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Terror claims 7 lives in Manipur

Col, 4 soldiers martyred, wife, kid of Assam Rifles CO dead

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In one of the deadliest ambushes in recent years in the north-east, a Colonel, his wife, their six-year-old son, and four soldiers were killed in a terror attack at Thinghat in Manipur on Saturday. No militant outfit has, so far, claimed responsibility, but it is suspected that the People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) carried out the attack.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh expressed shock over the death of Colonel Viplav Tripathi and his family besides the soldiers.

It was the most audacious attack by terrorists in the last several years in the State. Earlier, the terrorists had killed 20 soldiers in 2015 in an ambush here. The Army had then carried out surgical strikes against terror camps located in Myanmar.

Giving details of the latest incident, officials said a convoy of the Assam Rifles was ambushed by insurgents in Thinghat, Manipur at 11.00 am. Five soldiers including Colonel Tripathi,



Colonel Tripathi, the Commanding Officer of Khuga Battalion of Assam Rifles, his wife and six-year-old son Abeer Tripathi, were killed in an ambush by terrorists at Sehkan Village in Manipur's Churachandpur district on Saturday PTI

Commanding Officer of 46 Assam Rifles were killed. The family of Commanding Officer including his wife and child also lost their lives in the incident.

The incident took place at Sehkan Village in Churachandpur. Militants used improvised explosive devices (IED) to ambush the convoy, sources said. In the ensuing firefight between the Assam Rifles personnel and the insurgents, Tripathi and three QRT (quick response team) personnel lost their lives on the spot.

The Colonel had gone to supervise a civic action programme in the area bordering Myanmar and was returning when the attack took place. This is the first time that civilians have died in an ambush in this remote area of the district. The location is an extremely remote village around 50 km



The injured personnel were admitted at Behianga health

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The spot where the Assam Rifles convoy was attacked by terrorists, in Churachandpur district on Saturday PTI

care centre, the Assam Rifles said in a Press statement.

Hailing the contribution of Colonel Tripathi, who had also served in Mizoram before being transferred to Manipur in July 2021, the Assam Rifles

said: "During his tenure at Mizoram, under his able and energetic leadership, the Battalion has been at the forefront in border management thwarting illegal smuggling. Continued on Page 4

26 Maoists killed by Gadchiroli police in 10-hr-long operation

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Gadchiroli police on Saturday gunned down 26 Maoists in the forests of Gyarapatti in Korchi taluka of eastern Maharashtra, while four jawans were injured in the same ten-hour-long fierce encounter.

This was the second-biggest success for the commandos of the Anti Naxal Squad (ANS) of the Gadchiroli police after they

eliminated as many as 40 Naxalites in two separate operations in April 2018.

The four injured policemen — identified as Mahuru Kudmethe (35), Tikaram Katange (41), Ravindra Naitam (42) and Sarveshwar Atram (34) — were airlifted to Nagpur where they were admitted to the Critical Care Complex of Orange City Hospital and Research Institute.

"We have so far recovered

26 bodies of the Maoists killed in the encounter.

The injured policemen are undergoing treatment at a hospital in Nagpur," Gadchiroli's Superintendent of Police Ankit Goyal said.

Described as the longest-ever gun battle witnessed in the Naxalite-infested Gadchiroli district of eastern Maharashtra, the encounter began at 6 am in the forests and continued till 4 pm.

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'Don't blame farmers, find ways to clean air'

SC tells Centre, Delhi, Punjab, UP, Haryana to work together

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The Supreme Court on Saturday expressed grave concern on Delhi's deteriorating air quality and asked the Centre, Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh Governments to sit together and evolve solutions. The court also said it has become fashionable to blame the



A view of the national Capital shrouded in smog in New Delhi on Saturday PTI

farmers for the air pollution.

Hearing an urgent petition filed by a student Aditya Dubey, a Special Bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana said the situation is so bad that they are forced to wear masks inside homes due to the air pol-

lution in the Capital.

The Bench comprising senior judges Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant heard the submissions of the Centre and Delhi Government and sought details regarding supply of happy seeder machines to farmers so that crop stubble burning, which causes pollution in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Western Uttar Pradesh, can be reined in. Continued on Page 4

Govt shuts schools again as Delhi battles toxic air

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

As the national Capital fights the toxic smog that has blanketed the city for over a week now, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday announced several key measures, including closure of schools for a week, ban on construction activities and work-from-home for Government employees.

The Kejriwal Government

swung into action after the Supreme Court pulled up both the State and Central Government for failing to tackle the menace of air pollution and suggested a two-day lockdown.

Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) settled at 499 micrograms per cubic and was severe on the National Ambient Air quality Index (NAAQI) on Saturday.

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Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai among world's top 10 polluted cities

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Of the world's top 10 cities with the worst air quality, three — Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, are in India — data from air quality and pollution city tracking service from IQAir, a Switzerland-based climate group, showed.

While Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) at 556 made it to the top of the list, Kolkata and Mumbai recorded an AQI of 177 and 169, respectively, at fourth and sixth position, on the list. Continued on Page 4

CAPSULE

20 INDIAN FISHERMEN TO RETURN HOME FROM PAK

Karachi: Twenty Indian fishermen, who were released recently after languishing in Pakistan's Landhi jail, will be transported to the Wagah border on Sunday to be handed over to the Indian authorities so that they can return home. P7

MAHELA TO BE INDUCTED INTO ICC HALL OF FAME

Dubai: Sri Lankan great Mahela Jayawardena, former South Africa all-rounder Shaun Pollock and ex-England batter Janette Brittin will be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. P10

CURFEW IN AMRAVATI AS VIOLENCE ERUPTS

Amravati/Mumbai: A curfew was imposed in Maharashtra's Amravati city on Saturday after a mob hurled stones on shops during a bandh.

BIMAL PATEL ELECTED TO INT'L LAW PANEL

United Nations: Professor Bimal Patel, Vice-Chancellor of the Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of the National Security Advisory Board of India, has been elected to the International Law Commission for a five-year term, in a hard-fought election at the United Nations. P7

INDIA HONOURS ITS SPORTING BEST



President Ram Nath Kovind confers Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2021 on Neeraj Chopra in recognition of his outstanding achievements in Athletics. Gold Medal at Tokyo Olympics 2020. Gold Medal at Gold Coast CWG 2018. Gold Medal at Asian Games, Jakarta 2018



President Ram Nath Kovind confers Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2021 on Mithali Raj in recognition of her outstanding achievements in Cricket. Highest run-scorer in Women's International Cricket. Only woman cricketer to surpass the 7,000-run mark in Women's ODI matches

SC terms 2 UP Secys 'arrogant', junks State appeal against bailable warrants

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Terming the officers as "very arrogant", the Supreme Court dismissed an appeal of the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government on Saturday and paved the way for arrest of State Finance Secretary and the Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) against whom the Allahabad High Court (HC) issued bailable warrants for delayed and partial compliance of orders.

The matter is related to regularisation of service and payment of arrears to a "collection amin" at Allahabad.

The HC, on November 1, observed that the officials have been treating the court as "playground" and have refused to grant arrears of salary to a person who was earlier denied the rightful claim of regularisation of service.



"As the respondents (officers) have deliberately misled the court and flouted the undertaking given by the Additional Advocate-General in not granting arrears of salary to the petitioner, this court records its distress and anguish about the reprehensible conduct of the respondents, and accordingly, believes that it is a fit case to issue bailable warrant against Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) and Sanjay Kumar, the then District Magistrate currently posted as Secretary

(Finance), Government of UP, Lucknow, to appear before this court on November 15. Let bailable warrant be issued against..." The HC ordered.

The State Government, which rushed to the top court to save the top officials from getting arrested, could not get the relief as a Bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana said, "You deserve all this. More than that. What are you arguing here in this matter? The HC should have ordered arrest by now...we think more severe

punishment was needed to be awarded. The HC has been gentle with you. Look at your conduct, you are depriving an employee of his arrears. You did nothing to abide by the orders. The court has been very kind to you...you have no respect for the court. This Additional Chief Secretary appears to be very arrogant," observed the Bench which also comprised Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli.

Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the officials, said that the service of the petitioner, Bhuneshwar Prasad Tiwari, as "collection amin" has been regularised and the juniors, who were given regular employment ahead of him, have been removed and the only issue remained was that of payment of arrears of the salary. Continued on Page 4

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'I have dug deeper for this character'

GANGAN ARORA, who plays Happy in SonyLIV's Tabbar, speaks with SUPRIYA RAMESH about his role, how he got into comedy and his experience doing a thriller

■ What is Tabbar about?
It's a show based upon a middle class family. Who are living their lives like any other family. Then after an incident, things start spiralling and then we find ourselves in a spot where our morality comes to a halt and you don't know what's right and what's wrong. What we want to do is to take the audience to a spot where you don't know if they are right or wrong or if they are judging themselves. Taking it to that grey area, that's what *Tabbar* is about.

■ What is your role?
My character's name is Happy and I'm playing the elder son in the film. He is an aspiring IPS officer and I come home from Delhi after studying.

■ How did you land this project?
It was a really interesting situation because I was not supposed to be on this project. I was out meeting someone and I met the creator of the show, Harman. They were also looking for an actor at that time. I have been doing a lot of comical roles. So when he narrated me the script I was happy to find something so intense and so well thought out. I wanted to switch genres for a while so I thought I don't want to miss this project.

■ How was shooting besides your co-stars?
I thought I had won a lottery. Because I was in the company of some great, Pawan Malhotra, Supriya Pathak, Ranveer Shorey. Even the younger lot. All the actors were so terrific that at a moment of time I felt like I got a free masterclass. They were so helpful, especially the senior actors. All of them made sure that we were really comfortable on set and there was no layer of stardom. Pawan Malhotra is an acting legend. He made sure that he talked to us and joked. By the second or third day I had no inhibitions even improvising my moves.



■ Tell us about your experience doing a thriller.
It was a pleasant experience because after a moment of time as an actor you kind of get type casted for a certain type of roles. Then everyone looks at you like that only. I was constantly looked for a certain kind of role and I was looking for a different role because I wanted to improve as an actor. I won't lie, it took a lot and was scary at times. It kind helped a lot because the script was well written. The director had a very clear vision. In the starting discussions I was so happy because I thought I would be working with alone and I had to do it alone but the team was so nice that we had workshops and everything. As an actor I felt like I have dug deeper as this character than my other projects.

■ How did directing happen?
I actually studied filmmaking, I wanted to study and understand all the perspectives of filmmaking. As an actor I wanted to understand how the whole set runs. When my director briefs me on set, I can look at it from every point of view. I studied for some time and then I assisted as well. I know the difference between ads and films. How are the briefs done and what are they expecting out of an actor during that. I was doing all that so that in the end of the day it all helps me in acting somehow.

■ When and how did you find your knack for comedy?
I think it was in college theatre. I figured out that I had given a role to play a boy next door and everyone was taking their lines seriously. I didn't even want to clear the audition because I had great actors around me. So I decided that I'll take a different take on the script and approach it with comedy. I did that and landed the role because everyone thought it was very different and fresh. It started there and I realized that innately also I had

this humor from my father and family. I understood how comedy works in a writing way or as a writer. Post that I kept doing a lot of sketches. 20-30 YouTube sketches to understand what it was all about. So by the end of it all right now I am really confident in comedy.

■ How would you like to differentiate between directing and acting?
I was always into acting. I learned directing to understand acting and receiving directions better. It's different because direction is a process that begins with pre production, production and post production. But then in terms of acting you are a one man job. In a direction you are supported with your teams and you have departments like costumes, make-up, sound, camera. When it comes to acting you are solo and that is why it sometimes becomes too much for the actor after doing something intense. Because nobody is there to understand what we are going through and help us out with the character stuff. Overall I think it's a little more pressure because you are the face of the film.

■ How was shooting in a pandemic different?
Shooting began in the beginning of this year around March and we had to stop because of the pandemic. We restarted and finished around July. As an actor the only thing is that everyone on set had to wear a mask. When the camera rolls we can't be wearing masks. There is always a sense of fear in us but luckily our whole team did lot more than us. When I saw them doing the heavy lifting and other strenuous jobs wearing masks I felt my problems to be very small. These guys are doing so much more than all of us. If they can do it so why can't we. all of us did follow all the protocols and luckily none of us got contracted with anything. It all went well.

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What: Theatre and Arts
Where: Online
When: November 14, 2021
Time: 7 pm

TELLY TALE

AROHI THINKS ABHIMANYU CAME TO ASK FOR HER HAND



Dr. Abhimanyu Birla of *Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai* came to the Goenka house to ask for Akshara's hand. He meets the elders and tells them that he wishes to marry their granddaughter. Both Aarohi and Akshara think that he came for them.

Later, Abhimanyu calls his home and tells them about meeting the Goenkas. The Birla

family thinks that he is talking about Aarohi and though Mahima knows the truth she doesn't correct them either.

The upcoming episodes will see that Aarohi is on cloud nine that she will soon be marrying Abhimanyu but Akshara knows the truth and she doesn't correct her, nor does she tell the others in the family about it. Later, during their engagement party when Aarohi gives her hand to Abhimanyu he tells them that he loves Akshara and not Aarohi. To know what happens next, keep watching 'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai'.

'Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai' is produced under Shahi's banner Director's Kut Productions and airs on Star Plus. It features Harshad Chopda, Pranali Rathod, Karishma Sawant, Mayank Arora, Sharan Anandani, Ami Trivedi, Ashish Nayyar, Pragati Mehra, Vinay Jain, Neeraj Goswami, Niharika Chouksey, Swati Chitnis, Sachin Tyagi, Ali Hassan and Niyati Joshi.

PANKHURI ENTERS MADDAM SIR

Sony SAB's value-driven show *Maddam Sir*, that's been winning over the hearts of audiences for depicting the story of four dynamic lady police officers, is all set for a dramatic twist in its casting. Pankhuri Awasthy Rode, the immensely talented and popular face in television joins the show as an AI (artificial intelligence) officer to assist SHO Haseen (Gulki Joshi) and the team to solve high profile cases.



FIRST DESI NOIR SERIES QATIL HASEENAON KE NAAM

Women have often been celebrated for being an epitome of patience, sacrifice, endurance and more. ZEE5 and Zindagi are set to break this stereotype and unearth their unapologetic side in the upcoming original *Qatil Haseenaon Ke Naam*. A desi noir anthology, *Qatil Haseenaon Ke Naam* is helmed by critically acclaimed British Indian director Meenu Gaur. The series features an eclectic cast with leading actors from the subcontinent including Ahsan Khan, Osman Khalid Butt, Sheheryar Munawar, Saleem Mairaj, Samiya Mumtaz, Sanam Saeed, Sarwat Gilani, Mehar Bano, Faiza Gillani, Beo Raana Zafar and Eman Suleman.

Written by Farjad Nabi and Meenu Gaur, 'Qatil Haseenaon Ke Naam' is set in the timeless lanes of 'Androon Sheher' - a mythical neighborhood and showcases stories of love, lust, power, and redemption woven in a web of betrayal, angst, and revenge. Each story from the anthology depicts the fearlessness of women and their determination to avenge deceit. At the core of the stories is mystery, suspense, intrigue with twist endings. Manish Kalra, Chief Business Officer, ZEE5 India said,



"At ZEE5, we are passionate about bringing you stories that reflect a myriad of emotions from across genres and storylines. *Qatil Haseenaon Ke Naam* is a unique and invigorating show which portrays a never seen before side of female protagonists who challenge stereotypes. We are excited to bring forth this differentiating show on ZEE5 and add to the variety of content available on the platform".

Ms Shailja Kejrival, Chief Content Officer - Special Projects, Zee Entertainment Enterprises said, "Qatil Haseenaon Ke Naam challenges the stereotypical portrayal of women who are often perceived as victims. Each story in the anthology showcases courageous, bold women who decide to take charge of things when their limits are pushed. These women are fatal to patriarchy and

go several extra miles to seek what they want at any cost." Creator and Director Meenu Gaur said, "This idea for the show was like an outpouring for me and it's no surprise that the stories here are about all that which surges within us as women- love, passion, ambition, conviction, rage, revenge, and revolution. With the dominance of a male-centric gaze especially in the noir genre, I was keen to explore a new interpretation, one which is told from the perspective of the much-maligned femme fatale (*Qatil Haseena*) characters. It is an attempt to correct the sexism of film noir and try our hands at feminist noir".

Cowriter Farjad Nabi said, "Qatil Haseenaon Ke Naam waves goodbye to the victim woman as seven fates get their way through methods that are unexpected, sometimes horrifying, but always liberating. I am glad this show will be premiering on the Zee5 platform that focuses on bringing diverse and significant stories for the global audience."

"Qatil Haseenaon Ke Naam" is a compilation of six stories of seven women who wrest back control and redefine the word femme fatale.

BAPPI LAHIRI ALL NOSTALGIC



With a rich legacy of over 25 years, Zee TV's *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* has been successful in discovering some truly invaluable gems of the music fraternity including Shreya Ghoshal, Kunal Ganjawala, Kamal Khan, Amanat Ali, Raja Hassan, Sanjeevani and Bela Shende amongst many others. In the wake of the enormous success of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Li' Champs* last year, Zee TV is back with its most iconic, longest-running singing reality show that has managed to stay relevant to music lovers across the country - *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa*.

The upcoming episode of the show will showcase the Top 16 contestants engaging in a tough battle of music.

During the Bappi Lahiri special episode each of the contestants put in a great effort to recreate some of the memorable songs of Bappi Lahiri, leaving him all nostalgic. One such contestant amongst them was Kolkata's Rajshree Bag, who caught the judges' attention when she beautifully sang the song 'Dil Mein Ho Tum' and 'Mujhe Nau Lakha'. Impressed by her skills, judge Shankar Mahadevan also joined in to sing a verse of the latter song alongside her. Bappi Lahiri went on to reveal how the song 'Dil Mein Ho Tum' was recreated.

'I AM PROUD OF MY DAUGHTER'

A-list producer Rajan Shahi of hit shows *Anupama* and *Ye Rista Kya Kehlata Hai* is elated with his daughter taking the family legacy ahead. Talking about Ishika, he says, "While she is looking forward to a career in modelling, love for direction and production is in her blood. In fact, she has already directed two short films and is interested in working with me and exploring the digital space. I always tell her that our industry is the best school, college or university for anyone who wants to learn. Just get into it headlong. Make your own decisions, and learn from them. Rise, fall and rise again, you have to learn from practical experiences. There is no better teacher than this industry. Talent, hard work and humility is the key to survival here."

Ishika is overwhelmed with the faith that her family has shown in her. She says, "I have learned from the best in the business. I have not seen a more hardworking and creative person than my dad."

MAMTA HAS A SCHEME



Sony SAB's light-hearted show *Tera Yaar Hoon Main* continues to entertain the audiences with its relatable and one-of-a-kind storyline focusing on family tales and different family dynamics. The upcoming episodes will witness Mamta (Priyal Gor) in full-swing to kick Daljeet (Sayantani Ghosh) out of Rajeev's (Suddeep Sahir) life.

With Mamta realising Rajeev is the right fit for her and her child, she is desperate to make him fall in love with her. So, Mamta uses Chacha ji (Rajendra Chawla) as a pawn in her plan to throw Daljeet out of Rajeev's life. Daljeet decides to help Chacha ji, who is in a deep monetary crisis, while keeping it a secret from Rajeev.

Will Mamta's plan leave a permanent dent in Rajeev and Daljeet's relationship? Will she succeed in winning over Rajeev's heart?

SPECIAL SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

Zee TV recently added a riveting drama to its late primetime titled, *Aggar Tum Na Hote* - the story of a mentally unstable, rich, young man whose only ray of hope is his nurse who refuses to give up on him even after the senior-most doctors have thrown up their hands. While Niyati Mishra is played by television actor Simaran Kaur, the popular heartthrob Himanshu Soni is seen essaying the character of Abhimanyu Pandey.

While Abhimanyu caught the audience's attention with his mercurial personality and erratic behaviour, Niyati came through as a warm, rock-solid, dependable character and instantly reminded viewers of a similar person in their own life. With the audience being reminded of their own special Niyatis in life, Zee TV introduced a special social media campaign - the #AggarTumNaHote movement to give 1000 of viewers a platform to acknowledge the efforts, contributions of that one special, solid person who has been a Niyati in their life, standing by their side and egging them on through their toughest times.



While thousands of viewers joined the movement, even actors of the television industry like Anita Hassanandani, Karan Wahi, Deepika Singh, Ravi Dubey and Krystle D'Souza hopped on to the bandwagon and took to social media to give a special shoutout to their 'Niyati' who has been the pillar of strength during their moments

of dilemma or their only source of hope after a debacle or a daunting challenge.

Calling out not one but the two Niyatis of her life, Anita Hassanandani said, "It doesn't often happen when you find someone who means everything to you. You feel more appreciated and spirited with them around you. Today, I would like to thank my two guardian angels for always watching over me, Rohit Reddy & Ekta Kapoor. I would like to say something to them, Aggar tum na hote, to aaj main iss mukam par bilkul nahi hoti."

Adding how Ekta helped her face the challenges, Anita Hassanandani said, "Ekta is a prototype of every strong female character she ever created. She is a true friend and an incredibly strong-willed woman. All these years of friendship have culminated into an indispensable relationship, the one where we could do anything for each other with no questions asked. I remember those days when I was young, hungry for work but clueless about everything. I was bitterly affected by my early failures but then you came into my life.

AHEAD OF MCD POLLS

3 electoral roll observers appointed

IANAS ■ NEW DELHI

For the 11 districts of the national Capital, Delhi Chief Electoral Officer Ranbir Singh has selected three Electoral Roll Observers to watch the Special Summary Revision (SSR) activities in their respective districts ahead of the MCD polls.

According to an official statement released on Saturday, they would also educate District Electoral Officers and provide prompt remedial actions to improve the inclusivity, correctness, and health of electoral rolls.



During the revision period, the officers must submit at least three reports to the ECI.

Singh briefed the observers regarding the key objectives of SSR-2022, the ongoing voter awareness campaign and the

special voter registration camps to be held on November 27 and 28, for all citizens at every polling station of Delhi.

He underlined the need to ensure enrollment of all new voters with reference to the new qualifying date of January 1 and all the left out voters by adopting specific constituency and booth specific strategies.

He also emphasised the importance of deleting the names of deceased and permanently shifted voters and removing any duplicate entries for enhancing the purity of electoral rolls.

