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www.dailypioneer.com Delhi's death rate 4th in world; Maha follows suit

UP too has high Covid fatality rate NAVIN UPADHYAY ■ NEW DELHI

When it comes to death, Delhi has emerged as one of the most favorite hunting grounds for cornavirus across the globe. With a case fatality rate (CFR) of more than 5 per cent, the national Capital is now only behind Poland, Mexico, and Romania on the daily casualty chart. Delhi's CFR is way above the national average of 1.2 pc.

While the caseload continued to show a downward trajectory across the country, the rise in CFA is worrisome. On Saturday, Maharashtra's too recorded a high CFA of 2.6 per cent. The daily Covid-19 infections dropped further to 34,848 in Maharashtra, while the number of daily deaths surged to 910 in the State.

Delhi's neighbour Uttar Pradesh also recorded a relatively high case fatality ratio of around 2 per cent. The State logged in \bar{a} caseload of 12,513 and a death tally of 281 during the last 24 hours.

On Saturday, the national Capital recorded 6,430 new

Written to Dr Reddy's for supply of 67L doses of Sputnik V: Kejriwal

New Delhi: Amid vaccine shortage faced by Delhi, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday said his Government has written to Dr Reddy's Laboratories for supply of around 67 lakh doses of Russian Covid-19 vaccine Sputnik V.

Two police officers shot dead in Punjab

borne persons allegedly shot dead two Punjab Police officers in Jagraon town, about 45 kilometres from here, on Saturday, police said.

Deputy Superintendent of Police G S Bains said Assistant Sub-Inspector Bhagwan Singh died on the spot while critical-ly injured ASI Dalwinder Singh succumbed to injuries on the way to hospital. Both were posted in the state's Criminal Investigation Agency (CIA) in Jagraon. Senior police officers, including Inspector General of Police Ludhiana range Nau Nihal Singh, rushed to the Police said assailants managed to escape after the incident, which took place near the new grain market. Agencies

Covid-19 cases and 337 fatalities. This translates into a fatality rate of 5.22 per cent, which is only behind Poland, Romania and Mexico in the global arena and way above

On Friday, Romania recorded 105 deaths as against 835 fresh Covid-19 cases for a case fatality rate of a whopping 13 per cent. Romania is followed by Poland which has a case fatality rate of 8.76 per cent. The country recorded 3,289 cases and 289 deaths on Friday. Poland is closely followed by Mexico which has a CFR of 8.56 pc (311 deaths and

The Delhi Government is setting up oxygen concenthe other States in the coun-

trator banks for patients in home isolation. At least 200 oxygen concentrators will be set up in each of the 11 districts and oxygen will be delivered in two hours to patients in need, said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday. "Patients who are not enrolled under the home iso-

lation protocol of the Delhi Government may call 1031 and avail the oxygen concentrator facility," he said.

Kejriwal said, "If patients in home isolation require oxygen,

Industrialist Prakash Hinduja fined ₹1,270 crore for tax violations by Geneva court

J GOPIKRISHNAN ■ NEW DELHI tax authorities, in the context

court in Geneva has fined Acourt in Geneva has initial according to a property and according to a property according to a property according to a property and according to a property according to a property and according to a property accor Prakash Hinduja 157 million April 21 (5A_1042/2020). violations.

According to Swiss newspaper Gotham City and Le Temps, the Geneva Court imposed the fine on Hinduja for claiming tax exceptions by showing his Monaco residency, while he was actually living in Geneva.

The Geneva tax authorities suspect the billionaire of Indian origin Prakash Hinduja of staying in his villa in Cologny (GE) until April 2018, when he had officially settled in Monaco in 2007," reported Gotham City.
"In July 2018, the Geneva

public prosecutor sought to collect information on Prakash Hinduja and members of his family on behalf of the cantonal

of criminal proceedings, according to a judgment of the

Tax Administration opened its own investigation into this case, which targets several individuals. The following month, the Geneva tax authorities declared two receiverships, amounting to 154 million francs for cantonal and municipal taxes, and 3 million for federal taxes" reported Le

Hinduja Group controls Ashok Leyland, IndusInd Bank and Gulf Lubricants. The Indian origin conglomerate having business across the world was started by late PD Hinduja in early 1940s. The Hinduja Group's companies are controlled by holding companies situated in tax havens like Mauritius and Geneva.

3% positivity rate before Bengal campaign, 34% after elections SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Delhi Govt to set up 11 oxygen banks; home delivery in 2 hours

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

our team will ensure the oxygen concentrator reaches their home within two hours. A technician will also accompany the team who will explain to the family members how to use the oxygen concentrator. However, our team of doctors will first ensure whether the person needs oxygen.



(+2,99,484)DEATHS: 2,70,124 (+3,880)

RECOVERED: 2,07,68,937 (+3,42,266)

ACTIVE: 36,22,713

MAHA: 53,44,063 (+34,848) K'TAKA: 21,71,931 (+41,664)

KERALA: 21,18,264 (+32,680)

UP: 16,09,140 (+12,513) DELHI: 13,87,411 (+6,430)

From Kerala to Bengal, impact of elections on Covid-19 surge

With corona cases spiraling up by the day, Bengal

health data experts have started questioning whether March-

May electoral extravaganza

played the main villain in

pushing up cases in the

Government reports, while in

the second week of March

when election campaigns had

just started the rate of corona

infections was just about 3-4

per cent of the total RT-PCR

tests done, the figure leaped up to 31 per cent in the first week

of May when the election

According to State

in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Assam and Puducherry The impact of aggressive campaign and massive mobilisation by political parties in the run-up to the Assembly polls are seen as the principal reasons for massive spread of

Total cases: 10,94,802

Total Deaths: 12,993

Avg growth rate: 2%

"You do not need rocket

science to prove that election

ple made a perfect recipe for

disaster and the disaster is in

front of you to see ...Bengal

had a pretty controlled affair till

the month of March and the

cases started jumping up with each electoral phase...," said Dr

rallies with thousands of peo

Recovery rate:

process ended.

Kajalkrisna Dey

Case fatality ratio: 1.2%

corona in these States and Union Territory.

The judiciary, World Health Organization, and health experts have unequivorelated mobilisation paved the way for a later day Covid-19 surge.

Here is a reality check:

Recuperating Kerala relapsed KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI Total case: 4,41,191

On February 26, 2021, while then Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora addressed a nationally televised Press meet to announce the poll schedule for the Assembly election to be held in West Bengal, Assam, Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and also the Union Territory of Puducherry, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan was in a relaxed mood.

Kerala had almost recovered from the Covid-19 cases which shot up during the Onam and Christmas festivals. Minutes before he left for a public meeting at the Capital city to launch the State-wide election campaign of the CPI(M)-led Left

Total death: 743 Case fatality Ratio: 0.3% Recovery ratio: 78.5% Avg growth rate: 1.9%

Democratic Front, Minister for health KK Shylaja mailed him the details of the day's Covid figures. It read that the State had

diagnosed 3,671 new cases while 14 deaths were recorded from across Kerala. The positive rate was 5.41 per cent. The figures, new cases or fatalities, were comparatively lower than the national average and the scenario on that Friday did not warrant any apprehension, member of the task force had told him.

Total cases: 3,19,630

Case fatality ratio: 0.6%

Recovery ratio: 85.8%

Avg growth rate: 1.7%

Total death: 2,060

TN contained virus, polls unleashed it Total cases:

15,31,377

Total Deaths:

PNS CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu has seen both the extremes of the pandemic Covid-19 during the last

17.056 Case fatality ratio: 1.19 Recovery ratio: 86.1% Avg Growth rae: 2.1% year. The State succeeded in controlling the transmission

of the pandemic in the initial days when delegates of Tablighi Jamaat congregation held at New Delhi returned to Tamil Nadu in the first week of March 2020. Though the pandemic peaked by mid-2020 the total lockdown, had helped the authorities in bringing down the number of newly diagnosed cases from 40,000 in mid-2020 to below the 500 marks by February

PUDUCHERRY SEES 60 TIMES JUMP

PNS NEW DELHI

On February 26, when the Election Commission of India announced the schedule of Assembly polls,

the Union Territory of Puducherry recorded just 29 Covid-19 cases and zero death. The total caseload stood 39,669 and the death figure at 667.

Case Fatality

Recovery ratio: 77.1%

Avg growth rate: 2.4%

Ten and a half weeks down the line, the UT has seen 60 times jump in corona cases. The UT is recording at an average of 1,800 new cases and 25 deaths every day during the last

Poll fever changed it all in Assam

PNS GUWAHATI

Assam lived with little trace of cronavirus till the electioneering picked up and lead-

ers descended on the State from all parts of the country amid massive mobilisation of people and resources on the ground.

When the poll schedule was announced on February 26, the State recorded just 34 cases and one death in a 24-hour period. People lived without any fear of Covid, which was just beginning to show an uptick in other parts of the country in the early second week of February. But that was it. The poll fever changed

Plasma therapy no silver bullets: Study

survival or other pre-specified

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Pouring water on the hopes of people on plasma therapy for Covid-19 treatment, a study has found that it's no silver bullet and its usage is not effective on virus patients. In other words, it has no effect on disease severity mortality.

Plasma therapy is basically using blood plasma from recovered patients and infusing it into newly infected patients. Doctors have been divided over its efficacy with several of them from across India have been recommending the therapy, asking the patients to



believe that it helps to transfer antibodies from recovered patients to new patients. It is said to boost the immune response of a new patient.

conducting

arrange for plasma. They

However, a team of doctors

Randomised Evaluation of

Covid-19 Therapy [recovery] trial, said in the "In recovery, the largest clinical trial of convalescent plasma for any infec-tious indication, we did not find evidence that high-titre convalescent plasma improved clinical outcomes in patients hospitalised with Covid-19. "Whether convalescent plasma would benefit other

patient groups is unknown and would need to be evaluated in other, adequately pow-ered, randomised clinical tri-als," the study published in The Lancet said.

The trial is underway at 177 NHS hospitals from across the UK. Earlier, other studies including India's ICMR-PLACID Trial, as well as Argentina's PlasmAr Trial have also shown that plasma therapy has no benefit on hospitalised Covid patients.

MOVING TOWARDS GUJ Mumbai: Cyclonic storm Tauktae has intensified and is heading towards the coast of Gujarat and the Union Territory of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar

Haveli, though it could bring

gusty winds and showers to

Mumbai, the IMD said. TOP JAMAAT LEADER HELD IN B'DESH

Dhaka: Top Jamaat-e-Islami leader and listed 1971 war criminal Shahjahan Chowdhury has been arrested by the police for allegedly instigating the violence unleashed by radical outfit Hefazat-e-Islam on March 26 during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh.

Israeli airstrike destroys Gaza tower housing AP, other media



A ball of fire erupts from a building housing various international media, including *The Associated Press*, after an Israeli airstrike on Saturday in Gaza City

AP GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

n Israeli airstrike on ASaturday targeted and of The Associated Press and other media outlets. Hours later, Israel bombed the home of Khalil al-Hayeh, a top leader of Gaza's ruling militant Hamas

group.
The Israeli military said Al-Hayeh's home served as part of what it said was the ther escalation, signaling that Israel is going after Hamas'

top leadership, and not just military commanders. His fate after the strike was immediately

other tenants safely evacuated the building after the military telephoned a warning that the strike was imminent within an

Modi orders audit as many ventilators lying unutilised

PM stresses on curbing spread in rural areas PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday took seri-ous view of reports about ven-tilators lying unutilised in stor-age in some States and direct-ed that an immediate audit of installation and operation of ventilators provided by the Central Government should be carried out. Chairing a high-level meet-

ing to take stock of the Covid-19 situation in the country, the Prime Minister asked for a distribution plan for ensuring oxygen supply in rural areas where, he said the spread of virus must be prevented.

The Prime Minister asked States to be "transparent" while

reporting their cases "as high numbers does not mean that they have not done enough to contain the virus."

He said localised contain-

ment strategies are the need of the hour and instructed that testing needs to be scaled up further, with use of both RT-PCR and Rapid Antigen tests, especially in areas with high test positivity rates.

Modi asked for augmenta-

tion of healthcare resources in rural areas to focus on "door to door testing and surveillance."

India's corona situation 'hugely concerning', says WHO chief

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India's Covid-19 situation remains hugely concerning, with several States continuing to see a worrying number of cases, hospitalisations and deaths, WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said on Friday, warning that the pandemic's second year will be "far more deadly" than the first for the world.

Ghebreyesus added that the WHO is responding to the Covid-19 surge in India and has shipped thousands of oxygen concentrators, tents for mobile field hospitals, masks other medical supplies.
"India remains hugely con-

cerning, with several states continuing to see a worrying number of cases, hospitalisations and deaths," he said at the daily media briefing. "And we thank all the

General said.

stakeholders who are supporting India," the WHO Director

Steroid misuse sets off black fungus attacks post Covid: Guleria

PNS NEW DELHI

Misuse of steroids is a major cause behind rising cases of black fungus, also known as mucormycosis infection, among vulnerable Covid-19 patients, including those suffering from diabetes, AIIMS director Dr Randeep Guleria on Saturday said, asking the doctors to follow Government protocol while dealing with

such drugs.

He said that patients who are diabetic or Covid-19 positive and are taking steroids have an increased chance of contracting the fungal infection as it could lead to weakened immune systems. "It is thus all the more

important to properly follow protocols of infection control practices at hospitals," he said, indicating that during Covid-19, patients prescribed heavy and prolonged steroid doses can have weakened immune

systems.

Mucormycosis spores are

found in soil, air, and even in food, said the AIIMS chief while addressing a press conference here on Saturday. He said that the black fungus can affect the face, infecting the nose, orbit of the eye, or brain, which can even cause vision loss. He added that it can also spread to the In a new advisory over

black fungus infection, the Centre has asked people to be extra careful regarding infection protocols since the fungus enters the body through a cut, scrape, burn, or other types of skin trauma when the skin comes in contact with fungal spores in the environment.
Dr Guleria also said that

the mucormycosis fungal spores are of low virulence and usually do not cause

destroyed a high-rise building militant group's "terrorist infrastructure." Al-Hayeh is a in Gaza City that housed offices

senior figure in the Hamas political leadership in Gaza, and the attack marked a fur-

Earlier, AP staffers and

working with kids' LAVINA TANDON, who plays Jhanjharika in Nikki Aur Jadui Bubble, a fantasy show on Dangal TV, speaks with SHALINI SAKSENA about her role, the challenges faced and fun that

'I'm having loads of fun

about?

she is having shooting with the kids

It is a kids' fantasy show where there is the real world and the magical one which merge together. Sometimes our characters are in the real one sometimes in the magical. It is about a girl, Nikki; it's her story. Her father is a great magician and passes on his talent and world to his father without him realising

■ What's your character here?

I play the grey shade here -Jhanjharika. I am also a magician and a powerful one at that amongst the women in the world of magic. She was not always evil but then a competition took place and she lost. She wanted the coveted bubble which has immense power and the bubble went to Nikki's father played by Himmanshoo Malhotra. From here on, my character becomes negative and I become the evil witch and my job is to

project?

I was shooting for another project as an assistant intern. But I keep getting scripts since I have done other shows. I have worked for Dheeraj Kumar earlier as well and my experience was good and saw no reason to say no. I went and gave the audition. After three weeks I got a confirmation call. But I was shooting in Goa for a web series and told the team that once I am done, I will be on board. ■ It is a kid's fantasy show, are you having lots of fun?

We had lots of fun. There are no adults in the scenes with me. There are adults but we are never in the same frame. The good is that there is gossip, the atmosphere is stress-free. There is a negativity like there might be in other

■ What is Nikki Aur Jadui Bubble adult shows — she got this costume, I didn't; she got this jewellery, I didn't. There is no such thing here. Kids are natural, they have no pretense. They come, shoot and go back to their studies. We spent a lot of time together and chatted and generally had fun. I learnt a lot from them as well. They are so full

■ Were there any challenges since you are working with kids?

There were no challenges working with the kids like I said the kids in the show are extremely intelligent. I psyched myself saying that it is a kids' show so I need to have patience working with them. But they are quick learners. The challenge came in the form of getting into the look. I have two -one the normal and the other the evil witch. Switching and change in costume was time consuming.

■ How did you get into acting?

trouble everyone.

I never had plans to get into acting.

How did you come on board the

Acting chose me. I was 12 when my mother's friend was coordinating for a show — Tum Bin Iaaoon Kahaan on Zee TV — that had a requirement for a girl with curly hair. It was a show by Aruna Irani Production House. I went for the audition and got selected. The minute I stood in front of the camera they chose me since I fit their character to a T. I shot 70-80 episodes. But then my Class VII finals came and I had to leave the show. But I kept getting work sometimes back-to-back ■ Hero Bhakti Hi Shakti Hai was a role

you did and grabbed eyeballs. What made the show popular?

It was one of the few superhero shows. Back then, there was just Shaktiman. Hero Bhakti... became

popular because the story was and interesting attracted the kids. Also, every week there was a new character that kept the interest. Kids back then watched TV. Today, they are glued to their mobiles, video games and social media. ■ Is there a role that you hated doing? No, not really. I never put myself in a position where I ended up hating doing something.

Acting is my profession.

If I don't love I can't do

justice to the

characters I have

■ What

At present, I am not willing to work on anything due to the pandemic. I was even scared to go out to buy groceries let alone step out to shoot. But I am committed to Nikki Aur... so I will shoot for it but no new projects for the time being.



ASIM RIAZ TURNS RAPPER

he heartthrob of the young generation, Asim Riaz has a huge surprise in store for us. The livewire who has amassed the love of people as an actor and featuring artist has yet another talent that he stages for the world on Eid. Riaz debuts with a fiery rap titled Back To Start released under India's leading record label, Sony Music India.

The teaser of the rap that dropped not long ago got the Asim Riaz squad excited scaling up the anticipation around it as it releases today. Making this year's Eid special, Asim opens about his struggle and hustle in his debut as a

rapper through the song. Back To Start has been penned and performed by Asim.

Asim says: "We take a look around us and we see that everything is changing and so much of the good change is being embraced. I had Back To Start with me since 2015 and I wanted to polish it till I was ready to put it out there for the listeners. I'm very pumped that it's releasing. My wish for everybody this Eid is to have the strength to embrace changes and hustle their way forward.

Released by Sony Music India, Back To Start is now available on all streaming platforms.

CINDERELLA TO LAUNCH WORLDWIDE IN SEPTEMBER

ay Cannon's Cinderella featuring an allstar cast including Grammy nominated Asinger/songwriter Camila Cabello, Idina Menzel and Billy Porter, will launch exclusively around the world in over 240 countries and territories on Prime Video this September. The highly anticipated musical incorporates pop songs from contemporary global artists and original songs by Camila Cabello and Idina

"Cinderella is a classic we all know and love, but this time with a modern unique twist and starring the sensational Camila Cabello and an all-star cast. Producer James Corden and the filmmaking team have taken this beloved fairytale and revamped it with a fresh, empowering perspective that will resonate with audiences and families around the world. We couldn't be more

excited for our global customers to sing and dance along to director Kay Cannon's reimagination of this classic story," said Jennifer Salke, Head of Amazon Studios

Cinderella is a musically-driven bold new take on the traditional story you grew up with. Our heroine (Cabello) is an ambitious young woman, whose dreams are bigger than the world will allow, but with the help of her Fab G (Billy Porter), she is able to persevere and make her dreams come true.

Written for the screen and directed by Kay Cannon with covers of songs written by some of the top-selling musical artists of all time, Cinderella has an all-star cast that includes Idina Menzel, Minnie Driver, Nicholas Galitzine, with Billy Porter and Pierce Brosnan. Producers are Leo Pearlman, James Corden, Jonathan Kadin and Shannon McIntosh.

RASHMI AGDEKAR BECOMES CAUSE AMBASSADOR

tested positive for Covid-19 and understanding the hard times actress Rashmi Addekar opens up about duty towards fighting the disease and helping the country by being a cause ambassador Addekar has blown the audience's mind with her brilliant

fter many Bollywood celebrities being

performance. The young and talented actress started her acting career in 2017, in the web series Dev DD. Since then she has played various critically acclaimed roles in several web series and movies. Celebrities like Varun Dhawan and Kartik Aryan

have also joined initiatives as cause ambassadors are contributing during these tough times by sharing verified information with their followers, Rashmi Agdekar herself being a Covid survivor understands the need to support people at this hour and has

therefore become the cause ambassador for the campaign Find a Bed. The actor says: "In these tough times, many volunteers, NGOs, students, entrepreneurs etc are doing a lot of groundwork and helping people in need. If all these people are doing the actual hard work, the least I can do is amplify it. As a responsible citizen, it is my duty to spread awareness as much as I can in my capacity during this second wave. Being a Covid survivor myself, I know how much it takes a toll mentally and physically. Anyone in need of beds in their area or nearby can use this website (www.findabed.in) to search. This will hopefully reduce the stress of running from one hospital to another in an

On the work front, Rashmi Agdekar played the lead role in the MX player web series I'mMature which was critically acclaimed. The young and talented actor made her big-screen debut in Bollywood with Andhadhun.

TELLY TALE-

Colors' Dance Deewane is a show that never stops to surprise, impress and entertain the viewers. In the upcoming episode, special quest dancers who garnered a lot of fame with their deewangi for dance like Yogesh Shaw, Alok Shaw, Siza, Kishen Bilagali Rupesh Bane, Teias Varma, Sagar, Javshree, Mukul, Akash and Vaishnavi will perform in pairs with the Dance surely will be filled with entertainment, passion, and a whole lot of swag.

The most highlighted dance performances of the evening were by Alok and Aman who impressed Madhuri. Even Gunjan's performance with Sagar



Bora on the Mirchi song was spellbinding. After Gunjan's performance, Dharmesh Yelande couldn't hold back his praises and was in complete awe of her. He said: "I'm speechless. The stage is different every time and the level at which you dance is very high. I would like to thank Sagar too as he is so good and catches the audience's attention. When he performs in his group, we only look at him. Today I could feel that my one eye was on Gunjan and the other on Sagar because

this jodi is just amazing. Pallavi and Siza sent Madhuri Dixit on a nostalgia trip when they performed a medley of her songs choreographed by her *guru* Saroj Khan. Madhuri was extremely touched and gave them ₹101 as token of appreciation. The chocolate boy of Dance Deewane season 1 Kishen Bilagali danced on an extremely scintillating performance with Arundhati, the dance raised the temperature of the

'I HAVE NEVER DONE A SCREEN TEST' Over the past few years, Raima Sen has performed a host of impactful roles in movies and OTT series and has dazzled audiences with her beauty and stellar acting skills. For those eagerly awaiting her next project, Raima will be seen next in Amazon Prime Video's upcoming series The Last Hour. Raima shared her experience of getting auditioned and her selection for Nyima's

Talking about Nvima's character and about her experience of giving a screen test for the first time and shared her thoughts on it. Giving it her best shot with the help of a stellar director Amit Kumar by her side, it sure seems that Raima had a blast on set with the cast and packed a punch on the show that is all set to keep us on the edge of our

On auditioning for the role and her character, Raima shares: "In all these years in the industry, I have never done a screen test. When I learnt that Amit wanted to do a screen test for my character in Calcutta, I first avoided it, as I have always had a phobia of auditions. Later, I gathered my strength and somehow decided to do it. I first thought I am never going to get this part but surprisingly. I got a confirmation call from him in a couple of days. I am very happy and excited to be a part of this series. With all my work. I've always tried to understand the vision of the director and then added my own individuality to it which helps me stay focused on my character. My director Amit told me what he expected from the character, but at the same, asked me to keep it real and feel it. His guidance and my vision helped me get the best out of me. It was such a great experience shooting for the series."

