the Opposition over fuel price rise.

In the Rajya Sabha, while the Congress wanted a discussion right away on the issue, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu did not allow and said the matter could be raised during debate on the Appropriation Bill in the coming days.

In the Lok Sabha, members of the Congress, the Shiv Sena, the Indian Union Muslim League gave adjournment motion notices over the continuous rise in petrol, diesel and LPG prices. After Speaker Om Birla rejected notices of adjournment motion moved by Opposition members over the issue, they started raising slogans.

Birla appealed to protesting members several times to let the House function so that women members can raise their issues on International Women's Day, but as the din continued around 5.15 pm, he adjourned the Lok Sabha till 7 pm.

The Congress made its intentions clear on disrupting the proceedings as soon as the Rajya Sabha met for the first day of the second half of the Budget Session. The newly-elected Leader of Opposition and senior Congress leader



Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Deepender Singh Hooda and others during a media interaction at Vijay Chowk in New Delhi on Monday PTI



Opposition leaders stage a protest over rise in fuel prices, in the Rajya Sabha during the Budget Session of Parliament in New Delhi on Monday PTI

Mallikarjun Kharge raised the issue and sought a discussion on the "burning issue."

"This is very important issue and it is a burning subject. Throughout the country, people are agitated," Kharge said. Petrol prices touched nearly ₹100 a litre while diesel rates were more than ₹80 per litre and LPG prices also increased, he said adding the Government had collected ₹21 lakh crore by putting excise duty and cess on petroleum products.

He said farmers and people were suffering because of rise in prices but the Chairman did not allow his notice under Rule 267 to suspend business for the day and discuss the issue.

Naidu reiterated that the members will get ample opportunity to put the Government on the mat on the issue during the forthcoming debates.

Session likely to be cut short, to end before State polls start

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Budget Session of Parliament is likely to be cut short and may conclude before the first phase of elections on March 27, while the two Houses will resume their normal timing of 11 am onwards from Tuesday, sources said.

Several parties had requested that the session, which was originally scheduled to continue till April 8, be curtailed due to the Assembly elections in four States and one Union Territory being held between March 27 and April 29.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman greets Congress MP Anand Sharma at Parliament on Monday PTI

While Rajya Sabha Chairperson M Venkaiah Naidu announced the new timings for the Upper House this morning on the first day of the second part of the Budget Session, Lok Sabha

Speaker Om Birla made a similar announcement in the Lower House. Birla said Lok Sabha members would also sit in galleries, apparently to maintain distancing norms.

Keeping in mind the social distancing norms due to the Covid-19 pandemic, both Houses were meeting in two shifts since the Monsoon Session, with Rajya Sabha meeting in the first half of the day and Lok Sabha in the second half. There was no Winter Session of Parliament due to the pandemic. Some Rajya Sabha members were sitting in Lok Sabha chambers to adhere to distancing norms.

Batla House shootout: Cop's killer convicted

Court holds IM ultra guilty of shooting Inspector Sharma in 2008 encounter

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Monday convicted Ariz Khan for the murder of Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma and other offences in connection with the 2008 Batla House encounter. Khan is allegedly associated with the terror outfit Indian Mujahideen. The court will pronounce the quantum of sentence on March 15.

Additional Sessions Judge Sandeep Yadav said the evidence produced by the prosecution duly proved the case beyond reasonable doubt.

The judge said it is "duly proved that Ariz Khan and his associates caused murder of police official and fired gunshot on the police official."

The judge further said Khan managed to flee and did not appear before court despite being declared a proclaimed offender. "The evidence adduced on record, including ocular, documentary and scientific, prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt that Khan along with accomplices with common intention



Injured Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma File photo



obstructed inspector Sharma in discharge of public function," the court said.

"Khan, along with his accomplices, also fired gunshots at head constables Balwant and Balvir Singh," the court further said. The court also asked the Investigating Officer (IO) to ascertain the financial position of the convict to decide on the amount of compensation to be given to the victim's family.

Inspector Sharma of the Special Cell of Delhi was martyred during the 2008 Batla

House encounter in Jamiya Nagar in south Delhi.

In 2013, Shahzad Ahmed and Khan had escaped the Batla House shootout while two of their accomplices, Atif Amin and Mohammed Sajid, were killed during the shootout. A third, Mohammed Saif, was arrested.

Delhi Police Inspector Mohan Chand Sharma lost his life while two other officers were injured.

Later, Shahzad Ahmed was also arrested and a trial court in July 2013 had sentenced Indian Mujahideen terrorist Ahmed to life imprisonment in connection with the case. His appeal against the trial court's verdict has been pending in the High Court.

Khan, a native of Azamgarh, was arrested by the Delhi Police's Special Cell in February 2018.

Don't evoke false sense of security over Covid: IMA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain talked about nearing the end of the (Covid-19) pandemic, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has cautioned politicians and the Government not to invoke a "false sense of security".

"It is painful to note the discussion on endemic Vs pandemic status of diseases is echoing in the political corridors, however it ought to be substantiated by scientific evidence by the World Health Organisation (WHO) or ICMR only," the IMA said.

The apex body of the doctors pointed out that "invasion of muted virus UK variant, South Africa variant and Brazil variant continue to haunt".

"While corona pandemic with its disastrous tentacles and widespread infectivity were under control amid spike here and there by the dedicated and coordinated services rendered timely by



Governments and private modern medical healthcare providers, the stage is not ripe to call it the end of pandemic or endemic," the IMA said in a statement here.

"The introduction of much efficacious and safe corona vaccine in our country is a tool for us to face this challenging war with confidence. But for India and Argentina, whole world had faced the second wave and its much vitreous consequences.

"The last one week has shown 35 to 40 per cent increase in the number of cases from different parts of the State and even in Capital of India the daily average has risen up from 100 to 140 patients.

All booths in Bengal ph-I polls 'sensitive'

More leaders quit TMC to join BJP

PNS ■ KOLKATA

In an unprecedented decision, the Election Commission of India has declared all the booths for the first phase of elections in five districts of Bankura, Purulia, Jhargram and East and West Midnapore in West Bengal as sensitive.

This implies that all the 10,228 booths will have at least 4-8 Central forces jawans deployed, sources said, adding the EC has already banned "civic volunteers" or "green police" appointed by the State Government on a temporary basis from manning the polls.

The first phase — of the 8-phase elections — for 10 seats will take place on March 27.

Reacting to the EC's decision to deploy Central forces in all the booths, Bengal Minister Tapas Roy said, "We respect the EC's decision... they have the power to do so and they are doing accordingly... but the point is decisions should not be



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses a rally to mark International Women's Day in Kolkata on Monday PTI

one-sided and favouring any one party."

Meanwhile, more Trinamool Congress leaders quit the ruling party either "feeling insulted" at not being given a ticket or getting "inspired" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership ahead of the Assembly polls.

Sonali Guha, former Bengal Assembly Deputy Speaker and a trusted lieutenant of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for many decades, on Monday left the ruling outfit along with other outgoing Legislators Dependu Biswas of Basirhat and Jatu Lahiri of Howrah.

CAPSULE

DOMESTIC AIR TRAFFIC FALLS 37% IN FEBRUARY
Mumbai: India's domestic air traffic fell 37 per cent year-on-year to 78 lakh passengers in February amid travel curbs and capacity restrictions due to the pandemic, according to Ica.

SOUTHAMPTON TO HOST IND-NZ WORLD TEST FINAL
New Delhi: India will play their inaugural World Test Championship final against New Zealand at Southampton's Ageas Bowl Stadium from June 18-22. BCCI president Sourav Ganguly confirmed on Monday.

MEGHAN ALLEGES ROYAL RACISM IN INTERVIEW
Los Angeles/London: Meghan Markle struggled as a new member of Britain's royal family after her marriage to Prince Harry to such a degree that she contemplated suicide, Meghan revealed in an explosive tell-all interview with Oprah Winfrey. She also spoke about concerns of racism within the royal ranks.

Never asked rapist to marry victim, remarks misreported, says CJ

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday said its observation during the hearing last week in a bail matter in a rape case were "completely misreported" and added that it has the "highest respect" for women and womanhood.

The comments — on International Women's Day — come in the wake of recent criticism against the Supreme Court that it had purportedly asked a rape accused whether he would marry the victim, who was a minor when the crime was committed and has turned major now.

"We asked are you going to marry? We didn't ask him to

marry" a bench headed by Chief Justice SA Bobde said, adding it had asked this to the man, in the context of the case.

"The fact of the matter is that we have the highest respect for women," said the bench, also comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian.

The observations by the bench were made while it was hearing another case, a plea by a 14-year-old pregnant rape survivor seeking permission to abort the foetus of 26 weeks. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who was appearing in the matter, said that the observation by the bench last week was reported out of context.

Delhi's economy to contract by 5.68% in FY21: Economic Survey

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The economy of Delhi is expected to contract by 5.68 per cent in real terms while the per capita income is projected to fall to ₹3.54 lakh in the current financial year due to the impact of the pandemic, according to Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.

However, the advance estimate of the gross State domestic product (GSDP) at current price is ₹7,98,310 crore, showing a contraction of 3.92 per cent over the previous year.

The GSDP at current prices increased by about 45 per cent in the last six years — from ₹5,50,804 crore in 2015-16 to ₹7,98,310 crore in 2020-21. The per capita income went down from ₹3.76 lakh in 2019-20 to ₹3.54 lakh in 2020-21.

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PUNJAB BUDGET

Punjab FM tries to woo all sections of society in populist Budget



MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In the last budget of the current regime, Punjab Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal on Monday made an apparent attempt to woo all sections of the society by presenting Rs 1,68,015 crore 'tax-free' budget for 2020-21, and making populist announcements largely aimed at fulfilling the pre-poll promises.

Right from Rs 1,186 crore farm debt waiver for 1.13 lakh farmers along with landless labourers, to Rs 9,000 crore for implementing Pay Commission recommendations, nearly 50,000 'fresh' government jobs, doubling old age pension, to enhancing 'Aashirwad' amount, free bus travel for women and college students in government buses, to Rs 100 crore for distributing Smart phones, and much more, Manpreet has loosened his purse strings to present a please-all budget with an eye on 2022 elections.

The announcement of sops came at a time when the state's debt is expected to reach Rs 2.73 crore by the end of current

fiscal (2020-21), which currently stands at Rs 2.52 lakh crore. In 2017-18, the outstanding debt was Rs 1,95,978 crore.

Manpreet said that the GSDP had grown at an average rate of 10.43 percent from 2017-18 to 2019-20. "The total revenue receipts of the state has increased by 98.52 percent in 2020-21 on account of higher earnings from excise on liquor, electricity duty and stamp revenue," he said.

The State Government is expected to earn revenue of Rs 1,62,598 crore in the next financial year, pegging the revenue deficit at 1.42 percent and fiscal deficit at 3.9 percent of the gross state domestic product (GSDP).

To fulfill the promises made in the budget, Manpreet, it seems, have to heavily depend on debt with the total expenditure estimated to be Rs 1,68,015 crore by the end of current fiscal. The payment of salaries and wages continued to constitute the highest share of the state's total expenditure at 24 percent (Rs 27,714 crore), followed by pensions and other

retirement benefits forming 10 percent share (Rs 11,767 crore). Besides, the interest payments (Rs 20316 crore) formed 17 percent of the total expenditure, besides nine percent of power subsidy (Rs 10621 crore).

Moreover, the new decisions and announcements would also put additional burden on the state exchequer. As Manpreet, on the occasion of International Women's Day, announced free transportation for women and college students in all state-run buses, the decision is likely to cost the government Rs 170 crore.

Enhancement of compensation to SC, ST, BC and EWS girls at the time of their weddings under the Aashirwad scheme from Rs 21,000 to Rs 51,000 would put additional burden of Rs 140 crore on state treasury, while doubling of old age pension from Rs 750 to Rs 1,500 monthly, to be implemented from July 1, is estimated to cost the government approximately Rs 2,000 crore. The monthly pension of freedom fighters in the State has also been enhanced from Rs

DECODING FIGURES

Budget Size	₹1,68,015 cr (including ₹30,000 crore towards ways and means)
Effective Budget Size	₹1,38,015 cr
Fiscal Deficit	₹24,240 crore (3.99%)
Revenue Deficit	₹8,622 crore (1.42%)
Total Receipts (Own tax revenue, central grants, share from central taxes, recovery of loans, etc)	₹1,62,599 crore
Total Expenditure (Salaries and Wages, Pension and retirements benefits, Interest payments, Other Revenue Expenditure, repayments of public debt, etc)	₹1,68,015 crore
Outstanding Debt (as on March 31, 2022)	₹2,73,703 crore (45.05% of GSDP)

7,500 to Rs 9,400.

Manpreet has allocated Rs 9,000 crore for the state government employees to implement the recommendations by the sixth Pay Commission, "which has unofficially informed us to submit its report by March 31 this year". He announced that the same would be implemented from July 1, this year. Apart from this, Manpreet also announced filling up of 48,989 vacancies in the State Government in the first phase against one lakh.

Besides, Manpreet has also announced enhancement in the award money for Sahitya Akademi winners (from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh), Shiromani Awards (Rs five lakh to Rs 10 lakhs), best printing books, pension for retired writers and dependents. Besides, the government would also contribute in publishing of books in Punjabi, Hindi, and Urdu languages.

Giving a push to the

COVID-19 affected economy, Manpreet announced that all shops and commercial establishments in the State can remain open 24x7 round the year.

Injecting the much-needed share to the health sector amidst the continuing COVID-19 situation, Manpreet enhanced allocation to the health sector by almost 32 percent at Rs 7,856 crore, announcing two new medical colleges and hospitals at Hoshiarpur and Kapurthala at an expenditure of Rs 650 crore.

Besides, Manpreet also announced to set up eight new maternal and child health wings in sub-divisional hospitals at Talwandi Sabo, Nabha, Patti, Dera Bassi Muktsar, Gurdaspur, Bhawanigarh and Raikot.

A virology centres will be set up at the Government Medical College Amritsar and the National Institute of

MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Govt to waive farm loans of 1.13 lakh farmers	times and life of Dr BR Ambedkar	two lakh students under Post Matric Scholarship scheme
Old-age pension increased to ₹1,500	Seven working women hostels will come up in Jalandhar, Patiala, Ludhiana, Mohali, Mansa, Barnala and Amritsar	Multi-speciality veterinary hospital at Fazilka
Aashirwad amount increased from ₹21000 to ₹51000	₹90 cr for cash-strapped Punjab University, Patiala	29 new schemes for improving canal systems
Free travel for women, college students in all govt buses	₹432 cr to set up Interfaith Institute at GNDU Amritsar	₹897 cr for strengthening canal irrigation system
₹7,180 cr power subsidy	₹100 cr for celebration of Guru Teg Bahadur's 400th birth anniversary	250 schools to be upgraded
Two new medical colleges at Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur	Artificial intelligence enabled video surveillance and monitor system at all 10 central jails of the state	₹140 cr for digital education
Eight maternal and child health wings	₹1,600 cr for Smart Cities mission	Fitness parks in all govt schools and playgrounds
Provide free COVID-19 vaccination to every eligible beneficiary	₹750 cr for scholarships to	₹100 cr for up-gradation of Government Colleges
₹100 cr for smartphones for Class XII students		₹1064 cr for GNDU, Punjab University, PAU, Rajiv Gandhi National Law university
₹100 cr for museum at Kapurthala dedicated to the		₹150 cr for Punjab Innovation Fund to invest in early-stage start-ups

Virology at Mohali.

Rs 92 crore has been allocated for up-gradation of Government Medical College, Patiala. Besides, a unit of Tata Memorial Hospital at Mullanpur will be completed using Rs 450 crore.

For the education sector, Manpreet announced upgradation of two technical colleges to universities; upgradation of 250 government schools; Rs 140 crore for digital education including Rs 100 crore to provide smartphones to Class XII students; establishing fitness parks in all government schools and playgrounds; Rs 100 crore for upgradation of Government Colleges; Rs 90 crore assigned to help waive off Punjab University's debt; Rs 432 crore for setting up Interfaith Institute at GNDU Amritsar;

Rs 750 crore for giving scholarships to two lakh students under Post Matric Scholarship scheme.

Manpreet said that the Government has proposed Rs 160 crore for upgradation of 124 rural roads and 13 bridges with the assistance of NABARD. All streetlights in cities in Punjab will be replaced with LEDs by December 2021.

Also announcing a new scheme for monitoring water quality for arsenic affected villages, Manpreet announced to install inline Arsenic and Iron Removal Plants (ARIPs), based on Nanomaterial arsenic adsorption technology of IIT Madras, to ensure sustained potable water supply to these villages.

Manpreet also announced a special project at the cost of

Rs 500 crore to construct new link roads to the Basti's of Scheduled Caste and poorer sections of the society, shamshan ghats (graveyards), places of worship, which do not have road connectivity presently.

In the budget, "an allocation of Rs 7,856 crore has been proposed to expand, strengthen, and upgrade the health infrastructure while an allocation of Rs 17,051 crore is proposed for the welfare of the backbone of our society — the farmers," said Manpreet.

He said that Rs 6,827 crore will be spent for the welfare of weaker and vulnerable sections of our society. Besides, Rs 16,302 crore has been allocated for the educational sector and for generating opportunities for the state's youth.

Happy with the way our fifth Budget has maintained balance between Punjab's present needs and the needs of our future generations. Farmers, Healthcare, Education, Women, Social Security and Development of State Infrastructure form the core pillars of the State Budget and our governance
CHIEF MINISTER
CAPT AMARINDER SINGH

The people of the state need a budget of Punjabis and not of Prashant Kishore's. The budget was not prepared by Punjab Finance Minister, but by Captain's newly appointed principal adviser... Prashant Kishore's budget is nothing but a bag of lies just like his manifesto of 2017... All the schemes announced would be implemented from July, effectively making the budget a three-month budget... Government has decreased allocations made for farm loan waiver, allocating just Rs 1,400 crore and not a single rupee for the waiver of Dalit farm loans... Government produced Rs 84,000 crore debt to fulfill these false promises
AAP MLA, LEADER OF OPPOSITION HARPAL SINGH CHEEMA

After betraying Punjabis and reneging on each and every promise made to them, the Congress Government and Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh are trying to hood wink people in the election year with announcements they had no to implement in their letter and spirit... Congress tried to indulge in skullduggery in its budget by renewing old promises and schemes for which even outlays had been allocated but never released, with new packaging
SAD PRESIDENT SUKHIR SINGH BADAL

The budget is a cosmetic and shallow pre-election exercise... It would prove to be the last nail in the coffin for Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's government... Congress had promised minimum income per acre to farmers, jobs for farmers holding less than five acres of land, and a state agriculture insurance commission that would cover crop losses, none of which has been fulfilled
BJP NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY TARUN CHUGH

Budget is a pro-people document... I congratulate Manpreet for coming out with an all encompassing Budget which would give a new direction to social and economic development of all sections of state... Achieving such fiscal discipline in times of unprecedented destruction due to COVID stress is highly commendable
PUNJAB CONGRESS PRESIDENT SUNIL JAKHAR

Budget 2021-22 is a women-oriented... It will further empower women of the State
SOCIAL SECURITY, WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT MINISTER ARUNA CHAUDHARY

Budget is progressive, pro-poor, development oriented. It would boost Punjab's economy and open a new path for development in all sectors... Punjab accords a high priority to safeguard the interests of poverty stricken sections including SCs/BCs and Minorities by proposing an allocation of Rs 1,372 cr for 2021-22 which is an increase of 52% over 2020-21 of Rs 901 cr
SOCIAL JUSTICE, EMPOWERMENT AND MINORITIES MINISTER SADHU SINGH DHARMSOT

CENTRE'S PROPOSAL ON DIRECT PAYMENT TO FARMERS

ANOTHER PROVOCATION FOR THE FARMERS, SAYS AMARINDER

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Terming the Centre's proposal on direct payment to the farmers, bypassing the arhtiyas (commission agents), as another provocation that will further aggravate the current crisis over the farm laws, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday said that the apathetic attitude of the Central Government would not help resolve the situation.

The matter had to be resolved by the Centre and the

farmers, with the Punjab Government having no role to play as the farmers' associations had categorically rejected any political interference, said the Chief Minister, speaking to mediapersons after the budget presentation.

"Instead of amicably resolving the farmers' issue, the Central Government is fuelling further angst among them," said the Chief Minister, adding that by seeking land record for making e-payment to the farmers directly from the FCI, the

situation would worsen. He said: "Punjab had a time-tested system in place in 1967, with farmers getting paid through the arhtiyas with whom they have excellent relations and on whom they could depend for financial support in times of adversity... How can farmers rely on corporate houses like the Ambanis and the Adanis in times of crisis?"

PREZ'S REFUSAL TO STATE'S AMENDMENT BILL WILL OPEN DOORS

FOR LEGAL RECOURSE
Responding to a query, the Chief Minister said that the Governor should immediately decide and forward the state's amendment Bills against the Farm Laws to the President. "If the President accepts it's good and if he refuses, it will open the doors for us for legal recourse," he added.

HOPE WE'RE ABLE TO CONTROL COVID SITUATION
On a query regarding the

imposition of lockdown due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, the Chief Minister said, "I cannot say right now, but I hope we are able to control it." At the same time, he asked the people to strictly follow safety norms as a precautionary measure. Asked to comment about post-vaccination effects, the Chief Minister said he was absolutely fine.

