

OPINION 6

THE LEGACY OF THE
DIVISION OF INDIA

WORLD 8

GERMANY SET FOR NEW GOVT
THAT WILL END MERKEL'S RULE

MONEY 9

INDIAN GDP TO GROW
7.8 PC IN Q2: REPORT

DEHRADUN, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2021; PAGES 12 ₹2

the pioneer

www.dailypioneer.com

MY BEST
FILM YET:
SHAHID
10 VIVACITY

SP stitching alliances to take on BJP

Akhilesh meets AAP leader Sanjay Singh and Apna Dal leader Krishna Patel

GBISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

Shedding its Covid-period inertia, the Samajwadi Party is racing ahead with its plan to stitch up alliances with smaller parties to take on the BJP in the forthcoming Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh.

In an attempt to strengthen the caste alliance further, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav met senior Aam Adami Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh and Apna Dal (Krishna Group) president Krishna Patel separately on Wednesday, fuelling speculation of further alliances.

Krishna Patel later declared that her party will share stage with the Samajwadi Party in near future but did not elaborate on the seat arrangement.

The meeting between Akhilesh and Singh took place at Janeshwar Mishra Trust building in Lucknow and lasted for about an hour. This was the third meeting of the AAP leader and Akhilesh.

"In an attempt to give respite to the people of UP from the BJP, we are trying to come together and talks regarding a possible alliance have been initiated," Singh said.



Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav meets AAP leader Sanjay Singh in Lucknow on Wednesday

PTI

Recently Singh had visited the residence of SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav and greeted him on his birthday.

Political pundits believe that if the SP and the AAP forge an alliance, it will boost their chances in the urban areas where the BJP has stronghold.

Earlier in the day, Patel met Akhilesh. She claimed that her deal with the SP is final now and very soon leaders of both parties would share a common platform.

Another faction of Apna Dal led by Union Minister Anupriya Patel has an alliance with the ruling BJP.

Akhilesh has already forged alliance with Suheldeo Rajbhar Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) which has a strong base among Rajbhar community in east UP. Besides, the SP also has tied up with Mahan Dal, which has influence among the Maurya-Kachi and Kushwaha community in east and central UP. Last month, the

SP had entered into an alliance with the Jan Kranti Party dominated by Lonia community. Earlier on Tuesday, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Jayant Choudhury had met with Akhilesh regarding alliance for the coming UP Assembly elections.



Rebel Congress MLA Aditi Singh (L) and BSP MLA from Azamgarh Vandana Singh join the BJP at the party office in Lucknow on Wednesday

PTI

Rebel Cong, BSP MLAs join BJP

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Congress and the BSP received another setback in Uttar Pradesh before the crucial Assembly polls when rebel Congress MLA Aditi Singh from Rae Bareilly's Sadar seat joined the BJP; and rebel BSP MLA from Sagri seat of Azamgarh district Vandana Singh did the same.

Vandana was suspended by the BSP for anti-party activities. She said the BSP never heard her side and suspended her without any reason. "Thereafter I met Yogi Adityanath and he asked me to join BJP," she said. Leaders of various political parties took the membership of the BJP in the presence of BJP State pres-

ident Swatantra Dev Singh in Lucknow. Welcoming both the leaders, Singh said joining of these sitting MLAs gives a clear picture of what will happen in 2022 Assembly polls.

Aditi has been criticising the Congress and hailing the policies of the BJP Government for a long time. Recently, Aditi had said she wanted to be a part of Yogi's team and claimed Yogi is the most popular CM.

Aditi had even criticised Priyanka Gandhi saying she is only doing drama. "If she had been aware of women's pride, she would have first acted against her personal secretary Sandeep Singh, who has been booked for molesting a woman," Aditi had said.

Mamata meets PM; Swamy hogs limelight

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

TMC supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss a range of issues, including demand for withdrawal of the order extending the BSF's jurisdiction in the State. She also invited the PM to inaugurate the Global Business Meet scheduled in Kolkata for April 2022.

However, what caused more attention during the day was senior BJP leader Subramanian Swamy calling on the TMC chief a day after the regional party inducted several senior party members of the Congress and the JD(U).

Swamy, however, oblique-

Bengal CM urges Modi to withdraw order on extension of BSF jurisdiction

ly scotched the possibility of him joining the Trinamool Congress. "I was already with her (Mamata). There is no need for me to join the party," he told the media.

Swamy who has often praised Mamata on social media met her at TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's official residence in the national Capital. After meeting the Trinamool Congress chief, Swamy said they discussed the political scenario in Bengal.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in New Delhi on Wednesday

PTI

CAPSULE

ISIS THREAT TO GAMBHIR: SECURITY AT RESIDENCE

New Delhi: Security has been beefed up outside the residence of BJP MP Gautam Gambhir here after he received an alleged death threat from "ISIS Kashmir", officials said on Wednesday.

NO BABIES IN PARLIAMENT: UK LAWMAKERS OUTRAGED

London: Several British politicians demanded a change in parliamentary rules on Wednesday after a lawmaker was told she couldn't bring her 3-month-old baby into the House of Commons.

MARKETS	
SENSEX	58,340.99 (-323.34)
NIFTY	17,415.05 (-88.30)
GOLD	47,410.00 (-24.00)
SILVER	62,726.00 (+217.00)
WEATHER	
MAX 24.0°C	
MIN 09.0°C	
Mainly Clear Sky	
POWERED BY	
UNIGATE GENERAL MEDIA (P) LTD	
https://pioneeredge.in	

Delhi schools, colleges to reopen from Nov 29 as air quality improves

CNG, electric, emergency service trucks to be allowed to enter Delhi from November 27

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With a significant improvement in the Capital's air quality, the Delhi Government on Wednesday decided to resume physical classes in schools, colleges and all educational institutions and reopen Government offices from November 29.

Addressing the media, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said CNG and electric trucks, along with the emergency service trucks, will be allowed to enter Delhi from November 27.

To encourage Delhi Government employees to use public transports instead of personal vehicles, Rai said the AAP Government in Delhi



will provide shuttle bus service from the Delhi Secretariat to ITO and Indraprastha metro stations.

"There are colonies and areas like Nimri Colony, Gulabi Bagh, Timarpur, where a majority of Delhi Government employees come from. In all such places, the Kejriwal Government has decided to start special buses to facilitate

the employees' commute," said Rai.

Stressing his Government commitment to fight air pollution in all possible ways, Rai said violation of 14-point guidelines by construction and demolition sites will lead to immediate termination of work and a penalty.

"Since the last three days, there have been improvements

in Delhi's pollution levels. If we look at the average air quality index from before Diwali, Delhi has reached those levels again. The pollution levels had been steadily rising after Diwali. Considering that, multiple restrictions were put in place, apart from the routine processes. Today, we held a review meeting with the higher officials of Delhi, and many important decisions were taken.

"We are reopening things, but our fight against pollution will continue. Therefore, it is necessary for everyone to cooperate, because together we can reduce this pollution further so that Delhi can have better air. So far 1,221 sites have been inspected. Out of which construction work was stopped at 105 places. Close monitoring is being done daily by the government. Conditions will definitely improve. But the Government will not shy away from taking any tough step if needed," he said.

CBI charges 2 naval commanders in submarine retrofitting leak info case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In its third chargesheet in connection with the submarine retrofitting information leak case, the CBI has charged two Naval commanders Jagdeesh and Abhishek Shaw.

In the latest chargesheet in the case, the CBI has also named Commander Ajit Pandey and retired Naval officer commodore Randeep Singh for the alleged leak of information related to advance payment for INS Sindhuratna-MRLC (Medium Refit Life Certification) project, sources said.

Earlier, the agency had filed two chargesheets against six persons and Hyderabad-based firm Allen Reinforced Plastics Limited (ARPL).

The third chargesheet came after the agency completed the probe against Commander Jagdish, who was arrested on September 21. The agency has also named Commander Abhishek Shaw



in the chargesheet filed on Saturday, they said. Several accused, including retired officers commodore Randeep Singh and Commander SJ Singh, serving officer Commander Ajit Pandey, Commander Jagdish and the executive director of Hyderabad-based Allen Reinforced Plastics Ltd, have already been granted default bail in the matter, they said.

While the CBI admitted the Officials Secrets Act (OSA) probe was on against the accused persons, but it did not mention it in the chargesheet, leading to the grant of default bail to the accused persons.

An accused becomes eligible for default bail if the investigating agency does not file a chargesheet within the stipulated period of 60 days in cases relating to the Prevention of Corruption Act or 90 days for offences under the Indian Penal Code.

The CBI had conducted searches against retired naval officers Commodore Randeep Singh and Commander Satwinder Jeet Singh, a day after registering the case on September 2 after getting information that the latter was going to share crucial details related to a meeting in the Navy on the procurement.

Covaxin shows 50% effectiveness against symptomatic Covid cases in real-world assessment: Lancet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Two doses of Covaxin, also known as BBV152, are 50 per cent effective against the symptomatic disease as per the first real-world assessment of India's indigenous vaccine against the deadly infection, published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal.

The number is significantly lower than the 77.8 per cent efficacy that Bharat Biotech, manufacturer of the Covaxin, had claimed on the basis of the interim phase 3 trial results of the vaccine. It was released earlier in November.

The latest study published in The Lancet assessed 2,714 hospital workers at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi, from April 15-May 15, who were symptomatic and underwent RT-PCR test for Covid-19



detection.

Researchers noted that the Delta variant was the dominant strain in India during the study period, accounting for approximately 80 per cent of all confirmed Covid-19 cases.

Covaxin, developed by the Hyderabad-based pharma firm in collaboration with the National Institute of Virology, Indian Council of Medical Research (NIV-ICMR), Pune, is an inactivated whole virus vaccine administered in a two-dose regimen, 28 days apart.

Govt extends 5 kg foodgrains/month for free under PMGKAY till March

80 crore people to be benefited

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In view of the upcoming Assembly polls in five States, the Narendra Modi Government on Wednesday approved a proposal to extend distribution of 5kg foodgrains per month for free under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to over 80 crore ration card holders for four months from December 2021 to March 2022.

The decision to extend the scheme was taken by the Union Cabinet on Wednesday. The phase V of the scheme will cost an additional ₹53,344.52 crore to the exchequer.

Free foodgrains under the



PMGKAY scheme, which was announced in March last year to provide relief to poor people during the Covid pandemic, is over and above the normal quota provided under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) at a highly subsidised rate of ₹2-3 per kilogram.

Briefing about the decision,

I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said the Cabinet has extended the PMGKAY programme by four months till March 2022. This will cost an additional ₹53,344 crore to the exchequer, he said, adding that the total cost of PMGKAY would reach about ₹2.6 lakh crore, including all five phases of this ongoing programme.

The scheme provides 5 kg of rice or wheat per person and 1 kg of dal to each family holding a ration card.

Earlier, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal wrote to Modi requesting him to extend the Central Government's quota of free ration supply until May 2022.

In the wake of economic disruptions caused by the unprecedented outbreak of Covid-19 in the country last year, the Government had in

March 2020 announced the distribution of additional free-of-cost foodgrains (rice/wheat) to about 80 crore National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries.

The Phase-I and Phase-II of this scheme were operational from April to June 2020 and July to November 2020, respectively. The Phase-III of the scheme was operational from May to June 2021, while Phase-IV of the scheme is currently operational for July-November, 2021.

"The PMGKAY scheme for Phase V from December 2021 till March 2022 would entail an estimated additional food subsidy of ₹53,344.52 crore," an official statement said. The total outgo in terms of foodgrains for PMGKAY Phase V is likely to be about 163 lakh tonnes.

Cabinet approves Bill to repeal all three farm laws

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In line with Prime Minister's Narendra Modi's announcement, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Bill to repeal the three controversial farm laws.

"The Cabinet has completed the formalities to repeal the three farm laws," I&B Minister Anurag Thakur told reporters. "In the upcoming session of Parliament, it will be our priority to take back these three laws," he said. The Winter Session will begin on November 29 and conclude on December 23.

The Bill titled the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021, will seek the rollback of the three laws, namely, Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation)



Act, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act.

New Sports policy of U'khand evokes mixed public response

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The much awaited Sports Policy 2021 was approved by the Uttarakhand cabinet on Tuesday. In the draft of the policy several measures have been taken to sharpen the budding sporting talent in the state. The Sports Minister Arvind Pandey said that the government will be selecting 300 children aged between 8 to 14 years old from every district of the state every year. A Physical and Aptitude Test (PSAT) will be conducted to identify the sporting talent among them and sharpen it. These children will also get a scholarship of Rs 1500 per month. Similar process will be followed for 200 players between 14 to 23 years of age in every district and they would be paid a scholarship of Rs 2000 per month. The selected youngsters will also get sports kits, trackuits and other tools and equipment related to the games they play. All these facilities will be given under the Mukhya Mantri Udayiman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana. He

also added that players who will get gold, silver and bronze medals in the Olympics will get Rs 2 crores, 1.5 crores and 1 crore respectively. In addition to this the medal winners of national and international sporting events will be provided appointment in the group B and C grade posts in government departments of the state. He also said that the sports persons will also get a sports quota of five per cent in educational institutions and expansion of sports infrastructure all over the state, he said. People of the state gave mixed opinions when asked to comment on the new sports policy. Football Coach and Referee Virendra Singh Rawat said, "This policy is a ploy to win the upcoming elections. A sports policy was in force at a time when Uttarakhand was part of Uttar Pradesh and it should have been continued upon the separation of the state." He added that sports players are migrating and representing other states due absence of a proper sports policy for so long.

Retired Chief Football Coach (Sports Authority of India) Dayal Singh Rawat suggested some improvements in this new policy. He said, "Instead of focusing on multiple games, more focus should be on the result oriented games." He also said that the government should focus on the popular sports in different districts like in Pithoragarh boxing is more popular with youngsters. He added that the complaint of most of the players is that though the policies are made they are not being followed on the ground level therefore this should also be looked into. A young and promising athlete of Dehradun said that the policy announced seems good on paper but whether it will get implemented or not that will be seen in future. The sports policy was also announced in 2017 and 2018 but implementation was not done. Therefore, seeing past experience, it is not wrong to say that after announcement everybody is waiting for implementation of policy.

WINTER SETS IN NAINITAL, TOURIST FOOTFALL DIPS

PNS ■ NAINITAL

With cold gripping tourist town Nainital from past few days, the number of tourists has started declining on weekdays. The tourists can be seen on weekends enjoying lake city but there is a considerable decline in footfall now. In recent days, layers of frost can be observed following clouds covering mountains in evenings which have also caused a dip in temperature. Many tourists arriving in city can be seen shopping for warm clothes to keep themselves warm and toasty in chilling weather.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

SRDEN/HQ/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders Nos. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No. Date	126-DRM-MB-21-22 Date 18.11.2021
Name of Work	Construction of Canal Crossing Syphon Bridge No.-13-B as RCC Box (2x4000x2500) for passing of Madhya Ganga Canal between Hazrat Nagar Halt-Sirsi Makhdumpur Halt on RJK-SHTS Section at Railway Km 12.238 under ADEN/CH.
Tender Closing Date Time	09/12/2021 16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	49620209.00
Earnest Money (Rs.)	0.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	0.00
Bidding Start Date	25/11/2021
Period of Completion	06 Months
Tender No.:	75-W/23/WA/Publication DATED: 22.11.2021 2729/2021
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE	

Office of The Director General of Police Uttarakhand
12, Subhash Marg, Dehradun

पत्रांक – डीजी-नैन-39/2021Re E-PROCUREMENT NOTICEदिनांक- नवम्बर 23, 2021

SI NO.	Description of Items	Qty.	Tender No.
1	1-Khaki Tericot cloth-64081.4 Mtr. 2-White Tericot cloth- 593.2 Mtr. 3-Navy Blue Tericot cloth-321.6 Mtr.	64996.2 Mtr.	DG-III-39/2021
2	Angola Cloth	8887.5 Mtr.	
3	Serj Cloth	5604 Mtr.	

3-

4- Last Date of Receipt of Re E-Tender 30-11-2021 Time 10:00 A.M

5- Date of Opening of bid 30-11-2021 Time 03:30 P.M

3-Further Details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>

DIG (P&M)
Police H.Q. Uttarakhand
Dehradun

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Northern Railway, Moradabad for & on behalf of the President of India, e-tender for the following work:-

SN	Name of work & Place	Area (in Sq-meter)	Reserve Price for 01 year (excluding GST)	Earnest Money (2% of reserve price of 3 years)	Tender Cost (including GST)	Completion period
1.	Tender for Passenger Carrying Commercial Vehicle including Taxi, Rickshaw, Auto-rickshaw through prepaid counter service parking stand at Haridwar Railway Station. ('A-1'- Category)	480 Sq-m	Rs. 6,12,000/-	Rs. 36,800/- to be paid through online payment gateway	Rs. 2360/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years
2.	Tender for Car Parking Stand at Doiwala Railway Station. ('E' Category)	300 Sq-m	Rs. 80,733/-	Rs. 4,900/- to be paid through online payment gateway	Rs. 1,180/- to be paid through online payment gateway	3 Years

Address of website from which tender documents can be downloaded : www.ireps.gov.in (E-tendering mode).
Last Date & time of submission : Upto 14.00 hrs. on 16.12.2021 and will be open on the same day. **Note- 1. In case of any difficulty helpdesk and learning centre available on the website IREPS may be approached. 2. Tenderer(s) are advised to read tender document carefully before participating in the tender.**
Tender Notice No. 21-10/Tender-Parking/MB/2021/C Dt. 24.11.2021. 2733/21

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

केनरा बैंक
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

E-Auction Notice

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE & MOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 6, 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Canara Bank, Regional Office II, 46 E.C. Road, IDA Tower, I Floor, Near Dwarka Store, Dehradun 248001

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to be the borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the immovable/movable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold on "as is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" through e-auction on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD.** through the website **www.indianbankseaction.com**, through different lots.

The details of E-Auction also available at www.canarabank.com. Last date of executing EMD : 29.12.2021 till 5.00 pm, Date and Time of E-auction: 31.12.2021 between 12:30 PM To 01:30 PM (with auto extension of 5 minutes)