The Last Hour stars Sanjay Kapoor Shahana Goswami, Karma Takapa, Robin Tamang, and Shaylee Krishen along with Raima Sen. It will exclusively stream on Amazon Prime Video from the May 14, 2021 in more than 240 countries and

HIBA'S FAVOURITE SEHRI DELICACY

Hiba Nawab aka CP in Sony SAB's Jijaji Chhat Parr Koii Hai was in Bareilly with her family and friends during Ramazan.

Get up close and personal with Hiba as she gets candid about her favourite Ramazan memory, the food she loves. and how is she spending her Ramazan in her hometown this year.

Talking about the holy month of Ramazan, she said: "I believe the most



vital part about this sacred month is fasting and praying, which means ibadat, by keeping rozas and by reading the Quran. We celebrate this month by cherishing each and every moment and by worshipping. I think it is essential to help people in need and do charity. My fondest memory for the holy month of Ramazan dates back to the days I observed my first roza. I was eight years old and was super excited about it. We eat some delicious dishes this month, and this year I am in Bareilly with my family and friends after so long to celebrate the month of Ramazan and Eid. I avoid eating fried food across the year. but I grab a bite of spicy and fried food to my heart's content during this time of the year. My favourite *sehri* delicacy is khajla. I love to eat sweet dishes as I have a sweet tooth. My resolution for Ramazan is to do more of *ibadat*."

ATHARVA ASKS A TRICKY QUESTION



Navi Peedhi Nave Kissev continues to keep the audience glued to the show with exciting and relatable day to day. In the upcoming episodes, we see how Atharva gets frustrated with his parents as they keep calling him a 'kid' in certain situations but 'old enough' as per their convenience otherwise.

Atharva feels his parents' behaviour is unfair towards him as they change their stance about his age and which irritates him. As a protest, the innocent Atharva decides to go on a hunger strike. Rajesh and Vandana try to calm him down and request him to not go on a hunger strike so instead Atharva puts a condition, that for the next three days if anyone refers to him as 'old enough', the person will have perform an act of punishment as

The question is, will the Wagles' come to a common conclusion for this problem or will Atharva's frustration increase? What is the punishment Atharva has in mind?

Pariva Pranati, essaying the role of Vandana, said: "As artists, we always endeavour to bring a smile on the faces of our fans and I feel so lucky and blessed that with the role of Vandana. I am able to do it. The upcoming track is very interesting not only for the kids who love the show but also for the parents as well. We have all faced this situation growing up, parents wanting us to behave maturely in certain situations and enjoy like a kid in certain other. The challenge put by my son, Atharva would be interesting to watch and the climax of that challenge would be very intriguing in a way that would reveal a different facet of Atharva. We all are working very hard and putting our heart and soul into the episodes. I would like to request the audience to keep watching the episodes from the

comfort of their homes!" Sheehan Kapahi, essaying the role of Atharva, said: "Baccha ya Bada? This is a confusing question, and the upcoming track will address this dilemma brilliantly. Throughout our show's journey, we have always tried to bring highly relatable topics, which I feel has struck the right chord with our viewers. For kids of my age, this is the biggest question in our minds, and for our parents, they are probably facing similar questions too. How will my parents react to this question? The upcoming episodes will unravel the mystery.

Plan Your Stay At Home Sunday

Give your Sundays a perfect start by cooking some delicious meals. How about Fluffy Banana Walnut Pancakes or Almond Cinnamon Tart for breakfast? Here are the recipes.

FLUFFY BANANA WALNUT PANCAKES

Ingredients

Maple Walnut Cream: ■1/2 cup California walnuts

■1/4 cup water ■1 tablespoon pure maple

■1/4 teaspoon cinnamon Pancakes:

■1 medium-size very ripe

■3/4 cup milk ■2 tablespoons melted butter, plus additional tablespoon

for skillet

■1/3 cup liquid egg whites ■1 cup flour

■2 tablespoons sugar

■1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

■1/2 teaspoon cinnamon ■1/4 teaspoon salt

■1/3 cup chopped California walnuts

Preparation:

■To prepare maple walnut cream, place all ingredients in a



small food processor and process until light and fluffy.

■Mash banana with a fork in a large bowl and stir in milk and melted butter. Stir together dry

ingredients in a medium bowl and stir into banana mixture, being careful to not overmix. (A few small lumps are ok)

— California Walnuts

ALMOND CINNAMON TART

Ingredients

■1 cup almond flake

■150 gm monaco biscuit ■2 gm cinnamon powder ■200 gm fine sugar

■200 ml fresh cream ■60 gm unsalted butter Method: ■Roast the almond flake in

preheated oven at 180 degree

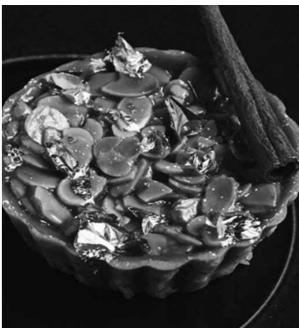
celsius for 4 minutes or till golden in colour. For toffee sauce. caramelise sugar, add 40 gms of

butter followed by cream and thoroughly mix it ■For monaco crumble, crush biscuits and mix 20 am of butter with it, spread this

at 160 degree celsius for 10 min. ■In a bowl mix, roasted almond slivers and toffee sauce and pour this mix over biscuit crumble in the mould.

mixture in 6inch mould and bake

■Bake the mix set in mould in a preheated oven at 180 degree celsius for 15 min.



■Serve once done and demould the tart, serve with

vanilla bean ice-cream. Almond Board of California

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500-bed hosps each in Panipat, Hisar to open today

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To augment arrangements to L control COVID-19 pandemic, Haryana Government has set-up 500-bed temporary COVID hospitals each in Panipat and Hisar which will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today

Apart from these, two more hospitals (100 bed Field Hospital and 300 Bed Covid Care Centre) have also been constructed in Gurugram which too will be inaugurated.

The temporary COVID Hospital established in village Bal Jatan near the refinery in Panipat has been named Guru Tegh Bahadur Sanjivani COVID Hospital. Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij will also be present at the inauguration of the hospital. 25 doctors and 150 para-medical staff have been appointed for the functioning of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sanjivani Hospital.

A statement said that since the hospital built near the refinery in Panipat is far away from the city, a police outpost has been set up near it. Roads have been built to connect the hospital blocks. Apart from the ambulance of the Health Department in the hospital, five mini bus ambulances from Haryana Roadways and two ambulances from the refinery will also support the movement of patients to the COVID Hospital. Five ambulances from

the Police Department will

give their support for this hos-

pital as well. The hospital in Hisar is named after former Deputy Prime Minister, Chaudhary Devi Lal Sanjivani Hospital. The supply of oxygen in this hospital will be as per the flow of 7.1 liters per bed per minute, which will be supplied from the oxygen plant of Jindal Steel Industries, the statement said. A supply of 8 MT of oxygen has been arranged per day. Hisar's COVID Hospital, set up at Jindal Modern School, is divided into four blocks. Oxygen points have been added to all beds. Apart from the doctors, paramedical staff as well as

medical interns have also been

hired here. Five ambulances have been deployed in the hos-

The 100-bed COVID Field Hospital at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Gurugram has been set up by Vedanta. It has 20 ICUs and 80 oxygen beds. Vedanta will provide all the necessary medical equipment for the treatment of COVID patients. Apart from this, a 300-bed COVID Care Centre has been set up in Sector 67 of Gurugram in joint collaboration of M3M, CII Air Force and Doctors for You NGO.

Meanwhile, CM Khattar said that in this global pandemic of Covid-19, the Central and State Governments are strenuously working towards controlling the on ground situation and delivering their best in this hour of pandemic

Addressing a virtual program, Khattar called upon social organizations as well as

political parties and said that Corona is a very huge disaster and we have to fight against it together. He said that the farmers' organizations can do the agitation for their demands even after the situation gets normal.

He said that in the first wave of Covid, a maximum of 3,000 cases came up daily but this time around 16,000 cases are coming on a daily basis. Due to this, the health system

initially faced a massive pressure. Along with doctors, beds there was also a crisis of oxygen. But the situation was soon brought under control. At present, the state is getting 282 tonnes of oxygen. Oxygen is being supplied to the homes of needy patients in collaboration with about 350 organizations. Essential items like beds, concentrators and ventilators are being contributed by social organizations.

Haryana declares black fungus as notified disease

Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij on Saturday said that black fungus has been declared a notified disease in the State. Now, if any cases of this disease are found, the doctors will have to report them to the concerned chief medical officer (CMO), Vij said. the black fungus infection, also known as mucormycosis, is caused by a fungus called mucor. Now, if a patient is diagnosed with black fungus in any government or private hospital of the state, it will have

to be reported to the CMO of the district concerned so that appropriate steps can be taken to prevent the disease, he said.

Senior doctors of PGIMS, Rohtak will conduct meetings through videoconferencing with all the doctors who are treating coronavirus patients in the state and inform them about the treatment of black fungus. Recently, several states have flagged cases of COVIDtriggered mucormycosis, especially among patients who are

Curfew extended in Himachal Pradesh till May 26 and forest corporations would

The Himachal Government I on Saturday decided to extend the coronavirusinduced curfew in the State till May 26. The decision to extend the curfew was taken in a State Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur.

The Cabinet reviewed the COVID-19 situation in the State and expressed concern over the sharp surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in the State. To break the virus chain, the Cabinet decided to extend the Corona Curfew in the State till 6 am on May 26, an official statement said.

It was decided that to check the exodus of labourers and workers, all shops dealing with construction materials would also remain open on Tuesday and Friday in a week for three

The Cabinet also decided to allow hiring dead body vans to all the Medical Colleges and Zonal and Regional Hospitals and hospitals with bed capacity of 200 and above. It also decided that the forest department would provide free wood for cremation of corona deceased where forest rights are enforced

provide fuel wood in other areas. All the MCs would be allowed to hire dead body vans.

The Cabinet also decided that no marriages would be allowed to hire marriage palaces, community halls and tent houses and outside catering and DJ/Band. Marriage would be only held in houses or Courts with the restriction of 20 persons. There will also be no procession of Barat.

It also gave its nod to pro-cure CT Scan 128 slice and MRI 1.5 Tesla Machines worth Rs. 20 crore in Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru Government Medical College, Chamba to facilitate the people. It accorded its approval to ex postfacto permission to the executing agency of Makeshift Covid-19 Hospital at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Medical College, Ner Chowk Mandi to include construction of one labour room and one operation theatre etc.

HIMACHAL LEADS IN OVERALL VACCINATION,

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Saturday said that Himachal Pradesh is leading other States for the vaccination

for the eligible age groups and so for over 21 lakh doses of vaccine have been administered to the people of the State. He said a total of 16,97,128 first doses and 425,766 second doses of vaccine had been given to eligible people till May 14. He said the State has covered 31 percent of the eligible citizens and as per the date and the State wise progress of vaccination, the next State is Chattisgarh which has covered 25 percent of the

eligible population.
CM INAUGURATES
OXYGEN PLANT IN NAHAN

MEDICAL COLLEGE Thakur virtually inaugurated a 300 LPM capacity PSA Oxygen plant in Dr. Y.S. Parmar Government Medical College Nahan in Sirmour district from Shimla. Speaking on the occasion, he said till now oxygen cylinders had to be replaced after every two hours and with this plant, the dependence on labour and transportation would decrease significantly. He said a Refrigerated Centrifuged and Real Time PCR Machine worth Rs. 32 lakh provided to the medical college would help in fast testing of the COVID-19

Punjab CM asks PM to make Gol single agency for vaccine procurement, distribution for 18-44 category

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

 $P_{\text{Amarinder Singh on}}^{\text{unjab Chief Minister Capt}}$ Saturday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make the Central Government the single agency for procurement and distribution of vaccine for 18-44 age group.

Vaccination of the entire eligible population, especially in a pandemic situation, is the responsibility of the Central Government as any non-inclusion can undermine the rest of the collective effort," the Chief Minister said in a letter to

Citing the experience of the past three weeks, when various states "have been making their individual efforts to source the vaccine from domestic producers as well as from abroad,"

speed up the supply chain of

the life-saving gas in the state

from far and near, chief secre-

tary Vini Mahajan said

the Chief Minister said the Government of India (GoI) should immediately undertake sourcing of all vaccine, as a single agency. The GoI should ensure vaccine distribution across all States and Union Territories through clinical establishment for proper vaccination of the 18-44 age

Ĉapt Amarinder pointed out that he had even earlier suggested that, in view of the modalities of supply chain management, it would be operationally and financially most expedient if the entire procurement and supply of vaccine is done through the Union Government for all age groups, including persons in the 18-44 years group where States have been allowed by the Centre to directly procure vaccine.

Punjab's first O2 express on way to Bokaro to lift 40 mt LMO

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With the rolling out of Punjab's first Oxygen Express towards Bokaro on Saturday morning, the State will soon be in a position to lift its full 80 MT O2 quota, needed to further boost up its stock of life-saving medical Senior IAS officer super-

vising the Oxygen Control Room, Rahul Tiwari said that the department has overcome the difficulty of tanker heights and of agencies to carry the O2 supplies vital in the state's fight against the deadly virus.

We have been able to procure and put in use two ISO containers that fit in the HBL requirements of the railways and regards bringing in an agency we have roped in the services of MARKFED, our time tested organisation of Punjab, to fasten up and

streamline the O2 procurement process to ensure there is no shortage of oxygen anywhere in the state.

Tiwari said the state has been planning aggressively to foresee its need of oxygen in coming days and the government has also been pushing the central government to increase its quota of tankers to lift all allotted Oxygen in a smooth and timely manner.

The rail express left through Dapper on its way to Bokaro, the Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan also tweeted about it lauding the incessant efforts of Oxygen Control Room Officers and MARK-

40 PERCENT OF PUN-JAB'S COVID DEATHS IN LAST 44 DAYS

Around 40 per cent of the total Covid-19-related fatalities in Punjab took place in the last

forty-four days, indicating the severity of the second wave of the Coronavirus pandemic, data revealed.

Punjab had reported a total 6,868 deaths due to the infection as on March 31. The death toll rose to 11,477 as on May 14, showing 4,609 more people succumbing to the disease since April 1 this year, the state Health Department's data revealed. The health officials had earlier pointed out that the delay in approaching hospitals for treatment by patients with severe symptoms and comorbidities were the main reasons behind fatalities.

Punjab witnessed a record 217 deaths because of the contagion in a single day on May 11. The state has been seeing more than 100 fatalities daily for the past several days. Ludhiana is one of the worstaffected districts in Punjab as it has registered 538 deaths

between April 1 and May 14, as per the data. Besides, Amritsar reported 515 more deaths due to the contagion between April 1 and May 14.

During the same period, Patiala saw 396 deaths, Bathinda 349, Mohali 307 and Jalandhar 301, as per the data. The case fatality rate in rural areas is 2.6 per cent as against 0.8 per cent in urban areas, officials said. Apart from this, Punjab has added 2,44,250 fresh cases of infection in the last 44 days. The state had a total of 2,39,734 cases as on March 31. It went up to 4,83,984 between April and May 14, as per the Health Department data. Ludhiana, Mohali, Bathinda, Patiala, Jalandhar and some other districts have witnessed a sharp rise in infections. Punjab"s positive rate on Friday stood at around 11 per

INBRIEF

PAEDIATRIC TASK FORCE CONSTITUTED IN HIMACHAL **Shimla:** A high level meeting was held to discuss the anticipated

third wave of COVID-19 here, a spokesperson of Himachal Government said on Saturday. He said that as per the opinion of medical experts, the anticipated third wave may hit India in another 3-4 months and to tackle the third wave effectively the State Government has decided to constitute a Paediatric Task Force. The Task force would study the overall scenario and give appropriate recommendations from time to time. It would also study the availability of infrastructure in various PICU, M-NICU, SNCU, NBSU etc and draw up appropriate plans as per need for augmentation of machinery, equipment and Human Resources in the state. He said that the mass vaccination programme is currently underway for above 18 years of age group and by the next 3-4 months this segment would be largely vaccinated which might leave the children vulnerable to the third wave of COVID-19.

The Spokesperson added that the Government was acting proactively to strengthen the facilities so that the situation might be handled in the best possible way in case the anticipated third wave strikes the

AYUSHMAN BHARAT YOJANA TO COVER NAMBARDARS Chandigarh: Haryana Government has decided to cover nambardars

under 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' so that they can get benefits under 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' in case of serious illnesses. Apart from this, smart mobile phones will also be provided to the nambardars, Haryana Financial Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Sanjeev Kaushal said on Saturday. During a meeting held with the Deputy Commissioners of the state through video conferencing regarding ownership and other schemes, Kaushal informed that at present there are 23375 sanctioned posts of nambardars in the state. Under this scheme, beneficiaries are being provided funds up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary health treatment in public and private listed hospitals in India.

3 IAS OFFICERS TRANSFERRED IN HARYANA

Chandigarh: Three IAS officers have been transferred in Haryana with immediate effect. Wazeer Singh Goyat, Secretary, Human Rights Commission has been given additional charge of Secretary, Finance Department. Ravi Prakash Gupta, Director, Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management has been posted as Director, Environment and Special Secretary, Environment and Climate Change Department. R.S. Dhillon, Director, Haryana Governance Reforms Authority, Managing Director, CONFED has been given additional charge of Director, Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management.

SUKHBIR BADAL ASKS FOR EVIDENCE ON SACRILEGE

Chandigarh: Shiromani Akali Dal president Sardar Sukhbir Singh Badal on Saturday said that Congress and AAP leaders who claim to have "concrete proof on who planned, sponsored & executed the sacrilege against Shri Guru Granth Sahib ji should publicly place that evidence before the Khalsa Panth, the Court, the SIT and the people in general." In a statement, Badal also urged Congress leaders Capt Amarinder Singh, Sunil Jakhar, Navjot Sidhu, S S Randhawa and others like Bhagwant Mann to share with the SIT and the judiciary why they deliberately hid the truth on an issue of such profound religious importance for so many years, thus inflicting and prolonging grievous agony to Sikh hearts and souls. Why have they never even thought it proper to place the proofs they have in the public domain?" asked the former Punjab Deputy Chief

oxygen tankers from different ■ the rising demand and supto Punjab from different parts gen express train left for Bokaro ply of the medical oxygen in the parts of the country and of the country, Principal in Jharkhand on Saturday State, Punjab Government Secretary Transport K Siva morning to pick up its 80 metwould demand additional oxy-Mahajan was chairing a Prasad said the efforts have also ric tonne (MT) quota of oxygen, gen tankers from the Centre to

high-level meeting to review the availability, need and distribution of the medical oxygen in the state besides taking stock of the ongoing initiatives to check the further spread of devastating

expedited the process of

Besides, Punjab has also second Covid wave in the state. been intensified to bring oxygen tankers from Belgium and Australia. "Hopefully, the supply of oxygen tankers from Australia and Belgium will

reach Punjab soon," he added.

which would further strengthen the stock of life-saving medical supplies in the state. He said the services of Markfed were being used to further speed up the process of oxygen procure-

Rahul Tiwari, who is superment and ensure that there was forward to help the Punjab Briefing the present status vising the Oxygen Control no shortage of the life-saving gas Government in this endeavour.

Principal Secretary, Water Supply and Sanitation, Jaspreet Talwar, while sharing the district-wise information of Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants, said a total of 44 PSA plants would be set up in Punjab at a cost of Rs 4.71 crore for which several NGOs and big companies have come

Regarding the

oxygen concentrators in the state, the Chief Secretary was informed that Punjab has around 1,060 concentrators at present, which were being distributed in the districts as per the requirement, while more concentrators would be available soon and would be sent to the districts as per the need.



Saturday.

Haryana Government's Commendable Steps to Help People **During Covid-19**



Ch. Devi Lal Sanjeevani Hospital, Hisar

> Inauguration by Sh. Manohar Lal Chief Minister, Haryana Presided over by

Sh. Dushyant Chautala Deputy Chief Minister, Haryana August presence

Sh. Anil Vij Health Minister, Haryana Sh. Ranbir Gangwa Vidhan Sabha Deputy Speaker, Haryana Sh. Brijendra Singh Sh. Kamal Gupta M.P., Hisar M.L.A., Hisar

Sunday, 16th May, 2021

Bal Jattan, Panipat Inauguration by

Guru Teg Bahadur Sanjeevani Hospital,

Punjab to demand more oxygen tankers from Centre, says Chief Secy

Sh. Manohar Lal Chief Minister, Haryana

Presided over by Sh. Dharmendra Pradhan **Union Minister for**

Petroleum, Natural Gas and Steel

August presence Sh. Anil Vij

Health Minister, Haryana Sh. Sanjay Bhatia

M.P., Karnal Sunday, 16th May, 2021 **COVID Hospitals & Centres** setting up in Gurugram

Hospital with facility of 100 oxygen-equipped beds in collaboration with Hero Group and Doctors For You, NGO in Govt. Women College, Sector-14, Gurugram.

COVID Field Hospital of 100 bed capacity in collaboration with Vedanta Group in Tau Devi Lal Stadium Medicit Sector-38 with 20 I.C.U beds and 80 oxygen-equipped beds at one place.

COVID Care Centre with 300 bed capacity in Sector-67, Gurugram with joint collaboration with CII, M3M, Indian Air Force and Doctors For You, NGO.

> Inauguration by Sh. Manohar Lal Chief Minister, Haryana Rao Inderjit Singh

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Other New Hospitals in the State for COVID Patients

In Faridabad, 100-bed hospital started at Medical College, army doctors and paramedical - In Sirsa, 150-bed COVID Care Centre started at Baba Tara Charitable Hospital and Research

Both COVID hospitals with 500 beds capacity each are built at a cost of approx Rs. 28.5 Crore (per hospital)

- staff have been given its responsibility. In Karnal, A new Field Hospital with 100 oxygen-equipped beds started.
- In Assandh, arrangment of 20 oxygen-equipped beds at Community Health Centre and 10 oxygen-equipped beds at COVID Care Centre.
- - In Rohtak, 400 oxygen-equipped beds installed in P.G.I., Rohtak, 600 other oxygen-equipped beds to be installed soon.
 - 70-bed hospital set up at Mankind Pharma in Civil Line, Gurugram also having facility of oxygen. Stay Alert, Stay Safe

6 time MP, ex-Guv, Union Min Raghunandan Lal Bhatia passes away at 100

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 $S_{\text{six-time}}^{\text{enior Congress leader and}}_{\text{NP from}}$ Amritsar Raghunandan Lal Bhatia passed away after a brief illness at a private hospital in Amritsar. He was 100. He was first elected to the

Lok Sabha in 1972 from the Amritsar parliamentary constituency, and again re-elected from the same seat in the 1980, 1985, 1992, 1996 and 1999 elections as a member of the Congress. Bhatia had also served as the Governor of Kerala from 2004 to 2008 and the governor of Bihar from 2008 to 2009. He had also served as the minister of

state for external affairs in Punjab Chief Minister

Capt Amarinder Singh expressed grief over the death of Raghunandan Bhatia. 'Saddened to lose former Governor & Senior Congress Leader & six-time MP, Raghunandan Lal Bhatia Ji. My thoughts and prayers are with his family members in their hour of grief. May his soul rest in peace," the chief minister tweeted.