AICC PREZ TO DECIDE UNDER WHOSE LEADERSHIP TO CONTEST 2022

POLLS
Asked to comment whether the next state assembly elections for 2022 would be led under his leadership, the Chief Minister said the decision was the sole prerogative of AICC President Sonia Gandhi. On the statement of Manpreet Singh Badal that he won't be the next Finance Minister if Congress comes to power in the 2022 assembly elections, the Chief Minister, in a lighter vein, said that "this is to be decided by the party not him."

On women's day, Punjab launches schemes with CM hoping to see Indian women in defence forces combat roles

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Celebrating the International Women's Day, Punjab Government on Monday made a host of announcements and launched a slew of projects aimed at empowering women. At the same time, the Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh expressed hope that India will soon see the women taking on new challenges in defence forces combat units.

Virtually launching several women-centric projects in collaboration with the United Nations and other specialized global agencies and special Saanjh Shakti police help desks and helpline for women, the Chief Minister underlined the State Government's commitment to the welfare of women, with more opportunities to enable their growth and development.

Capt Amarinder expressed satisfaction at the fact that girls have been consistently outperforming boys in examinations, supplementing incomes of poor families through self-help groups, and even serving the nation in the defence forces, while performing their everyday role as a mother, wife, sister, and daughter.

Referring to the schemes launched on Monday, the Chief

CHIEF MINISTER SAID THESE 'OUT-OF-THE-BOX INITIATIVES' WOULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN ENSURING FURTHER PROTECTION FROM CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN AND SAFEGUARD THEIR RIGHTS IN LETTER AND IN SPIRIT

Minister said that these "out-of-the-box initiatives" would be instrumental in ensuring further protection from crimes against women and safeguard their rights in letter and in spirit. "Efforts are also afoot to introduce gender sensitization curriculum in school syllabus and impart skill training to women to improve their employability, capacity building, and eliminating anaemia," he said.

Apart from announcing projects with UN Women, UNDP, UN Population Fund, J-PAL and FUEL, the Chief Minister launched Sanjh Shakti Helpdesks at all the 382 police stations and 181 Sanjh Shakti Helpline to be run by the Punjab Police for responding to grievances and complaints of women, as well as children and the elderly.

He also announced appointment letters for 2407 Master Cadre women teachers of the School Education Department.

Punjab Assembly unanimously passes resolution saluting women's indomitable spirit

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Vidhan Sabha on Monday unanimously passed a resolution saluting the "indomitable spirit of women in contributing to the progress of the nation", with Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh declaring his Government's strong and continued commitment to the empowerment of women and the girl child at every level, including the family, the work place and the society in general.

Recognizing the immense contribution of women in making this world a better place to live, the House resolved "to work with dedication towards providing them an ambience of equity, justice, and freedom to be equal partners in the progress of Punjab and our country".

Lauding the State Government's decisions to provide 50 percent reservation for women in the Urban Local Bodies and the Panchayati Raj Institutions, and 33 percent reservation in State Government employment, it noted that "this ensures better representation of women in decision-making and contributes to the furtherance of

their interests". Earlier, placing the resolution before the House on the occasion of the International Women's Day, the Chief Minister termed it an occasion "to realistically assess where we have reached and to rededicate ourselves to providing a life of equality and dignity to every woman in the State".

The Chief Minister stressed the importance of various measures to power the changing attitudes about women, and also expressed happiness over the fulfilment of State Government's promise to provide 50 percent reservation in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Urban Local Bodies, asserting that "this increased political representation will provide political empowerment to women".

Referring to the reservation of Punjab's women in 33 percent of jobs in Government and State Government undertakings, Capt Amarinder hoped that this economic empowerment would also lead to their social empowerment.

He also underlined the need to "commit ourselves to ensuring that every girl child is educated so that she is provided the right foundation to access her rights".

One third of all ration depots to be allotted to women in Haryana, says Deputy CM

Chandigarh: Haryana Govt has decided to allot 33% of all ration depots in the state to women, Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala said on Monday on International Women's Day.

He also said that ration cardholders will be provided ration at their doorstep through mobile depots and the process has begun in Faridabad. The deputy chief minister, who also holds the portfolio of food, civil supplies and consumer affairs department, was responding to a question asked by an MLA during the budget session of Haryana Vidhan Sabha here.

Chautala said the state government has decided that women will have 33 percent participation in all the ration depots allotted in future.

Touching upon the measures being taken to ensure transparency in ration distribution through ration depots, he said e-vending machines have been installed for weighing ration in seven districts and the process of setting up e-vending machines in Faridabad and Gurgaon districts is underway. Chautala said Aadhaar numbers of 1.22 crore beneficiaries who are being provided ration have been linked under the "One-Nation, One-Ration"

scheme of the Union got. Meanwhile, Haryana Agriculture Minister Jai Parkash Dalal informed the House that a committee would be constituted for shifting food grain warehouses in populated urban areas of the state. A survey in such areas would be conducted by the committee and as per the survey findings, a decision to shift such warehouses would be taken by making a policy, he said in the assembly while replying to a question asked by a member regarding relocating of the warehouses.

He also informed that 111 warehouses are being run by the Haryana State Warehousing Corporation in various cities of the state and their storage capacity is 2,205 lakh tonne. These include 21 lakh metric ton capacity covered warehouses. The minister said the process of construction of warehouses having a capacity of 5.80 lakh metric tonne on the land of warehousing corporation, agriculture department, Haryana Sugarfed and local bodies is going on. Apart from this, it is proposed to manufacture 11.25 lakh metric tonne of steel silos on PPP mode.

HARYANA ASSEMBLY Farmers' issue rocks Haryana Assembly as Women MLAs conduct proceedings

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Women MLAs presided over the proceedings of the Haryana Assembly here on Monday even as treasury and opposition benches sparred over the farmers' issue.

Congratulating them on International Women's Day, Speaker Gian Chand Gupta announced names of four MLAs—Seema Trikha (BJP), Naina Singh Chautala (JJP), Geeta Bhukkal (Congress) and Kiran Chaudhary (Congress)—to conduct proceeding of the House for the remaining day after the Question Hour.

Women members also initiated the debate on the Governor's Address with BJP-JJP legislators Seema Trikha and Naina Chautala spelling out welfare initiatives taken by their government for farmers and women.

However, Congress MLA Geeta Bhukkal launched a scathing attack against the government on the farmers' issue and described it as "insensitive". She criticised Agriculture Minister J P Dalal for his controversial remarks over farmers' death at protest sites near Delhi borders. She also flashed photos of the farmers who died during the course of the agitation against the Centre's farm laws, saying the government snatched brothers from sisters and husbands from wives.

"You should feel ashamed that not even one word has been said for farmers," Bhukkal said, hitting out at the treasury benches. "Farmers want to put their word before elected representatives but they have no time to listen to them. In the country, where slogans of Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan are raised, this is the situation of farmers," she said. "The prime minister and the chief minister should perform their 'raj dharma' and fulfil demands of farmers," she added.

Reacting to it, ministers Mool Chand Sharma, Kanwar Pal and J P Dalal defended the government, claiming that it has brought several schemes for the farmers' welfare. Contrary to the falsehood being spread by the Opposition, the "mandis" are here to stay and are being strengthened, Dalal said. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kanwar Pal asked opposition members how much increase in crop MSP was affected during 10 years of their rule. "What was the condition of farmers then, what is it now," he

asked. Congress MLA Shelly said the government talks of doubling farmers' income on one hand and on the other, it has brought "black" farm laws. "When farmers don't need these laws, why are these being thrust upon them," she asked, stressing that the laws should be rolled back. Sombir Sangwan, an Independent MLA who had withdrawn support to the Manohar Lal Khattar-led Haryana government over the farmers' issue, said, "There is not even one paisa benefit for farmers in these farm laws." He said these laws will destroy farmers. Independent MLA Devender Singh Babli, who is supporting the Khattar government, asked why "step-motherly treatment" is being extended to Tohana, his constituency.

68 FARMERS DIES DURING PROTEST IN HARYANA

Sixty-eight farmers of Haryana and Punjab who had participated in the ongoing agitation against the centre's farm laws, died till February 18, statistics tabled on Monday in the assembly session showed.

Data further revealed that out of these, 51 farmers died due to health issues while 15 died due to road accidents and two committed suicide. 21 farmers out of these were residents of Haryana and the remaining 47 deceased were residents of Punjab.

Congress MLAs Aftab Ahmed and Indu Raj Narwal asked the Home Minister Anil Vij to inform them about the number of farmers who died during farmers' agitation against centre's new agriculture laws.

Data revealed that 47 farmers of Punjab died in Haryana during farmers' agitation in different districts of Haryana. 14 farmers of Punjab died in Sonapat, while one in Ambala, 29 died in Jhajjar, two in Hisar and one each in Ambala and Bhiwani.

Both MLAs also asked the Home Minister about whether there is any proposal under consideration of the government to give the status of martyr and to provide govt jobs and financial assistance to the families of deceased farmers of Haryana. Vij said in a statement tabled in the House revealed that there is no such proposal under the consideration of the State government.

Women in C'garh to get ₹5k on birth of 2nd daughter

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The Chhattisgarh government is going to give ₹5,000 to women who give birth to a second daughter.

Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhendia made the announcement on International Women's Day, saying the payment will be made under the Mata Kaushalya Matri Vandana Yojana.

Until now, financial aid was provided only for the birth of the first daughter.

Speaking at the same venue, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said while women have been given the right to equality in the Constitution, it is time to give them equal rights in the fam-



Baghel said that while an educated man benefits himself, a woman when educated helps the whole family. This is why the government has made education free for both girls and boys up to Class 12. He spoke at length about

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the various government schemes designed to help women in various ways.

While any citizen, including women, can avail police assistance by dialing 112, now a separate telephone number will be issued for women in distress, the Chief Minister said.

He added that in Chhattisgarh women were getting elected on more than 50 percent cent seats reserved for them in Panchayati Raj institutions. With 14 women, the Chhattisgarh Assembly has the highest representation of women among all state legislatures in the country.

Minister Bhendia called upon women to pay special attention towards the education of daughters.

Sahu takes stock of Bathena deaths

STAFF REPORTER ■ DURG

Chhattisgarh Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu on Monday reached Bathena village in Durg district and took stock of the investigation in the deaths of five people of a family two days ago.

A father and his son were on Saturday found hanging from the same rope from an iron rod in their house while three burnt bodies of women family members were found nearby in the village. Sahu inspected the room where the father and son were found hanging and where the mother and two daughters were found dead.

The Minister directed Durg Superintendent of Police Prashant Thakur to probe the incident by setting up a team of intelligence personnel. He also discussed the crime with



the Inspector General of Police (Intelligence).

Meanwhile, a Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) delegation led by former Chief Minister Dr Ramn Singh also visited the village. He was accompanied by Leader of Opposition Dharamlal Kaushik and other

colleagues.

Dr Singh said the law and order in the state had deteriorated badly.

Later, Home Minister gave a statement in the State Assembly on the issue and details of investigation underway.

C'garh Health Minister detected Covid positive

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Chhattisgarh Health Minister T.S. Singh Deo was detected Covid positive on Monday.

"I would like to inform you all that I have tested positive for Covid-19. No serious symptoms have surfaced yet but as a precaution I am practicing self isolation for a few days," he said.

He urged all those who came in direct contact with him in the last few days to get tested for Covid and follow necessary precautions if they feel any symptoms.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel tweeted: "Despite all precautions, T.S. Singh Deo



has been infected by Covid. I wish him speedy recovery."

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot also wished Singh Deo quick recovery.

Earlier, Revenue Minister Jai Singh Agrawal and Congress MLA from Durg Arun Vora also detected Covid positive.

BJP members boycott House proceedings

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Bharatiya Janata Party members Monday boycotted the Chhattisgarh Assembly proceedings from Zero Hour seeking a discussion on an adjournment motion moved on the state of law and order in the state.

Raising the issue, BJP's Brijmohan Agrawal said only two days earlier five members of a family died in Bathena village in the Assembly constituency of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

He said without any investigation, the police called the deaths suicide. The kin of the deceased said the family had repaid all its loans

by selling their land.

Earlier too, police have been coming out with different stories on incidents related to farmers, he said.

Agrawal accused the land mafia of creating terror in the state due to which murders were being reported. No action has been initiated against the killers. He urged Speaker Dr Charan Das Mahant to consider the motion and hold a discussion.

Meanwhile, the Speaker asked Dharamjeet Singh (JCC-J) to speak. He raised the issue of lack of compensation to farmers due to irrigation projects.

Saying his issue was being diluted, Agrawal urged the Speaker to allow other

BJP members to speak on the crime situation. The Speaker said the motion was received on Monday morning in the name of the Leader of Opposition and not of other members.

"So, I wanted to hear the Leader of Opposition," the Speaker said.

It led to a row on rules and traditions of the House between the Speaker and BJP members. A furious Speaker told the BJP members not to teach him how to run the House as he has 40 years of political background.

BJP members then announced they are boycotting the House for the day and walked out.

C'garh Minister in virtual meeting with PM Modi

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday chaired a virtual meeting to review the 'Amrit Mahotsav' from March 12 to mark the start of Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi march in 1930. Chhattisgarh Culture Minister Amarjeet Bhagat took part in

the meeting.

The Dandi march, which mobilized India against the British Raj, ended on April 5, 1930. Amrit Mahotsav will begin on March 12, the day the Mahatma began his march to Dandi, a press release said.

The video conferencing saw

discussions over the programme to be held during Amrit Mahotsav, which will begin from Sabarmati and conclude at Dandi -- 241 miles away.

All states and Union Territories have been asked to send their representatives. Freedom fighters will be remembered during the event.

BJP leader flays lack of work in upgraded schools

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

Opposition Leader Dharamlal Kaushik on Monday attacked the Chhattisgarh government over what he said was lack of work that should have followed the upgrading of schools. The government cited Covid-19 for this.

Raising the issue during the Assembly's Budget session, Kaushik sought details of upgrading and sanction of new schools from January 1, 2019 to February 4, 2021 in all

the assembly constituencies. School Education Minister Dr Premraj Singh Tekam said 18 Government Middle Schools were made High Schools and 22 High Schools became Higher Secondary Schools.

But in Kaushik's constituency Bilha, no school was upgraded or new school sanctioned.

Kaushik pointed out that the data for 2020-21 is zero. He said nothing has been done even in the schools which saw their status move up. The Minister said in 2020-

21 no work was undertaken due to Covid-19. Kaushik countered that the government was taking the cover of the pandemic to do no work.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Ravindra Choubey intervened and said two MLAs and as many Ministers have tested positive.

When the Speaker said that Kaushik can approach the Minister with suggestions, Dharamjeet Singh (JCC-J) said the issue concerned all the MLAs and every MLAs concern should be taken care of.



Kharun river's banks are covered with water hyacinth and dumped garbage, polluting the river at Mahadev Ghat, Raipur.

Pioneer Photo

Opposition, Treasury trade charges over gunny sacks

STAFF REPORTER ■ RAIPUR

The Opposition and Treasury benches traded charges in the Chhattisgarh Assembly on Monday over the lack of enough jute sacks to procure paddy from farmers at minimum support price.

Rajnish Kumar Singh (BJP) sought details of the jute sack procurement. He wanted to know if the Centre provides sacks or funds to buy them and the quantity ordered.

Cooperative Minister Dr Premraj Singh Tekam said an order is placed with the Jute



Commission. Chhattisgarh wanted 3 lakh bales but got 1.09 lakh bales. The Centre pays the cost by adding it with the rice submitted to the Central pool.

The rate is Rs 39,445 per bale, which comes to Rs 58.69 per piece. The Minister said earlier too the gunny sacks were being procured from farmers and this year the rate

is Rs 15 per sack.

Rajnish Singh said 4 crore sacks were procured from farmers at Rs 15 per sack. Then Rs 37 crores is due to the farmers.

Leader of Opposition Dharamlal Kaushik thanked the Minister for accepting that the Centre is not responsible for providing gunny sacks. Amid chaos, Chief

Minister Bhupesh Baghel said a meeting is held with the Jute Commission to prepare a work plan where each state forwards its requirement. Based on it, the factories are given the order.

Due to Covid-19, all the factories were closed. Punjab and Haryana procure paddy before Chhattisgarh, he said.

Chhattisgarh demanded 3.50 lakh bales and finally settled for 1.45 lakh bales. Arrangements were made from rice millers, PDS shops and farmers. Of 1.45 lakh bales, only 1.09 lakh bales were received. Still, 92 lakh tonnes of paddy were produced at MSP, he said.

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Indian Navy deploys 4 women officers on warships

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With the objective to give more representation to women, the Indian Navy, in a major step, has deployed four women officers on board its warships for the first time after many years. So far, officers were serving only on shore-based assignments.

The demand for deploying women officers on warships was pending for the past many years. However, the Navy was reluctant to do so due to various practical issues including separate washrooms and living quarters on the ships.

So far, women officers in the Navy were deployed in land-based assignments. Some of them were also flying helicopters. However, a stint on the warship came about recently. They were deployed on ships about 23 years back and then it was discontinued due to logistical and related issues.

Giving details of the path-breaking step on the International Women's Day, Navy officials said here on Monday four women officers were recently posted on warships. Two of them were now serving on the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya while two others are deployed on the tanker ship INS Shakti.

It was for the first time since 1998 that women officers will be posted on warships. Back then, women officers started getting deployed onboard warships but the decision was changed soon after due to certain logistical and other issues.

In the latest development, women officers deployed

Rajya Sabha members push for one-third reservation for women in Parl, Assemblies

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Several Rajya Sabha members on International Women's Day on Monday pushed for at least one-third reservation for women in Parliament and State Assemblies, saying this will ensure they get adequate representation. The demand comes in the backdrop of a Bill which sought to give 33 per cent reservation to women in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies lapsing a few years ago.

Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on the occasion appreciated the services rendered by women members of the House for the country's development and prosperity. "We need to ensure an environment that allows women to express themselves to their full potential in the form of both words and deeds," Naidu said and wished them more strength and power. The chairman also acknowledged the contribution of women citizens to the development of the nation.

Congress member Chhaya Verma recalled that the Government of former Prime



On the occasion of International Women's Day on Monday, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met women parliamentarians and women journalists in the Parliament House Complex. A first of its kind initiative, the event was also attended by Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Smriti Zubin Irani. Noting that women have led from the front while holding important positions like President, Prime Minister and Speaker among others, Birla reminded that the present Lok Sabha has the highest number of women parliamentarians

Minister Rajiv Gandhi had given reservation to women in local bodies. Similar provisions should be made for women in State Assemblies, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, she said. Nominated member Sonal Mansingh made a case of celebrating 'international men's day' on the line of women's day.

Shiv Sena member Priyanka Chaturvedi was of the opinion that as women form around 50 per cent of the country's population, their representation in Parliament and state assemblies too should be in the same proportion, and

not merely 33 per cent. Naidu earlier appreciated that women across the world and in our country have been at the forefront of tackling the covid pandemic, be it as doctors, healthcare workers, bureaucrats, scientists, innovators, community organisers or caregivers at home.

Referring to the history of India freedom struggle and active participation of women in all walks of life, Naidu said that the women of our country have been active participants in shaping the history and contemporary times.

All-women crew fly maiden commercial passenger flight from Delhi to Bareilly

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

To mark International Women's Day, the first commercial passenger flight to Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh operated by an all-woman crew was flagged off from the Delhi airport by Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Monday.

In a tweet, Puri said Indian carriers employ close to 12.4% women pilots. "India tops in the proportion of women pilots than any other nation. Indian carriers employ close to 12.4% women pilots, which is much higher than the world average of 5.4%," Puri tweeted. In another tweet, the aviation minister said: "Women power soars high! 210 women pilots including 103 captains are a part of the Air India family."

AAI is efficiently women-ed by 507 women Air Traffic Controllers."

The percentage of female pilots in India is twice as high as in most Western countries, including the United States and Australia. Globally, less than 5 per cent of pilots are women, according to the International Society of Women Airline Pilots.

Meanwhile, in a statement, the civil aviation ministry said that the Bareilly airport has been upgraded for commercial flight operations under the regional connectivity scheme - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik (RCS-UDAN) of the Government of India.

The all-woman crew operated Alliance Air's Delhi-Bareilly inaugural flight on International Women's Day, it said.

women officers posted on the tanker.

"They say women can't have it all. But I would say dare to be different. The Indian Navy gave me the opportunity to be different and to dare," said one of two women officers.

Over the years, the Navy inducted women officers in different assignments. Last September, two women officers were selected for the helicopter stream. They were first women in the navy's history to operate from flight decks of warships and stay on board the vessels.

The two women officers, Sub-Lieutenants Kumudini

Tyagi and Riti Singh, were among the 17 officers who were awarded wings on graduating as observers at a ceremony held in Kochi.

As observers, the two women have been trained for a variety of roles including navigation, flying procedures, tactics employed in air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and airborne avionic systems. They are likely to be posted on warships by the year-end, officials said.

These women officers will be posted onboard maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare helicopters of

States, UTs get ₹200 cr to ensure women's safety across country

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Union Home Ministry on Monday listed out initiatives through the Nirbhaya Fund to enhance the safety and security of women in the country. For his part, Union Home Minister Amit Shah also said that women empowerment has always been the focal point of the policies of the Narendra Modi Government.

The MHA said ₹200 crore has been sanctioned to States and Union Territories (UTs) to set up women help desks in police stations and to strengthen anti-human trafficking units in all districts of the country.

A separate women safety division has also been set up in

the home ministry to sensitise states and UTs on women safety related issues including timely completion of investigation of sexual assault cases, it said.

"The Government has sanctioned ₹200 crore to States and UTs to set up Women Help Desks in police stations, and to set up or strengthen Anti Human Trafficking Units in all districts of the country as also on vulnerable borders," the statement said.