S. No.	Name of the Borrower /Guarantor	Brief Description of Properties/Possession Type	Liabilities	Reserve Price	Branch Name
				Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Amount in Multiple	Contact Mobile No.
1.	Borrower: 1. Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh Raghuvanshi S/o Sh. Nerpendra Singh Raghuvanshi R/o Add1: Rawli Mehdood, Shivailk Guest House Ke Piche, Sector 3, BHEL, Hardwar 249403, Add2: Plot No.4, Khasra No. 448/3, Rawli Mehdood, Pargana Jwalapur, Tehsil & Distt. Haridwar 249403 2. Sh. Nerpendra Singh Raghuvanshi S/o Sh. Nagendra Singh Raghuvanshi R/o Add 1: Rawli Mehdood, Shivailk Guest House Ke Piche, Sector 3, BHEL, Hardwar 249403, Add2: Plot No.4, Khasra No. 448/3, Rawli Mehdood, Pargana Jwalapur, Tehsil & Distt. Haridwar 249403. Guarantor: Sh. Gaurav Sharma S/o Sh. Abhimanyu Sharma R/o 68/1 Chowk Bazaar, Kankhal Sati Ghat Hardwar 249408.	EMT of all that of residential house in the name of Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh Raghuvanshi S/o Sh. Nerpendra Singh Raghuvanshi & Sh. Nerpendra Singh Raghuvanshi S/o Sh. Nagendra Singh Raghuvanshi, part of plot no. 4, Khasra No. 448/3 situated at Vill. Rawali Mehdood, Pargana Jwalapur, Teh. & Distt. Haridwar. Total Land Area measuring 44.60 Sq. Mt. ie 480 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East- Property of Vikas Kumar & Pawan Kumar, West- Plot No. 3, North- Plot No. 5, South- Common Way 16 ft.	Rs. 10,21,862.00 as on 30.11.2020 + interest w.e.f. 04.11.2020 + Expenses- Recoveries after 30.11.2020	Rs. 10.11 Lacs Rs. 1.01 Lacs	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur II Ph. No. 9456591119
2.	Borrower: Sh. Neeraj Kumar S/o Sh. Tejpal Singh R/o Ganpati Vihar Phase-2, Vill. Salempur Mehdood, Pargana Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar 249402. Guarantor: Sh. Boby S/o Sh. Sompal R/o Shiv Vihar Colony, Salempur Mehdood Hardwar 249402.	EMT of all that of residential house in the name of Sh. Neeraj Kumar S/o Sh. Tejpal Singh having plot no. 17 bearing Khasra No. 1605 situated at Ganpati Vihar Phase-2, Vill. Salempur Mehdood-2, Pargana Roorkee, Teh. & Distt. Haridwar 249402. Total Land Area measuring 66.91 Sq. Mt. ie 720.00 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East- Part of Plot No. 16 & 14, West- Plot No. 18, North- Way 18 ft. wide, South- Plot No. 9.	Rs. 10,19,553.93 as on 22.02.2021 + interest w.e.f. 24.01.2021 + Expenses- Recoveries after 22.02.2021	Rs. 12.84 Lacs Rs. 1.28 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur II Ph. No. 9456591119
3.	Borrower: M/s. S P Traders, Proprietor-Mr. Sundar Pal S/o Mr. Chandra bhan R/o-Near Sangam cinema, Roshanabad, Haridwar, Uttarakhand, Mr. Sundar Pal S/o Mr. Chandra bhan R/o Gadhampur, Salempur mahdood, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249402. Guarantor: Mr. Ravindra Pal S/o Mr. Amar Singh, R/o Salempur mahdood, Haridwar, Uttarakhand 249402.	EMT of all that of residential property in the name of Mr. Sunder Pal S/o Mr. Chandrabhan, khasra no 602, village salempur mahdood-1, pargana roorkee, district haridwar. Total land area measuring 1600 square ft i.e. 148.69 square meter. Boundaries: East- Road 14'.00" wide, West- House of Mr. Praveen kumar, North- House of Mr. Lala pal, South- Road 14'.00" wide.	Rs. 35,90,455.00 as on 01.12.2020 + interest w.e.f. 01.12.2020 + Expenses- Recoveries after 01.12.2020 in account No. 5494261000024, Rs. 2,09,331.47 as on 01.12.2020 + interest w.e.f. 01.12.2020 + Expenses- Recoveries after 01.12.2020 in account No. 5494747000003	Rs. 29.74 Lacs Rs. 2.97 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur II Ph. No. 9456591119
4.	Borrower: Smt. Anita w/o Sh. Vishwas Goswami, R/o H No. 192 G Jamalpur Kalan Pargana Jwalapur, Distt. Haridwar 249407 Uttarakhand. Guarantor: Sh. Shyam Kumar S/o Sh. Om Prakash R/o Rama Vihar Colony, Jamalpur Kalan, Jwalapur, Distt. Haridwar 249407 Uttarakhand.	Emt of Residential Property in the name of Smt. Anita w/o Sh. Vishwas situated at Part of Plot No. 301, Khasra No. 349 and 352, Ram Vihar Colony, Village Jamalpur Kalan, Pargana Jwalapur 249408, Distt Haridwar having measuring area 330 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East- Plot No. 300, West- Plot No. 302, North- Plot No. 301, South- Road 9 mt. wide.	Rs. 7,09,901.00 as on 16.07.2019 + Interest w.e.f. 07.07.2019 + Expenses - Recoveries after 16.07.2019	Rs. 6.09 Lacs Rs. 0.61 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur I Ph. No. 9456591083
	Borrower: 1. M/s Dhruv Construction Prop. Sri Bobby Ahuja S/o Sri Narendra Kumar, 2. Sri, Bobby Ahuja (Proprietor) S/o Sri Narendra Kumar, Ram Vihar Colony Jamalpur Kalan, Jwalapur, Uttarakhand- 249407. Guarantor: Smt. Manjeet W/o Sri Bobby Ahuja, Ram Vihar Colony, Jamalpur Kalan, Jwalapur, Uttarakhand- 249407.	EMT of Residential Property in the name of Smt Manjeet W/o Sri Bobby Ahuja situated at Khasra No. 353 situated at Rama Vihar Colony Jamalpur Kalan Jwalapur Distt. Haridwar, Uttarakhand Having Total Area 55.05 Sq. mt. Boundaries: East: Plot No. 37, West: Plot No. 39, North: Gram Sabha Land, South: 16 ft wide Road.	Rs. 5,43,801.48 as on 24.07.2019 + Interest w.e.f. 01.07.2019 + Expenses -Recoveries after 24.07.2019	Rs. 13.55 Lacs Rs. 1.36 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur I Ph. No. 9456591083
6.	Borrower: 1. Sh. Kiran Pal S/o Sh. Ilam Chand, HNo 344, Jagjeetpur, Kankhal Distt Haridwar Uttarakhand- 249408 Guarantor: Smt. Savita W/o Sh. Kiran Pal, HNo 415, Jagjeetpur, Kankhal Distt Haridwar Uttarakhand- 249408	All that of residential property in the name of Sh. Kiranpal S/o Sh. Ilam Chand situated at Khata No.504, Khasra No. 435, Jagjeetpur Pargana Jwalapur, Distt. Haridwar, Uttarakhand having area 425 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East: Property of Sanjeev, West: House of Prem Singh, North: 16 ft. wide road, South: House of Shyam Lal	Rs. 8,01,120.00 as on 13.11.2019 + interest w.e.f. 12.11.2019 + Expenses & other Charges - Recoveries after 13.11.2019 (If any)	Rs. 10.70 Lacs Rs. 1.07 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur I Ph. No. 9456591083
7.	Borrower: 1. Smt. Krishna Devi W/o Sh. Roshan Lal. Rama Vihar Colony Jamalpur Kalan, Jwalapur Tehsil and District Haridwar Uttarakhand 249408. 2. Sh. Ajay Kumar (Co Obligant) S/o Sh. Roshan Lal, Rama Vihar Colony Jamalpur Kalan, Jwalapur Tehsil and District Haridwar Uttarakhand 249408. Gaurantor: Sh. Shyam Kumar S/o Sh. Om Prakash, Rama Vihar Colony Jamalpur Kalan Jwalapur Haridwar Uttarakhand 249408	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Emt of Land and Building in the name of Smt Krishna Devi w/o Sri Roshan Lal, having part of plot no 418, Khasra no 355, situated at Village Jwalapur, Pargana Jwalapur, Tehsil and District Haridwar, 249407, Uttarakhand having measuring area 92.93 Sq. Mt. As per Sale Deed No. 2649 dated 26.05.2017. Bounded by: East: 27 ft wide road, West: Plot no 406 and 407, North: Plot no 419, South: Plot no 417	Rs. 9,81,168.00 as on 30.12.2019 + interest w.e.f. 20.12.2019 + Expenses & other Charges - Recoveries after 30.12.2019	Rs. 15.74 Lacs Rs. 1.58 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur I Ph. No. 9456591083
8.	Borrower: Sh. Nand Lal S/o Sh. Surjan Lal R/o H.no. 87, Village Shubham Vihar P.O. Gurukul Kangri Haridwar, 248408 Uttarakhand. 2. Smt. Asha Devi w/o Sh. Nand Lal R/o H.no. 87, Village Shubham Vihar P.O. Gurukul Kangri Haridwar, 248408 Uttarakhand 3. Smt. Munni Devi (Gaurantor) W/o Sh. Shatrugan Mishra R/o 44K, Jamalpur Kalan Shyampur Jwalapur, Haridwar -249407, Uttarakhand	All that of Plot no. 51 (THDC Plot No. 292), in the name of Sh. Nand Lal S/o Sh. Surjan Lal and Smt. Asha Devi W/o Sh. Nand Lal, Area 50.18 Sq. Mtr. Khasra No. 197, Gram Suman Nagar, Pargana Roorkee, Distt Haridwar. Boundaries: East: 20 ft. wide road, West: Plot of other, North: Plot of other, South: Plot of other.	Rs. 10,14,833.18 as on 10.01.2019 + interest w.e.f. 11.01.2019+ Expenses & other Charges - Recoveries after 10.01.2019	Rs. 6.31 Lacs Rs. 0.63 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur I Ph. No. 9456591083
9.	Borrower: Sri Rishipal Singh S/o Sri Omprakash Ram Vihar Colony, Jamalpur, Haridwar, Uttarakhand.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of EMT of Residential House in the name of Sri Rishipal Singh S/o Sri Om pakash situated at Plot No. 397 Khasra no 355 Min Gram Jawa- pur Pargana Jwalapur, Distt. Haridwar having measuring Area 924 Sq.ft., Boundaries: East- Road 20 feet, West- Part of Plot No. 396 & 397, North: Land of Narang and Plot No. 398, South- Part of Plot 395 and 394A	Rs. 5,03,869.81 as on 16.07.2019 + Interest w.e.f. 01.07.2019 + Expenses - Recoveries after 16.07.2019) in A/c No. 5097285000013, and Rs. 9,94,708.00 as on 16.07.2019 + Interest w.e.f. 28.06.2019 + Expenses - Recoveries after 16.07.2019) in A/c No. 5097619000026	Rs. 15.65 Lacs Rs. 1.57 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Jwalapur Ph. No. 9456591083
10.	Borrower: 1. M/s Riya Food Products Prop. Sh. Satendra Dubey S/o Sh. Guptaeshwar Dubey, 44, Jamalpur Kalan Jwalapur, Haridwar 249407. 2. Sh. Satendra Dubey S/o Sh. Guptaeshwar Dubey, R/o 44, Jamalpur Kalan Jwalapur, Haridwar 249407. Guarantor: Sh. Bablu S/o Sh. Raja Nath Singh, R/o Rama Vihar Colony Jamalpur Kalan Jwalapur Haridwar.	EMT of all that of Residential property in the name of Sh. Satendra Dubey S/o Sh. Guptaeshwar Dubey having plot of land bearing Plot No 103, measuring 1800 Sq. Ft. i.e. 167.28 Sq. Mts belonging to Khasra No. 138 situated at Village Jamalpur Kalan, Pargana Jwalapur Tehsil & Distt. Haridwar. Boundaries: East- Plot No. 100, West- Plot No. 108, North- 101 & 102, South- 9 Mir wide road.	Rs. 30,67,924.00 as on 31.03.2020 + Interest w.e.f. 01.04.2020 + Expenses - Recoveries after 31.03.2020 in A/c 5097261000020, Rs. 4,12,203.00 as on 31.03.2020 + Interest w.e.f. 19.03.2020 + Expenses - Recoveries after 31.03.2020 in A/c 5097768000022 and Rs. 1,71,418.00 as on 31.03.2020 + Interest w.e.f. 01.04.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries after 01.04.2021 in A/c 2200619001926	Rs. 33.73 Lacs Rs. 3.37 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Haridwar Jwalapur Ph. No. 9456591083
11.	Borrower: 1. M/s Ashu Furniture And Handloom, 60 A Saliyar Salapur Roorkee Distt Hardwar. 2. Sh. Musharraf Ali S/o Asraf Ali 60 A Saliyar Salapur Roorkee Distt Hardwar. Guarantor: Sri Israr Ali S/o Asraf Ali, 60 A Saliyar Salapur Roorkeedistt Hardwar.	Emt of Residential House in the name of Sri Musarraf Ali, Khasra no. 450 & 441 m, Mahigiran (Bharat Nagar) Roorkee, East 20 feet, West 20 feet, North 35 feet & South 35 feet total area 700 sqft i.e 65.055 sqmt. Boundaries: East- Rasta 10 feet, West- Property of Jagdish, North- Property of Jagdish, South- Prop of Khasra No. 450, 441 min.	Rs. 10,52,248.00 as on 31.03.2021 + Interest w.e.f. 01.04.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries after 31.03.2021 in A/c 2200285000058, Rs. 58,838.78 as on 31.03.2021 + Interest w.e.f. 02.04.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries after 01.04.2021 in A/c 2200619001870 and Rs. 579,788.93 as on 01.04.2021 + Interest w.e.f. 25.03.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries after 01.04.2021 in A/c 2200619001926	Rs. 18.19 Lacs Rs. 1.62 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Roorkee -I Ph. No. 9456591029
12.	Borrower: 1. M/s Roorkee Survey Drawing, 625 Old Tehsil Roorkee. 2. Sri Mohd. Irshad (Prop) S/o Mazid, 625 Old Tehsil, Roorkee, PIN-247667. Guarantor: Sri Kayyum S/o Majid, Purani Tehsil Roorkee.	Emt of Residential House in the name of Irshad Ahmad, Khasra No. 1089 min, Purani Tehsil pargana Roorkee, total area 556.76 sqft. Boundaries: East- Rasta 12 feet, West- Prop of Seller, North- Prop of Smt Pakiza Begam, South- Rasta 10 feet	Rs. 10,64,642.00 as on 31.03.2021 + Interest w.e.f. 01.04.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries after 31.03.2021 in A/c 2200256012363, Rs. 2,08,973.00 as on 04.04.2021 + Interest w.e.f. 05.04.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries after 03.04.2021 in A/c 2200755000038 and Rs. 57,203.00 as on 31.03.2021 + Interest w.e.f. 01.04.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries after 31.03.2021 in A/c 2200710000077	Rs. 16.80 Lacs Rs. 1.68 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Roorkee - I Ph. No. 9456591029
13.	Borrower: M/s Goyal Brick Field Prop. Sh. Pawan Kumar Goyal S/o Sh. Harendra Kumar Goyal Present Address: Mohalla Qila, Landhora, Pargana Mangalour, Tehsil Roorkee, Distt Haridwar (UK), Pin Code 247667. 2. Smt. Mitihlesh Goyal w/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Goyal Present Address: Mohalla Qila, Landhora, Pargana Mangalour, Tehsil Roorkee, Distt Haridwar (UK), Pin Code 247667.	All that part and parcel of the Residential Property in the name of Smt. Mitihlesh Goyal w/o Sh. Pawan Kumar Goyal, of one aghata of house north facing, bearing house no 126, situated at mohalla Qila Landhauna under nagar Panchayat landaura, Pargana Manglour Tehsil Roorkee Distt Haridwar. Total Area 427.50 Sq. Mtrs. Bounded & buttet as under: East: House of Sh. Satendra Sharma and Smt. Rajkumari, West : Property of Sh. Rakesh, North: Rasta Wide 15', South: House of Sh. Sunil Wallia.	Rs. 23,99,049.00 as on 28.02.2019 + Interest and costs etc. from 01.03.2019	Rs. 69.99 Lacs Rs. 7.00 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Roorkee - II Ph. No. 941113678
14.	Borrower: M/s Radhika Medical prop. Sh. Sanjay Singh S/o Sh. Om Prakash Saini, R/o Kashipur, Sunhera Road, Roorkee, Uttarakhand- 247667. 2. Sh. Sanjay Singh S/o Sh. Om Prakash Saini, R/o H.No. 639, Shanti Nagar, Rampur, Roorkee Uttarakhand 247667.	EMT of all that of residential property in the name of Sh. Sanjay Singh S/o Sh. Om Prakash Saini bearing Khasra No. 468, 467 & 495 Ga situated at Rampur Muthakam, Pargana & Teh. Roorkee Distt. Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Total Land Area measuring 93.07 Sq. Mt. ie 1001.44 Sq. Ft. Boundaries: East-Way 20ft. wide, West-Plot of Salyapal, North-Plot of Rajkumar South-Remaining land of seller.	Rs. 15,54,473.62 as on 30.12.2020 + Interest w.e.f. 01.12.2020 + Expenses - Reooveries after 30.12.2020 in A/c 3569285000010, Rs. 35,303.00 as on 30.12.2020 + Interest w.e.f. 01.12.2020 + Expenses - Recoveries after 30.12.2020 in A/c 3569710000003	Rs. 20.12 Lacs Rs. 2.01 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Salempur Rajputana Ph. No. 9456591066
15.	Borrower: 1. Sri Bijendra (Borrower) S/o Sri Mamchand H.No. 617 Mohalla Krishna Nagar Gali No.22, Village Salempur Rajputana, Tehsil-Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar Uttarakhand. 2. Sri Rakesh Kumar (Guarantor) S/o Sri Mamchand H.No.619 Mohalla Krishna Nagar, Gali No.22 Village Salempur Rajputana Roorkee, Pargana Bhagwanpur Tehsil-Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar Pin-247667	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Emt of Residential House in the name of Sri Bijendra situated at H.No.617, Mohalla Krishna Nagar Shastrinagar, (Village Rahimpur), Salempur Rajputana, Pargana Bhagwanpur Tehsil-Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar, Pin-247667 having measuring Area 535 Sq. ft. Boundaries: East- Naili, West- 12 feet wide Road, North- Property of Usha, South- Plot of Rajeev Fozi.	Rs. 11,95,836.00 as on 16.07.2019 + Interest w.e.f. 10.07.2019 + Expenses - Recoveries after 16.07.2019	Rs. 14.45 Lacs Rs. 1.45 Lacs Rs. 10,000/-	Canara Bank, Roorkee- I Ph. No. 9456591029
"Outstanding Dues of Local Self Govt. (Prop. Tax, Water, Sewerage, Electricity, Bills etc.) Not Known to the Bank"					
* Other terms and Conditions: A. Auction / bidding shall only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.indianbankseaction.com , Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the E-auction sale proceedings. B. The property can be inspected with prior appointment with Authorized Officer on 28.12.2021 between 10.00 am to 5.00 PM . C. The property will not be sold below reserve price and the participating bidders may improve their offer during auction process. D. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Canara Bank Or shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, as mentioned in column 06 on or before 29.12.2021 till 5.00 PM. E. Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service Provider M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Mr. Pratap Kanjilal & DD Pakhare, Contract No. 9832952602/9911293517/8898418010/080-23469665/9480691777 or E-mail : ccsleauction@gmail.com, website address: www.indianbankseaction.com Immediately on the same date of payment of the EMD amount the bidders shall approach the said service provider for obtaining digital signature (If not holding a valid digital signature). F. After payment of EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 30.12.2021 till 5.00PM to Canara Bank, RESPECTIVE BRANCH (1) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.(2) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (3) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail id. (4) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. G. The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.indianbankseactions.com and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Mr. Pratap Kanjilal & DD Pakhare, Contract No. 9832952602/9911293517/8898418010/080-23469665/9480691777 or E-mail : ccsleauction@gmail.com . H. EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them within 2 days of finalization of sale. The EMD shall not carry any interest. I. Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs.10,000.00 (The amount can be decided by the Authorised Officer depending upon the value of the property with a minimum of Rs. 10000.00 as incremental value). The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. J. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid) on the same day or not later than next working day on declaring him / her as the successful bidder and the balance on / before 15th day from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period as stated above, the deposit made by him / her shall be forfeited by the Authorized officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put for sale again. K. For sale proceeds of Rs. 50 lacs (Rupees Fifty lacs) and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. L. All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. M. Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. N. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating e-auction, they can approach concerned branch who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements. O. Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. P. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating e-auction, they can approach concerned branch or service provider M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Mr. Pratap Kanjilal & DD Pakhare, Contract No. 9832952602/9911293517/8898418010/080-23469665/9480691777 or E-mail : ccsleauction@gmail.com .					
Special Instruction/Conclusion					
Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and ae able to participate in the auction successfully.					

Cong starts candidate selection process for Assembly polls

The screening committee headed by Chairman Avinash Pandey holds a series of meetings with State leaders

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Congress party has started the deliberation for selection of candidates for upcoming assembly elections in Uttarakhand. On Wednesday the nine member screening committee headed by Chairman Avinash Pandey held a series of meetings with the leaders of Uttarakhand unit, leaders of frontal organisations, heads of ancillary organisations and the district presidents of the party.

Later talking to the media persons, Pandey said that the Uttarakhand is headed for a change and the Congress party is coming to the power in the state. He said that the party has already done surveys for selecting the best candidates and the screening committee would continue taking feedback from the local leaders. He said that the observers would submit their reports probably on December 10. Pandey said that the meeting of the state election committee would



be soon organised and based on its recommendations the Central Election Committee (CEC) of the All India Congress Committee (AICC) would declare the list of the candidates.

He said that the factors like dedication, loyalty towards the party, work on ground and image would be considered for the selection of the candidates. In response to a question Pandey asserted that they young leader and the powerful women candidates would be given priority in ticket distribution. Pandey said that the screening committee would hold

meetings with the local leaders in Garhwal and Kumaon divisions for selection of candidates. He accepted that there are many strong contenders for the party's ticket in every assembly segment. In response to a question the Congress leader made it clear that the party would enter the election with collective leadership and would not put forward any face for chief minister.

Screening committee

The screening committee of Congress party for Uttarakhand is headed by All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary and Congress Working Committee (CWC) member Avinash Pandey. Senior Congress leaders Ajoy Kumar and Virendra Singh are its members while the AICC in charge of Uttarakhand Devender Yadav, Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president Ganesh Godiyal, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader Pritam Singh, former CM and head of campaign

committee Harish Rawat, Uttarakhand Co in charge Dipika Pandey and co in charge Rajesh Dharmani are its ex officio members.

TSR inaugurates Hemp project in remote village of Pauri

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The former chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated industrial hemp based



Himalayan Hemp Eco State Project in Faldakot Mala village in Yamkeshwar block of Pauri district on Wednesday. Speaking on occasion he said that apart from promoting local products project would help in generating employment. Rawat said that many problems can be solved by promoting local products and use of minimum resources.

In the building of project use of hemp fibre and wood is made in building monolith walls, block masonry, wall plaster and roof insulation. The oil of hemp seed is used in polishing wooden works in building. Interestingly bed sheets and pillow covers too are made of hemp fibre in building. In building fusion of modern hemp craft technology is made with traditional architecture of Garhwal. The building meets its energy requirement by solar panels.

Vatsalya Yojana helping kids orphaned in pandemic: CM



PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that loss of children who lost their parents during pandemic period cannot be compensated but Uttarakhand government is doing its best to provide every possible help to them. The state government has started a Mukhyamantri Vatsallya Yojana (MVY) for such children. Dhami handed over cheques to three students of Women Institute of Technology (WIT)

under MVY at his residence on Wednesday. CM presented a cheque of ₹1.70 lakhs to Garima Sharma who is 3rd year Computer science and engineering student, ₹56,100 to Alvina Khanum of 4th year Electrical engineering and ₹27,500 to Shipra Negi of 4th year electrical engineering. It is worth mentioning here WIT has refunded fees of of these students under MVY. The institute would not charge fees from these students for remaining period of their course.