The Electoral Roll

Observer is supposed to visit each district under his jurisdiction at least three times during the Special Summary Revision. According to him, the first visit will take place during the receipt of claims and objections, the second during the disposition of claims and objections, and the third at the finalisation of the electoral roll.

The CEO went on to say that all Delhi residents over the age of 18 should be urged to download the Voter Helpline app, which allows them to use their phones to access all electoral services.

2 booked for beating street dog to death in Shahdara

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police have booked two persons for beating a street dog to death in Shahdara's Rohtash Nagar area.

A CCTV footage of the incident, which took place on Tuesday at 11.56 AM, was circulated on social media. The footage showed a person hitting the dog three to four times in a street.

The dog, limping, tries to run away but then is hit by another person on head, after which it falls unconscious.

"On complaint of one Saurabh, a resident of East Rohtash Nagar, a case under sections 428 (mischief by killing or maiming animal of the value of ten rupees) of the Indian Penal Code and 11A of Prevention of cruelty to Animal Act has been registered," said a senior police official.

3.16 L fined for flouting Covid norms in city

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police on Saturday said over 3.16 lakh people were fined between April 19 and November 12 for violating Covid-related norms, of which the highest were for not wearing face masks across the national Capital.

According to the latest data shared by the Delhi Police, 3,16,565 challans were issued for such violations during this

period. The data showed that 2,79,878 people were fined for not wearing masks, followed by 30,385 for not adhering to social distancing norms and 3,152 for consumption of liquor, pan and tobacco at public places. Another 1,685 challans were issued for spitting in public places and 1,465 for holding large public gatherings and congregations, the data stated.

City sees 56 fresh Covid cases

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi on Saturday recorded 56 fresh cases of Covid-19 while the positivity rate rose to 0.10 per cent, according to data shared by the city health department of the Delhi Government. The death toll due to the coronavirus infection in Delhi rose to 25,093.

The national Capital has last reported two Covid-19 deaths on Friday. Four Covid-19 deaths reported in October and five in September.

As per the bulletin, the number of cumulative cases stood at 14,40,388. Over 14.14 lakh patients have recovered from the infection. A total of 58 483 tests -45,772 RT-PCR and 12,711 rapid antigen - were conducted a day ago, according to the latest health bulletin. On Thursday, 40 cases were logged with a positivity rate of 0.08 per cent. On Wednesday, 54 cases were recorded with a positivity rate of 0.09 per cent; and 33 cases were recorded with a positivity rate of 0.06 per cent on Tuesday.

Prostitution racket busted, three held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the arrest of three persons, including two Uzbek women, the Crime Branch of Delhi Police claimed to have busted a prostitution racket in the national Capital.

According to Monika Bhardwaj, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Crime Branch, police received information that some foreigners were overstaying and indulged in prostitution.

"It was revealed that one agent Monu was supplying foreign girls for prostitution. On Thursday,

Monu was contacted for supplying three to four foreign girls who said that ₹ 20 to 25 thousand will be charged for one night for each girl," said the DCP.

Police laid a trap near Bank of Baroda, Rohini Sector-15 as per deal. Assistant sub-inspector Balraj was deputed as decoy customer, while ASI Hukan was deputed as shadow customer to deal with the girls, she said.

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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Heavy rains lash Kerala, CM appeals to keep vigil

Thiruvananthapuram: Incessant rains caused minor landslides and disruption of train service in some parts of Kerala on Saturday, prompting authorities to sound extreme caution in hilly areas, river sides and tourist centres as the weatherman issued a 'red alert' for Thiruvananthapuram district. As per the latest update of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), extremely heavy rains were predicted in Thiruvananthapuram while an 'orange alert', warning very heavy rainfall, was issued for Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam and Idukki districts. Thunderstorms coupled with lightning are also very likely to occur at one or two places in the state till November 16, according to IMD. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, in a Facebook post, said in view of the heavy rains, emergency relief camps would be opened in landslide/landslip and flood prone areas.



tourist centres," Vijayan said. According to reports, a new low pressure area is likely to be formed in the Andaman Sea in the Bay of Bengal in the next 12 hours, and it was expected to reach the middle east side of the Bay of Bengal by November 15 and be strengthened as extreme low pressure. Quoting the forecast of the Indian Meteorological Department, the CM also said there was a possibility of more rainfall than normal in Kerala in the next two weeks, from November 12-25. Widespread destruction was reported in Thiruvananthapuram district, which has been witnessing continuous heavy downpour since Friday night, prompting the district authorities to sound a vigil for people. Incessant rains caused landslides in Neyyattinkara-Parassala rail route and in Eraniel - Kulithurai section and water-logging in Nagercoil Junction-Kanniyakumari section, a southern railway statement said here. Considering the safety, some train services in the routes were fully or partially cancelled, it added.

A portion of a bridge, located on the national highway in the nearby suburb Neyyattinkara, was washed away in rains. Rainwater entered shops in the coastal hamlet of Vizhinjam as a canal there overflowed. The high ranges of the district especially Vithura, Ponnudi, Nedumangadu, Palode and so on are witnessing incessant rains. **PTI**

Assam: 46 DNLA militants come overground

PTI ■ HAFLONG

Forty-six militants of Dimas National Liberation Army (DNLA) came overground in Assam on Saturday as part of the ongoing peace talks with the outfit, a senior police officer said. The group, mostly active in Dima Hasao district, had declared a unilateral ceasefire for three months on September 7 as a 'goodwill gesture and as a positive response to the call for peace' by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

1 lakh genome and DNA sequencing done for Covid-19 by DBT: Minister

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

So far one lakh Genome Sand DNA sequencing has been done for Covid-19 by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) while five Covid biorepositories with 57,000 samples have been made available to the academia and industry for R&D and product development. Also, "a Vaccine Testing and Research Facility will come up at the second campus of the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) and this centre will also have a BSL 3 facility, which is capable of

handling airborne viruses like Covid-19. This facility will be the first of its kind in South India," Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh said recently. He added that RGCB will be developed as a hub for research and testing of multiple vaccines such as cancer vaccine and those for infectious diseases, including Covid-19. "This will bring huge recognition for RGCB in the specific area of vaccine research and development." The minister was presiding

over a high-level meeting to review the current status of Covid-19 research, development of vaccines and other protocols as well as the contribution made in this direction by each of the autonomous institutions of the DBT located in various parts of the country, said a release by the Ministry of Science & Technology. Secretary, DBT, Rajesh Gokhale said during the meeting that the department has prepared a roadmap with a focus on diagnosis, treatment and most importantly, prevention.

Delhi, Kolkata...

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The cities with the worst AQI indices also include Lahore, in Pakistan, and Chengdu, in China. A real-time air quality information platform - IQAir is also a technology partner of the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP). As per System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) data, Delhi's overall air quality on Saturday morning stood at 499, whereas the level of PM 10 and PM 2.5 pollutants in the air was recorded at 134 and 72, respectively. According to IQAir, a Swiss group that measures air quality based on the concentration of lung-damaging particulate matter known as PM2.5, levels stood at 999 per cubic meter during post-Diwali morning against the World Health Organization's safe limit of 25.

Terror claims...

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The battalion has also recovered several weapons and warlike stores which could have landed in the hands of anti-national elements thus avoiding major casualties." Through his remarkable endeavors, he bonded closely with the locals of Mizoram. The anti-drug campaign conducted by his battalion in January 2021 received several laurels and the awareness was rightfully created by him in the entire State including the remote villages to ensure the youth are guided in the right direction, the statement said. Condemning the terror attack, the Prime Minister said the sacrifice of the soldiers will not be forgotten. "Strongly condemn the attack on the Assam Rifles convoy in Manipur. I pay homage to those soldiers and family members who have been martyred today. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten. My thoughts are with the bereaved families in this hour of sadness," Modi tweeted.

SC terms 2 UP Secys 'arrogant...'

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"Your Lordships may not take this view," the law officer urged the court saying lenient view be taken in the case. "These all are matters of record and we are not saying anything which is not part of the records. Look at this, despite the court order, this additional chief secretary says that I will not grant the age relaxation," a visibly-irked CJI observed. The officials resisted compliance in every possible way and they deserve what they get and more, the bench said. "You tell all this (argument) to the high court after you are arrested and produced. Dismissed," the bench said. The case pertains to the denial of seniority benefit and consequential regularisation of service by State Government officials to Tiwari as 'collection amin' in 2017. Several interim orders were passed by the high courts to ensure that the fourth grade employee gets justice in the form of regularisation of service and past arrears of salary. Sanjay Kumar, currently posted as the secretary (finance), allegedly did not do the needful despite repeated court orders, the high court noted.

Govt shuts...

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Sharing the minutes of the meeting after consulting with concerned departments, Kejriwal said schools in Delhi will remain shut for a week from Monday while virtual (online) classes will continue. As construction dust in winter also causes pollution due to unfavourable weather conditions, Kejriwal said construction activities will be prohibited for four days from November 14 to 17. "The city Government will issue an advisory to private offices, asking them to allow employees to work from home," he said, adding, "Government offices are to operate from home at 100 per cent capacity for a week." He also said the pollution level is rising in Delhi due to stubble burning in neighboring States and urged all stakeholders to work together to combat it. According to SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research), a unit of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), the contribution of farm fire in PM 2.5 was 35 per cent on Saturday. "The AQI indicated severe category and is likely to improve for the next two days as winds at the transport level (925 mb) are slowing down resulting in the lesser intrusion of farm fires related pollutants into Delhi. "However, as local winds are becoming calm and minimum temperature is decreasing further, preventing efficient dispersion of pollutants leading to improvement of air quality to the upper end of very poor category or lower end of the severe category. The effective fire count reduced to 3157 today (Saturday)," it added. According to Dr Rajendra Jenamani, MeT scientist (Palam), a thick layer of smog lingered over National Capital Region, lowering the visibility to 200 meters at several places. SAFAR advised people to stop outdoor activities and reduce vehicle use by at least 30 per cent to combat pollution.

26 Maoists...

From Page 1
Acting on a tip-off that the Korchhi Dalam members of the Gyarapatti forests, a strong contingent of the elite C-60 commandos of the ANS of the Gadchiroli police carried out the operation. Unconfirmed reports said that a top commander of the Korchhi Dalam was killed in the encounter. The police have reason to believe that two Naxal leaders, including a member of the Gadchiroli divisional committee of the CPI(Maoist), who was the head of the Korchhi Dalam, might have been killed in the prolonged gun battle between the ANS commandos and the Maoists. Following the encounter, the ANS commandos are carrying out a combing operation in the Gyarapatti forests to ascertain if more Maoists had been killed in the encounter. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil has congratulated the Gadchiroli police for their daring anti-Naxal operation in which as many as 26 Maoists have been killed. "We have been given to understand that two local central committee leaders of CPI (Maoist) have been killed in the encounter. If it is true that their two leaders have indeed been killed, then it is a major success for Maharashtra Police. Let's wait for the names of the Maoists killed in the encounter till tomorrow morning," Walse-Patil said. Saturday's is the second biggest-ever encounter in terms of Naxal casualties, since the twin anti-Naxal operations that took place on April 22-23, 2018

in which 40 Maoists, including 20 women were killed. While 33 Maoists were killed in the first encounter undertaken jointly by the C-60 commandos of the Gadchiroli police and personnel from battalion 9 of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Boriata-Tadgaon jungle of Bramhagad tehsil on the morning of April 22, as many as six Left Wing Extremists were gunned down in the second operation carried out by the C-60 commandos in Ninar jungle of Jamalghatta sub-division in Gadchiroli district on the following evening. Later on April 28, 2021, one highly decomposed body of a Maoist from the Indravati river bed was found, taking the toll in the much-discussed twin Naxal encounters to 40. The significance of that twin encounter was that four of the five Maoist Divisional Committee (DVC) members of south Gadchiroli unit were eliminated. Saturday's encounter comes on the heels of fierce gun battle in the deep forests of Kotmi in Etapalli taluka of Gadchiroli district on May 21, 2021, in which 13 Maoists, including seven women, were killed. After that gun battle that lasted for more than 90 minutes, the elite C-60 commandos of the ANS of the Gadchiroli police had recovered a huge cache of arms, ammunition and explosives, including one AK-47 rifle, SLR, Carbine, 303 and 12 bore rifles and an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) from the spot. Among those killed in that encounter was a Naxal operative identified as one Satish, a member of the north Gadchiroli divisional committee of CPI (Maoist).

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Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Six Months Ended		Year Ended
		30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	31.03.2021
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	11.47	9.19	9.72	20.66	11.22
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	(0.19)	(4.71)	(8.94)	(4.52)	(25.23)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	(0.19)	(4.71)	(8.94)	(4.52)	(25.23)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	(0.19)	(4.71)	(8.94)	(4.52)	(25.23)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/-					
a)	Basic (not annualised)	0.00	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.26)
b)	Diluted	0.00	(0.05)	(0.09)	(0.05)	(0.26)

Notes:-
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.rfltd.com.

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Letter No. 3198/E-Tender notice/2021-22 Date: 12.11.2021

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01	Construction of Lakhamandal Supply Scheme including Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Gravity Main & Distribution System, Construction of Clear Water Reservoir etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
02	Construction of Majri Water Supply Scheme including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Rising main & Distribution System, Construction of OHT, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
03	Construction of Baluwala Water Supply Scheme including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Rising main & Distribution System, Construction of OHT, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
04	Construction of Rajawala Water Supply Scheme including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Rising main & Distribution System, Repairing of OHT, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
05	Construction of Dharmawala Water Supply Scheme including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Rising main & Distribution System, Repairing of OHT, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
06	Construction of Dhakrani Water Supply Scheme including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Rising main & Distribution System, Construction of OHT, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
07	Construction of Khairi Kalan Water Supply Scheme including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Pipeline Distribution System, Repairing of OHT, Pump House, and SITC of Pumping Plants etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
08	Construction of Hartad Santad Supply Scheme including Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Gravity Main & Distribution System, construction of clear water reservoir etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
09	Construction of Puratd Suopply Scheme including Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Gravity Main & Distribution System, Construction of Clear Water Reservoir etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months
10	Construction of Gauri Mafi Water Supply Scheme including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Pipeline Distribution System, Repairing of OHT, Pump House, and SITC of Pumping Plants etc complete.	₹4000.00 + GST	₹4000.00 + GST	12 months

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'Don't blame...'

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"We have been forced to wear masks at home also, the situation is very serious," the CJI said. "You are saying lakhs of (happy seeder) machines are available but the farmers cannot afford these machines. After the landholding law the incentive for the farmers has increased. In winters the stubble can be used for fodder for goats etc in Rajasthan," said Justice Surya Kant, expressing displeasure on putting the blame only on farmers. Justice Kant said he himself is a farmer and spoke in detail about the failures of the State Governments in administering the incentive mechanism to farmers to stop the stubble burning. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta representing the Central Government said 2 lakh machines are available at 80 per cent subsidised rate. "Can the officials point out to the actual price after subsidy? I am a farmer, the CJI is also from a farmer family, we know it," Justice Surya Kant said. The SG also said it is given free of cost to marginal farmers through cooperative societies. "If you take the stubble from farmers free of cost and supply it to industries then farmers won't have to pay anything," the bench said. During the hearing, the bench also contemplated other causes of pollution. "How the 80 per cent of pollution in Delhi is due to causes apart from stubble burning," asked Justice Kant. "Some percentage of contribution is by stubble burning but other causes are industrial, vehicle pollution. Tell us how immediately we can improve air quality index by 200 points," the CJI queried, suggesting a lockdown for two days. SG Mehta said there are various causes for pollution including road dust. He also intimated to the bench that an emergent meeting of the Chief Secretaries of the concerned States have been called on

Saturday evening...

"We are having this emergency meeting later today. The Chief Secretaries are meeting today. Colour of political parties does not matter. It is a joint responsibility. But implementation has to be at State level," the SG said. CJI Ramana suggested that the States be asked to direct farmers to stop stubble burning for a few days. "Why don't you ask Punjab, Haryana Chief Secretaries to cease stubble burning for a few days," he said, adding that, "You have to look at this issue beyond politics and Government". "We realise it's a matter of joint responsibility. We never said farmers are responsible," the SG said. "We said you started with agriculture but there are other reasons too. Something must happen so that in two to three days we feel better," CJI replied. During the hearing, Justice Kant also said it will not be fair to pin the blame on farmers alone which have become a trend these days. "Now it has become a fashion to bash the farmers whether it's Delhi Government or someone else. There was a ban on firecrackers, what happened with that?" he demanded. Justice DY Chandrachud also asked Senior Counsel Rahul Mehra, appearing for the Delhi Government about the rationale behind opening schools in the midst of deteriorating air quality levels. Pointing out that it was late monsoon and it has been late for farmers who are in a hurry to sow seeds for kharif season for wheat in winter," Justice Chandrachud asked, "Was any agency enrolled to remove the stubble in the gap of 15 days? Good to have this policy but how are you implementing it? How do we ensure that stubble is removed, in time, and taken to the thermal power plants and then economic remuneration to farmers?" SG Tusha Mehta also presented data of Delhi's dust pollution and failures in containing dust.

Temporary Cancellation / Diversion / Short Termination / Short Origination of Trains

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CANCELLATION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Train Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)	
05211 Darbhanga Jn. - Amritsar Jn. Express Special	18.11.2021	
05212 Amritsar Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. Express Special	20.11.2021	
05195 Gorakhpur Jn. - Delhi Jn. Express Special	21.11.2021	
05196 Delhi Jn. - Gorakhpur Jn. Express Special	22.11.2021	

DIVERSION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Train Name	Diverted Route	Dates from originating station	
05621 Kamakhya - Anand Vihar (T) Express Special	Burhwal - Lucknow - Roza	18.11.2021	
02408 Amritsar Jn. - New Jalpaiguri Express Special	Roza - Lucknow - Burhwal	19.11.2021	
05251 Darbhanga Jn. - Jalandhar City Express Special	Burhwal - Lucknow - Roza	20.11.2021	
04653 New Jalpaiguri - Amritsar Jn. Express Special	Burhwal - Lucknow - Roza	19.11.2021	
04698 Jammu Tawi - Barauni Jn. Express Special	Roza - Lucknow - Burhwal	19.11.2021	
05252 Jalandhar City - Darbhanga Jn. Express Special	Roza - Lucknow - Burhwal	21.11.2021	
05211 Darbhanga Jn. - Amritsar Jn. Express Special	Burhwal - Lucknow - Roza	20 & 22.11.2021	
04697 Barauni Jn. - Jammu Tawi Express Special	Burhwal - Lucknow - Roza	21.11.2021	
05655 Kamakhya - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Exp. Spl.	Burhwal - Lucknow - Roza	21.11.2021	
04009 Bapudhama Motihari - Anand Vihar (T) Exp. Spl.	Burhwal - Lucknow - Roza	21 & 23.11.2021	
05212 Amritsar Jn. - Darbhanga Jn. Express Special	Roza - Lucknow - Burhwal	22.11.2021	

SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIENTATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Train Name	Train to short terminate at / originate from	Partially Cancelled between Station	Date(s) from originating station
05009 Gorakhpur Jn. - Mailani Exp. Spl.	at Gomati Nagar	Gomati Nagar-Mailani	20 to 24.11.2021
05010 Mailani - Gorakhpur Jn. Exp. Spl.	from Gomati Nagar	Mailani-Gomati Nagar	21 to 25.11.2021

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Sr. No.	Particulars	(Rs. in Lakhs, except per equity share data)				
		3 Months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	3 Months ended in the previous year	Corresponding period ended	Year to date Year to Date
		30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1.	Revenue					
	Revenue from operations	1002.92	747.37	779.08	1750.29	2870.72
	Other Income	20.99	19.59	3.96	40.58	41.62
	Total Income	1023.91	766.96	783.04	1790.87	2912.34
2.	Expenses					
	Cost of materials consumed	476.09	445.98	407.26	922.07	1630.83
	Purchases of stock-in-trade	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.57
	Changes in inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress	28.72	-106.83	22.00	-78.11	-60.35
	Employee benefits expense	75.93	70.65	59.26	146.58	219.27
	Finance costs	0.73	1.52	2.27	2.25	8.49
	Depreciation expenses	13.84	13.44	23.76	27.28	40.37
	Consumption of store and spare parts	25.45	23.40	25.21	48.85	37.26
	Packing material consumed	9.41	10.53	8.74	19.94	13.84
	Power and fuel expenses	161.18	153.62	137.12	314.80	234.93
	Contract labour charges	11.00	10.98	5.21	21.98	3.62
	Freight and cartage outward	32.97	21.14	15.09	74.11	17.00
	Other expenses	24.79	19.55	22.93	44.34	73.57
	Total Expenses	880.11	663.98	724.31	1544.09	2707.38
3.	Profit before exceptional items and tax	143.80	102.98	58.73	246.78	407.97
	Exceptional items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.	Profit before tax	143.80	102.98	58.73	246.78	407.97
5.	Tax expense:					
	- Current tax	25.75	17.49	10.48	43.24	14.58
	- Adjustment of tax relating to earlier years	0.00	0.00	-5.21	0.00	-5.14
	- Deferred tax	10.44	8.41	12.05	18.85	29.23
	Total tax expense	36.19	25.90	17.32	62.09	17.31
6.	Profit for the period (A)	107.61	77.08	41.41	184.69	32.26
	Other comprehensive income items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss					
	Remeasurement of the defined benefit Plans	-1.67	-5.91	-0.96	-7.58	-0.30
	Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	0.42	1.49	0.07	1.91	0.07
7.	Total Other Comprehensive Income (B)	-1.25	-4.42	-0.89	-5.67	-0.23
8.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (A+B)	106.36	72.66	40.52	179.02	32.03
9.	Post-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 10 Per share)	373.50	373.50	373.50	373.50	373.50
10.	Other Equity					909.89
11.	Earnings per equity share (Rs.)	2.88	2.06	1.11	4.94	0.86

HISAR SPINNING MILLS LIMITED
9th K.M. Store, Hisar Bhiwani Road, V.P.O. Dabra, Hisar-125005
Unaudited Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2021