The home ministry said the Bureau of Police Research and Development has distributed 14,950 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection kits to states and UTs and these SAEC kits will facilitate the efficient collection, handling and storage of forensic evidence in cases of sexual assault.

the navy.

In order to overcome the issue of separate washrooms and living quarters on board, the Navy some years back started building separate cabins and toilets for women officers on its warships.

The force also recently deployed a lady officer as the first women defence attache posted abroad. The lady officer is Lieutenant Commander

Karabi Gogoi who is posted at Moscow as naval attache.

The IAF had opened the coveted fighter flying stream for women in 2015 by selecting four officers to fly MIG-21s. The Army is yet to induct women officers in combat arms including the infantry, artillery and armoured corps. As of now, there are nearly 9,120 women currently serving the army, navy and air force.

Covid, attendant factors may cause 10 mn more child marriages by 2030: UNICEF

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Covid-19 is profoundly affecting the lives of girls as they face pandemic-related travel restrictions and physical distancing restricting their access to the health care, social services and community support that protect them from child marriage, unwanted pregnancy and gender-based violence, UNICEF has pointed out.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, in its analysis, 'Covid-19: A threat to progress against child marriage', the world child body has warned that 10

million additional child marriages may occur before the end of the decade, threatening years of progress in reducing the practice.

More so as schools remain closed, girls are more likely to drop out of education and not return while job losses and increased economic insecurity may also force families to marry their daughters to ease financial burdens.

As per the report, India is among five countries in the world which account for about half of the total child brides while worldwide, an estimated 650 million girls and women alive today were married in

childhood, with about half of those occurring in Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India and Nigeria, according to the analysis.

To off-set the impacts of COVID-19 and end the practice by 2030 - the target set out in the Sustainable Development Goals - progress must be significantly accelerated, it said.

"One year into the pandemic, immediate action is needed to mitigate the toll on girls and their families. By reopening schools, implementing effective laws and policies, ensuring access to health and social services - including sexual and reproductive health services - and providing comprehensive social protection measures for families, we can significantly reduce a girl's risk of having her childhood stolen through child marriage," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore.

CBI begins Covid job exercise; top officials take shot on Day 1

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has started the process of conducting Covid-19 vaccination of its officers and staff pursuant to communication received from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Praveen Sinha, In-charge Director, CBI along with senior officers & other officials of CBI (HQ) took the job on the first day of the process. The Co-VID 19 vaccination will be conducted on different days.

CBI offices in various States & UTs have also been advised to get the Covid-19 vaccination of officers & staffs done in co-ordination with local authorities. It may be noted that CBI continued to discharge its duties efficiently despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Naidu exhorts MPs to come to Parl to enrich their knowledge

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Peeved over some Elders not attending the parliamentary proceedings even when they are in the national capital, Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday urged the MPs to come to the House to enrich their knowledge and be present during their allotted standing committee meetings.

Making this point when the Upper House met for the first day of the second half of the budget session, he appealed to the members to be present to enhance understanding of parliamentary procedures and also use the library facility.

Naidu said he was told that some members do not attend the proceedings even when they are in the national capital. He, however, made it clear that he was not referring to any particular member or any party. "I appeal to all the members, please make it a point to be in the House and then observe debates, enrich your knowledge," he said.

"The Parliament Library is completing 100 years this year. It has a huge collection of about 14 lakh books including hundreds of journals in all languages. I am told that the footfall of Members of Parliament in this source of information and knowledge is

not very encouraging," Naidu said, stressing that sufficient homework is required on the part of members to make quality contribution to debates and interventions.

Naidu also gave an account of the examination of the Demands for Grants for 2021-22 of various ministries undertaken by the eight Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committees of the Rajya Sabha during the three-week-recess after the first part of the ongoing Budget session of Parliament. He referred to several positives that emerged during the Budget scrutiny by the Committees of Rajya Sabha and some concerns as well.

Bumper yield to keep potato, onion prices in check this yr

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The production of two main kitchen staples - potato and onion - is estimated to be higher than last year, as per the Ministry of Agriculture. However, in case of tomatoes, the production is pegged slightly lower to 20.14 million tonne this year from 21.17 million tonne last year and this may hit the common man budget in the coming days.

With 326.58 MT horticulture crops production in 2020-21, the first advance estimate of horticulture crops for the year 2020-21, the Ministry has estimated that onion production is likely to be 26.29 Million Tons (MT) as compared to 26.09 MT in 2019-20 and potato production is estimated to be 50.19 MT against production of 48.56 MT last year. The tomato production is expected to be less from 21.17 MT last year to 20.14 MT in 2020-21.

Nevertheless, retail onion and tomato prices are running between ₹35-60 a kg for the past two months due to lower supply in the mandis across



the country. Onion prices across the country, particularly in primary agricultural markets near the growing regions, have crashed between 30 per cent and 40 per cent over the last 10 days as the late kharif crop has begun to flood the markets. Traders and exporters fear further fall in the bulb's prices as the rabi crop is all set to hit the markets any time after March 15. "Onion prices had topped ₹4,000 a quintal in Nashik in the third week of February, but they have now dropped to levels of ₹2,500 as late Kharif crop arrivals have increased since the last 4-5 days," said a trader.

Potato prices have crashed by about 80 per cent in various primary agricultural markets in major producer States from a peak of Rs 2,750-2,900 a quintal seen in November last year as arrivals have begun to flood the mar-

kets. Potato is ruling to Rs 10-12 a kg.

As per the first advance estimate, the fruits production too is estimated to be 103.23 MT compared to 102.03 MT in 2019-20 and vegetables production is estimated to be 193.61 MT compared to 188.91 MT last year. Total horticulture production in 2020-21 is estimated to be 326.58 MT, an increase of about 5.81 MT from 320.76 million tonne last year.

Mango production in the country is estimated to increase 4.24 per cent to 21.12 million tonnes in the crop year 2020-21 ending June. The output of mango, the 'king of fruits', stood at 20.26 million tonne during the 2019-20 crop year (July-June).

As dissidence grows, U'khand CM Rawat meets BJP Central leadership

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Monday met the BJP Central leadership amid reports that he may be replaced following disaffection against him over his style of functioning.

Rawat met BJP President JP Nadda, who in turn discussed the political situation in the hill State with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Talk of a leadership rift in Uttarakhand ahead of elections next year as Rawat, 60, completes his four years at the helm.

On Saturday, the central

leadership rushed two central party observers, Raman Singh and Dushyant Gautam, to Dehradun to oversee the situation.

The BJP leaders met with MLAs, ministers and also with the Chief Minister and the RSS functionaries and submitted a report to Nadda.

Uttarakhand BJP head Banshidhar Bhagat has, however, denied any move to replace the incumbent Chief Minister. According to dissenting MLAs, continuation of Rawat may cost the party in the 2022 assembly polls with anti-incumbency against him being "on the rise", they said.

Protest against rise in fuel prices will continue: Congress

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday said it would continue to protest against rising inflation and high prices of petroleum products, and would demand a discussion on the issue in Parliament. The first day of the second part of the Budget Session of Parliament in Rajya Sabha was virtually washed out due to the uproar created by the Congress.

Congress has alleged the Modi Government has earned at least ₹21 lakh crore in the last over six years by raising prices of petrol, diesel and LPG.

Talking to media outside the Parliament, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha

Mallikarjun Kharge said he had given a notice to the chairman under rule 267 for a discussion on rising prices of petrol, diesel and LPG, due to which farmers, women and common people are upset, but it was disallowed. "We wanted to raise the anger among people against the rise in prices and wanted to raise it in Parliament. But the Government did not agree to it as it was not ready. We will continue to raise our demand, and our agitation for raising the voice of the common man will also continue in Parliament," Kharge said.

Kharge said when the Congress raises such issues, it is not given time to raise them in Parliament.

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Name of work with its location: 30-Elect-32-T-2020-21-E3
Electrical work in connection with improvement to circulating area (development of the existing parking, toilets, entry/exit & passenger amenities work etc. at DEE Railway station.
Approx. cost of the works in :- Rs. 38.57 lacs
Address of the office :- Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
Earnest Money :- Rs. 00.00
Date & time of submission of tender :- 01.04.2021, 12.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender :- 01.04.2021, 12.00 Hrs.
Website & notice board :- www.reps.gov.in & Sr. Divil. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.
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Tender Specification No. 06/UJVNL/EE/Test/GV/2020-21
Name of Work-Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of Fixed Type On Line DC Insulation Monitoring System for Chilla Power House
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Date of availability of Tender document on website - 10.03.2021 (11:00 Hrs)
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL
General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely Madhu D/o Surender R/o Joginder Ka Makan, Gali No. 1, Lekhram Park, Tikri Kalan, Delhi Aged-14 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 12.02.2021 from the area of P.S. Mundka, Delhi vide FIR No. 95/21 u/s 363 IPC Dated 12.02.2021 registered at Police Station Mundka, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-
Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'0", Face: Long, Wearing: Green coloured suit-salwar, purple coloured sweater and slipper in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Mundka, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
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1	HWP PANCHKULA	CONSTRUCTION OF JOGGING TRACK IN RECREATIONAL PARK SECTOR-1 HOC PANCHKULA WITH THREE YEAR MTC AND DEFECT LIABILITY PERIOD FOR COST AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THEREON	CLOSING DATE 22.03.2021	89.33 LACS	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	0172264305 xenushah@gmail.com
2	PANDEY LAMHE CHAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF FISHING AND AQUACULTURE VISUAL ARTS, SECTOR-5, ROHTAK	TENDER FOR CHANGE OF MAIN ELECTRIC CABLE OF STREET LIGHTS AND PVS WEATHER-PROOF DISTRIBUTION BOXES	03.03.2021 24.03.2021	17.05 LACS	hpcc@cpia.gov.in	946632328 gowindarath@cpia@gmail.com
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED
General Public is hereby informed that one person Name: Satyanarayan @ Saiya Narayan, S/o: Kanhiya, R/o: H.No. 385, F-Block, J.J. Colony, Bakkarwala, Delhi, Age: 50 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Wearing: White Shirt-Black Pant and Black Chapple in Feet has been missing/kidnapped since 10.11.2020 from the area of P.S. Mundka, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 57-A, Dated 13.02.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Mundka, Delhi.
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped person please inform the undersigned.
Web-site : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
DP/688/OD/2021
SHO P.S. Mundka, Delhi
Ph: 011-28352010, 28352011

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given that I, Sanju Sharma is purchasing the House No. A-287, MIG Flat on Ground Floor at Bri Vihar Sector-8, THA, Tehsil & Distt., Ghaziabad, (U.P.) from Rohit Bandnu, Akshay Bandhu, Kamna Veda Arya and Kamlesh legal heirs of Late Prakash. Mr. Prakash was the absolute owner of the same vide Transfer Deed dated 03.05.2002 (Doc. 2849).
All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage/equitable/registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise whatsoever, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned.
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Explosives car near Antilia: NIA takes up investigation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken over the case of a vehicle laden with explosives being found near top industrialist Mukesh Ambani's residence in Mumbai, an official spokesperson said on Monday.

NIA has received orders from MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI (Government of India)) for investigation of case FIR No 35/2020 registered at Police Station Gamdevi on 25.02.2021. This case relates to recovery of explosives from a Mahindra Scorpio parked at Carmichael Road, Mumbai," the NIA said in a statement.

NIA is in the process of re-registering the case, it further said. The Scorpio, with 20 gelatin sticks inside, was found near Ambani's high-rise south Mumbai home on February 25. According to the police, the vehicle was stolen from Airoli-Mulund Bridge on February 18.

In yet another twist, Hiren Mansukh, the purported owner of the vehicle, was found dead

in a creek in Thane on Friday. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Monday said the NIA taking over the case suggests something was "fishy".

Talking to reporters in Mumbai, Thackeray said governments come and go, but the official administrative machinery remains the same and one needs to trust it.

On Sunday, the Maharashtra Anti-terrorism Squad (ATS) registered the FIR against unidentified persons on the orders of the State Home Department under IPC Sections 302 (murder), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) and 120-B (criminal conspiracy).

Thackeray said, "We had handed over the case of the vehicle laden with explosives and the mysterious death of Mansukh Hiren to the ATS. The NIA taking over the case shows something was fishy."

The ATS will continue to conduct its probe into Hiren's death, the CM said.

He said the opposition does

not have faith in the state machinery and wanted to show it doesn't function.

"If that is so, why is it demanding that the state government reduce taxes on fuel?" the chief minister asked.

Thackeray also said the state police will conduct probe into the alleged suicide of Lok Sabha member Mohan Delkar and punish the guilty.

Delkar (58), a seven-term MP from the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Union Territory, was found dead at a hotel on Marine Drive in south Mumbai on February 22.

"A Union Territory is governed by the Centre. We will take the case to its logical end. I wonder how the Opposition here is quiet on the issue of the seven-term MP ending his life," Thackeray said.

On Monday, Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said in the Assembly that the state police was capable of solving the case of auto parts dealer Mansukh Hiren's death and the recovery of the explosives-laden car near Ambani's residence.

PM's back-to-back rallies in March 3rd week in WB

Kolkata: With Bengal coming in BJP's priority list in the upcoming elections Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address two back-to-back rallies --- on March 18 and 20 --- ahead of the first phase of elections on March 27. His first meeting will be at Purulia and the second at Contai the home-town of BJP's Nandigram campaigner Suwendu Adhikari, party sources said.

Modi attended a huge rally at Kolkata's historic Brigade Parade Ground on Sunday attacking the TMC regime.

BJP star candidate Adhikari who joined the saffron outfit late last year after quitting the Trinamool Congress will file his nomination against Chief

Minister Mamata Banerjee from high-profile Nandigram seat on March 12, his party sources said adding two central ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Smriti Irani would accompany him during his filing of nomination at Haldia.

Adhikari has openly challenged the Chief Minister to defeat her by half-a-lakh votes from Nandigram. Banerjee will file her nomination for the same seat on March 10.

Apart from Mukul Roy who too left the TMC to join the BJP three years ago, Adhikari a former MP and a powerful State Minister had been the principal campaigner for Mamata Banerjee during her Nandigram land movement. **PNS**

RSS 2-day annual meet from March 19 in B'luru

New Delhi: The Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha (ABPS), the highest decision-making body of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), will hold its two-day annual meet from March 19 to March 20 in Bengaluru which is expected to affect key changes in the organization.

The meeting was earlier planned for Nagpur, but had to be relocated due to the active COVID-19 cases in Maharashtra.

According to sources, the meeting --- which will have in attendance about 500 to 550 RSS brass will be held on March 19 and 20. Election to the highest executive post of the organisation, Sar Karyavah (general secretary), is expected to take place during the meeting.

Last year, the meeting was scheduled to be held in Bengaluru from March 15 to 17 but was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"About 500-550 delegates are likely to participate in the event. Sarsangchalak of RSS Dr Mohan Bhagwat, Sar Karyavah Bhayyaji Joshi and other leaders of the outfit will be in attendance. Several outfits of the RSS will not be attending the meet on account of COVID19 protocol.

The meeting will review the work done by the RSS in last three-years and set the road map for coming years. Sources said Covid19 offered RSS workers opportunity to work with people extensively and the meeting would also appraise that experience. **PNS**

Gender equality a distant dream in Western UP

Aligarh: In West UP number of cases of female foeticide are noted. Also people are more worried about the male child instead of female child specially in the rural areas.

In Aligarh rural areas and Muslim populated areas, slums girls are not getting nutritious food as compared to male child. Here 62% girls are suffering from under nutrition problem. That is why there is higher death rate of female child with in two years of delivery. Though U.P. government has launched several projects/schemes but parents do not pay proper attention to improve girls health. Girls remaining alive being abandoned after birth are living under nutrition life. **PNS**

MAHA BUDGET 2021-22: MVA Govt proposes hikes in excise duty, VAT on liquor

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Shiv Sena-led MVA Government on Monday proposed hikes in the State Excise Duty and Value Added Tax (VAT) on the sale of liquor through which it hoped to mobilise an additional revenue of Rs 1,800, while it announced one per cent concession on the transfer of house or registration of sale deed in the name of a woman or women.

In his first budget presented after the break-out of Covid-19 in Maharashtra in March last year, Deputy Chief minister Ajit Pawar announced three farmer-friendly measures --- zero per cent interest crop loans up to a borrowing limit of Rs 3 lakh, Rs 2000 crore scheme for strengthening Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) and 33 per cent concession on farmers' electricity bills.

Alluding to additional revenue generation by way of hikes in the State Excise Duty and VAT on liquor, Pawar --- who holds the State Finance portfolio --- announced the state government's decision to classify country liquor into two separate categories as branded and non-branded country liquor. The two separate categorisation of branded and non-branded country liquor involved an increase of State Excise Duty to Rs. 220 percent of manufacturing cost or Rs. 187 per proof litre whichever is high on branded country liquor only.

The deputy chief minister

said that owing to the State Excise Duty and VAT on liquor, the state government was expected to net an additional revenue of Rs. 800 crore.

Pawar proposed to increase the rate of Value Added Tax (VAT) on the sale of liquor as prescribed in Schedule-B of Value Added Tax Act from the existing 60 percent to 65 percent. He also proposed to increase the rate of Value Added Tax (VAT) on the sale of liquor as prescribed in Section 41 (5) of Value Added Tax Act from the existing 35 percent to 40 percent.

Pawar said that owing to the VAT, the state government was expected to get additional revenue of Rs 1000 crore.

In a tax concession measure announced on the occasion of International Women's Day, the Deputy chief minister proposed concession of one per cent in the Stamp Duty on the prevailing rate exclusively to Women, "provided the transfer of house property or registration of sale deed is in the name of woman or women only".

Pawar said that owing to the proposed tax concession, there would be revenue shortfall of around Rs 1000 Crore to the State Exchequer.

In a couple of several health infrastructure measures announced in the wake of the continuing Covid-19 crisis in the state, Pawar said that a Rs 7500 crore project involving the construction and upgradation of health institutions would be completed in the next four years, while Rs. 5000 crore will

be provided by the government in the next 5 years for quality health services in the Municipal Councils and Nagar Panchayats. Of the total allocation, Rs 800 crore would be spent during the current year.

He also announced a cancer Diagnosis Facility in 150 hospitals and establishment of new Government Medical Colleges at Sindhadurg, Osmanabad, Nashik, Raigad and Satara. He said that medical colleges would also be set up at Parbhani and Amravati.

Pawar said that 11 seven government nursing schools affiliated to government medical colleges in the state will be converted into nursing colleges, while physiotherapy and occupational therapy colleges will be established in all 17 government medical colleges, in a phased manner.

"Post Covid Counseling and Treatment Centers will be set up at every district hospital and government medical college in urban areas," the deputy chief minister said.

Dwelling upon the concession in the pending electricity bills, the Finance Minister said: "33 percent concession has been given to farmers of pending electricity bills and if the farmers pay 50 per cent of the remaining arrears by March 2022, additional 50 per cent of the remaining amount will be waived off. In all, Rs 30,411 crore will be waived off by MVA government which amounts to 66 per cent of the original pending bills of 44.37 lakh farmers".

Salma Ansari names 2.5-yr-old girl after her mother, Zehra Kazmi

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ ALIGARH

Salma Ansari, wife of former Svice President Hamid Ansari, named the two-and-a-half-year-old girl after her mother Zehra Kazmi. Recently, four needy children were brought to Madrasa Chacha Nehru from Bihar, whose education and responsibility has been taken by Salma Ansari.

Relatives of the children have given the responsibility of their upbringing to the Alnoor Charitable Society in writing. She is a two-and-a-half-year-old girl from Bihar, whose mother is deceased. The child's maternal grandfather handed her over to the madrasa. She is named after the mother of Salma Ansari.

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ED arrests Deepak Agarwal and Ayush Goyal

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Deepak Agarwal and Ayush Goyal for their involvement in a trade-based money laundering scam in which funds to the tune of Rs 1500 crore were sent outside India in the guise of import of fake "customised software". Both the accused were remanded to judicial custody.

However, the Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Visakhapatnam, has granted custody of Deepak Agarwal to ED for three days beginning March 6.

The ED has also sought custodial interrogation of Ayush Goyal.

The ED had initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Andhra Pradesh Police against Vaddi Mahesh and others, on the complaint of Income Tax Department. **PNS**

There is now awareness about crime against women: Yogi

Lucknow: UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Monday, said that there was now an awareness about crime against women.

He said that when he formed the government, there was a lack of awareness on this issue. "We began by expanding Women Power Line to 75 districts from four districts. Helpline number 181 for domestic violence was also integrated with other helpline numbers to make it effective," he said.

Launching the second phase of the ongoing Safe City project to provide an environment free of fear to women, the chief minister honoured women for their contribution in various fields and inaugurated various schemes as part of Mission Shakti in the state capital.

"Today, 20 per cent of women are inducted in 3 PAC Battalion in Gorakhpur, Lucknow and Badaun. For girl education, we launched 'Kanya Sumangla Yojana' with Rs 15,000 benefit for a maximum of five

times," he added.

The Uttar Pradesh government had launched the 'Mission Shakti' program on October 17 last year for the security of women in the state and to further strengthen the safety mechanism for the girls and women.

In the first phase, under the Safe City project in Lucknow, 100 pink booths are being constructed for women safety in different areas of the city.

Out of this, 70 pink booths have been completed.

At the same time, 100 two-wheeler pink petrol and 10 four-wheeler pink petrol have been given to women policemen for the safety of women and girls.

These pink patrols are constantly patrolling around the girls' schools, colleges and markets. For the facilities of women, Pink Toilets with special facilities are also being constructed at 74 places in the city, out of which 18 Pink Toilets are ready. Under the Safe City project, lights are

installed after identifying the dark spots in the city.