Punjab Congress leader and MLA Raj Kumar Verka condoled the demise of Bhatia, Raghunandan describing him as "Bhishma Pitamah" of the Indian poli-

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Hry Govt hiding figures of Covid infected, deaths, alleges State Cong

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Congress President Kumari Selja on Saturday attacked the BJPled government in the state, alleging that it is hiding figures of COVID-19 infected and fatalities. She also said black marketing of medicines, which are required for treatment of coronavirus patients, and oxygen cylinders has broken all

"The spread of the coron-

ing it, the government has been making false statements and claims. The figures of those infected and deaths are being hidden," the Congress leader said, adding that there was a huge shortage of doctors and health workers in hospi-

"People are not getting treatment. For the last several days, the situation in rural areas has become worse," she

avirus is increasing rapidly in the state. Instead of prevent- told an online press conference. Selja said that medicines required for treatment of COVID-19 patients and oxygen are being black-marketed in the state. "This time, black marketing has broken all records. Patients in the state are neither getting oxygen on time nor beds. There is a huge lack of ventilators and the government is sitting blindfolded," she added.

Selia said that the COVID-19 casés in Haryana are continuously increasing, but the vaccination campaign is going on at a very slow pace. The positivity rate is 45 per cent in three districts and more than 40 per cent in one district of the state, the Congress leader claimed. She said at the same time, the positivity rate in 11 districts is more6

than 30 per cent. Besides this, it is more than 25 per cent in four districts and more than 10 per cent in three districts, she added.

60,000 tests are being done daily in the state which is only around 2,000 in a population of 10 lakh, she said. The state unit chief also said that at this time, Haryana is getting only 258 metric tonnes of oxygen. The central government should at least double the oxygen quota of the state. The government should increase the number of RT-PCR tests and speed up the pace of testing, Selja suggest-

Permanent place of testing should be made in villages, she said. Selja said that ČOVID hospitals with bed facilities of 500 to 1,000 should be built in each district with the help of the army. COVID-19 patients should get free medicines and treatment, and besides this, everyone should get a vaccine at no cost, Selia said, adding that the Haryana government bear should expenditure.

4,140 more patients recovered in J&K

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

head of the arrival of the Ahigh level team of experts from New Delhi to study the high mortality rate of Covid-19 patients in Jammu, 63 more patients succumbed to the deadly virus taking the tally of deaths to 3,090 while total active positive cases stood at 51,475 as 3,677 fresh cases of coronavirus were detected across the region on Saturday.

Significantly, 4,140 more Covid-19 patients were recovered and discharged from various hospitals including 1,086 from Jammu Division and 3,054 from Kashmir Division.

Meanwhile, the corona curfew was also extended by the UT administration till May

On the other hand to cover the left over population in the age group of 45 plus across Jammu district special vacci-

camps are being organised across 100 centres in Jammu to

So far around 98% of estimated 45+ population in

Jammu given first shot till

According to a statement issued by the office of Principal, Government Medical College, Jammu, "As per the recent sequencing data analysis of positive Covid-19 patients received from NCDC, New Delhi, B.1.617 variant is responsible for the recent surge in Covid-19cases in Jammu division.

Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma said that the Department of Microbiology at GMC, Jammu besides testing of Covid-19 samples is also coordinating with NCDC New Delhi for routine sequencing of positive sample and as per the latest report received from them UK Variant was reported in >60% samples in March, 2021.

However, in April the %age of UK Variant dropped to 47% and B.1.617 increased from 5.8% to 38%.

Dr. Sharma further added that till date 434 samples have been sent to NCDC from Jammu Division among which

217 deaths, 6,867 fresh Covid-19 Cases in Punjab

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

There was no respite in the I number of fatalities in Punjab as 217 more persons lost their lives on Saturday while 6867 fresh Covid-19 cases took its tally to 4,90,755. 217 more deaths took the toll to 11693. State now has 77789 active cases, according to a medical bulletin.

Of the latest deaths, 26 were reported from Amritsar, 24 from Bathinda, 20 from Fazilka, 19 from Patiala, 18 from Ludhiana, 15 from Sangrur, 11 from Jalandhar, the

maximum number of fresh cases at 1132, followed by 35 in SAS Nagar and 515 in Bathinda, it said. As many as 8125 coronavirus patients were discharged after they recovered from the infection, taking the total number of cured persons to 4, 01, 273, it added. There are 429 critical patients who are on ventilator support while 9902 are on oxygen support, the bulletin said. So far, 81,40, 404 samples have been collected for testing in the state,

Goa Govt to take over admissions in all pvt hospitals

the rights to admission in all the 21 private hospitals in the State treating Covid-19 patients from May 17 citing various violations

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said the move will ease the load on facilities like the Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH). A total of 75 Covid-19 patients had died during treatment at the GMCH in the last four days, ringing the alarm bells in the admin-

Explaining the rationale behind the State Government's decision, Sawant said private hospitals were not reserving 50 per cent of their total beds for the treatment of Covid-19 patients. "We have also come across the instances wherein private hospitals were not providing Covid-19 treatment under the DDSSY scheme (the medical insurance scheme of the state government)," he told reporters.

There are instances wherein private hospitals were found charging patients exorbitantly, he said. Sawant said the gov ernment will only take over the rights of admissions in these hospitals while their management will remain with their owners. "There are 21 private hospitals which have been providing treatment to Covid-19 patients in Goa," he said.

The chief minister said Covid-19 treatment in private hospitals would be covered under the DDSSY (Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana) scheme. "We will ensure that 50 per cent of beds in the private hospitals will be kept reserved for treating Covid-19 patients. This will help to ease the load on facilities like the Goa Medical College and Ĥospital," Sawant added.

Pressure Centre to accept farmers' demands: Hooda to Haryana Govt

 ${F}^{
m ormer}$ Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda on Saturday asked the state government to pressure the Centre to accept demands of farmers protesting new farm laws so that they could return home from agitation sites near the Delhi borders.

Farmers have been camping at Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders of the national capital since late November, demanding the repeal of the three farm laws and a legal guar-

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Certificates. But my Mother's correct

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crops.Describing the farmers' demand as legitimate, Hooda said as "among the agitators are thousands of farmers from Haryana, it becomes the responsibility of the Haryana government to pressure the Union government by supporting the

The state government should persuade the Centre to accept the demands of the farmers so that the path of their homecoming could be paved," he said in a statement here. Urging the Centre to adopt a

'sensitive attitude", the Congress leader said around 400 farmers have died during the course of Mr. Gurwinder Singh S/o Late Sh. Paramjit Singh, House No. 896 C, Adarsh Nagar, Phagwara-144401.
Please refer to the memo No. 218 dated 07.01.2021 calling upon you to report for duty. It is observed that you are continuing to be absent from duty since 03.10.2020. the agitation due its "neglect" and the When all sectors of the economy were

completely demolished during the COVID-19 period, it was farmers who took care of the country's economy, he said. "Agriculture was one such sector whose growth rate was positive. If the government takes a positive initiative in this difficult coronavirus epidemic, then it will have a positive effect across the country. Farmers will work in their fields with double vigour and speed up the pace of development," he said.

Hooda, who is also the Leader of Opposition in the Haryana Assembly, demanded that the state government continue procuring wheat. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a large number of farmers have not been able to sell their wheat crop yet, he said. "Until all farmers sell their crops the procurement should continue," he said.

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The Bhogpur Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd. Bhogpur Tender Notice No. BCSM/28 dated 13.05.2021 Department: The Bhogpur Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd. Bhogpu

Bambarge Teh- Belgaum Dist Tenders are invited for the following: Belgaum (Karnataka) Have Change to (E-Tender) my name From Reshma to Reshm S.No. Item Quantity

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M/s. Tarlochan Singh Amarjit Singh, Inderjit Kaur, Kulwinder Kaur, Amarjit Singh, Tarlochan Singh. Represented By Partner Tarlochan Singh, Amarjit Singh, 26 Grain Market Kotise Khan, District Moga Punjab A/c No:-382205500059

M/s. New Dhillon Commission Agent, Kulwinder Kaur, Veera , Jasbir Singh, Proprietor Jasbir Singh Mandi Patti, Tarn Taran, Patti Punjab., A/c No:-150505004657

Tarlok Cold Drinks, Tarlok Singh , Karandeep Singh, Represented

By Proprietor Karandeep Singh, Shakti Nagar Near Emc, Hospital I/s, Lahori Gate Amritsar Punjab, A/c No:-231605000541

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For detail log into I, Neelam Spouse of JC Note: For any enquiry/help regarding sealed tenders contact on 99151-12559. Any Corrigendum (s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on 406478F Nb Sub Binam Kuma Resident at Vill- Hathi Tola PO Maner Teh- Danapur Dist-Patn (Bihar) Have change to my name

I, Manpreet S/o Mahinde I, Gunjan Pandey Wife of Mr Singh R/o Dhanoura, Ambala. Have Changed my Name from Manpreet To Manpreet Singh.

From Neelam to Neelam Kumari.

I, No. 4564448H Ex Hav Ramesh Pal R/o Budion, Sohana Tehsil Barara, Distt. Ambala. Have Changed my Children Name from Achal To Aanchal Rani & Labish To

I, No. JC 673057P Nb Sub Mahendra Singh Kholiya of Unit 946 TPT COY ASC Type 'C' C/o 56 APO. Have Changed my Wife Name from Sheela Devi To Sheela Kholiya.

I, Rajni w/o Kumar Susheel r/o h.no.2074 ward no.4 saraswati vihar colony panipat declared Rajni and Kumar Rajni both are my name but in future my name Kumar Rajni

I, Navroop Kaur Momi D/O Gurinder Singh R/O House No 108 Urban Estate Kapurthala, have changed my name to Navroop Kaur.

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No decision yet on lockdown in Tripura, says Tripura CM

Agartala: Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb said on Saturday that no decision has been taken yet on imposing lockdown in any part of the state, even as Covid-19cases continued to

Speaking to reporters while visiting Covid care facilities in the Sepahijala district, Deb said such a decision is experts and the administration collectively feel the neces-

सब रजिस्ट्रार /सयुंक सब रजिस्ट्रार ,मोरनी जिला पंचकुला सर्व साधारण को सुवित विजया जाता है कि श्री बेस राज पुत्र बुध राम पुत्र बीरू राम निवासी ग्राम आनन्दपुर जलबंडा, तहसील वा जिला अंबाला हाल आबाद गांव मांदना, तहसील मोरनी, जिला पांचकुला, हरियाणा ने इस कार्यालय में एक वसीयतनामा दिलांक 10/11/2017 श्रीमति कमलेश रानी प्रमी रच. कश्मीरी 10/11/2017 श्रीमति कमलेश रानी पनी रत. कश्मीरी लाल पुत्र मंगल राम की मृत्यु उपरांत पंजीकरण हेतु परतुत किया है कि श्रीमति कमलेश रानी पानी रत. कश्मीरी लाल पुत्र भी मंगल राम का बेहानत बिलांक 15/02/2018 की हो गया है, यबि किसी भी व्यक्ति, संबंधी या रिशेबर को इस वसीयतनामां के पंजीकरण होने में कोई एतहाज हो, तो वह इस नोटिस के जारी होने के 30 व्हन-अन्बर असालता या वकालता अपना एतराज इस कार्यात्य में बाखिल करवा सकता है, बाब गुजरने मियाब कोई एतराज मान्य ना होगा, और वसीयतनामां का पंजीकरण कर बियाजायेगा। उप/संयुंक पंजीयन अधिकारी (भीरनी)

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1. Wasika No. 1142 Dated 27.12.2013, Khasra No.20M//5/1, 6, 14, Khatta No.69/76, Village Nasirpur Janiya, Hasdbast No.309, Tehsil-Dharamkot & Distt. Moga Punjab. 2. Wasika No.1141 Dated 27.12.2013, Khasra No.20M//5/1, 6, 14, Khatta No.69/76, Village Nasirpur Janiya, Hasdbast No.309, Tehsil-Dharamkot & Distt. Moga Punjab. 3. S.C.F No.54, situated at Grain Market, Kot Isse

Khan Tehsil- Dharamkot & Distt. Moga Punjab

Ward No.11, Khasra No.198//29, Khata/Khatoni No.460/699, Hadbast No.170, Mutation No.11866 & 11867, Patti, Distt.- Tarn

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"There is no decision on lockdown yet," he said, adding that all updates will be made public.

In the Sipahijala district, 200 new beds have been prepared at two Covid care facilities, and more than 1,400 beds are being prepared at two other centres. Meanwhile, a door-to-

door survey has started in the Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC) area. The State Government has

decided to conduct rapid antigen tests in all houses in the area, Department officials said.

Tripura recorded 449 new ovid-19 cases on Saturday, ushing the tally to 40,055.

The number of active ases climbed to 3,781. With three more fatalities,

all in the West Tripura district, the death toll rose to 426.

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Bengal announces full lockdown till May 30

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■

With the number of corona cases galloping up to about 22,000 cases per day the Bengal Government on Saturday announced a full lockdown till May 30.

"The Government has taken the steps in view of ris-Chief Secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay said

Bandopadhyay said the State would go for a full lockdown whereby all the private offices, schools and colleges would remain closed. The bazars selling vegetables, fruit etc would remain open as usual from 7-10 am every day while the local trains, metro services, inter-state bus and train and ferry services would remain closed he said. The local trains had already been suspended last week.

While intra-state goods trucks movement would be restricted to essential supplies no private cars, taxis and auto movement would be allowed, he maintained adding the auto repairing shops and petrol pumps would however remain open. The banks would function from 10 am to 2 pm and malls and parlours would also remain closed he maintained adding anyone violating the orders would be dealt with

strongly under pandemic laws. Meanwhile, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday lost her second brother Ashim Banerjee to corona infection. He was undergoing treatment at a city private hospital in South Kolkata. He was cremated at the designated Nimtalla Mahasmashan (funer-

AP clocks 22,517 new cases, 98 deaths

PTI ■ AMARAVATI

The cumulative coronavirus **■** positive cases touched 14,11,320 in Andhra Pradesh as 22,517 infections were added afresh in the 24 hours ending 9 am on Saturday.

The state also reported 98 Covid-19 fatalities while 18,739 patients had recovered in a day, the latest bulletin said.

The last one lakh cases also came in five days as the state logged over 20,000 cases per day since May 11.

The total recoveries increased to 11,94,582 and toll to 9,271, the bulletin said.

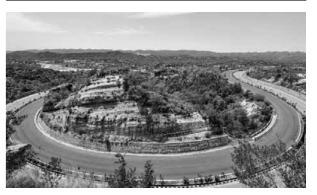
The active caseload in the state was now 2,07,467.

East Godavari district reported 3,383 fresh cases, Anantapuramu 2,975 and Chittoor 2,884 in 24 hours.

SPS Nellore and Vizianagaram added close to 1,000 new cases each while eight other districts registered between 1,000 and 2,000 each.

Anantapuramu reported 12 fresh Covid-19 fatalities, SPS Nellore 11, East Godavari ten, Visakhapatnam Vizianagaram nine each, Chittoor and Srikakulam eight each, Guntur and West Godavari seven each, Krishna, Kurnool and Prakasam five each in a day.

Kadapa reported two more deaths.



Jammu & Kashmir highway wears a deserted look during lockdown, on the outskirts of Jammu on Saturday

Tarn Taran Amritsar Punjab

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Date: May 15, 2021 Place: Punjab

Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

ensure 3rd wave: Rahul



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{ormer\,Congress\,chief\,Rahul}_{Gandhi\,\,on\,\,Saturday\,\,called}$ for a national vaccine strategy and claimed that the Government's "disastrous" inoculation policy will "ensure a devastating third wave" in the

He also accused the prime minister of making "mother Ganga cry" after bodies of suspected coronavirus victims were found floating in the

"The Government of India's (GOI's) disastrous vaccine strategy will ensure a devastating third wave. It can't be repeated enough - India needs a proper vaccine strategy," he said on Twitter.

Tagging media reports claiming that over 2,000 bodies have been found in 1140 km area along the Ganga, he alleged, "One who used to sav 'Ganga' has called him has

made Mother Ganga cry." Rahul and the Congress have been attacking the prime minister and his government over its vaccine strategy and handling of the pandemic.

Senior Congress leader and former Union Finance Minister P. Chidambaram too slammed the government over the issuance of 1.23 lakh death certificates between March 1 to May 10 this year in Gujarat and



said that government, in conjunction with some state governments, is suppressing the actual numbers of new infections and Covid-related deaths.

'The increase was an alarming number of about 65,000 death certificates. This increase cannot be explained as a natural annual increase in the number of deaths. It can only be attributed to a pandemic or any other natural disaster," the Congress leader said.

Hitting out at the government, Chidambaram said that the party's suspicion on the actual death toll were confirmed by the fact that hundreds of unidentified bodies have been found floating on the river Ganga and nearly 2,000 unidentified bodies have been found buried on the sands along the river

Ganga.
"We have a strong suspicion that the Government of India, in conjunction with some State Governments, is suppressing the true numbers of new infections and 18 Covid-related deaths," he

He said, "If our suspicions are true, this is a grave misdeed Twitter.

apart from being a national shame and a national tragedy."

Chidambaram said that Central government and the Gujarat government owe an explanation to the people of India. "We demand answers and an explanation," he

Chidambaram also said that the National Human Rights Commission should collect the true numbers from every state about the death certificate issued last year and this

In a separate tweet, Rahul Gandhi appealed to people to stay safe after cyclone Tauktae warning was issued by the government in many states. He also appealed to Congress workers to provide all assistance to those in need.

"May 15 Cyclone Alert has been issued in Kerala, Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu. Guiarat and Karnataka. Cyclone Tauktae is already causing heavy rains in many

areas.
"I appeal to Congress workers to provide all possible assistance to those in need. Please stay safe," he said on

Govt's bad jab policy will Tauktae ravages Kerala's coastal areas

As torrential rain and fierce winds influenced by cyclonic storm 'Tauktae' (pronounced as Tau'Te) in the Arabian Sea have left a trail of destruction in Kerala's coastal areas on Saturday, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the cyclone 'Tauktae' has intensified and likely to intensify into a 'very severe cyclonic storm' in the next 12 to 15 hours with a wind speed of 120 to 130 kmph gusting to 145 kmph. It is also expected to move north northwestwards and cross the Gujarat coast between Porbandar and Naliya as a very severe cyclonic storm around May 18 afternoon or evening. The IMD has placed a 'cyclone watch' for south Gujarat and Diu coasts.

This is the first cyclonic storm this year as India fights a deadly second wave of Covid, which has led to a frightening surge in the country's caseload over the last two months. Many flights have been cancelled for Kerala, Mumbai, and Ahmedabad due to bad weather on Saturday. Officials said that Tauktae intensified very rapidly from a depression to a cyclone on Friday. "There were two more cyclones in the past with similar tracks. One in 1933 between May 13 to 19 and another in 1975 between May 20 and 21," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reviewed the preparedness of states, central ministries and agencies concerned to deal with the situation arising out of cyclone Tauktae and asked them to take every possible measure to ensure that people are safely evacuated. He also called for

The IMD said the cyclonic storm will be a very severe cyclonic storm from May 16-18 and cross the Gujarat coast on May 18

ensuring maintenance of all essential services such as power, telecommunications, health and drinking and their immediate restoration in the event of damages caused to them, a statement said.

The IMD said the cyclonic storm will be a very severe cyclonic storm from May 16-18 and cross the Gujarat coast on May 18. Along with Gujarat, coastal areas of Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been put on alert after the IMD said the impact of the cyclone will be felt in the southeast, east-central and northeast Arabian Sea, Lakshadweep islands, Maldives area, triggering heavy rainfall in coastal and adjoining districts of all states.

"Very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall "causing flash floods and landslides" over the coastal districts of Kerala, Karnataka and Goa till Sunday and Saurashtra, Kutch in Gujarat on Tuesday and Wednesday is expected, the IMD has said. Fishermen have been asked to avoid heading to Arabian Sea till Tuesday, tourism activities have been restricted and necessary precautions have been advised for naval operations in anticipation of rough sea. Tidal wave of about 2-3 m above

astronomical tide is likely to Morbi, Kutch, Devbhoomi Dwarka and Jamnagar districts and 1-2 meters along Porbandar, Junagarh, Gir Somnath, Amreli, Bhavnagar and 0.5 to 1m over the remaining coastal districts of Gujarat, IMD has warned. The cyclone is likely to cause rain - of varying intensity -in parts of Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan too.

Due to the bad weather. Air carriers like Vistara and IndiGo have already issued a travel advisory to passengers travelling to and from Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi,

Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Goa, and Ahmedabad. As per the advisory issued by Vistara on Saturday, flights to and Chennai, Thiruvanathapuram, Kochi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Goa and Ahmedabad might be

impacted till May 17 due to the adverse weather conditions expected over the Arabian Sea triggered by cyclone Tauktae.Due to the adverse weather conditions expected over the Arabian Sea, flights to and from Chennai, Thiruvanathapuram, Kochi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Goa and Ahmedabad are likely to be impacted till May 17, 2021," it said. IndiGo also issued a travel advisory stating that flights to and from Kerala's Kannur.The airline tweeted, Travel Advisory: Due to Cyclone Tauktae, flights to/from Kannur are impacted. You may visit Plan B to opt for

According to the IMD, over Devbhoomi Dwarka, Kutch, Porbandar, Junagarh, Gir Somnath and Jamnagar

alternate options or get a

damage is expected on May 18. There could be total destruction of thatched houses or extensive damage to kutcha houses; some damage to pucca houses; threat from flying objects; bending/ uprooting of power and communication poles; major damage to kutcha and pucca roads; flooding of escape routes; minor disruption of railways; overhead power lines and signalling systems; widespread damage to salt pans and standing crops etc. Similar damage is also expected in Amreli, Rajkot

and Morbi districts. Visuals showed that from Thiruvananthapuram in the south to Kasaragod in the north, hundreds of families living close to the sea have had to abandon their homes and rush to relief camps set up by the state government in the face of massive sea-incursions. Several houses close to the sea in districts like Kasaragod, Kannur, Kozhikode, Thrissur, Ernakulam and Alappuzha have been partially or completely damaged by the impact of the cyclone.

In cities like Kochi, Kozhikode Thiruvananthapuram, there are widespread reports of waterlogging due to overflowing drains and canals. Rupturing of trees and electric posts have resulted in power outages and damage to vehicles,

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has took stock of the preparedness of western coastal airports in. Southern Region and Western Region airports through a Video Conference and directed the concerned airports to take all precautions and plan preparedness.