Particulars	AS at	
	30.09.2021	31.03.2021
	Unaudited	Audited
ASSETS		
1. Non-Current Assets:		
(a) Property, plant and equipment	249.95	271.13
(b) Capital work-in-progress	25.87	0.00
(c) Financial Assets		
(i) Other Financial Assets	43.50	22.31
(ii) Deferred Tax Assets (Net)	77.03	95.89
(iii) Other Non-Current Assets	108.96	0.06
Sub-Total-Non-Current Assets	505.31	389.39
2. Current Assets:		
(a) Inventories	776.99	778.89
(b) Financial Assets		
(i) Trade receivables	448.99	301.73
(ii) Other receivables	102.05	54.45
(iii) Bank balances other than (ii) above	57.50	145.01
(iv) Other Financial Assets	28.51	19.87
(c) Current Tax Assets (Net)	8.31	8.31
(d) Other Current Assets	140.54	118.39
(e) Non-current Assets Classified as held for sale	0.00	0.00
Sub-Total-Current Assets	1562.89	1426.65
TOTAL - ASSETS	2068.20	1816.04
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
1. Equity:		
(a) Equity Share capital	373.50	373.50
(b) Other Equity	1088.91	909.89
Sub-Total-Equity	1462.41	1283.39
2. Non-Current Liabilities:		
(a) Financial Liabilities		
(i) Borrowings	14.99	20.37
(ii) Other Financial Liabilities	42.21	3.81
(b) Other Non-Current Liabilities	44.45	3.66
Sub-Total-Non-Current Liabilities	101.65	27.84
3. Current Liabilities:		
(a) Financial Liabilities		
(i) Borrowings	145.02	145.17
(ii) Trade payables		
(A) Total outstanding dues of micro enterprises and small enterprises; and	6.29	3.65
(B) Total outstanding dues of creditors other than micro enterprises and small enterprises	231.08	122.27
(iii) Other Financial Liabilities	60.61	119.00
(b) Other Current Liabilities	33.88	106.11
(c) Provisions	10.46	6.44
(d) Current tax liabilities (net)	16.00	21.77
Sub-Total-Current Liabilities	504.14	504.81
Sub-Total - Liabilities	605.79	532.65
TOTAL - EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2068.20	1816.04

HISAR SPINNING MILLS LIMITED
Unaudited Statement of Cash Flows for the half year ended 30th September 2021

Particulars	(Rs. in Lakhs)	
	For the half year ended 30.09.2021	For the half year ended 30.09.2020
A. CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit before tax	246.79	49.57
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation expense	27.28	40.37
Net loss (-) gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	0.00	0.00
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment held for sale	0.00	0.09
Impairment loss on recognition on non-current assets at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell	0.00	0.00
Government grant relating to EPES Scheme	-37.49	-8.10
Fair value loss (-) gain on financial instruments at FVTPL	-0.02	-0.02
Net loss (-) gain on foreign currency transactions and translation	0.16	0.74
Provision for interest written back	-29.99	-0.37
Interest on short-term payment of advance income tax written back	0.00	-0.12
Deferred protesting fees	0.02	0.03
Interest income	-4.23	-4.56
Finance costs	2.25	5.72
Operating profit before working capital changes	202.48	81.49
Changes in working capital:		
Adjustments for decrease (-) increase (+) in operating assets:		
Inventories	1.91	-83.29
Trade receivables	-145.08	-51.47
Other financial assets (current)	-18.17	-1.70
Other financial assets (non-current)	-0.15	0.00
Other assets (current)	-22.18	-15.23
Other assets (non-current)	-108.90	5.40
Adjustments for increase (+) decrease (-) in operating liabilities:		
Trade payables	111.44	2.67
Other financial liabilities (current)	10.01	17.27
Other financial liabilities (non-current)	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities (current)	6.07	6.78
Provisions (current)	-3.55	-0.23
Cash generated from operations	33.88	-45.87
Income taxes paid (net of refund)	-26.70	-20.72
Net cash flows from (-) used in operating activities	7.18	-66.59
B. CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment (including capital work-in-progress)	-31.97	-7.32
Proceeds from Disposal of property, plant and equipment	0.00	0.21
Bank balances not considered as cash and cash equivalents: (-) Increase/ decrease in deposits with more than twelve months maturity (pledged with banks towards margin against bank guarantees)	-20.79	11.34
(-) Increase/ decrease in deposits with original maturity more than twelve months but remaining maturity of less than twelve months (pledged with banks towards margin against bank guarantees)	9.51	0.00
(-) Increase/ decrease in deposits with original maturity more than three months but remaining maturity of less than twelve months	78.00	122.07
Interest received	13.45	5.49
Net Cash flows from (-) used in investing activities	48.20	131.79
C. CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from borrowings (non-current)	0.00	0.00
Repayment of borrowings (non-current)	-36.14	-49.15
Proceeds from borrowings (current) (net)	30.53	0.00
Repayment of borrowings (current) (net)	-91.11	-91.11
Finance costs paid (net of RUFIS subsidy and interest subvention for MSMEs)	-2.15	-5.40
Net cash flows from (-) used in financing activities	-7.78	-145.66
Net increase (-) decrease in cash and cash equivalents	47.60	-80.46
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	54.85	126.59
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	102.05	46.13
Components of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		
Balances with Banks		
- in current accounts	50.28	44.05
- in deposit accounts	50.00	0.00
Cash on hand	1.77	2.08
	102.05	46.13

Notes:
1. The Financial Results has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles as laid down in the Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" prescribed under Section 123 of the Companies Act, 2013. Read with relevant rules issued thereunder and SEBI's circular no. CIR/CFD/FAC/2016 dated 5th July, 2016 as amended from time to time.
2. Financial results has been reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter has been approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on 12th November, 2021. The limited review as required under Regulation 33 and Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, has been completed by the Statutory Auditors.
3. Previous reporting period figures in the financial results, including the notes thereto, have been reclassified wherever required to conform to the current reporting period presentation/ classification.
4. The Company is primarily in the business of manufacturing and sale of cotton yarn/blenched/textile product. The Board of Directors of the Company, which has been identified as being the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM), evaluates the Company's performance and financial results for the quarter and half year on the basis of the Return on Investment (ROI) of the Company.
5. The Code on Social Security, 2017 has been notified in the Official Gazette on 29th September, 2020. The effective date from which the changes are applicable is yet to be notified and the rules are yet to be framed. Impact if any of the change will be assessed and accounted in the period in which Code becomes effective and the rules framed thereunder are published.
6. During the current quarter, the new scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) was introduced by Ministry of Commerce and Industry via notification dated 17th August, 2021 for eligible exported goods. Accordingly the Company has received in Revenue from operations the benefit of RoDTEP of Rs. 16.64 Lakhs during the quarter ended 30th September, 2021, out of which Rs. 6.47 Lakhs benefit pertains to eligible export sales for the period from 1st January, 2021 to 30th June, 2021.
7. The Company's operations and financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2021 and the corresponding quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2020 are not comparable as the results of the previous periods were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent lockdown announced by the Central/State Governments, due to which the operations were suspended for part of the half year ended 30th September, 2020.
The company has considered the possible effects that may result from the COVID-19 pandemic in the preparation of these unaudited financial results, including but not limited to the assessment of liquidity position and recoverability of carrying value of its assets comprising inventories and trade receivables. In developing the assumptions relating to the possible future uncertainties in the global economic conditions because of this pandemic, the company has, at the date of approval of these unaudited financial results, used internal and external sources of information and expects that the carrying amount of these assets will be recovered. Given the uncertainties associated with nature, condition and duration of COVID-19, the company will closely monitor any material changes arising out of the future economic conditions and its impact on the business of the company.
By Order of the Board of Directors
For Hisar Spinning Mills Limited
(Anurag Gupta)
Managing Director
DIN: 00192888

Modi to land on Purvanchal Expressway in IAF plane



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will land on the Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh (UP) in an IAF plane on November 16. Later, fighter jets, including Mirage and SU-30s, will also land and take off from the expressway. Certain sections of the expressways in India are now earmarked for emergency landing and taking-off planes. The concept originated from Germany during World War Two when it identified certain portions of its highway or autobahn. Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Transport

Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a highway near Barmer in Rajasthan by landing at the road in a C-130 J Hercules transport plane of the IAF. The Government has earmarked more than 20 such emergency landing strips on the various highways. The same aircraft will ferry the Prime Minister to the Purvanchal Expressway and land there. Modi will then inaugurate the 340-km long six-lane Expressway. Immediately after the inauguration, Mirage and SU-30s will make multiple takeoffs from a 3.3-km stretch developed for allowing fighter air-

Cong seeks SC-monitored SIT into alleged Bitcoin scam

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Alleging a multi-crore Bitcoin scam and its cover-up by the BJP Government in Karnataka, the Congress on Saturday demanded that an independent investigation be conducted into the matter by a Supreme Court-monitored SIT.

Addressing a Press conference, Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala posed a set of six questions to the Prime Minister and asked what was the role of Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who was the State's Home Minister when the scam took place. He asked why international investigative agencies, including the Interpol, were not informed about the stolen Bitcoins. "India's biggest ever 'Bitcoin Scam' has been unearthed in Karnataka. Instead of conducting a fair investigation, the BJP Government of Karnataka appears to be preoccupied with 'Operation Bitcoin Scam Coverup'", he alleged. "This is not a money laundering crime alone, this is an international crime. Considering how shoddily

and compromised the investigation has been done, I don't think that the ED (Enforcement Directorate) or Karnataka Police can do a fair job. That is why we demand that an SIT (special investigation team) should be set up and monitored by the Supreme Court which should investigate this case and bring out the truth," the Congress leader said. Surjewala also questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the case and claimed that the prime minister was told by the FBI about it during his recent visit to the US. Surjewala, along with party spokesperson Gourav Vallabh, alleged that an alleged hacker, Sri Krishna, was arrested along with his associate Robin Khandelwal by the Karnataka Police on November 14 last year and was kept in police custody for over 100 days by repeatedly arresting him in at least five criminal cases registered one after the other. He was released on bail on April 17 this year. "Despite multiple international crimes of significant magnitude, Interpol was not informed for over five months. Only on April 24, 2021, more than five months after the initial arrest, did the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru wrote to Interpol Liaison Officer (CBI) asking to inform Interpol and other agencies. Even ED/CBI/SFIO were not informed by the Karnataka's BJP government," Surjewala said, adding that Bommai was the state's home minister between August 20, 2019, to July 28, 2021. "Should the then Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai be punished for not taking action in the case," he asked, alleging that the fraud happened under his watch and when the accused was kept in custody. "Who are the actors in the 'Bitcoin Coverup Scam'? Were the stolen bitcoins transferred from the wallet of alleged hacker Sri Krishna? How many bitcoins and of what value? How does the Bengaluru police then suggest (in its third Panchnama dated 22nd January 2021) that the 31 and 186 Bitcoins allegedly transferred to police wallet were lost or were found to be fake transactions," he asked. He also asked what was the role and responsibility of Bommai and others in the State Government.

PM meets US delegation

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday met a US Congressional delegation led by Senator John Cornyn who is the co-founder and co-Chair of the Senate caucus on India and Indian Americans. The delegation also included Senator Michael Crapo, Senator Thomas Tuberville, Senator Michael Lee, Congressman Tony Gonzales and Congressman John Kevin Elizzey Sr. The Congressional delegation noted the excellent management of Covid situation in India "in spite of the challenges of a large and diverse population", according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office. The Prime Minister noted that people's participation based on democratic ethos of the country played a key role in managing the worst pandemic of the last one century. Modi appreciated the consistent support and con-



structive role of the US Congress in deepening the India-US comprehensive global strategic partnership which is anchored in shared democratic values, he said. There was a warm and frank discussion on regional issues of mutual interest, including those related to South Asia and the Indo-Pacific region, said the statement. The Prime Minister also exchanged views on the potential for enhancing the bilateral relationship and strengthening cooperation on contemporary global issues such as terrorism, climate change and reliable supply chains for critical technologies, it said. Earlier, the ED had recorded a money laundering case against Usher Agro Ltd, promoters Vinod Chaturvedi and Manoj Pathak besides others on August 29, 2019 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The Proceeds of Crime in this case is ₹915.65 crore. During the course of the inves-

ED attaches ₹68.77 crore under PMLA

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached movable and immovable properties worth ₹68.77 crore owned by the Directors and shareholders of Usher Agro Ltd, Vinod Chaturvedi, Manoj Pathak, their family members and entities/companies owned and controlled by them. The attachment includes immovable properties worth ₹53.46 crore situated at Mumbai and Mathura (UP) and movable properties like shares held with CDSL/NSDL worth ₹15.18 crore and Bank balance of ₹13.46 lakhs, the agency said in a statement. The Prime Minister also exchanged views on the potential for enhancing the bilateral relationship and strengthening cooperation on contemporary global issues such as terrorism, climate change and reliable supply chains for critical technologies, it said. Earlier, the ED had recorded a money laundering case against Usher Agro Ltd, promoters Vinod Chaturvedi and Manoj Pathak besides others on August 29, 2019 under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The Proceeds of Crime in this case is ₹915.65 crore. During the course of the inves-

igation, Vinod Chaturvedi was arrested on September 17 this year and presently he is in judicial custody. In this case, the Banks and other Financial Institutions had sanctioned various working capital and other business loans to Usher Agro Ltd. Vinod Kumar Chaturvedi, Promoter and Managing Director, Manoj Pathak, Promoter and whole time Director of accused firm Usher Agro Ltd. The accused persons allegedly diverted and siphoned the said working capital/business loans from Usher Agro Ltd to their other owned entities/companies or through multiple shell companies exclusively created for the purpose of siphoning of funds for their own personal benefit, it said. They also withdrew huge cash from the bank accounts of UAL and other shell companies with a motive to divert and siphon the funds from UAL. Further investigation is under progress, it added.

Meals on flights to resume

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The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is learnt to have told the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) that meal service can be resumed on flights with less than two hours of journey and the crew members need not wear coveralls but should continue to wear gloves, masks and face shields. MoCA had sought inputs from the Health Ministry for amending the existing regulations that have barred airlines from providing food to passengers whose air journey is less than two hours. The ban on serving food on flights of less than two hours duration came into effect on April 15 during the devastating second wave of coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic. The ministry had allowed meals for flights flying for more than two hours, provided the airlines use disposable cutlery and serve only pre-packed food. The health ministry has said that the crew members no longer need to wear coveralls on the flight but they should continue wearing gloves, masks and face shields. The scheduled domestic flights were resumed on May 25 last year following two months of nationwide lockdown and in-flight meals were also allowed under certain conditions. During the second wave of the pandemic, the civil aviation ministry, on the suggestion from the health ministry, allowed meals for flights flying for more than two hours, provided the airlines used disposable cutlery and served only pre-packed food.

Fisheries incubator to support ventures in Haryana

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Traditional fisheries sector in the country is gradually moving towards the path of innovation and entrepreneurship. Latest to join the initiative is the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) which is setting up a dedicated business incubators costing ₹3.23 crore in Haryana's Gurugram to provide mentoring as well as grants for such ventures in the sector. On November 16, the LINAC- NCDC Fisheries Business Incubation Centre (LIFIC) that aims to encourage entrepreneurial initiatives among entrepreneurs providing them handholding to move towards 'atmanirbharta' will be unveiled by Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala. The NCDC is the end implementation agency for Cooperatives for setting up such centres among others under the central flagship Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). "More such Centres will be formed soon across the country as envisaged under the PMMSY, launched last year with an aim to bring about the Blue Revolution, as envisioned by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi through sustainable and responsible development of the fisheries sector in India," said Rupala. Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry

and Dairying Dr L Murugan added that India was working to emerge as a prominent place in the world fisheries map by nurturing innovation, entrepreneurship and invention in the sector. "The incubation center aims to accelerate innovation and start-ups." According to Sundeep Nayak, MD, NCDC, "this unique Centre at the LINAC premises in Gurugram shall primarily focus on converting entrepreneurial ideas into business models and then support the launch of business operations. LIFIC shall also handhold the enterprises while negotiating a myriad of market dynamics with the aim of resulting in sustainable revenue generation and business operations in the sector." To begin with, the NCDC has identified the first batch of ten incubates for LIFIC from four States. Out of them, 6 are from newly created Fish Farmers Producer Organizations with the support of the financial giant under the PMMSY. The fisheries incubation centres (FICs) under the PMMSY allow for relevant professionals/entrepreneurs, cooperatives/federations, progressive fish farmers, fisheries based industries and other entities, for the purpose to showcase and commercialize their innovations and innovative ideas," informed Jatindra Swain, Union Fisheries Secretary.

Women with acute Covid experience heart rate irregularities, says study

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Women with long Covid-19 experience heart rate irregularities in response to physical exertion, and this has the potential to constrain not only exercise tolerance but free-living physical activity. In perspective of the greater prevalence of age-related physical disability

'Hindi is friend of all Indian languages'

Varanasi: Hindi is a friend of all indigenous languages and India's prosperity lies in the prosperity of all its languages, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday.

Addressing the All-India Rajbhasha conference here, Shah also said a country that cannot preserve its languages, cannot preserve its culture and organic thought process either.

Thus, he said, it is very important for everyone to preserve and nurture India's all languages.

"Hindi is the friend (sakhee) of all indigenous languages (swabhasha). India's prosperity lies in the prosperity of our Indian languages," he said.

The Home Minister said a sense of inferiority complex was instilled in the minds of some children who couldn't speak English.

Shah said it is his firm belief that the time is not far when those who cannot speak their mother tongue will feel inferiority complex.

The Home Minister said once the people of the country decide and its languages become the language of the governance, India will automatically get back the knowledge trove of Maharishi Patanjali and Panini.

He said there is a need to rid youths of the inferiority complex instilled during British rule. "We



Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah addresses the All India Official Language Conference, in Varanasi on Saturday

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need to create an environment wherein people take pride in speaking their mother tongue," he said. The Home Minister also said efforts were made to create a lot of controversies around the Hindi language but that time is over now.

Shah said the conversation and development of Indian languages is a central pillar of the National Education Policy and the syllabi of engineering and medical courses have been translated into eight Indian languages so far.

"Today I feel very proud to say that not even a single file is written in English in the Union Home Ministry. We have completely adopt-

ed the official language (Hindi)," he said.

Termining Hindi as 'sakhee' (friend) of all indigenous languages, he emphasised that there cannot be any 'antarvirodh' (differences) among friends.

"There are no differences between Hindi and our indigenous languages. Hindi is the friend of all indigenous languages and there cannot be differences among friends," he reiterated.

"This is a year for the Hindi lovers to take a pledge that by the time we complete 100 years of Independence, indigenous languages and Raj Bhasha (official language)

should become so strong that we do not need to take the help of a foreign language," he said. Shah also rued that Hindi has been unable to accomplish its full growth and destiny status in an independent India.

"This work should have been accomplished immediately after the Independence," he said.

"There are three pillars of Independence -- 'swaraj' (self-rule), 'swadeshi' (use of domestic products) and 'swabhasha' (indigenous language). We have got 'swaraj', but 'swadeshi' and 'swabhasha' have lagged behind," he observed.

Shah said though Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken steps to ensure the growth of 'swadeshi', 'swabhasha' has lagged behind. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the first time spoke about swadeshi through Make in India. One of our aims, which got left behind was 'swabhasha'. We must remember it, and make it a part of our life," he said. Shah also lauded Prime Minister Modi for promoting Hindi across the world.

"No Prime Minister has got so much of global accolades as much as Narendra Modi ji. He has put forth India's point of view in the world in Raj Bhasha (Hindi) and has enhanced the pride of the Raj Bhasha," he said. **PTI**

For SP, JAM means Jinnah, Azam and Mokhtar: Shah

RAMESH K SINGH ■ AZAMGARH

Giving a new twist to the Jinnah controversy Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that for Samajwadi Party, JAM means Jinnah, Azam, and Mokhtar while for BJP it is Jan Dhan Aardhar and Mobile and it is up to people to choose what they want.

Shah was reacting to the statement of Akhilesh on Mohd Ali Jinnah while addressing a public meeting after laying the foundation stone for a State university in Azamgarh, the parliamentary constituency of Akhilesh Yadav here on Saturday. About 400 colleges of Azamgarh and Mau will be attached with this University, which will start operation from the next academic session.

"I want to give a certificate to CM Yogi Adityanath for making Azamgarh, a land of great personalities, free from the mafia as well as Machar (mosquito)," he said, adding that prior to Yogi, Azamgarh, as well as the entire region of Purvanchal (eastern UP), was suffering a lot from the dominance of mafia and mosquito menace.

"Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean

India Mission) has made this region free from mosquitoes due to stringent steps taken by the Yogi government, helping the region check spread of various diseases," said the Union Home Minister.

Shah reached Azamgarh in the afternoon after his two days visit to the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi where apart from chalking out poll strategy and giving responsibilities to party workers of different levels at a BJP meeting, he also inaugurated two-day Akhil Bhartiya Rajbhasha Sammelan.

Realising the strongholds of SP in Azamgarh and the good population of Rajbhasha, a sub-caste of OBC, Shah frequently used the name of their ideal personality Maharaja Suheldev Rajbhar.

"Throughout his life, Maharaja Suheldev had fought against the invaders but the opposition parties had forgotten the teachings of that great personality during their regimes as they always focused to divide the society playing cards of casteism and Parivarvad apart from adopting the policy of appeasement," he said, requesting the CM Yogi Adityanath to name the university

after Maharaja Sheldev.

After BJP severed ties with Om Prakash Rabhar-led Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP), it was the second time when BJP heavyweights had used the name of Suheldev for wooing the Rajbhar. Prior to the 2019 Lok Sabha election, the party had organised a Rajbhar Sammelan in Ghazipur which was addressed by Narendra Modi.

"Once Azamgarh had earned the bad image due to mafia and criminals but with the establishment of this 'Saraswati Ka Mandir' (university), now the youth will get higher education to reshape their future bright," he said, highlighting the achievements of the Yogi government.

"A large number of welfare schemes which were launched by Modi were implemented in letter and in the spirit in UP due to Yogi's sincere and honest efforts," he said. Praising CM for helping the party to fulfill its all poll promises including setting up 10 new universities and 40 medical colleges, Shah said that in 2017 UP was the sixth biggest economy in the country but now it stands second and the number of unemployment has declined sharply.

Maha bus strike: Min Parab meets NCP chief Pawar

Mumbai: Maharashtra Transport Minister Anil Parab on Saturday met NCP supremo Sharad Pawar in connection with the MSRTC strike that entered its seventh day.

Employees of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation have been on strike demanding that the state-run undertaking be merged with the

State Government, a process that will give them better salaries and greater job security.

State transport department officials indicated that a wage hike and additional facilities to staffers could be considered but merger was a far more difficult proposition as it could trigger similar demands from scores of state-run corporations.