AAP intensifies campaign for electoral battle 2022 of U'khand

Dinesh Mohaniya to undertake four-day tour of the Kumaon division from today

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In an attempt to woo voters of the Kumaon region ahead of the state assembly elections, the state head of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Delhi MLA Dinesh Mohaniya will start his four-day visit to four assembly constituencies of Kumaon on Thursday. He will also review preparations of party in respective regions ahead of 2022 state assembly elections. Addressing media persons here on Wednesday, the spokesman of AAP, Ravindra Anand said that Mohaniya will start his four-day visit from Gangolihat on November 25 with the launch of Vijay Shankhnaad Yatra campaign of party. He will also visit Pithoragarh, Lohaghat and Champawat in next three days to interact with locals. He will also

review party's preparations and discuss strategies for elections in said Kumaon constituencies, added Anand. The chief ministerial candidate of party Col (Retd) Ajay Kothiyal will also start fourth level of Rozgar Guarantee Yatra campaign from Badrinath on last day of Mohaniya's visit. The AAP's spokesman informed that Kothiyal will be on a seven-day visit to seven constituencies of Garhwal from November 28.

He will visit Badrinath, Tharali, Karnprayag, Rudraprayag, Kedarnath, Srinagar and Kedarnath from November 28 to December 4 to conduct campaign. Anand said that party is receiving great response across state as thousands of youths have connected with AAP through this campaign. The campaign is aimed to educate people about promises made by the AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal for unemployed youths of state and they will see difference once party wins election next year, he asserted.

Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board holds roadshow in Doon

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) organised a road-show here on Wednesday to promote 11th City Gas Distribution (CGD) bidding round. PNGRB is nodal agency for facilitating economic activities in natural gas distribution with an objective to promote competitive markets, create infrastructure and increase share of natural gas in country's energy mix.

The roadshow was part of a series of such shows being planned in different parts of India by PNGRB and witnessed participation from senior officials of government , academia, bankers, consumers and investors from oil and gas sector. Speaking on occasion, the member PNGRB, Gajendra Singh said this is a big initiative in

direction of providing clean energy to consumers in Uttarakhand. In presentation of 11th CGD Bidding Round, PNGRB highlighted opportunities in CGD sector in Uttarakhand and India, gas infrastructure of Uttarakhand and India as well as key policy thrusts that will boost domestic gas market. At present, CGD authorizations is given by PNGRB in four Gas in Uttarakhand covering the districts of Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar, Dehradun and Nainital. Now, in 11th CGD bidding round, Gas covering 9 districts namely Pauri Garhwal, Uttarkashi, Rudraprayag, Tehri Garhwal, Pithoragarh, Champawat, Almora, Chamoli and Bageshwar are being offered by PNGRB.

Vegetables vanishing from plate of general public

Prices continue to soar in Doon, APMC claims price drop expected from next week

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The prices onions, tomatoes and other vegetables are continuing to increase in Dehradun and other districts of Uttarakhand. The prices which had started soaring in October are probably at their peak due to which their consumption has decreased.

Apart from general vegetables the Dehradun city has also witnessed a rise in the prices of green vegetables like spinach and mustard greens (Rai). However, the Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) of Dehradun has claimed that the prices will get back to normal by the end of this week. In the local market these days, the vendors are selling onions for Rs 40 to Rs 50 per kg and tomatoes in the range of Rs 80 -120 per kg. According to a housewife Upasana Naithani, "Tomatoes are expensive than petrol in our city. How poor families will survive if such basic vegetables will be sold at such skyrocketing prices? I have observed the vendors are

selling vegetables at different prices in different areas as per their wishes. I recently bought tomatoes for Rs 70 per kg from a vendor near my home in Karnpur and my daughter bought the same for Rs 120 from EC Road on the same day.

A 50 rupees difference on daily basis becomes a budget disrupting element for the middle class and poor families." However, the vendors opined that they are also getting the vegetable supplies at higher prices from the wholesale markets. "We are not selling overpriced vegetables.

We are also getting them at hiked prices. We only charge extra for the labour we put in to sell them. When the prices will get lower in the wholesale market, prices will drop in the local markets too," said a local vegetable vendor in Raipur Road, Durga Singh.

Talking about the consistent spike in the prices of vegetables, APMC secretary Vijay Thapliyal said that the spike in prices is due to heavy rain in southern areas of the country from where onion and tomatoes are mainly transported.

He said that local supply was also limited here which led to the hike in the prices of some vegetables. "The local supply has started and the supply from other states will be regular too by this weekend.



THE PIONEER CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is informed that my daughter's Kritika Bhandari lost her TC anywhere. If found kindly inform Harish Bhandari S/o Late Murli singh Bhandari R/o Adarsh Nagar Dharampur Dehradun U.K

The general public is informed that I have changed my name from Rakesh Kumar to Rakesh Sharma and in future I should be known as Rakesh Sharma S/o Kalu Ram Sharma Address :- Hanumant Puram Colony, near ITI, Laksar Road Jagjeetpur, Kankhal, Haridwar, Uttarakhand



I, Ashok Kumar, S/o Shri Jagdish Lal, R/o 28, Anand Chowk, Dehradun have lost following Original documents. 1. Original sale deed No. 9221, dated 13.10.1987 executed by Shri Ashok Kumar Nagpal, S/o Amar Nath Nagpal in favour of Smt Santosh, W/o Shri Ramesh Chand duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar Dehradun vide Book No. 1 volume 2662, page 368, A.F.D Book No 1 volume 2836, page 59 to 64 document No. 9221 dated 15.10.1987. 2. Original sale deed No. 9228, dated 13.10.1987 executed by Shri Subhash Chand Nagpal, S/o Amar Nath Nagpal in favour of Shri Rajeev Gupta, S/o Shri Ramesh Chand duly registered in the office of Sub Registrar Dehradun vide Book No. 1 volume 2662, page 368, A.F.D Book No 1 volume 2836, page 105 to 110 document No. 9228 dated 15.10.1987 If found by anyone kindly contact.

Advocate Alok Pundir, 184/71 West Canal Road, Majra, Dehradun Mob: 9412054582

Disclaimer

The Pioneer does not take responsibility for the content for the advertisement (Display/Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own.

For advertisement booking or any query contact-9045057787





जोड़ी ज़िम्मेदार जो प्लान करे परिवार

केवल एक इंजेक्शन 3 महीने तक गर्भधारण से "चिंतामुक्त"

अंतरा महिलाओं के लिए एक सुरक्षित गर्भ निरोधक इंजेक्शन है।


- यह 3 माह तक गर्भ निरोधक का कार्य करता है।
- प्रत्येक 3 माह बाद निर्धारित तिथि पर लगता है।
- गर्भपात के तुरन्त उपरान्त भी लगाया जा सकता है।
- स्तनपान के दौरान भी लगाया जा सकता है। (प्रसव के 6 सप्ताह बाद से)



अंतरा

- यदि अंतरा की खुराक छूट गई है और गर्भधारण के लक्षण दिखाई देते हैं तो चिकित्सकीय सलाह लें।
- आखिरी सूई लगवाने के बाद प्रजनन क्षमता लौटने में लगभग 7 से 10 माह तक का समय लगता है।
- सूई लगवाने के बाद कुछ माह तक माहवारी में बदलाव हो सकता है परेशान न हों, आशा/ए.एन.एम. से सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।

अधिक जानकारी के लिए निकट के स्वास्थ्य केंद्र अथवा टोल फ्री नंबर 104 पर संपर्क करें।



राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, चिकित्सा स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण, उत्तराखण्ड द्वारा जनहित में जारी।

Pak allows India to send wheat to Af via its land



PNS ■ NEW DELHI / ISLAMABAD

Two days after Prime Minister Imran Khan announced that Indian humanitarian aid of 50,000 metric ton of wheat can be transported to Afghanistan through his country, Islamabad on Wednesday formally conveyed the decision to New Delhi in this regard. Pakistan also said it has allowed transportation of life-saving medicines from India to Afghanistan via Attari-Wagah border on an "exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes."

The decision came weeks after India urged Pakistan to allow the land route to ferry humanitarian aid. So far, Pakistan allows only Afghanistan to ferry goods to India through road but exports from Indian through land is not permitted.

Meanwhile, India on Wednesday reaffirmed the need for an inclusive negotiated political settlement to the Afghan crisis and said the territory of Afghanistan should not be used to the detriment of any other country.

Making this assertion here, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla said New Delhi is in

touch with all countries concerned over is in touch with all countries concerned on the Afghan issue, noting that it will have to see how best to protect its interests and "make the best" of a difficult situation. He made these observations in a virtual interactive session at the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

As regards permission to India to ferry aid, "The decision of the government of Pakistan to this effect was formally conveyed to the Charge d' Affaires of India at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," the Foreign Office (FO) said in a statement in Islamabad on Wednesday.

The FO said wheat and medicines to Afghanistan would be allowed to enter through "Wagah Border on an exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes."

Last month, India announced 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat for Afghanistan as humanitarian assistance and requested Pakistan to ship the food grain via the Wagah border.

India has contributed to the humanitarian requirements of the Afghan people. This included providing more than 1 million metric tonnes

of wheat to Afghanistan over the past decade.

Last year too India assisted Afghanistan with 75,000 metric tonnes of wheat, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had said at the United Nations High-Level Meeting on the Humanitarian situation in Afghanistan in September.

Imran Khan on Monday announced the decision as soon as modalities are finalised with the Indian side. He said this while approving a humanitarian assistance package for Afghanistan.

He visited the new Afghanistan Inter-Ministerial Coordination Cell (AICC) in Islamabad and chaired the first apex committee meeting of the cell. The meeting was also attended by Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and National Security Adviser (NSA) Moeed Yousaf.

An official statement at the meeting also said "Pakistan will also facilitate the return of Afghan patients who had gone to India for medical treatment and are stuck there, the Prime Minister announced."

Resumption of regular international flights likely by end of year: DGCA



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Regular international flight operations, which have remained suspended owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, is expected to return to normal soon. Civil Aviation Ministry Secretary Rajiv Bansal on Wednesday said that international passenger flight services are expected to be normalised soon and possibly by the end of this year.

As per the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the international flight operations have been suspended till November 30. The government has been allowing commercial international flights on a case-to-case basis.

Scheduled international passenger flights to and from India were suspended in March 2020 due to the covid-19 pandemic. However, the restrictions will not apply to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a circular added.

Currently, India has formed air-bubble pacts with

around 28 countries, including the US, the UK, the UAE, Kenya, Bhutan and France. Under an air-bubble pact between two countries, special international flights can be operated by their airlines between their territories with specific restrictions.

After the first wave of COVID-19 subsided, a lot of countries opened their borders for tourists from India, especially Dubai, Maldives and Seychelles. However, we the arrival of second-wave and increasing cases, almost every country put India on a red list of international arrivals. Things, now, are again going back to normal and with India managing to reduce infection rate drastically, international travellers from India holding tourist visas are being allowed by many countries. With the vaccination meted out and countries allowing international travel, there is a great relief.

On the other hand, domestic air passenger traffic has seen an uptick, almost reaching pre-Covid levels. On November 23, over 3.59 lakh

domestic air passengers travelled via 2743 flights across India. Last weekend, 3.94 lakh domestic air passengers travelled, which is highest since the pandemic.

Last week, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the government was evaluating the process for normalising international operations and asserted that it wants to return to normalcy while keeping in mind the coronavirus pandemic situation in certain parts of the world.

Speaking about its loss-making carrier Air India, Bansal said it is likely to be handed over to the Tata group by the end of the year. "We are making efforts to handover all operations of Air India by the end of December". Air India has been incurring a monthly loss of more than ₹600 crore, he noted. On October 25, the Government signed the share purchase agreement with Tata Sons for the sale of the airline for ₹18,000 crore. The amount includes payment of ₹2,700 crore in cash and take over ₹15,300 crore of the carrier's debt.

States slacken Covid testing momentum

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI



At a time when States should have been closely monitoring prevalence of severe acute respiratory infection (SARI) & influenza-like illness (ILI)/ respiratory distress symptoms for early hotspot identification as winter sets in and pollution level increases, many of them have slowed the pace of conducting Covid-19 tests.

Fearing that this poor pace could undermine the actual infection spread within the community, the Centre has taken exception to this disturbing and casual approach, particularly in the backdrop of multiple surges in the Covid-19 cases in a majority of countries in recent times and a few developed nations reporting even fourth and fifth wave despite high levels of Covid vaccination.

The Union Health Ministry on Wednesday wrote to at least 13 states including the populated one like Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, West Bengal and those in Northeast such as Nagaland, Sikkim, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram to increase the pace of testing. The other three States are Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh.

The Ministry said that in the absence of sustained levels of sufficient testing, it is very difficult to determine the true level of infection spread in a geography.

"Nagaland has reported 342 average daily tests as of the week ending 22nd November. This is in a stark contrast to a high of 1,250 average daily tests conducted in the week of August 23-29. It is also worrying to note that the state has recorded a positivity of 1.5 per cent in the

week ending 22nd November, having stagnated over the past 4 weeks, with an abysmally low share of RT-PCR tests i.e., 8.2 per cent," the Ministry cited the status to the States.

"Further, worrying trends with regards to tests, tests per million, positivity rate and higher dependence on Rapid Antigen tests have been observed in various districts of the State... The positivity in districts such as Mokukchong and Peren has been above 2.5 per cent, with RT-PCR share falling below a decent proportion of the total tests."

The Ministry has directed these states to maintain the momentum and build on the progress made so far to bring the pandemic situation under control.

"While there has been a significant decline in the new cases with 10,195, average daily cases reported in the week ending 22nd November, it has been observed that there has also been a decline in weekly testing rates," wrote Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan to these states and territories.

The letter said in the absence of sustained levels of sufficient testing, it is very difficult to determine the true level of infection spread. "With a majority of countries seeing multiple surges in Covid cases in recent times and a few developed countries facing even fourth and fifth waves despite high levels of Covid vaccination, there is a need for continued vigil given the unpredictable and contagious nature of the disease..."

Naravane praises Bangladesh's efforts to deny space to terrorist groups

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Army Chief General M M Naravane on Wednesday lauded the people of Bangladesh for standing up for their right to liberty and independence in 1971. He also appreciated Bangladesh's efforts to deny space to terrorist groups who are trying to carry out subversive activities against India.

In a message played out during an event here on Wednesday to mark 50 years of India-Bangladesh ties, he also asserted that "the historic Land Boundary Agreement" (LBA) between the two countries has shown how an issue related to border can be "resolved with mutual negotiations and a constructive outlook".

This, at a time when "certain countries" have been trying



to "alter the status quo by force, and bypassing traditional rules and protocols, with complete disregard to territorial integrity of others," Naravane said, without naming any country.

The LBA epitomises the 3Ms — "mutual respect, mutual trust and mutual commitment — to a rules-based order," the Army chief said. He also said the two countries share an important strategic space in the Indian subcontinent with a land boundary spanning over 4,000 km.

Marking a new high in bilateral ties, India and

Bangladesh in 2015 had sealed a historic deal to settle the old land boundary dispute through exchange of territories, removing a major irritant in bilateral ties.

"We are conscious of Bangladesh's efforts to deny space to terror groups that are carrying out subversive activities against India," the Army chief said. In turn, India "continues to prevent any terror outfit" from using Indian soil to undermine the interests of Bangladesh, he said.

The event was attended by Bangladesh High Commissioner Muhammad Imran, former Army chief of Bangladesh and 1971 war veteran Lt General (retd) Harun-Rashid, a few 1971 India-Pakistan war veterans from Indian armed forces, and a number of senior defence officials, among others.

Rahul seeks credible data on Covid deaths

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday demanded that the government provide credible data on Covid deaths in the country and pay a compensation of ₹4 lakh each to families of those who lost their lives due to coronavirus. Stepping up its campaign against the BJP in Gujarat, which goes to polls late next year, the Congress leader also attacked the "Gujarat model" which the BJP has projected as the best in the country. Rahul Gandhi shared a video in which families, who lost their dear ones due to Covid in Gujarat, alleged that they did not receive timely help from the government. "The Congress party has two demands that credible data on Covid deaths be disclosed and compensation of Rs four lakh be given to the families of those who lost their kin due to Covid-19. The Government will have to ease the pain of people and they should get com-

pensation," he said in a tweet in Hindi, using the hashtag "#4LakhDenaHoga".

In the 4.31 minute video as part of "Congress Nyay campaign", Rahul said the Gujarat model is much talked about but the families whom they talked to said that during Covid times they neither got a hospital bed nor a ventilator.

"When you had to help them in the hospital, you were not there and when they lost Rs 10-15 lakh in hospital and also their family members, you were still not there to provide compensation. What type of Government is this," he asked.

The former Congress chief said while the Gujarat government claims that only 10,000 people died due to Covid, the truth is that three lakh people have died due to Covid. He claimed that Congress workers have gone house to house to ascertain this. "The official tally says 10,000 people died due to Covid, but the truth is three lakh," he claimed.

CRPF enhances ex-gratia payment for its personnel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has enhanced the ex gratia payment from ₹21.5 lakh to ₹35 lakh for troops killed in combat action and from ₹16.5 lakh to ₹25 lakh for casualties due to other causes like accident, suicide or illness while in service. The ex-gratia amount is payable to the next of kin of the deceased personnel.

The decision to enhance the ex gratia payment was taken during the annual governing body meeting of the paramilitary force held in September, a senior official said on Wednesday.

These ex-gratia payments will be drawn from the voluntary contribution made by the personnel of the force under two heads — risk fund and central welfare fund.

The officials said a similar



decision is being taken in other Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) or paramilitary forces on the directions of the Union Home Ministry.

The CRPF has also enhanced the financial assistance given to the family members of its deceased personnel for the wedding of the daughter or the sister of the slain trooper. The financial assistance has been enhanced from

₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh, they said.

The CRPF is the world's biggest paramilitary force with about 3.25 lakh personnel in its ranks and is designated as the lead internal security force for counter-terrorist and anti-Naxal operations. It is extensively deployed for counter-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir and anti-insurgency role Naxal-hit States and the Northeast.

अल्पायुषि निविदा सूचना
जिला शिक्षा अधिकारी, हिसार
व जिला मौलिक शिक्षा अधिकारी, हिसार

जिला हिसार के तहत वर्ष 2021-22 की सेट-3 परीक्षा प्रश्न पत्रों (ऊपर कुंजी सहित) की प्रिंटिंग व स्कूलों अनुसार पैकिंग कर पहुंचाने हेतु प्रतियुक्ति एवं अनुभवी आपूर्ति कर्ताओं से मोहरबंद निविदाएं निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा फॉर्म किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय से 200/- रुपये शुल्क देकर प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं।
निविदा फॉर्म प्राप्ति व जमा करवाने का स्थान :- कक्षाएं नॉकी से बाहरी, कार्यालय जिला शिक्षा अधिकारी हिसार व कक्षाएं पहली से आठवीं, कार्यालय जिला मौलिक शिक्षा अधिकारी हिसार
निविदा फॉर्म बिक्री की तिथि :- 25-11-2021 से 28-11-2021 दोपहर 02:00 बजे तक निविदा फॉर्म जमा करवाने की अंतिम तिथि :- 29-11-2021 प्रातः 11:00 बजे तक निविदा खुलने की तिथि :- 29-11-2021 शाम 04:00 बजे निविदा खुलने का स्थान :- कार्यालय जिला मौलिक शिक्षा अधिकारी हिसार
जिला शिक्षा अधिकारी, हिसार जिला मौलिक शिक्षा अधिकारी, हिसार

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that, I am surrendering my Research Analyst Registration under The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Research Analysts) Regulations, 2014:

Sr.	Name of Research	Registration	Date of Surrender	Address
No.	Analyst	Number	Application	
1.	Namrata Bansal	INH100006117	16.11.2021	C-4/115, Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi-110016

General public is requested to take note of the surrender of the above Research Analyst Registration and not to deal with the said Research Analyst in future.

The constituents of the above mentioned Research Analyst are advised to lodge their claims, if any, in the prescribed Client Complaint form within the prescribed time period from the date of this notification, failing which, it shall be deemed that no claims exist against the above mentioned SEBI Registered Research Analyst or such claims, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

For Namrata Bansal
Sd/-
Namrata Bansal

Place: New Delhi
Date: 24/11/2021

Namrata Bansal
RA Registration No.: INH100006117

Anaemia among women, kids remains a concern

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

From a replacement-level fertility rate, rise in women operating bank accounts from 53 per cent to 79 per cent at all-India level to disturbing anaemia prevalence as well as obesity and C-section deliver-

ies, the latest round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS 5) has presented extreme picture of India's health status across the States.

In spite of the substantial increase in the composition of iron folic acid (IFA) tablets by pregnant women for 180 days or more, anaemia among chil-

dren and women continues to be a cause of concern. More than half of them, including pregnant women, are anemic nationwide, as per the survey.

In the key indicators of the survey, exclusive breastfeeding to children under age six months has shown an improvement in all-India level from 55 per cent in 2015-16 to 64 per cent in 2019-21.

The child nutrition indicators have also shown a slight improvement at the all-India level as stunting has declined from 38 per cent to 36 per cent and underweight from 36 per cent to 32 per cent at the all-India level. In all phase-II States/UTs, the situation has improved in respect of child nutrition, but the change is not significant as drastic changes in respect of these indicators are unlikely in a short span period.

The survey has found that the institutional births have increased substantially from 79 per cent to 89 per cent at the all-India Level. However, the institutional delivery is 100 per cent in Puducherry and Tamil Nadu and more than 90 per cent in 7 States/UTs out of 12 Phase II States/UTs.

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one person Namely **Gajender Singh S/o Sh. Bijender Singh** R/o H.No. 617, Sultanpur, New Delhi has been missing from his house since 21.10.2021. In this regard, a case **DD No. 64-A dated 05.11.2021 has been registered at P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi.** The description of the missing person is as under.