Experts for action as WhatsApp privacy policy comes into effect

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

With the controversial WhatsApp privacy policy coming into effect from Saturday for its over 2 billion users, including more than 400 million in India, industry experts emphasised that the Government must implement stricter data privacy rules and restrain the Facebook-owned app as was done while banning Chinese apps to protect the sovereignty of the country.

Giving an interim solace for those who do not accept the new policy, WhatsApp has said that its users will not immediately lose their accounts or face curtailed functionalities on the platform on May 15, but they will have to eventually go through limited functions if they fail to accept the new norms in the due course of

On Thursday, a senior Ministry of Electronics and IT official said during an Assocham event that the Government is pro-actively looking at a best possible action over the new WhatsApp pri-

vacy policy.

MeitY Special Secretary and Financial Advisor Jyoti Arora stated that the ministry is aware about the fact that Germany has banned the privacy policy of WhatsApp.

"There is no judicial order in favour of WhatsApp. In view of the unlawful nature of this privacy policy, the government should restrain WhatsApp as was done while banning Chinese apps to protect sovereignty of India," said Advocate Virag Gupta, who is arguing K.N. Govindacharya's matter before the Delhi High Court for disclosure of details of designated officers of social

India will have 51.6 crore vaccine doses by end of July: Vardhan

IANS NEW DELHI

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Saturday said India will have 51.6 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses by July end including the 18 crore doses already administered.

Vardhan reviewed the public health response to Covid-19 and progress of vaccination with Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and

These states are depicting number of daily cases, rise in positivity, high mortality and saturation of healthcare capac-

The Minister highlighted the critical challenges faced by the states.

Vardhan expressed a strong view that the present plateauing of Covid cases should not be taken as a sign for complacency but as a breathing space to expand, revamp and improve Health Infrastructure.

State health administrators were advised to increase ICU

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Tarlochan Singh Amarjit Singh,

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Tarlochan Singh, Amarjit Singh 26 Grain Market Kotise Khan,

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Date: May 15, 2021 Place: Punjab

Jai Ambay Agro Foods,



oxygenated beds take oxygen audits, take stock of availability of medicines in the state and strengthen their medical workforce.

A common point of consensus among the state health Ministers was that vaccines had resulted in milder forms of Covid thereby preventing loss of precious lives.

Taking note of the fact that all the states require more vaccines to expand their vaccine coverage, Vardhan said, "Production is being steadily ramped up to cater to

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them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security

Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by

Sirhind Road, Patiala Punjab

Property Address of Secured Asset /

House No. 4-A, New Anaj Mandi, Phase II,

Property 1: Sale Deed Wasika No.1142

Dated 27.12.2013, Khasra No. 20M//5/1, 6,

14, Khatta No.69/76, Village Nasirpur Janiya, Hasdbast No.309, Tehsil- Dharamko

& Distt. Moga Punjab, Property 2: Sale Deed

Wasika No.1141 Dated 27.12.2013, Khasra No.20M//5/1, 6, 14, Khatta No.69/76, Village

Nasirpur Janiya, Hasdbast No.309, Tehsii-Dharamkot & Distt. Moga Punjab And Property 3: S.C.F No.54, situated at Grain

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

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Kot Isse Khan Tehsil- Dharamkot &

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cines that are being produced now continue to be equitably apportioned and swiftly sent to tates/UTs."

Detailing the ramping up of vaccine production, he said, "We will have 51.6 crore vaccine doses by the end of July including the 18 crore doses already administered. Sputnik has been approved.

This along with the slated approval of the new vaccine of Zydus Cadila, Serum Institute of India- Novavax vaccine, Bharat Biotech's nasal vaccine

Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice

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and the Genova mRNA vaccine will push the availability of Covid vaccines to 216 crore doses in the August-December

Union Minister of State for Health, Ashwini Kumar Choubey assured his colleagues in states that the Union government will listen to all their requirements and try to fulfill them as per capacity.

States were advised to ensure complete utilization of available vaccination slots for 45+ age-group, health care workers, frontline workers with awareness campaigns for conveying the importance of completing the second dose of

It was reiterated that States need to focus on reduction of vaccine wastage as that will be factored in subsequent allocations to that state.

stitute a 2/3-member team at State level on the lines of the dedicated team at Union Health Ministry to regularly coordinate with manufacturers for timely supplies of vaccine through 'other than government of India channel and also to coordinate with private hospitals for their procure-

The Union Health Ministry has already shared the list of private hospitals along with doses contracted and supplied with state/UTs.

CRPF directs med wing to brace up for 3rd Covid wave

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

mid estimates of prediction And estillates of precional Aof a third wave of Covid-19, the CRPF headquarters has directed its medical directorate to prepare for this and keep the infrastructure created during the first wave of the pandemic as also the equipment fully operational to face the eventu-

The whole nation is hit by the second wave of Covid and the CRPF has also not been left untouched by this. During the course of the pandemic, the paramilitary has put in all the efforts to strengthen structure which was developed during the first wave and has succeeded to some extent,

officials said. "Factoring in the prediction of the third wave, the Competent Authority has desired that top priority must be given to maintenance of infrastructure/equipment developed so far and they should be kept functional and in working order, and regularly reviewed and audited in a compact manner, a senior official said.



directed all the sectors, medical directorates and composite hospitals to take requisite action and submit a report of action taken for perusal of the Director General Kuldiep Singh, they said.

In a record of sorts, the 3.25 lakh-strong force has completed the vaccination against Covid-19 with both the doses barring about 8,500 personnel who could not be

110 medical cadets

administered the doses due to temporary postings or comorbidities. Those left from vaccination are being sought to be inoculated in top priority after stabilising their comor-

bidities fixing posting issues. The CRPF is the lead agency for counter-insurgency, anti-terror operations and law and order duties. It has a strong deployment in Jammu and Kashmir, Naxalhit States and the Northeast.

Govt suppressing actual number of Covid-related deaths, alleges Chidambaram IANS ■ NEW DELHI

enior Congress leader and Oformer Union Finance Minister P Chidambaram on Saturday slammed the Central Government over the issuance of 1.23 lakh death certificates between March 1 to May 10 this year in Gujarat and said that the with some State Governments, is suppressing the actual numbers of new infections and Covid-related deaths.

Addressing a press conference here virtually, Chidambaram said, "On May 14, Divya Bhaskar, a Gujarati language newspaper, published a news story that sent shock waves throughout Gujarat and

the country."

He said that the thrust of the story was that during the period March 1 to May 10 of this year (2021), Gujarat issued about 1,23,000 death certificates as against about 58,000 death certificates issued during the same period last year

"The increase was an alarming number of about 65,000 death certificates. This increase cannot be explained as a natural annual increase in the number of deaths. It can only be attributed to a pandemic or any other natural disaster," the Congress leader said.

He said that the Congress had independently verified the two numbers referred to for the period of 71 days.

'We have collected the numbers from 33 districts (including the cities), the sum of the number of the death certificates nearly tallies with the numbers published by Divya Bhaskar -- 1,23,873 in 2021 versus 58,068 in 2020.

"During the period March 1, 2021 to May 10, 2021, the government of Gujarat has officially admitted to only 4,218 Covid-related deaths," he said.

death certificates (65,805) and the official Covid-related deaths (4,218) must be explained. It cannot be explained as 'natural annual increase' or 'due to other causes'. We have a strong suspicion that the bulk of the increased number of deaths is due to Covid and the state government is suppressing the true number of 18 Covid-related deaths," Chidambaram said.

Plea in SC seeks using PM Cares Fund for oxygen plants, vaccines

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

A plea has been moved in the Supreme Court seeking directions to utilise PM Cares Fund for the purpose of installation of oxygen plants, pro-curement of Covid-19 vaccines and other essential equipment at 738 district hospitals across the country.

The plea added that it was already announced on April 25 that PM Cares Fund would allocate money to set up 551 oxygen plants using pressure swing adsorption at public health facilities.

The plea has been filed by advocate Viplava Sharma also urged the top court to issue directions to the states/UTs to ensure that all the private/charitable hospitals within their jurisdiction to procure, installed and commissioned the subject medical plant with essential backups and thereby, have become self-sufficient in having more than adequate inhouse basic and essential life support service of medical oxygen with-

in the shortest possible time. The petitioner also sought

a stay on April 24 notification issued by the Centre to the extent it capped the exemption from import duty granted to medical equipment, for a period of three months. The plea said: "Three-

month time period is too short a period from the standpoint of logistics involved in importing these highly sophisticated medical equipment in India by over 300 concerned notable hospitals throughout the country." 'Pass appropriate urgent

directions to the respondents to ensure forthwith setting up of electric and all other kinds of crematoriums in all cities within their respective administration and also they also forthundertake maintain/improve the existing electric crematoriums all of which have been used much beyond their respective capacities and may soon get non-functional", added the plea.

The plea also asked the top court to direct states to set up electric and other crematoriums in all cities and additionally, maintain and improve the condition of existing facilities.

IANS NEW DELHI

mind the Covid-19 restric-

join battle against Covid-19 address, Lt Gen Naithani congratulated the newly commis-The medical cadets of the armed forces commissioned officers for joining AFMS which is the finest integrated medical organisation in the country. He complimented

commissioned as officers

sioned as Medical Officers on Saturday have joined the battle against Covid-19. They will be leaving immediately to join as interns in 31 Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) hospitals across the country, which are also designated for Covid

100 percent success, which by The Defence Ministry said itself is the best tribute to the 110 medical cadets, including 21 female cadets, of the 55th batch of the Armed Forces Medical College were commissioned as Medical Officers into the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) on Saturday. The cadets were commissioned by Commandant, AFMC Lt Gen Nardeep Naithani in a brief ceremony. Ninety four cadets were commissioned into the Indian Army, 10 in the Indian Air Force and six in the Navy. The Passing Out Parade had to be called off for the first time since 1982, keeping in

In his commissioning

teachers at AFMC. The Commandant reminded the graduating batch that they were joining the medical profession at a time when the country was passing through a difficult phase. He exhorted them to use their knowledge and skills acquired at AFMC to provide the best possible care to their patients as they join the nation's battle against Covid-19.

the parents of the students for

the success of their children. He

added that it has the unique

distinction of having the entire

batch that entered AFMC in

2016 graduating together with

Lt Gen Naithani expressed confidence that given their academic rigour and training, the newly commissioned Medical Officers would always measure up to the highest standards expected from military doctors.

"The difference between the increase in the number of

Israeli airstrike on Gaza home kills 10

n Israeli air raid in Gaza ACity killed at least 10 Palestinians, mostly children, early on Saturday in the deadliest single strike since the battle with Gaza's militant Hamas rulers erupted earlier this week. Both sides pressed for an

advantage as cease-fire efforts gathered strength.

The latest outburst of vio-lence began in Jerusalem and has spread across the region, with Jewish-Arab clashes and rioting in mixed cities of Israel. There were also widespread Palestinian protests Friday in the occupied West Bank, where Israeli forces shot and killed 11

people.

The spiralling violence has raised fears of a new Palestinian "intifada," or uprising at a time when there have been no peace talks in years. Palestinians were to mark Nakba (Catastrophe) Day on Saturday, when they commemorate the estimated 7,00,000 people who fled or were driven from their homes in what is now Israel during the 1948 war surrounding its creation. That raised the possibility of even more unrest.

US diplomat Hady Amr arrived on Friday as part of Washington's efforts to deescalate the conflict, and the UN Security Council was set to meet Sunday. But Israel turned down an Egyptian proposal for a one-year truce that Hamas

Japan, US, France hold

military drill eyeing

China presence

AP ■ KIRISHIMA TRAINING AREA (JAPAN)

Dozens of Japanese, American and French

troops landed amid pouring

rain from a CH-47 transport

helicopter onto a grassy field at

a training area in southern

Japan, part of Saturday's joint

scenario of defending a remote

island from an enemy invasion.

joint drills on Japanese soil — dubbed "ARC21" and which

began Tuesday — come as

they seek step up military ties

amid growing Chinese assertiveness in the region.

counterparts from the French

army and the U.S. Marine

Corps also conducted an urban

warfare drill using a concrete

building elsewhere at the

Kirishima Training Area in

the southern Miyazaki prefec-

ture. Around 200 troops took

countries were also joined by

Australia in an expanded naval

interviewed

Obama at White

House dies at 23

West Palm Beach (US): The

student reporter who gained

national acclaim when he interviewed President Barack

Obama at the White House in

2009 has died of natural caus-

es, his family says. Damon

Weaver was 23 when he died

May 1, his sister, Candace

Hardy, told the Palm Beach

Post. Further details were not

released. He had been studying communications at Albany

interviewed Obama for 10

minutes in the Diplomatic

Room on Aug. 13, 2009, asking questions that focused pri-

marily on education. He cov-

ered school lunches, bullying,

conflict resolution and how to

to be his "homeboy," saying

then-Vice President Joe Biden

"Absolutely," a smiling Obama said, shaking the boy's

hand. He used that meeting to

later interview Oprah Winfrey

and athletes like Dwyane Wade.

genuine, very intelligent," Hardy said. "Very outspoken,

outgoing. He never said no to anybody." Weaver got his start

in fifth grade when he volun-

teered for the school newscas-

tat K.E. Cunningham/Canal

Point Elementary in a farm

community on the shores of

Lake Okeechobee.

"He was just a nice person,

had already accepted.

Weaver then asked Obama

succeed.

Weaver was 11 when he

State University in Georgia.

On Saturday, the three

part in Saturday"s exercises.

Japanese soldiers and their

The three nations" first

Egyptian official said Friday on condition of anonymity to discuss the negotiations.

Since Monday night, Hamas has fired hundreds of rockets into Israel, which has pounded the Gaza Strip with strikes. In Gaza, at least 126 people have been killed, including 31 children and 20 women; Israel, people have been killed, including a 6-year-old boy and a sol-

Rocket fire from Gaza and Israel's bombardment of the

blockaded Palestinian territory continued into early Saturday, when an airstrike on a three-story house in a refugee camp in Gaza City killed eight children and two women from extended family. Mohammed Abu Hatab

told reporters his wife and five children had gone to celebrate the Eid al-Fitr holiday with relatives. She and three of the children, aged 6 to 14, were killed, while an 11-year-old is missing. Only his 5-month-old son Omar is known to have sur-

Children's toys and a Monopoly board game could be seen among the rubble, as well as plates of uneaten food from the holiday gather-

'There was no warning," said Jamal Al-Naji, a neighbour living in the same building. "You filmed people eating and then you bombed them?" he

tensions with China are rising

The drills come as Japan

around the island of Taiwan.

looks to bolster its military

capabilities amid a deepening

territorial row with China in

regional seas. Japan is increas-

ingly concerned about Chinese

activity in and around

Japanese-claimed waters sur-

rounding the Japanese-con-trolled Senkaku islands, which

Beijing also claims and calls

Diaoyu. Since the end of World

War II, Japan's constitution

has limited the use of force to

self defense. Japan in recent

years has continued to expand

its military role, capability and

Minister Yasuhide Nakayama,

who observed the exercise,

stressed the significance of

French participation in the

between Japan and the U.S.,

tunity for the Japanese Self-

Defense Force to maintain and

strengthen its strategic capa-

bility necessary to defend our

"It was a valuable oppor-

and often with Australia.

Japan''s Vice Defense



An Israeli airstrike hits the high-rise building housing *The Associated Press'* offices in Gaza City on Saturday

said, addressing Israel. "Why are you confronting us? Go and confront the strong people!"

Shortly afterward, Hamas said it fired a salvo of rockets at southern Israel in response to the airstrike.

A furious Israeli barrage early Friday killed a family of six in their house and sent thousands fleeing to UN-run shelters. The military said the operation involved 160 warplanes dropping some 80 tons of explosives over the course of 40 minutes and succeeded in destroying a vast tunnel network used by Hamas.

UN chief: Foreign

fighters in Libya are

violating cease-fire

United Nations: The UN chief

said foreign fighters and mer-

cenaries remain in Libya in vio-

lation of last October"s cease-

fire agreement and called for

their withdrawal and an end to

violations of the UN arms

embargo, saying these are "crit-

ical elements" for lasting peace

in the north African country

Guterres said in a report to the

UN Security Council obtained

Friday by The Associated Press

that the smooth transfer of

power to a new interim gov-

ernment, which took power in

March, "brings renewed hope

for the reunification of the

country and its institutions

continue on the political, eco-

nomic and security tracks to

enable elections to go ahead on

December 24. Libya has been

wracked by chaos since a

NATO-backed uprising top-

Moammar Gadhafi in 2011,

and split the oil-rich North

African country between a

U.N.-supported government

in the capital, Tripoli, and rival

authorities based in the coun-

try"s east, each backed by

But he said progress must

and for a lasting peace."

Secretary-General Antonio

and the region.

Palestinian march in Paris defies ban, is met by tear gas

Paris: French riot police fired tear gas and used water cannons Saturday in Paris as protesters supporting Palestinians in the Gaza Strip defied a ban on marching in the French capital. Hundreds of people marched peacefully in other cities in France and elsewhere in Europe.

In Paris, protesters scattered and played cat-andmouse with security forces in

host meeting

nations' FMs

Dubai: Saudi Arabia has called

Sunday. The gathering is to dis-

against protesters at Al-Aqsa

The kingdom will host the virtual summit, gathering min-

isters of the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation "to discuss the

Israeli aggression in the Palestinian territory," particu-larly acts of violence in the

vicinity of Al-Aqsa Mosque, the

OIC includes countries Iran,

Turkey, Indonesia and a range

mosque, one of Islam's holiest

sites, is a sensitive and emotive

issue for Muslims around the

world. The OIC was formed 51

years ago in response to a

Jewish extremist arson attack

The Saudi-headquartered

The sanctity of Al-Aqsa

body said Saturday.

mosque in Jerusalem.

Saudis to

of Muslim

the city's northern neighborhoods after their starting point for a planned march was

Paris police chief Didier Lallement had ordered 4,200 security forces into the streets and closed shops around the kick-off point for the march in a working-class neighborhood after an administrative court confirmed the ban due to fears of violence

Iran's hard-line judiciary chief registers for presidential run

Tran's judiciary chief, a hard-Lline cleric linked to mass executions in 1988, registered on Saturday to run in the Islamic Republic's presidential election next month, a vote that comes as negotiators struggle to resuscitate Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

The cleric, Ebrahim Raisi, is among the more prominent hopefuls — he garnered nearly 16 million votes in the 2017 election. He lost that race to Iran's relatively moderate President Hassan Rouhani, whose administration struck the atomic accord.

Raisi's close ties to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and his popularity - due partly to his televised anti-corruption campaign — could make him a favorite in the election. Analysts already believe that hard-liners enjoy an edge as Rouhani is term limited from running again.

The public has widely grown disenchanted with Rouhani's administration after 2018, when then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the nuclear deal.

Raisi, wearing a black turban that identifies him in Shiite tradition as a direct descendant of Islam's Prophet Muhammad, offered fiery remarks to jour-

possible successor to Iran's 82year-old supreme leader, leading some to suggest he wouldn't run in the race. His entry immediately saw some hardliners announce they would uation can't claim they can

Ebrahim Raisi, head of Iran's judiciary leaves a news conference after registering

his candidacy for the June 18 presidential elections at the elections headquarters of

Their disappointment is on the rise. This should be stopped." The 60-year-old sought to strike a populist note, urging the public to donate to his campaign and "turn their homes into election headquarters" as he wasn't wealthy.
"We need individuals who

the Interior Ministry in Tehran, Iran on Saturday

nalists at the Interior Ministry

as he registered. He vowed

that if he wins the June 18 vote,

corruption will be "dried up."

partnered with the current sit-

change it," Raisi said. "People

are complaining about the cur-

rent situation. They are upset.

"Those who founded and

believe in change," he said. Raisi had been named as a withdraw, raising Raisi's prominence further among the can-

A February telephone survey conducted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and the Toronto-based organization IranPoll found Raisi with an approval rating of 27 per cent, the highest among likely candidates. The survey found 35 per cent undecided; the poll interviewed 1,006 Iranians and had a margin of error of 3.09

GLOBE

12 KILLED IN TORNADO STRIKES IN CHINA

Beijing: Twelve people were killed and over 300 injured when two powerful tornadoes walloped Chinese cities of Wuhan and Suzhou on Friday night, leaving a trail of

destruction of houses. PAK: 11 DEAD AS VEHICLE **PLUNGES INTO CANAL**

Lahore: Eleven people, including seven children, of the same family were drowned after their vehicle plunged into a canal in Pakistan's Punjab province, rescue authorities said. The accident happened on Friday in Sheikhupura district, some 50 kms from Lahore, when the vehicle heading towards Khanqah Dogran from Qila Didar Singh skidded off the road and plunged into the canal.

ETHIOPIA AGAIN DELAYS NATIONAL ELECTION

Nairobi: Ethiopia has again delayed its national election after some opposition parties said conflict in the country's Tigray region means no vote is being

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कार्यपालन अभियंता

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बलौदाबाजार–भटापारा (छ.ग.)

Indian-American policy expert Neera Tanden appointed WH senior adviser

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Indian-American policy expert Neera Tanden has been appointed as a senior adviser to US President Joe for foreign ministers of the Biden, two months after she world's largest body of Muslim withdrew her nomination as nations to hold a meeting Director of the White House Office of Management and cuss Israeli acts of violence Budget due to stiff opposition against Palestinians and the from Republican senators. Israeli police's use of force

Tanden has been entrusted with two tasks — launch a review of the US Digital Service, and plan contingencies that could result from the Supreme Court's consideration of Republican lawsuits seeking to strike down the Affordable Care Act.

Tanden, 50, is currently the president and CEO of a progressive think-tank, Center for American Progress (CAP). She expected to join the White House team on Monday.

"Neera's intellect, tenacity, asset to the Biden administration," CAP founder and director John Podesta said.

He said the White House has made remarkable progress combating numerous once-ina-generation challenges from vaccinating millions of



economic relief from the coronavirus pandemic, and from strengthening the Affordable Care Act to tackling climate

Many of these bold policy solutions, which have bipartisan support from voters across the country, were developed and led by Neera at CAP over many years. The administration's efforts will be magnified with Neera Tanden on the team," Podesta added.

In March, she faced a tough time for the confirma-Office of Management and Budget (OMB) over her past Senate campaign.

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2 बिड सबिमशन की अंतिम तिथि

the Biden administration's only Cabinet nominee rebuffed by Tanden previously served as a senior adviser for health reforms at the US Department

social media outbursts against

several lawmakers, including

those from her own

Democratic Party. She became

of Health and Human Services. She worked with Congress and stakeholders on particular provisions of former President Barack Obama's signature legislative achievement, the Affordable Care Act. Before that, Tanden was the director of domestic poli-

cy for the Obama-Biden presidential campaign, where she managed all domestic policy proposals. Tanden also served as policy director for Hillary Clinton's first presidential campaign. Before the 2008 presidential campaign, Tanden served as legislative director in Director of the White House campaign manager and issues director for Clinton's 2000

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, बलौदाबाजार (छ.ग.)