Curfew clamped in Amravati, internet shut down as fresh violence erupts

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The police imposed curfew in the riot-hit town of Amravati in eastern Maharashtra on Saturday morning, after an irate mob of people went on a rampage vandalising several shops and private properties.

After fresh incidents of violence broke in the morning at Amravati which had witnessed violence on Friday after members of local minority community took out a march in protest against the violence in Tripura against minority community, the State police rushed four companies of the State Reserve Police Force (SRPF) and an additional posse of police personnel to control the rioting mobs.

Following Saturday's violence, Amravati's in-charge Police Commissioner Sandip Patil imposed prohibitory orders in the town under CrPC Sec. 144 (1), (2), (3) to ensure against any untoward incidents.

Earlier at around 10 am, angry groups of people were seen vandalising several shops and private properties in the presence of local personnel. The police personnel resorted to lathi-charge to quell the rioters.

Saturday was the second consecutive day when there was a violent backlash in Maharashtra against the spiral of violence that has broken out against the minority community members in Tripura. On Friday, violence had broken out in Amravati, Nanded and Malegaon where the minority community members had resorted to impromptu protests against the reported violence in Tripura.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra Ministers Dilip Walse-Patil - in an appeal made to the people through a video message after the violence reported from Nanded, Amravati and Malegaon on Friday evening—urged the people from all communities to maintain peace and restraint. "Please maintain calm... I appeal to all

Hindus and Muslims brethren to maintain peace," Walse-Patil said in his appeal.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena MP and spokesperson Sanjay Raut slammed the Opposition BJP for allegedly inciting violence in Amravati and other places.

The BJP had called for a bandh to protest against the violence that broke out in Malegaon, Amravati and Nanded on Friday during the state-wide demonstrations and rallies by Raza Academy and other Muslim organisations.

"There was no reason for calling a bandh. I have a reason to believe that those who organised the bandh were also behind the violence as well. This is because the BJP indulges religious divide and incites violence. This was what happened at Amravati

The Raza Academy that had called for protest does not have strength to indulge in violence. Raza Academy is said to be a sister organisation of BJP," Raut said.

Raut charged that the BJP was desperately trying to create law and order problems and destabilise the Maharashtra. They earlier used central agencies like ED, CBI, income tax and NCB against the MVA leaders, but they did succeed. Now they are organising riots to destabilise our government. But, they will not succeed," he said.

On his part, Leader of the Opposition Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP said that the rallies organised by the minority community appeared to be a "well-orchestrated" to foment communal clashes. He appealed to people from both the counties to maintain peace.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra Ministers Abdul Sattar, Ashok Chavan and Yasomati Thak (Congress), Nawab Malik (NCP), AIMIM MP Syed Imtiaz Jaleel, and others came down heavily on the BJP for indulging in "communal politics" and fomenting violence in places like Amravati, Nanded and Malegaon.



Tourists crowd the Taj Mahal in Agra on Saturday

PTI

India under Cong-rule was partly Islamic, alleges BJP

New Delhi: As the slanging match between the BJP and the Congress intensified ahead of the five Assembly polls, the BJP on Saturday alleged that India under Congress-rule was "partly Islamic" and that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be given credit for the removal of the retrograde triple talaq practice in the country.

Condemning former Congress president Rahul Gandhi for what he called his mixed-up understanding of Hinduism and claiming that he has read Vedas, BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi advised him to read "his own leaders Mahatma Gandhi and Lokmanya Tilak to understand Hinduism".

"To understand Hinduism, Rahul should be reading his Nana's 'Discovery of India'..." Trivedi sought to advise the former Congress president. The BJP leader alleged that there is a deliberate attempt to denigrate Hinduism so that "Hindus

do not realise their strength..." Trivedi claimed that during Congress-rule, "India was partly Islamic with triple talaq which is outlawed in most of the Muslim countries being in force in here..." It is Prime Minister Modi who undid triple talaq, he said and accused Congress regimes of going against all progressive court rulings. He said Congress appeasement policy also continued the haj subsidy.

Taking a swipe at "secularists", BJP Spokesperson said they maintain that "terrorism has no religion" but are quick to label lynching incidents in the country to "Hindu atankwad". Trivedi also sought to ask former J & K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti whether "Kashmiri Pandit exodus from Kashmir in 1990 was not carried out by lynching and whether it had no religion behind it..." Accusing Congress of practising communalism, he blamed it for rioting in Maharashtra to suit its designs. **PNS**

SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED				
Registered Office: R-13, SIF GREATER KAILASH-II NEW DELHI-110048 CIN: L34102DL1985PLC020156 Email: sidhindia1985@gmail.com, website: www.sidhautomobile.com				
Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30 th September, 2021 (Amount in Rs.)				
Statement Of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended 30 th September, 2021				
Particulars	Quarter Ended	Half Year Ended	Quarter Ended	
	30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	30.09.2020 (Unaudited)	
Total income from operations (net)	456,550.00	456,550.00	-	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	232,995.00	(484,065.00)	(179,400.00)	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	232,995.00	(484,065.00)	(179,400.00)	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	232,995.00	(484,065.00)	(179,400.00)	
Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit/(Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	232,995.00	(484,065.00)	(179,400.00)	
Equity Share Capital	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year				
Earnings Per Equity Share (of Rs. 10/each) (for continuing and discontinuing operations)	0.06	0.16	0.06	
(a) Basic:				
(b) Diluted:				

Notes:
1. The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 13th day of November, 2021.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Half Year Financial Results filled with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
3. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and Company's website www.sidhautomobile.com.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED
Sd/-
(ANIL SHARMA)
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN: 02928210

Place: Delhi
Date: 13.11.2021

REGENT ENTERPRISES LIMITED				
REGD. OFFICE : E-205 (LGF), Greater Kailash II, New Delhi-110 048 Telephone no. 011-29213191; Email: legal@regententerprises.in CIN: L15500DL1994PLC153183 Extract of Standalone Un-audited Financial Results for the Quarter Ended on 30th September, 2021				
(Rs. in Lakhs except per share data)				
PARTICULARS	Quarter Ended	Previous Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Corresponding Quarter Ended
	30-09-2021 Un-Audited	30-06-2020 Un-Audited	31-03-2021 Audited	30-09-2020 Un-Audited
Total Income from Operations	15526.12	13206.73	55661.66	14898.76
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	54.82	52.59	40.33	118.19
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	3.85	51.46	18.67	(190.98)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(6.92)	34.64	(48.42)	(203.49)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) other comprehensive income (after tax))	(6.92)	34.64	(48.42)	(203.46)
Equity Share Capital	3345.63	3345.63	3345.63	3345.63
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the Previous Year	(5.78)	476.11	441.47	134.76
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operation)				
Basic	(0.02)	0.10	(0.14)	(0.61)
Diluted	(0.02)	0.10	(0.14)	(0.61)

NOTE:
1. The above Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 12.11.2021 at 4.00 P.M. and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 12.11.2021 at 5.00 P.M.
2. Previous Year's figures regrouped and rearranged, wherever necessary.
3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th September, 2021, filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the aforesaid Financial Results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and on Company's website http://regententerprises.in

Regent Enterprises Limited
Sd/-
Vikas Kumar
Whole Time Director
DIN: 05308192

Place: New Delhi
Date: 12th November, 2021

COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED							
CIN : L25199DL1980PLC010173 Regd. Office : 2/8, Roop Nagar, Delhi-110 007 Website : www.cosco.in Email : mail@cosco.in Tel. : 91-11-23843000 Fax : 91-11-23846000							
EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021							
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended		Year Ended
		30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	
1	Total Income from operations	3,317.99	2,710.64	3,340.45	6,028.63	6,064.08	14,890.68
2	Net Profit for the period before tax	37.29	9.62	94.39	46.91	152.36	632.02
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	31.74	(0.65)	64.16	31.09	101.18	450.80
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	31.85	(0.55)	64.16	31.30	101.18	451.24
5	Equity Share Capital	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10
6	Other Equity						3,956.08
7	Earnings Per Share (of ₹10 each)						
(a)	Basic (₹)	0.76	(0.02)	1.54	0.75	2.43	10.83
(b)	Diluted (₹)	0.76	(0.02)	1.54	0.75	2.43	10.83

Notes :-
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing/Obligations Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange Websites (www.bseindia.com/corporates) and on the Company's website www.cosco.in.
2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on November 13, 2021.

By Order of the Board
for Cosco (India) Limited
Devinder Kumar Jain
Managing Director and CEO
DIN : 00191539

Place : Delhi
Date : 13.11.2021

Sale Notice	
The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-	
Case Details	Asset Details
ICICI Bank Ltd Vs ATA ABBAS CS No. 3387/18	Vehicle No-DL1RTB2176, Make& Model-MARUTI UDYOG LTD WAGON R LXI, Manu. Year-2016, Reserve Price: Rs 100000, EMD Amount Rs 10,000. DD/PO of EMD has to be made in favour of ICICI Bank Ltd, payable at Delhi
ICICI Bank Ltd Vs SAGAR ACHARYA EX.No. 1115/21	Vehicle No-DL126355, Make& Model-GENERAL MOTORS INDIA LTD, Beat 1.2 PS, Manu. Year-2015
ICICI Bank Ltd Vs YATIN GURUNG EX.No. 1116/21	Vehicle No- DL12CJ4198, Make & Model- HYUNDAI MOTORS LTD I-10 Grand Magna, Manu Year-2016
ICICI Bank Ltd Vs VIPIN NAGPAL SUIT No. 1429-19	Vehicle No-UP16ET3403, Make & Model- HYUNDAI MOTORS LTD I-10 Grand, Manu Year-2015
Auction Date: 30-November-2021 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Place of Auction: Godara Yard, Khewat No. 166/11, Near Atul Kataria Chowk, Behind Gyan Devi, School, Sec- 17, Sukhrali, Gurugram-122022 Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/ Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)	
Case Details	Asset Details
ICICI Bank Ltd Vs DHARMENDER PAWAR CS (COMM) 50/2020	Vehicle No-DL1MA2911, Make & Model-TATA MOTORS LTD LPT 909, Manu Year-2019
Auction Date: 30-November-2021 From 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Place of Auction: Shriram Automall, VIII- Manurpur, PloManiyari Road Narela, Delhi-110040 Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)	
Terms of Sale The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at auction site with original KYC documents and DD/PO of EMD amount in favour of ICICI Bank Limited, payable at Delhi (Wherein applicable) to participate in the auction. . Successfully bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount wherein applicable) within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited. The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot No-7, Rohini Sector-8 New Delhi- 110085for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicles.	

TMC names ex-Goa CM L Faleiro as candidate for RS bypoll

Kolkata: With an eye on the 2022 Goa Assembly polls, the TMC on Saturday named Luizinho Faleiro as its candidate for the upcoming bypoll to a Rajya Sabha seat from West Bengal.

Faleiro, the former chief minister of Goa, ended his decades-long association with the Congress and joined the TMC in September.

He was appointed as the party's national vice president last month.

"We are extremely pleased to nominate @luizinhofaleiro to the Upper House of the Parliament. We are confident that his efforts towards serving the nation shall be appreciated widely by our people!" the TMC said on Twitter. The November 29 bypoll to the RS seat was necessitated following the resignation of TMC MP Arpita Ghosh from the Upper House.

The Trinamool Congress, after a stunning victory in the West Bengal Assembly elections earlier this year, is trying to expand its footprint in BJP-ruled Goa and Tripura. Apart from Faleiro, the party has also roped in tennis legend Leander Paes and many other dignitaries. Elections to the 40-member Goa Assembly are likely to be held early next year.

Climate talks resume

Cautious coal phase out still on table

AP ■ GLASGOW

Negotiators at this year's UN climate talks pored over fresh proposals on Saturday for sealing a deal that could credibly be said to advance worldwide efforts to tackle global warming.

British officials chairing the talks in Glasgow, Scotland, released new draft agreements after shuttle diplomacy continued past the official on Friday evening deadline. US climate envoy John Kerry and his Chinese counterpart, Xie Zhenhua, both indicated cautious optimism late on Friday that the negotiations were moving forward.

A proposal for the over-arching decision retains contentious language calling on

countries to accelerate "efforts towards the phase-out of unabated coal power and inefficient fossil fuel subsidies."

But in a new addition, the text says nations will recognize "the need for support towards a just transition" — a reference to calls from those working in the fossil fuel industry for financial support as they wind down jobs and businesses.

Alok Sharma, the British official chairing the talks, said he hoped countries would clinch an ambitious agreement in Glasgow.

"I hope the colleagues will rise to the occasion," Sharma told The Associated Press as he walked into the conference venue. Some advocacy groups said the current proposals were not strong enough.

"Here in Glasgow, the world's poorest countries are in danger of being lost from view, but the next few hours can and must change the course we are on," Oxfam senior policy adviser Tracy Cartwright said. "What's on the table is still not good enough." But the possibility of having fossil fuels explicitly mentioned for the first time in a decision coming out of the U.N.'s annual Conference of the Parties meeting, or COP, was well-received by some environmentalists.

"It's weaker and compromised, but we see it as a bridgehead, a bit of a breakthrough," Greenpeace Executive Director Jennifer Morgan said.

"We will have to fight like hell to keep it in there and have it strengthened in the coming hours," Morgan said, adding

that there were "a clutch of countries really seeking to strike that line from the deal."

Divisions remained on the issue of financial support sought by poor countries for the disastrous impacts of climate change they will increasingly suffer in future — the United States and European Union, two of the world's biggest historic emitters, continued to have deep reservations.

Mohammed Quamrul Chowdhury of Bangladesh, a lead negotiator for less-developed countries, ticked off the ways that vague wording in the latest draft fell short of committing wealthier countries to putting new money on the table for countries struggling with climate damage.

Sudanese rally against Army

AP ■ KHARTOUM, SUDAN

Sudanese security forces fired live ammunition and tear gas on Saturday to disperse protesters denouncing the military's tightening grip on the country, killing at least one and wounding several, activists said.

The violence came as thousands of pro-democracy protesters yet again took to the streets across Sudan to rally against the military's takeover last month. The coup has drawn international criticism and massive protests in the streets of the capital of Khartoum and elsewhere in the country.

Security forces used tear gas to disperse protesters in different locations Saturday. At least one protester was shot and killed in Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city, according to the Sudan Doctors Committee. Several others were wounded, including with gunshots, it said.

The rallies, called by the pro-democracy movement, came two days after coup leader Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan reappointed himself head of the Sovereign Council, Sudan's interim governing body. Thursday's move angered the pro-democracy alliance and frustrated the United States and other countries that have urged the generals to reverse their coup.

The Sudanese military seized power Oct. 25, dissolving the transitional government and arresting dozens of

officials and politicians. The takeover opened a fragile planned transition to democratic rule, more than two years after a popular uprising forced the removal of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir and his Islamist Government.

Govt-allied forces leave Yemeni city, rebels re-enter

Sanna: Forces loyal to Yemen's internationally recognized government have withdrawn from the strategic port city of Hodeida, allowing the rebels to retake their positions, Yemeni officials and the UN said.

The Joint Forces, backed by the United Arab Emirates, said late Friday they redeployed troops from Hodeida because there was no need to stay in the city amid a UN-brokered cease-fire deal.

20 Indian fishermen to return home from Pak

Karachi: Twenty Indian fishermen, who were released recently after languishing in Pakistan's Landhi jail, will be transported to the Wagah border on Sunday to be handed over to the Indian authorities so that they can return home, a senior official said on Saturday.

Prof Patel elected to ILC for 5-year term

United Nations: Professor Bimal Patel, V-C of the Rashtriya Raksha University and Member of the National Security Advisory Board of India, has been elected to the International Law Commission for a five-year term, in a hard-fought election at the UN. "Hearty felicitations to Prof Bimal Patel for election to International Law Commission by topping the group," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador TS Tirumurti tweeted.

INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN : U74140MH1993PTC074596)				
Extract of the unaudited financial results for the half year ended 30 September 2021				
Particulars	6 months ended 30 September 2021		6 months ended 30 September 2020	
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
Total income from operations	10.91	23.78	35.49	
Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	3.82	12.96	15.55	
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	3.82	12.96	15.55	
Net profit for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	2.67	9.60	11.82	
Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	2.68	9.54	11.97	
Paid-up equity share capital	41.80	41.80	41.80	
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)	21.98	16.99	19.30	
Securities premium account	74.83	74.83	74.83	
Net worth	138.61	133.62	135.93	
Outstanding debt	49.65	49.43	49.56	
Debt equity ratio	0.36	0.37	0.36	
Earnings per share (Face value of Rs. 10 per equity share) (EPS for the half year are not annualised)				
Basic (Rs)	0.64	2.30	2.83	
Diluted (Rs)	0.64	2.30	2.83	

Note to financial results:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13 November 2021.
- The above presentation is an extract of the detailed format of half yearly / annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure requirements) regulations, 2015. The full format of the half yearly / annual financial results are available on the company's website (<http://indiabullsruralfinance.com>) and on the website of BSE (<http://www.bseindia.com>).

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S. B. Marg, Elphinstone(W), Mumbai - 400013

Place: Gurugram
Date: 13 November 2021

Vijay Kumar Agrawal
Whole Time Director

SORIL INFRA RESOURCES LIMITED (CIN : L52190HR2005PLC077960)					
Extract of the consolidated unaudited financial results for the quarter and six months ended 30 September 2021					
Particulars	3 months ended 30 Sep-2021		Corresponding 3 months ended 30 Sep-2020		Previous year ended 31 March 2021
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
Total income	48.85	41.43	88.70	92.23	193.06
Net profit / (loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	1.70	1.11	2.79	17.80	23.72
Net profit / (loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	1.70	1.11	2.79	17.80	23.72
Net profit / (loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	0.98	1.03	1.51	13.97	19.35
Total comprehensive income for the period (Comprising profit / (loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	0.96	1.08	1.64	14.23	19.75
Paid-up Equity share capital	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)					229.42
Earnings per share (Face value of Rs. 10 per equity share) (EPS for the quarter/half year are not annualised)*					
Basic (Rs)	0.31 *	0.33 *	0.48 *	4.43 *	6.14
Diluted (Rs)	0.31 *	0.33 *	0.48 *	4.43 *	6.14

Note to financial results:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13 November 2021. These financial results have been subjected to a limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company.
- Key standalone financial information of SORIL Infra Resources Limited:

Particulars	3 months ended 30 Sep-2021		Corresponding 3 months ended 30 Sep-2020		Previous year ended 31 March 2021
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
Total income	45.56	36.40	81.12	70.10	160.78
Profit / (loss) before tax	(0.41)	1.17	(1.55)	4.40	7.57
Net profit / (loss) after tax	(0.41)	1.17	(1.55)	4.04	7.57

Registered Office: Plot No. 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase-V, Gurugram, Haryana - 122016

Place: Gurugram
Date: 13 November 2021

Anil Malhan
Executive Director

Yaarii Digital Integrated Services Limited (Formerly known as Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited) (CIN : L51101HR2007PLC077999)					
Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2021					
Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Sep-21		Half year ended 30-Sep-21		Year ended 31-Mar-20 Audited
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
Total Income from Operations	47.43	102.07	47.17	108.32	247.22
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(29.35)	(40.10)	(32.10)	(41.06)	(74.74)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(29.35)	(40.10)	(32.10)	(41.06)	(74.74)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(34.81)	(53.11)	(34.85)	(47.45)	(87.65)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(71.76)	29.49	(15.83)	163.85	125.81
Equity Share Capital	17.51	17.51	17.87	17.87	17.51
Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items	(3.94)	(6.01)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(10.58)
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(6.01)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(10.58)
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(6.01)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(10.58)
Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items	(3.94)	(6.01)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(10.58)
- Basic (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(6.01)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(10.58)
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	(3.94)	(6.01)	(3.94)	(5.86)	(10.58)

Note to financial results:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 13 November 2021.
- Key Standalone Financial Information:

Particulars	Quarter ended 30-Sep-21		Half year ended 30-Sep-21		Year ended 31-Mar-20 Audited
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited	
Total Income	0.14	0.37	0.46	3.54	4.84
(Loss) / Profit before Tax	(36.39)	(68.14)	(23.09)	(30.92)	(88.09)
Net (Loss) / Profit after Tax	(36.39)	(68.14)	(23.09)	(30.92)	(88.09)

Registered Office: Plot No. 448-451 Udyog Vihar, Phase-V Gurugram, Haryana 122016

Place: Gurugram
Date: 13 November 2021

Kubeir Khara
Executive Director & CEO

OK PLAY INDIA LIMITED (CIN : L28219HR1988PLC030347)													
Regd. Office: Plot No. 17, Roz-Ka-Meo Industrial Estate, Tehsil Nuh, District - Mewat, Haryana -122103, India E-mail : investor.relations@okplay.in, Website: www.okplay.co.in													
EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 th SEPTEMBER, 2021													
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated							
		Quarter Ended		Half-Year ended		Quarter Ended		Half-Year ended		Year ended			
		30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.06.2020	30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.06.2020	31.03.2021			
1	Total Revenue from operations	1,303.98	1,038.84	970.49	2,342.82	1,470.15	7,051.89	1,895.09	1,384.17	1,693.02	3,279.26	2,310.42	9,235.98
2	Net Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional Items and tax	(559.71)	(765.08)	(623.30)	(1,324.79)	(1,043.39)	(851.27)	(402.73)	(784.66)	(681.64)	(1,187.39)	(1,150.67)	(881.39)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	(559.46)	(768.54)	(619.01)	(1,328.00)	(1,041.68)	(873.63)	(402.47)	(788.17)	(677.35)	(1,190.64)	(1,148.96)	(903.74)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	(559.46)	(768.54)	(619.01)	(1,328.00)	(1,041.68)	(700.69)	(402.47)	(788.17)	(677.35)	(1,190.64)	(1,148.96)	(798.72)
5	Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	(559.46)	(768.54)	(619.01)	(1,328.00)	(1,041.68)	(691.97)	(402.47)	(788.17)	(677.35)	(1,190.64)	(1,148.96)	(790.00)
6	Equity Share Capital	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81
7	Other Equity / (Reserves excluding revaluation reserve)	-	-	-	1,972.94	-	3,300.95	-	-	-	1,631.09	-	2,825.81
8	Earning per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)												
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	(2.91)	(4.00)	(3.22)	(6.91)	(5.42)	(3.60)	(2.10)	(4.10)	(3.53)	(6.20)	(5.98)	(4.11)
	(b) Diluted (in Rs.)	(2.91)	(4.00)	(3.22)	(6.91)	(5.42)	(3.60)	(2.10)	(4.10)	(3.53)	(6.20)	(5.98)	(4.11)

NOTES:

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- The above standalone and consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Saturday, 13th November, 2021.