Age: 25 years, **Height:** 5'10", **Complexion:** Shallow **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue colour Jeans Red Colour jacket. Other Id: The person is mentally unsound. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing person then please inform P.S.Fatehpur Beri, Delhi at following Tel No./e-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** and Website: **http://cbi.nic.in**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639

Sd/- SHO
Fatehpur Beri, Delhi
PH.011-26659611, 26659511

DP/804/SD/2021

GAJENDRA SINGH

‘Cost-effective meditation can help reverse grey matter loss’

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

A simple, easy to follow, cost-effective meditation routine, when practised daily for several months, can help reverse grey matter loss in patients with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or those with mild Alzheimer's disease — a neurological progressive degenerative condition — researchers have claimed.

Dr Amitabha Ghosh, Director and Head Department of Neurology, Apollo Multispeciality Hospital Kolkata, together with Dr S Bapi Raju {Cognitive Science lab at IIIT Hyderabad}, in collaboration with other researchers had allocated patients with MCI or mild Alzheimer's disease to meditation or control groups.

The meditation group practised 30 minutes of silent, sitting meditation daily for 6 months. They did MRI scans at baseline and after 6 months all patients also underwent neuropsychological assessment. The meditation group showed significantly increased grey



matter over the frontal brain regions that are responsible for control of attention and goal-directed decision-making and reduced grey matter posteriorly.

"The left hippocampus (memory) and the right thalamus also showed an increase in grey matter volume. The team found a trend towards improved attention among the meditators," said the researchers. The study supported under the SATYAM program by the Department of Science & Technology is published in journal 'Frontiers in Human Neuroscience'.

However, the researchers said that the meditation research in MCI and Alzheimer's disease is still very young.

"Much of our waking state is spent on mind wandering. Excessive mind wandering, especially when loaded with persistent negative thoughts, damages the brain, predisposing one to early aging or even Alzheimer's disease. Meditation teaches non-judgmental and non-reactive awareness of appearing thoughts and improves one's ability to disengage and focus on intended goals," Dr Ghosh explained.

Teachers’ killers among 3 terrorists neutralised

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Three terrorists, including one of the commanders of The Resistance Front (TRF), believed to be involved in the killing of two minority school teachers, were gunned down by the jawans of the Jammu and Kashmir police in a brief encounter near Rambagh area of Srinagar late Wednesday evening.

According to the preliminary reports the terrorists were travelling in a private car when they were intercepted by the police teams in the middle of the road. In the brief exchange of fire all three terrorists were neutralised.

The vehicular movement also remained suspended till

the time police authorities cleared the area. Several local residents stepped out of their homes and shouted pro-Azadi slogans while the security forces shifted the dead bodies to the police control room for an identification parade.

Inspector General of Police, Kashmir range Vijay Kumar told a Delhi based news agency, "one of the three terrorists killed in the encounter has been identified as Mehran. The identities of two others was yet to be established". Kumar said Mehran, a 'C' category terrorist, was involved in the killing of a school principal and a teacher in the month of October in Srinagar.

Highly placed sources in the Jammu and Kashmir police

also revealed the name of TRF terrorist commander Mehran Yaseen Shalla had surfaced during a high level security review meeting chaired by the Union Home Minister. While briefing the Union Home Minister senior police officers had named Mehran as one of the TRF commanders behind the targeted killings. Directions were given to the security forces to identify and neutralise perpetrators of terrorist violence involved in the targeted killings of minorities in the Kashmir valley.

Till the time of filing the report the police had not released any official statement as the identities of two other slain terrorists were yet to be ascertained.

CBI PROBE INTO SSC RECRUITMENT SCAM

HC interim relief for Bengal Govt

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Much to the relief of the Mamata Banerjee Government, a Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court on Wednesday granted an interim stay on the CBI investigation — into the School Service Commission recruitment scam — ordered earlier by a single bench of the same Court.

Granting an interim stay of three weeks the Division Bench directed the SSC to submit before it all the documents related to the matter in a sealed envelope which would be kept with the Registrar General of the Court.

Earlier in a damning order the single bench of Justice Abhijit Banerjee had ordered a CBI investigation into the alleged irregularities in the appointment of the Group C

and D (non-teaching) staff in the Government aided schools that function under the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education.

The appointments were made upon purported recommendations coming from unspecified sources in the SSC. While the Commission later said that no such recommendation had been made after May 4, 2019 the WBSEE which had directed the schools to provide appointment letters to the recruited persons said in an affidavit that it had done so following the stated recommendations vouching to produce such letters before the Court if asked to.

Subsequently the Court directed a CBI investigation into the irregularities asking the investigating agency to probe the money trail too if that had

taken place. While the case related to the appointment of 25 people, the subsequent revelations suggested that more than 500 such people could have been appointed through the backdoor.

The SSC is already under the court scanner regarding another recruitment scandal related to the appointment of teaching staff. Justice Banerjee in his order had earlier directed the CBI to constitute a committee headed by an officer “not below the rank of a Joint Director with officers not below the rank of DIG to initiate the enquiry,” adding it was expected that “no person will be left out of the enquiry ... the CBI should also enquire ... as to whether there is any money trail in issuance of such recommendation letters and subsequent issuance of appoint-

ment letters...”

Meanwhile, a moribund Left Front descended on the streets of Kolkata after many months with hundreds of its cadres storming the SSC headquarters seeking removal of the top officials of the Commission and sacking of the State Education Minister.

Following a two-hour skirmish a dozen of Left supporters were injured and at least 250 members of CPI(M)'s students and youth arms Students Federation of India and Democratic Youth Federation of India were arrested and the streets they had blockaded cleared by the police. Presently the SFI and the DYFI cadres were protesting in front of the Bidhannagar and Rajarhat Police Stations seeking the release of the arrested people.

Do more Corona tests, Centre tells Bengal

PNS ■ KOLKATA

With Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee out in Delhi State ministers and senior officials on Wednesday preferred to maintain a studied silence on the Centre's letter asking the State Government to augment weekly corona tests in view of the increasing number of cases in many parts of the world.

“A letter has come from Delhi and a decision would be taken at an appropriate time,” a senior official of the State Health Department said adding the State Government had been following guidelines given by the Centre from time to time.

A Minister on the other hand said Bengal was one of the pioneer states in maintaining steady vaccination record despite non-cooperation from the Centre adding New Delhi had “no right to lecture the States without itself doing nothing on the issue.”

Earlier, the Centre wrote letters to thirteen states including Bengal expressing its concern over the decline in the number weekly testing for corona virus.

A letter from the Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said that there should be high testing rates considering the fact that international traveling had increased in the recent weeks.

“A decrease in testing would undermine the actual infection spread within the community,” the letter said.

Pointing out to the fact that many other countries were “seeing multiple surges in Covid cases ...” the letter reminded how a few developed countries were facing even fourth and fifth waves despite high levels of vaccination suggesting there was need for continued vigil.

BSF lodges protest with Pak for border violation

Jammu: Indian border guards on Wednesday lodged a strong protest with their Pakistani counterparts during a commandant level border meeting held at the Octroi post along the International border in RS Pura sector of Jammu frontier. According to a Public Relations Officer of BSF, Jammu frontier, “A strong protest was lodged by BSF regarding violation of IB by Pakistan based drones and also apprised the Pak commander to refrain from such activities”.

The BSF delegation was led by Ajay Suryavanshi, Commandant and the Pakistan delegation was led by Wing commander Lt. Col Aquil of 13 Wing Chenab Rangers.

“During the meeting commanders of both border guarding forces discussed various issues including maintenance of border pillars and latest infrastructure activities on the border, Pakistan Drone operations and other activities”, BSF PRO said in a written statement.

During the meeting both the commanders also agreed to resolve all the operational matters and border issues with a mutual understanding. “The meeting was held in a cordial & constructive atmosphere and both commanders agreed to work for maintaining a peaceful atmosphere on the border”, spokesman added.

Fadnavis meets Raj Thackeray, sparks buzz about BJP-MNS ties for BMC polls

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Amid speculation about the changing political equations in the metropolis ahead of the crucial February 2022 Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) elections, Maharashtra's former chief minister and senior BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis met MNS chief Raj Thackeray at the latter's new residence “Shiv Thirth” at Dadar in north-central Mumbai on Wednesday afternoon.

Fadnavis, who was accompanied by his banker-wife Amruta, spent nearly two hours at “Shiv Thirth” interacting with the MNS chief and his wife Sharmila over lunch.

As the speculation over the import of the luncheon meeting between Raj and senior BJP leader, MNS Spokesperson Sandeep Deshpande said that Thackerays had invited the Fadnavis couple to their new house for lunch. Notwithstanding the clarification issued by Deshpande, the speculation was rift that the BJP and MNS may try to forge an alliance for the

crucial BMC polls scheduled to be held in February 2022.

For many years since they formed an alliance in the late eighties, the Shiv Sena used to rule the BMC in alliance with the BJP. However, after the Shiv Sena broke its alliance with the BJP at the state and national levels and formed the government in alliance with the NCP and Congress in the state in the last week of November 2019, the saffron alliance broke at the BMC. Currently, the Shiv Sena rules the BMC on its own.

It may be recalled that the BMC polls held in 2017 had thrown up a hung house. The Shiv Sena had emerged as the single largest party with 84 seats in the 227-member BMC, followed by BJP- 82, Congress- 31, NCP- 9, MNS- 7 and others-- 14. During the first two and a half years in power, the Shiv Sena increased its strength to 94, by inducting among others seven corporators from the Raj Thackeray-led NCP.

However, after it aligned with the NCP and Congress in the state in November 2019, the ruling Shiv Sena

has been enjoying the support of the two parties for the past two years

Given that all the three constituents of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) nurse the ambition of expanding their base in Mumbai, it is not clear as yet whether the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress will contest the 2022 BMC polls as an alliance.

Despite the fact that it had won as many as 92 seats in the 227-member civic body in the 2017 polls, the BJP – which is the principal Opposition party in the state – will have a tough time in the 2022 BMC polls. No wonder, ahead of the 2022 civic polls, the BJP is cosying up to the MNS, which had won seven seats in the 2017 polls.

BJP leaders Ashish Shelar and Prasad Lad had earlier met the MNS chief at the latter's residence.

On his part, the MNS spokesperson reiterated that not much should be read into the MNS chief's meeting with Fadnavis. He said that every legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar had met Raj Thackeray at the latter's residence a few days back.

Construction of 3.61 lakh houses under PMAY(U) approved

New Delhi: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has approved the construction of 3.61 lakh houses in 17 States and Union Territories under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), taking the total number of houses sanctioned under the scheme to 1.14 crore. This includes construction of 19,535 units, for urban migrants/poor, involving Technology Innovation Grant of ₹39.11 crore in Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

The approval was given by the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) chaired by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra on Tuesday. These houses would be constructed under Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP), Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC), In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) verticals of PMAY-U. In the statement, the Ministry said that out of the 1.14 crore sanctioned houses, over 89 lakh have been grounded for construction and 52.5 lakh completed and delivered to the beneficiaries. It stated that the secretary has asked states and union territories to resolve the issues without delay so that construction of houses can be expedited.

The total investment under the Mission is ₹7.52 lakh crore, with a central assistance of ₹1.85 lakh crore, the ministry said, adding that so far, ₹1.13 lakh crore has already been released. In the meeting, Mishra also laid renewed emphasis to accelerate housing construction and completion across the country within stipulated time under PMAY-U so that the goal of ‘Housing for All’ by 2022 can be achieved, the statement stated. At the CSMC meeting, an e-Finance module was also launched by the HUA Secretary.

The e-Finance module has been integrated with all modules of the PMAY-U MIS system and designed, developed with in PMAY-U MIS System with the objective to provide unique platform to all stakeholders for disbursement of funds through direct benefit transfer mode and to validate beneficiaries, it also stated.

MSRTC EMPLOYEES’ STRIKE

Maha announces hefty hikes in employees’ basic pay

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In an effort to end nearly a month-long agitation by the employees of the State run Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC), State Transport Minister Anil Parab on Wednesday announced hefty hikes in the employees' basic salaries ranging from ₹2,500 per month to ₹7,000 per month, pending a decision on inclusion of the MSRTC employees in its state government's payt rolls.

After holding day-long discussions with the leaders of the agitating MSRTC employee, Parab made a formal announcement about the hikes in the basic salaries of the agitating employees.

Talking to media persons after holding talks with the representatives of agitating MSRTC employees, Parab said: “The hikes announced in the basic salaries of employees

works out to nearly 41 per cent which is the highest-ever salary increase in the history of the MSRTC employees. The high-level committee is expected to give its reports within 12 weeks”.

“As far as the inclusion of the MSRTC employees in the state government's employment roll, we will accept whatever the Bombay High Court suggests in the matter. If the HC-appointed three-member high-level committee recommends the inclusion of the MSRTC employees in the rolls of state government, we will do so,” Parab said.

The Minister appealed to the striking employees to resume work by 8 am on Thursday.

As per the decision to effect hikes in the basis salaries of the MSRTC employees, the employees with one to 10 years' experience will get a monthly hike of ₹5,000 hike in their basic salaries.

For instance, those who have hitherto been getting a basic salary of ₹12,080 will now get ₹17,395 per month. Similarly, those with a basic salary of ₹17,070 will now get a basic salary of ₹24,584 per month.

In the case of employees with an experience ranging from 10 to 20 years, there will be ₹4,000 increase in the basic salaries.

As a consequence, their basic salaries will go up from ₹23,040 to ₹28,800 per month.

The employees with an experience of more than 20 years will get an increase of Rs 2,500 in basic salary every month.

As a result, the employees who are currently earning a basic of 26,000 per month and total salary of ₹37,440 will henceforth get a total salary of ₹41,040. Similarly, those getting a basic of ₹36,000 and total salary of 53,280 will now basic

salary of Rs 39,500 basic and a total salary of Rs 56,880 per month.

Parab said that the MSRTC had suffered huge revenue losses during the Covid-19 period and the State Government had extended a financial assistance of ₹2,700 crore. “Owing to some reasons, the disbursement of salaries to the MSRRRC was getting delayed earlier. Henceforth the MSRTC will get salaries within 10th of every month,” the Minister said.

It may be recalled that the MSRTC workers went on an indefinite strike from October 28 to press for their various demands. The striking employees intensified their agitation from November 9 when all the MSRTC depots were shut down.

Before holding talks with the striking MSRTC employees, Parab had met chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Ajit Pawar and NCP chief Sharad Pawar.

Andhra seeks ₹1,000 crore interim grant for flood relief

Amaravati: Pegging the overall damage caused by the recent heavy rains and floods at ₹6,054.29 crore, the Andhra Pradesh Government on Wednesday requested the Centre to immediately release ₹1,000 crore as interim relief towards flood relief and restoration works.

Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy wrote an identical letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, detailing the havoc caused by heavy rains and floods between November 13 and 20, mainly in Anantapuramu, Kadapa, Chittoor and SPS Nellore districts.

“Despite arranging teams well in advance and serious efforts by the government to save the lives of people, 40, including a State Disaster Response Force constable, died and 25 others were reported missing. As many as 324 relief

camps have been arranged, accommodating 69,616 persons in the affected districts and they are still continuing,” the Chief Minister said.

He said several high-ways, irrigation tanks and canals have breached in Kadapa, Chittoor, Anantapuramu and SPS Nellore districts.

“The worst affected were the farmers as crops (like paddy, Bengal gram, cotton, black gram, groundnut and sugarcane) ready for harvesting were damaged,” Jagan added.

Agricultural crops in 1.42 lakh hectares suffered damage, with the estimated monetary loss being ₹1,353.82 crore. Horticultural crops in 42,299 hectares, worth ₹48.06 crore, were damaged.

Roads and irrigation systems were the worst hit, with the deluge causing a loss of ₹1,756.43 crore and ₹556.96 crore respectively, the Chief

Minister pointed out in the letter. Civic infrastructure like roads, pipelines, drains, school buildings and community centres in municipalities suffered a loss of ₹1,252 crore.

Panchayat Raj roads to a length of 2,254.32 km were battered, inflicting a loss of Rs 381.65 crore.

Rural Water Supply schemes worth Rs 453.33 crore were also damaged, the Chief Minister said. Hundreds of electricity feeders, substations and distribution lines were also damaged, causing a loss of ₹252 crore.

“Heavy rains caused inundation of low-lying areas and disrupted normal life. The gravity was such that 17 teams of NDRF and SDRF and two helicopters had to be deployed for undertaking search and rescue operations. In all, 1,402 villages in 196 mandals and four towns were affected,” the Chief Minister said.



Women farmers harvest cauliflower on the outskirts of Jammu on Wednesday



www.dailypioneer.com

facebook.com/dailypioneer | @TheDailyPioneer | instagram.com/dailypioneer/

PAPER WITH PASSION

Woes continue

The Taliban may get aid but not recognition unless they start recognising women's rights

The Taliban are making it difficult for the world community to recognise their interim Government in Afghanistan. Their fresh diktat against women being the latest reason. They have a Ministry that seeks to regulate and control the lives of Afghan women – Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice. The Ministry has banned women from appearing in television dramas and entertainment shows. Women news presenters have to wear headscarves. These are part of the eight directives in the first tranche of restrictions imposed on the media. Films in opposition to Islamic law and "Afghan values" cannot be broadcast. Foreign films that promote "foreign values" are banned. Comedy shows cannot insult anybody. Shows depicting the "prophets and companions" are disallowed. Cynics would say the people have escaped with only a few restrictions because last time the Taliban were around, they had totally banned television and other forms of media. However, it is the Taliban's attitude to women that needs to be repeatedly highlighted. However much they profess to have moderated and modernised themselves, it is sadly true that at their core, they have not changed a bit since their rein between 1996-2001. That it is the Ministry on virtue and vice that deals with women's issues is a dead giveaway. Is that why the Taliban also did not find the need for a minister for women and child welfare?



It was only three months ago, on August 17, two days after the Taliban grabbed power, that Beheshta Arghand became the first-ever female television host to conduct a sit-in interview with a Taliban leader. There would be no second time as the Taliban's moderate make-up wore off fast. Women employees in the private and public sectors have since been asked to go home. Women-oriented jobs are under review. Girls were told they could attend segregated classes in universities. Some women, used to relative freedom in the last two decades, tried to protest but they were beaten and even whipped by Taliban enforcers. Contrary to the Taliban assurances that women's rights would be respected, women are being increasingly left out of the public sphere. The world should know that women would be worse off in the rural areas where the Taliban fighters and tribal heads hold sway and who alone have decided for decades how women ought to live. Many of the far-flung provinces have different rules for women depending on how radical the local Taliban chiefs are. Women's groups want the international community to leverage financial aid to Afghanistan to improve the women's lot. But that is a Catch-22 situation because the lack of aid can lead to mass hunger and deaths in the country. The United Nations has collected over \$600 million as distress aid. With the onset of winter, the supply of food and medicine is crucial. Ironically, most of the aid workers are women and one wonders if the Taliban have anything to say about that.

PICTALK



An anti-smog gun sprays water droplets to curb air pollution, in Gurugram

PTI

Gaining muscle

The TMC has been successful in nagging the BJP unlike the Congress ahead of the Assembly polls

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has started cementing her aspirations of a national footprint for the Trinamool Congress in the coming months, especially in the first quarter of 2022. Both Mamata and her nephew Abhishek, an official of the party's national organ, had declared soon after crushing the BJP in the State Assembly election that the Trinamool wouldn't contest a number of upcoming Assembly elections not just to mark presence but also to win the States and form a Government there, the Chief Minister has now declared that the "march to the Centre cannot be possible without the support of States". The Trinamool Congress supremo sent out this message after a number of prominent leaders from different political parties joined the TMC recently. Ever since her party bagged an undisputed victory against the BJP in Bengal, the TMC has been on the front foot against the ruling party at the Centre. It has courageously been staking its claim to the Chief Minister's chair even as far as in Goa. It's been signing up and roping in newer regional leaders, mostly at the cost of the Congress and possible dent in the fortunes of the BJP.



In the latest addition to its political and electoral arsenal, Ashok Tanwar, who had quit the Congress a couple of years back, has joined the TMC in New Delhi in Banerjee's presence. Tanwar, a former Haryana Congress chief, was considered to have had Rahul Gandhi's ears but later fell out with the party over his rivalry with other State leaders, including former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda. Tanwar had floated Apna Bharat Morcha after quitting the Congress but has now come out in strong support of the TMC supremo and has been throwing his weight in support of her party "across the entire country" and against the "misgovernance of the BJP". Tanwar's entry is sure to have given a shot in the arm to the TMC in Haryana, which is a State, apart from Punjab and regions in Uttar Pradesh, that played a major role in the farmers' unflinching demand against the BJP-led Union Government for the withdrawal of the three farm laws. However, that threat staring in the face of the BJP is still not over, what with the Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait warning the Centre of a prolonged agitation if it didn't agree of "all the demands" of the protesting farmers, including those involving the Minimum Support Price and punishing the Union State Minister Teni for the Lakhimpur Kheri incident.

The legacy of the division of India

Hindus and Muslims derive their inspiration from different sources of history. Very often, the hero of one is a foe of the other



PRAFULL GORADIA

There were two sides to the coin of Partition. One was that the Muslim community was well behind the Hindus as well as the other minorities. They were about a third in population or one-third in numbers compared to the Hindus. Therefore, if Independent India adopted a universal adult franchise, they would be out-membered by lengths. Secondly, the Muslims were less educated. As a matter of long-term strategy, Islam had played down education from its early days of the seventh century. For the last thousand years, Hejaz as well as Caliphs had prohibited *ijihad* (reinterpretation or change) and enforced *taqlid* (orthodoxy). The less educated a person, the fewer the questions he/she is likely to think up and ask. Thus, ensuring the perpetuity of the religion. Incidentally, women's education was restricted to reading the Quran, especially the prayers.