कार्य का विवरण

EMPANELMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT AGENCIES

OF JAL JEEVAN MISSION IN THE DISTRICT BALODABAZAR-

(ISAs DWSM) FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, घरोहर राशि, विस्तुत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य

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जानकारी ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल https:eproc.cgstate.gov.in में देखे जा सकते हैं।

exercise involving 11 warships remote islands," Nakayama armed groups and foreign govon the Al-Aqsa Mosque in in the East China Sea, where Americans to delivering real east Jerusalem. ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आयटम दर पर अनुबंध हेतु नीचे उल्लेखित कार्य के लिये छत्तीसगढ़ के राज्यपाल की ओर से China successfully **Kid reporter who** अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में एकीकृत पंजीयन व्यवस्था मे सभी श्रेणी के पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से आमंत्रित की जाती हैं:

lands its rover on Mars



Control Centre celebrate after China's Tianwen-1 probe successfully landed on Mars, at the centre in Beijing, Saturday

PTI BEIJING

hina on Saturday success-Ufully landed a spacecraft on Mars after surviving "nine minutes of terror", becoming the second country in history to have a rover on the red planet.

The rover, Zhurong, named after a god of fire in Chinese mythology, successfully landed at the pre-selected area in Utopia Planitia on Mars, the official Xinhua news agency reported on the Communist giant's latest achievement in its ambitious goals in space.

The six-wheel solar-powered Zhurong rover weighs about 240 kilogrammes and carries six scientific instruments. It will be later deployed from the lander for a threemonth mission in search of life on Mars' surface.

Tianwen-1, consisting of an orbiter, a lander and a rover, was launched on July 23, 2020. It was the first step in China's planetary exploration of the solar system, with the aim of completing orbiting, landing and roving on the red planet in one mission.

The China National Space Administration (CNSA) said in a statement that its rover has successfully landed on Mars on Saturday after "nine minutes of terror".

The lander, carrying a Mars rover, touched down at its pre-selected landing area in the southern part of Utopia Planitia, a vast plain on the northern hemisphere of Mars, at 7:18 a.M. (Beijing Time), the CNSA said

Place: Panipat Date: 15/05/2021



e-Tender Notice Office of the (Executive Engineer (Test), Ganga Valley, UJVNL Haridwar), invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below: Tender No.-01/UJVNL/EE(Test)/GV/2021-22

Name of work- Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of Fixed Type On Line DC Insulation Monitoring System for Chilla Power House Estimated cost: 78 40 698 00 + GST

Date of availability of bid document on website: 17.05.2021 (11:00 Hrs) Last date for submission of bids on website: 17.06.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in" Executive Engineer (Test)

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

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REGD. OFFICE: 78 K.M. DELHI MILE STONE, NH-1, G.T. ROAD, VILLAGE JATTIPUR, POST BOX NO. 3, POST OFFICE SAMALKHA, PANIPAT -132103 (Haryana) CIN:- LI111HR1995PLC032541 Website:www.indocotspin.com Email ID:rajpalaggarwal12000@yahoo.com, info@indocotspin.com ment of Standalone Audited Financial Results for the Quarter/Year Ended March 31, 2021

		YEAR TO DATE	CORRESSPONDING
PARTICULARS	3 MONTHS ENDED	FIGURES FOR	3 MONTHS
		CURRENT	ENDED IN THE
		PERIOD ENDED	PREVIOUS
			YEAR
	31.03.2021	31.03.2021	31.03.2020
	Audited	Audited	Audited
Total Income from operations (net)	313.72	816.08	997.37
Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary	17.25	4.77	10.64
activities after Tax			
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period	17.25	4.77	10.64
after tax (after Extraordinary Items)			
Paid Up Equity Share Capital	420.05	420.05	420.05
Reserves (excluding Revaluation	17.25	219.15	214.38
Reserve as shown in the Balance			
Sheet of Previous Year)			
Earnings Per Share (before	0.41	0.07	0.25
Extraordinary Items) (of Rs. 10/-	0.71	0.07	0.25
each):Basic and Diluted			
(in Rupees)			
Earnings Per Share (after	0.41	0.07	0.25
Extraordinary Items) (of Rs. 10/-			
each):Basic and Diluted			
(in Rupees)			

NOTE: (i) There is no qualification on the audit report for the quarter/ year ended 31st March, 2021 (ii) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Year Financia Nation, 2021 (ii) The above is an extraction the detailed on that or advertery real matrice. Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly/Year Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchange websites: www.bseindia.com

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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL **HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR** Telefax :- 0194-2496089, Email Id:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in

(Short-term)

GIST of E -NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/20/e-tendering Dated:-12-05-2021 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from registered/ reputed/experienced firms with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work:- SITC of Open-well Submersible Pumping Units along with allied

Mechanical works for water supply at Govt. Chest Disease Hospital, Srinagar. Est. Cost (Rs. in Lacs):- 1.45

Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees):-200 Time of completion (in Days):-05

AA Accorded Vide No: - 08-MCS of 2021, Dt: 27-04-2021

TS. NO:-MHCHD/TS15 of 05/2021

1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 12-05-2021 (18.00 hrs).

2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 13-05-2021 (10.00 hrs). to 19-05-2021 (14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover. 3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 19-05-2021 (16.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar. No. DIPK-1587/21 Dated:- 15.05.2021

GST Council to meet on May 28

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a growing chorus over the GST Council meeting not being convened for over seven months, the Union Finance Ministry on Saturday announced that the next meeting of the panel that decides on taxes on goods and services will be held on May 28.

After over a dozen central and state levies such as excise duty, service tax and VAT were subsumed in a nationwide Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017, the Council, headed by Union Finance Minister and including representatives of all states and union territories, was mandated to meet every quarter to deliberate on issues at

The GST Council last met on October 5, 2020 to finalise contours of borrowings by states to meet shortfall in tax revenues. The meeting

got extended and ended on October 12.



it said

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will chair the 43rd meeting of the GST Council on May 28, her office tweeted.

"Smt @nsitharaman will chair the 43rd GST Council meeting via video conferencing at 11 AM in New Delhi on 28th May 2021. The meeting will be attended by MOS Shri @ianuragthakur besides Finance Ministers of States & UTs and Senior officers from Union Government & States,

Opposition party-ruled states have been complaining about not holding the GST Council meeting in recent weeks. West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra earlier this week wrote to Sitharaman seeking urgent convening of the meeting to discuss the issue of compensation shortfall to states

"You are kindly aware that the GST Council was mandated to meet once in every quarter. Unfortunately, this solemn mandate has been violated twice over, by not calling a meeting of the Council for two consecutive quarters - not even virtually.

'This has undermined a federal institution, where all states are represented irrespective of political parties, regions or size of population along with the Government of India. I fear that not holding meetings regularly also lead to a trust deficit," Mitra wrote. When GST was imple-

that they will be compensated for any shortfall in tax revenues arising out of their taxes being subsumed in a national GST for the first five years. This was to be done by levy of a cess, on top of the GST rate,

on certain luxury and sin

mented, states were promised

Power consumption grows nearly 19 pc in 1st fortnight of May

Power consumption in the country grew by around 19 per cent in the first fortnight of May to 51.67 billion units (BU) over the same period last year, showing recovery in industrial and commercial demand of electricity, according to the power ministry

Power consumption in the first fortnight of May 2020 was 43.55 BU. The power consumption in the entire month of May last year was 102.08 BU.

During the first fortnight of May this year (from May 1 to 14), peak power demand met or the highest supply in a day touched the highest level of 168.78 GW (on May 6, 2021) and recorded growth of over 15 per cent over 146.54 GW (peak met) recorded in the same period in 2020 (on



The power consumption in April grew nearly 40 per

cent to 118.08 BU. Power consumption in April 2020 had dropped to 84.55 BU from 110.11 BU in the same month in 2019, mainly because of fewer economic activities following the imposition of lockdown by the government in the last week of March 2020 to contain the spread of deadly COVID-19.

The power consumption also fell in May 2020 to 102.08 BU from 120.02 BU in May

Similarly, peak power demand met or the highest power supply in a day also slumped to 132.73 GW in April last year from 176.81

GW in the same month in 2019, showing the impact of lockdown on economic

Power engineers body demands mass vaccination

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

ll India Power Engineers A Federation (AIPEF) has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Power Minister R.K. Singh requesting that all the states be directed to hold mass vaccination camps to cover electricity personnel on top priority basis and be treated as frontline

Shailendra Dubey , Chairman AIPEF said as many as 1,000 power sector employees and engineers have succumbed to Covid-19 and more than 15,000 have been infected from the virus.

In Maharashtra, a total of more than 7,100 power employees are Covid positive and about 210 have died. While, in Uttar Pradesh, more than 4,000 power sector employees are suffering from coronavirus and there have been 140 casualties.

Covid pushes India's Pharma industry growth to 59% in April



WESTERN RAILWAY

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No.S/18/2021 Date 12.05.2021

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

The fresh wave of Covid-19 in the country has pushed up sales of medicines and resulted in exponential growth for the pharmaceutical sector. According to total sales

audit data from world's largest pharmaceutical market research firm IMS Health, the Indian Pharma Market (IPM) grew 59 per cent yoy in April, 2021 vs 16 per cent yoy in March, 2021 due to the low base effect in April, 2020 and sharp surge in Covid-19-relat-

374 Bearing Piece Assly. for Uncoupling Gear

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392 Primary Vertical Damper

393 Foot Rest Complete

398 Brake Beam Complete

403 Automatic Twist locks

404 Flexible PVC flooring sheet

407 "7/8" DIA. Lock Bolt & Collar

405 Supension Clamp Body

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396 Brake Cylinder

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381 Azithromycin 500mg Tab

382 Meropenem 1g Ini

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Packing 37mm thick for Height Adjustment

383 Piperacillin 4g and Tazobactam 500mg In

387 Secondary Spring Outer for Chair Car

397 Yoke for Upgraded High Tensile CBC

Slack Adjuster Type (ITEM 44)

401 Pin/Cotters For BMBS Casnub Bogie

402 Modified Flap Door Arrangement

406 415 V ac 3 phase tower AC system

408 Pin/Cotters For BMBS Casnub Bogie

412 3 Phase induction Condenser motor

415 | Pin/Cotters For BMBS Casnub Bogie

417 Brake Head Pin Assembly For BMBS

Intermediate Longitudinal Beam

425 Axle Box Helical Spring for Milk VAN

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender condition

please visit website www.ireps.gov.in and www.wr.indianrailways.gov.in

424 Air Spring Assly 180 KN Capacity

Pin/Cotters For BMBS Casnub Bogie

410 Suction Machine with Foot Pedal

414 Needle Roller Bearing Assly

419 Load Sensing Device

420 PU Paint -Gentian Blue

422 Rubber Buffer Spring

426 POH Kit

421 193 sq mm Catenary Wire

427 Isolating Cock without Vent

Bolster Bottom Gusset, without 168 Dia. Hole

411 Hermetically Sealed Compressor Copeland

400 Non Asbestos K Type Composition Brake Block

18W (4Feet Length) LED Tubular Lamps

On the MAT (moving annual turnover) basis, IPM grew 9.6 per cent, primarily driven by pricing growth of 4.3 per cent and new product launch growth of 4.6 per cent. Volume growth was muted at 0.8 per cent.

According to a report from Emkay Global Financial Services, all major therapies posted high double-digit growth in April 21.

Within Chronic therapies, Cardiac therapy grew 22 per

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NTPC augments Covid care facilities across India, adds over 500 oxygen beds

tate-owned NTPC has aug-Smented COVID care facili-ties across the country and added more than 500 oxygen supported beds besides 1,100 isolation beds at its plants in different states. The company has set up

COVID care centres with facilities of 200 oxygen supported beds and 140 isolation beds in Badarpur, Noida and Dadri, it said in a statement.

It has also set up a 500-bed COVID health centre at Sundargarh in Odisha where 20 ventilators have been provided. "NTPC Ltd has added more than 500 beds with oxygen support and more than 1,100 isolation beds across plants in various states to provide support to the critical COVID care," the statement said. Besides the COVID care centres that are operational in Dadri, Korba, Kaniha, Ramagundam, Vindhyachal, Barh & Badarpur, NTPC will be setting up additional

facilities at North Karanpura, Bongaigaon and Solapur as well. Other hospitals are on their way to increase the number of beds with oxygen facilities, it said. Meanwhile, NTPC has inoculated over 70,000 employees and associates across its operations. The massive vaccination drive continues across plant locations.

NTPC has also started vaccinating those who are in the age bracket of 18-44 at many of its plant locations. Vaccination drives have been undertaken across NTPC stations in coordination with respective state administrations. The company is running 24X7 control rooms across plants for better coordination for patients across sites which is coordinated by a special task force.

The task force also helps in coordination for hospital beds and other treatment facilities across various empanpitals. The control rooms also coordinate for procurement of medicines, hospital equipment

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Desh Deep Chawla & Mr. Sumit Chawla were joint owners of Property No. 154, area measuring 112.50 sq. mtrs, in Block-A, Sector-48, Nolda, "the said property" by virtue of Transfer deed dated 15.10.2011, Further Mr. Sumit Chawla became the owner of ½ share of his late father Mr. Desh Deep Chawla vide a mutation letter dated 21.02.2019, in the record of Nolda Authority, All persons including other legal heirs of late Mr. Desh Deep Chawla are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the said rorserfy to someone who is taking to sell the said property for someone who is Taking Loan for purchase the said property from ICIC Bank Ltd., if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of Mr. SumI Chawla in respect of the said property its sale Mortgage, and any kind of objection kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, Ind Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Mott Nagar, N Delhi-15 Pr. 0114-111227-28 | unarrassociates advocate/samali.com

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY FGR (Inc.) to KLJ (Ex.) up to Km.132/0.

E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 19/2021 visional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways Izatnagar For and behalf of president of India invites "OPEN" ender through on Line (E-tendering) for of Works: Zone No.1, MOP to LC No. 250 A (Both In.) Chaupla colony, Bareilly city colony, station front colony at Bareilly city. **Approx. Value**: Rs. 52,25,017.00, S.N.: 2, Description f Works: Zone No-IZN/2 L.C.No. 250 A (Ex)) to L.C No.244 B (in) Station Colony, Loco sheds Station Bareilly City. **Approx. Value:** Rs. 34,85,772.00, S.N.: 3, Description of Works: Zone No. 3. L.C. No. 244B to BPR (Both ex.) Loco Colony, station colony, S.E./ works P. way/Sig., ADEN/Line office/IZN, SMG Line, station colony, CBJ Line plant & colony / IZN. Approx. Value: Rs. 57,40,561.00, S.N.: 4, Description of Works: Zone No. 4. Divisional Hospital and medical colony (north of IVRI road) Izatnagar. Approx. Value: Rs. 49,28,974.00, S.N.: 5, Description of Works: Zone No. 5 Divisional office, BRI office etc. including office colony Izatnagar. Approx. Value: Rs. 43,26,021.00, S.N.: 6, Description of Works: Zone No. 6. Mech. Workshop, Including workshop ministrative building and store Depot, Izatnagar, Approx. Value: Rs. 70,94,625.00, S.N.: 7, Description of Works: Zone No.7. Officers colony oad no.1 to 7 (Kaliwari) all inclusive at zatnagar. Approx. Value: Rs. Works: Zone No. 8. Kaliwari (Ex.) to ew modal colony & DSL shed at zatnagar. Approx. Value: Rs. 70,84,063.00, S.N.: 9, Description of Works: Zone No. 9. Bhojipura (Inc.) to Lalkuan (Ex.). Approx. Value: Rs. 59,22,550.00, S.N.: 10, Description of Works: Zone No. 10. Makrandpur (Ex) Jjhayani (Inc). Approx. Value: Rs. 48,05,742.00, S.N.: 11,Description of Works: Zone No. 11. Ujhayani to kasganj (Ex.Both). Approx. Value: Rs. 45,68,883.00, S.N.: 12, Description of Works: Zone No. 12. Kasganj (In.) to MHA (Ex.) up to cm.253/0, KSJ(In)up to km.417/0 and Km.2930, RSJ(III)UB to Km.4170 and Jafari colony, Mal godam colony at Kasganj. Approx. Value: Rs. 63,53,674.00, S.N.: 13, Description of Works: Zone No.13. (asganj L.xing no. 310 to PTI. (Inc.) upto km. 204/0. Approx. Value: Rs. 38,90,700.00, S.N.: 14, Description of Works: Zone No. 14.

Rs. 69.20.305.00. S.N.: 15

Approx. Value: Rs. 52,22,384.00, S.N. 16. Description of Works: Zone No.16 Approx. Value: Rs. 74.90.845.00. S.N. Description of Works: Zone No 17. CPA (EX.) up to km. 2/2 and BRT line to ARL(Inc.) Km.65/0 Approx. Value: Rs. 79.37.728.00. S.N. 18, **Description of Works:** Zone No 18. MHA (Inc.) Km.253/0 to MSN (Ex.) Approx. Value: Rs. 49,67,482.00, S.N. 19, Description of Works: Zone No. 19.MSN (Inc.) to MRT up to L.xing no.357 (Inc). Approx. Value: Rs. 70,67,353.00, **S.N.:** 20, **Description of Works:** Zone No. 20. MRT up to L. xing no.357(Ex) to MTJ (Ex) including R.E. colony & Delhi Lajpat nagar officer's rest house. Approx Value: Rs. 53,55,664.00, S.N.: 21 Description of Works: Zone No.21 Pilibhit station yard and all Pilibhit colony. **Approx. Value** Rs. 1,15,44,000.00, **S.N.**: 22 Description of Works: Zone No. 22. Bhojipura (EX.) to Mailani (EX.) & Pilibhit (EX.). Approx. Value: Rs 43,03,000.00, S.N.: 23, Description of Works: Zone No. 23 PBE (Ex.) to TPU (Inc.). Approx. Value: Rs. 54,29,950.00, S.N.: 24, Description of Works: Zone No. 24. PBE (ex.) to SZP (INC.). Approx. Value: Rs. 26,28,800.00, **S.N.**: 25, **Description of Works**: Zone No. 25. MB (Ex.) to RMR (Inc.). Approx. Value Rs. 88,76,100.00, S.N.: 26, Description of Works: Zone No. 26. LKU (Inc.) to KGM (inc). Approx. Value: Rs. 99,12,335.00, S.N.: 27, Description of Works: Zone No. 27. Holy day home at NNT & RKT & other rail establishme of hill area under SE/works/NNT Approx. Value: Rs. 43,18,057.00, S.N. 28, Description of Works: Zone No. 28. LKU (Ex.) to RMU (Ex.). **Approx Value:** Rs. 80,32,273.00, **S.N.**: 29 Description of Works: Zone No. 29. Lalkuan (Ex.) to Kashipur (Ex.) Approx. Value: Rs. 65,14,800.00, Note:- E.M.D. Money of S. No. 1 to 29: Rs. NIL, Cost of Tender Forms of S. No. 1 to 29: Rs. NIL, Completion time/period

letter of S. No. 1 to 29: 30.06.2022. Online e-tender can be submitted ut to 15.00 hrs of dated 10.06.2021 **2.** For full details and submission bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) CPRO/W=28 PTI. (Ex.) to FGR (Ex.). Approx. Value: About any passenger amenity complaint SMS on Mob. No. 09794845955

NO NEGATIVE RT-PCR REPORT

4 pilots spends 21hrs in aircraft

Four pilots as well as cabin crew members of SpiceJet's Delhi-Zagreb flight had to reportedly spend 21 hours, almost a day onboard the aircraft they operated from Delhi to Croatian capital Zagreb this Tuesday before flying the Boeing 737 back home as there was a sudden change in rules making negative RT-PCR test results mandatory for anyone coming from India. The crew were not allowed

to come out of the plane and they conducted the return flight to Delhi -- after the 21hour rest period -- without passengers or cargo. The two commanders and as many first officers had to spend their layover inside the aircraft in Zagreb airport before flying the plane back to Delhi without any passengers or cargo.
"Prior to departure from



India, email confirmation was received from Croatian authorities that RTPCR is not required for crew," the airline's spokesperson said. SpiceJet says the crew was on board for 21 hours. On arrival in Zagreb on

Tuesday, the crew, including four pilots, as well as cabin crew members, was told that the

orders have changed. "Due to sudden and massive increase in COVID cases in India, they were then instructed that RTPCR test is required. This came as a surprise," the airline's spokesperson said. SpiceJet had operated flight

SG-9035 on May 11 on Delhi-Tbilisi-Zagreb with two sets of pilots, meaning four pilots. As

the crew had not undergone the mandatory RT-PCR test, Croatian authorities did not allow them to alight from the aircraft, said people in the

Since the crew could not fly back immediately due the FDTL (flight duty time limitation) restrictions, bedding, food and water was provided in the aircraft, according to the spokesperson.

"Āircraft was cleaned DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation) permission was obtained. Crew rested in the aircraft for 21 hours (as mandated by regulation).

The unfolding Covid catastrophe in India has seen some countries suddenly change their rules for crew and passengers from the country. Sometimes these changes happen when aircraft are on their way from India to those coun-

India to become major production hub for **ACC** batteries: ICEA

IANS IN NEW DELHI

■ Electronics Association (ICEA) has welcomed the Rs 18,100 crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme that has been approved for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) battery storage in the country.

In a statement, ICEA that represents mobile and component manufacturers such as Apple, Motorola, Nokia, Foxconn, Wistron, Flextronics, Lava, Vivo and others, said that it would promote newer and niche cell technologies in the

'We at ICEA believes that the PLI scheme would give thrust to 'Make in India' initiative and will attract huge investments of Rs 45,000 crore plus in the coming years. With this push for ACC batteries, the sector would witness robust growth in the coming years," said Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, IĆEA.

ACC batteries are the new generation of advanced storage tric energy as electrochemical and convert it back to electric energy as and when required.

The ACC covers major sectors, which are consumer electronics, mobiles, electric vehicles, advanced electricity grids, solar rooftop etc.

Mohindroo said that we need to work on securing the raw material supplies for these core technologies specially lithium and cobalt.

"Our import burden of Rs 20,000 crore will also turn into a big opportunity and would make the country a major hub in producing clean energy," he

The ACC battery storage manufacturers will be selected through a transparent competitive bidding process.

The manufacturing faciliwould have to be commissioned within two years. The incentive will be disbursed thereafter over five years.

initiatives for customers on its digital platform



Airtel rolls out Covid support

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $B^{\text{harti Airtel has rolled out a}}_{\text{range of Covid support ini-}}$ tiatives for customers by leveraging its digital platform.

With this, the telco joins a

growing list of companies that have introduced digital tools to help people amid the deadly second wave of the pandemic. Airtel has integrated easi-

ly accessible bouquet of Covid support resources and related information in the Airtel Thanks app's Explore section, the company said in a state-

ment.
"Covid SOS aggregates verified and updated contacts

for important supplies such as medicines, oxygen, plasma donors, ambulance, hospital beds, and testing centres. With a few clicks, the platform connects users to these service providers/resources and tries to ensure that users do not have to waste precious time to access

this data," the statement said. The information available on 'Covid SOS' is verified by their teams,

it said and added the plat-form is powered by Airtel IQ. "Airtel Thanks users can

also book a vaccination slot for themselves and their loved ones through the app," the statement said.