So far, 3625 dark spots have been identified and lights have been provided at 660 places while 2965 other spots will be taken up by the end of March. This will curb crimes against women at night.

The Women Power Line 1090 operated under the Safe City project is also proving to be a boon for women. After getting better results, the work on increasing the capacity of the women power line is also being done.

Apart from this, the integration of women power line with 112 cyber forensics facility, data analytics centres have also been established through enhancement in the technology. The hot spots are being monitored through CCTV cameras, drones and control rooms. The installation of panic buttons, CCTV cameras and GPL in city buses will also be completed by December 2021. **IANS**

15-year-old raped by nine people over eight days in Rajasthan's Jhalawar

Kota (Raj): A 15-year-old girl was allegedly raped at separate places by at least nine people over eight days in Rajasthan's Jhalawar, police said on Monday. Two of the accused are minors.

The girl somehow managed to reach her home on Friday after which a complaint was lodged. Four of the accused, including the two minors, have been held, police said.

Suket DSP Manjeet Singh said the girl alleged that her friend Bulbul and another youth, Chothmal, on February 25 took her to Jhalawar City on the pretext of buying a schoolbag for her.

He, however, said the girl is a school dropout.

She alleged that two to three other people joined them at a park where she was drugged and raped by them.

She alleged that at least nine people at different times and separate places in Jhalawar raped her over eight days.

The DSP said a medical examination of the girl was conducted immediately and four of the accused were held. Two of them are minor and attempts are under way to arrest the rest, he said. **PTI**

UP: 13-year-old rape survivor gives birth

Deoria (UP): A 13-year-old girl, who was allegedly raped in Uttar Pradesh's Deoria district, has given birth to a child, police said on Monday. A man has been arrested on charge of raping the girl, they said.

Circle Officer (CO) Ambika Ram said her mother alleged in the complaint that the minor was raped at her house in a village in Rudrapur area by a neighbour eight months ago when she was alone.

The accused also threatened her of dire consequences due to which she did not narrate her ordeal to the family members, the CO said.

The accused has been arrested and sent to jail, police said, adding a detailed probe is on into the matter. **PTI**

Rajasthan Police SI suspended on rape charge

Jaipur: A police sub-inspector was suspended on Monday on the charge of raping a 26-year-old woman in Rajasthan's Alwar district, an official said.

A case of rape under Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 376 was registered against police sub-inspector Bharat Lal (52) on a complaint lodged by the woman, Alwar SP Tejaswini Gautam said.

The SP said the accused was arrested and suspended on Monday.

The woman had gone to police station to lodge a case against her husband as he wanted a divorce. The woman wanted police to stop him from getting a divorce.

According to the woman's complaint, the accused SI raped her for three days at a quarter inside police station, the SP said. **PTI**

Vijayan Govt mulling options to silence Central probe agencies

KOCHI: The diatribe by the CPI(M) leaders against the Customs officials in Kochi has taken a new turn as the Pinarayi Vijayan-led Left Democratic Front Government is considering options to silence the Central agencies. This follows the announcement by Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora that the demand by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to put on hold all probes by the Central agencies into cases like gold smuggling scam, reverse hawala operations from India to West Asia and the CBI investigation into the LIFE Mission, the flagship programme of the State administration.

According to sources in Secretariat, the State administration was taken aback by the affidavit filed in Kerala High Court by Sumith Kumar, the Customs Preventive Commissioner stating that the dollar hawala and other illegal operations had the patronage of top leaders of the CPI(M).

The eight questions posed to the Chief Minister by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday during his speech at the valedictory function of the BJP's Vijaya Yatra at Thiruvananthapuram had sent the Government topsy-turvy. The home minister mentioned that the death of a person associated with the Gold Scam and who was being probed smacked of mystery.

It may be noted that there was an attempt on the life of Sumit Kumar, the Customs Preventive Commissioner probing the Gold Smuggling scam in which former principal secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan figures as an accused. On February 12, there was an unsuccessful attempt to waylaid Sumit Kumar who was on his way back to Kochi from Kalpetta in Wayanad district. Though Kumar filed a report about the incident, the Kerala Police is yet to take any action. **PNS**

Northwest parts of India to welcome rain over next 4 days

New Delhi: The northwestern parts of India are all set to experience widespread rain over the next four days after a brief dry spell. The latest forecasts said that two western disturbances will impact the Western Himalayan Region and adjoining northwest India this week. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday said a Western Disturbance (WD) prevails over north Pakistan on Monday and an induced cyclonic circulation lies over Punjab and the neighbouring region. Owing to the rough weather conditions, the IMD has issued an orange alert over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand for Wednesday and Thursday. Uttarakhand will continue to remain under the same advisory for Friday as well. The advisory instructs residents to 'be prepared' for the rough weather conditions.

According to the IMD, the WD are mainly a weather phenomenon whose arrival is associated with snow and rain in the Himalayas and parts of north-west India. The ongoing system is expected to produce scattered rainfall or snowfall with isolated thunderstorms, lightning or hail over the Western Himalayan Region (WHR) on Tuesday.

Moreover, there are also possibilities of very light rain or drizzle over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Delhi from March 8 to 10. **PNS**

Pregnant woman found hanging; in-laws booked

Muzaffarnagar: A 30-year-old pregnant woman was found hanging at her home here, police said on Monday.

They said a case has been lodged against her in-laws for allegedly demanding dowry from her.

Tabasum Begum was found hanging at her marital home at Jolla village in Budhana town on Sunday, police said. She was married to Afsar for over an year and was allegedly being harassed by her in-laws for not bringing enough dowry with her, they said.

The woman's brother, Lukman, has filed a complain with the police alleging his sister's in-laws were demanding dowry from her. He further alleged that they first killed her and then hanged her to make it look like a case of suicide, police said.

An FIR was registered against Afsar, victim's brother-in-law Arshad, father-in-law Tasawer and mother-in-law Hasroon, Station House Officer M S Gill said, adding they all are absconding. **PTI**

Woman dies after being beaten up by husband

Muzaffarnagar (UP): A 35-year-old woman died after she was allegedly beaten up by her husband here, police said on Monday.

Kusum got seriously injured after her husband attacked her with an iron rod when she tried to prevent him from drinking. She was admitted to a hospital and succumbed to injuries on Sunday, police said.

The incident took place at Athai village in Jansath tehsil on March 1, they added.

The woman's husband, Sanjiv, was earlier booked for attempt to murder, which has been now changed to murder, Station House Officer Deepak Chaturvedi said.

The accused is absconding, he said. **PTI**

Hand gloves for voters, PPEs for Covid infected in TN polls

Chennai: Covid-19 infected voters would be given personal protective equipment (PPE) kits while others hand gloves for casting their votes in the elections to Tamil Nadu assembly next month as part of preventive measures in view of the pandemic, state Chief Electoral Officer Satyabrata Sahoo said here on Monday.

On the day of polling, every voter would be given hand gloves before voting to ensure there was no chance of transmission of infection through the Electronic Voting

Machine, he said.

All other norms to help prevent COVID-19, including screening people with thermal scanners, would be followed during the polling on April 6, the official told a press conference at the Secretariat.

"People must go to polling stations wearing mask," he said adding public should follow social distancing as well.

If people had fever or in case of suspicion about coronavirus, they would be given a medical certificate and allowed to vote during the last one hour.

In case of people infected with COVID-19 or suspected of being infected with the virus, they would be permitted to cast their votes wearing a PPE kit that would be provided by authorities, he said. Arrangements are in place to ensure availability of PPEs, he noted.

Both polling stations and personnel have been increased in view of the pandemic and as a result the total booths now stood at 88,937 as against 68,324 and would be manned by 4,79,892 personnel, the

CEO said.

There are 76 counting centres in the state. While previously only the vulnerable and sensitive polling stations were monitored through web camera, for the first time now, a minimum of 50 per cent of polling booths shall be connected to the devices.

As many as 150 general observers and 40 police observers have been deployed and they would all report in their respective assigned constituencies before March 19. **PTI**



Women workers collect sun-dried chillies at a farm in Shertha village on the outskirts of Ahmedabad on Monday

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Future perfect?

Is Tikait using the farmers' agitation to carve a place for himself in the Assembly or LS polls?

Riding the crest of farmers' protests, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait is putting in his best efforts to find a firm ground for his political future, if his latest utterances are anything to go by. By saying that the "Government has gone to Kolkata and we will meet it there only", he has made it clear that he will continue raking the farm laws issue to the BJP's discomfiture wherever and whenever an opportunity presents itself. This might irk the BJP a bit but it's certainly no reason for worry as Tikait most likely will not find any resonance in the West Bengal elections unless he gets to share the platform with the State's big guns or openly sides with the TMC or the Congress against the saffron party. Tikait is up in arms against the Centre and the BJP;



however, many a time what is seen on the surface is nothing more than eyewash, especially in politics. An overambitious leader who has had no political career might be used as a "safety valve" by the Centre to defuse the farmers' anger. The nation witnessed how the Centre, despite all its might, failed to prevent the farmers from storming the Red Fort on the Republic Day. It was only after this incident that the protest's focus shifted from Punjab's growers to the cultivators of western Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Haryana, and Tikait acquired the centre stage while the more belligerent farm leaders from Punjab were gradually sidelined. Tikait then went through a gamut of

manoeuvres including breaking down during a speech, threatening to hang himself if the farm laws weren't repealed and of marching to Parliament with 40 lakh tractors, besides making many other inciting comments to keep the protest alive.

The political stint of Tikait — the son of legendary farmer leader Mahendra Singh Tikait who held sway over Jat farmers in western UP and founded the BKU and the Bahujan Kisan Dal — has been rather unsuccessful. He ended up at the sixth spot in the 2007 UP Assembly elections (though he was backed by the Congress) and lost his deposit in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls when he fought on the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) ticket from Amroha. Tikait is basically consolidating his position among Jat voters, the community he banks upon, in western UP. He is probably eyeing the 2022 UP Assembly or the next Lok Sabha elections. However, the jury is still out on whether he will float his own party or contest on another party's symbol. If he forms his own party, it would be a severe setback to the RLD and the Congress who also count on Jat votes. The BJP naturally would have an advantage as the votes against it would split. On the other hand, seat-sharing may not be easy if he decides to join hands with the RLD or the Congress as the traditional parties will not like him to be in the driver's seat. As of now, Tikait would like to use the farmers' protest to get a leg up in his political career. However, the NDA Government's "pro-corporate" and "anti-farmer" image is unlikely to help the BJP but its strategists would know what it means to win the Hindi heartland.

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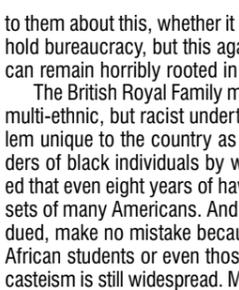
Himachal Pradesh Police's women officers celebrate International Women's Day, in Shimla

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Institutionalised racism

What did Prince Harry Windsor and Meghan Markle's interview to Oprah Winfrey teach us?

Let us make no bones about it; the interview that Prince Harry Windsor and Meghan Markle, the now effectively excommunicated members of the British Royal Family, gave American television personality Oprah Winfrey was a way for them to remain in the limelight. It shone brightly at them and it also reminded many of us who either watched the entire interview or even snatches of it on social media that Miss Winfrey remains a master at her art. It is extremely difficult to feel sorry for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. They are, and remain, extremely wealthy and privileged individuals, one by virtue of his birth and the other through the Hollywood hype machine. This interview is just a precursor to an upcoming series on streaming platform Netflix, which ironically also broadcasts a very lightly fictionalised story of Harry's grandmother's life, 'The Crown'. But it was difficult to not feel sorry when Meghan and Harry spoke about the racism that they faced when the potential skin tone of their then unborn child, a son now known as Archie, was brought up. Neither of them mentioned who it was that spoke



to them about this, whether it was a family member or a member of the royal household bureaucracy, but this again highlights that even an evolved family or institution can remain horribly rooted in a racist past.

The British Royal Family might reign over a realm that is uniquely multi-racial and multi-ethnic, but racist undertones still exist in Britain. Of course, this is not a problem unique to the country as the 'Black Lives Matter' that followed the brutal murders of black individuals by white members of the American police force highlighted that even eight years of having a black President hadn't changed the racist mindsets of many Americans. And while racist undertones in India seem to be more subdued, make no mistake because they do exist. The attitude of the average Indian to African students or even those from the North-East is downright racist and, worse, casteism is still widespread. Many of us might have evolved with regards to our views on matters such as race and caste, but the institutionalisation of those views over centuries will take much longer to eradicate, not just in the British Royal Family but across the world.

100 days of revolt, & still raring to go

As the farmers' protest against farm laws enters the summer season, they brave high temperatures and the paucity of basic necessities



INDRA SHEKHAR SINGH

As an orange sun hung over the Tikri border; Rakesh Tikait along with other leaders was addressing the gathering of farmers on the 99th evening of the farmers' revolution. To mark the 100th day, plans were to be made. Farmers were preparing to block the National Highway into Delhi for five hours; a task they did well and peacefully. Tikait gave a call again to farmers around the nation "to be prepared for the harvest" and to bolster the revolution simultaneously. Speeches ended and a selfie frenzy began. The young, the old, the media and the police, all wanted to be in this moment as it was special in the history of the world. Winter, spring and now summer, yet the farmers' revolution lives on.

But far from the maddening crowds, the revolution had got a new friend. Against public advice, he kept ramming into the yellow police barricades, trying to enter Delhi. I caught him red-handed. Shyly, he ducked and began to look at the carrot shavings. His mind was yet to understand why humans used barricades. The suspect was big, blackish and middle aged. His curved big black horns made him stand out; he was an Indian humped bull.

The advances in farm machinery and artificial insemination have made the indigenous bull redundant. Most farmers sell off the male calves at birth and the remaining ones roam the streets of cities and townships scavenging on garbage. The more lucky ones are sold to slaughterhouses to meet death quickly. There is also a special class of bulls that is part of the artificial insemination industry; they are bred and dishonoured by sophisticated instruments, robbing them of their spermatozoa. Today the Indian bull, far from being Shiv's 'Nandi', is a pariah and first victim of industrial agriculture. With less than one per cent bulls working the farms, India flaunts a large dairy and cattle-rearing sector. The Indian species are so intermixed



with foreign breeds, mainly Jersey and Holstein, that it's hard to tell what is indigenous anymore. Many farmers fear that the story of the Indian bull will be their story, too, if the three farm laws and a neo-company raj enter India. Only with minimal farmers and maximum fossil fuel-based machines will the fields be cultivated.

The more immediate challenge to the revolution is, of course, the increasing heat — political and physical. Temperature variations have already started affecting people's health. With hotter days ahead, the entire encampments are modifying their tents. Many farmers are now constructing high bamboo-and-canvas tents for better air circulation. The supply of drinking water and perishable items like milk is becoming slightly problematic. Food wastage may also increase due to insufficient refrigeration facility. Farmers have mobilised another round of fundraising for installing reverse osmosis (RO) plants within the encampments at Tikri border because the groundwater is highly contaminated with industrial effluents.



WHILE ALL EYES ARE ON BENGAL, THE FARMER LEADERS ARE EXPANDING THEIR BASE TO THE STATES OF RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH AND UTTAR PRADESH. THE MORALE ON THE GROUND AT THE REVOLUTION SITES HAS NEVER BEEN HIGHER

The Ghazipur border is also going for a summer makeover. Much of the encampment at this border is on the Asian Highway 2 (AH2). Surrounding it are Ghazipur's garbage mountain, posh apartments and an open sewage canal that flows underneath it. The summer will bring mosquitoes and diseases. Both the sites will have to be prepared to combat vector and water-borne diseases. As these fears grow, a farmer from Jind died by suicide at the Tikri border. An avoidable death!

The farmers' revolution has transformed from an agrarian movement into a united opposition to the totalitarian Government. The BJP has suffered electorally in Punjab and Haryana and a strict boycott of the BJP and its leaders is in place in these States. While all eyes are on Bengal, the farmer leaders are expanding their base to the States of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. The morale on the ground at the revolution sites has never been higher. Because the encampments have become a breeding ground for hope, camaraderie is the only cure for hate. Many of these farm-

ers have stepped out of their region for the first time, yet they quickly learnt to work and endure suffering together. The movement is more disciplined than earlier and the farmers are ready to continue resisting.

Penance has been the path to spiritual awakening — Jesus on the cross or Buddha starving under the Bodhi tree — and the farmers are also suffering for the sins of our world. A bullet may bring their death as a slaughter may begin any day but they hope their deaths will not be in vain and shall wake up a sleeping world. It will bring together farmers and citizens all over the world to rise against this evil. Despite the odds, the farmers are hopeful.

Our world and democracy is at a dangerous crossroads — Earth and millions of farmers on one side and Big Ag and corporate tyranny on the other. If Indian farmers win, democracy of the world lives; otherwise, Aldous Huxley's 'Brave New World' awaits us all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WOMEN SHOULD RISE AGAINST TORMENTORS

Sir — Each year, March 8 is celebrated as International Women's Day. It goes without saying that women have proved their worth in all spheres and their progress is beyond any doubt. Indian women, too, have shown men that they are second to none. But we need to introspect that why we still have to talk about women empowerment and gender equality.

We have not achieved these things and the reality is very disappointing. Daughters are committing suicide daily in our country as they are forced by their husbands and in-laws to meet their demand for dowry. Many people in villages still hesitate to send their daughters to schools and marry them off at an early age. Even in big metros, women are faced with discrimination of various types at the workplaces and at their homes. They are sexually abused and harassed at the hands of their male colleagues, while at home they are subjected to domestic violence. The situation of women in politics is also not much better. There are very few women in politics as compared to men and they are not enough to pressure the Government to make laws more favourable for the women.

The fair sex is rather treated unfairly in our country and working women in traditional domains of men are looked down upon by their peers. When will this situation change? What are the responsibilities of NGOs, States, the Centre and civil society with respect to improving the condition of women? When will women rise against their tormentors?

Bal Govind | Noida

TAKE ALL SHOTS WITHIN STIPULATED TIME

Sir — As COVID-19 cases are again on the rise in India, it is time to accelerate our vaccination drive. The Government must involve more private hospitals and set up mobile clinics for vaccination. The States and Centre must deploy their ambulance services for getting people inoculated. The elderly should have the facility of calling ambulance home for taking them to the nearest centre for getting the jab. Further,

No cakewalk for Mamata



This refers to the editorial "Risky resolve" (March 8). Mamata choosing to contest from Nandigram shows her nervousness and the Trinamool Congress (TMC) not giving tickets to many sitting MLAs and Ministers shows that Didi no more has confidence over her old guards. Mamata banking on new faces might cost dearer to the TMC in the Assembly elections. She is already distraught by a spate of defections when many of her close confidants left the party at such crucial juncture. Suvendu Adhikari has made the

matters worse for her and winning from Nandigram will not be a cakewalk for Mamata as the Adhikari clan holds significant influence in the area.

However, Mamata's chances of winning the battle of prestige at Nandigram are quite good but it will definitely affect the TMC's performance elsewhere. The TMC's rule has been fraught with corruption and its Ministers were neck-deep in malpractices and nepotism. She should have controlled her MLAs, party workers and Ministers before the elections. Tightening noose when elections are round the corner will not improve the party's image, rather it would prove counterproductive. Those who have been denied tickets may not campaign for the party wholeheartedly and may even go against it. The BJP, on the other hand, is putting all its weight behind campaigning and winning the elections. Top party leaders are holding rallies, *sabhas* and road shows on war footing.

Sravana Ramachandran | Chennai

a door-to-door vaccination drive should be conducted not only in big cities but also in towns and villages.

Vaccination is a safe and effective way to prevent disease and save lives — now more than ever. Today there are vaccines available to protect against at least 20 diseases. Further, there should be no crowding at the vaccination centres and arrangements for potable water and toilet facilities should be made available to all, especially the elders.

We must also not forget that safety precautions are the key to keep Coronavirus at bay and wearing of masks and sanitising hands is essential.

Those who have taken the shot must take the subsequent doses within the stipulated time, else it might prove futile and defeat the very purpose.

CK Subramaniam | Mumbai

BJP LIKELY TO WIN BENGAL ELECTIONS

Sir — If the massive crowd at the Prime

Minister's rally at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata is anything to go by, the indication is clear that the TMC is going and BJP is coming to power in West Bengal. Further, the schemes of the Centre will give BJP an edge; however, the recent rise in the prices of fuel and LPG cylinder will have a bearing on the BJP's vote bank.

The Centre should not have allowed the prices of petrol, diesel and LPG to touch the sky. The rise in LPG prices especially worries women a lot and, despite the Centre's Ujjwala Yojana, might affect the BJP's vote bank.

What will happen cannot be exactly predicted but it seems that the people of West Bengal are fed up with the rule of Mamata Banerjee and will most likely vote her out of power.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

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SOUNDBITE

Women in our country have always played a great role in nation-building and in upholding national integrity, peace and harmony. Women have always been an inspiration to society.

Andhra Pradesh Governor — Biswa Bhusan Harichandan

The Government has signed an advance purchase agreement for 8.5 million additional doses, enough to vaccinate 4.25 million people against COVID.

New Zealand PM — Jacinda Ardern

Women play multiple roles in their life: of a daughter, wife, mother, sister and so on. To make everyone around them happy, they sometimes compromise their real self.

Actress — Sunny Leone

Nowadays everybody is looking for a big total; every game we want to score more than 250 but for that you need some time and matches.