When the British came to India, instead of using English, the clergy exhorted their followers to avoid the study of English and Western science. Sir William Hunter has made a lucid analysis of how and where the Muslim students fell back in the 19th century and even earlier. Then came the decision of Lt Governor of UP to make English the court language, Hindi and Persian was abolished. Such measures, although rational, put the Muslims back. Their fear was of diluting their identity which was dearer to them than their development.

The other difficulty was that very few Muslims took to business and industry; the only exceptions were the Khojas, the Memons and the Bohras, all based in Bombay. The Muslim elites of the rest of India were land based, whether agricultural, farming vegetables or cultivating orchards but had very few factories. In short, cultivating the Hindus had the economic lead. Timur Kuran, Professor at the University of Duke, has explained at length the financial disadvantage of Islamic communities. He has focused on West Asia and how Islamic ordainments have kept the common folk econom-



ically back. Imagine West Asia without petroleum! And imagine a business without banking and lending without interest!

The Viceroy had called an all-India election in December 1945 to January 1946. By that time, Jinnah's speech preceding the passing of the Pakistan resolution on, March 23, 1940, at the Lahore session of the Muslim League was humming to virtually all Muslim ears in India. Incidentally, Jinnah deliberately made Fazlur Rahman of Bengal sign the resolution. Rahman was a popular, prominent peasant leader of the eastern wing of what eventually became Pakistan and now Bangladesh. His Two Nation Theory is very briefly stated here: the Hindus and Muslims have different religious philosophies, social customs and literatures. They neither intermarry nor inter-dine and, indeed, they belong to two different civilisations which are based mainly on conflicting ideas and conceptions. Their views on life and of life are different. It is also quite clear that Hindus and Muslims derive their inspiration from different sources of history. They have different epics, different heroes in different episodes. Very often the hero of one is a foe of the other and likewise, their victories and defeats overlap.



MUSLIM INDIA CANNOT ACCEPT ANY CONSTITUTION WHICH MUST NECESSARILY RESULT IN HINDU MAJORITY. IF HINDUS AND MUSLIMS ARE BROUGHT UNDER A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, IT CAN ONLY MEAN HINDU RAJ

History has presented to us many examples, such as the union of Great Britain and Ireland. We know that the history of the last 1,200 years has failed to achieve unity and we have witnessed, during the ages, India was always divided into Hindu India and Muslim India. The termination of the British regime will be a worse disaster. Muslim India cannot accept any Constitution which must necessarily result in a Hindu majority Government. If Hindus and Muslims are brought together under a democratic system, it can only mean Hindu Raj. Muslims are not a minority; Muslims are a nation according to any definition and they must have their homelands, their territory and their State.

Indeed, Jinnah argued as if one is prepared to ignore the other. As Dr Rafiq Zakaria has put it: all throughout his younger years, Jinnah showed no interest in Muslims. He was, then, all for the Congress; its non-communal, nationalistic principle which enthused him.

When he was a young man, Jinnah worked for Hindu-Muslim unity and made every attempt to see that the Congress and the League presented a united front. He assured the British that they need not be unduly perturbed

as its terms of the Lucknow Pact if implemented would help them as well. He welcomed the declaration made by the British Government on August 20, 1917, which assured Indians that "the policy of His Majesty's Government, with which the Government of India are in complete accord, is that of the increasing association of self-governing institutions with a view to the progressive realisation of responsible Government in India as an integral part of the British Empire." To give effect to it, the new Secretary of State Edward Montague visited India in the winter of that year. He along with Viceroy Lord Chelmsford conferred with the leaders of different schools of political thought to try and find a consensus on the future constitutional advance. Of all the politicians whom Montague met, he was most impressed by Jinnah. He recorded this in his diary: "Young, perfectly mannered, impressive looking, armed to the teeth with dialectics, and insistent upon the whole of his scheme..."

(This is part of an ongoing series on Indian Partition.)

The writer is a well-known columnist, an author and a former member of the Rajya Sabha. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FITNESS SHOULD BE GIVEN DUE IMPORTANCE

Sir — I strongly believe that every individual has the right to healthy living. Healthy living is not a privilege, but a right. Sadly, however, in our country, healthy living is more like a right in the pocket of people who are able and willing to pay for it. Therefore, a chain of health clubs needs to be opened and made accessible — to make fitness a part of every Indian's lifestyle. To provide easy access to superior quality and affordable fitness regimens that will be an integral part of every Indian.

Unlike the US, we do not have special cycling lanes; our offices are not equipped with lockers and shower-rooms that we can freshen up after walking or cycling our way to work. Also, the Indian weather does not permit exercise all year around — the summers are bad, the rainy season has its own woes and the winter is practically nonexistent. Such scenarios don't leave much scope for exercise. We haven't given due importance to fitness and working out and it's high time that we realised the benefit of a brisk walk or a jog in the morning so that we wake up fresh and sleep well.

MR Jayanthi Subramaniam | Mumbai

WHERE DID WE REACH AFTER 26/11?

Sir — Even though Mumbai's lauded as a business hub, the 26/11 terror attack tells a different story. No commercial Capital of a country would be so ill equipped as to not be able to detect and prevent such attacks on time. While some may argue that Manhattan was a victim of 9/11, too, I point out that Mumbai has been a soft target since times immemorial. Terror has sneaked up on us not once but thrice — the 1992 riots, 2006 blasts and 2008 attacks; all caught Mumbai unawares. In short, for Mumbai to truly become India's commercial hub, the quality of life, quality of infrastructure, quality of security and attitude — all need improvement.

The 26/11 attacks saw the world in a state of disbelief at one of the most audacious acts of terrorism ever committed. Although we have lived with terrorism

Tigers are shy, but they kill



A 10-year-old tigress called Maya attacked and killed a 45-year-old Swati Dumane, a forest guard at the Tadoba Andheri Tiger Reserve (TATR) in Maharashtra. The guard was on beat duty for the All India Tiger Estimation survey at the TATR. Generally, tigers are nocturnal hunters. Attack on Swati took place early — at around 8 am. The slain Swati and three of her colleagues are said to have waited, for half an hour or so, for Maya to move away after spotting her a mere 200 metres away. When the tigress did not

budge, the workers, instead of returning to their base, explored a detour only to be ambushed by the big cat.

Tigers are introverted and moody animals. They do not hunt human beings for food. Also, tigers are wary of possible injuries that can incapacitate them. The big cats love hunting — for food and sport. However, injured tigers are frustrated: such tigers can attack humans without provocation. Intrusion of a tiger's territory can be lethal for human beings. Though a tourist crowd can instigate a tiger, generally they are not known to turn hostile in such situations. It is not known whether the tigress was separated from her cubs because these big cats are known to be provoked at the slightest pretext. It is unknown whether guards like Swati, who dangerously venture into the forest, sport some type of protective gear. It is appropriate for them to be armed with some type of weapons or tranquilliser guns to save themselves.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

for decades, the attacks were frightening as we learned what that these terror outfits were capable of. However, over the last few years, India has significantly improved its intelligence network and anti-terror measures. It's the need of the hour to save the youth from being influenced and brain-washed by these outfits. Every Indian can contribute to national security just by staying vigilant.

CK Ramani | Pune

THE GOVT SHOULD RECONSIDER THE CAA, TOO

Sir — The repeal of the three farm laws has inclined many people into thinking that the repeal of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is not beyond the realms of possibility. The anti-CAA movement could not (and did not have to) go ahead despite gathering momentum each day in the face of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Government's preoccupation with the fight against the pandemic including national lockdowns and its lukewarm approach to its implementa-

tion due to the unprecedented public health crisis and opposition to the legislation from unanticipated quarters. Even though no rules have been framed to implement the law, the CAA is ominously still there on the statute book.

The Government cannot be unaware of what the implementation of the CAA will signal to the outside world — India's retreat from secularism. No amount of rationalisation can justify CAA's enactment or validate its discriminatory provisions. The CAA is wholly unacceptable and it has to go for the simple reason that it does not jibe with secularism and the equality of religions guaranteed in the Constitution. The legacy of the freedom movement and the Constitution do not discriminate between the religions that 'originated' in India and that did not.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

Send your feedback to: letterstopioneer@gmail.com

SOUNDBITE

In Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule, there is nothing left that hasn't been made expensive.



Congress leader —Rahul Gandhi

There is also a time for the Government to step back, so Australians can move forward.



Australian Prime Minister —Scott Morrison

Thank you all for your prayers for my father's health. He is recovering well and looking forward to interacting with all of you soon.



Actor —Shruti Haasan

As long as I keep batting well and keep contributing to the team's total, I am happy.



Indian batsman —Cheteshwar Pujara

There used to be riots every third or fourth day in UP, but now the State has a 'riot-free' identity.




Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister —Yogi Adityanath

FIRST COLUMN

UNIFORM CODE FOR EDUCATIONAL BODIES

In private colleges, there are no uniform rules in salary structure or promotions



BIJU DHARMAPALAN

The so-called quality maintained by private schools is only in physical infrastructure and English communication promotion and not at the intellectual level. Good quality education can be provided even in open spaces. The digital revolution in education that happened during the pandemic has made the physical structure of schools irrelevant. It is the willpower and dedication of teachers that matter. However, teachers are not paid well in most private schools and the COVID situation has made things worse for them as they have to do extra duty without additional pay. Across the country, private school teachers are the lowest-paid. There is no job security also as any time managements can dismiss teachers if they are not complying with the management rules. The situation in the higher education sector is no different. During the pandemic time, hundreds of teachers were made to resign from private colleges and universities. Even otherwise in private colleges, there are no uniform rules in salary structure or promotions. Many private institutions are recruiting people who do not meet required qualifications. These private institutions just need a workforce that would just obey them. There are also private aided colleges that take hefty donations for the recruitment process. Teachers working in all private higher education centers are not satisfied and their dissatisfaction is transferred to the students through their teaching. Recently, the Kerala legislative assembly passed a landmark Kerala Self-Financing College Teaching and Non-Teaching Employees (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 2021, that puts in place a law to guarantee service conditions for employees in private colleges. The legislation, which had been recommended by the Kerala State Higher Education Council, is being viewed as one that would standardize rules to ensure service conditions for those employed in the unaided sector. Even though this is a progressive step in removing the perils of higher education, one area of concern is the special privilege mooted for minority institutions. In Kerala, most of the private colleges are managed by minority communities and over-exploitation of teachers happens in these centers. As per the privileges enjoyed by the minority institutions, government cannot completely control them. The private medical and dental colleges run by these agencies rarely provide a full stipend for students as per government norms. In some cases, PG students have to return the stipend that is credited into their account, fearing backlashes by management. The staff members from the management side, usually from the same community, get undue favours and members from other communities are harassed mentally and curtail their professional advancement. The unhealthy atmosphere prevailing among the teachers is transferred to students and the whole system gets vitiated.

When an educational institution is managed by the fees and donations from students and teachers belonging to other communities, how can an institution claim special minority status? If they want to enjoy that status they should teach students from their community alone, and also recruit teachers from the same community. Even in private government-aided educational institutions managed by minority communities (even non-minority also) teachers are recruited after taking lakhs of rupees as donations. This is an open secret and none of the political parties have the courage to take on these managements, fearing backlash in elections. In such a situation we have to appreciate the effort taken by the government of Kerala. However, it would be hard to see how the government will implement the new bill effectively in institutions enjoying minority status. It is high time we develop a nation-wide common law controlling the functioning of private schools and colleges, for education is common for everyone, irrespective of class, gender, or racial discrimination.

(The writer is a popular science writer and academician. The views expressed are personal.)

Interests of Indian fishermen in danger

ASHWANI MAHAJAN

If the problems of overfishing and depleting marine resources continue, it can badly impact the catch by small fishermen and their livelihood

For some time, a round of negotiations has been going on in the WTO, in which an agreement is expected to be made aiming to ending subsidies to curb alleged illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. These talks are said to be the part of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which seek to end subsidies for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing while ensuring special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries. But if this agreement is reached, it may adversely affect the livelihood of small fishermen in India and other developing and underdeveloped countries.


It is true that the world is facing the problem of overfishing and depleting marine resources. If this situation continues, this can impact catch by small fishermen and their livelihood. The idea of the United Nations that overfishing will affect sustainable development is always justified. But the big question is, who is responsible for overfishing in the ocean? At least the small fishermen of India or other developing countries having very low fishing capacity are nowhere to blame for this.

Fishing is done in two ways. One, by small fishermen who catch fish in their boats; and second by trawlers and large ships of large companies. Over the past few decades, the evidence of fishing by large ships and trawlers in a mechanized manner by large companies has increased significantly.

Small fishermen in India do not catch fish in the ocean during the rainy season. Know why? Because it is the breeding season for fish. But the big trawlers do not mind fishing during the same period. However, since the big trawlers come under the organized sector, the small fishermen will be considered as illegal, unreported and unregulated; and the subsidy given to them by the governments will end but the big trawlers and ships will continue to be entitled to catch fish from the sea by mechanical processes and also the government subsidies. In such a situation, the livelihood of small fishermen of India and other developing countries will be adversely affected while big companies will benefit at their cost.

Unfortunately, under pressure from developed countries and big corporates, in the WTO, the exercise is going on to push the agreement on this subject. Director General of the World Trade Organization, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, says that completing these negotiations on fisheries subsidy is the top priority of WTO, not only for fisheries but also for the WTO system. And this is being done under the guise of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

It is noteworthy that after the grant of fishing licenses to large trawlers in India in the early 1990s, due to excessive fishing by them, the availability of fish from the sea was getting depleted. As a



SMALL FISHERMEN IN INDIA DO NOT CATCH FISH IN THE OCEAN DURING THE RAINY SEASON BECAUSE IT IS THE BREEDING SEASON FOR FISH. BUT BIG TRAWLERS DO NOT MIND FISHING DURING THIS PERIOD. AND, SINCE BIG TRAWLERS COME UNDER THE ORGANISED SECTOR, SMALL FISHERMEN WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED

(The writer is Professor, PGDAV College, University of Delhi. The views expressed are personal.)



result, the livelihood of small fishermen was getting adversely affected. At that time there were major agitations to highlight this problem of fishermen, including those led by Swadeshi Jagran Manch and Fr Thomas Kochery, due to which the then government had to stop the renewal of licenses to large trawlers.

After some time, the trawlers again started getting permission. Once again, the demand for re-banning of trawlers by environmentalists is gaining momentum. A committee of the Government of India is working towards regulating these trawlers. Environmentalists say that banning these trawlers is the appropriate solution to the problem of overfishing. Although these trawlers have not been outrightly banned, many states including Kerala and Orissa have been banning trawlers in monsoon (rainy season) on the demand of traditional fishermen so that the breeding of fish is not affected.

It is being argued that the agreement on fishing subsidy will ensure the availability of fish and the protection of marine resources for the future generations. In this regard, if at all any international organization can ban subsidies for fishing, it is the World Trade Organization. The exercise to make rules in this regard has been going on since the year 2001, with the start of Doha Rounds of Negotiations. However, the interesting thing is that though all the remaining provisions of the Doha development Round, under have already been rejected outright by the developed countries, surprisingly,

ly, exercise is going on to end the fishing subsidy.

It is true that today 34 percent overfishing is taking place, whereas in 1974 it was only 10 percent. Due to overfishing, the availability of fish is gradually reducing, due to which the livelihood of the people living in the coastal areas is getting adversely affected and their poverty is increasing. Today, about 40 million people in the world depend on the fishing, so the security of their lives is linked with the protection of marine resources.

Although the current negotiations are focused on eliminating subsidies for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, these efforts are being strongly opposed by developing countries. Developing countries, including India, believe that ending subsidies on fishing will adversely affect the livelihood and rights of their small fishermen. Although it has been said in the resolution that special and differential treatment for developing and less developed countries is part of the proposals, but it seems that the small fishermen of developing countries will suffer the most from this agreement.

Surprisingly, while everything was stand still during, these talks continued unabated. Therefore, due to restrictions on movements, views of small countries whose missions are not in Geneva could not be appropriately incorporated in this document. For this reason, also, there is anger in this context amongst developing countries. Recently, when the Director General of the World Trade Organization came to India, India had clearly stated that although

due to the irrational subsidies given by various countries for fishing, India's small fishermen have been suffering the most, due to overfishing by developed countries. Therefore, it is necessary to eliminate the subsidy being given to big vessels in these developed countries. Therefore, India has clearly stated in this context, that the draft text is not balanced. In this regard, special treatment will be required for developing countries and this agreement can be balanced only by incorporating India's suggestions.

India's demand is that developed countries stop subsidizing fisheries that go beyond their natural geographical boundaries. Industrial fishing countries are not ready to concede this. India wants that the provision of subsidies should continue to protect the interests of its poor and small fishermen. There is no illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in India. India maintains that since the creation of the WTO, developed countries received special concessions, and their agricultural subsidies continued unabated, while the rights of developing countries were restricted. That mistake should not be repeated in this agreement on fisheries subsidies.

Today, the need of the hour is that India and other developing and least developed countries should face this bigotry of rich countries and there should be no unbalanced and irrational agreement in respect of fisheries subsidies, so that we can protect the interests of our small and poor fishermen.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

NEITHER YOU HELPED THE COVID PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS, NOR PROVIDED ANY COMPENSATION. WHAT TYPE OF GOVERNMENT IS THIS? —CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



COMPENSATIONS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. THE CENTRE HAS DONE MORE THAN WHAT ANY GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE POSSIBLY IMAGINED. —BJP SPOKESMAN TOM VADAKKAN

Farm laws to be repealed in upcoming Parliament session

The burning question, however, remains: Why were these legislations enacted in the first place if they were to be repealed without implementation?




DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL

During the protracted farmers agitation against the three farm laws, a view was advanced especially by those in support of the impugned legislation that it is not easy to suspend operation of a parliamentary enactment or that it is not constitutionally permissible to repeal a law by issuing an ordinance. Such an argument, besides ex facie specious, stands completely annihilated with the announcement of the Prime Minister to repeal them.

Article 73 of the Constitution says that the executive power of the Union is co-extensive with the legislative powers of parliament. The Government, in exercise of its executive power, can suspend, amend or repeal an Act

(The writer is former Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha and a member of Delhi Bar Council. The views expressed are personal.)



of parliament as long as it commands parliamentary majority. Any subsequent statute may repeal any Act in whole or in part, either expressly or impliedly by enacting a new legislation. Clause 6 of the General clauses Act, 1897 provides that any Act or Regulation can be repealed by the legislature. Unless a different intention appears, the repealing Act cannot revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the repeal takes effect; or affect the previous operation of any enactment so repealed or anything duly done or suffered thereunder; etc.

The executive power of the Union extends (a) to the matters with respect to which Parliament has power to make laws; and (b) to the exercise of

course of time or in case there is a ground swell of public opinion against them.

The three farm laws were originally promulgated as ordinances by the government and later replaced by the duly passed Acts of parliament. Since the winter session of parliament will convene in a week, it is not an edifying parliamentary practice to promulgate an Ordinance for the repeal. The Government will bring a Bill to repeal the three laws during the ensuing session. There will be a fierce debate and the opposition would leave no stone unturned to show that they were right in their opposition to the original Bills and the government palpably wrong. The government, in turn, would say that they were unable to convince

the misguided agitating farmers. Once passed by both the Houses of parliament, and assented to by the President, the three laws would stand repealed.

The burning question, however, remains: why were these legislations enacted in the first place if they were to be repealed without implementation? It needs to be borne in mind that in a robust democracy, public opinion, likened to a rope of multiple fibers capable of taming even an elephant, matters. It is for the government to discern whether the opposition is orchestrated by vested interest or it is genuine, broad-based and the real voice of all the farmers of the country.

The Union Government could not have remained

impervious to the farmers' agitation for long especially when elections are round the corner in the largely affected States. But it is also a fact that agro-economists continue to be divided over the proposed repeal. Many nonpartisan experts consider it a setback to agrarian reforms. Incontestably, the fear of losing the impending election is a great deterrent to reforms, regardless of the general perception of bold, visionary and transformative leadership.

It is in this context that the practice of referring the contentious legislation to the committees holds good as the committees crystallise different shades of opinions and help build consensus and unity out of plurality. The National Commission Bill and the

National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professionals Bill were referred to the Standing Committee, and based on the recommendations of the Committee, new Bills were introduced and passed by Parliament. So were many other legislations. The great hurry in which the farm laws were passed during the Covid-19 time without referring the Bills to the standing committee only added fuel to the fire. The lesson is clear and unmistakable that in a parliamentary democratic set up it is not possible to impose laws on an utterly hostile community despite the best of intention and the promise of long-term national gains, without due consultation, consensus and credible parliamentary scrutiny.

China slams US for inviting Taiwan for ‘Summit for Democracy’

Beijing: Furious over the Biden administration's invitation to Taiwan to take part in the “Summit for Democracy”, China on Wednesday warned the US that it will get “hurt” by giving Taipei the world stage as Beijing slammed the summit itself saying the event was aimed at pursuing Washington’s “geopolitical games”.

Taiwan, a self-ruling island as its own territory to be annexed by force if necessary, is among 110 invitees to the Washington-led Summit for Democracy to be held December 9-10, the US State Department announced on Wednesday.

President Joe Biden is to host the summit bringing together leaders from governments and civil society and China was omitted from the list of invitees, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported.

Invitees from the Asia-Pacific region also include India, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Pakistan and the Philippines.

Most European countries are also invited, including Serbia, but not Bosnia and Herzegovina or Hungary. China for a some time has been attacking the democracy summit, saying that the US cannot hold a patent for it and the event is aimed at dividing the world.