Covid Care: Boeing plans to set up field hospitals in India

facility, equipment, doctors as

IANS ■ NEW DELHI erospace major Boeing has

Atied-up with state governments along with NGOs to set up field hospitals in India to treat Covid patients. Accordingly, the aerospace

major has been in talks with five state governments to provide such facilities in their jurisdictions. In the last few days, Boeing

India has reached out to UP, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Telangana and Tamil Nadu state governments.

The initiative as part of Boeing's India Covid relief commitment envisages setting up of such facilities in each of five states which are facing the pandemic resurgence.

As part of the programme, the funding, land and utilities,

well as medicines will be provided through a partnership model by the joint effort of Boeing, the concerned state government and NGO partners, 'Doctors for You' and 'Care USA'. The state governments will

provide the infrastructure and utilities while 'Doctors for You' will provide the medical infrastructure and staff. The first such facility is

expected to come as soon as possible.

"We are in conversations with local and international relief organisations to deploy Boeing's \$10-million emergency assistance package to support India's Covid-19 response," said Salil Gupte, president, Boeing India.

"As part of that effort, we're

working with medical, gov ernment and public health experts across India to provide relief, including medical supplies and emergency health care to communities most impacted." Last month, Boeing announced a \$10 million emer-

gency assistance package to support India's Covid-19 response. At present, Boeing has

3,000 employees in India. The company develops

manufactures and services commercial airplanes, defence products for customers in domestic civil and military sectors.Lately, India has been heavily battered by record new daily increases in coronavirus infections, prompting lockdowns and restrictive mea-

Jet Airways' annual general meeting on **June 8**

New Delhi: The annual general meeting of Jet Airways, which suspended operations more than two years ago, will be held on June 8, according to a regulatory filing. The affairs of the full ser-

vice carrier, which is currently undergoing an insolvency resolution process, is being managed by resolution professional Ashish Chhawchharia.

The meeting, scheduled to be held on June 8, will consider and adopt the company's audited standalone financial statements for the financial year ended March 31, 2020 together with the reports of



HIMACHAL PREDESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1.The Executive Engineer, Karchham Division, HP.PWD; Bhaba Nagar Distt Kinnaur H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor	Time allowed
1.	C/O Eklavya Model Residential School at Nichar (SH:- C/O Dining block i/c WS & S.I and site development)	Rs. 62,33,290/-	Rs. 95,000/	Rs. 2,000/-	" C "	18 Month
2	Periodical Maintenance of NH-22 to village Ralli Annual Maintenance Plan for the year 2021-22 (Sub Head: Providing and laying 20mm thick premix carpet and seal coat in Km. 0/00 to 1/00	Rs. 12,53,012/-	Rs. 25,100/ -	Rs. 500/-	"D"	Three month
3	Periodical Maintenance of NH-22 to village Ralli Annual Maintenance Plan for the year 2021-22 (Sub Head:- Providing and laying 20mm thick premix carpet and seal coat in Km. 2/00 to 3/00	Rs. 13,97,340/-	Rs. 27,950/ -	Rs. 500/-	"D"	Three month

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in.

Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the

bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA), "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender

l	3. Rey Dates.					
-	1.	Date of Online Publication	31.05.2021	10:00 HRS		
-	2.	Document Download Start and End Date	31.05.2021	10:30 HRS upto		
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-	3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	31.05.2021	10:30 HRS upto		
-			11.06.2021	17:00 HRS		
ĺ	4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	14.06.2021	upto 10:30 HRS		
ı	5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by	14.06.2021	11:00 UDC		
i i	5.	Opening of Financial Bid.	14.00.2021	11.00 FINS		
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4. TENDER DETAILS:

RO 0802/21-22

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The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover:

I) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information". ii) Cover2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

5. SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/O Executive Engineer, Karchham Division HP.PWD Bhabanagar as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be

6. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 14.06.2021 at 11:00 HRS in the office of Executive Engineer, Karchham Division HP.PWD, Bhabanagar H.P. by the authorised officer. The tenderers are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90/120 days after the deadline date for bid submission

8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender. **Executive Engineer**

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

HIM SUCHANA AVM JAN SAMPARK

Name of work

C/o Link road from Harizan basti Mahadev in GF

Ghanetta Km 0/0 to 0/500 (SW:- P/L G-III & PCC

C/o Health Sub Centre at Malag (SW:- C/o B/wall, V

Restoration of rain damages on Arla to Bhawarna Km 0/0 to 6/0 (SW:- C/o R/wall at RD 1/200 to

C/o link road from Darang Block to Madhaya Marg Gadiara Jamwal Awadi & Harizan Basti via Forest

Hut to link NH-20 Km 0/0 to 3/780 (SW:- P/L CC

Pavement work in Km 2/115 to 2/265 & 2/405 to

C/o Link road from Harizan basti Mahadev in GP Ghanetta Km 0/0 to 0/600 (SW:- P/L G-III & PCC

C/o link road from Darang Block to Madhaya Marg Gadiara Jamwal Awadi & Harizan Basti via Forest

Hut to link NH-20 Km 0/0 to 3/780 (SW:- P/L CC Pavement work in Km 3/490 to 3/595) (Under

C/o link road from Neugal Bridge to Upper Menjha

via Thala Km 0/0 to 2/200 under NABARD RIDF

XXIII (SW:- P/L CC Pavement V-shape drain & edge

A/R & M/O various roads under Dheera Sub-Division

HPPWD Dheera (SW:- P/L Thermoplastic paint on

Bhadrol Bridge to Dain road Km 0/0 to 4/0, Link road

C/o Way side facilities on link road Daroh Garl

Saprul upto Bairghatta Km 0/0 to 9/0 (SW:- C/o Rain

A/R & M/O various roads under Dheera Sub-Division

HPPWD Dheera (SW:- P/L Thermoplastic paint on

C/o link road Parour rest house to Parour Dheera

Naura road via Baan at Km 0/00 to 1/00 (SW:- Imp. & Widening of road in Km 0/195 to 0/315, C/o

900mm dia HP culvert at RD 0/225, 0/540 & 0/735 &

A/R & M/O rest house at Thural (SW:- C/o R/wall

A/R & M/O link road Dagera to Lulehar (SW:- P/L CC

A/R & M/O Naura Kiarwan road (SW:- C/o U-shape

A/R & M/O of bridges on Hamirpur Sujanpur Thural Maranda road Km 24/135 to 59/775 (SW:- P/L 25mm

thick mastic asphalting on bridge at RD 34/995 (Sukad Khad Crossing No.I) & 33/230 (Sukad Khad

Crossing No. III)
A/R & M/O of bridges on Hamirpur Sujanpur Thural

Maranda road Km 24/135 to 59/775 (SW:- P/L 25mm

thick mastic asphalting on bridge at RD 34/720

A/R & M/O on various roads under HPPWD Sub-

Division Dheera. (SW:- Supplying of Hot Permix

Material at plant site for Dheera & Rajhoon section)

A/R & M/O on various roads under HPPWD Sub-

Division Thural (SW:- Supplying of Hot Permix

A/R & M/O on various roads under HPPWD Sub-

Division Bhawarna (SW:- Supplying of Hot Permix

A/R & M/O on various roads in Daroh section unde

HPPWD Sub-Division Bhawarna (SW:- P/L Patch

A/R & M/O on various roads in Bagolu da ghatta &

Thural section under HPPWD Sub-Division Thural

Restoration of rain damages on Parour Dheera Naura road (SW:- P/L Tarring work in both side

A/R & M/O link road from Kharouth to Ghanetta via

village Mahant Nagar (Kabrian) (SW:- P/L Tarring

Following documents should accompany the application for tenders.

office on or before the date of opening of tender by 11.00 A.M positively.

extended portion in Km 8/850 to 10/00)

work in Km 0/00 to 0/110 & 0/870 to 1/00)

1. Sale tax No. with latest Sales tax clearance certificate.

. Machinery will be of the contractor where required. Certificate regarding possession of machinery.

6. Telegraphic/Fax tenders are not acceptable.

Jhareth Kanya Devi road in between Km 0/0 to 5/0)

Shelter at PTC Daroh at RD 0/950) (Deposit work)

Additional accommodation to GSSS Dehar

work at RD 0/0 to 0/200)

shape drain & grating)

2/495) (Under NABARD)

wall at RD 0/565 to 0/710)

to village Bharath Km 0/0 to 2/0)

P/L Soling in Km 0/0 to 0/700)

Pavement in Km 0/500 to 0/650)

drain in Km 2/820 to 2/880)

towards nallah side)

(Crossing No. II)

(SW:- P/L Patch work)

2. Copy of G.S.T. number.

Valid copy of Registration.

work at RD 0/0 to 0/360) (Leg-II)

(SW:- P/L Kota stone & Earth filling)

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HP.PWD; Bhaba Nagar Distt. Kinnaur (H.P) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

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49,813/

3,20,934/

4,12,771/-

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4.74.500/-

4,80,500/

4,84,480/-

4.82.885/-

1.66.280/-

Raman alleges smear campaign against him

acked as women's cricket team coach, WV Raman has alleged that a "smear campaign" against him has gained unwarranted traction and urged the BCCI president Sourav Ganguly to stop it.

In a mail that has also been marked to National Cricket Academy head Rahul Dravid, Raman wrote it will be "extremely disconcerting" if his candidature was rejected due to reasons other than "my incompetency as a coach".

In a surprising move, Raman was not retained as the head coach of the senior women's team by the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) which picked Ramesh Powar for the top job. It was under Raman that

Indian team cherished a runner-up finish at the women's T20 World Cup last year.

"I presume you might have been told different views about my style of functioning and work ethic. Whether those



views conveyed to the officials of the BCCI had any impact on my candidature is of no con-

"What is important is that the smear campaign seems to have gained some unwarranted traction with some BCCI officials which needs to be halted permanently. I am prepared to give an explanation should you or any of the office

sequence now," Raman wrote

bearers require it."

He said he was not used to "moaning and whining" but was bringing up the issues in case the BCCI president wishes to do a course correction.

"If I were to be rejected due to my incompetency as a coach, there is no argument on a judgment call at all. But what will be extremely disconcerting is if my candidature was rejected due to any other

opener who played 11 Tests and 27 ODIs between 1988 and

"Especially if it was due to allegations from people who were more focussed on achieving their personal objectives at the expense of the overall hygiene and welfare of the Indian women's team and the pride of the country."

The stylish former lefthanded batsman's letter to the two former captains is sure to ruffle a few feathers given that it has always been the coaches who have either stepped aside or sacked following fallouts with players, most notably ODI captain Mithali Raj.

While Raman's letter didn't name anyone, it is understood that he was writing about the star culture that prevails in the team, which he said is probably doing more harm than good.

"If some people in the system have been highly accommodative to the extent of being seemingly obsequious to an years on end and if that performer feels constrained to adhere to the culture, then I would leave it to you to decide if the coach was asking for too

"In a coaching career spanning 20 years, I have always created a culture in which the team always comes first and insisted on no individual overriding either the game or the

team He said "paying heed to only one individual's views while disregarding everyone else's over a long period of time has resulted in gaping holes in the process and the system".

The time has come for you two accomplished former legends to salvage women's cricket falling which things could gather momentum in the wrong direction," he warned.

"I have some suggestions that might help in the improvement of women's cricket. I will be delighted to share those if you are interested," he signed

Eng IPL stars likely to miss NZ Tests likes of Ollie Robinson, Craig are serving a mandatory 10-day

England are unlikely to rush their Indian Premier League players straight from quarantine to the Test squad against New Zealand as they would be lacking red-ball practice, according to reports.

This will mean that the likes of Jos Buttler, Jonny Bairstow, Chris Woakes, Sam Curran and Moeen Ali, who

quarantine after returning from the currently-suspended IPL. are likely to miss the two Tests against NZ, starting on June 2.

Their isolation period expires at the weekend, leaving little more than two weeks before the first Test at Lord's.

"The timeline is considered too tight for the (IPL) returning players, meaning calls up are expected for the

PUBLIC NOTICE

Overton and James Bracev. according to a report in BBC

"While fitness levels could be managed, the lack of redball practice could be a concern — particularly with other options having spent several another report in The Independent.

weeks competing in the County Championship," said

Pranch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3 rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh. Delhi-110005

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

	Sr. No.	(Loan Account Number) & Address		Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date	
		Ritesh Trading Co, Rajender Kumar, Mukesh Devi, Santosh Devi Represented By Proprietor Rajender Kumar Shop No. 44, New Anaj Mandi, Village -Alewa, Distt- Jind, Haryana. A/c No.215805002301	Property 1:Shop No.44, New Grain Market, Tehsii Alewa & Distt. Jind Haryana, Property 2: Shop No.49, Khewat No.1204, Khata No.1607, Murabba No.184, Kila No.25 & Murabba No.211, Kila No.4, 5, 6/1/1, 7/1/1 Old Anay Mandi, Tehsii Alewa & Distt. Jind Haryana And Property 3: Commercial Shop at Situated in Old Anaj Mandi, Tehsii Alewa & Distt. Jind Haryana	21-Apr-2021, Rs. 71,07,710.25/-	31-08- 2020	
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applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: May 15, 2021 Place: Haryana

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

<u>HIMACHAL PREDESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u>

Sealed item rate tender on Form No. 6&8 are invited by the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPPWD, Mandi (H.P.) for the works at Sr. No. 1 to 7 from the approved and eligible electrical contractors enlisted in appropriate class in HPPWD (Electrical) department, and for the work at Sr. No. 8 from the OEM of HVAC System/ Authorized agency of OEM / approved Firm for executing specialized job, by HPPWD Department (Flectrical) and for the work at Sr. No. 9 from the OFM, of Lift / Authorized agency of OEM, so as to reach in his office on or before 07.06.2021 up-to 10.30 A.M. and will be opened on the same day at 11:00 A.M in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives. The application for issuing of tender form will be received in his office against cash payment Rs. 350/-(Non-refundable) for each work on or before 05.06.2021 up to 01:00 P.M. and the tender forms can be had from his office on same day. The application for the purchase of the tender documents should be accompanied with earnest money of each work separately in the shape of National Saving Certificate/FDR/ Call Deposit / Bank draft of any Schedule Bank / Post Office duly pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HP.PWD, Mandi (H.P.). Conditional tenders and the tenders received without earnest money will be rejected. The receipt of application for issue of tender forms by post shall not be entertained in considered in any case. The tender forms shall be issued to registered Contractors or their authorized representatives. The copy of enlistment / renewal order and valid Electrical License shall be attached with the application for purchase the tender document.. The ambiguous / telegraphic / conditional / fax / E-mail or by post tenders shall also not be entertained / considered in any case. The tender shall be issued to those Contractors / Firms who are found eligible, suitable and competent. The decision of the Executive Engineer regarding suitability / eligibility / competency of Contractors/ Firms shall be final binding on the Contractors / Firms applying for the issuing of the tender. The offer for the tenders shall be kept open for 120 days. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reasons, if there happens to be any holiday the same will be opened on next working day.

Work No. 1:- C/o Four Rooms at Government High School at Sari, Tehsil - Dharmpur, District Mandi HP (SH: Providing E.I therein) Estimated Cost: Rs. 113087/-only, Earnest money: Rs. 2300/only. Time allowed: - Along with civil work

Work No. 2:- C/o Four Rooms at Government High School at Cholangarh, Tehsil – Dharmpur, District

 - Mandi HP (SH: Providing E.I therein) Estimated Cost: Rs. 113087/-only, Earnest money: Rs. 2300/- only. Time allowed: - Along with civil work Work No. 3:- C/o Ayurvedic Health Centre at Syoh, Tehsil - Dharmpur, District Mandi H.P (SH:

Providing E.I therein) Estimated Cost: Rs. 262605/-only, Earnest money: Rs. 5300/- only, Time allowed: - Along with civil work Work No. 4:- C/o Government High School at Hallan, Tehsil - Manali, District - Kullu HP (SH: Providing E.I and accessories therein) Estimated Cost: Rs. 139873/-only, Earnest money: Rs.

Work No. 5:- C/o 2 Nos. Type-II Quarters of Medical Department at Sajao Piplu, Tehsil – Dharmpur, District - Mandi HP (SH: Providing E.I therein) Estimated Cost: Rs. 146427/-only, Earnest money Rs. 2950/- only, Time allowed: - Along with civil work

Work No. 6:- C/o Four Rooms at Government High School at Rakhera, Tehsil – Dharmpur, District -Mandi HP (SH: Providing E.I therein) Estimated Cost: Rs. 113087/-only, Earnest money: Rs. 2300/only, Time allowed: - Along with civil work.

Work No. 7:- C/o 100 Bedded Hospital at Sandhol, Tehsil - Dharmpur, District - Mandi HP (SH: Laying of Conduit pipe therein) Estimated Cost: Rs. 156600/-only, Earnest money: Rs. 3150/- only, Time allowed: - Along with civil work.

Work No. 8:- Repair and maintenance of HVAC System (Chiller Plant) of carrier make installed at Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Govt. Medical College and Hospital at Nerchowk, (SH: Servicing / Descaling of HVAC Plant System and minor repair in Chilling plant_Estimated Cost: Rs. 356000/-only, Earnest money: Rs. 7150/- only, Time allowed: - Two Months

Work No. 9:- Repair and maintenance of and servicing of 8 Passenger Lift Elevator installed at Judicial Court Complex Mandi District - Mandi HP wef01.07.2021 to 30.06.2024 Estimated Cost Rs. 389292/-only, Earnest money: Rs. 7800/-only, Time allowed: -Three Years

Executive Engineer

RO 0775/21-22 **HIM SUCHANA AVM JAN SAMPARK** Dated 14.05.21

Electric Division, HPPWD, Mandi(H.P)

Shafali gets maiden **ODI, Test call-ups**

New Delhi: Rookie wicketkeeper-batter Indrani Roy from Jharkhand was rewarded with maiden Test and ODI call-up for India's tour of England next month but senior left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad missed out as she is recovering from Covid-19.

The 29-year-old Gayakwad is also nursing an injury. The Neetu David led selec-

tion panel made a course correction with teen batting sensation Shafali Verma and seasoned pacer Shikha Pandey making it to all three squads after their South Africa home series snubs. "This time Neetu and her

colleagues didn't go for any outrageous experiments. Shafali and Shikha were two of the earliest names listed in all three squads. There was one Swetha Verma of UP whose name was discussed but it was found that she hasn't even scored 200 runs in a season," a source close to

developments said. Sneh Rana and Indrani were

two stellar performers in the National One Day competition and thus got their call-ups.

The controversial picks of the last time like Monica Patel, C Prathyusha have been dropped from the squad altogether in the team selection meeting which was keenly followed by BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah.

Indrani was rewarded for her string of scores which 103 against included Chattisgarh, 86 against Karnataka and 49 against Railways in the final.

Rana on her part was the Player of the Final for her allround show while representing Indian Railways. As expected Mithali Raj will lead the team for the one-off Test and three ODIs while Harmanpreet Kaur will take over the reins during the three T20 Internationals.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1.The Executive Engineer , Shimla Division No-III, HPPWD Shimla-3 on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractors registered with HP.PWD., for the work as detailed in the table.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Starting date of downloading Bid.	EMD	Cost of Tender	Deadline for submission of Bid.	l
1	C/O Multi Story parking and office accommodation (Armsdale Phase-III) (SH:- Providing and placing Modular Furniture items).	Rs. 87,44,477/-	27-05-2021	Rs. 1,20,000/-	Rs. 2000/-	04-06-2021	
2	C/O Smart pedestrian path leading from Cart road to Mall road adjoining Metropole Shimla (Under Smart City project)	Rs. 31,28,986/-	27-05-2021	Rs. 54,500/-	Rs. 1500/-	04-06-2021	

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www.hptenders.gov.in.

The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application without assigning any reason

RO 0755/21-22 Dated 14.05.21 HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK **HIMACHAL PRADESH IRRIGATION**

AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT *FOR E-TENDERING*

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Anni District Kullu (H.P.) invites tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work through e-tendering process:-

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Cost of tender
1	C/O LIS Gugra Khad to C.V Manjhadesh for Horticulture land in G.P Chowai in Anni Block Distt. Kullu (H.P) SH:- Laying, jointing of HDPE pipe 32mm & 40 mm OD and C/O 6 Nos Storage tanks of different cap. at different locations) (Ilnd Stage)	1382052.00	27641.00	6 Months	400/-
2	C/O LIS Gugra Khad to C.V Manjhadesh for Horticulture land in G.P. Chowai in Anni Block Dist. Kullu (H.P) SH: Laying, jointing of HDPE pipe 50mm & 63mm OD and C/O 9 Nos Storage tanks of different cap. at different locations) (1st Stage)	1984357.00	39687.00	9 Months	400/-

Last Date of filling/ uploading the tender through etendering:-18-05-2021 *up to 05:00 P.M.*

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be downloaded from the website www. hptenders.gov.in or from office of above Executive Engineer, up to date specified above. RO 0724/21-22 Dated 14.05.21 HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

HIMACHAL PRADESH

JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG

OFF LINE NOTICE INVITING TENDRE

The Executive Engineer JSV Division Barsar invites off line tenders on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from eligible contractors for the following work (s) through offline

Name of Work:-Stock storage under Jal Shakti Sub Division Barsar Distt. Hamirpur (HP) (SH:-Providing and supplying of Hydraulic Pipe Bender with Hinged Frame 213 C and 213 D) I) Estimated Cost:- 326681/ii) Earnest Money:-6533/-

iii) Time of completion:-01 Month iv) Cost of Form:-250/-

Last date of submission of tender 17.05.2021 up to 11:00 A.M and same will be opened on 11:30 A.M T Last date of sale of the tender from divisional office 13.05.2021

can be shown from the website or from office of above Executive Engineer up to date specified above Note: - The department will not responsible for any

up to 4:00 P.M. The tender forms and other detailed conditions

online/offline electronic media problem at website. HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK RO 0737/21-22 Dated 14.05.21

HIM SUCHANA AVM JAN SAMPARK **Executive Engineer** RO 0744/21-22 Dated 14,05.21

7. The tender documents can be received by registered/ Insured post which should be received in this

B. Contractor should have successfully executed two works of similar nature of 1/3 amount of estimated

The Contractor will have to submit affidavit along with application for issue of tender that he has not

more than two works in hand. Next tender will be issued only after completion of previous works in

cost or similar single work of amount equal to estimated cost during the last preceding three years.