Indian women's ODI vice-captain — Harmanpreet Kaur

The social organisations could also contribute to ensure comfortable commuting and convenient accomplishment of the vaccination process.

Union Minister — Jitendra Singh



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INDIA MUST NOT LET CHINA WOO HASINA

Ties between New Delhi and Dhaka would benefit both countries and Modi's trip should take this forward



KALYANI SHANKAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forthcoming visit to Dhaka on March 26 is quite significant as it will be his first foreign trip after the COVID-19 outbreak. It is expected to consolidate bilateral ties as Bangladesh is a gateway to southeast Asia and part of Modi's 'Act East' policy. In the last six years, the Prime Minister has established a rapport with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina. There have also been frequent ministerial and official-level visits and continuous interaction between New Delhi and Dhaka. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Dhaka last week to pave the way for the Prime Minister's visit as part of Bangladesh's celebrations of 50 years of independence. It also marks a decisive victory of the Indian Army over Pakistan. Coincidentally, Modi's visit is just before the first phase of the Assembly polls in West Bengal and Assam, which share common borders with Bangladesh. The enormous improvement in bilateral ties in the recent years led Hasina to call it a "golden period."



Yet, the steps taken in the domestic sphere during Modi's second term are causing concern to Bangladesh, even though New Delhi contends that it is a domestic matter. These measures include the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), the passing of the controversial Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA) and the creation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

During Modi's trip, the two leaders are expected to discuss bilateral issues, especially the matter of Teesta river water sharing. Despite achieving breakthroughs in several areas in India-Bangladesh ties, both countries are yet to resolve the issue and Teesta has emerged as an emotive matter in Bangladesh and West Bengal. Dhaka has been pushing New Delhi to settle it early as Teesta water is vital for irrigation during the dry season in the northern part of Bangladesh. The Modi Government had successfully persuaded West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on the tricky Land Boundary Agreement and the enclaves' resolution, but Didi has stuck to her guns on Teesta. Jaishankar, during his recent Dhaka visit, said, "The position of the Government of India has not changed." However, it is a political necessity for both sides to find a solution soon. A deal would help New Delhi get more political leverage over China's growing influence, particularly in the Bay of Bengal region. It will also help Hasina politically. Meanwhile, a desperate Dhaka has turned to Beijing and a massive project funded by China has been adopted to manage the Teesta river.

On the domestic side, illegal immigration has been a political and electoral issue for the BJP since 1996 when its national executive in Bhopal passed a resolution on it. Even the 2019 manifesto said, "We will continue to undertake effective steps to prevent illegal immigration in the north eastern States." The other issue is that of Rohingya refugees. Millions of Muslims from the Rakhine province of Myanmar, following the Tatmadaw's crackdown in 2017, fled to Bangladesh and other neighbouring countries, including India. New Delhi is caught in a dilemma between two close strategic neighbours, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

Connectivity is another important area where both the countries are focusing, and many new projects are on the way and New Delhi has come to Dhaka's rescue by exporting nine million vaccines as part of its COVID diplomacy. On its part, Bangladesh is all set to graduate out of the Least Developing Countries with its GDP growth of eight per cent. New Delhi must keep up the partnership that allows for economic growth, defence cooperation, connectivity and improved developmental parameters for both nations. A collaboration between India and Bangladesh would benefit both countries. New Delhi must not lose the moment to take the ties forward.

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Gender inequality in Indian labour market

It is not only participation in higher education that will provide a broad solution but skills training relevant to the market demand is also necessary



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Every year on International Women's Day the world celebrates the achievements of women in social, economic, cultural and political spheres. Not many are aware that this special day for women began as a labour movement in 1908, when 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding shorter working hours, better pay and the right to vote. March 8 was taken up as the official International Women's Day in 1975 by the United Nations. This year's theme was centred around celebrating the tremendous efforts of women/girls in shaping a more equal future and also in aiding recovery from the pandemic. However, it is imperative to highlight the gaps that remain and the way forward to address them successfully.

Gender inequality in the labour market, particularly in the context of developing nations, is one area of concern that still poses a great challenge, particularly in a country like India. Historically, women have been denied many opportunities due to deep-rooted biases in the social system. These eventually lead to labour market inequality as such discrimination is not limited to the domestic arena only but extends beyond the household. The underlying factors that cause such discrimination in India are the sex ratio at birth, life expectancy at birth, the infant mortality rate, the under-five mortality rate, the maternal mortality rate, nutritional deprivation, inequality in literacy rates and the gender gap at the highest level of political decision-making. These inequalities have direct implications for labour market outcomes in terms of women's participation in economic activities. Even with similar educational attainments and skill sets as men, women are denied opportunities, which leads to significant differences in status of work, income and occupations. Despite the introduction of many affirmative policy actions, such exclusionary approaches remain.

Inequality in the labour market: While some studies have noted an improvement in employment conditions for women, with rising salaries and more participation in quality or decent jobs, other studies have highlighted jobless growth and declining participation in the labour market in the past decades. The pandemic severely hit economic activities of those who were at the lower rung of the occupation hierarchy, particularly women working in the informal economy. They were out of jobs for a significant period of the outbreak and those who managed to hold on to one had to face wage cuts. This has further precipitated the vulnerability of women.

Employment and education/skill level: Globalisation has led to an increase in women's participation in the labour market in India. But there is still a huge gender gap, with only 18 per cent of women employed as compared to 47 per cent men. It is often argued that women are engaged in mostly low-skilled, low-paid work under precarious work conditions. Education and skill level play a key role in access to the labour market and in the quality of work one gets.

Almost half of the working women (42 per cent) are illiterate compared to 19 per cent men, and around 77 per cent are educated up to the upper primary level as compared to 62 per cent men. There is a significant difference between the higher education level of working women and men, i.e. 23 per cent of women as compared to 38 per cent of men are educated above the secondary level.



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Job quality and occupations:

More than half of working women (53 per cent) are engaged in self-employment, whereas one-fourth take up some form of casual work (25 per cent) and only 22 per cent are in regular salaried jobs. The share of men engaged in regular work (24 per cent) is relatively higher, while their share in casual employment (24 per cent) is slightly lower. Further, differences are also observed in terms of occupational segregation in the labour market i.e. the difference in the share of men versus women within an occupation. Such segmentation is widespread within occupational groups.

The occupational distribution by gender shows that women (28 per cent) are relatively more involved than men (22 per cent) in low-paid and unskilled jobs, such as elementary occupations (domestic helpers, cleaners, street vendors and garbage collectors), services (personal care, housekeeping and salespersons) and as office and customer service clerks. Women (10 per cent) are also under-represented in high-skill and well paid jobs, such as those of professionals, technicians and associate professionals, as compared to men (13 per cent). Additionally, the percentage of women (92 per cent) engaged in informal employment in the country is higher than men (88 per cent).

Unemployment, NEET and inactive people: The overall employment level among women (five per cent) is less than their male (six per cent) counterparts. The unemployment

rate among young (15-29 years) women is not only significantly high (18 per cent) but also greater than men (17 per cent). The trend also shows a sizable increase in youth who are not in employment, education and training (NEET), among whom a large proportion is that of women. More than half of young women (55 per cent) are in the NEET category with only 13 per cent of young men featuring in it. Additionally, 84 per cent of young women are inactive as compared to 41 per cent of men. The inactive youth include those who face employment difficulties and may drop out of the labour force when jobs are hard to find, whether for study, leisure, illicit activities or due to inertia. Women face many social and economic hurdles which limit their participation in the labour market and this may lead to labour market inactivity.

Factors aiding inequality: There are many factors that contribute to labour market inequality. Mehta and Awasthi (2019) analysed various factors through an econometric decomposition exercise. Their study revealed four important factors: Educational qualification or skill level is one of the most important factors contributing to inequality, as individuals with high education or skill level can access better jobs or have higher chances of getting a decent job; access to a decent quality job or a regular formal salaried job, which provides better and secure income, while casual work is irregular and low paid; gender, as various socio-economic con-

ditions and other restrictions cause women to have a lower labour force participation rate and lastly work experience, as people with experience are more likely to get better access to the labour market. There are other factors such as social groups, income level or poverty and rural and urban location which play a key role in gender inequality in the labour market.

The way forward: Rising inequality in the labour market is a reality, with the differences between the male and female population growing wider. Though, over the years, female presence in regular or high-skilled and better-paid jobs has improved but still a large number of them are engaged in low-paid and unskilled jobs. In recent years, the growing enrollment of young women in secondary and tertiary-level education has resulted in them being better-skilled employees and their proliferation in decent employment. This trend is seen particularly in the services sector, especially in financial services and information technology. Hence, apart from a gender-friendly environment, it is necessary to make education up to the secondary level universal and free.

However, the growing number of women in the NEET category and the higher unemployment level among educated or skilled women is negating the advances made through such measures. Therefore, it is not only participation in higher education that will provide a comprehensive solution but skills training relevant to the market demand is also necessary.

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BENGAL TRUSTED DIDI FOR 'PORIBORTON'. SHE BROKE THE TRUST. I HAVE COME HERE TO MAKE YOU BELIEVE IN 'ASOL PORIBORTON'.

—PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI



HE SAYS THERE IS NO 'PORIBORTON' IN BENGAL. BEFORE POLLS IT IS 'UJJWALA' AND POST POLLS IT TURNS INTO 'JUMLA.' THIS CANNOT CONTINUE.

—WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER MAMATA BANERJEE

Govt land monetisation will boost infrastructure development

The proposed SPV meant to carry out the monetisation should take essential steps for making land assets of PSUs free of any hindrances

Urban development in India is largely obstructed by the lack of availability of land at affordable prices, a key prerequisite for infrastructure development and housing. According to the Numbeo database for 2021, Mumbai is among the top 10 cities with the highest price-to-income ratios. The reason for the high price of land available for infrastructure development or residential stock in India is directly linked to the complexities of the land acquisition process.

With a number of loopholes in its current design, it has been largely debated by various researchers and policymakers. Making matters worse, the lack of clear land titles and the need for obtaining approvals and clearances from civic authorities impedes the progress of a project.

As it has been a long-



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standing problem, it is imperative to seek solutions and adopt appropriate policy models to address it. Taking cue from China's journey can prove helpful. The improved infrastructure quality has been a fundamental source of China's economic growth, which currently stands on a par with the advanced economies.

As per the World Bank's Infrastructure Index for 2018, Beijing appeared in the top 20 ranks alongside other advanced economies with a score of 3.75. India, in contrast, was one of the low-scoring countries on the index at 2.91. This fast-paced development of the Chinese economy forces one to think about its model of infrastructure development.

Of the many steps taken by the Chinese Government, a significant effort relates to monetisation of public land to develop infrastructure. According to

an estimate by Chinese researchers, the Government allocated 1,38,267 hectare of land in 2010 for infrastructure, which was around 20 per cent of the total State-owned land.

Financial support in the form of this land allocation can be gauged by the fact that had State Governments purchased the same at market rates, they would have ended up paying 1,292.8 billion yuan, amounting to 31.8 per cent of their total revenue in 2010. This model can be replicated and adopted by India by making unutilised land with Government departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) available to private players for infrastructure development or housing construction, thereby filling the existing gap.

The Union Budget 2021-22 has proposed monetisation of land belonging to the



Government-owned companies and PSUs by way of direct sale, concessions or other suitable means. The plan is to launch a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in this pursuit. The decision is likely to free up a large extent of land for building infrastructure and affordable housing projects. According to various estimates available in public domain, the

land held by various Government agencies is over 5,00,000 HA, of which, over 1,60,000 HA is held across various airports, seaports and by the railways. Approximately 11.8 lakh acres is owned by the Railway Ministry, out of which about 1.26 lakh acres is not in any kind of use. For the proposed land monetisation, it is pertinent to ensure preparation on various fronts. First, record of lands with plot ownership and boundaries should be available in an updated form, without any disputes or any other encumbrances like lease terms of the PSUs. Though States are making substantial progress in digitising land records, there is still a long road ahead for improving its quality, as has been exhibited by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) Land Records and

Services Index (N-LRSI) in its 2020 and 2021 editions. The proposed SPV meant to carry out the monetisation process should take the essential steps for making land assets of PSUs free of any hindrances.

Canada's experience can offer some useful lessons in designing an SPV — Canada Lands Company — identifies and purchases surplus properties (including Government-owned land) at market prices. It further manages the purchased properties and finally sells it to private entities.

Since 1995, it has developed 2,000 affordable housing projects. Second, land prices valuation, which has proved to be a major roadblock for loan acquisition procedures, should be determined through a detailed analysis of market rates and potential gains from the proposed project.

Lastly, Central and State

Governments should take the necessary steps to limit the requirement of multiple approvals required to kick off an infrastructure or real estate project. This comes across as the biggest bottleneck as observed from heaps of land parcels lying unutilised in the States' land banks as private companies avoid the tedious approval and clearance processes that are necessary to secure access.

With increasing requirements of infrastructure resources and housing stock in Indian cities, there is an urgent need to optimise land resources. If adopted with adequate measures, Government land monetisation can be an efficient policy step that captures real estate value of unutilised public land, augments revenues of local, Central and State Governments and also mitigates problems posed by escalating land prices.

Myanmar security forces kill 2 anti-coup protesters

AP ■ MANDALAY

Security forces shot dead two people in northern Myanmar on Monday, local media reported, as the military Government continued its attempt to stamp out opposition to its February 1 coup.

The Irrawaddy newspaper said the victims were shot in the head during anti-coup protests in Myitkyina in Kachin State. Graphic video on social media showed protesters in the street backing away from tear gas, responding with rocks, then fleeing after a fusillade of what seemed to be automatic gunfire.

Demonstrators hurriedly carried away a number of casualties, including one apparent fatality, a person who had clearly sustained a severe head wound.



Anti-coup protesters discharge fire extinguishers to counter the impact of the tear gas fired by police during a demonstration in Naypyitaw, Myanmar on Monday. AP

A second body was seen a little later, on a stretcher, his head covered with a cloth.

Security forces also clamped down on anti-coup protesters elsewhere Monday, firing tear gas to break up a

crowd of around 1,000 people who were demonstrating in the capital, Naypyitaw.

The protesters deployed fire extinguishers to create a smoke screen as they fled from authorities.

Biden order could change how colleges handle sex misconduct

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is set to sign an executive order on Monday directing the Department of Education to review policies implemented by Donald Trump's administration, including changes to Title IX regulations that prohibit sex discrimination in federally funded institutions, according to administration officials.

Biden focused on gender equity during his campaign and promised to strengthen Title IX if he won the White House. He also will sign a second executive order formally establishing the White House Gender Policy Council, according to two administration officials who briefed reporters on the plan. Biden's transition team announced his plans to create the council before he took office.

The order directing the



President Joe Biden speaks in the State Dining Room of the White House. AP

review of Title IX could pave the way to a major shift in how colleges handle allegations of sexual misconduct moving forward.

Trump's education secretary, Betsy DeVos, in 2018 rescinded an Obama-era administration standard in cases of reported sexual assault from requiring a "preponderance of evidence" — meaning it is more likely than not that sexual harassment or violence occurred — to "clear and convincing evidence."

The DeVos changes

reduced the liability of colleges and universities for investigating sexual misconduct claims and bolstered the due process rights of the accused, including the right to cross-examine their accusers through a third-party advocate at campus hearings.

Biden, as Vice-President, along with then-Education Secretary Arne Duncan in 2011 laid out the legal guidance of what was expected of college campuses in response to allegations of sexual violence on behalf of President Barack Obama's administration.

With the Education Department review, Biden's intent is to set policies that help ensure students have an environment that is free from sexual harassment and without discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, according to one White House official who briefed reporters on the orders.

IN EXPLOSIVE INTERVIEW Meghan reveals suicidal thoughts, royal racism



This image provided by Harpo Productions shows Meghan, The Duchess of Sussex, left, in conversation with Oprah Winfrey. AP

PTI ■ LOS ANGELES/LONDON

Meghan Markle struggled as a new member of Britain's royal family after her marriage to Prince Harry to such a degree that she even contemplated suicide, the Duchess of Sussex revealed in an explosive tell-all interview with American chat show host Oprah Winfrey.

The two-hour special, aired on the CBS network in the US on Sunday and set to be aired on ITV in the UK on Monday night, saw Prince Harry joining his wife half-way through as the couple also spoke about concerns of racism within the royal ranks after being asked

about their son Archie's expected skin colour when mixed-race Meghan was pregnant with their first child.

"I just didn't want to be alive anymore," Meghan said, adding that when she "went to the institution for help" she was told it would not be forthcoming as it "wouldn't be good for the institution".

The 39-year-old former American actress, who is pregnant with her second child, revealed that the couple are expecting a baby girl and shared how the palace decided that their first-born, Archie, could not be a prince and would therefore have no security.

Oz ends defence cooperation with coup-hit Myanmar

Canberra: Australia has suspended its defence cooperation with Myanmar and is redirecting humanitarian aid because of the military takeover of the government and ongoing detention of an Australian citizen.

Foreign Minister Marise Payne said on Monday that Australian diplomats only had access to economic policy adviser Sean Turnell twice since he was detained in early February.

Escalating violence raises pressure for Myanmar sanctions

Bangkok: The escalation of violence in Myanmar as authorities crack down on protests against the February 1 coup is raising pressure for more sanctions against the junta, even as countries struggle over how to best sway military leaders inured to global condemnation.

The challenge is made doubly difficult by fears of harming ordinary citizens who were already suffering from an economic slump worsened by the pandemic but are braving risks of arrest and injury to voice

outrage over the military takeover. Still, activists and experts say there are ways to ramp up pressure on the regime, especially by cutting off sources of funding and access to the tools of repression.

The UN special envoy on Friday urged the Security Council to act to quell junta violence that this week killed about 50 demonstrators and injured scores more. More shootings were reported over the weekend, and a coalition of labor unions called a strike for Monday. AP

First lady Jill helps honor women from 15 countries for courage

AP ■ WASHINGTON

First lady Jill Biden says nearly two dozen women the State Department is honoring for their courage made an "intentional decision" to persist and demand justice despite their fear.

The 21 women being recognized Monday with the department's International Women of Courage Award include seven from Afghanistan who are receiving posthumous honors.

Jill sees teachable moment in the depths of a pandemic



In this file photo Jill Biden watches a student work as she tours the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, in Meriden, Ct. AP

AP ■ WATERFORD, PA.

Jill Biden sees a teachable moment in the depths of the coronavirus pandemic. The first lady sat in a socially distanced circle in the library at Fort LeBoeuf Middle School in Pennsylvania, listening and taking notes as parents expressed relief that a school had reopened and their

kids were back in the classroom. One mother talked about the "bumpy patches" of online learning and said reopening "has been so to the T" that she doesn't worry about her son and daughter. Another mom said the district included parent input and she was comfortable her children were in a "safe environment."

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Name:** Seemi D/o Sant Ram R/o H. No. 10-B, Press Enclave, Vikas Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 11.02.2021 from the area of P.S. Ranhola, Delhi. In this regard a case vide DD No. 58-A dated 12.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Ranhola, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 20 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** White & black colour jarssi and grey colour pant and hawai chappal in feet.

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

Phone: SHO 011-24368638, 24368641
P.S. Ranhola, Delhi
Outer Distt., Delhi
Fax No. 011-24368639
Ph. No. 011-28363001, 28363002
DP/687/OD/2021

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam 'fully welcomes' proposed electoral changes

Hong Kong: Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said on Monday the city's government "fully welcomes" changes to the city's electoral system that will substantially increase central government control over Hong Kong politics and exclude Beijing's critics.

Chinese authorities have said the draft decision before China's National People's Congress would mean the largely pro-Beijing committee that elects Hong Kong's leader would also choose a large part of the legislature. AP

GLOBE TROTTER

BIDEN WELCOMES POPE'S VISIT TO IRAQ

Washington: US President Joe Biden on Monday welcomed Pope Francis' historic visit to Iraq, describing it as a "symbol of hope" for the entire world.

SYRIAN PREZ, WIFE TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Damascus: Syrian President Bashar Assad and his wife have tested positive for the Covid-19, the President's office said on Monday, with both having only mild symptoms of the illness.

20 DEAD IN EQUATORIAL GUINEA BLENDS

Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso): A series of explosions at a military barracks in Equatorial Guinea killed at least 20 people and wounded more than 600 others on Sunday, authorities said.

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES REOPEN IN UK

London: Prime Minister Boris Johnson hailed the "national effort" as schools and colleges opened on Monday to mark the step one in the UK's phased roadmap to lift strict lockdown restrictions in place for months to control the spread of Covid.