But Beijing appears to have been surprised by the invitation to Taiwan to take part in the democracy meeting as it came in the backdrop of the recent virtual summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Biden.

Sharply criticising the US move, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that China “firmly opposes the invita-

tion to Taiwan by the US authorities for Taiwan to take part in the Summit for Democracy.”

“There is only one China in the world and the government of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) is the sole legal government representing China,” he said.

Taiwan is an inalienable part of China and the One China principle is a widely-recognised norm of international relations, Zhao emphasised.

“Taiwan has no other international status in the international law than being part of China,” he said.

“We solemnly urge the US to abide by the One China principle, stop providing a platform for Taiwan independence forces, and stop emboldening them. Giving them the stage only makes the US hurt and puts it in a difficult situation. Playing with fire the pro-independence forces (of Taiwan) only getting themselves burnt,” he said.

He also attacked the Democracy summit, saying that the aim of the US in holding the meeting is to divide the world.

“Democracy is a common value of humanity and not a patent of a few countries. What the US did was that the so-called democracy is just an excuse for the US to pursue its geopolitical goals, suppress other countries, divide the world and serve its own selfish interests of maintaining its hegemony in the world,” Zhao said.

In the name of democracy, the US is creating bed politics and stoking confrontation. This is a revisit to the Cold War mentality. It is questioned and opposed by people holding fair views in the world,” he said.

PTI

Germany set for new Govt that will end Merkel’s rule

AP ■ BERLIN

The three parties negotiating to form Germany’s next Government will finalise and present their coalition agreement on Wednesday, two of the prospective partners said. The deal paves the way for center-left leader Olaf Scholz to replace longtime Chancellor Angela Merkel in the coming weeks.

The center-left Social Democrats have been negotiating with the environmentalist Green party and the pro-business Free Democrats since narrowly winning a national election on Sept. 26. The latter two parties said the agreement will be presented on Wednesday afternoon.

If party members sign off on it, the three-way alliance — which has never yet been tried in a national government — will replace the current “grand coalition” of the country’s traditional big parties. The Social Democrats have served as the junior partner to Merkel’s center-right Christian

Democrats.

Merkel, who didn’t run for a fifth term, is expected to be succeeded by Scholz, 63, who has been her finance minister and vice chancellor since 2018.

The three would-be governing parties have said they hope parliament will elect Scholz as chancellor in the week beginning Dec. 6. Before that can happen, the coalition deal requires approval from a ballot of the Greens roughly 125,000-strong membership and from conventions of the other two parties.

News of the deal came as Merkel led what was likely to be her last Cabinet meeting. Scholz presented the 67-year-old, who has led Germany since 2005, with a bouquet of flowers.

The negotiations over the three-way alliance were relatively harmonious and speedy compared to previous coalition talks. But the political transition, with Merkel as a lame-duck caretaker, has hampered Germany’s response to the latest rise in coronavirus

cases.

Few details have emerged from the closed-doors talks, including how the parties will divide up the ministerial portfolios. The alliance is a potentially uneasy mixture because it brings together two traditionally left-leaning parties with one, the Free Democrats, that has tended to ally with the center-right.

A preliminary agreement last month indicated that Germany would bring forward its deadline for ending the use of coal-fueled power from 2038 to 2030, while expanding the rollout of renewable energy generation. At the Free Democrats’ insistence, the prospective partners said they won’t raise taxes or loosen curbs on running up debt, making financing a central issue.

Merkel’s Christian Democrats are currently preoccupied with a leadership contest over who will become their next leader and revive the party’s fortunes after it suffered its worst-ever election result.

No babies in Parl: UK lawmakers outraged by infant ban

London: Several British politicians demanded a change in parliamentary rules on Wednesday after a lawmaker was told she couldn’t bring her 3-month-old baby into the House of Commons.

Labour Party legislator Stella Creasy said she had received a letter from Commons authorities after she took her son Pip to a debate.

She said she had previously taken both Pip and her older daughter to Parliament without problems, but had been told the rules had changed in September.

Members of Parliament are now advised that they “should not take your seat in the chamber when accompanied by your child.” Creasy said the rule undermined efforts to make politics more family-friendly.

“There are barriers to getting mums involved in politics, and I think that damages our political debate,” she told the BBC.

Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab, a Conservative, said he has “a lot of sympathy” for Creasy, but said the decision is for the House authorities to make.

“I think we do need to make sure our profession is brought into the modern world, the 21st century, and can allow parents to juggle the jobs they do with the family time that they need,” Raab said.

Green Party lawmaker Caroline Lucas said the baby ban was “absurd.” She said babies were “far less disruptive than many braying backbenchers.”

House of Commons Speaker Lindsay Hoyle said he had asked Parliament’s procedure committee to review the rules, and noted that there were “differing views on this matter.”

“The advice given yesterday ... correctly reflects the current rules. However, rules have to be seen in context and they change with the times,” he said. “It is extremely important that parents of babies and young children are able to participate fully in the work of this House.” AP

Putin tests experimental nasal vaccine against Covid-19

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday he has taken an experimental nasal vaccine against the coronavirus, three days after he received his booster shot, as Russia faces its worst surge of infections and deaths since the pandemic began.

Putin was vaccinated with Sputnik V, Russia’s domestically developed Covid-19 vaccine, in the spring. On Sunday, he said he received a booster shot of Sputnik Light, the one-dose version of the jab, and said he wanted to take part in testing the nasal version of Sputnik V.

Denis Logunov, deputy director of Russia’s state-funded Gamaleya Center that developed Sputnik V, told Putin on Sunday the nasal vaccine is yet to be tested on members of the public and is currently being studied “off-label mostly, as usual, we’re testing it on staff members, monitoring.”

In accordance with established scientific protocols, the vaccine

will need to go through several trial phases, including those involving thousands of people, to establish that it is safe and effective to use.

Putin told a Government meeting Wednesday that “exactly six months after vaccination my titers of protective (antibodies) have dropped, and specialists recommended the procedure of revaccination, which I did.”

He said he didn’t experience any unpleasant effects after taking the nasal vaccine. In recent weeks, Russia has been swept by its highest ever Covid-19 surge, with officials regularly registering record-high numbers of new infections and deaths.

The surge came amid low vaccination rates and lax public attitudes toward taking precautions. Fewer than 40 per cent of Russia’s nearly 146 million people have been fully vaccinated, even though the country approved a domestically developed Covid-19 vaccine months before most of the world. AP

Declining marriage numbers add to China’s demographic conundrum

Beijing: Fewer people are getting married in China in addition to the falling birth rates, hastening the demographic crisis in the world’s most populous country, according to official data.

The number of marriage registrations in China has fallen for seven consecutive years and hit a 17-year low last year, figures from the recently released China Statistical Yearbook 2021 showed.

A total of 5.87 million couples got married in China in the first three quarters of 2021, down slightly from the same period of last year, according to the data released by the Ministry of Civil Affairs.

It is expected that the number of marriage registrations in China will continue to decline in 2021, state-run China Daily reported on Wednesday.

This is in addition to the falling birth rates. The birth-rate in China last year was 0.852 per cent, falling below one percent for the first time since 1978, figures from the China Statistical Yearbook 2021 book revealed.

As the demographic crisis deepened, China has permitted all couples to have two children in 2016, scrapping the draconian decades-old one-child policy and revised it this year permitting three children, which however drew a poor response.

The decision to permit the third child came after the latest once-in-a-decade census showed that China’s population grew at the slowest pace to 1.412 billion amid official projections that the decline may begin as early as next year. Outlining the reasons for the falling marriage registrations, He Yafu, a demographic expert identified decline in the number of young people in China as one of the reasons.

The population of the post-80s, post-90s and post-2000s in China has been on the decline, he

said, citing the National Bureau of Statistics.

Also, the desire of young people to get married has generally fallen due to reasons such as high work pressure and great improvement in women’s education level and economic independence, he told the China Daily.

Another major reason is the unbalanced ratio of male and female population. In China, men outnumber women by 34.9 million as per the seventh National Census.

Among them, there are 17.52 million more men in their 20s than women of marriageable age.

In addition, the high cost of living, including soaring housing prices, is also a big obstacle to young people wanting to get married and have children, he said.

In China, marriage and childbirth are closely linked, and the proportion of children born out of wedlock is low, He said.

So the decline in marriage registration is bound to have a negative impact on the birth rate, he said.

Thus, remedial measures should be stepped up, He said. Local Governments’ reduction of housing costs for the young is one example. To encourage young people to get married and have children, marriage and maternity leave should also be extended, He said.

The falling fertility rate, relatively early retirement age and the three-child policy have become a major concern for China as the country is greying faster than earlier predictions.

The number of people aged 60 or above has already touched 264 million, accounting for 18.7 per cent of the total population.

The average annual elderly population growth has been about 6.3 million for 21 years, according to the latest census. PTI

**Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering, Department.**

Standard Bidding Document
For
Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian district for Execution of
Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e- NIT No.:-CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/19 OF 2021-22, Dated: 06-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashmir invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Contractors/ Firms/Companies/Joint Venture of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for “**Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian district for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works**”, details of which are given below. The bidding process shall be completed online in two covers viz. **Cover 1**” consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding, tender fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. **Cover 2**” shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

Sr No 1 Particular of the work :- Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian District for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works. These works are broadly consisting of :-

a. Construction of water supply schemes by way of filtration plants, pump houses, service reservoir, Overhead tanks, laying of distribution mains.

b. Drilling of production tube well.

c. SITC of pumping units along with associated electro-mechanical works for harnessing of tube well.

d. Retrofitting of electro-mechanical equipment’s at various Water Supply Schemes

Estimate Cost (Lacs) :- Work/scheme wise details given in Section II of tender document, **Cost of document/tender fee (In Rs) :-** 1000/-, **Earnest money (Lacs) :-** _____, **Bid Validity :-** 180 days, **Time of Completion of work (days) :-** _____

Particular of the work :- Group IV, **Estimated Cost (Lacs) :-** Above 1 crores upto 3 crores, **Cost of document/tender fee (In Rs) :-** _____, **Earnest money (Lacs) :-** 0.75, **Bid Validity :-** _____

Time of Completion of work (days) :- 120

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Note :- In view of the fact, that this NIT for item rate contract has been framed for the first time in the Department, a helpdesk shall be established at the Direction office level as well as district level for encouraging and facilitating the intending bidders for participation in the instant NIT to ensure wide participation across all the Districts.

Key/critical Dates:

i. Publish Date :- 08.11.2021

ii. Document Download/sale start Date :- 08.11.2021

iii. Clarification start date :- 08.11.2021

iv. Bid submission start date :- 12.11.2021

v. Clarification end date :- 26.11.2021

vi. Pre-bid Meeting date :- 22.11.2021

vii. Document Download/sale end Date :- 26.11.2021

viii. Bid submission end date :- 26.11.2021

ix. Date and time of Bid opening :- 29.11.2021

1. Bid documents can be assessed at and downloaded from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

2. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, PHE Department, through virtual/online mode.

3. The Bids shall be deposited on the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>

4. The complete bidding process will be online <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

5. The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

6. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.

A. Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. **Bid Security** will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for at least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as specified above will be rejected.

B. The cost of downloaded tender documents should be in form of DD /TR/e challan in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti (PHE) Department.

7. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.

8. The bid shall remain open for acceptance for a period of **180 days** from the date of opening of price bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the bid earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <http://jktenders.gov.in>.

10. Queries by email if any should be made at kmrphed@gmail.com/phecejmu@gmail.com

Sd/- Chief Engineer,
Kashmir, Jal Shakti, PHE Department.

No. DIPK-13279/21 Dated: 23-11-2021

**UJVN LIMITED**
H.O.:-“UJJWAL”, Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006,
Telephones:- 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135- 2763508,
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Tender Notice **दि: 24.11.2021**

Office of Executive Engineer (M) Ramganga Power Station, UJVN Limited, Kalagarh, Distt. Pauri Garhwal invites sealed tender from interested parties. Detail of tenders is given below.

T.No. 17/EE(M)/Kg/2021-22

Name of work/supply/ services etc. :- Annual operation and upkeeping of Erector Hostel and Canteen.

Estimated cost :- Rs. 7.99,940/- GST Extra

Date of availability of bid document on website :25.11.2021

Last date for submission of tender :15.12.2021 up to 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website **"www.ujvnl.com"**

Executive Engineer (M)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, धारनौला, अल्मोड़ा चाय बागान सिंचाई हेतु सेवा प्रस्ताव आमंत्रण (Request for Proposal)

उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड द्वारा प्रधानमंत्री कृषि सिंचाई योजना के मानकों/ दिशा-निर्देशों के अंतर्गत अपने चाय बागानों में ड्रिप एवं सिंक्रलर के माध्यम से सिंचाई कार्य किया जाना प्रस्तावित है, जिस हेतु इच्छुक अनुभवी/ अधिकृत फर्म व कम्पनियों से ऑनलाइन प्रस्ताव उत्तराखण्ड शासन की वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in पर दिनांक 09.12.2021 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। प्रस्ताव शुल्क रु. 3,000.00+18% जी.एस.टी. का बैंक ड्राफ्ट निदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा के नाम देय एवं धरोहर धनराशि हेतु रु. 75,000 का बैंक ड्राफ्ट/ एफ.डी.आर. निदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा के पक्ष में हो, जमा करना होगा।

इच्छुक अनुभवी/ अधिकृत फर्म व कम्पनियों द्वारा वेबसाइट में उल्लेखित प्रस्ताव के क्रम में अपने समस्त प्रपत्र वेब साईट में अपलोड करते हुए प्रस्ताव शुल्क व धरोहर धनराशि एवं अन्य प्रपत्रों की एक-एक प्रति, सीलबंद लिफाफे में (जिसमें Request for Proposal उल्लेखित हो) दिनांक 10.12.2021 को अपराह्न 1.00 बजे तक रजिस्टर्ड डाक अथवा स्वयं उपस्थित होकर अनिवार्य रूप से जमा की जानी होगी, उक्त प्रस्ताव उसी तिथि को अपराह्न 2.00 बजे उपस्थित फर्म व कम्पनी के स्वामी/ प्रतिनिधियों के समुच्च अग्रहोस्ताक्षरी या मनोनीत अधिकारी द्वारा निदेशक उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड के कार्यालय धारनौला, अल्मोड़ा में ऑनलाइन खोले जायेंगे। प्रथम भाग में टैक्नीकल बिड खोली जायेगी, जो फर्म/ कम्पनियों टैक्नीकल बिड में सफल/ क्वालीफाई करेगे उन्हीं फर्म व कम्पनियों की वित्तीय बिड खोली जायेगी। प्रस्ताव के प्रस्तुतीकरण (Presentation) हेतु अलग से तिथि निर्धारित कर सम्बन्धित फर्मों को पत्र से अगगत कराया जायेगा।

निदेशक, उत्तराखण्ड चाय विकास बोर्ड, अल्मोड़ा

पत्रांक : 490/4-स्टोर/निविदा सूचना/2021-22 दि. 24.11.2021

फोन नं०: 05962-237746, 230606

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. VIII, Irrigation & Flood Control Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector- 15, Rohini, Delhi invites online E-tenders (Open Tender) DBO basis on behalf of the President of India from those bidder (proprietorship firms, partnership firms, companies, corporations, non indian (Overseas) firms/companies, consortia or joint ventures) who meet requisite eligibility criteria as prescribed in the NIT.

1. NIT No.:- EE/CD-VIII/NIT/W.B.2021-22/01

N.O.W.:- Rejuvenation of Mungeshpur water body in Kh. No. 22/34 in Distt. North West by installation of 150 KLD STP, Pooth Khurd Water body Kh. No. 157 in Distt. North West by installation of 400 KLD STP, Nizampur Rasidpur water body Kh. No. 505 in Distt. North West by installation of 150 KLD STP, Sultanpur Dabas water body Kh. No.96/1/1 in Distt. North West by installation of 400 KLD STP, Khara Khurd B water body Kh. No. 268 & 63/4/50/25/2 in Distt. North by installation of 150 KLD STP, Bakkarwala water body Kh. No. 91/2 in Distt. North West by installation of 150 KLD STP using ecologically sensitive and sustainable technology with O& M for 5 years on DBO basis.

H.O.A:- Rejuvenation of water bodies

Estimated Cost:- Rs 9,43,58,535

Earnest Money:- Rs 18,87,171

Period of completion:- 365 Days; Last date and time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 P.M. on 20.12.2021 (ID. No. 2021_IFC_211085_1)

- All the documents as stipulated in the NIT/bid documents should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VIII, I&FC Deptt., Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 before the last date and time of submission of technical bids.
- The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>
- Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.

DIP/SHABDARTH/0441/21-22

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER:CD-VIII

Ethiopia says PM, a Nobel Peace laureate, is at battlefield

Nairobi: Ethiopia's Nobel Peace Prize-winning Prime Minister has gone to the battlefield to take charge in a year-long war as rival fighters approach the capital, his Government announced Wednesday.

State media showed no images of Abiy Ahmed, a 45-year-old former soldier, and his spokeswoman Billene Seyoum dismissed a request for details on his location as “incredible.”

He arrived at the front Tuesday, according to a government spokesman.

Tens of thousands of people have died in the war between Ethiopian federal and allied troops and fighters from the country's Tigray region. The prospect of the ancient nation breaking apart has alarmed both Ethiopians and observers who fear what would happen to the often turbulent Horn of Africa at large.

Countries including France, Germany and Turkey have told their citizens to leave immediately.

Abiy's trajectory from winning the Nobel just two years ago to now potentially heading into battle has shocked many. AP

Indian GDP to grow 7.8 pc in Q2: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Official data print on the GDP will show a 7.8 per cent expansion on a year-on-year basis for the September 2021 quarter, according to a report.

Real GDP will grow 9.4 per cent in FY22 and decelerate to 7.5 per cent for FY23 as the base effects result in the higher growth in the ongoing fiscal wear-off, according to the report by economists at HDFC Bank released on Wednesday. In FY21, the GDP had contracted 7.3 per cent due to the pandemic. For FY22, the RBI expects GDP to clock a growth of 9.5 per cent, which will slow to 7.8 per cent in FY23. The GDP had expanded by over 20 per cent for the first

quarter on the lower base. The official data for the second quarter is set to be released on November 30.

The report by HDFC Bank said some part of the expected 7.8 per cent GDP growth in the second quarter will be due to a low base from a year when the economy contracted by 7.4 per cent but there is likely to be a sequential improvement in GDP growth in Q2FY22.

On a sequential basis, GDP is expected to grow 9.75 per cent in Q2 from a contraction of 16.9 per cent in the second wave-hit previous quarter, reflecting a revival in economic activity.

“With support from pent-up demand and easing of mobility restrictions in the

country, economic activity (as captured by a number of high frequency indicators) moved above pre-second wave levels in early

August and has remained robust since then,” the report said.

Agriculture, forestry and fishing growth will come at four per cent in Q2FY22, industry will be at 6.3 per cent and services at 8.6 per cent, it added.

When looked at from a gross value added (GVA) basis, the September 2021 quarter growth will come at 7.3 per cent, the bank estimated, explaining that the gap between GDP and GVA is likely to be driven by higher tax revenue collection and lower subsidy pay-outs in this quarter.

Markets tumble in late sell-off

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks resumed their decline on Wednesday after a day's gap, succumbing to a last-hour sell-off triggered by losses mainly in market heavyweights Reliance, Infosys and HDFC.

After trading in the green for most part of the session, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 323.34 points or 0.55 per cent lower at 58,340.99 -- marking its fifth decline in the last six days.

Likewise, the NSE Nifty fell 88.30 points or 0.5 per cent to end at 17,415.05.

On the Sensex chart, Maruti, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, ITC, Reliance Industries, L&T, UltraTech Cement and HDFC were the major losers, dropping as much as 2.62 per cent. On the other hand, Kotak Bank, NTPC, ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance, PowerGrid and HCL Tech were among the gainers, climbing up

to 1.45 per cent.

Of the Sensex constituents, 22 shares ended in the red. “Unable to hold onto its gains, domestic indices edged lower in today's tumultuous session amid mixed sentiments across global peers. Despite surging inflation, the Euro-zone business activity jumped to 55.8 in November from 54.2 in October, instilling hope in investors.

“On the domestic front, gains in banking and financial stocks were offset by losses in oil & gas and auto sectors. The banking sector was in the radar today as the government proposed to privatise two banks along with making banking amendments for the winter session to facilitate PSB privatisation” said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Sectorally, BSE IT index fell 1.24 per cent, followed by auto, capital goods, FMCG and energy.

Rupee snaps 3-day losing streak

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Indian rupee recovered its initial losses and settled 2 paise up at 74.40 against the greenback on Wednesday as exporters' dollar sales helped offset elevated crude oil prices.

Investors also awaited the minutes of the latest Federal Reserve meeting, forex traders said. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened on a weak note at 74.53 against the US dollar and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.31 and a low of 74.54. Snapping its three-day losing run, the domestic currency finally ended at 74.40, registering a gain of just 2 paise over its previous close of 74.42.