Place: New Delhi
Date: 13th November, 2021

Rajan Handa
Sd/-
Managing Director
(DIN 00194590)

IST LIMITED (CIN : L33301HR1976PLC008316)											
Regd. Office: Dharuhera Industrial Complex, Delhi-Jaipur Highway No. 8, Kapriwas, Dharuhera, Rewari (Haryana)-123106 Head Office: A - 23, New Office Complex, 2nd Floor, Defence Colony, New Delhi - 110024 CIN: L33301HR1976PLC008316, Phone No.: 011-24694291-92; Fax: 011-24625694; Email: istgroup.ho@gmail.com; website: www.istindia.com											
EXTRACT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30 th SEPTEMBER, 2021											
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated					
		Quarter Ended		Half-Year ended		Quarter Ended		Half-Year ended		Year ended	
		30.09.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2020	30.09.2020	31.03.2021	
1	Total Income from Operations	1457.73	862.14	2393.82	1387.91	3917.78	4913.29	4300.57	9202.68	8119.85	17711.85
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	433.08	272.58	812.26	488.87	969.39	3623.76	3230.33	7168.37	6264.36	13221.92
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	433.08	272.58	812.26	488.87	969.39	3623.76	3230.33	7168.37	6264.36	13221.92
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	352.67	226.93	673.16	419.03	813.63	2726.08	2284.43	5516.17	4538.35	9518.26
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	354.62	227.61	677.06	420.37	821.43	3406.15	2586.28	6990.26	5625.56	12037.56
6	Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 5/- each)	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68	584.68
7	Other Equity	-	-	-	-	19184.45	-	-	-	-	91774.58
8	Earning Per Share (Face value of Rs. 5/- each)										
	Basic (Rs.)	3.02	1.95	5.77	3.59	6.98	23.85	19.80	47.86	39.22	82.07
	Diluted (Rs.)	3.02	1.95	5.77	3.59	6.98	23.85	19.80	47.86	39.22	82.07

NOTES:

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Place: New Delhi
Date: 13th November, 2021

(S.C. Jain)
Executive Director
DIN : 00092073

RATHI BARS LIMITED (CIN : L74899DL1993PLC054781)						
Regd. Office : A-24/7, Mohan Co-operative Indl. Estate, New Delhi-110044 Ph: +91-11-42760373, 42730360 Web: www.rathisteels.com, E-mail : rathibars@hotmail.com						
Statement of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter / Half Year ended 30 th Sep., 2021						
Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended	
	9/30/2021	6/30/2021	9/30/2020	6/30/2020	3/31/2021	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
1 Total Revenue From operations	13,953.84	10,383.46	9,363.28	24,337.30	13,654.00	
2 Net Profit/Loss for the Period (Before Tax)	105.46	44.19	113.29	149.65	126.98	
3 Net Profit/Loss for the Period (After Tax)					231.10	
4 Total Comprehensive Income	105.46	44.19	113.29	149.65	126.98	
5 Equity Share Capital	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	
6 Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserves)					6,859.62	
7 Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10 Each)						
	Basic :	0.65	0.27	0.69	0.92	1.42
	Diluted :	0.65	0.27	0.69	0.92	1.42

*** Not Annualised**

India's Oct retail inflation inches-up

IANAS ■ NEW DELHI

India's October retail inflation inched-up on sequential basis on the back of a marginal rise in food prices along with high fuel and commodity prices.

Accordingly, data furnished by the National Statistical Office showed that Consumer Price Index (CPI) inched-up to 4.48 per cent last month from 4.35 per cent in September 2021.

However, on YoY basis, the rise in last month's retail inflation was slower than the 7.61 per cent rise recorded for

October 2020.

The macro-economic data assumes significance as retail inflation remained well within the range of the Reserve Bank of India's set target of 2-6 per cent for CPI inflation.

Region-wise, the CPI Urban rose to 5.04 per cent last month from 4.57 per cent in September and the CPI Rural came down to 4.07 per cent from 4.13 per cent.

As per the NSO data, the rate of rise in Consumer Food Price Index increased to 0.85 per cent last month from 0.68 per cent in September.

The CPI readings mea-



sure the changes in retail prices of food products.

In terms of CPI YoY inflation rate, pulses and products' prices jumped by 5.42 per cent in October 2021.

Besides, meat and fish prices rose by 7.12 per cent, however, eggs became cheaper by 1.38 per cent, nevertheless, the overall price of food and beverage category was up 1.82

per cent and oils and fats prices rose 33.50 per cent.

On the other hand, vegetable prices declined by 19.43 per cent.

Furthermore, as per the official data, the inflation rate for fuel and light was at 14.35 per cent.

"Despite base effect, still-high fuel costs, input cost pressures and seasonal turn in some food prices in coming months etc. could even see inflation rise towards more than 6.2 per cent later in the fiscal year," said Madhavi Arora, Lead Economist, Emkay Global Financial Services.

Reliance makes final call for payment on rights issue

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has a second and final payment from those who were issued 42.26 crore company shares in a rights issue. And to assist shareholders, it has re-activated WhatsApp Chatbot 7977111111.

In a regulatory filing, the company said a notice for payment of Second and Final Call on 42,26,26,894 partly paid-up equity shares of the face value of ₹10 each issued and allotted on rights basis on May 15, 2020, has been issued. Reliance had made a Rights Issue of 42.26 crore equity shares at ₹1.25 per share. The final call of ₹1.25 per cent of the amount - ₹628.50 per share - has now become due. Reliance's rights issue at a total size of ₹53,125 crore was the largest ever rights issue in India.

This was the world's largest rights issue by a non-financial company in the last 10 years. The existing shareholders of the company were offered new shares of the company in a 1:15 ratio.

November 10, 2021, was the record date to decide holders of the Reliance Partly Paid-up shares, who need to pay the Second and Final Call.

Valuation falls each day, insolvency professionals need to work within time frame: IBBI

Kolkata: Insolvency professionals (IPs) should work on a resolution plan within a particular time frame as the value of stressed assets declines every day, an official of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) said on Saturday. Speaking at a webinar organised by MCC, whole time

member of IBBI Navrang Saini said the IPs should be transparent and they should also ensure that the resolution plans are worked out in a time-bound manner. "Value of a stressed asset declines every passing day. It has also been observed in some cases that the resolution value was almost

close to the liquidation value," Saini, also the chairman of IBBI, said. A resolution was supposed to be completed within 180 days. In some cases, it had crossed more than 400 days, he said, adding that there are some hitches still left in the resolution process which will go away with time.

Naresh Kumar, Senior GM corporate communications Power Grid passes away

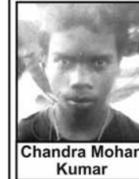


Gurugram: Naresh Kumar, Senior General Manager, Corporate Communications of Maharatna entity, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) passed away on November 13, 2021.

Naresh Kumar was one of the founding members of communications team in POWERGRID who played a pivotal role in formulation of communication practices and procedures of the Company. An alumni of the

prestigious Indian Institute of Mass Communication, (IIMC) (Batch of 1991-92).

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one boy named: **Chandra Mohan Kumar, S/o Sh. Laxman Sada, R/o: Village Rakhvari, P.S. Rudrapur, Distt Madhubani, Bihar** has been missing/ kidnapped since 29.10.2021. From Faridabad Bus Stand, Kashmere Gate, Delhi from the area of Yamuna Market, P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi in this regard a case vide FIR No. 604/21, U/S 363 IPC, dated 29.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped boy is as under: **Age: 13 years, Height: 5', Face: Long, Complexion: Shallow, Build: Normal, Wearing: Yellow & black colour T-shirt, grey colour jeans and slipper in his feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this boy kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail id - cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO
Fax No. 011-24368639 P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
DP/1665/N/2021 Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2021

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended			Year Ended			
		30.09.2021		30.09.2020		30.09.2021		30.09.2020		31.03.2021	
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	1710.72	1313.30	3024.04	1313.30	1710.72	1313.30	3024.04	1313.30	1710.72	1313.30
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax & exceptional items)	147.62	212.29	20.81	147.62	212.29	20.81	147.62	212.29	20.81	147.62
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after exceptional items)	147.62	212.29	20.81	147.62	212.29	20.81	147.62	212.29	20.81	147.62
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (After exceptional and extraordinary items)	107.96	193.31	(117.36)	107.96	193.31	(117.36)	107.96	193.31	(117.36)	107.96
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period	107.96	(37.50)	193.31	(117.36)	107.96	(37.50)	193.31	(117.36)	107.96	(37.50)
6	Paid Up Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 10/- per share)	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00
7	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)	0.49	0.37	0.87	0.53	0.49	0.37	0.87	0.53	0.49	0.37
	Basic	0.49	0.37	0.87	0.53	0.49	0.37	0.87	0.53	0.49	0.37
	Diluted	0.49	0.37	0.87	0.53	0.49	0.37	0.87	0.53	0.49	0.37

Notes:
1. The financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2021 were reviewed by the Audit Committee and thereafter approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 13th November, 2021. The Statutory Auditors of the Company has conducted a Limited Review of the said financial results.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and the Company Website (www.himalayafoodcompany.com).

For and on behalf of Board
HIMALAYA FOOD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Sd/-
Man Mohan Malik
Managing Director

DATED: 13.11.2021
PLACE: Paonta Sahib

Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency

First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatraj, Opp. IT Park, Sahasradhara Road, Dehradun

Ref. No. 2171/11-02(xix)/ITCO/URRDA/21 Dated: 12.11.2021
PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice - 14/2021-22

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of **Bageshwar & Pithoragarh** for 02 number of Packages with estimated cost totaling to **Rs. 7.46 Crore** including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent".

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: **16.11.2021**.
Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgstendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works), either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No Physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: **22.11.2021, 01:00 PM**.
For further details please log on to www.pmgstendersuk.gov.in

Chief Engineer, URRDA, Dehradun
*Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.
Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

BARAK VALLEY CEMENTS LIMITED

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

(Rs. in Lakhs)

PARTICULARS	STANDALONE					CONSOLIDATED				
	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended
	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021
Total income from operations (net)	3,574.96	2,703.84	7,717.55	4,935.07	13,393.98	4,007.75	3,177.15	8,547.32	5,534.26	14,800.00
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	129.59	(37.50)	232.04	(117.36)	470.33	181.40	121.83	314.79	51.14	389.29
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional and extraordinary items)	129.59	(37.50)	232.04	(117.36)	470.33	181.40	121.83	314.79	51.14	389.29
Net Profit for the period after Tax (After exceptional and extraordinary items)	107.96	(37.50)	193.31	(117.36)	317.86	159.77	121.83	276.06	51.14	235.14
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	107.96	(37.50)	193.31	(117.36)	323.07	159.77	121.83	276.06	51.14	240.36
Paid Up Equity Share Capital (face value of Rs. 10/- per share)	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00	2,216.00
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)	0.49	0.17	0.87	0.53	1.43	0.72	0.55	1.25	0.23	1.06
Basic	0.49	0.17	0.87	0.53	1.43	0.72	0.55	1.25	0.23	1.06
Diluted	0.49	0.17	0.87	0.53	1.43	0.72	0.55	1.25	0.23	1.06

Notes:
1. The above Unaudited Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 12th November, 2021. The Limited review of the results as required under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation 2015, have been carried out by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites, (URL of the filings)
3. Figures of the previous periods/ year have been regrouped / rearranged, wherever necessary.

For and on behalf of Board
BARAK VALLEY CEMENTS LIMITED
Sd/-
Kamakhya Chamarla
(Vice Chairman & Managing Director)

Place: New Delhi
Date: 12th November, 2021

MODI RUBBER LIMITED

CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392, Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204 Dist. Ghaziabad (U.P.), Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi 110025
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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

(Amount in Lacs)

Sl. No.	Particulars	QUARTER ENDED						Half Year Ended				Year ended	
		Standalone		Consolidated		Standalone		Consolidated		Standalone	Consolidated	Standalone	Consolidated
		Sep 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2020	Sep 30, 2021	Sep 30, 2020	Mar 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2021
1	Total Income from operations (Net)	67.53	46.87	26.50	61.53	46.87	20.50	94.03	156.02	82.03	150.02	301.17	277.17
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	1,251.26	991.11	(221.93)	958.93	193.06	655.05	1,029.33	811.05	1,613.98	(474.08)	1,472.02	726.60
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	1,251.26	991.11	(221.93)	958.93	(67.14)	655.05	1,029.33	811.05	1,613.98	(734.28)	723.48	372.50
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	1,264.26	991.11	(221.93)	977.47	(67.14)	655.05	1,042.33	811.05	1,632.52	(734.28)	770.86	461.59
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (after tax)	1,392.67	1,447.11	218.48	1,296.49	842.88	723.08	1,611.15	1,453.31	2,019.57	527.05	1,909.75	2,714.85
6	Equity Share Capital (Face value of share is Rs. 10/- each)	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05	2,504.05
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A	N.A
8	Earnings per share (EPS) (of Rs. 10/- each) (Not Annualised)												
	(a) Basic and Diluted EPS (before exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	5.05	3.96	(0.89)	3.90	0.77	2.62	4.16	3.24	6.52	(1.89)	6.07	3.26
	(b) Basic and Diluted EPS (after exceptional Items) (in Rs.)	5.05	3.96	(0.89)	3.90	(0.27)	2.62	4.16	3.24	6.52	(2.93)	3.08	1.84

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the stock exchange website, www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on the Company website www.modirubberlimited.com
2. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on November 13th, 2021. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the aforesaid results.
3. Previous quarter/ year end figures have been rearranged and / or regrouped, wherever necessary, to make them comparable with those of the current quarter/ year end.

Place: New Delhi
Date: 13th November, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST OF DOCUMENTS
To be known to all that I, **Rajeev Gupta S/o Sh. Ram Murti Gupta, R/o C-2/180, Near Central School, Janakpuri, Delhi - 110058**, have lost his original property Documents i.e. allotment letter, Possession letter, demand letter, site possession slip and perpetual lease etc. in respect of the Property Bearing No.-Z-86 WHS Naraina Loha Mandi, New Delhi-110028, have been lost, an FIR Vide LR No.: 922997/2021 against this effect has been lodged in Crime Branch Police Station Delhi.
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According to UNESCO, learning process of around 32 crore students in India has been affected. How essential is reopening of educational institutes for restoring academic engagement of students? SUPRIYA RAMESH brings you a report

It's been one year and nine months since India observed its index case of COVID-19 in Thrissur, Kerala taking the overall tally to 3,44,26,036. Thousands of patients are being reported even today. With the advent of this pandemic, countries have been affected in many ways worldwide. While countries are at different points in their COVID-19 infection rates, in India there are currently more than 298,145, 295 learners affected by school closures due to the pandemic as per statistics provided by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). According to its report, the learning process of around 32 crores students including 3.5 crore university students in India has been badly affected.

Now that the schools are partially open for offline classes, it is quite a task to analyse whether students and teachers have set their minds for a 'back to school days' routine. Many Government schools in Delhi resumed offline classes from November 01, 2021, whereas several private schools reopened from November 08, 2021.

Schools have adopted the hybrid-learning paradigm and it seems to be the safest option at present. "There has been a paradigm shift in the current educational system and the hybrid learning mode has the potential to be a huge game-changer. We have adopted the hybrid learning paradigm for grade 11 and 12 students after conducting sessions virtually for more than 18 months," says Radhika Sinha, Principal, Aditya Birla World Academy.

She tells us that with the objective of ensuring the utmost safety of the children as well as staff, they request formal permission from parents before sending their children to physical classrooms. A student is not allowed to attend offline classes if the consent form from the parents is not signed. Furthermore, for students who do not wish to attend or are not in a position to attend offline lectures, online sessions are being concurrently conducted.

Adhering to the Government laid COVID protocols, schools are making sure that students, teachers and other staff members are all screened at the entrance point for temperature checks everyday. "Even though more than 90% of our teaching and non-teaching staff are completely vaccinated, we have made it essential for pupils and teachers to show a negative RT-PCR report each week at our school," Sinha says.

"Through their time spent at school, children are required to wear masks. Students/Teachers who exhibit any COVID like symptoms will be sent home after undergoing a medical examination by our in-house medical professionals," she adds.

While the number of cases have gone down, there is still some fear lingering around. Shikha Banerjee, Principal, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur, says "Apparently, going by the current scenario, the worst has passed but still I have a very strong inkling that now is the time when we need to be all the more cautious because people in general have become pretty much negligent and carefree."

She adds that in their school, they have not left any stone unturned to ensure that all safety precautions are taken and protocols followed so that the children get a safe and healthy environment to be in. Whether it be physical distancing, prac-

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tising health and hand hygiene or use of disinfectants, they have been practising it all in their strictest terms.

Students might not follow safety measures sometimes so constant reminders should be given to them. "We all need to understand that each one of us needs to act and behave responsibly to ensure a healthy work environment," Banerjee says.

"Out of the long list of do's and don'ts which the Health organisations have laid down for the schools, some of them pose challenges. For example, physical distancing. Ideally, students should remain at least three feet apart within classrooms or on campus, but it's hard to implement it practically. Oftentimes, students tend to forget to maintain social distance when the teacher is away. However, other measures such as face masks, thermal screening, wellness exercises and emotional support are working well," says Divya Roy, PGT-English, Seth Anandram Jaipuria School, Kanpur.

To ensure added safety, Sinha says that they have designated isolation zones at school, usage of elevators has been limited, and the cafeteria is kept closed. Most importantly, safety being the top priority, they ensure sanitizing and disinfecting the school premises every day before and after school hours. The school has been following all processes and safeguards to ensure a smooth transition back to school for both educators and students.

To keep the numbers small and meet the necessary regulations of maintaining the required distance in seating arrangements and other safeguards, schools have put out a routine for one grade per day to attend off-line sessions and grades have been allotted different time slots.

"The school has set the timetable so as to have only one grade attend classes on a day, which assists us in adhering to the needed protocol of maintaining the required seating spacing," Sinha tells you.

"The timings are as usual but split into slots, so that 10th And 12th would have classes from 9am to 12:30pm, 9th and 11th would have classes from 1:30 to 4:30pm," says Challa Haneesha, a grade 12 student from St. Brittos Academy, Velachery, Chennai.

As hybrid learning has become the new normal, will it continue to exist in the future?

"Applying technology in the classroom has grown as a fundamental part of our lives as educators. In the era of personalised learning, where learning is not confined to classrooms or textbooks, and instructors' expertise is not limited to the gathering of data or documented material essential for learning, the phrase 'New School' connotes forward-thinking," says Sinha.

Moreover, to suit the need of the hour, syllabus had to be restructured whether it be at the council level or school. "All aspects related to the pre-

sent work scenario have been taken into account and the syllabus has been tailor-made to suit the respective levels and requirements of the students," Banerjee tells you.

Haneesha tells us that the online education was not quite helpful as they had several distractions, so going back to school and catching up with the syllabus felt difficult since the basics weren't strong enough.

Coming to the syllabus, there have been modifications and alterations for both board classes and in-house curriculum. "The Council For The Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) has brought in necessary bifurcations in the syllabus to cater to two semester exams instead of one board exam. Likewise, the internal curriculum of the school has also been moderated in tangent with the hybrid pattern of teaching," Roy explains.

She adds that the Council has not only slashed down the syllabus for the board classes but has also changed the pattern of their testing of the students. The candidates are now supposed to attempt MCQs for the semester one exam. Similarly, the internal exam system of the school has been based on hybrid testing, MCQs and subjective.

With cons come pros. Switching from offline teaching to online has been a rough ride but it has also given space to educators and learners to explore various methods of e-learning and make use of different technologies in the comfort of their own homes. "During online classes the students were very comfortable since they could learn at their own pace. Now that we are almost back to in-person teaching, we can't deny the pleasure of real time lively discussions and interactions. Offline classes are easy from a teacher's perspective but as an educator I feel now is the time for hybrid learning," says Roy.

According to Banerjee, online teaching was something which was forced down everyone's throat. She felt that the very essence or soul of my institution had gone missing and teaching without physical and emotional connection was without any substance.

"All the students according to me prefer offline schooling as we get to meet our friends, even though wearing masks for long hours can get tiring, it's better than sitting at home and staring into the laptop screens," Haneesha shares.

Sitting still and not moving for hours, zero face-to-face interactions and no extracurricular activities have all taken a toll on students' and educators' mental health. Coming back to school seems like a relief for most of them even if a lot of things are not the same.

"Teachers, too, require the tactile closeness and energy to teach students that a physical classroom delivers. Although teachers have been able to maintain virtual connections with their students, the value of face-to-face classroom interaction can never be matched. Students and staff alike were filled with anxious anticipation and joy at the idea of returning to what they consider to be their second home," Franak Bandekar, Secondary School and A Level Head, Aditya Birla World Academy shares.

She tells us that learning has had an impact on some children's emotional, social, behavioural, and intellectual development.



ICC T20 WORLD CUP

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TRANS-TASMAN TUSSLE TO DETERMINE NEW T20 WORLD CHAMPIONS

PTI ■ DUBAI

The fiercest of Australia will clash with the tactical shrewdness of a perennially understated New Zealand when the Trans-Tasman rivals battle for their maiden T20 World Cup trophy here on Sunday.

Considering how both Australia and New Zealand won their respective semifinals against fancied opponents, one can expect another dramatic finish at the "Ring of Fire".

Australia, who have won a record five World Cup titles in 50-over cricket, have surprisingly not got their hands on the T20 showpiece.

New Zealand, on the other hand, have always been consistent in ICC events but now seem to have the self-belief of going all way under Kane Williamson's astute leadership.

It will be their first T20 World Cup final and if they do end up winning it, it will be a remarkable achievement for a country of five million which keeps churning out world-class players.

Australia hold the upper-hand over the reigning world Test champions in overall T20 meetings but the Black Caps won their only meeting in the World Cup back in the 2016 edition in India.

Their last meeting in a



World Cup final, in the 50-over format in 2015, was bossed by the Aussies, who have not won an ICC event since then.