DELHI JAL BOARD
(GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (NE) III
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"Stop Corona; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

S. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender (Rs.)	Tender/ Fees (In Rs.)	EMD (In Rs.)	Dated of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement Solution
1.	Repair and renovation of UGR at shahdri park in ward no-42E in Shahdara area (NE)-III in AC-65 NE-III Tender ID. No. 2021_DJB_201029_3	27,59,774/-	500/-	EMD Exempted	05.03.2021	17.03.2021

Further details in this regard can be seen at <http://delhi.govtprocurement.gov.in>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 474 (2020-21) EX. ENGINEER (NE)-III

SALE NOTICE

The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

CASE DETAILS	ASSET DETAILS
ICICI Bank Vs LAKHINDER KAJUR, CS (COMM) No. 352/2018	Make and Model-MARUTI S CROSS, Vehicle No-DL1CU5834
ICICI Bank Vs VIKASH KUMAR VERMA, CS DJ No. 900/18	Make and Model-GENERAL MOTORS SAIL, Vehicle No-DL1ZA8496
ICICI Bank Vs GAURAV KUMAR, CS (COMM) No. 334/20	Make and Model-HYUNDAI I10, Vehicle No-UP16BE2947
ICICI Bank Vs MEENAKSHI SINGH KHARWAR, CS DJ 6476/ 18	Make and Model-NISSAN ACTIVE XV, Vehicle No-UP16T3403
ICICI Bank Vs SHAILENDRA NIGAM,CS (COMM) No. 2619/2019	Make and Model-I 20 SPORTZ VTVT, Vehicle No-UP16BR3332
ICICI Bank Vs KANWAL NANGIA,CS (COMM) No. 663/2019	Make and Model-TATA ACE, Vehicle No-DL1LV2002
ICICI Bank Vs KARAN JAIN, CS (Comm) no 17/10/19	Make and Model-MERCEDES MERCEDES E250 CDI, Vehicle No-DL6CM1472
ICICI Bank Vs SUMIT, CS No. 2143/2017	Make and Model-TATA ACE, Vehicle No-DL1LV2002
ICICI Bank Vs DINESH KUMAR, CS SCJ 3493/17	Make and Model-AL DOST LS, Vehicle No-DL1LV3764
ICICI Bank Vs CHAND MOHAMAD,CS no. 3687/2017	Make and Model-AL DOST, Vehicle No-DL1LV5880
ICICI Bank Vs AJAY SINGH, Suit No 912/2017	Make and Model-AL DOST LS, Vehicle No-DL1LV2931
ICICI Bank Vs SALIM, CS (COMM) No. 2203/2019	Make and Model-ECOMET 1214, Vehicle No-HR38Y2812
ICICI Bank Vs VINOD NAGAR, CS (Comm) No. 2886/19	Make and Model-ASHOK LEYLAND LTD Dost, Vehicle No-UP16FT9996
ICICI Bank Vs SHAHANSHAH SHAIKH, CS (COMM) No. 1189 / 20	Make and Model-XCENT, Vehicle No-DL1ZA5477
ICICI Bank Vs MAHENDER SINGH, CS (COMM) No. 711 / 2020	Make and Model-SWIFT, Vehicle No-DL2CAW7858
ICICI Bank Vs PAWAN KUMAR, CS (COMM) No. 653 / 2019	Make and Model-WAGON R, Vehicle No-DL7CT3053

Auction Date: 20-March-2021
Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No: 166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram-122022.
Contact Person - Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)

Terms of Sale
The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participants are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids.
Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount within 5 days from the approval date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT.
The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085, for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle.

Public Notice

It is publicly notified that the FLAT NO. 71C, BLOCK-D-1, SECTOR-52, NOIDA, has been allotted in the name of SANTOSH KUMAR S/O SUKH-DEV PRASAD YADAV R/O ANSAL BHAWAN, 16, KASTURBA MARG, NEW DELHI, had sold the said flat, on the basis of G.P.A to Mohini W/O NARI RAM R/O F-99, SECTOR-22, NOIDA, if any one has / have any objection he/she may submit his/her, objection in the Housing Department of Noida Authority along-with sufficient proofs within 15 days of the publication this notice. MOHINI

PUBLIC NOTICE

Apartment No. H-014, First Floor, Tower/B/Block H "Indiabulls Centrum Park", Gurugram
That our client Tarinder Singh s/o Mohanjeet Singh R/o B-45A,Chander Vihar, Noida, Delhi, proposes to purchase the above said property from Gurjeet Kaur w/o Kuldeep Singh R/o 187, Diamond Avenue, Malina Road, Armitas, who has assured our client that she is the absolute owner of the said property vide Transfer deed No 57 dated 10.04.18 (SR Kadipur) executed in her favour by Madhu Preet Kaur w/o Simranjeet Singh Kohli and said Original Transfer deed No 57/10.04.18 (SR-Kadipur) and prior chain as Original Transfer deed No.56/10.04.18 (SR-Kadipur) have been misplacced/lost, for which lost document complaint lodged with Police vide LR No.694483/2020 dated 28.10.20.
Under the circumstances, notice is hereby given to the General Public, Bank/Financial institutions or other persons, organizations, companies, government authorities, having any claim, rights, title, or any interest of any nature whatsoever in or upon the said property, to hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing with documentary evidence by registered AD Post to the undersigned at the address mentioned hereinbelow within 10 days of the publication of this notice and in the event no response having been received to the notice, the title of Gurjeet Kaur w/o Kuldeep Singh to the said property shall be deemed to be clear of any charge or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our client in any manner whatsoever.

Kumar Amit Advocate
Legal Access 132A, LGF, Anarkali Complex, Jhandewalan Ext New Delhi-55

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Rajan @ Suraj S/o: Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** about 50 years, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue colour jeans & multi colour Gamcha, who was found dead in the area of PS: Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 19A Dated 14.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.
Sd/- SHO
P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi
Tel.: 011-25489080
DP/712/RD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one person namely Rahul S/o Rajkumar R/o RZH-80, Gali No. 8, Nihal Vihar, Delhi **Age:** 21 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, wearing Black colour jacket & pant and shoes in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 24.01.2021 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 97-A dated 09.02.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following.
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
SHO : P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi,
Ph. : 011-25946700,
25946710
DP/686/OD/21

NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

By CSTE/C/CW/Northern Railway, DRM Office, 2nd Floor, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Single Packet system from experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar nature of work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the following work:

Name of work	Approximate cost of the work
"S&T work for alteration of PI at Kathua and Madhopur Punjab stations and associated telecom work at adjoining stations in c/w doubling across Ravi Bridge section over Firozpur Division of Northern Railway".	Rs. 48.03 Lakh
Earnest Money	NIL
Completion period	03 (Three) months
Date, Time & Place for submission and opening of tender	Tender will be available on www.reps.gov.in website from 10.03.2021 to 11.30 hrs on 01.04.2021 and will be opened on 01.04.2021 after 11.30 hrs. Tender can be uploaded from 18.03.2021 to 11.30 hrs on 01.04.2021 and will be opened on 01.04.2021 after 11.30 hrs.
Address from where tender form can be purchased	E-Tender document cost - Nil. The detailed e-tender notice and document will be available on Northern Railway web site i.e. on www.reps.gov.in from 10.03.2021 to 11.30 hrs on 01.04.2021, bidders are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website for which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.
No. 178-Sig/CW/32/96/PI-III Dated : 08.03.2021	525/2021
Serving Customers With A Smile	

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Name:** Santosh W/o Madan Lal R/o: Factory No. O-8, Sec-1, DSIIDC Bawana, Delhi has been missing from her house since 03.02.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 52A dated 08.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Bawana, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: About 65 Years, **Height:** 4'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Identification:** Left hand tattoo (Madan Lal) & mentally unstable. **Wearing:** Pink colour suit & salwar and Red colour juti in feet.
Any person having any information/Clue about this Missing female, may inform SHO, Bawana, Delhi at E-mail id - cic@cbi.gov.in or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
Phone: SHO 011-24368638, 24368641
P.S. Bawana, Delhi
Outer North Distt., Delhi
DP/820/ON/2021 Ph. No. 011-27752534, 7065036321

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Radha D/o Shyam Karan, R/o C-8/22, Sec-7, Rohini, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 16.03.2019 from the area of PS. North Rohini, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 85/19 dated 16.03.2019 has been lodged at PS, North Rohini, Delhi. The description of Missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Radha, **Father's Name:** Shyam Karan, **Age:** 13 years, **Height:** 5'4", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Black Suit & Salwar. **Hair:** Black
If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.
SHO
P.S., North Rohini, Delhi
Ph : 011-27048210
DP/710/RD/2021 8750870330

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that we have changed the name of our company, from Laxmi Battery & Inverter to "LAXMI BATTERY" IP Prop. Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Q-Block, Village Pooth Kalan, Krishan Vihar, Delhi-110086. Our business will be continue operating under the new company name of "LAXMI BATTERY". Thank you for supporting us and gave us the opportunity to continue to provide better services to serve you.

N.S. Yadav (Advocate)
Ch. No.507, Western Wing,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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Telephone: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com
पत्र सं. 197, e-Tender Notice दिनांक: 08.03.2021
Office of the EE (TP), M&U Dhalpur invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
e-NIT No. 01/EE/TP/2020-21
Name of Work: Hiring of one no. M&M Bolero Non-AC, Seven-Seater vehicle with driver for DGM (M&U) Yamuna Valley, Ujvn limited, Dhalpur for two years.
Estimated cost: Rs 798637.00 (GST extra).
Date of availability of bid document on website:- 08.03.2021
Last date of submission of bid on website:- 29.03.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>
Executive Engineer (TP)
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OJSWI TRADES INVESTMENT AND FINANCE LIMITED
Kh. No. 300, Gopi Ram Building, Sultanpur Village, New Delhi-110030
Tel. No.09810836602, Fax No. 0124-4699333
CIN: L67120DL1990PLC042059
Website: www.ojswi.in, Email Id: corporate.ojswi@gmail.com

Notice of Board Meeting
In Pursuant to Regulation 29 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement), 2015, notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 15, 2021 inter alia, to consider and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended on September 30, 2020. The said information is also available on the website of the Company at www.ojswi.in and may also be available on Stock Exchange website at www.mseil.com
By order of the Board.
For Ojswi Trades Investment and Finance Limited
Sd/-
Sandeep Garg
Director
Place: New Delhi
Date: March 08, 2021

Govt to amend telecom licence norms to control sourcing from China

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is likely to amend the telecom licence norms this month to incorporate the guidelines of national security directive on telecommunication sector that will help in controlling installation of network equipment from China and other non-friendly countries.

Under the provisions of this directive, the government will declare a list of trusted sources and trusted products for installation in the country's telecom network.

"DoT is almost ready to amend licence conditions to incorporate guidelines NSD (national security directive). It should be done in the coming

week," an official source said.

Notably, Chinese telecom gear maker Huawei has had its run-ins in the past with the governments of Canada and the US. The US has alleged that it did not comply with its cybersecurity and privacy laws, leaving the country and the citizens vulnerable to espionage.

The list of the trusted source and product for installation in telecom networks will be decided based on the approval of a committee headed by the deputy national security advisor.

The committee will consist of members from relevant departments, ministries and will also have two members from the industry and independent experts.

Govt nets ₹53,346 cr from Vivad Se Vishwas scheme till Feb 22

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has realised Rs 53,346 crore through direct tax dispute resolution scheme Vivad Se Vishwas till February 22, Parliament was informed on Monday.

To a query in the Lok Sabha on whether the government has been able to achieve the objective of settling income tax cases after launching the Vivad se Vishwas scheme, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Singh Thakur said, "Yes". He said over 1.28 lakh declarations have been filed under the scheme involving a disputed tax of Rs 98,328 crore. Of this, Rs 53,346 crore has been received as payments against disputed tax.

This include Rs 27,720 crore worth payments made by the central public sector undertakings (PSUs), Rs 1,023 crore by state PSUs, and Rs 24,603 crore by others.

The Vivad Se Vishwas scheme provides for settlement of disputed tax, disputed interest, disputed penalty or disputed fees in relation to an assessment or reassessment order. The dispute is settled on payment of 100 per cent of the disputed tax and 25 per cent of the disputed penalty or interest or fee. The taxpayer is granted immunity from levy of interest, penalty and institution of any proceeding for prosecution for any offence under the Income Tax Act in respect of matters covered in the declaration.

India's domestic air traffic falls 37 pc to 78 lakh passengers in Feb: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India's domestic air traffic fell 37 per cent year-on-year to 78 lakh passengers in February amid travel curbs and capacity restrictions due to the pandemic, according to Ica.

Even the sequential growth slowed down for the second consecutive month in February with a nearly flat growth over January 2021, rating firm Ica said in a release.

Domestic passenger traffic in January this year was recorded at 77.34 lakh, according to DGCA data.

Similarly, 1.23 crore people travelled on local routes in February 2020 as against 78 lakh passenger in February this year. The number of flights departing has also gradually increased from 416 on day

one (May 25, 2020, when domestic operations were resumed) to 2,885 on day 267 (February 14, 2021).

"For February 2021, the average daily departures were around 2,296, significantly lower than the average daily departures of 3,137 in February 2020, though better than around 2,190 in January 2021," said Kinjal Shah, Vice President, Ica.

The average number of passengers per flight during February 2021 was 121, against an average of 136 passengers per flight in February 2020, she said, therefore, it is expected that the domestic aviation industry operated at a passenger load factor (PLF) of around 78 per cent in February 2021, against 87.7 per cent a year ago, that too on a low capacity.

BRIEFS

TATA POWER-DDL BAGS GOLDEN PEACOCK AWARD
Tata Power Delhi Distribution (Tata Power-DDL), a leading power distribution company serving a populace of 7 million in the national capital, has been presented with the prestigious 'Golden Peacock Award for Energy Efficiency' for the year 2020 under the 'Power Distribution' Category by the Awards Jury under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Justice M. N. Venkatchaliah, former Chief Justice of India.

MAYOR OF NORTH DELHI, DY HEAD OF MISSION AUSTRIAN EMBASSY INAUGURATE PICTORIAL EXHIBITION
North Delhi Mayor Jai Prakash and Deputy Head of Mission, Austrian Embassy, Matthias Radoszics on Monday inaugurated a pictorial exhibition on the subject of women empowerment at North DMC headquarters on the occasion of International Women's Day. On the occasion Deputy Mayor Ritu Goel, Standing Committee Chairman Chail Bihari Goswami, ex-Mayor Rajni Abbi were also present.

NORTHERN RAILWAY DEDICATES ITS WDP4B, WDP4D CLASS LOCOMOTIVES TO WOMEN WARRIORS
As a token of homage and respect, Northern Railway takes pride in dedicating its WDP4B and WDP4D class locomotives of Tughlakabad to these brave warriors, Tughlakabad locomotives Rani Ahilyabai, Rani Avantibai, Rani Velu Nachiyar, Rani Chennamma, Rani Laxmibai and Jhalkaribai will soon be joined by Uda Devi and others in celebrating our immortal heroes' women with character of steel.

CSCs COLLABORATES WITH GOODWORKER TO CONNECT RURAL WORKERS WITH EMPLOYERS
NEW DELHI: Centre's digital India arm Common Services Centres (CSC) is partnering with GoodWorker, a job matching platform, for connecting blue-collar workers with employers through its extensive reach in rural India. A Ministry of Information Technology official said the partnership promises to bring one lakh job opportunities through CSC Gramin Naukri Portal. The job opportunities will include profiles like Sewing Machine Operator, Delivery Executive, Customer Support Executive/Tele caller, etc.

SRM CONDUCTS WORKSHOP ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR SELF-HELP GROUPS
Kattankulathur: SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur and Pudiya Thalaimurai Foundation together with ISRB EXPOTM Indian Small and Rural Business Exposition conducted "Entrepreneurship Orientation Programme on Areca plates and spirulina production and marketing" at Government Middle School Campus, Orathur village. Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, SRMIST has adopted eight villages (Orathur, Kolathur, Chettipalayam, Nattarasampattu, Thenmelpakkam, Patravakkam, Anjur, and Kalivandhapattu.) from Chengalpattu and Kanchipuram district.

Equities slip on high crude oil prices; Realty stocks fall

FIANS ■ MUMBAI

India's benchmark equity indices ended Monday's trade session on a flat-to-positive note even as high crude oil prices along with rising bond yields subdued sentiments.

Accordingly, the two key indices had a gap-up opening, subsequently they rose to make respective intra day highs but fears of inflationary pressures due to high oil prices spooked investors. Globally, Asian shares broadly reversed course to trade lower on Monday as higher crude oil prices raised inflation worries.

On the other hand, European stocks rose with bond yields near one-year highs as the world's largest economy was on the verge of adding \$1.9 trillion in stimulus.

Besides, volumes were below recent averages signalling lower institutional participation. On Monday, FIIs

pulled out Rs 1,494.49 crore from the Indian markets.

Among sectors, PSU bank, media, metals gained the most, while realty, FMCG, Auto lost

Sensex, Nifty eke out gains

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty eke out gains on Monday after two sessions of decline as investors snapped up energy, IT and pharma shares. After fighting multiple bouts of volatility during the session, the BSE gauge Sensex settled 35.75 points or 0.07 per cent higher at 50,441.07. Intraday, the index rose as much as 667 points, but pared most of its gains tracking weakness in global markets.

the most. Consequently, the S&P BSE Sensex rose by just 35.75 points, or 0.07 per cent, to 50,441.07 points from the previous close of 50,405.32.

₹ slumps by 23 paise on strong dollar, high crude prices

Mumbai: The rupee on Monday declined by 23 paise to close at 73.25 against the US dollar, extending its losses for the third session in a row due to rising crude oil prices and strengthening of the American currency in the overseas market. The dollar rose to a three-and-a-half month high against a basket of six currencies globally helped by passage of USD 1.9 trillion stimulus package by the US Senate, positive jobs data and rising bond yields.

50% employees at Vizag plant to be women: Yokohama Off-Highway Tires

PNS ■ MUMBAI

After witnessing many surprising outcomes from the all-women shop-floor at its Dahej plant, Yokohama Off-Highway Tires has decided to have 50% staff as women at its upcoming plant in Vizag. The world's leading off-highway tyre maker began hiring women for the shop-floor in September 2018, thus becoming the first tyre company to do so on its heavy-duty tyre shop-floor at the Dahej plant, with lots of apprehensions given the nature of the work, said Yokohama India Group Head Nitin Mantri. They rolled down the first tyre in February 2019 after the induction and training programme and were inducted into the truck and bus radial unit first and then extended to radial OTR (off-the-road) unit in Feb 2020.

LPG price double in 7 yrs; tax collection on petrol, diesel jumps 459%: Pradhan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Price of domestic cooking gas, LPG has doubled to Rs 819 per cylinder in the last seven years while the increase in taxes on petrol and diesel has swelled collections by over 459 per cent, Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Monday.

In written replies to a spate of questions on rising fuel prices in the Lok Sabha, Pradhan said the retail selling price of domestic gas was Rs 410.5 per 14.2-kg cylinder on March 1, 2014. This month, the same cylinder costs Rs 819.

Small price hikes over the past couple of years have eliminated subsidy on cooking gas as well as PDS kerosene.

Pradhan said the price of domestic subsidised LPG has been raised during the last few months. It cost Rs 594 per

cylinder in December 2020 and now is priced at Rs 819. Similarly, kerosene sold to the poor through the public distribution system (PDS) has risen from Rs 14.96 per litre in March 2014 to Rs 35.35 this month, he said.

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S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Contract Value (ECV)/ Amount put to tender	Tender/ Fees	Dated of release of Corrigendum in E-procurement solution & Tender ID No.	Last Date/Time of receipt of tender E-Procurement Solution
1	Removal of contamination by replacement/shifting of 150*100 mm dia Ductile Iron Water line in 10 Block Kichirpur in AC-55 East-I	38,99,622.00	500.00	05.03.2021 2021_DJB_20 1047_1	23.03.2021 At 03:15 PM
2	Removal of contamination by replacement of old & damaged C.I. Water line in B-Block Mandawali Fazalpur Gali No. 11 to Gali No. 16 and its adjoining in AC-57 in East-I	35,15,578.00	500.00	05.03.2021 2021_DJB_20 1047_2	23.03.2021 At 03:15 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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Sd/-
Pratap Singh
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (EAST-I)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(SECTION 82 Cr.Pc.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Rahul S/o Ram Bhagwan R/o H.No. E 3/25, Near Maharana Pratap Chowk, Shahbad Dairy, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 756/15, u/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act at PS Bawana, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Rahul**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rahul**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rahul of FIR No. 756/15, u/s 33/58 Delhi Excise Act at PS Bawana, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.04.2021**.

By order
Valbhav Mehta
Metropolitan Magistrate (North)
Court Room No. 114, First Floor,
Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/834/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Payal, D/o Sanjay Kumar, R/o House No. R-35 Gali No. 1A, Swatantra Nagar, Narela, Delhi.** Age 15 yrs., Height 4'2", Fair Complexion, Round face, hair long black. Identification a mole on right cheek wearing green colour suit pink colour salwar has been missing/kidnapped since 11.02.2021 from the area of PS Narela, Delhi.

Payal

In this regard a case FIR No. 40/21 Dt. 14.02.2021 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Narela, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following.

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

S.H.O.,
PS Narela, Delhi
Ph.: 011-27280435, 8750870324

DP/824/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Dev, S/o Lt. Harbir Singh, R/o: Jhuggi No. C-1312, Suraj Park, Samaipur Badli, Delhi, Age: 11 years, Height: 3'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, wearing Brown colour Coat, Blue Pant and Blue colour Shoes in feet, has been missing from his house since 02.02.2021. In this regard a FIR No. 0057/2021 U/S 363 IPC, dated 03.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi.**

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

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Samaipur Badli,
Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-27854757, 27854799

DP/813/ON/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that a female namely **Sunita with son (Arvind, age 9 years), W/o: Shri Ram, R/o: RZC-174, Nihal Vihar, Delhi is missing/ kidnapped since 03.02.2021 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 137-A dated 05.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi. The description of missing/ kidnapped lady is as under:**

Name: Sunita with son Arvind age 9 yrs., Age: 26 Years, Height: 4'6", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped lady may kindly be inform undersigned.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station, Nihal Vihar, Delhi
Ph: 011-25946700, 25946710

DP/700/OD/2021

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 30-35 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Gender: Male, Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Moustache: Black, Beard: Black, Wearing: Red hoody and sweater and blue jacket was found dead near Shop No. 1323, Pan mandi, Sadar Bazar, Delhi, on

26.02.2021. In this regard, DD No.55A U/s 174 CrPC Dt. 26.02.2021 has been lodged at PS Sadar Bazar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

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

SHO
P.S., Sadar Bazar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23512411,
8750870124

DP/1001/N/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Saharukh S/o Salamat R/o Jhuggi No. H-2/19, Jahangir Puri, Delhi.** has been missing/kidnapped since dated 23.02.2021 from the area Jahangir Puri, Delhi. In this regard, a case FIR.No.143/21, Dated 25.02.2021, has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri Delhi. The description of the missing boy is as under.