Bhawarna Division, HPPWD. Bhawarna

2800/- only, Time allowed: - Along with civil work

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You are only as beautiful as the many beautiful things you do for others without expectation

Janelle Monae

The potency of sound

A mantra is an instrument of the mind that helps us to concentrate, intensify and spiritualise our consciousness

The tale of Ganapati

Be it an animal or a human existence, their dynamic existence is rooted in a common factor — the consciousness element

The impact of the pandemic on the youth is disruptive. While they are actively helping others, they are also simultaneously dealing with immense emotional turmoil of their own, writes Dr CHANDNI TUGNAIT, as she suggests ways to move beyond it to create a life outside of it

THE FIGHT FOR SANITARIAN

he present scenario, with the rise in Covid-19 cases and deaths, is nothing short of a nightmare. Most people are experiencing mixed emotions and a lingering feeling of, "I don't feel like doing anything". This is not only because of the news and information overload on social media, but also the fact that people are losing their near and dear ones without as much of a hint.

The pain, overwhelm, fears, anger, social isolation and uncertainty are not only impacting the youth but even the kids. The years 2020 and 2021 have changed not just how we live or work but also how our children study and play. While the working youth seem to be grappling with the situation, whether it is loss of a job, business, medical facility, or life, the kids are a witness to it all. The impact is much more than what meets the eye. The confused feelings, unprocessed emotions, unclear thoughts and panicky actions are leaving a deep impact on our mental and emotional health as well.

The immediate and the long-term mental health impacts of the pandemic on the kids is difficult to estimate. However, the cases of anxiety, stress and depression amongst children between the age group of 5-16 years has seen a huge spike in the last one year. While initially they felt relieved with the online classes, the severity of the pandemic and the impact of the changes in their lives (and that of their parents) soon began to dawn upon them. The common complaints that I get from parents these days is lack of focus, lack of physical exercise, over-eating, irritability, anxiety, bouts of anger, fears and sadness in kids.

Ironically, all this is being experienced by the parents as well. No matter how we conduct ourselves in front of our children, they know exactly what is happening around us. The TV, news, social media, conversations on phone and with each other, the quarantine of a family member, life-threatening situations, the panic on our faces — they can sense it all.

The schools are rushing with the syllabus online because the education of the child is important but are we considerate towards their mental health? How are the current experiences and unprocessed emotions going to impact these children as adults?

Our mental health impacts how we respond, feel, think and act. Our behaviour, decision-making and physical health is all linked to our mental health. Hence, it is essential to give love and assurance and impart coping skills to not only the adults but also to the children.

The pandemic has reshaped the world beyond imagination. The suffering in India has gone to the level of basic requirements of food, shelter, medical facility and transport not being met for a large part of the population. The situation is grim with high levels of insecurity and chaos.

of late, there is propensity for blame towards the authorities. It's never easy to lose a loved one, never. The fear, anger, blame, guilt — the whole gamut of emotions is all justified. But what is also important is to pause for a moment and accept all these emotions and begin to process them. Situation is grim for everyone (in some way or the other). What we need in today's times is prayer, compassion, love and gratitude.

The impact of the pandemic on the youth is disruptive. While they are actively helping others, they are also simultaneously dealing

with immense emotional turmoil of their own.

The fact is that as a country we do not

have a strong medical infrastructure vis-à-vis

our population. We all know this (we knew it all along). But what we didn't know is the severity of the virus and how it could take away our loved ones away from us, forever, in a matter of hours. We are all guilty at some level. We all have to take the ownership for the present situation in order to change it. Despite knowing the safety protocol, a large part of the population didn't follow it. Do we always need a lockdown to exhibit appropriate behaviour? Do we know someone who doesn't wear masks, someone who went for the Diwali party at a friend's house with 20 others, someone who couldn't wait to travel to Joa, Kerala, Maldives, someone who refuted

Now is not the time to find faults with self or others but to change the focus to what good is happening around us and how can we make it better. The brain is extremely powerful in amplifying whatever we focus upon. Till we keep complaining about our present circumstances, our mind will focus on it. The more we talk about it, write about it or feel negative about it, the more we reinforce the same neural pathways in our brain that keep adding to the misery. To change this, let's focus on the good around us.

the existence of covid all together?

Look around, there are many people trying to help with oxygen cylinders, connections in hospitals for beds, arranging plasma, food, support, counselling, therapies and more. Not everyone is trying to bribe, blackmail or take advantage of the situation. It is commendable how the youth is also coming forward to offer assistance, structure communities and make a difference.

Research shows that over 70% of the youth is deeply traumatised with the uncertainty the pandemic has created whether it is with respect to life, relationships, social interactions, forms of expression, health and lives of their loved ones or the disruption in future prospects for education and employment for the youth.

In addition to the grief and loss, there is an impending feeling of doom as over 43% of youth are uncertain about their future career prospects. Many even contemplate suicide. This darkness remains unnoticed as we are fighting to survive this situation.

Despite all odds, the youth is stepping up, raising their voice, offering support, structuring communities, enabling groups and volunteering in ways more than one to fight the situation.

While we should offer them social and psychological support to deal with all this, we should also come up with measures to protect this generation from being permanently scarred by this crisis — physically, mentally, socially, emotionally, financially and behaviourally. Initiatives by the government as well as private sector organisations will help in the long run though immediate support in the form of counselling, therapy, and open communication can go a long way.

The future of our nation lies with our youth and it's of grave importance that we do not take this lightly by letting their life be in a quandary.

There are many people bracing and surviving the virus amidst all the deaths, there



RESEARCH SHOWS THAT OVER 70% OF THE YOUTH IS **DEEPLY TRAUMATISED** WITH THE UNCERTAINTY THE PANDEMIC HAS CREATED WHETHER IT IS WITH RESPECT TO LIFE, RELATIONSHIPS, SOCIAL INTERACTIONS, FORMS OF EXPRESSION, HEALTH AND LIVES OF THEIR LOVED ONES OR THE DISRUPTION IN FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR **EDUCATION AND** EMPLOYMENT FOR THE Y0UTH



are many who are offering relentless care and prayers for humanity at large There is help and compassion in many places, if not all. Hold onto that and allow yourself to be a conduit for more compassion, gratitude and assistance in any way possible instead of fear and the contract of the compassion.

Coronavirus is probably going to be here for a long time. But we have to move beyond it to create a life outside of it, responsibly.

Some points to take into consideration are:

- Process emotions, don't vent nor bottle them up: Allow open communication to address the stressors. Listen and express deeply without judgments and in case of chronic stress or anxiety, seek support from
- Respond, don't react: There is already a lot going on in everyone's lives. Don't snap at people at home or even on other people's social media feed. We can share our views without attacking others.
- Operate from love and compassion and not fears and anger: Say a kind word, offer support, just hold the space for others to be themselves and accept the situation but do not cause panic with minute-by-minute update of statistics.
- Be responsible, not reckless: Follow the safety protocol. Even if you have recovered from Covid, do not act as if all is well. Our actions inspire many others and by being responsible we save not just ourselves but many people around us. The parties, social gatherings, important meetings, can all wait or be done online. Life is precious.
- Help in any way possible, don't panic: When someone you know is in a crisis, get valid connects, check the sources, be mindful, take precaution, help in every way possible and pray for the best. This is all we can do

currently. Also, limit the news and social media intake to up to 15-30 minutes a day to be well apprised of the situation and not be engulfed by it.

- Do your bit, refrain from judging self and others: Judgment only takes us away from action thereby delaying results. Be proactive and sensitive to the battles everyone is going through.
- Take care of yourself: You can't pour from an empty cup. So, take care of yourself eating habits, sleep, exercise, breathing and mindfulness practices, get vaccinated and be in the attitude of gratitude.
- Ask: "What can I do today to make a difference?" instead of complaining.

It's imperative we come together from the space of love, compassion and gratitude to fight the pandemic. There's no other way.

No act is small. No prayer is negligible. No support is trivial. Looking around and complaining and blaming will only cause more pressure on our emotional, mental and physical well-being.

Operate from awareness and take care of

self and others. We are undeniably in a crisis and there are faults at every level — from the root to the top. However, this is not the time to find faults and indulge in blame-game. It's time to focus on "what can I do to

make a difference today?" and then purely from a space of compassion, ACT; without worrying about the results.

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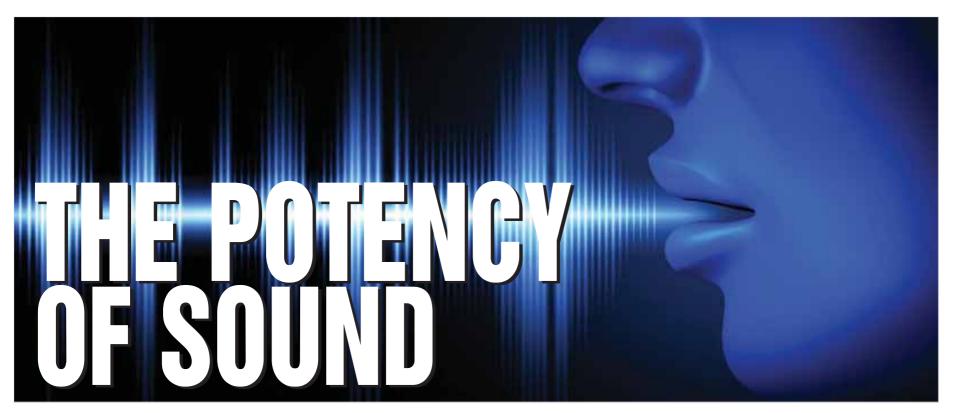
Will we able to save the world? I don't know. But what I do know is that with that one act a day, and thirty acts a month, we all can create ripples of change. It all matters. Choose change over complaints. We always have a choice.

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A mantra is an instrument of the mind that helps us to concentrate, intensify and spiritualise our consciousness, writes HINGORI

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antra is a sound, a certain utterance or a syllable. Today, modern science sees the whole existence as reverberations of energy, different levels of vibrations. Where ever there is a vibration, there is bound to be a sound. That means, the whole existence is a kind of sound, or a complex amalgamation of sounds — the whole existence is an amalgamation of multiple mantras. The yogic scriptures often compare mantras to a boat or a bridge that an aspirant can use to cross the sea of delusion created by the external world, which we call Maya, and to reach the centre of consciousness within. Yogis say that a *mantra* is like an eternal friend who accompanies the meditator even after death, lighting the path in the realm where the light of the sun and the moon cannot penetrate.

În understanding what a mantra is and how a Mantra works, it is helpful to look at its translation. The word mantra is derived from two Sanskrit words, the first part is *man*, which means mind; and the second part is tra, which is the root of the Sanskrit word meaning tool or instrument. A mantra is therefore literally, an instru-ment or tool of the mind that helps us to concentrate, intensify and spiritualise our consciousness.

MANTRA VIDYA AND AURA

Chanting silently in the mind in a meditative pose helps increase the At gurukuls, students were taught

higher-order mantras that were specif-Mantras generate sound vibrations that add to the aura or energy levels of those who recite them. The mantras

of the Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, Jain and other faiths, also fall into this category. However, mantras can be used positively as well as negatively. Positively, they can be used to heal, defend against spiritual attacks and strengthen one's aura. They also form a telepathic connection between the seeker and the collective power of the deity or concept to which they are attributed. If the mantra is attributed to planets, it will connect to their rays as well. For example, the guru mantra will connect to the power and concept of guru, including the rays of Jupiter. If the mantras are attributed to a deceased saint, they will home in to his energy field, which exists in an ethereal dimension.

Mantras would be used in specific circumstances and were to be recited while sitting in a specific asana or seat. For example, the Gayatri Mantra was best recited while seated on a kusha grass mat or deerskin. The more advanced version of the mantra, known as the Mahagayatri Mantra, was to be recited while immersed in water. Several such permutations and combinations are usable in mantra vidya (the science of mantras). The intent of such technicalities is to ensure that the energy vibrations of the mantras are optimally absorbed by the human body and little is dissipated into the atmosphere. A part of the dissipation adds to the aura or energy of the location. Some of it would be absorbed by the asana or seat. It is for this reason that asanas are bad conductors of electricity, that neither absorb nor discharge it quickly. As it is not possible to perform all we use blankets, pure cotton sheets or cotton mattresses, instead.



A Japanese scientist, Dr. Masaru Emoto, conducted an interesting experiment on the effect that sound vibrations had on water. Emoto observed that when water was exposed to music from Bach and Mozart, beautiful crystals formed in it. But when negative intentions were directed its way, the water formed malformed crystals. He concluded that sound is vibration; and positive sounds have healing energy. His research also showed that thoughts emit vibrations at frequencies we are yet to determine, and they too have the power to heal. The question that begs an answer is: 'How do mantras

MANTRAS AND THE DIVINITY OF

The knowledge of sound affecting matter is not new. Chanting *mantras* has been a part of Indian spiritual practices for thousands of years. The ancient *rishis* (sages) of India had a deep awareness of the potency of sound.

According to Quantum Physicists, whether audible or not, everything has a sound, a distinct and unique vibration. This sound is called resonance, the particular frequency at which an object naturally vibrates. In his book 'Silent Pulse', George Burr Leonard writes, "At the heart of each of us, whatever our important of the state of imperfections, there exists a silent pulse of perfect rhythm, made up of wave forms and resonances, which is absolutely individual and unique, and yet which connects us to everything in the universe.'

Sanskrit, the language in which posed, is described as a vibrational language. The ancient Indian spiritual masters devised mantras to vibrate

at particular frequencies. Each *mantra* is composed to have a distinct effect. When you chant a mantra, you send vibrations into the universe which creates a powerful ripple effect. *Mantra* recitation also helps you tune in to the universal sound that began creation and is still vibrating — the Anahat. Scientific research suggests, chanting mantras causes the left and right hemispheres of the brain to synchronise. It also helps oxygenate the brain, reduce our heart rate, blood pressure and assist in creating calm brainwave

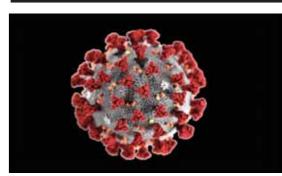
Mantras can rearrange your molecular structure and adjust your experience through the subtle vibrations the chanting causes in your being. This re-alignment allows you to experience the benefits of the vibration. The more focused you are in chanting a mantra, the greater will be its impact on your consciousness. When you think negatively, you create a subtle vibration with the negative thought. The longer you think negatively, the more damaging it is for your mind and body.

With every passing day, there is more scientific data to corroborate what the ancient rishis had a deep understanding of — sound has power. Words and thoughts, spoken and unspoken, are potent tools. Being aware of this will allow you to pay close attention to the things you say and think of yourself, and how these words and thoughts, especially the negative ones, impact you. This awareness may serve as a trigger to change the negative patterns into positive ones. It may also help you to let go of growth.

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Time to be honest

handle the pandemic as effectively as we should have duce long list of responses that were found missing, if we try to get to the roots, we may come to just one conclusion. More than anything else it was a failure of character. Character of those responsible for policy making that is the political class. But the bureaucratic machinery was also equally responsible for not applying their mind, the job they are supposed to do. It was also the failure of character of the common people who acted irresponsible enough to let Corona flourish the second time. What an irony. We knew what was required. Yet, we did what was not required. The point is that this is not the first time a pandemic like this has dealt a bloody blow. When are we going to learn? Maybe not as long as we are not honest to admit our mistakes, learn from them and let those who know the job do it. This is a typical Indian scenario. We always find the wrong man for the right place. You need nothing else to invite a disaster. And so, it was. Saying that the common man erred may pass on some portion of the blame to the scapegoat but that does not absolve the political class of their sin. Governance was more important than forming governments but people preferred the latter. It took a higher judiciary to point out how callous some institutions have become. If people are honest to admit mistakes and learn from them things could improve in the future. But hoping this is a tall order. The chaos that has set in reminds of an old Gandhian quote — When wealth is lost nothing is lost, when health is lost something is lost, but when character is lost everything is lost. The point he wanted to emphasise was that character is the all-important attribute. Character can help regain health and wealth even if we lose these. But the present times have no room for character, as wealth and health occupy the front seat. The results are there to see. We still can make up for the lost ground if we pick up the moral courage to own our mistakes. But for that there is need to shed the ego, the king size ego that always tells us that we are infallible. As the political class continues to pat its own back, situation is going from bad to worse. Time for some soul searching. Gandhiji had talked about seven social sins in his weekly newspaper Young India on October 22, 1925. It would be worthwhile recollecting them, which were — Wealth without work, Pleasure without conscience, Knowledge without character, Commerce without morality, Science without humanity, Worship without sacrifice and Politics without principles. While all those sins are responsible for the present-day situation, it may be prudent to identify the deadliest of the sins talked by Gandhi 95 years ago. It is politics without principles that has become the biggest curse of the present times. It is politics that is at the helm of everything. Though many definitions of politics are there power is Central to all of them. It is obsession with power that is the root cause of all evil. only that can lead us out of the morass we are in.

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KRISHNA'S CONSORTS

Param Purusha Krishna's multiple wives are symbolically viewed as the different forms of Prakriti, writes DR. ASHA GOSWAMI

he sources of Krishna saga contain varied accounts that speak of his multiple marriages. It is said Krishna was married to 16,100 damsels. Most of these marriages were a consequence of his military expeditions in the far-east of India, the modern Assam. Krishna's eight other marriages are referred to in the *Puranas*. While most sources are silent over Krishna's other marriages, his marriage to Rukmini, his chief queen, is cited in almost all the sources of Krishna-saga — an argument cited by many scholars to bracket him with the popular monogamists of the age like Shri Rama, Nala, Satyavan and the others.

These scholars, to prove their view, quote a verse from the Mahabharata, which equates Shri Krishna with the famous monogamists of the age. It is said, Krishna carried away Rukmini moved by her deep love and desire to marry him. Later, they duly wed at Dwarka. Next, during the syamantak-gem episode Krishna is cited to have married Jambhavati and Satyabhama. Thereafter, it is said Krishna married Kalandi, River Yamuna-incarnate. His marriage to four maidens - Shrutakeerti, Bhadra, Madri and Hemavati is mentioned

The river goddess, Kalindi, had begged to marry Krishna, which reflects his influence and power during the Dvapara-age. Philosophically interpreting Krishna's personae, it may be stated that Lord Krishna with this bounteous grace undertook the role of a husband to all women, who looked upon him to be their guardian and saviour. At the same time, he is perceived to be the father to all the men of the world [the second role makes the first role of the

Lord inevitable] According to the Yoga system, there are sixteen thousand one hundred nerves which get united at a prime-place near the Sushmna nerve, and a Yogi has to hold full



out some specific Yogic sadhanas. Shri Krishna being an excellent Yogi used to inculcate such austere sadhanas by exercising full control over his body with all these nerves. He was styled as the Lord or the Swami [husband] and master of these nerves, which probably was taken to imply

In the symbolic context, his so many wives also imply his immumerable Vibhutis in this world, reference to which is made in the Vibhuti — Yoga of Gita (when Krishna tells to Arjuna about this " na asti anto me divyam vibhutanam"). Likewise, his eight chief queens including Rukmani are symbolically treated as implying three qualities of Sattva, Rajas, Tamas (in human body); the river Ganges, presiding goddess of the Himalayas, Samaveda-mantras personified, soul and the personified [Krishna] patients virtue in itself.

Mythological, the multiple wives of

Krishna represent the Apsaras of Heaven in their former lives with as well as the multiple incarnation of goddess Lakshmi. The *Apsaras* assumed their next birth on earth to attain Lord Krishna as their sole husband. Besides, Param Purusha Krishna's multiple wives are also symbolically viewed as the different forms of Prakriti. In this context, the relation between Param Purusha and Prakriti corresponds to that between husband and wife. So, Krishna, the god has sixteen thousand one hundred eight forms of Prakriti as his wives. Likewise, his eight chief queens are symbolically represent major energies of *Prakriti* known as *Mula* (primary) *Prakriti*, namely – Tattva, Mahat, Ahamkara, Akasha,

Vayu, Tejas, Apas and Prithvi. The writer, a noted Indologist and authority on Krishnaite Studies, was a regular contributor to Agenda, The Pioneer. We recently lost her to the pandemic. Her presence in the form of writings will be missed

Thank God, there's God!

God is there to discipline any soul, that does not toe the line. We should be grateful for his protection, writes AJIT KUMAR BISHNOI

magine a world without God. Everyone is on their own. There is Ino *karmaphala* principle. Everything is happening by chance, because with no God, who will enforce the cause and effect rule which is also known as the karmaphala principle. Some people get together like in a dictatorship and

control the masses by terrorising them. You might say that this is happening in several countries, as in the past. But you must remember that the fiercest of the dictators eventually bit the dust. So what does one make of that? Simple, there is someone far superior than any dictator howsoever powerful he/she may be. That is God. We are blessed to have God oversee everything.

Regarding their life span, no dictator could survive for long. However, there are souls who live much beyond hundred years. Some of these special souls live even beyond that. To my knowledge there is a saint who is said to be five hundred years plus old. He comes to attend the 'Kumbha Mela' every twelve years. That is how they have estimated his age. He lives in the Himalayas. He is one example, I know of. But, there must be others who have lived for longer years. How does it happen? Because God allows them this privilege. They may wish not to be liberated just yet, having qualified for such a privilege. God can allow them; and only God can, because such souls benefit the mankind by their presence.

To understand this phenomenon, we must get the hang of the cosmic design. There is God, who is omnipresent, omnipotent and omniscient. He is the basis of everything. Everything revolves around Him. He is the one who creates, sets rules ('maryadas'), which everyone is expect-



ed to follow. Those who do are reward-

ed and those who do not, get punished. These rewards and punishments are not instantaneous. The Lord Himself sets the example of following all maryadas. Then, there are all of us, souls, all equal. Yes, our material or otherwise bodies differ as also where we are placed in the hierarchy which is based upon our 'karmas', good or bad. Our smallness is intrinsic, but this does not prevent us from achieving very big tasks like some scientists do or enlightened saints do. Our smallness also does not prevent some of us from becoming despots, for which we are punished in due course. As the arrangement is eternal, there is no rush for anything. All divine actions are well thought out and

absolutely fair. Back to some souls turning rogue and causing mayhem with assistance of some other willing souls, their smallness comes in the way and they are helplessly punished. Therefore, there is no scope of any soul becoming big at any time;

God is the only big soul, and will eternally remain so. This uniform smallness of all souls also excludes giving unfair advantage to any particular soul based on different sizes of their bodies, they being temporary.

God is there to discipline any soul, that does not toe the line, and we should be grateful for the protection granted by the all-powerful God. The system is not complicated. You have done pious deeds and earned privileges. You are expected to make good use of them to make progress in the eternal journey. If these are misused, punishment is on the way once the good deeds have run out. We shouldn't get fooled by some years of someone's reign of terror; punishment is coming but in a logical way — the karmaphala way.

In conclusion, we can state that there is the omnipotent God to both protect us and reward us, some rogue souls notwithstanding.

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Hawks cash in on Israel-Hamas war

Gaza has once again grabbed the headlines. In East Jerusalem, blood-stained streets and smoldering tyres are telltale signs of a gory fight between the Israeli security forces and the Hamas. The region is witnessing the worst violence since the 50-day war that took place in 2014. Today, the bitter truth for Israel is that Hamas, an Islamic militant group, controls the sensitive Gaza region.