Fans of both the teams will have to work against their body clock to watch the game from

their TV sets with the final starting well past midnight in both the countries. New Zealand, who have been the best bowling side of the group stage, showed their batting class in the semi-finals against pre-tournament

favourites.

Martin Guptill enjoys a good record against Australia in T20s and his opening partner Daryl Mitchell goes into the final having played the innings of his life. Skipper Kane Williamson is

NEW ZEALAND-AUSTRALIA IN TWENTY-20 INTERNATIONALS

SUMMARY OF RESULTS				
Venue	Played	Aus won	NZ won	Tied
In Australia	3	3	-	-
In India	1	-	1	-
In New Zealand	10	6	3	1
Total	14	9	4	1
In World Cup	1	-	1	-
Last five matches	5	2	3	-

HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS:		
Australia:	245-5 in 18.5 overs at Auckland	16-02-2018
New Zealand:	243-6 in 20. overs at Auckland	16-02-2018

LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS:		
Australia:	131 in 17.3 overs at Christchurch	22-02-2021
New Zealand:	106 in 18.5 overs at Wellington	05-03-2021

HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES:		
Australia:	98* Ricky Ponting at Auckland	17-02-2005
New Zealand:	116* Brendon McCullum at Christchurch	28-02-2010

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCES:		
Australia:	6-30 Ashton Agar at Wellington	03-03-2021
New Zealand:	4-28 Ish Sodhi at Christchurch	22-02-2021

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FAISAL FEATURES

CRICKET AUSTRALIA	NEW ZEALAND CRICKET
Teams Australia: Aaron Finch (c), Ashton Agar, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, Josh Inglis, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Kane Richardson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Marcus Stoinis, Mitchell Swepson, Matthew Wade (wk), David Warner, Adam Zampa	New Zealand: Kane Williamson (c), Todd Astle, Trent Boult, Mark Chapman, Adam Milne, Martin Guptill, Kyle Jamieson, Daryl Mitchell, Jimmy Neesham, Glenn Phillips, Mitchell Santner, Tim Seifert (wk), Ish Sodhi, Tim Southee.
Match starts 7.30 PM IST.	

due for a big score and expect him to rise to the occasion on Sunday. Jimmy Neesham proved his value in the middle-order against England but New Zealand will miss the services of Devon Conway who punched his bat in frustration after getting dismissed in the semifinal

and ended up breaking his right hand. Tim Seifert is set to replace him.

The seasoned pace duo of Tim Southee and Trent Boult will be expected to keep Australian openers Aaron Finch and David Warner quiet in the powerplay. Adam Milne has

also done a decent job as the third pacer and leg-spinner Ish Sodhi has been impressive in the middle overs. Finch, who could do little with fast inswingers of Shaheen Shah Afridi the other night, will be looking to add to his 251 runs against New Zealand, the most by an Aussie

batter against the Kiwis. In his last two innings, Warner has shown class is permanent and form is temporary and trust him to fire in the all important final. More is expected from Glenn Maxwell and Steve Smith who are yet to make a big impact in the tournament.

Pakistani players were completely devastated after semifinal loss: Hayden



PTI ■ LAHORE

Pakistani players were "completely devastated" after their five-wicket defeat to Australia in the T20 World Cup semifinal but the dressing room was different in their opening match against arch-rivals India, batting consultant Matthew Hayden said.

Pakistan went into the semifinals with an all-win record but suffered a heart-breaking

coach Vernon Philander.

The footage of the conversation was uploaded by Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

"Your heart is broken that's what really you saw in the dressing room, just scenes of complete devastation."

Hayden, who was hired for the duration of the T20 showpiece, said he saw a different Pakistani team during the comprehensive win against India.

"Going right back to the first match against India, from an outsider's perspective, looking at that change room the scene was entirely different, very calm, very relaxed and very balanced approach. It was such a huge match," said the former prolific Australia opener.

Philander, however, said that the big occasion got to the players a little bit and calmness factor was missing.

Jayawardena, Pollock, Brittin to be inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

PTI ■ DUBAI

Sri Lankan great Mahela Jayawardena, former South Africa all-rounder Shaun Pollock and ex England batter Janette Brittin will be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame before the T20 World Cup final gets underway here on Sunday.

The three cricketers will be formally inducted by fellow ICC Hall of Famer, Sir Clive Lloyd, before the much-anticipated final between New Zealand and Australia starts at the Dubai International Stadium.

The ICC Hall of Fame recognises the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history. 106 players have been inducted since its launch in 2009, with Brittin, Jayawardena and Pollock as the latest



inductees.

Brittin, who died in 2017, was a mainstay of the England Test team for 19 years and paved the way for women's cricket between 1979 and 1998.

Jayawardena retired as one of Sri Lanka's greatest ever players, a key member of the team that won the T20 World Cup in 2014 and reached four

other major ICC finals. Pollock was one of the finest bowling all-rounders the game has ever seen and was the first player to achieve the 3,000 run and 300 wicket double in both Test and ODI cricket.

Reacting to the news of Brittin's induction, her friend Angela Bainbridge, said: "I would like to extend my thanks

to the ICC for the incredible honour they have bestowed on Jan by inducting her into the Hall of Fame.

"I along with Jan's parents Maggie and Kevin are incredibly proud of her and her achievements and this award recognises both the player and the person that she was.

"You could not wish to meet a more humble or talented player and she always gave 100% whether she played for club, county, or country. It is sad that Jan is not able to collect this trophy herself, but her memory will live on."

Jayawardena follows Kumar Sangakkara and Muttiah Muralitharan into the Hall of Fame. "It's a very special honour to follow in the footsteps of legends Sanga and Murali from Sri Lanka and so many other great cricketers of the past.

One big goal is to play massive role in Test series win in India, says Nathan Lyon

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Nowhere close to retiring, experienced Australian spinner Nathan Lyon says one of his long-term goals is to play a "massive role" in a Test series win in India. India have won the last three Test series against Australia including back-to-back victories Down Under in 2018-19 and 2020-21.

Australia, who last visited India in 2017, were scheduled to tour the country in October this year but due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the slot was used to host the ongoing T20 World Cup. Lyon, who will turn 34 in a week, could get a chance to play in India in 2023.

"One of the big goals is I'd really like to be part of an Australian team that can win a Test series in India," Lyon was quoted as saying by 'Sydney Morning Herald'.

"I think I can play a massive role in that as well. That's definitely one of my big goals. I think that's one of the big goals team-wise. That is a big focus." The Ashes at home, beginning next month, could be Lyon's last against traditional rivals England but the spinner says he is still hungry and doesn't see any reason why he can't go on to play one more in 2025. "To be honest, I don't see a reason why not," he said.

"I've always said this from day one: if I wake up one morning and don't have the drive to get better, that's when I need to walk away from the game," said Lyon, who is one shy of his 400th Test wicket. "But I'm waking up hungrier than ever now. I feel like I have a lot to give and I'm looking forward to it."

Shivnarine Chanderpaul appointed West Indies Under-19 batting consultant

PTI ■ ST JOHN'S (ANTIGUA AND BARBADOS)

Former West Indies cricketer Shivnarine Chanderpaul has been appointed as batting consultant of the under-19 national team for the upcoming high performance camp in Antigua ahead of next year's World Cup. The 47-year-old left-handed batter, who has played 164 Tests, 268 ODIs and 22 T20Is, scoring a total of 20,988 runs for the West Indies, will join the preparatory camp to be held from November 15 to 28 at the Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua.

With the World Cup scheduled to be held in the Caribbean in January-February next year, Chanderpaul will join



Floyd Reifer (head coach), Rohan Nurse (assistant coach) and Curtly Ambrose (bowling coach) in the team's preparation. "Shiv has a tremendous amount of cricketering knowledge and know-how and he will be a great addition to the coaching staff," Jimmy Adams, Cricket West Indies

(CWI) director of cricket, said in a statement. "We already have another icon of the game in Sir Curtly Ambrose,

who has been involved with the squad since the camp in August, as well as several other outstanding coaches."

The selection panel has picked 28 players for this camp following the previous camp and trial matches held in August.

This includes two newcomers who will be assessed by the coaches and selectors - Jaden Leacock, a right-arm fast-medium bowler and right-hand batter and Kevin Wickham, a right-hand batter and right-arm wrist spinner. Robert Haynes, CWI's Lead Selector for the West Indies Rising Stars U19s said he is looking forward to meet the players.

For greater success as batsman, Kohli should give up captaincy in all formats: Afridi



PTI ■ KARACHI

Former Pakistan skipper Shahid Afridi feels Indian captain Virat Kohli should step down from the leadership role in all formats of the game to flourish as a batsman for his country.

Speaking on the Samaa television channel, Afridi said that the BCCI's decision to appoint Rohit Sharma as India's T20 captain was a good one. This was after Kohli relinquished T20 captaincy at the end of India's T20 World Cup campaign. "I think he has been a wonderful force for Indian cricket but I think it would be best if he decided to retire as captain in all formats now," Afridi said.

"I have played with Rohit for a year and he is an outstanding player with a top mentality. His biggest asset is he can stay relaxed where required and show aggression when it is needed the most," he added. The Pakistani star said that Rohit had the mental strength to be a good captain and he has shown this with his IPL franchise Mumbai Indians.

"He is a top level player with terrific shot selection and he has the mentality to be a good leader of the players," he said.

Delhi's Khejroliya open to play for another team in domestic arena

DRITI ATRI ■ NEW DELHI



Driti Atri, Khejroliya said he was shocked to miss out on the SMAT place but is hopeful about getting selected for Ranji and is working hard for it.

"I don't think there is any specific reason behind my exclusion from the Syed Mushtaq Ali squad. I was myself was bit shocked when it came in my knowledge that I was not in the team. But I took it very positively. I believe whatever happens, happens for good. I might have something bigger coming for me. Now I'm more focused towards my training

and fitness," he said.

"I have played a major role in Delhi's wins in the past few seasons. I've been a wicket-taker for Delhi. The DDCA selections are on their way, and the selectors do have eyes on the talent. The one who performs gets the opportunity to play the next game. I have put in my best, but I think there is always a room for improvement, which I'm working on. I am looking forward to joining the camp. But yes, if one percent I'm not picked from Delhi this season, I'll try to switch and play at a different state," he added.

The Delhi lad, who hails from Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district and started playing cricket at the age of 25, was one of the star performers on the domestic circuit. Apart from being one of the archi-

facts of Delhi's run to the 2017-18 Ranji Trophy final, he took a hat-trick against Haryana in the 2018 Vijay Hazare Trophy quarterfinal, which is the biggest highlight of his career so far.

Khejroliya, who used to play for Rs 500 per game in his earlier days, made a name for himself in Delhi's club cricket and soon got the chance to represent Delhi in all three formats, where he formed a solid partnership with Navdeep Saini with the ball, but while Saini went on to play for India, Khejroliya's career took a backseat after he suffered a leg injury which kept him out for some time.

He was also a member of the Royal Challengers

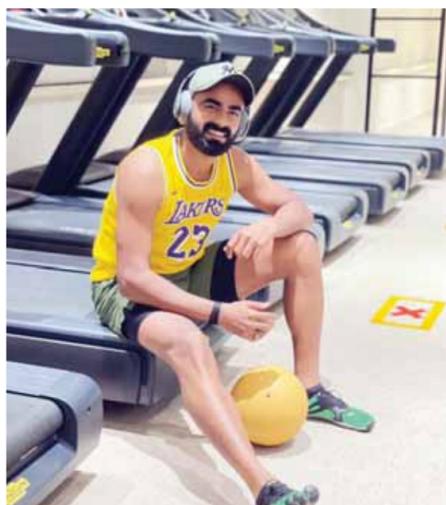
Bangalore, Mumbai Indians, and Delhi Capitals setups in the IPL, which will become a ten-team affair with the addition of two new teams in the upcoming season. Khejroliya hopes that the addition of two new teams will create opportunities for several other players like him to leave their mark in the biggest franchise cricket tournament in the world. With an aim to deliver a strong performance in the 2022 season, which could open the door

for his entry into the senior India team as well, Delhi pacer Kulwant Khejroliya is ready to give his all.

At least 50 new players will get an opportunity with the two new teams. For me, all I want is to play. I have played for Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore, and Delhi Capitals and put all my efforts uniformly.

If we talk about money, it really doesn't matter to me, even if I'm bought in base price, I'll be happy performing.

All I want is to perform well and play matches. No matter which team bought me if I'm not able to play matches all the hard work will be of no use. I just want to give my best and want the selectors to be proud on their decision," he concluded.



India honours its sporting best at dazzling National Awards ceremony

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, India opener Shikhar Dhawan, veteran woman cricketer Mithali Raj and history-making Paralympic stars shared the spotlight as an unprecedented 12 sportspersons were presented with India's highest sporting honour -- the Major Dhyhan Chand Khel Ratna -- by President Ram Nath Kovind here on Saturday.

In a glittering function organised at the Durbar Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhawan here, the President also bestowed 35 sportspersons with the Arjuna award as he recognised the country's unparalleled Olympic and Paralympic performances this year.

The event became an in-person affair this time after going online the previous year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The star attraction of the evening was Chopra, who received his Khel Ratna award amid thunderous applause from the select dignitaries present on the specially organised function.

Chopra, who became India's first Olympic medallist in athletics and the first gold-medallist in 13 years, was the first among the Khel Ratna awardees to receive the honour.

Besides the 23-year-old star, other recipients of the Khel Ratna recognition, were Olympic bronze-winning Indian men's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh, veteran goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, Olympic silver-medallist wrestler Ravi Dahiya, Olympic bronze-winning boxer Lovlina Borgohain and Mithali, who became the first woman cricketer to get the award.

Sunil Chhetri became the first footballer to be bestowed the award, a well-deserved recognition for keeping pace with the likes of Lionel Messi in scoring international goals.

Paralympic gold-winners Avani Lekhara (Shooting), Sumit Antil (Athletics), Pramod Bhagat (Badminton), Krishna Nagar (Badminton), Manish Narwal (Shooting) were also given the Khel Ratna.

Along with 12 Khel Ratnas, India this year honoured 35 Arjuna awardees, including cricketer Shikhar Dhawan, Olympic bronze-winning men's hockey team and other medal winners from Paralympic Games.

The long list this year was a result of the historic medal hauls at the Olympics (7) and Paralympics (19).

The event is traditionally held on August 29 every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyhan Chand.

The Khel Ratna award carries a cash prize purse of Rs 25 lakh, a medal a scroll of honour.

The Arjuna award carries a prize money of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statue and a scroll of honour.

Present at Saturday's ceremony was sports minister Anurag Thakur along with a host of other dignitaries, including his predecessor Kiren Rijiju.

Given the unprecedented Olympic and Paralympic performances by Indian athletes this year, the number of awardees shot up this year.

The Khel Ratna award is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performances by a sportsperson over a period of previous four years.

India's haul of 19 in the Paralympics included five gold, eight silver and six bronze medals.

President Kovind confers Dhyhan Chand Award, 2021 on Shri Abhijit Kunte in recognition of his outstanding achievements and contribution for the promotion of chess. He was honoured with International Master Title in 1997 and International Grand Master Title in 2000. He is the only chess player to win a national award since 2013

Besides, a total of 10 coaches were conferred with the Dronacharya awards this year.

In the life-time achievement category, T P Ouseph (Athletics), Sarkar Talwar



(Cricket), Sarpal Singh (Hockey), Ashan Kumar (Kabaddi) and Tapan Kumar Panigrahi (Swimming) received the honour.

The winners in the regular Dronacharya category were: Radhakrishnan Nair P (Athletics), Sandhya Gurung (Boxing), Pritam Siwach (Hockey), Jai Prakash Nautiyal (Para Shooting) and Subramanian Raman (Table Tennis).

Gurung, besides being an assistant coach in the national camp, is also the personal coach of Borgohain, who was bestowed with the Arjuna award last year.

Sajjan Singh (Wrestling) won the Dhyhan Chand Award for Lifetime achievement along with former world and Asian champion boxer Lekha K C, Abhijeet Kunte (Chess), Davinder Singh Garcha (Hockey) and Vikas Kumar (Kabaddi).

This year's awards selection committee was headed by Justice (Retd.) Mukundakam Sharma (former Judge of Supreme Court) and included three-time Paralympic medal-winning javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia, former cricketer Venkatesh Prasad, and ex-world champion boxer L Sarita Devi among others.

The awardees:

Major Dhyhan Chand Khel Ratna Award: Neeraj Chopra (Athletics), Ravi Kumar (Wrestling), Lovlina Borgohain (Boxing), P R Sreejesh (Hockey), Avani Lekhara (Para Shooting), Sumit Antil (Para Athletics), Pramod Bhagat (Para Badminton), Krishna Nagar (Para Badminton), Manish Narwal (Para Shooting), Mithali Raj (Cricket), Sunil Chhetri (Football), Manpreet Singh (Hockey).

Arjuna Awards: Arpinder Singh (Athletics), Simranjit Kaur (Boxing), Shikhar Dhawan (Cricket), CA Bhavani Devi (Fencing), Monika (Hockey), Vandana Katariya (Hockey), Sandeep Narwal (Kabaddi), Himani Uttam Parab (Mallakhamb), Abhishek Verma (Shooting), Ankita Raina (Tennis), Deepak Punia (Wrestling), Dilpreet Singh (Hockey), Harman Preet Singh (Hockey), Rupinder Pal Singh (Hockey), Surender Kumar (Hockey), Amit Rohidas (Hockey), Birendra Lakra (Hockey), Sumit (Hockey), Nilakanta Sharma (Hockey), Hardik Singh (Hockey), Vivek Sagar Prasad (Hockey), Gurjant Singh (Hockey), Mandeep Singh (Hockey), Shamsher Singh (Hockey), Lalit Kumar Upadhyay (Hockey), Varun Kumar (Hockey), Simranjeet Singh (Hockey), Yogesh Kathuniya (Para Athletics) Nishad Kumar (Para Athletics), Praveen Kumar (Para Athletics), Suhash Yathiraj (Para Badminton) Singhraj Adhana (Para Shooting), Bhavina Patel (Para Table Tennis), Harvinder Singh (Para Archery) and Sharad Kumar (Para Athletics).

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar: Manav Rachna Educational Institution and Indian Oil Corporation Limited for encouragement to sports through Corporate Social Responsibility.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy: Panjab University, Chandigarh.

AP ■ SAO PAULO

Argentina closed in on a direct World Cup spot with a 1-0 win at Uruguay, despite the absence of Lionel Messi.

Veteran winger Ángel di María scored the only goal in the seventh minute on Friday with a powerful left foot shot from the right corner of the penalty box. Uruguay goalkeeper Fernando Muslera didn't get close to stopping the ball.

Second-place Argentina now has 28 points in 12 matches. The top four teams in South America earn direct entry to the World Cup. The fifth-place team goes into an intercontinental playoff for a spot in Qatar next year.

Argentina closes in on WCup spot; Messi plays 15 minutes

"Winning today was a gigantic step. We deserve this, we have worked for this," Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez said.

"They needed points, playing here was hard. This Argentina has amazing courage, and when we don't play well we have to win anyway."

Argentina was less dominant in Montevideo in comparison with recent qualifying matches. Messi only came on in the middle of the second half but did not make an impact. The absence of defensive midfielder Leandro Paredes,



who has a hip injury, also affected the Copa America champions Uruguay's Luis Suárez hit the post after Argentina's goal and his team had the better opportunities in the second half, but it largely missed the target.

A number of Uruguay players missed the match due to injuries, including defenders Sebastián Cáceres, Sebastián Coates and Matías Viña, midfielders Federico Valverde, Nicolás de la Cruz and Giorgian de Arrascaeta, and forwards Edinson Cavani, Darwin Núñez and Maximiliano Gómez.

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First Prime Minister of India
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Primary reason why I got Khel Ratna is playing for 19 years: Chhetri

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The first footballer to be conferred with the Major Dhyhan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Indian maestro Sunil Chhetri on Saturday credited his longevity at the top level as the reason for bagging the highest sporting honour of the country.

The 37-year-old India captain, who began his professional career in 2002 with the famous Mohun Bagan club and made his international debut in 2005, received the Khel Ratna from President Ram Nath Kovind.

"One of the primary reasons why I got the Khel Ratna Award is because I have been playing for 19 years. I want to thank each one of the masseurs, physios and doctors. You superstars have been the main reason why I could be on the pitch," Chhetri said.

"There have so many times when I thought I couldn't, but you guys made it possible for me," he said in a statement issued by All India Football Federation.

He also thanked all the clubs he had played for, his



teammates -- both at the clubs and the national team, the fans and his family.

"All these years you have suffered with me, rejoiced with me, you were there at with me at every ups and downs, you dreamt with me -- and I very happily share this Award with each and every one of you."

Arguably India's greatest footballer after the 'Golden Era' of the last century, Chhetri

has played most number of international matches and scored most goals. With 80 strikes from 125 international matches, he is currently tied with Argentine superstar Lionel Messi on number of goals among active players.

He is one of the few Indian footballers who have won the Padma Shri and has also been conferred with the Arjuna Award.

talktime

GAUHAR KHAN

The actress speaks with Shalini Saksena about her role in 14 Phera, which premiered on Zee 5, her journey from a model to an actor among other things

'I AM REALLY FORTUNATE THAT I GOT TO WORK IN THIS FILM'



■ What is 14 Phera about?
14 phere is about a couple in love and how they want to get married much against the wills of their families because if society pressures on how people are expected to be when they enter matrimony.

This couple wants to get married despite being from different cultures and background. How they don't want to go against their parents but want to find a midway as to hiring fake parents so that they can get married and not hurt or trouble anybody.

It's about things going wrong, dealing with more seriously issues in a lighter way. 14 phere is comedy, it's got drama, great music.

■ What's your role here?

Zubina is a theatre actor in Delhi. She thinks that she is made for bigger things in life. That's why she takes this challenge by a friend when he comes up to her and asks her to play a fake parent.

She is not older so she has to take it up as a challenge to convince people that she is such a fabulous actor that she can pull off any role and any character. That's how she becomes Vikrant's and Kriti's mother in the film.

■ How did you come on board for the project?

I came on board because I auditioned for the role and Divyanshu sir really liked my audition and he thought I can really play Zubina and I'm really fortunate that I got to work in this film. All the acclaim that I have got, I'm very happy and grateful for this opportunity.

■ How much fun did you have during the shoot?



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Lots of fun! We were like this big family, we would eat together. There was this big fat Indian wedding aura around us so we were like dancing in Lucknow, Mumbai and wherever we were shooting.