‘Concept of Aadhaar data vault fallacious’

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

National Health Authority CEO and senior member of founding team of Aadhaar R S Sharma on Wednesday criticised some of the restrictions imposed by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) over use of the unique ID due to apprehensions around privacy. Sharma, who was the first Director General of the UIDAI, said that the concept of data vault is fallacious which is adversely impacting the purpose of Aadhaar. “Aadhaar Act says Aadhaar information should be safely kept. Aadhaar number is not an identity. It (data vault) is like putting all the numbers on the currency notes into some safe vault saying that these numbers will not be disclosed. This is a fallacious way. Once you start with a fallacious foundation then everything

Legal assistance services for homebuyers

New Delhi: Online real estate portal Housing.com has announced the launch of its legal assistance services for homebuyers. REA India-owned Housing.com has partnered with leading online legal assistance startups Legalkart, Lawrato, Vidhikarya and Vakil Search to assist homebuyers or investors in their property buying journey. Consumer surveys have shown that this is a major pain point for consumers and this offering will go a long way in addressing that need.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of ICICI Bank Ltd. that Mr. Brij Kishan Gupta is owner of 1/5 share of under mention property by virtue of conveyance deed dated 06.05.2020 registration No. 1959, and therein remaining 1/5 share of the said property as legal heir on the basis of SMC dated 12.11.2021, after demise of his mother late Mrs. Pushpa Gurati who was also the owner of retaining 1/5 share on the basis of above mentioned conveyance deed, of Flat No. 661, on 6th Floor, Category-B, in Block No.6, situated in the layout plan of Karunag Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd. known as Karunag Apartment, built on Plot No. 71 / P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi. All persons including other legal heirs, if any are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the said property to Mr. Amit Gupta who is taking Loan from ICICI Bank Ltd. for purchase of the said property, if anybody has any objections upon the ownership of Mr. Brij Kishan Gurati its sale, Mortgagee litigation, and any kind of objections kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.
Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)
230, Ind Road-23, Shivali Marg, New Nagar, N. Delhi-11. Ph:- 3141112527-28. kumarassociatesadvocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the General Public that Mrs. Aparna Thayarajan D/o Bhawani Thayarajan has approached Jahaz CGHS Ltd. for transfer of flat No. 118 in her name as she was appointed/nominated as her legal heir/nominee by her Grand Mother Late Mrs. Visalam Natarajan who was bonafide member of the Jahaz CGHS Ltd. Who had since died on 7.3.21. The flat No. 118 had been allotted to her name. The M.C. of Jahaz CGHS Ltd. has now decided to transfer the said flat in her name, The Share Certificate and possession letter also has been lost. If any one has any objection for transfer flat in her name should intimate the Jahaz CGHS Ltd. New Delhi-87 within 30 days from the publication of the advertisement.
For Jahaz CGHS Ltd. (President)

MAX Healthcare

PUBLIC NOTICE
DESTRUCTION OF MEDICAL RECORD OF PATIENTS
Notice is hereby given that Max Super Speciality Hospital Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre) will be destroying medical records related to the treatment and/or test performed of its patients at the Hospital pertaining to the period January' 2013 to December-2016. Any patient who wishes to acquire Certified True Copy of his/her Medical Records pertaining to above stated period may request in writing to the contact person mentioned in the table below, between 10AM to 5PM (Monday to Saturday). All such request applications must reach the concerned person as mentioned in the below, within 3 (three) month from the date of publication of this notice. The request for medical records should be submitted in the prescribed format along with the self-attested copy of the photo identity proof of the patient. The patient can also authorize any other person to apply for and/or collect the Medical Records on his/her behalf with a valid authority letter/power of attorney for the same along with the self-attested copy of the photo identity and signature proof of the Patient and authorized person. In case of deceased patients, the attendant recorded in the Medical Records may apply/authorize someone to apply for the same. Please note that standard charges shall be applicable for supplying such records.

Name & Address of the Hospital	Contact Person's detail
Max Super Speciality Hospital, Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre)	Ms. Rasalamma Jacob Email: Rasalamma.jacob@maxhealthcare.com Mobile: 9971685759 Office: 011-43032437
For Max Super Speciality Hospital, Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre)	Sd/- Authorized Signatory Date: 25/11/2021

कार्यालय वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक मेगा फूड पार्क, बहेड़ी उ०प्र० राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण, ए-1/4 हरखनपुर, कानपुर

अत्यकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न जनपदों में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में विद्युत विकास और अनुसंधान एवं रख-रखाव कार्य हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों/नगर निगमों में अर्ह ए/श्रेणी में विद्युत लाईसेन्सीकरण, डीएसटी/आयसी निविदा/लाइसेन्सी डेवेदारों से अत्यकालीन ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। जो निविदांक 27.11.2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 04.12.2021 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक अपनोस को जा सकती हैं। निम्न निम्नांक 06.12.2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे खोला जायेगा। निविदादालाओं द्वारा शपथ पत्रों की मूल प्रतियां निम्नांक 09.12.2021 को सायं 5:00 बजे तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकती हैं। ई-निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदा सम्बन्धी विवरण निम्नवत हैं-:

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत राशि ₹००(लाख में)
1.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street lights and High Mast Lighting System at I.A. Firozabad & Etah.	13.15
2.	Annual Maintenance Contract of Street lights and High Mast Lighting System at I.A. Kosi Kanan, Kosi Kotwan & Mathura Site-B Distt. Mathura.	20.21

नोट:-

- निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर एवं जी०एस०टी० सहित दरें अंकित करें। अलग से कोई कर देय नहीं होगा।
- विद्युत कार्य हेतु निविदादाताओं को निविदा अपलोड करते समय "विद्युत सुरक्षा विभाग" उ०प्र० शासन, लखनऊ में श्रेणी क, अनुमोदित लाइसेन्स अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा को **Consider** नहीं किया जायेगा।

निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी प्राधिकरण की website: www.upsidc.com पर स्थित ई-लिक एवं यू०पीएस की website: <http://etenderupc.nic.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।

वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक मेगा फूड पार्क, बहेड़ी उ०प्र०रा०औ०वि०प्र०, कानपुर

SEARCH FOR MISSING


Rajesh Devi

General Public is hereby informed that a female (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Rajesh Devi W/o Sh. Shishpal R/o H.No. A-99, Rama Vihar, Delhi** has been missing since 29.09.2021 from her house. In this regard a case vide DD No 93A dated 03.10.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Aman Vihar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 55 Years, Height: 4'8", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Identification: Mentally Disturb, Wearing: Green Colour Suit & Green Colour Lower.

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

Phone: SHO 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi
Fax No. 011-24368639 Rohini Distt., Delhi
DP/1182/RD/2021 Ph. No. 011-27581812, 27581233

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED


Chandni

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Chandni, D/o- Manjeet, R/o Wz-590, Tihar Village, Delhi. Age : 14 years, Height : 5'1", Complexion-Fair, Face-Round, Wearing-Black high Neck Top & Black Jeans and Black Colour Shoes** in her feet has been reported missing/kidnapped from the area of PS-Rajouri Garden, Delhi, since **19.11.2021**. In this regard a case vide **FIR No. 978/2021, u/s 363 IPC dated 19.11.2021** has been lodged at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.

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

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in SHO 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Rajouri Garden Delhi
Fax : 011-23011334 Ph. : 011-25448885, 25453990
DP/636/WD/2021

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड कोण्डगांव जिला-कोण्डगांव (छ०ग०)

(Phone no. 07786-296071, Email id - eekon-phe-cg@gov.in)

:- ई-प्रोक्चूरमेंट निविदा सूचना :-

प्रत्तीसमद की राज्यपाल की ओर से जिला कोण्डगांव में एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली बंरपन सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

कार्य का नाम :- जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत विभिन्न ग्रामों में रेड्रोफिटिंग कार्य।

सं० क्र०	निविदा क्रमांक एवं दिनांक	सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की अनुमानित लागत (रु० लाख में)
1	2	3	4	5
01	80 / 16.11.2021	87281	संबलपुर रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	160.44
02	81 / 16.11.2021	87282	खजवांव रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	73.34
03	82 / 16.11.2021	87283	माकडी रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	151.69
04	83 / 16.11.2021	87284	पल्ली रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	145.70
05	84 / 16.11.2021	87285	बोटिकनेरा रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	105.70
06	85 / 16.11.2021	87286	मालाकोट रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	135.82
07	86 / 16.11.2021	87287	मुलमूला रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	108.03
08	87 / 16.11.2021	87288	मिरोला रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	94.56
09	88 / 16.11.2021	87289	चिलपूटी रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	137.87
10	89 / 16.11.2021	87290	महानगर रेड्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना	129.64

निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है, साथ ही यह जानकारी ई-प्रोक्चूरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <http://cgprocurement.gov.in> पर तथा विभागीय वेबसाईट <http://phedcgprocurement.gov.in> से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है। डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 05.12.2021 है।

R.O. No. 65289/8 R.O. Date 23/11/2021

कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड कोण्डगांव (छ०ग०)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below- mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Lakshmi Devi/ Amit Kumar/ LBGHZ00004250132	Flat No 654, 6th Floor Ganga Tower Mahagun Puram Nh 24 Village Mehrauli Ghaziabad/ November 20, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 24,97,259/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Sunny Dutta/ Neena Datta / LBNOD00004581656	Flat No C 1023, Floor No 10, Block C, Gaursons Cascades, Village Noor Nagar, Ghaziabad/ November 20, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 26,91,952/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Ashish Bajaj/ Lata Bajaj/ LBGUR00004931301	Flat No-b-1404 Tower-B 14th Floor, Skytech Mattrot Sector-76, Plot. No Gh-01/D, Gautam Budha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 52,52,643/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Arvind Kumar/ Subhash Dhama/ LBNOD00000350615	Plot No 6/211, Sector No 6 Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad/ November 22, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 9,88,114/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Vaid Awana/ Nisha Awana/ LBDEL00001413319	Flat No. 84- A, Block-c Sec-62, Noida/ November 22, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 10,39,998/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Ajay Srivastava/ Shobha Srivastava/ LBNOD00001925644	Flat No-1603, 15th Floor, Tower-12 A, Lotus Zing Plot No Gh-01/A Sector 168, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 35,75,810/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Ashish Bajaj/ Lata Bajaj/ LBGUR00004916868	Flat No G-1604, Tower-G 16th Floor, Skytech Mattrot Plot No Gh-01/D Sector-76, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 53,25,673/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	M/s Quaint Media Consultant Private Limited/ Basant Kumar Jha/ Tejashree Amar Jadhavi/ LBNOD00004776306	Flat No-603 & 604, 6th Floor, Tower A, Logix Technova Sector 132 Plot No-A 4, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 1,09,44,131/-	Delhi/ NCR
9.	Saurabh Gupta/ Avaniash Kumar Dixit/ LBNOD00002137034	FLAT NO-1804, 18th Floor, Tower-F, "Pan Oasis", Plot No Gh-02, Sector-70 Noida- 201301/ November 22, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 69,96,258/-	Delhi/ NCR

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : November 25, 2021 Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION


General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown**. Age about 50-55 years, Height 5'1", Complexion Wheatish, Long Face, Thin Built, Wearing Black Jacket, Blue Checkdar Shirt & Grey Lower was found dead at K.M. Pole No.3/29, 3/31, Hallan Chowk, Old Seelampur, Delhi on 21.11.2021. In this regard a DD No. 5-A dated 21.11.2021 U/s 174 Cr.Pc has been lodged at PS Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved at GTB Hospital Mortuary.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

SHO PS Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi Ph. 011-23961522, 9968318499

DP/389/RLY/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION


General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 15.11.2021 at Lothiyarn Road Near GPO Chatta Rail Pull, Kashmere Gate, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 17 A, u/s 174 CrPC dated 15.11.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: Appox. 50 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Wearing: Mehndi Colour Sweater and Blue Colour Lower.

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

SHO Police Station Kashmere Gate, Delhi DP/1730/N/2021 (UIDB) Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON


General public is hereby informed that this person **Name: Shivanand Manjhi, S/o Parmanand Manjhi, R/o Sec. 63, Chot pur Colony, Noida, UP. Age: 26 Years, Height: 168 cm, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Shirt, Brown Color Pant and Black shoes** in feet, has been missing since 28.09.2021 from HDFC Bank, E-Block, GK-II, in the area of PS. C.R. Park, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 53A, dated 29.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. CR Park, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. CR Park, New Delhi
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-26271374, 8750870830
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/788/SD/2021

BEING VOCAL FOR LOCAL

Taste the unique flavours of tribal cuisine at the Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat. The event puts the spotlight on some exquisite GI-tagged products

One of the most interesting aspects of tribal life is the array of authentic dishes, unique to the different tribes. Authentic tribal cuisine is a major attraction of the ongoing Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav at Dilli Haat in New Delhi. The National Tribal Festival, an annual affair, showcases interesting dishes from across the country. Crowds visiting Dilli Haat have been thronging to the Aadi Vyanjan section, where food stalls from across the country, from states such as Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland and Chhattisgarh have been put up.

Tribal communities have a close connection with nature; their simplicity and reverence towards nature is carried over to the food. The same reverence is reflected in their cuisine; the tribals consider their food to be sacred. Tribal cuisine is not only interesting, but also nutritious and balanced. Be it the *daal baati churma* from Rajasthan or the *litti chokha* or Thapdi roti from Jharkhand, or the kadhi from Uttarakhand, tribal food is simple, nutritious and edible. There seems to be a preference of different types of millets among the tribals, hence dishes made out of major and minor millets are available such as ragi pakodas and *madwa* rotis from Jharkhand, ragi idlis and dosas from Tamil Nadu.

Over the past few days it has been observed that some dishes attracted more attention than the others. Chapda chutney or red ant chutney had many takers. Chapda



chutney, made from red ants, is said to be not only tasty but also helps keep diseases at bay. Mahua dishes also garnered much interest. Mahua trees are commonly available all over the forests of central and western India.

One can also enjoy other exotic, tasty foods such as dhuska (deep fried snack made of powdered rice), banjara biryani, thapdi roti, herbal teas and arakku coffee from different parts of the country.

GI products came to a special focus in the ongoing Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav, when Bhaskar Khulbe, Advisor to the Prime Minister of India visited the Aadi Mahotsav.

GI products occupy a prominent place in this edition of the Aadi Mahotsav, and more than 50



such identified products are displayed in stalls across the venue by the tribals. Many visitors have been visiting these stalls with much interest. Apart from this seven new GI-tagged products from Uttarakhand consisting of Aipan craft, Tamta product, Ringal craft, Thulma, Bhutiya Daan Carpet, Chyura oil and Munshiyari rajma, was launched at Aadi Mahotsav taking the tally of TRIFED promoted tribal GI products to 66.

Speaking on the occasion, Khulbe remarked, "I am pleased to

note that TRIFED has actively taken up the cause to promote GI Tagged products and transform into a brand, thus empowering tribal artisans. This Aadi Mahotsav is an excellent way to bring all tribal artisans from across the country in a single place. I urge all Delhiites to visit this unique fair."

The GI products featured at the Tribes India Aadi Mahotsav include renowned, exquisite items such as Rajasthan's blue pottery, the Kota Dariya fabric, Madhya Pradesh's Chanderi and Maheshwari silk, Bagh print, Odisha's Pattachitra, Karnataka's Bidriware, Banarasi silk from Uttar Pradesh, Darjeeling tea from West Bengal, Kala jeera from Himachal Pradesh, the extremely spicy Naga chilli, and the large cardamom from the North-east.

Geographical indication tagging has acquired a greater significance ever since the focus has shifted towards Vocal for Local and building an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been facilitating the promotion of GI Tagged products along with tribal products and transform them into a brand, symbolising empowerment of tribal artisans. These initiatives are aimed help recognise and promote age-old tribal traditions and methods that in danger of being lost due to urbanization and industrialization.

The Geographical Indication technology, which has been recognized by the World Trade Organization, is used to denote the geographical territory from where

a product, be it an agricultural produce, natural product or manufactured, and also conveys assurance of qualities or attributes that are unique to that specific geographic region. India became a signatory to this convention, when, as a member of the WTO, it enacted the Geographical Indications (Registration and Protection Act), 1999, which came into effect from September 15, 2003.

The Aadi Mahotsav festival is TRIFED's attempt to familiarise the people with the rich and diverse craft, culture and cuisine of tribal communities across the country in one place.

Besides these GI products, one can also find other ethnic tribal handicrafts and products and organic items — from the natural and immunity-boosting tribal produce such as virgin coconut oil, organic haldi, dry amla, wild honey, black pepper, ragi, *triphala*, and lentil mixes such as moong dal, urad dal, white beans, and dalia to artefacts such as paintings be it in the Warli style or Patachitra; from jewellery handcrafted in the Dokra style to bead necklaces from the Wancho and Konyak tribes of the North-East.

The Aadi Mahotsav - A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce is on at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi till the 30th November, 2021 from 11 am to 9 pm.

Visit Aadi Mahotsav and support the "Vocal for Local" movement and help in building a self-reliant India!

Working for the people

Rajasthan's Water and Groundwater Minister Dr Mahesh Joshi says that his focus would be on uninterrupted, regular and adequate supply to the public

Water Supply and Ground Water Minister Dr Mahesh Joshi has said that the department's full focus will be on uninterrupted, regular and adequate supply of clean drinking water to the public in the state. Along with this, vigorous efforts will be made at every level with the help of common people to prevent wastage of water.

Dr Joshi was interacting with the media persons after taking charge as the new Water Supply and Ground Water Minister of the State at the Government Secretariat on Wednesday. Appealing to the common people to save water, he said that water is priceless, people should understand its value and make maximum use of it their habit.

Work will be done according to the needs of the people

The Minister said that the time is changing rapidly and with this the priorities of the people have also changed, in such a situation, departmental projects and programs will be speeded up according to the needs of the people in daily life. He said that in the last three years, historical works of public interest have been done in all the departments including the water supply department in the state. During this, despite the circumstances arising due to Corona, the works of other drinking water projects including Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) have been taken forward in the state. Work in JJM has progressed very rapidly in the recent past. Under the department, the work of all the projects including JJM will be speeded up with the thought that the money being spent on them should be fully

benefited by the common man.

Stop wastage of drinking water
Dr Joshi said that at many places water gets wasted due to leakage in the pipeline. For this, wherever the pipelines have become obsolete in the state, they will be replaced and work will be done with a concrete strategy to prevent wastage of drinking water. He said that the entire team of the department would leave no stone unturned in the service of the public with the co-ordination of administrative officers, engineers and technical and subordinate personnel.

Dr Joshi was welcomed by senior officers under the leadership of Additional Chief Secretary, Water Supply and Ground Water Department, Sudhanshu Pant by presenting a bunch of flowers. Dignitaries including Dr. Joshi's son Mr. Rohit Joshi and other well wishers, fans and supporters were also present on this occasion.

Dr Joshi's Joint Secretary of Government of Water Supply Department — First Pratap Singh, Joint Secretary, then Pushpa Satyani, Chief Engineer (Urban and NRW) CM Chouhan, Chief Engineer (Administration), Rakesh Luhadia, Chief Engineer (JJM), Dinesh Goyal, Chief Engineer (Special Projects) Dalip Kumar Gaur, Chief Engineer (Technical), Sandeep Sharma, Additional Chief Engineer (Rural) Devraj Solanki, Additional Chief Engineer (Urban), Amitabh Sharma, WSSO Director, Hukamchand Verma, Additional Chief Engineer (Jaipur-II), Manish Beniwal and Additional Chief Engineer (Jaipur-I) Arun Srivastava.

Railways to increase its freight basket DDA meeting updates

PHDCCI-Rajasthan chapter organised a Webinar on "Freight Incentives by Railways for Industries with North Western Railways" on November 24.

In his welcome address Shri Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter informed that PHD Chamber has been taking numerous initiative and pol-

icy advocacy measures for improving Ease of Doing Business, Reduction in cost of Doing Business and providing a level playing field for the industry so that Indian Economy can grow and achieve the target of USD 5 trillion given by our Hon'ble Prime Minister. He observed that logistic cost in India is over 14 per cent as com-

pare to 3-4 per cent in China adversely affecting the industry and exports from India. There is a need to reduce to logistic cost and transportation through Railway network can help reducing the freight cost with the proactive approach and incentive schemes offered by Railways.

Speaking as Chief Guest Narendra,

Divisional Railway Manager, North Western Railway outlined the various measures being taken by Railways for increasing its freight basket with focus on service and providing competitive freight solutions to trade and industry with the ultimate objective of facilitating growth of Indian economy.

Delhi Development Authority held its meeting on November 24 through video conferencing under the chairmanship of Anil Baijal, Lt Governor of Delhi and the chairman of DDA attended by Manish Kumar Gupta, IAS, Vice Chairman, DDA, and other members of the Authority including Vijender Gupta MLA, Sonm Nath Bhatti MLA, O P Sharma MLA, Adesh Kumar Gupta Municipal Councillor, North Delhi Municipal Corporation and Kailash Sankla, Municipal Councillor, South Delhi Municipal Corporation.

Following major decisions were taken:

Launching of Housing Scheme: The Authority has approved launching of Online Special Housing Scheme for approximately 15,000 flats of different categories at various locations such as Dwarka, Narela, Rohini, Jasola etc. DDA will soon share the further details of the scheme on its website and leading Newspapers / Social media. The scheme has the following main features:-

The flats offered under this scheme are those which remain unsold in previous Housing schemes of DDA.

The flats are being offered at the old rates/cost in relaxation of the costing policy of DDA which is updated every finan-

cial year based on the appreciation/depreciation of land cost/building as the case may be.

The flats at Narela sub-city are being offered after taking several remedial measures in terms of improvement of infrastructure, security and connectivity on the basis of suggestions/feedback of the allottees/residents of the area.

The allottees will be eligible for subsidy under PMAY scheme of the central govt. if they avail home loan from the bank/financial institution.

The entire process from application to allotment and possession is being done through online mode.



Back to the old ways

With 40 token sanitisers installed in all metro stations, the smart token-system has been restored by Kolkata Metro

Tokens are going to be re-introduced in North-South and East-West Metro from today. For that, elaborate

arrangements have already been made to restore the old token system in the Metro. For the safety of Metro commuters, 40 token

sanitiser machines have already been installed at all stations.