Palestinians live under Israeli settler colonialism. Their fear is based on experience of torture, daily bout of humiliations, constant denial of basic freedoms, absence of dignity of life, living and labour, imprisonment and finally maiming and killing. So it is very natural that every Palestinian born there will have the basic instinct to fight against the Israeli occupation. The hatred is growing towards Israel and its security forces. And if it goes like this for any longer, war-like situation will be a daily affair.

The moot point is what Israel wants? Israel wants total control over East Jerusalem. The current conflict has emerged because of the forced expulsion of Palestinian families from the occupied East Jerusalem neighborhood of Sheikh Jarrah. Some sources say the lands occupied by these families were originally under Jewish ownership. But the Palestinians see this as an extension of an Israeli policy to displace as many Palestinians as possible from Jerusalem. The final aim is to reclaim and retain a majority Jewish identity in the city.

Will Palestine ever get the desired independent land? No, at least for the foreseeable future. It must be said here that the struggle and jehad for Palestine will continue. The Islamic resistance movements like the Hamas, meaning strength, will keep challenging the very identity of the Israeli state. In fact, the Hamas Covenant which consists of 36 articles clearly highlights how the group will take the Islamic movement further. Article 15 of the Covenant says that the jehad for the liberation of Palestine is an individual duty.

It says, "The day that enemies usurp part of Muslim land, jehad becomes the individual duty of every Muslim. In face of the Jews usurpation of Palestine, it is compulsory that the banner of jehad be raised. To do this requires the diffusion of Islamic consciousness among the masses,



Smoke rises following Israeli airstrikes on a building in Gaza City on Friday

both on the regional, Arab and Islamic ummah levels. It is necessary to instill the spirit of jehad in the heart of the nation so that they would confront the enemies and join the ranks of the fighters."

Palestinians have resisted Israeli occupation and colonisation for decades now. Anger on the Palestinian street has grown. People are raising the banner of protest against Israel. They claim that Israel is making concerted efforts to erase the Palestinian identity from the

For now, Tel Aviv has rebuffed any discussion for ceasefire. It vows to continue the offensive. Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, is in favour of stepping up its Gaza strikes. He said, "At the conclusion of a situational assessment, it was decided that both the might of the attacks and the frequency of the attacks will be increased."

He also commented that "Hamas and Islamic jehad paid... and will pay a very heavy price for their belligerence... their blood is forfeit". This indicates that Israel will continue its offensive. There is a possibility that this will add fuel to the fire over the decade's long crisis in West Asian region.

The spokesman for UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said he is saddened by the increasingly large number of casualties, including children, from Israeli air strike in Gaza and of Israeli fatalities from rockets launched from Gaza. He called for maximum restraint by the Israeli security forces. The UN has warned that the planned expulsion of the Palestinian families from East Jerusalem by Israel could amount to war crimes. But it also lashed out at the Hamas for the indiscriminate launch of rockets and mortars towards Israeli population

Meanwhile, the US postponed a UN Security Council meeting on the ongoing flare-up between Israel and the Hamas for the next week. The discussion was supposed to take place this week, but the US is trying to make room for diplomacy so as to avert the worst situation in the contested Gaza territory. The US, a key ally of Israel, has confirmed on multiple occasions that the latter has the full right to defend itself as the terrorist groups from Gaza have launched about 1,750 rockets into its territory. However, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has brushed aside all speculation that Washington of tensions". Arab League chief

is trying to torpedo the crucial talks altogether. President Joe Biden said, "One of the things that I have seen thus far is that there has not been a significant overreaction."

Around the same time, Israel has been pummeling Gaza with air strikes, levelling buildings leading to killing of dozens of people. Biden has already touted Israel's right to selfdefense amid rocket attacks from the Hamas that have killed dozens of people. Thus the White House clarified that Jerusalem must be a place of co-existence.

The European Union, a group of 27 nations, foo has criticised the Hamas for the war, by saying that Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel were totally unacceptable. And the EU called on all sides to aim for deescalation and to prevent more civilian casualties. At the same time, EU foreign policy chief Joseph Borrell condemned eviction of Palestinian families in East Jerusalem. He also called the evictions illegal, saying it

only serves to fuel tensions. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson aired his view that "the UK is deeply concerned by the growing violence and civilian casualties and we want to see urgent de-escalation

Ahmed Aboul Gheit called the Israeli air strikes indiscriminate and irresponsible.

However, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, a known bete noire of the Israel state, said "Zionists understand nothing but the language of force, so the Palestinians must increase their power and resistance to force the criminals to surrender and stop their brutal acts." Meanwhile the 57member group of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation voiced its concern over the deteriorating security scenario in East Jerusalem.

Now, as international call for restraint has been raised, both the Hamas and Israel must understand that they are simply killing innocent civilians. War is not the solution to the land problem. The current crisis is only offering the radical elements on both sides a chance to advance their agenda.

The massive deployment of ground troops by the Netanyahu Government on the border signals a broader offensive in the coming days. Moving armed forces near Gaza raises the possibility of an invasion and a bloody war. The Israeli Defence Forces ($\dot{\text{IDF}}$) is preparing for all kinds of eventualities and an esca-

lation at the moment. Such deployment of forces took place only in

As the war continues, global media reports that most of the rockets fired by the Hamas are being blocked by Israel's Iron Dome Defence System. However, some of the rockets that got through the superior defence circuit killed only a few people on the side of Israel. On the other hand, the attacks launched by Israel through its air force over Gaza have been more deadly, with a reported death toll over 90 so far. The Iron Dome is designed to selectively deal with rocket attacks. And also this system intercepts those enemy rockets that head for populated areas. The IDF claims that the Iron Dome is around 90 per cent effective. However, the sources say even a high probability intercept rate can make the Hamas efforts to destroy populated areas purely ineffective. It is to be noted here that the Iron Dome system was made with American finance.

The constant struggle for Palestine to establish its sovereign identity has become a permanent irritant for Israel. On the other hand, Israeli attempt to maintain its status quo and further expand and also to evict illegal Palestinian occupants (according to Tel Aviv) from East Jerusalem foment an ever greater war in the region. The Hamas wants the Jews dead and the state of Israel eliminated. For them, it is not about Israel, but this is ultimately about the Jews.

Today, situation in East Jerusalem is terribly unnerving. It is time for the Israeli garrison state to talk peace. The Hamas, only by working as a proxy, will find it really difficult to bring a solution to the Palestinians. Only result would be death of civilians. And the hawks will be happy. When the deadly, Covid-19 is killing millions across the globe, Tel Aviv and the Hamas must not venture out to take more lives anymore.

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Tel Aviv's concerted efforts to evict 'illegal' **Palestinian** settlers from **East Jerusalem** and Hamas' ceaseless attempts to destroy Israel and Jews are the biggest hurdles in arriving at a peaceful solution. The ongoing war offers the hawks from both sides the much soughtafter opportunity as they have some political axe to grind



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PERSPECTIVE

Systemic flaws in Indian health sector exposed The biggest problem, more relevant to India, $T_{19\,has\ exposed\ our\ lack\ of}^{he\ second\ wave\ of\ Covid-}$ preparedness for any medical emergency as India has not been able to meet any basic medical requirements that do not need complicated technology or high investment i.e. medicines, oxygen, ventilators, PPE kits, vaccine, etc. Had we faced any other medical emergency related to a virus deadlier than SARS-Cov or some other deadly radiation (as faced by Japan after nuclear attack), probably Indian population would have halved by now. Covid-19 has provided the nation an opportunity to intro-

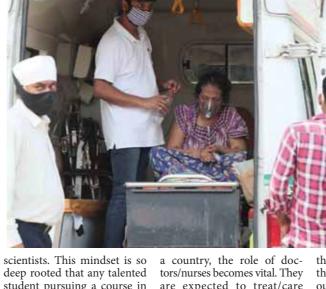
spect problems in our healthcare system to effectively deal with the ongoing pandemic (which doesn't seem to get over before 2022), and any potential health emergency in crucial to understand the future. Rather than squarethe properties and ly blaming any past or present government at the Centre or origin of the new virus State, the purpose of this colto develop medicines umn is to shake our policy makers to realise the systemic and vaccines flaws and bottlenecks in the way of development of robust and inclusive health infrastructure in India.

First, we need to recognise that the human health is interconnected with his surrounding environment, including living species i.e. various animals, birds, etc. Rudolf Virchow, a famous German physicist and pathologist, also known as Father of Modern Pathology, coined a term called Zoonosis to refer to any infectious disease which is transmitted from animals to humans. A zoonotic disease is caused by virus, bacteria, fungus, etc, and travels from animals to human. He asserted that there are no dividing lines, nor should there be between animal and human medicine.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organization's report "World Livestock 2013" states an important fact that 60 per cent of all new infectious diseases that emerged in last three decades are zoonotic diseases. Viral outbreaks in recent years like nipahvirus, ebola virus, swine flu (H1N1) virus, avian influenza (H5N1) virus, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS CoV) are all zoonotic viruses. According to World Health Organization (WHO), zoonotic pathogens represent a clear threat to global health. The entire world is at higher risk of future pandemics, primarily of animal origin and combating it would require good co-ordination among medical science, veterinary science, environmental science and other biological

Realising the importance of this coordination, William Osler, the father of modern medicine and founder of the discipline of veterinary pathology, and Calvin Schwabe (chairperson of a new Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of California) advocated "one medicine" for

The second systemic flaw is more relevant to India. It is the presence of an extremely high educational hierarchy, which places MBBS course at the top while degrading all other health professionals and



student pursuing a course in virology, immunology, nursing, physiotherapy or non-allopathic medical courses, etc, is considered inferior because of his/her inability to secure admission to an MBBS course. On the one hand, this hierarchy demoralises other allied fields, and on the other, it paves the way for undue interference by MBBS doctors in the other fields. This leads to a barrier in the development of these fields. Moreover, Indian doctors despite their huge potential, rarely take up medical research as it is less remunerating compared to consultancy, which is highly paid.

A lot of services that can be taken care of by these professionals cannot be performed by MBBS doctors. When a new and unknown disease first hits

are expected to treat/care patients with the existing medications/knowledge. When it becomes difficult to treat patients with the existing framework, then the role of virologist, geneticist, veterinary doctor, microbiologist, pharmacologist and immunologist becomes crucial to understand the properties and origin of the new virus to develop medicines and vaccines. After developing vaccines, nurses play an important role in vaccinating the people. Depending on the kind of disease, if it causes complications relating to mobility, muscular contractures, etc, among patients, then the role of physiotherapist becomes important; and if complications make the patient physically disabled or orthopedically handicapped

then begins the role of prosthetist and orthotist to figure out devices to help them.

The risk of zoonosis has increased due to the present human activities such as demographic alterations, increased movement across various continents, disturbing natural phenomenon and over exploitation of the environment. It brings the environmentalist into the picture. Thus, it is clear that an integrated approach toward a public health emergency is an effective way to deal with the unknown disease. Creating a hierarchy between the professions of the same sector can weaken our fight against any

Moreover, these professionals (virologists, immunologists, orthotics & prosthetics, physiotherapist, occupational therapist) could have played a very crucial role during the ongoing pandemic to meet the ments from health infrastrucshortage of health workers, by being given a very short training. It is worth mentioning here that the educational courses studied by these professionals have a lot of syllabi common MBBS Unfortunately, we have failed to utilise their huge potential.

Thirdly, India has a huge shortage of doctors which is reflected by the indicator of population served by a doctor, which is one of the highest in the world. Despite availability of huge talent, this artificial shortage is due to unnecessary stringent rules to establish a medical college and limited medical seats. Devi Prasad Shetty, one of the leading cardiologists in India, suggested that the Government can build around 300 new medical colleges without any cost which can offer 30,000 new seats. He argued that medical education can be provided to the students even in a single building and for practical training they can be taken to hospitals. According to him most governments refrain from creating new medical colleges since it requires an investment of around ₹450 crore and a time span of around 5 years. Further, the annual maintenance cost of a medical college is also around ₹150 crore. Educating medical students in a simple building without health infrastructure and training them practically in hospitals is the simplest and most cost-effective way of

meeting the current demand for doctors. Lastly, gradual withdrawal of most successive governture has resulted in the shortages of hospital beds, oxygen, ventilators, etc. We can clearly notice an obsession of all governments with health insurance schemes especially for the last two decades, rather than expanding existing public health infrastructure. It is worth mentioning here that health insurance generate additional burden on the existing health infrastructure rather than creating any new health infrastructure. If the same amount that has been spent on health insurances by all governments in last two decades had been used to expand health infrastructure, it would have expanded our medical facilities by around 10 per cent, which would have not only provided a lot of jobs but also saved the lives of lakhs of people. Moreover, we can find numerous reports of misuse of insurance schemes by private hospitals by inflating bills through unnecessary medical testing. This has depleted most of the insurance coverage. It is high time when all

Governments in India (Centre or State) should come together to prepare a roadmap to abolish all systemic flaws in our health system. Let us learn from this pandemic and prepare ourselves better for any other such threat to human life in the future.

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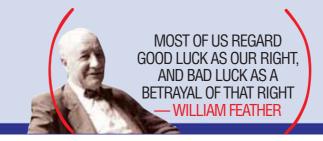


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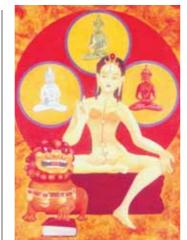




ARIES March 21-April 19

This week keep your stress level under check to stay in good health. Deal with any problems that come up physically, don't try to avoid them. Be sure to get enough rest. If you need healing, ask for it. Sensitive people need caring, nurturing, massage, and hugs from friends to stay healthy. On the career front, other people may oppose your new ideas or proposals, but if you know that you're right to go ahead. You are enthusiastic, full of energy and want to put your best, but others are not taking it positively. Leave your simplicity behind, be smart and a little articulate. On the personal front, your relationship will move into a lighter, easier, and more balanced phase when you are sure of vourself.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Wednesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Tension and depression might take a toll leaving you an exhausted and under-confident. Reading, meditation and light exercises will bring relief, and good sleep will help to improve your state of mind. Uncertainties and confusion in life will melt away if you have a positive and creative mind. On the work front, you need to make quick decisions. Use your intelligence and logic for good cause, do not waste your time in disputes. The solution to the problem is already there or will come soon. On the personal front, work with cool mind than the raging heart. If in a relationship, this can be a make-or-break period. This is the time to be clear about what you want out of your relationships, and then take steps accordingly.

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Saturday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

On the health front, you decide to self-validate and believe in yourself as well as your talents. Your motto for a disease-free happy family will keep you busy. It is time to imagine how totally different and wonderful things can be. Professionally, you are positive and try to bring love and compassion to your work. You are highly intuitive too. People are amazed to see this side to you. Focus on your goals and targets. Be firm and determined. Those in business need to be tough in the money transactions. On the personal front, mind, heart, and emotions are going in different ways. This is a highly emotional time in love relationships. Things can quickly become heated. Treat your lover like a friend. Don't be in a hurry to end or to begin a relationship.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Sunday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week is a good time to enjoy your health and add extra charm to your persona. You are cheerful, hopeful, and full of life. You take good care of yourself, and the people you are concerned with. Compromising on health issues is not advisable. Balancing your work and relations is important. On the career front, be cautious if you are in a job, follow the discipline and set rules for the organisation you are working with, else be ready to face displeasure of your seniors. Businessmen should be careful in money transaction. There appear to be conflicts and confrontations which may make you lose your calm. On the personal front, you may get involved in a great relationship. Romance is in the air.

Lucky number 18 Lucky colour White Lucky day Wednesday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

You will be positive, creative, and happy go lucky this week. This is an excellent time to flaunt your charm and enjoy the path of personal development. The completeness, sense of vitality and peace of mind will make you a very efficient person. On the career front, you are confident and ready to face any challenges. You will win and attain accolades for your performance this week. You will be in your senior's good books. Do not let this success get into your head. On the relationship front, be careful as there are chances of counterfeit love. Investigate before you take any final decision. Existing relations should clear the doubts and confusions if any to avoid misunderstanding in future.

Lucky number 19 Lucky colour Mustard Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

You are likely to change your mind radically about something that you think is wrong with you physically. Do not ignore everything your doctor has told you, rather give it deep thought. Those suffering from serious ailments need to be under the constant observation of doctors. On the work front, getting confused about whether to leave the present job, starting a business, or some undesirable circumstances is likely to take place. Changing subjects or field often gets you nowhere. Find out your interest and potentials. This is the time to be firm in your decisions and keep your eyes and ears open. On the personal front, there are hope and happiness on an emotional level, along with a new sense of security, protection and recovery.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Grey Lucky day Tuesday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week you need a break from normal life. There is a need to slow down the hectic work pace and relax. Do not push yourself when you are tired, it may cause illness and injury. On the career front, you have the benefits of your communication, both verbal or written, and will get a good news regarding your career. Businessmen could acquire a secure position monetarily. Those in service will get the support of their seniors and boss, which is likely to prove a stepping stone in their career. Be cautious, stay focused on what you want to achieve. On the personal front, a new beginning and higher expectations are on the cards. This is the time when you need not put extra efforts into the relationship area.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Grev Lucky day Saturday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week, work on balancing your *chakras* or your body, mind, and spirit. Pay adequate attention to all three. Meditation and Pranayam will work wonderfully. The benefits are far greater than any effort you can put out. Professionally, connections with new people, especially people from other lands, will be beneficial. This is the time for making new business deals, signing new projects and assignments. Crack your potential. Stars are favouring you. Creativity, change, and development are the themes of the week. On the personal front, new ideas and plans will certainly help you to revitalise your relations with loved ones. Love is in the air and you are in full mood to express your feelings. This is a good time to make relations.

Lucky number 7 Lucky colour Green **Lucky day** Friday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week take some time out for yourself. Healthwise, you are on the right track. Keep doing what you are doing. Learn more about rituals from the past. They will deepen your spiritual understanding and practice and help you to bring balance. On the career front, lots of activity, getting things accomplished are on the cards. You may make your peers look bad. You don't feel tired; being a workaholic is your passion. Keep your behaviour in check, there are chances of using harsh words that create a hostile situation around you. Maintain your cool and equilibrium whatever the situation, that quality will add a feather to your career. On the relationship front, if you are currently committed, it may well rise to new and better heights soon.

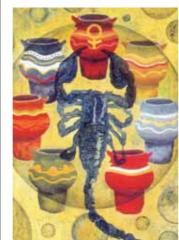
Lucky number 15 Lucky colour Black Lucky day Saturday



CANCER June 21-July 22

Listen to your body with great care and attention. You are either overeating or starving yourself to lose weight. Both situations are bad for health. Bringing balance in food habits not only helps you to maintain your weight but it gives you a confident mindset. You are otherwise hale & hearty, enjoy the week. On the work front, investment done in the past is coming to fruition this week. This can be literal such as a bank account returning money to you. You will be reaping what you have sown. You are in the good book of your senior and soon there will be rewards. On the personal front, love and emotions are taking a back seat, you prefer isolation. Those committed must stay connected with their time to keep the spark alive.

Lucky number 4 Lucky colour Indigo Lucky day Tuesday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

You need to balance your health efforts with your personal and professional responsibilities. Be sure that you are taking time for rest and healing. If you put yourself last on the list of things, your health will suffer. Make sure you are taking adequate sleep too. On the professional front, if you are looking for a job, you have the ability and the skill to find it. If you are already employed, you will find a better position. If there's no room for a promotion at your current job, give serious thought to finding something where there is a possibility. On the relationship front, if you are committed, don't hesitate to speak your mind to your beloved. You stand with pride and express your feelings. This will only improve your relationship.

The tale of Ganapati

Lucky number 16 Lucky colour Purple Lucky day Thursday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you are likely to feel stressed out. You may be suppressing your emotions, and this will impact your body negatively. Be careful how, when, and where you vent your emotional reactions. Anything that reduces your stress level will be helpful. Think positive Stay calm and connected. Anger is a silent killer. On the career front, tension is indicated. Be positive, this is a temporary phase. Those looking for a job change, this is the right time. Execute plans with sincerity. You have the potential to achieve the desired position. On the personal front, the time is right for soul-searching and discovery of the inner realms. It is a very positive time for you and an excellent opportunity to strengthen relationships of all kinds.

Lucky number 22 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Friday

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¬he Ganapati imagery and the story line running around makes out an

interesting reading. He is perceived

as having the head of an elephant with a

single tusk. He has a small mouse as his

mount. Animal forms have been exten-

sively used in Indian tradition to enlight-

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Let us first have a brief run into the

Shiva's consort, made a beautiful clay idol

The story suggests that our gross

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form-body, it becomes alive. It implies

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earthly matter would remain a dead mat-

ter. The paradox, however, is that most of

us just identify oneself with the gross

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sciousness element. This eternal truth needs to be understood and acknowledged, is what comes out of this story.

In the above context, it is worth mentioning here once again that as per ancient India's perception, Lord Shiva symbolises the transcendent consciousness — the seed-potential to create life. His consort Parvati, by Herself no different from Lord Shiva, serves as His kinetic side, the immanent consciousness, the power by which She makes life flow. The above legend needs to be understood in

this background. The legend further states that once Ganesa stood guard with the instruction that he should ensure that no body disturbs Parvati while bathing in her private chamber. Meanwhile, Lord Shiva comes to join His consort. Ignorant of the fact that Lord Shiva is his mother's spouse, Ganesa did not allow Him access and rather stood firm in His path. When all persuasions failed, a battle followed in which, enraged Lord Shiva chopped off Ganesa's head. When Parvati learnt of Ganesa's death, her ire got aroused. In a fit of anger, having lost her sensibility, She could have destroyed the whole Universe. Everybody got alarmed.



To pacify Parvati, Narada was sent to her as a messenger. Parvati agreed to relent on two conditions: (a) that Ganesa had to be brought back to life and (b) he should be granted Godly status with all divine rights. In deference to Her wishes, first Ganesa's headless body was bathed and cleaned. Meanwhile, the head was lost in the din of battle. Shiva then sent out his companions with the instruction to kill and bring the head of the first living being in sight. That happened to be an elephant with one tusk. The elephant's head was transplanted on Ganesa's body. Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, the God trinity personified, respectively assigned with the functions of creation, sustenance and recycling life, joined hands and brought back the dead Ganesa to life. Shiva accepted Ganesa as His son. He also made Him the lord of His companions (the *ganas*), and so is also called

Here, how true is the story, is not the point of deliberation. It is actually suggestive of the fact that be it an animal or a human existence, their dynamic existence is rooted in a common factor the consciousness element. Second, it is only when all constituents of a form-

Ganapati (the lord of gana-s).

body are in place that the consciousness element would be manifest. But for a form-existence in place, the conscious-

ness element would not be in reckoning. Let us now look at the educative import inlaid with this particular symbolism. Elephant is one animal which has sensibilities and emotions akin to a human being. It lives in herd where the order of their leader is strictly obeyed. They remain as possessive of their mates as human beings. They can be seen weeping following death of their fellow being. They are even believed to dig ground and bury their dead. They get enraged if ever their privacy is ever encroached upon. And since they have longest memory, the elephant hits upon the person who encroached his privacy, if ever noticed much later. The elephant exactly remembers the track it followed in the past in search of food or water and will try that option when faced with scarcity. Thus, goes the proverb: "elephantine memory" to mean infallible

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