It was like friends working together. Everyone was so cool. Vikrant, Kriti, Divyanshu sir, zee studios production house, they were all so loving and friendly that it was fantastic.

■ I understand that it is a social drama film. Does it have a message for the viewers?

Of course it does. Like I said before, it's dealing with bigger societal issues in a much lighter manner and actually drawing light towards how even now there are these expectations of two people getting married and how it should actually be looked at and accepted.

■ You have done films, web and TV. Is there a medium you prefer?

I prefer acting and I love to act. As long as there is meaningful work, there is credible roles given to me and fabulous directors and actors that I get to work with, I actually love all mediums.

■ From a model to an actor how has the journey been so far?

It's like a dream come true. When I used to model, I used to think when am I going to be a showstopper and now Alhamdulillah I get to live my dream. I get to work with the most amazing people. I'm singing, dancing, acting, performing, hosting.

I'm doing all the fun on social media so I feel that I'm living my dream and accepted in all mediums. That's actually a blessing.

RECYCLE & REUSE

From developing a medical app to help people find a doctor that they want, to an innovative and versatile app created to provide recycling solutions, there is no stopping this Class VI student, says SHALINI SAKSENA

When Pranet Pahwa, earlier this year, redeveloped an app XDOC+ to help a patient find relevant doctor, he was confident that there was no stopping him and that there would be more from him in the coming few months. Sure enough nine months down the line, this Class VI student of Shiv Nadar School, Faridabad has come up with an innovative app — Heal the World. The app, he tells you, has been created for recycling solutions.

According to statistics, India generates about 60 million tonnes of garbage every year. Out of this, 45 million tonnes of garbage remains untreated. Therefore, it is the need-of-the-hour for us to look for immediate solutions and engage everyone in the drive to protect our environment.

"This app has been designed to offer solutions in that direction. It is unlike other recycling apps because it creates awareness among people, especially kids about waste management in a fun and engaging manner. However, the app has not gone live and is still there is lots to do before it can be used by people. It is in its testing phase. It is under registration. It may take a couple of months to get this done," Pahwa says.

The app, one i told has three sections — Know More; Have Some Fun and Play Your Part. The know more section has two buttons — why recycle and how recycle. In these two sections people will get to know everything there is to know about why one should recycle and what is the easiest way to do. There are a few videos that people can watch to get an idea on how to go about it. These videos,



Pahwa tells you have been taken from the Internet or YouTube that give an in-depth information about these two questions.

In the Have Some Fun, there is a quiz and two games. The games are on ways to recycle and garbage collector. In ways to recycle, is a drag and drop game. In the second one, people,

as the name suggests, collect garbage.

"The Play Your Part is a premium section. Here, people have to log or sign up. This has sections as well — three — kitchen compost, beach clean drive and ways to wealth. There are videos here as well. For example in kitchen compost, there are videos

Just entering Delhi, I saw a huge mountain of garbage. It didn't sit well with me. I wanted to do something about it. If this had been reduced, recycled and reused, it would not be a mountain today

that are helpful. A unique feature here is that people who log in can request for a visit and be taught all there is to know about composting," Pahwa explains.

In beach clean drive, there are a few campaign listings that people can be a part of. A member from Pahwa's team ensures that the person is registered for that particular campaign. All this is done via constant monitoring on part of the team members.

In ways to wealth, people can connect with NGOs. The idea here is to raise money that can do directly to the NGO of their choice when it comes to saving the environment. The drop down menu in the app has a list of NGOs from which people can choose. The money goes directly to them.

The idea of the app with so many sections is to engage with the kids in a fun manner and education them about waste management. For the adults, the donate section is a way through they can connect and do their bit.

Interestingly, the idea for this app

came when Pahwa was travelling from Faridabad to Delhi. He was shocked to see mounds of garbage just they were entering the Capital.

"It was a huge mountain just of garbage. I thought to myself that it was strange that one should have a mountain garbage right outside the Capital. It didn't sit me with well. I wanted to do something about it. I felt if all this garbage has been reduced, recycled and reused, it would not be a mountain today. I spoke with a few friends of mine. The app was born. I have four people in the team, Each team member has a definite duty to perform. I am in charge of Play Your Part. Everytime there is a mail concerning this, I have to track it," Pahwa says.

However, this is not the first time that Pranet has been recognised for his ingenuity. This time as well his team and he have been recognised by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, US as the winner of MIT app inventor Appathon for Good 2021. The Heal the World app was selected as the winner for People Choice Youth team. The team was aware of the process of registration and did the needful themselves.

The app is not just restricted to reduce, recycle and reuse of garbage or plastic, it also includes e-waste. "We all know that there is no way that it can be recycle by people on their own. We tell people let us use it in a good way instead of ending up as e-waste. The app has an e-waste menu as well. Here, one can donate things to people who need it or take it off your hand," Pahwa says.

He is already in talks with his friends for the next app. What is it going to be? We will just have to wait and watch.

CookSmart



If you are cooking a recipe from a book or reading it online, one of the first things to do before you jump right in to start cooking is to read the entire recipe first. This is because you may end up with a couple of ingredients short. Also, you'll also be able to find out which pots, pans, and tools you need and if overnight marinate is needed.

Set all the ingredients that are needed around you. You don't want to be running looking for them with the pan on the gas.

Sharpen your knife. It saves time when it comes to cutting veggies and meat. Dull knives are dangerous and can slip when cutting, which makes the chance of cutting yourself higher.

Tip: Season your food! Salt is the key to making food's flavour jump and take it to tasty level.

HomeSweetHome

We all want that your home looks picture perfect. Here are a few things that you can do:

You can mix colours and patterns. This will give that oomph look that you want but still remain stylish and authentic that will have guests drool.

Do you live in a basement? Does the room make you feel stifled? Combine two mirrors to make fake a window. It brightens up the space and makes it feel bigger and it gives the feeling that you have a view.

Have an ugly stabiliser that is an eye sore in the drawing room? Worry not. Either place a green plant in front of it or better still place a small cabinet in front. Place knick-knacks on it with a small planter on the side. Or one can even put a table with a couple of locally purchased painting for a few bucks to cover up the area. A good stand alone lamp will do the trick as well. Ensure you place it so the stabiliser doesn't show.



MasterStroke

Enchanting the customers with its unique features, Inpresso, an all-in-one instant hot beverage maker takes you through a refreshing experience.

Kick-start your day with a cup of Cappuccino or take a break with Hot Chocolate made with Inpresso. This machine serves you with variety of hot beverages of your choice.

Designed in a way where you just need to add water to its tank, turn on the machine, insert the capsule of your choice and rest assured the machine will do its work.

Its design is compact and user friendly and easy to maintain and clean. With Inpresso, greet yourself with café style beverage at your fingertips.

—Hemant Bharara, Founder & CEO, Inpresso



NatureTalk

The reason why people people to have Aglaonema Snow White in homes is because it is a hardy, drought tolerant, low maintenance, air purifier and good luck houseplant.

It doesn't need to be watered frequently and thrives indoors as well. The soil should be well drained and fertile. Water the plant when the topsoil feels dry to touch. Do not overwater the plant. Water thoroughly in the summer and reduce watering in winter and rainy season but do not let the plant dry out completely.

Put the plant in an area where it can receive indirect light as direct sunlight can scorch its leaves.



BITE FULL OF FLAVOURS

QUICK BITES

TACO CUPS

Crispy Taco Cups filled with beans, corn and veggies in mayonnaise is a great snack option for your tea parties and is also a DIY snack for kids.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Serves: 5-6

Method

◆ Brush a muffin tray with oil and line Taco Shells to make cups.

◆ Bake in pre-heated oven at 180 degree C for 10-12 minutes or till it's golden and crisp and set aside to cool.

◆ In a bowl add chopped vegetables, beans, corns, mayonnaise and mix well.

◆ Season with salt and pepper as needed and mix again.

◆ Take a crunchy taco cup and add the mayo vegetable mix generously.

◆ Sprinkle some chopped green coriander and serve.



FRUIT BASED

FRUIT COCKTAIL PANNA COTTA

Enjoy a cooling sweet treat with this Fruit Cocktail Panna Cotta. Simply mix Del Monte fruit fiesta with gelatin, milk, sugar, heavy cream, and refrigerate overnight to set.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Serves: 4-5

Method

◆ Pour the milk in a saucepan. Sprinkle gelatin on it evenly and let it rest for five minutes.

◆ Bring the saucepan over low heat and let the gelatin dissolve. Do not boil the mixture.

◆ Once the gelatin has dissolved, add the sugar and let that melt as well. Bring the mixture off heat and mix in the cream.

◆ Lightly grease a glass bowl/ramekins. Spread the fruit fiesta in an even layer.

◆ Pour the cream mixture over it and let it set in the fridge overnight.



DESSERT

CRANBERRY CHOCOLATE NUT CLUSTER

Make this scrumptious cranberry chocolate nut cluster with Del Monte dried cranberries, walnuts, almonds, and dark chocolate. Enjoy this healthy treat with your favourite cup of tea.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 20 minutes

Serves: 5-6

Method

◆ Chop the walnuts and almonds.

◆ Melt the chocolate in a large heatproof bowl in a microwave for one minute. Stir until smooth.

◆ Add the dried cranberries and



chopped nuts to the melted chocolate. Stir well so that all the fruit and nuts are coated with chocolate.

◆ Lightly grease a baking tray or plate.

◆ Drop a teaspoonful of the chocolate mix on the tray.

◆ Chill for 15-20 minutes until set.

◆ Once set, take off tray and store in a cool place.

BEVERAGES

PINEAPPLE MANGO SMOOTHIE

Beat the summer heat with this delicious Pineapple smoothie with Del Monte pineapple slices, fresh orange juice, Mango Slices, lime slices, and ice cubes. Garnish with a sprig of fresh mint leaves.

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Serves: 4-5

Method

◆ Blend Del Monte Pineapple Slices, Orange juice, Mango Slices and ice until smooth & frothy.

◆ Pour the smoothie into a chilled glass, garnish with lime and serve.



Sound of music

Music is the best medicine. Here are the top 10 songs of the week that will lift up your weekend mood

BOLLYWOOD VIBES

- Filhaal 2 (BPrak, Jaani)
- Galat (Asees Kaur)
- Jaane De (Atif Aslam)
- Aaj Bhi (Vishal Mishra)
- Kaise Hua (Vishal Mishra)

ENGLISH VINGLISH

- Goosebumps (HVM)
- Blinding Lights (The Weeknd)
- Dynamite (BTS)
- SugarCrash! (Elyotto)
- Hold On (Justin Bieber)

the pioneer agenda



Making of a masterpiece

Paresh Maity's new exhibit, *Cast*, is a trip down memory lane that takes audiences to his world of creations

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Know the mind & seek the self

Mind limitations stand in way of potential from playing out in full. If we identify and address our inherent limitations the potential side will play out

Surround yourself with the right people, and realize your own worth. Honestly, there are enough bad people out there in the world — you don't need to be your own worst enemy
— Lucy Hale



There has been a 20% increase in the number of patients exhibiting chronic lung condition symptoms since Diwali, all thanks to the polluted and toxic air that we are inhaling in Delhi, writes DR ASHUTOSH SRIVASTAVA

BREATHING POISON IN DELHI



Diwali, the festival of lights, the return of Lord Ram to Ayodhya, is one of the most auspicious and opulently celebrated festivals in the nation. Historically, firecrackers weren't even in existence when the festival was initiated. For years, revellers have been marking the beginning of the festival by setting off smoke bombs, sparklers and firecrackers. Despite the beautiful light, sparks and patterns the firecrackers emanate, the pollution and harm it causes cannot be overlooked. The air post Diwali turns especially toxic, damaging the air quality and trapping the pollutants in the lower atmosphere. The Government of India initiated a ban on the sale and use of firecrackers this year, in a number of states, to curb pollution. Despite the ban, the citizens did not seem deterred and appeared eager to burst crackers. A thick layer of smog enshrouded cities on Friday morning, hindering the visibility of people, troubling them with itchy throats and watery eyes.

Air pollution has become a serious problem in modern Indian cities, resulting in the death of several people and being the cause of terminal illnesses for others. According to Greenpeace around 52,700 people died prematurely in the nation's capital due to exposure to air pollution in spite of the Covid Lockdown. As stated in the World Air Quality Report, 2020, twenty of the world's 30 most polluted cities are situated in India. Airborne particulate matter is the major cause of cardiovascular and respiratory diseases such as lung cancer and asthma. Furthermore, the low temperatures and decreasing wind speed during Diwali, in the northern states, tends to trap the pollutants in the air for longer periods of time. Several states displayed an exponential surge in the Air Quality Index. On a scale of 500 certain states measured up to 450 and more, urging the severity of the situation. A measure between 0 to 50 is considered good, whereas a measure somewhere between 51 to 100 is acceptable. India has broken all scales and has proven how dangerous the tiny pollutants in the air are.

People are of the belief that "green" firecrackers are not dangerous and do not cause respiratory harm to the extent that non-green crackers do. Though they may be considered a satisfactory replacement, they are not completely pollution free. Bursting green crackers ensures that the emissions are reduced by thirty percent only, as mentioned by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Contrary to popular belief green crackers are not a better, more reliable, safer and sustainable alternative. They too use harmful chemi-

icals like potassium nitrate, aluminum, magnesium and barium. Green crackers are not a solution to the air pollution caused by traditional firecrackers, as they too emit fine particulate matter in the air. Such fine particles have the ability to travel beyond the throat, occupy the lungs and cause severe health problems in the long run.

Toxic chemicals, particularly sulphur dioxide, carbon dioxide, monoxide, manganese, cadmium and carbon monoxide are ejected in high and dense concentration into the atmosphere. In a study performed by Chest Research Foundation, Pune, firecrackers increase the levels of sulphur dioxide by 200 times above the level prescribed as safe by the World Health Organisation. Such chemicals have an immediate effect on one's health, and can also result in long lasting illnesses. Patients of asthma and bronchitis are at a greater risk of their health deteriorating due to the adverse effects of the chemicals and air pollution. Doctors have often mentioned, in interviews, that the frequency and volume of patients complaining of breathing troubles and allergic reactions due to chemical irritants increases every year post Diwali. Every year there is an almost thirty to forty percent rise in the number of asthma cases. Besides people with lung infections, children and senior citizens also face physical health difficulties instigated by pollution caused during Diwali.

Since the pandemic has ensued, life itself has become a struggle. Mundane activities are also required to be performed with utmost care and concern. As of November 1, 2021 India has reported a total of 34 million confirmed Corona cases. Thirty four million people have suffered the wrath of the undefeated disease. Considering the multitude of people that have been affected, it has been advised that those affected by Covid-19 keep away from bursting firecrackers. It is ironic to observe that just a few months back people were struggling to access oxygen due to shortage of oxygen tanks and now people are bursting firecrackers with no consideration for the Covid recovered patients. Those that have been affected by the virus are yet to build an invincible immune system. There has been a 20% increase in the number of patients exhibiting chronic lung condition symptoms since Diwali. At its peak, hospitalisations go up by 40%. Covid patients, especially those who have taken a trip to the Intensive Care Unit have higher chances of experiencing hyper activity due to irritants. Nearly twenty to thirty percent of recovered Covid patients have suffered due to the after effects of Diwali. The lower the lung efficiency the greater the risks of contracting the

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virus. Combining long term exposure to air pollution and the infection of the virus will have an adverse effect on one's health, especially the lungs, heart and blood vessels, which will lead to greater vulnerability to Covid. The crisis will intensify and leave people sick and tired.

HARMFUL EFFECTS OF CHEMICALS USED IN FIRECRACKERS

Chemicals used in firecrackers can cause serious damage to the respiratory tract and contribute to infectious diseases and inflammation.

- **Copper:** causes irritation to the respiratory tract
- **Cadmium:** affects the ability of blood to carry oxygen, leading to anemia
- **Zinc:** instigates nausea, vomiting and may also cause fever
- **Lead:** adversely affects the human nervous system
- **Magnesium:** fume fever
- **Sodium:** is the main cause of burns and wounds inflicted
- **Carbon monoxide:** replaces oxygen in blood therefore, depriving the heart, brain and other essential organs of oxygen
- **Carbon dioxide:** causes dizziness, headaches, difficulty in breathing, increased heart rate
- **Sulphur dioxide:** increases the risk of respiratory tract infection and irritates the eye

WHEN TO APPROACH A DOCTOR?

Your health is not to be taken lightly. Be self aware and keep an eye out for the following symptoms:

- Wheezing
- Flaring nostrils
- Excessive perspiration
- Fever
- Tightness in the throat
- Shortness of breath
- Chest congestion

If one or any of these symptoms are observed please contact a medical professional. Ignoring the obvious symptoms or prolonging the effects will only escalate the issue and cause an even greater discomfort.

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN

We're all familiar with the age old saying 'precaution is better than cure'. Now that the air is already toxic, here's what you can do:

- **Vitamin C rich diet:** If your diet is rich in Vitamin C, you are sure to have a well supported immunity. Citrus fruits and juices such as mangoes, papaya, watermelons, pineapples and strawberries, broccoli, cauliflower, spinach, cabbage and potatoes are rich in Vitamin C. You may also

choose to include magnesium and omega fatty acids in your diet to establish a balanced, well nutritioned diet.

- **Do not exercise outdoors:** With pollution levels soaring it is important to decrease the frequency of stepping out. Stick to exercising indoors. Limit the outdoor activities of children, senior citizens and those suffering from breathing problems.
- **Keep an inhaler or medicines at reach:** Those suffering from asthma, bronchitis or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease should have their inhaler or other prescribed medicine at arms reach. Follow all the directions as instructed by your doctor to prevent exacerbation of your physical ailments. Try not to step out of your house, especially in the evenings, when the air quality is at its worst until absolutely necessary.
- **Hydrate yourself:** Drink lots and lots of water to keep yourself hydrated and fresh. Keep water handy in case someone starts coughing or wheezing.
- **Use masks:** Wear one, not only to prevent the spread of the virus but also to protect yourself from the fumes released into the atmosphere. A good quality mask preferably N95, N99 or N100 will surely prove effective at filtering the tiny particulate matter from the air.
- **Refrain from eating outside:** Eating unhealthy, oily food might spoil your festive mood. Stomach infections, vomiting, diarrhea, food poisoning are some of the illnesses that one can experience.
- **Proper ventilation:** Allow air to circulate throughout the house by opening the doors and windows. Fresh air does wonders for the body. Though make sure you close all the doors and windows in the evening to prevent smoke, fine particles and noise from invading your home.
- **Air purifiers:** For people suffering from pre-existing health issues, an air purifier is a worthy investment. It will serve well by removing pollutants, toxins and allergens from the air, thereby improving the air quality.

Celebrations do not imply risking one's health and safety. Prioritise your and your loved ones' health above all. Now that the damage is done, take ample measures to mitigate the harmful effects. Government is vigilant on the crackers which are not only limited to smoke, but, also burns, noise and related health hazards. Central Pollution Control Board, Ministry of Environment has done excellent studies and suggested detailed guidelines for prevention.

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ART IS THE DESIRE OF A MAN TO EXPRESS HIMSELF, TO RECORD THE REACTIONS OF HIS PERSONALITY TO THE WORLD HE LIVES IN
— AMY LOWELL



MAKING OF MASTERPIECE



It's sheer delight to see renowned artist Paresh Maity at work. One of the most important and dynamic names among artists of the modern era, Maity began sculpting and moulding clay when he was only seven years old.

His obsession with scale often results in huge installations and sculptures that are often drawn back to his nascent days in Tamluk in Bengal, where he grew up watching the creation of the monumental idols of goddess Durga. Even though he has held the brush for many years, it is his inner urge towards a childhood oath that had brought him to moulding clay and casting metal sculptures, thereby creating breath-taking installations which are often larger than life and extremely overwhelming.

And this passion about scale is what became his driving force to exhibit a beautiful amalgamation of sculptures and installations in his forthcoming month long show, *Cast*, that is being held in Kolkata at Birla Academy of Art & Culture Lawns and presented by Gallery Art Exposure along with Birla Academy of Art & Culture from November 13.

The exhibition, encapsulates the impermanence and fear of the artist that is moulded into unique shapes and forms which is not just astounding but is a journey between that which is organic and that which is imagined. It is a trip down memory lane that takes audiences to his world of creations — some imagined and some through physical manifestations. All his works bear his unique stamp of artistry that draws in the viewers and visitors to the close yet open expanse of his imagination and rooted perceptions that both speaks and allows others to endeavour to meet him midway.

Much delightful as it is going to be to see the exhibit in person, here is a peek into the artist's world as he can be seen working behind the scenes. A photofeature.



AUKUS: A new Cold War against China

The AUKUS (Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) pact is a new attempt to prevent China's rapid aggression and expansion across the Indo-Pacific (earlier known as Asia-Pacific). The alliance is bringing the former colonial master i. e. the UK with its two colonial cousins together. This pact offers Australia an opportunity to counter China's growing naval aggression in the region.

For America, it demonstrates its full commitment to secure a peaceful Indo-Pacific on the background of an ever-asserting China in the Asia-Pacific. And for the UK, its participation in the AUKUS would certainly enhance its global position after a devastating Brexit from the European Union.

The AUKUS pact was signed on September 15, 2021. This allows Australia to build nuclear-powered submarines by using advanced technology provided by the US. The remarkable aspect of the alliance is the involvement of the UK in the Indo-Pacific. Once a global naval giant, probably, the UK also wants to reclaim its ground in the region and to be a part of the regional power dynamics.

Is it good for Australia to choose America over China? Absolutely yes. May be China and Australia have been longstanding trade partners, but the way the former is expanding and trying to impose its diktats might pose a potential threat to the latter. Siding with the US is not a new pattern of security alliance. The US has been the only dominant power in the Indo-Pacific for decades now. With the US, Australia could be reassured with a sense of renewed security and tranquility in the region. Is Australia trying to create a security umbrella around? It seems so. Though it is not going nuclear at the moment, in future, it may decide to do so.

China's growing expansionism is causing serious concern for almost over a decade or so. A quick review of Chinese actions makes such patterns easy to discern. After Mao Zedong, it is Xi Jinping who has really claimed the status of a paramount leader in the true Chinese sense of the term. After taking over power from Hu Jintao in 2012, Xi has come up with a new China Dream to strengthen the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and the leadership of the country.