SAHARUKH

Age: 11 years Complexion: Shallow, Height: 3' 6" Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Blue colour T-Shirt & Blue Colour Kefti. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnapped boy then please inform P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- SHO
Jahangir Puri
PH. 011-27631600

DP/695/NW/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Lalita, D/o Vishnu Dayal, R/o E-1450, 1st Floor, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, Age: 17 years, Height: 4'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, wearing Red Suit and Black Sandal in feet, has been missing from her house since 25.02.2021 at Night. In this regard a FIR No. 144/21 U/S 363 IPC, dated 26.02.2021 has been registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi.**

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

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi
Ph. No.: 011-27636000, 27631600

DP/700/NW/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: Approx 32 years, Complexion: Dark, Height: 172 Cms., Built: Medium, Face: Oval, Clothes: Without Clothes, was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital vide MLC No. KH/19/21 referred from Kailash Hospital. Later patient died in Safdarjung Hospital. In this regard a DD No. 11PP, dated 26.01.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi.

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

SHO
P.S. Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi
Ph.: 011-24106346, 24106345

DP/540/SW/2021

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 60-65 Yrs., Height: 5'5" approx., Sex: Male, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: White Shirt, Black Pent and Dark Brown Jersey, Place of Recovery: Found dead Near the footpath

opposite Delhi Jal Board at NH-09, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 57A, U/s 174 CrPC, Dated 06.03.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Madhu Vihar, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-22732429

DP/415/ED/2021

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified male found in unconscious condition at Shadipur Red Light near Hanuman Mandir Station on dated 27.02.2021. He is admitted in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital for treatment after treatment declared dead by doctor dated 01.03.2021. In this regard a DD No. 60A, dated 01.03.2021 has been registered at P.S. Ranjit Nagar, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification at Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Mortuary Delhi for 72 hrs. The description of the person is given as under

Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 22 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing: Black Colour T-shirt and Black Colour Lower.

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

SHO
PS Ranjit Nagar, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25704008, 25704009,
8750870436

DP/687/CD/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 04.03.2021 at Pole KM no. 16/11, 16/13 Up Line Railway, Near Ganda Nala, Sagarpur, Delhi.** Dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital mortuary for 72 hours for identification. In this regard DD No. 9A dated 04.03.2021 U/S 174 Cr. P.C. has been lodged at Police Station, Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 30-35 Years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue colour lining shirt & Black colour Lower.

If anyone has any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
Police Station, Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi
DP/74/RLY/2021 Ph: 011-25688505, 8750871309

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that a man namely **Aashif Sheikh, S/o: Imajuddin Sheikh, R/o: C-79/44, Aaram Bagh, Pahar Ganj, Delhi is missing since 23.02.2021 at about 6:00 PM from his home. In this regard DD No. 72 A dated 25.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Pahar Ganj, Delhi. The description of the missing man is as under:**

Name: Aashif Sheikh, Age: 25 Years, Height: 5'2", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Thin, Wearing: Sky Blue Jeans, Blue colour T-shirt and Red & Blue colour shoes in his feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing man please inform to the following:-

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

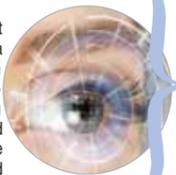
SHO
Police Station, Pahar Ganj, Delhi
Ph: 011-23520787, 8750012525

DP/690/CD/2021



Artificial Vision

Researchers are developing a retinal implant that works with camera-equipped smart glasses and a microcomputer that may help the blind people in getting artificial vision. "Our system is designed to give blind people a form of artificial vision by using electrodes to stimulate their retinal cells," said researcher Diego Ghezzi from the Ecole Polytechnique federale de Lausanne in Switzerland



DOCYARD
DR SHOBHA GUPTA

Medical Director, Gynaecologist and IVF Specialist
MOTHER'S LAP IVF CENTRE, NEW DELHI



Keep thyroid under check



Most people know that stress can cause various health problems. We are living in a scenario where every person lives under stress. Especially the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone's health apart from that sedentary lifestyle such as lack of exercise, smoking, drinking, junk food eating, lack of sleeping especially where people work in the night shifts, desk jobs, tension of target completion, the pressure of board meetings, client pressure, etc. All these factors in totality lead to stress.

Many people don't know that stress can also cause thyroid. Hypothyroidism or thyroid refers to any state in which thyroid hormone production is below normal. The symptoms are usually milder at the beginning but develop gradually as the condition deteriorates.

The symptoms of hypothyroidism are often subtle but can include:

- Increased cholesterol levels
 - State of depression
 - Losing or gaining weight
 - Swollen neck
 - Mood swings
 - Low energy
 - Hair loss
 - Constipation
 - Dry skin
 - Brittle nails
 - Problem with vision
 - Trembling of hands.
- In today's generation thyroid is a very common problem especially post 25 years of age and women are 4 times more prone to thyroid disorders than men. Undiagnosed and untreated thyroid disease can be a cause for infertility or frequent miscarriage.
- An underactive thyroid (hypothyroidism) is a condition in which the thyroid gland doesn't produce enough of certain important hormones. For women, there is a link between hypothyroidism and infertility. Low levels of thyroid hormone can interfere with ovulation, which impairs fertility.
- Since standard thyroid blood tests are not sensitive enough to detect low ovarian tissue levels the majority of the time. Women must find a knowledgeable physician who understands that standard tests will often not be useful in detecting low ovarian thyroid levels. If you feel the above-mentioned symptoms immediately go for TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone) test, Chest X-ray, T4, or thyroxin test.
- Treatment:** Hypothyroidism can be treated in many ways. However, a doctor chooses the line of treatment based on several variables like the underlying cause of hypothyroidism, the age of the patient, the size of the thyroid gland, and the presence of coexisting medical illnesses.
- If you are found to have hypothyroidism, thyroid hormone replacement is very effective in restoring fertility. It may take one-two months to normalise your thyroid hormone levels with medication; and once you start medication, you must check your TSH levels to confirm they are in the normal range. You will usually need to continue the medicines for the rest of your life and recheck your thyroid function every six months or so.

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SUMMERCoolERS

FENNEL SEEDS: Highly aromatic and flavourful herbs, fennel seeds are used to treat some common digestive ailments including heartburn, intestinal gas and bloating. Some people eat fennel seeds as mouth fresheners. Chewing fennel seeds can also help in getting rid of bad breath as they increase the production of saliva thereby washing out the bacteria. They also help to



PREVENT RENAL AILMENTS

World Kidney Day is on March 11. To mark the occasion, DR SUNIL PRAKASH explains chronic kidney diseases and how one can prevent or treat them

Millions of Indians are affected by Chronic Kidney Diseases (CKD). Various epidemiological studies suggest prevalence of CKD to be around eight to 10 per cent. Multiply this with our population and age is no bar! Though prevalent among the elderly, younger patients are also known to have progressive loss of kidney function. CKD is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease and end-stage renal disease (ESRD).

The various causes of CKD can range from strong medication, Diabetes, obesity, agricultural food chain pollution, water treatment pollution, to dehydration and kidney impact among others. Diabetes Mellitus is the leading cause of CKD. Of every 100 diabetics, nearly 40 land up with CKD. Diabetes is a coinage to emphasise the havoc created by marriage of diabetes with obesity. One plus one becomes eleven here. Of those with high uncontrolled blood pressure, one in five will have CKD. Glomerulonephritis, which is inflammatory condition of kidneys as well as chronic shrinking of kidneys called chronic interstitial nephritis are again factors that can cause CKD. Young people working in farms have a special proclivity. Indiscriminate usage of agricultural pesticides and fertilisers along with heat dehydration can cause irreversible CKD, robbing the nation of its young working force. Obstruction to urine flow due to kidney stones, enlarged prostate and gynaecological problems can also be major causes. Congenital

causes like polycystic kidneys, reflux of urine and many other diseases target children right from the mother's womb or at birth causing young people to get CKD.

Kidneys filter waste products from the blood. All the nitrogenous end products, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid and innumerable organic wastes which are inimical to good health are excreted by our indefatigable friends. Milieu Intérieur, the internal environment of the body, a requisite to good health is the prime responsibility of kidneys as they regulate blood pressure, enable new blood formation in bone marrow by producing the hormone erythropoietin, maintaining fluid and electrolyte balance and by forming active vitamin D, kidneys keep our strong bones in good humour!

Recognising early kidney damage is imperative and there are many early symptoms that can be a giveaway to kidney health. Paradoxically passing more urine specially at night is a classic symptom. Frothing in the urine, high BP especially in young people, unexplained anemia, muscle aches and bone pains, swelling over feet or face (how so ever slight and transient) and the inability to have a baby are all symptoms to watch out for.

Knowing how to prevent or manage the wellness of our kidneys is equally important. One should keep in mind the seven sins of this disease and keep the following in check — sugar, salt, stress, smoking, sedentary lifestyle, spirits i.e., alcohol and sleep (the lack of it). CKD is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular diseases like heart

attacks and heart failure. Many a times the "seed of disease is in kidneys and the fruits of illness is borne by our heart". Invest a small sum of money and a little time in your health to reap bumper dividends of good health. Regular BP and blood sugar monitoring at home should be done religiously.

Periodic health checks detect asymptomatic early kidney disease which are amenable to correction. High risk patients above 50 years of age, people with Diabetes or high BP and patients having a family history of kidney diseases, stones and cystic diseases should all opt for periodic health checks. Every person should have a health insurance from first day of their earnings, whether personal or employer supported and people below poverty line should have coverage by schemes like Ayushman Bharat, ESI etc.

Are kidney diseases on the rise? The answer is an unequivocal yes. Ironically early CKD (stage 1 to 4) has no symptoms. Typically, it is not until stages 4-5 where there is severe reduction in Glomerular filtration and kidney functions that water, electrolyte and acids accumulate and cause flooding of lungs leading to cardio respiratory failure.

Dialysis is a process by which a person is hooked up to a dialysis machine which filters out all toxins and acidic wastes from the blood thus reestablishing milieu interior, albeit only for a few days. So, a person will need a four-hour session of dialysis every two to three times a week.

If prepared in advance, dialysis is a seamless and painless procedure

which can lend many years of useful life. Getting a small surgery called AV fistula done well in time can enable a safe and a high-quality dialysis. We have patients living well for more than 15 years on dialysis. In fact, dialysis is a lifesaving and life prolonging procedure. Bluntly put, it boils down to either dialysis or death.

Nearly every person has two healthy kidneys. In the event of someone landing in End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), changing one kidney with a healthy kidney from a relative will enable complete recuperation of the patient. The transplanted patient can lead a normal life with some regular medications and checks. The donor also leads a full and fulfilling life capped with the ultimate altruistic deed.

If suffering from CKD, do ask your healthcare specialist about the other relevant advice for ESRD and how to manage medications and routine exercises to stay healthy. A quick visit to the dietician to get tips on managing good nutrition, food suited for the body, and to prevent thirst will go a long way in living well with kidney diseases. Given that kidney diseases are an epidemic, it is important to maintain a positive attitude with self-help and from the family. The treatment of kidney disease is not just medical, but it is about comprehending your life on a daily basis and understanding the choices you can make based on your condition and available therapeutic modalities.

The writer is Senior Director & HOD, Nephrology & Renal Transplantation, BLK Super Speciality Hospital

EXPERIENCE THE RELIEF

Meditation allows humans to gain power over their mind, body and desires, says



DR PRIYA KAUL

Meditation is a thousand-year-old practice. The older the practice, the greater are its effects and benefits. In this modern time, our life is with stress and excess consumption of information. Meditation is a tool to fight these effects of stressful life and find a peaceful living.

Meditation is to train the mind and actions, create self-awareness, and achieve a stable, emotionally calm and mentally clear state of mind. The good thing about meditation is that it does not require any equipment. It is, though, best practised in a quiet, peaceful surrounding. It is commonly a means to find answers to burning questions of the mind.

Mental health: Most mental health issues can be resolved, with the help of meditation. Researchers have believed that meditation could be a solution in many mental health cases to eliminate medication. In the recent pandemic, mental health issues became of grave concern in many nations around the world. Those suffering from depression and anxiety due to the pandemic are advised to practise meditation to gain relief. It has become an effective and important part of daily life.

Take control: It is often when the chaos of daily life takes control meditation comes handy. It helps rid away negative thoughts and allows the brain to find its zen and focus. It permits zero in on positive thinking and finding an equilibrium. It penetrates serenity into the mind that assists in fulfilling the answers for an individual. Answering desired questions is best achieved in a quiet and peaceful environment or surrounding.

Motivation: Meditation allows humans to gain power over their mind, body and desires. The chaotic consistency of daily life prevents individuals to stay motivated and confident in their endeavours. Meditation gives them dominating thinking to stay on the course of positivity and healing. It gives them the strength to ignore distractions and manipulate the mind to do differently.

Stay calm: Meditation is useful for school students, busy corporate employees, business people and professionals in different fields. It helps gain concentration, resilience and improves performance. People who meditate are known to be kind in their actions and thoughts. They are also more humble and gentle beings. A study shows that meditation makes people softer, agile minded and thoughtful as they can stay calm and consider situations before impulsively taking action.

Be disciplined: Meditation lets an individual free from limitations and shortcomings. It leads them to peace and calmness. It helps bring stillness to a racing mind and controls fast-paced thinking. Meditation allows individuals to take control and be disciplined about life and daily habits.

The benefit of meditation is that it gives an individual the ability to find peace. It is a practice chosen by world leaders and highly successful people. Meditation is adopted as part of the corporate world as well. It is a significant part of daily life and is utilised, as a way to live a happy life.

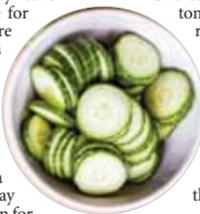
The writer is Spiritual life coach & Healer

DadiKaKehna

Keeping your eyes healthy should be your priority, given that most of us are still working from home. ROSHANI DEVI shares easy home remedies that can help relieve the discomfort



Taking care of eyes is important, especially when work from home has probably left you with longer working hours. This definitely calls for extra care for the eyes. Here are a few tips that can help. One, don't forget to take breaks every 20 minutes. Stop for a while, look away from the screen for at least five minutes or close your eyes for two minutes. Two, use cold water to wash your eyes every time you take a break. Even in the morning, just after you get up splash water on the eyes for a good two-three min-



utes. Three, if your eyes feel tired or puffy, cut cucumber slices and put them over the eyes. Rest for 10 minutes. One can also use cotton pads soaked in rose water to soothe tired eyes. One can put the soaked cotton pads in the fridge for half an hour before using them. Four, if your eyes are itchy or red, use ice cubes over the eyelids. However, don't use them directly, wrap them in a towel or a cotton cloth and then use. Do this for at least 20 minutes. However, if the itchiness continues do visit the doctor.

Ayurveda shows way

Experts tell ARCHANA JYOTI that it is important to maintain personal hygiene to keep infections at bay

In the last few years, women's hygiene has been the talk of the town, given that there are so many diseases that stem because of unhygienic practices. Despite the awareness being created, India has still a long way to go before being able to talk about it openly.

When one talks about hygiene, intimate washes is the first thing that comes to mind. Loaded with natural ingredients and Ayurvedic benefits, rooted in ancient traditions, these washes are fast catching attention of the urban women looking for alternatives to the chemical-loaded products. More so, when Coronavirus threat is looming large and health and hygiene have become a top-most priority. There are many who prefer time-tested Ayurveda based intimate hygiene that offers a level of security against infections.

Health experts support this choice saying that one should not lower one's guard when it comes to personal hygiene. They opine that washes made of natural solutions retain the good bacteria, which protects the intimate area and kills bad bacteria. "Those intimate washes which enhances skin health and serve as a helpful add-on therapy for those with infections should be used," Dr RP Prashar from a Delhi-based Ayurveda Hospital tells you. Sanchit Sharma, Executive Director of AIMIL Pharma, engaged in manufacturing Ayurvedic drugs points out that keeping in mind the hygiene needs of women, they have, after intensive research and development prepared Ayurveda Vagitone Intimate Hygiene Wash that is rich in green tea, haridra and amla among others, replacing chemicals like silicon and artificial colours. Apart from the use of Ayurvedic medicinal ingredients in hygiene wash,

INBRIEF

Women leaders representing doctors and corporates on March 8, 2021 underscored the need to change how women are perceived by the society and advocated that women must look after themselves before noting what others need. Attending the summit titled Women's Health Matters by the Integrated Health and Wellbeing (IHW) Council ahead of International Women's Day, they hoped that a substantial part of the allocations for Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana, announced during the Union Budget last month, is allocated for women's health issues.

Noting that gender discrimination is a critical component that impacts women's health Dr Nandita Palshetkar, Director, Bloom IVF Centres, said: "COVID has hit the women badly - 60 per cent of them have been pushed to poverty and unemployment due to the pandemic and she is 20 per cent more likely to become unemployed than men. We launched a campaign to make women safer from the violence and abuses, smarter in terms of her reproductive choices and stronger by focusing on wellness and mental wellbeing. We definitely need more women-centric policies. We have been focusing a lot on maternal mortality in the past, but the government is now looking at it more holistically, which is a welcome change, and I hope they will prioritise women's health under the allocations for Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana."



The theme parks are the hub for heady adventures, thrilling rides, and adrenaline rush. However, visiting them was, perhaps, the last thing on people's minds when the pandemic struck us in 2020 as it brought a lot of difficulties across businesses and brought our lives to a halt. Despite 2021 being the year of recovery for some, it is still a sluggish period for the Indian theme park industry. Earlier, it used to be a booming industry with a good employment rate of a minimum of 80,000 people, but now, the employees are jobless or bearing salary cuts.

Dealing with this major hit to the theme parks, the industry is trying to focus on the path of recovery. While the future seems promising, it will require some time and effort in the right direction to revive the customer base. Currently, all they are focussing on is that their operation adheres to the government guidelines.

THE PRESENT

Now, with the unlocking, most theme parks in the country have reopened after being shut for approximately 10 months as per the guidelines. The parks are taking every possible safety precaution for their visitors and making sure to follow all the norms issued by the government. Their utmost priority is ensuring the safety of the people.

ROAD TO RECOVERY

While the future of theme parks seems promising, it will require some time and effort in the right direction to revive the footfall, says Major DINESH SHARMA

They are trying to adapt to the new normal and grasp the online working methods. Online pre-booked admissions, markings showing where to stand, maintaining social distancing, temperature screening, and sanitising the visitors and employees at the entry time and other prominent zones inside the parks are some of the steps taken to ensure safety. The park operators are also pushing for contactless transitions with food orders, menus on applications, and for buying things from the stalls and shop inside the venue.

The parks are being properly sterilized — swings, surfaces, seat belts, and handlebars — before and after every ride. They have allocated their funds on the safety of the visitors and are spending approximately '10,000-15,000 or even more than this per day.

It has, indeed, been a roller coaster



ride for the industry with theme parks having to reopen and then shut down multiple times due to the volatile COVID-19 situation. In order to have a blooming future, strengthening their present situation is essential. The recreational firms have realised this and hence, are working towards achieving the same objective.

Increased expenses, the imposition of safety measures, social distancing, and the provision of limited tickets are some of the ways in which they are looking at reviving their businesses. There are hardly 40 visitors per day and rides are running at less than half the capacity as compared to the pre-pandemic times.

It is undeniable that theme park authorities are struggling with financial issues to protect their employees and mainly to apply the right strategies to draw visitors to the theme parks.

Basically, there are two major categories, one which includes rides with water, and the other is without water. While the firms haven't made the water rides operational as of now but if they decide to open them soon, then, it will become increasingly challenging to curb the transmission of the virus. However, in case they re-launch their water rides, then they will have to adopt specific safety measures. They will have to use a certain chemical that can help in eliminating the virus from the water and is also skin-friendly.

They can also make sanitising compulsory before stepping into the water. Changing or purifying the water at regular intervals after a certain amount of people have entered is another basic yet important step that can help in ensuring the safety of the people while savoring the water rides. The provision of COVID-19 tests at the entrance of the parks that too at nominal charges will further aid in keeping everyone safe and sound.

ATTRACTING CUSTOMERS

One of the common ways in which theme parks are attracting customers is running creative advertisements and campaigns as a part of their marketing strategy to grab attention. Additionally, they are offering the ticket at nearly 30 to 40 per cent discount on its full ticket price. In the present times, the park's price point is 10-15 per cent lower than 2019 prices but they are optimistic and hopeful that if the demand sustains over the next couple of months then the theme parks will function in full swing. They will be able to roll back to original ticket prices.

THE FUTURE

The present might seem blurry but the future of recreational parks is indeed promising. As to the present risky situation, all these hygiene solutions need to be adopted for the next 12 to 18 months as the virus is here to stay and we need time to minimise its risk.

Almost every company and business was affected terribly by the pandemic. Hence, it will take time to recover and we need to imbibe relevant strategies to overcome the losses and get back on our feet. This is especially so in the case of theme parks as the challenge for them is huge and the revival journey is troublesome. However, it isn't impossible as everyone wants cheerful and enthusiastic moments after the lockdown, and theme parks will be the perfect resort for the same. Hopefully, with all the relevant strategies in place, that day won't be far when the theme parks will again be crowded!