Collected tokens will be sanitised in these machines with

the help of ultra-violet ray for about four minutes at each North-South and East-West Metro station. After U-V sanitization, these tokens will again be issued.

In each of the big stations two token sanitiser machines will be kept for use. In each of the small stations one token sanitiser machine will be kept.

Lady Irwin College to host National Conference on Learning

Department of Education, Lady Irwin College, a constituent college of University of Delhi, is organising the National Conference on Learning (NCL 2021) through virtual mode on November 26, 2021. The theme of the conference is gender and education.

Education plays a crucial role in spreading awareness and providing advocacy to all sections of society. This conference on 'Gender & Education' explores gender related issues and considers a broader vision of how investing in education can promote gender equality, gender equity as well as sensitivity and empathy.

The conference will start with the inaugural session at 9:30 am. The welcome address will be delivered by the Director of the College, Dr Anupa Siddhu. The chief guest of the conference is Prof Dr Asha Shukla, Vice-Chancellor of Dr B R Ambedkar Social Science University, Indore, who will reflect on 'Gender & Education'. The guest of honour, is Dr Poonam Aggarwal, NCERT. The guest speaker, Anuradha Krishnan, gender resource person, will also give valuable input on the theme. After that, tribute will be paid to Ms Kamla Bhasin (Indian feminist).

Educationalists, researchers, teacher educators from various universities and colleges will participate and give their presentations on the subthemes.

SAIL's iron ore mines receive national awards

Two iron ore mines of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines, received five-star rated awards for sustainable mining practices and all round performance in the Iron Ore category at the 5th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals held in New



Delhi on November 23. The Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi presented the awards to Soma

Mondal, Chairman, SAIL, in a glittering award ceremony. She was accompanied by Kamlesh Rai, Chief General Manager, Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Shri RP Selvam, Chief General Manager, Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines while receiving the awards.

SAIL's Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines was awarded for the year

2017-18 and 2018-19 while Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines was awarded for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20. Both these SAIL mines are under the Jharkhand Group of Mines of SAIL, Bokaro Steel Plant.

SAIL fulfils its entire requirement of iron ore from its captive iron mines.

A helping hand

POWERGRID provides financial aid to Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority



restoration work shall be looked after by the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority.

Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, RK Singh handed over a joint cheque amounting to ₹22.31 crores to

Dhan Singh Rawat, Minister of State for Disaster Management, Uttarakhand on behalf of Power Sector CPSE's in the presence of the Uttarakhand's CM, Pushkar Singh Dhami, Minister of State for Power, Krishan Pal and other senior dignitaries from the Ministry of Power. The event was attended virtually by K Sreekant, CMD, POWERGRID and other senior officials of POWERGRID.

As a responsible Corporate Citizen, POWERGRID through its never ending efforts, not only ensures reliable transmission of Power but is also committed in ensuring unfading smiles for people.

World-class handball court inaugurated in Odisha

Inaugurated by Odisha CM on November 18, Keonjhar Handball Ground, located in Kendujhargarh Municipality, is first of its kind with provision of outdoor synthetic court in Odisha. The synthetic handball court has been built as per international standards (as per IHF - International Handball Federation). Additionally, the handball ground campus, with an area of around 1.6 acres, has been developed with best-in-class landscaping and provision of play areas.

Dual handball courts (with a synthetic pro-cushion surface), covering an area of 0.5 acres, were built with a seating capacity of around 200. The material used for preparation of the synthetic court has been certified under 'category 4-medium-fast' by the International



Tennis Federation (ITF).

The ground is armed with the ability to ensure play at night, with the installation of sports standard 'high mast lights'. In addition to the world-class handball courts, the campus has been developed for multi-disciplinary public use with the provision of walking pathways, acupressure track, children's play area, open-air gym, gymnasium, yoga platform, toilet block, seating arena and drinking water.

NRWWO president inaugurates refreshment counter at Central Hospital

Shikha Gangal, the president of Northern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (NRWWO) inaugurated a beverage/refreshment counter run by NRWWO at Central Hospital, New Delhi on November 18.

On this occasion the vice-president of NRWWO, Anjali Gulati, the treasurer, Anjana Kumar, and other members of the committee and Medical Director of Northern Railway, Central Hospital, New Delhi, Dr Amita Jain, doctors and railway personnel were also present.

The NRWWO is a vol-



untary organisation, which runs various welfare activities for the benefit of railway workers and their families.

With the inauguration of the beverage/refreshment counter operated by NRWWO there has been a further increase in the facility of beverages/catering facilities to the patients and their relatives/relatives visiting this hospital.

RE-ENERGISED HYBRID WORKING

Jabra has announced the launch of Evolve2 75 - the latest in its Evolve range of professional headsets, specifically engineered to make flexible working simpler and more productive for everyone, everywhere.

The Evolve2 75 is the first of Jabra's Evolve headsets to include fully adjustable Jabra Advanced Active Noise CancellationTM (ANC), so you can pick and choose how much (or how little) of your surroundings you hear.



Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair awarded by President

Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair, Yudh Seva Medal (YSM), the 21st Director General of the Assam Rifles received the prestigious Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) from the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind at an investiture ceremony held at New Delhi on November 22. He has been bestowed with this prestigious award for his successful command as the Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) in Nagaland. He has also been decorated with the Yudh Seva Medal during his Command of a Brigade in Manipur and has also been



commended with the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card on three occasions.

Lieutenant General Nair, AVSM, YSM holds vast combat experience in the North East. He Commanded his battalion (18 SIKH) in Assam, has been a brigade commander in Manipur. His vast experience in the North East especially as the Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North) has brought in peace and tranquility in the region as well as controlled the insurgency. In his present appointment as the Director General of Assam Rifles, the Northeast region is to benefit tremendously.

Eyes on Rahane as ‘second string’ India take on gutsy Black Caps

PTI ■ KANPUR

A captain battling existential crisis, a veteran pacer about to be phased out and a white-ball maverick trying to earn his red-ball stripes makes for a heady combination as Ajinkya Rahane’s second-string India aim to size up a gritty New Zealand in first Test starting Thursday.

Rahane, with his career on line, gets to lead India may be one last time while 100-Test veteran Ishant Sharma will be praying that young turk Mohammed Siraj doesn’t nudge him out.

Shreyas Iyer is set for Test debut and would like to reaffirm ‘Bombay (not Mumbai) School of Batmanship’ whose philosophy transcends beyond the white-ball riches of Indian Premier League.

“Shreyas Iyer will be making his debut but I can’t reveal anything about combination,” skipper Rahane confirmed ahead of the match.

It is indeed a rarity to find an Indian Test team that is without its hit opening pair of Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul. Also missing from line-up is skipper Virat Kohli and a genuine match-winning keeper-batter Rishabh Pant.

But this also gives head coach Rahul Dravid a chance to check out what his back-up bench strength is before the away tour of South Africa which starts in less than a month’s time.

In the batting line-up for the first Test, only Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara and Mayank Agarwal have played more than 10 Tests.



If Agarwal does well, that will keep KL Rahul on his toes and a good show from Shubman Gill will keep the team management interested in slotting him in the middle-order when the two regular openers come back.

In any sport, leader of the side is considered to have a secured slot in the side but in this Indian team, the skipper will be battling to save his career after an average of 19 in 11 Test matches in the current season.

Two more failures in two home games could effectively mean end of the road for Rahane. Even Dravid will also find it difficult to justify the Mumbaikar’s inclusion in the Johannesburg-bound flight next month.

A look at Rahane’s net ses-

India vs New Zealand
Live from 9:30 am (IST)
STAR SPORTS

sion doesn’t inspire much confidence. He tried an ugly hoick off Jayant Yadav’s off break and was clean bowled. Prasidh Krishna induced an outside edge which would have been regulation catch.

But it was scary to see net bowler Shivam Mavi bowling a perfect bouncer and hitting him on the chest.

It is never easy to lead a side when your own batting form has deserted you. How Rahane strikes a balance in this Test between being a ruthless captain and also the batter his team expects him to be will decide in which direction his career goes from here.

If he plays the game of survival against a Tim Southee or bumper-happy Neil Wagner, it might bring about downfall but as Pujara said, “being a bit fearless” will relieve him a bit from the gigantic pressure that’s on his shoulders to save his career.

Similarly, for Ishant, the senior-most player in the current set-up with 100 plus games and 300 plus wickets, the situation is getting bleak by the day.

He didn’t look in good rhythm during the net session and if Siraj is dropped from the eleven, the lanky pacer will once again need to prove that team management’s decision isn’t a travesty.

Umesh Yadav however remains the first-choice new ball bowler. Shreyas, who has a had a decent red ball record but has not played a long for-



mat game since 2019, will have his task cut-out.

Dravid made him negotiate short ball throw-downs from left-arm specialist Nuwan in order to simulate Neil Wagner’s round the wicket tactic. A solid debut with an aggressive mind-set might give them a shot at permanent middle-order place in future.

If one goes by cues from nets, the sequence of batters appears to be Gill and Mayank, followed by Pujara and Rahane. Next in line was Shreyas, which confirmed that Surya will have to wait for his Test debut.

While it’s not known if Axar Patel’s workload is being managed but Jayant Yadav had an extended run in the nets

under watchful eyes of Dravid.

A middle-order with three defensive players like Pujara, Rahane and supposedly Hanuma Vihari, won’t be a great proposition when India plays away from home in coming days.

But one man, itching to go out there and reaffirm his status as world’s number one spinner will be Ravichandran Ashwin, who had been licking his wounds for the past few months after a royal snub by regular captain Kohli during the last series.

The third spinner is likely to be Axar Patel, who had a brilliant debut home series against England (27 wickets) when he last donned the

INDIA-NEW ZEALAND IN TESTS				
Venue	Played	Ind won	NZ won	Drawn
In India	34	16	2	16
In New Zealand	25	5	10	10
In England	1	-	1	-
Total	60	21	13	26
Last five matches:	5	2	3	-
At Kanpur	3	2	-	1
HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS				
India:	583-7 dec at Ahmedabad			1999-00
NZ:	680- 8 dec at Wellington			2013-14
LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS				
India:	81 in 26.3 (8- ball) overs at Wellington			1975-76
NZ:	94 in 38.2 overs at Hamilton			2002-03
HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES				
India:	231 Vinoo Mankad at Chennai			1955-56
NZ:	302 Brendon McCullum at Wellington			2013-14
BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE IN AN INNING				
India:	8-72 S. Venkatraghavan at Delhi			1964-65
NZ:	7-23 Richard Hadlee at Wellington			1975-76

FAISEL FEATURES

TEAMS

INDIA

Ajinkya Rahane (captain), Mayank Agarwal, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Axar Patel, Umesh Yadav, Ishant Sharma, Mohammed Siraj, Jayant Yadav, Srikanth Bharat (2nd wk) and Prasidh Krishna

NEW ZEALAND

Kane Williamson (captain), Tom Latham (wk), Ross Taylor, Henry Nicholls, Tom Blundell (wk), Will Young, Glenn Phillips (wk), Daryl Mitchell, Tim Southee, Neil Wagner, Kyle Jamieson, William Somerville, Ajaz Patel, Mitchell Santner and Rachin Ravindra

whites even though Jayant looked in good rhythm.

For Black Caps, Tim Southee and Neil Wagner will be the two pacers with left-

arm spin duo of Ajaz Patel and Mitchell Santner along with off-spinner William Somerville likely to complete the attack.

KL Rahul gains a slot to fourth in T20I rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India opener KL Rahul gained a slot to occupy the fifth spot while middle-order batter Suryakumar Yadav galloped 24 places to the 59th position in the ICC men’s T20I player rankings released on Wednesday.

Pakistan’s wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan, too, gained a slot to occupy the fourth position.

Rizwan’s upward movement is courtesy his 90 runs in the three-match series against Bangladesh that his side won 3-0, while opener Rahul is only six rating points behind after scoring 80 in two matches against New Zealand, a series also won 3-0 by India.

New Zealand’s Martin Gupthill has gained three slots to reach 10th position scoring 152



runs against India while Rohit Sharma is 13th, gaining two places after topping the series with 159 runs.

Pakistan’s Fakhar Zaman is another one to move up the batters’ list, from 40th to 35th. The rankings for bowlers

see Mitchell Santner gain 10 slots to reach 13th position with four wickets in the series against India and Bhuvneshwar Kumar up five to 19th with three scalps. Deepak Chahar has moved up 19 slots to reach 40th position.

NEUFC, Kerala Blasters eye first points

PTI ■ MARGAO

Coming off big defeats, both NorthEast United FC and Kerala Blasters would look to open their account and get their campaign up and running when they face off in the Indian Super League (ISL) here on Thursday.

While the Khalid Jamil-coached NorthEast United conceded four goals against an experienced Bengaluru FC, Kerala Blasters too lost by a 2-4 margin to last edition’s runners-up ATK Mohun Bagan in their opener.

Kerala Blasters’ pre-season performances provided hope but they found the going too tough against a strong and thoroughly professional ATK Mohun Bagan.

At the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Thursday, the southerners will get another opportunity to impress and open their account in this edition of the league.

It is not going to be easy though against the Highlanders who fought hard against a fancied Bengaluru FC outfit. The team from the eastern part of the country came back twice to level things in the first half, but the lack of concentration and inexperience at the back cost them dear, as they leaked four goals.

Paine should play in Ashes: Harris

AP ■ BRISBANE

Tim Paine has the full support of the Australian team and deserves to keep his place for the first Ashes Test against England, opener Marcus Harris said on Wednesday.

Paine suddenly quit as Test captain last week over a series of lewd text messages with a female colleague in 2017 that were about to be made public. Harris said the news came as a shock to the playing group who only learned about it 30 minutes before the official announcement. But he backed Paine to come through the scandal and said he deserved to play in the opening Test at Brisbane on December 8 on his wicket-keeping abilities alone.

“Yes, absolutely,” Harris said when



asked if he should be in the starting eleven. “He’s done a really good in the last few years under tough circumstances, and I think you can still probably argue that he’s the best gloveman in the country.”

“I know he’s got the support of all the players,” he added, with most of them personally contacting Paine in the wake of the scandal.

“Obviously Paine is a very popular member of the group, and he was as skipper as well. So we’re looking forward to him getting up here in the next week or so and getting on with cricket.” The 36-year-old Paine has made it clear he still wants to play for Australia with selectors needing to decide whether to cut him loose and start afresh or show loyalty.

Australia will be without captain for 15 years if it is looking for perfect skipper: Clarke



PTI ■ MELBOURNE

The Australian Test team will be without a captain for the next 15 years if the country’s cricket administrators are looking for someone with a “perfect” and unblemished record, feels former skipper Michael Clarke.

Cricket Australia (CA) is set to appoint a new captain after Tim Paine stepped down from the post in the wake of a ‘sexting’ scandal. Fast bowling spearhead Pat Cummins has emerged as the frontrunner to succeed Paine and former skipper Steve Smith is also in the reckoning.

Clarke pointed out how Ricky Ponting became one of Australia’s greatest captains after overcoming an erratic start to his international career. “Go back in my time even to Ricky Ponting. If that’s the case, he never would have captained Australia,” Clarke told ‘Big Sports Breakfast’.

“He had a punch up in the middle of a Bourbon & Beefsteak. Are you not going to give him the job because of that?” He’s a great example. He’s shown you how time, experience, maturity, playing at the highest level and even the captaincy turned him around.”

Paine is the only specialist wicket-keeper in Australia’s 15-man squad to face England in the upcoming Ashes but chairman of selectors George Bailey said he is not final for the first Test starting in Brisbane on December 8.

Clarke admitted that the Australian Test captain needed to be held to a high standard, but he said the team would end up with few options if it has unrealistic expectations.

Benzema handed 1-year suspended sentence

AP ■ VERSAILLES

France and Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema was given a one-year suspended jail sentence and a fine of 75,000 euros (\$84,000) Wednesday in a sex-tape case that rocked French soccer.

Benzema was found guilty of being involved in an attempt in 2015 to blackmail France teammate Mathieu Valbuena.

The Versailles court decision is unlikely to affect Benzema’s immediate sporting future. The forward is regarded as one of the favorites to win the Ballon d’Or award on Nov. 29 in Paris following an impressive season with Madrid. French federation president Noel Le Groat has already said Benzema would be allowed to keep playing with France even if found guilty.

Sindhu, Srikanth, Praneeth advance to second round

PTI ■ BALI

India’s double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu showed great determination to outwit her opponent in the women’s singles opening round, while B Sai Praneeth and Kidmabi Srikanth also advanced to the men’s singles second round of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 event here on Wednesday.

After a slow start, Sindhu, the reigning world champion, engineered a turnaround to register a hard-fought 17-21 21-17 21-17 win over a tenacious Aya Ohori of Japan in one hour 10 minutes.

With the win, Sindhu improved her impressive record against the



Japanese shuttler to 11-0. World number seven Sindhu, who made a semifinal exit after suffering a straight game defeat to Japan’s Akane Yamaguchi here last week, will meet 23-year-old German shuttler Yvonne Li in the second round. It will be the first meeting

between the third seed Indian and world number 26 Li.

In the men’s singles, world number 16 B Sai Praneeth clinched a 21-19 21-18 win over France’s Toma Junior Popov.

In a repeat of last week’s Indonesia Masters quarterfinal, Srikanth once again got the better of compatriot HS Prannoy.

The former world number one Srikanth, who is coming off two back-to-back semifinal finishes at Hylo Open and Indonesia Masters, continued his good run of form as he eked out a 21-15 19-21 21-12 victory over Prannoy in 56 minutes.

While Praneeth will next take on Christo Popov of France in the

second round, Srikanth will meet the winner of the first round clash between Tokyo Olympics gold medallist second seed Dane Victor Axelsen and Japan’s Koki Watanabe.

The mixed doubles pairing of N Sikki Reddy and Dhruv Kapila, however, made a first round exit, falling to the Japanese duo of Kyohei Yamashita and Naru Shinoya, 7-21 12-21.

It was a bad day in the office for Reddy who made a first round exit in the women’s doubles event as well.

Reddy and veteran shuttler Ashwini Ponnappa went down 27-29 18-21 to the fifth seeded Bulgarian duo of Gabriela Stoeva and Stefani Stoeva.



Atalanta face a winner-takes-all match against Villarreal in Bergamo next month.

CHELSEA THRASH JUVE

Chelsea romped into the last 16 and to the top of Group H with an impressive 4-

0 thrashing of Juventus at Stamford Bridge.

Thomas Tuchel’s men knew that qualification would be secured if they could avoid defeat or if Zenit Saint Petersburg failed to beat Malmo.

The Blues dominated the early stages and took the lead through young defender Trevoh Chalobah’s third goal of the season.

It was a defender who doubled Chelsea’s lead in the 56th minute.

England right-back Reece James hammered a fine volley into the bottom corner to net for the fifth time already this term. Chelsea grabbed their third goal less than two min-

KEY NUMBERS

50 Chelsea vs Juventus was Thomas Tuchel's 50th match in charge of Chelsea in all competitions, and 32nd win (D11 L7).

1 Jadon Sancho has scored his first ever Man Utd goal, in what is his 15th appearance in all competitions.

3 Juventus have lost a game with a margin of 4+ goals in all competitions for their first time since Feb 2004, vs AS Roma in Serie A (0-4).

utes later, Ruben Loftus-Cheek prodding the ball to Hudson-Odoi, who smashed home from close range.

Cristiano sends Red Devils into UCL last 16

Ronaldo, Sancho score in Man Utd’s 2-0 win in 1st game after Ole’s exit; Chelsea thrash Juve

AP ■ VILLARREAL

Manchester United booked their place in the Champions League last 16 as Cristiano Ronaldo scored in a 2-0 victory at Villarreal on Tuesday, while holders Chelsea also reached the knockout phase by thumping Juventus.

Three-time European champions United went into their first game since sacking Ole Gunnar Solskjaer at the weekend needing a win to confirm a top-two finish in Group F.

But they were under massive pressure as defeat would have left their fate out of their own hands.

David de Gea made two

crucial saves and United, with Michael Carrick in caretaker charge, took advantage through Ronaldo’s 78th-minute lob.

Jadon Sancho, so often a peripheral figure since his big-money move from Borussia Dortmund in the close-season, capped a fine individual display with his first goal for the club late on.

Ronaldo’s goal was the 799th of his career, his 140th in the Champions League and his sixth in the competition this season.

The other qualification spot in the group remains up for grabs after Young Boys and Atalanta played out a thrilling 3-3 draw in Bern.

Xavi’s Barca held by Benfica

Barcelona: Barcelona’s hopes of qualifying for the Champions League last 16 go down to the final Group E matchday after an entertaining 0-0 draw against Benfica on Tuesday.

With Xavi Hernandez taking charge of his second game since replacing Ronald Koeman in the Barca dugout, the Catalan side produced a performance a world apart from the sorry outfit

Benfica saw off 3-0 in Lisbon in September.

A win would have earned Barca qualification alongside Bayern Munich, whom they must now beat on

December 8, if Benfica down Dynamo Kiev, to progress. Bayern had already qualified for the last 16 before its 2-1 win at Dynamo Kyiv and the result secured the German champions first place in the group. AP



There was still time for Timo Werner, making his first appearance since an injury lay-off, to come off the bench and score in added time.

In Group G, Lille made Salzburg wait to reach the

last 16 as Jonathan David scored a first-half winner in a 1-0 victory in France.

All four teams in the group can still go through, after Sevilla saw off Wolfsburg 2-0.