Can China be trusted? Looking at its overtures in trade, politics and diplomacy, one would certainly say

that Beijing is not at all trustworthy. Its opaque and deceptive nature of functioning is to be observed carefully. Xi's designs have no bounds. No one, except a cohort of his close communists, knows how, when and where Beijing will move next. In fact, this is how a closed political system like that of China operates.

Today the unprecedented shared global challenges that are encountered by all are terrorism, climate change, massive income inequality and a rising trend of authoritarianism. Clearly, conventional wisdom says that such challenges are not solved by only a single nation. They demand active cooperation among the various nations. It could be a big mistake if we all accept the Sino-US relationship solely as a zero-sum military struggle and trade war. At this moment, what is urgent is an increasing sense of close cooperation from international organisations and powerful nations to address the common challenges faced by the planet.

The Quad (US, Japan, Australia and India), the AUKUS and the emerging cooperation in the Indo-Pacific particularly against China could simply trigger a larger conflict in the zone. As America is fast withdrawing from its traditional war theatres like Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria (probably), it clearly indicates that Washington is planning to gear up and consolidate its strength in the Indo-Pacific region. In reality, this is the most dynamic of all international navigational routes around the world. And it used to be America's traditional home ground with decades old allies like Japan, South Korea and now, of course India and Australia.

Meanwhile the Chinese military experts say the AUKUS could make Australia a target of nuclear war if such a war breaks out in the region. It is highlighted by China's Global Times that Washington won't arm Australia with nuclear weapons, but the fact is that it is easy for the US to equip Australia with nuclear weapons and submarine-based ballistic missiles when Australia has the submarines.

Many global security experts say Washington's AUKUS initiative has the overtones of the Cold War of the yesteryears. And it resembles the historic Five Eyes Alliance (FVEY) signed in the year March 5, 1946, an intelligence sharing partnership. The FVEY was formally founded in the aftermath of the Second World War through the multilateral agreement for active cooperation in signals



intelligence (SIGINT) formally known as UKUSA Agreement.

Thus, the FVEY has been regarded as the world's most significant intelligence sharing agreement so far. However, originally it was an agreement between the UK and the USA only but later it was expanded to include Canada in the year 1948 and Australia and New Zealand in 1956. Hence the FVEY being one of the most secretive treaties of the World War-II has encompassed the Anglosphere countries and helped them to share rare information.

Interestingly, this post-war intelligence sharing partnership has enabled these countries to create an infrastructure of surveillance for more than 75 years now. To everyone's surprise, only a decade ago in the year 2010, the full text of the UKUSA deal was released by the Governments of both the UK and the US. And, it was officially recognised!

At a time of heightened global security tensions, the AUKUS might have hidden motives. It may certainly turn into a robust military alliance like that of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to counter solely the People's Republic of China (PRC) in the days to come. It could gradually turn out to be the NATO of the Indo-Pacific.

Is China scared of the AUKUS? Yes it is. It is highly worried about the

alliance among the three colonial powers. The indications are that the Communist country has just started releasing worrying statements from its various official agencies and concerned ministries. Only the informal partnership has been formed with no real military drills and about 18 nuclear submarines are supposed to be delivered to Australia only by late 2030s.

And this new fleet would replace Australia's squadron of six aging diesel-powered submarines. Meanwhile, Australia has derailed an agreement with France worth nearly USD 60 billion to purchase and build submarines. And it has led to a great deal of misunderstanding between the two countries in the context of signing the AUKUS followed by a deal to get nuclear submarines from the US or the UK. However, the damage repairing exercises are already on at various levels so as to convince Paris about the urgency of the current pact between the three nations in the Indo-Pacific.

Beijing has increasingly become suspicious. If Xi is such a powerful leader (already he has become a lifetime President), why he is wary about such moves by the new alliance? China's global alliances, new grand plans under the Belt and Road Initiative and constant muscle flexing should not make Beijing nervous

at the moment. China's growing greed, arrogance and the very miscalculation of the military might of the global powers might herald disaster to the Middle Kingdom. Xi must understand the fact that China is an Asian power. The rise of an Asian nation to the status of global superpower only to replace the US is not acceptable to the Western nations. In the name maintaining the global liberal order, the US has been dominating the world since the end of the Second World War. But then, it is a democratic world power wherein one can initiate a dialogue and can pursue a peaceful course of action.

Therefore, despite creating excesses in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and in many other parts of the globe, people feel comfortable and safe under the leadership of Western nations such as the US.

On the other hand, China's long journey to the institutions of global governance is led by an authoritarian system. And the Communist system is purely opaque, devoid of all respect to universal values of human rights and basic freedoms. Sadly, China's system has no takers even in its immediate neighborhood. Beijing is creating more enemies than winning friends in its surroundings.

Today countries like India, Japan,

the Philippines, South Korea, etc, are worried about Beijing's growing aggression. So, Xi must look back. Instead of challenging the Western nations, it should rise peacefully by offering due respect to neighbours and universal democratic rights. In a nutshell, China must learn to become a rule-abiding nation in the international sphere. Then China's rise would face a few questions and create little headaches for the rest of the world.

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PERSPECTIVE

Grand shutdown and reform debate in US

The United States of America is largely known for a stable and balanced socio-political and economic discourse and its larger fulcrum of praxis. The three trillion dollar infrastructure plan of President Joe Biden happens to be a post pandemic economic and structural-administrative plan which is aimed at firming up the development and growth in the American nation. It's all about bipartisanship in the American nation where-in the rubric of consonance between the twin political parties of the order of the Republicans and the Democrats rules the roost.

However, the inter party conflict between the twin political outfits does not militate against the conjoined democratic ethos of the country. In the words of Alex De Tocqueville, the American political firmament is akin to the construction work's rotary machine which mixes together the concrete and the mortar and spawns a paste. Thus, in a similar fashion, what Tocqueville has written in his tome "Democracy in America" happens to be a kind of all pervading altruism for the political system in the United States though the larger fracas during President Donald Trump's regime serve as a pointer towards the American Democratic experiment.

Thus, the American Congress too is attempting to evade an American Government's shutdown and bridge the political divide to ensure a smooth sailing of the nation's political economy. America is not all about the January, 2021, insurrection at

the Capitol Hill. This is a fact which needs to be underscored at the earliest in tandem with the workability and efficiency with the grandiloquent American dream and its resounding resilience.

President Biden has attempted to evade a partial Governmental shutdown by the passage of a Bill in the American Congress which amounts to Government funding. The Bill was passed with perforce till 3rd of December, 2021, and if that would not have transpired, then the Government spending would have to be shutdown in the immediate future. The *Hindustan Times* has reported in a piece that, "The measure, however, doesn't include a provision sought by Democrats to suspend the nation's debt limit, after Republicans in the Senate blocked a version of the bill that included the debt provision. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said that if lawmakers fail to raise the debt limit by about October 18, the Government may not be able to pay its bills, posing a dire risk to the US economy." The Republicans were against a debt ceiling which they vociferously strived for and it was this facet which acted as a chief bottleneck to the Democrat and President Biden's strivings in the American Congress of late.

Reuters reports that Representative Dan Kildee, House Democrats' chief deputy whip, contended, "If the vote were to or be delayed, there would be a significant breach of trust that would slow the momentum in moving forward in delivering the Biden



agenda. With House progressives warning they will vote against the infrastructure bill until a deal is reached on the separate multi-trillion-dollar plan focused on social spending and climate, the vote was not guaranteed. The only way the vote happens is, if, we have the votes to pass the bill."

Akin to the TVP, Tennessee Valley Project, and the larger New Deal initiated by President Roosevelt in the mired days of the first economic depression, along with the Great Society heft of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, the infrastructure palliative and remaking America endeavour happens to

be the medicine which the Government doctor has ordered for the American decline. The talk and the proud but misplaced notion during the Asiatic space concerning the decline of the United States in the larger context has to be countered and what better way do the Americans have but to rely upon the mighty shakedown programming initiated by President Biden. He had mentioned as a quintessential clarion call in his Presidential inaugural earlier that unity and bipartisanship constitute the sine qua non of the great American democracy. Though he contended dur-

ing the speech that one of the most elusive elements in a liberal democracy happens to be diversity and subsequent engineered unity which may be further translated into the nom de plume of stodgy bipartisanship.

The American President's words echo still in our surroundings and the larger environs as he contended victoriously after vanquishing Donald Trump at the Capitol Hill. "Today, on this January day, my whole soul is in this: Bringing America together. Uniting our people. And uniting our nation. I ask every American to join me in this cause. Uniting to fight the common foes we face:

Anger, resentment, hatred. Extremism, lawlessness, violence. Disease, joblessness, hopelessness. With unity we can do great things. Important things. We can right wrongs."

Thus, the American Dream once again becomes the cynosure of all probing and liting eyes where-in, the Presidential address of Biden brings to the fore, the larger American concern about looking inwards from war zones and conflict hot beds all around the globe and stress upon the idea of an internal and domestic, "Build Back Better" in tandem with a true blue Democrat and the attendant reformist zeal to assuage the hoi polloi and the Citizen Cains who were rattled by the ways and means of former President Trump. Road, transit, internet, the virtuosity of the reformist zeal pervades the spirit of President Biden's reform package which intends to make America escape the

industrial smog and the crass and ugly edges of rotund automobiles and development. Objectively speaking, the historic and stereotypical American bill postulates the building of transcontinental rail roads across the length and breadth of the nation along with strengthening the State Highway grids. Unemployment is also a key and administratively gnawing concern in a post-pandemic slowdown, so the Biden bill envisages the addition of 2 million jobs by the end of every year. Climate Change in the light of President Biden's Glasgow COP speech also finds a crucial place in the infrastructure bill which entails an investment of 39 billion dollars in structures ranging from bridges, highways, roads, larger transportation with the icing on the cake being an objective of buying zero emission and low emission transport, namely the buses.

The objective is to transform the US into the most resilient and innovative economy. One can also get the feel good sentiment that President Biden's plan is not merely accommodative or merely aims to flatten the frills and the creases, but it amounts to a generating a nation changing ameliorative to make the United States embolden its domesticity and prepare the nation for a long overhaul in the light of the global spin doctors talking ad nauseum about the term, "The American Decline".

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YOUR WEEK AHEAD

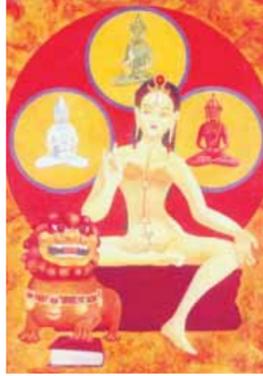
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ARIES March 21-April 19

This week a healthy and positive environment will add to your charm and attraction. You will grow both physically and mentally. Going to the spa, massage, and beauty salon is on the cards. You won't mind spending a good amount on your personality grooming. On the work front, a change of job is likely for some. This is not a good week for those doing partnership business. You tend to overreact, keep your finance and wavering mind under control. Money transaction business should be done with great care. On the personal front, you are likely to get an ambitious partnership with a beneficial influence. You are kind, generous and make all efforts to win the heart of your partner.

Lucky number 13
Lucky colour Navy Blue
Lucky day Tuesday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

Your health would be on the upswing this week. You may be helped by a healer. Follow your instincts about what is best for your health. On the work front, you are a quick learner and will realise your mistakes fast. Mysteries excite you and you will even try solving them this week. Check your aggression and hasty decisions which not only harms your personality but may cause injuries too. Be careful when talking to your seniors. On the personal front, do not overreact to situations that can change the equation of a relationship you value. Keep all the women in your life happy as they bring good luck. You may find yourself attracted to someone older than you are now.

Lucky number 18
Lucky colour Indigo
Lucky day Friday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

This week you are active and energetic. You want to pass your time in creative pursuits. You are filled with new ideas and thoughts. Your curious mind will make you occupied in one or other things. As your muscles are likely to act up, exercise regularly. On the work front, you need to take firm decisions. Be prompt and aggressive when it comes to business ventures, otherwise, you may miss some good opportunities. Time is apt for journalists, if they are focused and clear about their goals, they will not find it difficult to move ahead. On the relationship front, offer what you have for your partner. The picture is not very good on the emotional front. A difference of opinions with the elders is likely.

Lucky number 12
Lucky colour Black
Lucky day Tuesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week health shouldn't be a cause for worry for you. This is a great time to give thought to what you are doing. If you need rest or exercise, consider it, and add it to your schedule. On the career front, a position of power is predicted for you. Your hard efforts done in the past will reap rich dividends. You will find a harmonious balance between meeting your professional commitments and spending quality time with friends and family. Those dealing in property will earn a huge profit this week. On the personal front, with romance in the air. For the moment, even though life's problems go on, you can take time out to forget about the hassles of the everyday world and enjoy the company of your partner.

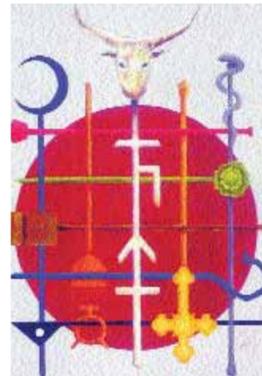
Lucky number 31
Lucky colour Turquoise
Lucky day Thursday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

This week you need care and healing energy, and look forward to some feminine support. There is a need to be loving and supportive of yourself, particularly if you are facing health challenges. Think positively and trust in the universe's healing energy. On the career front, use your creative ideas to turn the tide at your workplace in your favour. Rethink your strategies. If you're looking for a position now is a positive time. Your efforts are valued. This is a largely laid-back week with plenty of time to recharge your energy. On the relationship front, love knocks at your heart. You will enjoy a good relationship with your colleagues. If you have been in a committed relationship, you are likely to find it rising.

Lucky number 17
Lucky colour Gold
Lucky day Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week your ability to bounce back from the toughest of situations will win you admirers. Take care of your health, especially the eyes. You may have to fix an appointment with an eye specialist. This is the time to exercise regularly and take a break. Meditation and walking in the morning hours will do wonders for you. On the work front, some unexpected situations may force you to have a serious thought and bring some changes in working style. Be careful in your interactions with the opposite sex at the work area. You will be adaptable and versatile that will help you to overcome the challenges. On the personal front, you are a happy and contented person. You will enjoy the warmth and affection from your elders and love from your spouse.

Lucky number 21
Lucky colour Grey
Lucky day Saturday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week you might find that your health changes drastically and can let go of old negativity. Sudden insights and a feeling of great optimism make it possible to let go of old grudges and to feel fabulous about the future again. Trying new things or food and enjoying them is also indicated. On the work front, this is a time when you can expect new opportunities to come on your way. Be ready for them. A good week for media people and politicians. On the personal front, lovers will have a good time. Those in a committed relationship will turn into a strong relationship that is mutually supportive and beneficial. If you're looking for someone, this might be the time. You might be very pleasantly surprised by how things work out.

Lucky number 39
Lucky colour Red
Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you feel spiritual, religious and would get immense benefits working in a group. Seeking advice from your spiritual leader in concern of health is on the cards. If you have health challenges, discipline, order, and commitment are the way to go about it. You feel more comfortable with traditional therapy for healing yourself than consulting a doctor. On the work front, direct your energy into a job where quite a bit of planning has already been done. Focus on your strengths. There will be new opportunities coming on the way making you a hopeful and vibrant person. Luck is on your side. On the relationship front, if you are currently committed, you will move to the next level. For a time, you are likely to have a peaceful, happy period in your love life.

Lucky number 29
Lucky colour Sky Blue
Lucky day Tuesday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week follow your intuition on health issues. If a diagnosis whether that's positive or negative doesn't feel right, or you don't feel comfortable with your health care provider get a second opinion or a new provider. For those who take alcohol, this is a time when you are likely to overdo it. Indulge if you must but in moderation. This is also a great time to access the great spiritual books of the world. On the work front, you are at your creative best and your popularity will soar. A promotion or an additional charge at the workplace is likely. Businessmen will do well. On the personal front, those looking for love could have to wait or may come across the wrong choice. Existing relationships are likely to feel stagnation. Mental tension will remain.

Lucky number 14
Lucky colour Pastel Green
Lucky day Friday



CANCER June 21-July 22

Stress and anxiety are likely to affect your health this week. Balance in exercise, food, and water intake, and getting adequate rest required. Breathing exercises and meditation will be useful. If you are waiting on test results, try not to worry too much. Focus on the positive vibes. Surround yourself with positive people. Workwise, the week will be either burdensome or non-existent and you may be feeling stuck. Know that you do not have to stay in a situation that is not healthy for you. You may find a lot of mess around you. Have faith in yourself and the Almighty that changes are possible. On the relationship front, this can be a make-or-break period. This is a time to be clear about what you want out of your relationships.

Lucky number 19
Lucky colour White
Lucky day Friday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week if you feel lethargic then follow through your health regime on your own. Days ahead is great for your health. Health will improve and those waiting for the test reports will have reasons to celebrate. You can have a peaceful and positive time now. Your positive and afresh outlook on life will be in progress to lead a better life. On the career front, you will feel new energy that pushes you to go ahead without much effort and that will pay rich dividends. Those in the arts, music and literary fields will have good times. Even those with the psychic and healing profession will be doing well. On the personal front, you need some time and space to understand the intensity in relationships, especially in love relations.

Lucky number 28
Lucky colour Peach
Lucky day Saturday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you need to take care of your health. You can get the things materialised and much-organised way. Prevention is better, things are under control. Yoga, Pranayam, and meditation will be rejuvenating. Don't be the doctor of yourself. If suffering a health ailment, it's better to go to the medical consultant and start the medicine. On the work front, a promotion is in the cards for some. Good relationships with seniors will pay rich dividends. Those fond of reading and lecturing will find ample time for both. On the personal front, this is the time to be happy. You will enjoy a good repo with your relatives too. Love will be at the centre stage of your life. This is either a new relationship or a powerful re-bonding of an old one.

Lucky number 11
Lucky colour Orange
Lucky day Tuesday

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Know the mind & seek the self

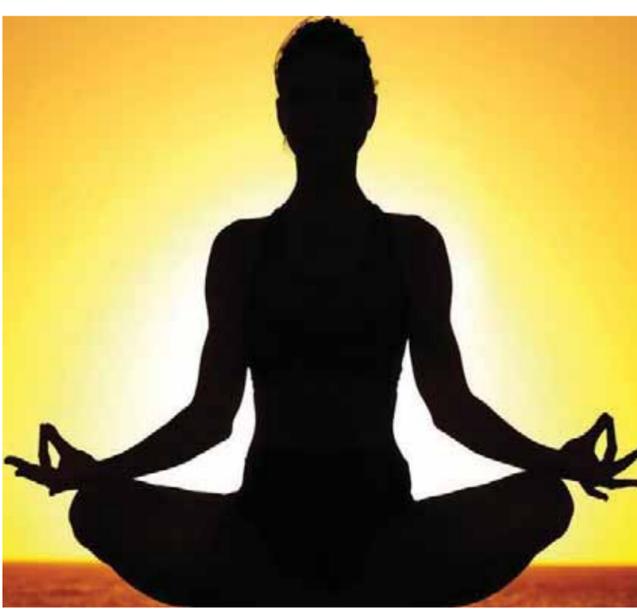
“Why do you want everybody to become a seeker?” asked a literary agent while going through the synopsis of my book: *God or No God — “Awareness enriches life”*. I am not suggesting people seek God for grant of boons. I wish them to seek their own self, which means exploring the making of one's individual mind — its inherent limitations and potential. The limitations stand in way of potential from playing out in full. If we identify, acknowledge and address our inherent limitations, in the first place, the potential side will play out unhindered. Purified thus, if we further explore our mind, we could hit upon the treasure trove, mostly lying dormant because of our ignorance. We may then have access to the full landscape of mind, whence it will know no limits.

Ordinarily, however, we seldom care to explore our mind. We just carry faith in the future, which raises our hopes and aspirations. Accordingly, one tries to explore future prospects, not realising that future is uncertain. It is subject to so many variables. For, dynamics of every emerging moment, and thereby it's callings, is quite at variance with those in the past. If future offers fresh opportunities, it

also throws unforeseen challenges, sometimes difficult to contend with. Often it becomes difficult to find answer by our rational mind. For, rational mind is guided by experiences had in the past. So, often we come under acute pressure, difficult to bear with. The question now is: How to overcome such situations? That makes exploring one's mind imperative. For, mind has immense potential, which unfolded in full could do anything.

Here, I recall Swami Vivekanand's saying: “History of the world is the history of few men who had faith in themselves. Faith calls out divinity within; you can do anything. You fail in life because you have not strived sufficiently to unfold the immense power within.”

We are all aware that all actions on our part are steered through by mind, which defines and then drive them through the functional mandate of a being. For, every act is first ideated, objectified, articulated, and then willed in mind before being put into motion. But mind does not get going by itself. It is set into motion primarily by in-store desires that are nothing but reflection of Karmic accruals carried over from the past birth, which varies from person-to-person,



according to different sets of experiences one would have gone through, making each being unique. That holds the key to our desire and thought trends, which come into play involuntarily. We, thus, are born with a preconditioned mind, which restricts our scope of vision and with obvious consequences. The question now is: Are we to remain subservient to the habit tendencies of mind, or could we go beyond and get better empowered?

If mind is allowed to act a sovereign, it will be really difficult to transcend its limitations. If, however, we align ourselves with the very powerhouse, which animates mind, we could not only overcome its limitations, but come out with our best. Going by Indian philosophic perception, force of consciousness, emanating from the Primordial-Source, projects mind as its instrument for engagement with the live world. So, mind has a dependant status. The obvious choice before us, therefore, is either to play second fiddle to the mind, an instrument, or become its master by aligning with the prime-driver, the force of consciousness.

It is, however, easier said than done. For, though mind has a secondary status, as it works on borrowed strength, it

simultaneously also enjoys certain level of operational independence. Given the power of freewill, the mind offers us with freedom to make choices, carrying equal probability of its use and misuse. That makes it imperative upon us to own up the consequences of the choices made, and the implications thereof.

Often our ego unthinkingly identifies itself with the indwelling tendencies of mind, and then passionately pursues them. Also, our impressionable mind gets drawn towards tempting influences of the glare and glitters of the seeming world. That further compounds our problem. Our mind, thus, gets so entrenched in its own wanderings that it does not leave much of scope to explore beyond.

Here again, applying our freewill option, we could first purify our minds of its limitations and then go beyond to align with the force of consciousness. Mind's wholesome and omniscient power shall then be at our disposal, which may know no limits. Life may then turn into a beautiful experience.

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