(The writer is the founder of Delta105, Army theme park.)



Stand up for yourself: Arjun

Actor Arjun Kapoor feels it is crucial for women to stand up for themselves and their dreams, and shatter stereotypes.

"It is crucial for women to stand up for themselves and their dreams and shatter stereotypes. I have always been a staunch supporter of women's causes and have always tried to contribute in my own way as much as possible," Arjun said.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Arjun interacted and celebrated girls who have broken stereotypes, challenged norms, and have themselves become a role model, inspiring a generation to share their experiences and their journeys.

Arjun conversed with these girls, shared anecdotes from his life on how women can do anything they set their mind to.

"It was an eye-opener for me to know the amazing stories of these girls and their inspiring personal journeys," added the actor, who spearheads a digital IP called *Bend The Gender* that is aimed at saluting girls who have been shattering the glass ceiling across India.

On the work front, Arjun currently awaits the digital release of his forthcoming cross-border love story featuring Rakul Preet Singh.

He will also be seen in the horror-comedy *Bhoot Police*.

'Empower each other'

Actor RANI MUKERJI says women can change the perception about their representation in every aspect of filmmaking

Actor Rani Mukerji says that the power lies with women to change the perception about how they are represented in every aspect of filmmaking. On the occasion of Women's Day on Monday, Rani added that if women celebrated each others success, they would be heard all the more.

"In my journey in the Hindi film industry, I have realised that the power is with the women to change the perception about how women are represented in every aspect of filmmaking. We have to support each other, root for each other and empower each other, so that the road is smoother for others who want to make a name for themselves in the male-driven industry. We have to celebrate each other and our successes collectively to ensure that we are all heard all the more," Rani said.

She considers herself fortunate to have got the opportunity to bring fantas-



tic characters to life. "As an artiste, I have been fortunate enough to play some really fantastic self-reliant women on screen and live their inspiring stories closely. Like me, many actresses over generations have tried to change the conversation about how women are portrayed on screen," she said.

Rani feels blessed that through her films she was given an opportunity to change the conversation of female representation in India.

Rani's last two films were *Hichki* and *Mardaani 2*. She says she wants to continue finding unconventional scripts as these while representing women on screen.

"I have throughout my career made conscious decisions to portray strong women characters on screen who led by example for society. I have chosen to play women characters who can command respect, because of their uninhibited life choices," she said.

"I will be inclined to pick projects that have a powerful story to tell through the eyes of a bold, upright woman who doesn't fear voicing her opinions and is confident about being herself," she summed up.

Yatra Naryasthu is a title that Adwaita Gadanayak, DG, NGMA, took from the Sanskrit shloka: *Yatra naryastu pujiyante ramante tatra devata*, which means where women are worshipped, there the gods rejoice. A historic show gives us a glimpse into the tapestry of the life of several women artists. It straddles India's greatest names like Zarina, Arpita Singh, Arpana Caur, Jayasri Burman, Anupam Sud, Soghra Khurasani, Jyotsna Bhatt, Dipali Daroz, Jayashree Chakravorty and many more. Created as a corollary among printmakers, sculptors, ceramic artists and painters, the show has something for everyone. Special is the requiem for artists who have passed away. A number of works have been specially loaned to the NGMA by eminent collectors from Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai.

ZARINA'S MY DELHI

Zarina passed away last year on April 20 in London. Poet, printmaker and teacher Zarina was born in Aligarh, India. After receiving a degree in Mathematics, she went on to study woodblock printing in Bangkok and Tokyo, and intaglio with SW Hayter at Atelier-17 in Paris.

Her experiences and personal life define Zarina's works. An early interest in architecture and Mathematics is reflected in the use of geometry and her emphasis on structural purity. While her work gravitates towards minimalism, its starkness is tempered by its texture and materiality. Her art poignantly chronicles her life and features recurring themes of home, displacement, borders, journey and memory.

Zarina mined her memory and experience to reflect on the nature of belonging. Delhi I, II &

THE OTHER HALF

Yatra Naryasthu details the passion and devotion of a woman artist's journey of creation, says UMA NAIR



III, are three prints that address the theme of home within the context of individual and national identity, displacement, isolation and community. Yet when you look at them together, it's like a meditation on belonging.

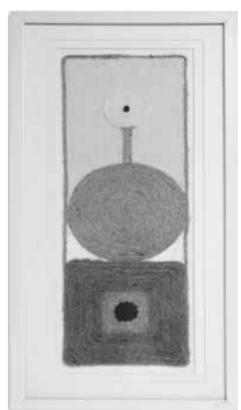
MANISHA BHATTACHARYYA'S SONG OF THE SEA

Ceramic artist and mentor Manisha Bhattacharyya passed away after a battle with cancer and her cluster of three raku pots

laden with cracked glaze and the sandy tone of a murky white, it shows her prowess and passion for creating pots that had a minimal accent and a Zen echo of rare rhythms.

LEENA BATRA'S PORCELAIN PLATTERS

In the history of ceramics in India, former Garhi artist and co-founder of Delhi Blue Pottery, Leena Batra is an important name.



Three porcelain platters are a treat for tired eyes. She was one of the first to experiment with porcelain and these three platters speak of precision, perfection and the finesse needed to create celadon glazed platters.

MADHURI JALAN'S LINGAM

Madhuri Jalan was a ceramic artist. She used to create sculptural pots and among her experiments was a copper lingam that was a part of her show at Habitat Centre in 2010. This copper lingam with a small trunk of an elephant is on loan from a collector. As a work of art, it blends both

mythic and spiritual yearnings in a deeply materialistic world. The *lingam* initiates an exchange of ideas/emotions around the the-matics of the creative process, inviting the viewer to weigh in on deeper artistic sources and cognitive triggers that stir them to create.

PRABHA SHAH

At the Triveni studio creating canvases for more than two decades is abstractionist Prabha Shah, who creates work in silence because she can neither hear the world nor speak her heart out in syllables.

Prabha's canvas is a testimony to the process of abstraction being an experience — not only is it the crux of creation but it is also a residue that evolves with both precision and fervour. Prabha's visual language is the key to her own odyssey. In her canvas, the addition, the summation and the erasure all come into play. These postulations of personal choice become a paradigm of a self-referential and self-editing intention that is in parts voluntary and involuntary — as an act of creating in a silent world that has no sound.

Ultimately for art lovers *Yatra Naryasthu* details the passion and devotion of a woman's journey of creation.

(The show is on till March 29 at NGMA.)

TRENDBLAZER



ANUSHKA'S ANIMAL SHELTER TO OPEN NEXT YEAR?

ANUSHKA SHARMA has been a champion for animal rights for years now. She had revealed that she wishes to build an animal shelter in the outskirts of Mumbai and looks like that dream is coming true.

A source said, "If all things go as per plan, the shelter will be ready for operations sometime next year! The work has resumed in full swing. She is leaving no stone unturned to ensure this happens. The shelter is based on the principle that animals too have equal rights in this world."

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SAINA NEHWAL



"Everything is quite surreal. What I have achieved in life is all due to the constant support of my family. It has been my huge honour to play a sport I love and put my country on a pedestal. Parineeti (Chopra) is a fabulous actor and we both connected so easily when we met. I wish the team all the best for the film and hope everyone leaves the theatre with dreams."

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SAJID KHAN



"Please feel free to call me Sajid Wajid because I have changed my surname to Wajid. As long as I'm alive, I'll keep working hard so that everyone remembers his name. Somewhere I have a feeling that he is always with me. He was just 47, and in these 47 years he has never been separate from me. I still can't believe he passed away."

NICOLAS CAGE CONFIRMS MARRIAGE WITH RIKO SHIBATA

Actor **NICOLAS CAGE** married Riko Shibata on February 16 in Las Vegas as confirmed by E! online. "It's true, and we are very happy," he was quoted as saying. This is the 56-year-old's fifth marriage, and comes nearly two years after his marriage to Erika Koike in March 2019, which was annulled after just four days.

According to the report, the couple exchanged vows at the Wynn Hotel on the day of Nicolas' father's birthday.



Dhawan, Rahul battle to partner Rohit

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The Indian team management faces a problem of plenty going into the five T20 Internationals against England, an assignment which marks the beginning of the side's build-up to this year's T20 World Cup at home.

There are 19 players available for selection and with two in contention for each slot, the XI for the five games, starting here on Friday, will be an indication to head coach Ravi Shastri, captain Virat Kohli and bowling coach Bharat Arun are looking at the next six to seven months for the shortest format.

Will they look for a settled combination to first clinch the series and then experiment or will they field absolute rookies in the squad looking at the bigger picture?

For a team that's so closely followed, the result does matter and that's why one can expect a settled first eleven for the first three games since all matches are at the same venue on similar kind of tracks.

The roaring comeback of Rishabh Pant will lead to a lot of interesting developments at the top of the order.

Pant's inclusion means that KL Rahul, who till a few months back was the first choice keeper-opener, is unlikely to don the big gloves.

Shikhar Dhawan and Rohit Sharma were a settled white ball opening pair till recently but Rahul's emergence as a potent white ball specialist has spiced up the competition.

Dhawan recently had a score of 150 odd in the Vijay Hazare Trophy for Delhi and when it comes to Rohit, there's nothing to be discussed.

So where does the team management fit in Rahul, who has been a successful IPL opener? Will he be slotted in the middle-order as Dhawan's game is not suited to batting lower down?

These are two pertinent questions and in the answer, will be a follow-up question.



With skipper Kohli himself coming in at No 3 and two game-changers like Pant and all-rounder Hardik Pandya expected to play the big shots at Nos 5 and 6, where does it ideally leave Rahul?

The only place he can be slotted is No 4 but Shreyas Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav are also jostling for a place.

If one closely follows the pattern of picking the playing XI, Surya, a sentimental favourite, will have to wait for his turn as Shreyas has done nothing wrong.

But when it comes to a three-way battle between Rahul, Shreyas and Surya, the Karnataka man beats the two Mumbai boys hollow with his repertoire of strokes and ability to shift gears.

India Women to face Eng in Test

PTI ■ MUMBAI

BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Monday announced that the Indian women's team will be pitted against England in a one-off Test match, which will be held later this year.

The last Test match that Mithali Raj and her team played was against South Africa women at Mysuru in December, 2014 and it will be another traditional format game after six long years.

Currently, the 'Women in Blue' are playing the five-match ODI series against South Africa in Lucknow after almost 12 months of COVID-19 enforced break. This series will be fol-

lowed by a T20 series. Shah took to Twitter to make the announcement on the International Women's Day.

"On the occasion of International Women's Day, I'm pleased to announce that Team India, @BCCIWomen will play a one-off Test match against @ECB_cric later this year. The 'women in blue' will be donning the whites again," tweeted Shah.

However, Shah did not announce the venue of the Test on the occasion but it is expected to happen during the women's team tour of UK and tentatively some time in June or July.

The women's team is coached by former India all-rounder WV Raman. Similarly, in the pace department, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, once upon a time India's best white ball exponent, is coming back after a long lay-off and will be engaged in a two-way fight with Deepak Chahar and Shardul Thakur.

For Bhuvneshwar, his experience and being a better bowler at the death compared to Chahar holds him in good stead but he hasn't played a lot of cricket save a few Mushtaq Ali games.

Ditto for Chahar, a potent outswing bowler but more of a one-trick pony with lack of variations during the back-10.

Shardul is a crafty bowler who can swing it at brisk pace and among the three can use the long handle to the best effect.

Yuzvendra Chahal, Washington Sundar and Axar Patel are the three spinners expected to feature in the playing XI on the sluggish Motera tracks.

In another three-way fight, Thangarasu Natarajan, with his variation of yorkers, stands a better chance to start off compared to Navdeep Saini.

Two players, who will only get a look-in if someone is injured or forcefully rested are Ishan Kishan and Rahul Tewatia as the two simply can't be fitted anywhere.

In all, there are too many good players and very little space to fit all of them with three sure-shot picks — Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah already resting or recuperating from injury.

Once they comeback, it will be a bigger selection headache for the management but one that they won't mind.

Mitali & Co aim to bounce back

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

A rusty Indian women's cricket team will be seeking some rhythm in the second ODI against South Africa here on Tuesday after being outplayed by the visitors in the series-opener.

Though captain Mithali Raj and her deputy Harmanpreet Kaur had insisted that rustiness won't be an issue in their first series in 12 months, India clearly looked a side which had not played for a long time in the opener of the five-match series on Sunday.

A better prepared South Africa, on the other hand, were clinical and will be hard to beat in the coming games.

After the game, Kaur realised the players needed some time to gel as a unit. Barring Kaur, Raj and Deepti Sharma to a certain extent, none of the batters could apply themselves on a decent batting surface.

A lot of them were guilty of poor shot selection as pointed out by Kaur after the game.

The spinners, who are traditionally considered India's strength, hardly troubled the South African duo of Lizelle Lee and 21-year-old Laura Wolvaardt, who put up the highest ever opening wicket stand against India to run away with the contest.

There were some positives, however, such as Raj scoring a gritty half-century and pacer Jhulan Goswami showing she is still among the best in the business. Both the veterans were playing their first game since November 2019.

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SINGLES

LAPORTA BACK AS PRESIDENT

MADRID: The president of Barcelona when Lionel Messi began playing in Spain will also be in charge when the club tries to convince the star to stay. Joan Laporta was elected Barcelona president again on Sunday, inheriting a club in crisis and facing daunting problems that include a huge debt and the possible departure of Messi when his contract finishes at the end of the season. "The fact that the best player in the world came to vote today, along with his son, is proof that Leo loves Barça," Laporta said. "Together we will convince him to stay." Laporta defeated businessman Victor Font and longtime board member Toni Freixa, the other two candidates who were among the more than 110,000 members eligible to vote.

SPURS BEATS PALACE 4-1

LONDON: Gareth Bale and Harry Kane both scored twice to help Tottenham make it three PL wins in a row and boost its top-four hopes after a 4-1 victory against Crystal Palace. The duo combined twice with Kane the architect for both goals by Bale before the England captain hit a wonder strike and then created history with another in the 76th minute. Son Heung-min assisted Kane's second and it was their 14th goal combination in the PL this season to beat the previous record of 13 set by Alan Shearer and Chris Sutton for Blackburn in the 1994-95 season.

RUBLEV REIGNS IN ROTTERDAM

ROTTERDAM: Andrey Rublev extended his phenomenal winning run at ATP 500 events to 20 matches on Sunday when he defeated Marton Fucsovics 7-6(4), 6-4 to win the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament. The World No. 8 also stretched his winning streak in ATP Tour championship matches to seven victories. Rublev saved all four break points he faced to capture his fourth straight title at ATP 500-level after one hour and 50 minutes.

HANIKA, SATHIVAN IN 2ND ROUND

DOHA: India's Manika Batra and Sathiyana Gnanasekaran on Monday went through to the second round of the WTT Star Contender table tennis tournament in Doha. Manika, ranked 63 in women's singles, beat Chinese Taipei's Hsien-Tzy Cheng 3-0. Manika held her own to beat her opponent in straight sets 11-5, 11-9, 11-9. The 2018 Asian Games bronze medalist will face Japanese world No. 3 Mima Ito in her round of 16 match on Tuesday. Meanwhile, world No. 37 Gnanasekaran had a more tricky encounter against France's 40th ranked Emmanuel Lebesson, winning the match 3-2. Gnanasekaran lost the first two games but then came back to take the match 9-11, 7-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-4. He will face Japanese world No. 5 Harimoto Tomokazu in the round of 16 on Tuesday.

ATANU, TARUN, DEEPIKA IN RECURVE SQUAD

PUNE: Seasoned Atanu Das and Tarundeep Rai among men and Deepika Kumari in the women's section will headline the Indian recurve archery contingent during this year's Tokyo Olympics. After the final selection trials (Trial 3) at the Army Institute of Sports in Pune, a six-strong squad which has three male and equal number of female archers was selected for the quadrennial extravaganza. Besides Atanu and Tarundeep, the other archer in the Indian men's team is Pravin Jadhav, while Ankita Bhakat and Komolika Bari complete the women's squad.

INDIA BEAT GREAT BRITAIN 3-2

BELGIUM: Striker Mandeep Singh struck a brace as the Indian men's hockey team eked out a close 3-2 win over Great Britain to end their Europe tour on an unbeaten note here on Monday. Harmanpreet Singh's strike in the very first minute and two goals by Mandeep in the 28th and 59th minutes helped India remain undefeated on the tour. For Great Britain, James Gull (20th) and striker Adam Forsyth (55th) were the goal scorers. The last few minutes was a battle of nerves as both the teams lived up to the billing, but it was Mandeep who rose to the occasion as his late strike helped India cap off their first assignment of 2021 with a 3-2 win.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will play their inaugural World Test Championship final against New Zealand at Southampton's Ageas Bowl Stadium from June 18-22, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly confirmed on Monday.

Initially, the final was supposed to be held at the Lord's but Southampton, with a five-star facility inside the stadium, will make it easier for both the ICC and the England and Wales Cricket Board to create a bio-bubble for the two teams.

"Yes, the final will be held at Ageas Bowl," Ganguly replied to a query from PTI.

India qualified for the marquee clash after beating England 3-1 in a just-concluded Test series.

Southampton, with its slowish track, puts India on even keel with New Zealand as spinners will come into the game at the venue.

"I will go for the World Test Championship and hopefully we can get past New Zealand in the final. New Zealand will be there before us and they will play a couple of Test matches (against England)," Ganguly told 'India Today' channel.

He lavished praise on the team for its stupendous performance in both the away series against Australia and home games against England.

Massive achievement? "Oh yes, specially after what players have gone through to be in

those bubbles and play cricket day in and day out. It was remarkable. Right from IPL till now. What they have achieved is fantastic," he told the channel.

"I think we must congratulate Ajinkya Rahane, first in Australia and Virat Kohli in England, the head coach, support staff, everybody. (Rahul) Dravid who does a

lot of work behind the scenes with these boys. To see that day in Brisbane was outstanding," he said.

Ganguly believes that Rishabh Pant is a match winner in the mould of Virender Sehwag, Yuvraj Singh and Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

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India will play their inaugural World Test Championship final against New Zealand at Southampton's Ageas Bowl Stadium from June 18-22, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly confirmed on Monday.

Initially, the final was supposed to be held at the Lord's but Southampton, with a five-star facility inside the stadium, will make it easier for both the ICC and the England and Wales Cricket Board to create a bio-bubble for the two teams.

"Yes, the final will be held at Ageas Bowl," Ganguly replied to a query from PTI.

India qualified for the marquee clash after beating England 3-1 in a just-concluded Test series.

Southampton, with its slowish track, puts India on even keel with New Zealand as spinners will come into the game at the venue.

"I will go for the World Test Championship and hopefully we can get past New Zealand in the final. New Zealand will be there before us and they will play a couple of Test matches (against England)," Ganguly told 'India Today' channel.

He lavished praise on the team for its stupendous performance in both the away series against Australia and home games against England.

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those bubbles and play cricket day in and day out. It was remarkable. Right from IPL till now. What they have achieved is fantastic," he told the channel.

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Former captain Michael Vaughan has argued that England Test skipper Joe Root should also get to pick his best players irrespective of ECB's rotation policy, just like limited overs leader Eoin Morgan "gets what he wants".

In a column for Telegraph, Vaughan wrote England fielded a weakened team in the four Tests against India with the likes of Jos Buttler and Moeen Ali returning home in the middle of the series only to be back for the limited overs leg of the tour.

"It is very clear where the leadership power lies in English cricket - it is with Eoin Morgan and not Joe Root.

"I am pretty sure that Morgan went to the selectors and Ashley Giles and said he wanted his best team at all times this year in Twenty20, so he could build for the World Cup in

when I won the Ashes. Do you think Ed Smith is going to say 'no' to Morgan? No chance," Vaughan said referring to England's World Cup triumph in 2019 under Morgan's leadership.

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"But it is dangerous for so much power to be invested in one person because it is rare they see the bigger picture. As much as he is a brilliant captain, it is wrong for Morgan to always get what he wants because understandably he will prioritise what is good for his team, and inevitably that will be at the expense of something else.

"But at some point the management around him - Giles and Tom Harrison - have to take into account what is right for all England sides, not just one format, and level up the balance of power.

India in October. He has his wish," the Ashes winning skipper wrote.

"I understand rotation. Nobody argues against the fact players need breaks from Covid bubbles but the frustration for me as a lover of the game's longest format is why has our Test team been weakened this winter, yet the Twenty20 side is at full strength? "When you win a World Cup as captain you are bombproof. I experienced it

when I won the Ashes. Do you think Ed Smith is going to say 'no' to Morgan? No chance," Vaughan said referring to England's World Cup triumph in 2019 under Morgan's leadership.

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Windies win third T20I, seal series

AP ■ OSBOURN

Fabian Allen hit three mighty sixes in the 19th over to help the West Indies to a series-clinching, three-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the third Twenty20 international.

Chasing Sri Lanka's modest 131-4, the West Indies were again constrained by Sri Lanka's spin attack and came to the 18th over at 105-7, needing 27 runs from 18 balls.

Captain Jason Holder, cool and with a plan in mind, blocked out the 18th over, the last from dangerous spinner Wanindu Hasaranga, save for a six from a free hit which helped break the mounting tension.

With 20 runs needed from the last two overs, Allen hit sixes from the first, third and last balls of the 19th over from Akila Dananjaya to get the West Indies home with an over to spare to clinch the series 2-1.

Allen hit 21 runs from six balls and also took 1-13 from four overs to earn player-of-the-match honors. He said there was no panic in the West Indies dressing room, even when it's biggest