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New Delhi: The Indian Navy will commission a guided-missile destroyer and a Kalvari-class submarine by next week in a boost to its combat capability in dealing with the rapidly changing security environment in the face of growing Chinese forays into the Indian Ocean. **P4**

Centre gives Gurburab gift to nation's Sikhs

Kartarpur Corridor to open today after 19 mths

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Exactly 19 months after the historic corridor linking Dera Baba Nanak in India's Gurdaspur district to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Narowal, Pakistan, was closed in the wake of the Covid outbreak in March 2020, the Central Government on Monday announced its reopening for pilgrims on Wednesday.

Punjab's politicians transcended political boundaries to welcome the announcement, which comes just two days ahead of the birth anniversary of the first Sikh Guru Nanak Dev that falls on November 19. Besides, Sikh leaders, activists also hailed the move.

Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the re-opening of the corridor ahead of Gurburab, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi announced that the



entire State Cabinet would pay obeisance at Kartarpur Sahib on November 18 as a part of the first delegation after reopening of the historic corridor.

"It's a happy moment that the Kartarpur Corridor is reopening and the prayers of the Sikh community are being answered. I had met Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Shah as Chief Minister and had requested them. Now they've announced it. I thank them. The Punjab

Cabinet will be part of the first jatha for paying obeisance on November 18," said Channi.

Also hailing the Centre's decision, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) — known as Sikhs' mini-parliament, also announced that it would send a group to Darbar Sahib Gurdwara in Kartarpur.

The group which will pay obeisance at the gurdwara on November 19, will be led by the SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur, besides a *ragi jatha* (group of

Gurbani singers) and other members of the gurdwara body. The SGPC has also appealed to the Sikh *sangat* to take part in the 'jatha' to celebrate Guru Nanak's 552nd birth anniversary at Kartarpur Sahib.

Former Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh also took to *Twitter* expressing his profound gratitude to Modi and Shah for the timely opening of the corridor. "It will provide a chance to thousands of devotees to pay obeisance at the holy shrine on the occasion of Gurupurab of Guru Nanak Dev ji," he tweeted.

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal said that he and former Union Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal had written letters to the Prime Minister calling for the same. Lauding the decision, he added that the "sentiment of an entire community" had now been fulfilled.

Describing it as a "welcome step", Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu said: "The reopening of the Corridor of infinite possibilities... invaluable gift for Nanak *naam levas*... May the corridor of the Great Guru remain open eternally to shower blessings on one and all... *Sarbat da bhala*."

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City Govt for WFH, weekend lockdown

Delhi-NCR's schools, colleges closed till further notice: CAQM

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

In an emergency meeting on air pollution in Delhi on Tuesday, the city Government suggested a weekend-lockdown and work from home (WFH) for a week.

Meanwhile, in a late night development the Commission for Air Quality Management said that all schools, colleges and educational institutions in Delhi and nearby cities have been closed till further notice.

Earlier, Environment Minister Gopal Rai said a ban on construction and industrial activities was also recommended in the meeting with the Centre for Air Quality Management (CAQM), in which representatives of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh (UP) Governments participated. "The other States have also put forth their views and we are waiting for an official notification from the commission," Rai said.

With SAFAR, marking that the contribution of farm fires in PM 2.5 fluctuated between four to 48 per cent in November, Rai urged the Centre to clear its stand on pollution from stubble burning,



Smoke from burning paddy stubble above a field near Jalandhar on Tuesday. Despite the ban on stubble-burning that is said to be choking Delhi and other areas in northern India, farm fires continue in the area PTI

during the meeting.

"The Centre's submission of two contrasting facts in the court has created chaos. It is shocking that the Centre has said that the contribution of stubble in pollution is four per cent on one page and 35 to 40 per cent on another page in the same document," he said.

"I looked into this and found that SAFAR, a Central Government organisation, was responsible for publishing the data and estimates from November 4-14. Diwali was on November 4th and SAFAR's assessment says that on November 4, the contribution of

stubble burning was 25 per cent. It was 36 per cent on November 5; 41 per cent on November 6; 48 per cent on November 7; 30 per cent on November 8; 27 per cent on November 9 and 10; 26 per cent on November 11; 35 per cent on November 12 and 31 per cent on November 13 and 14. If we were to consider the average of the data from

November 4 to November 14, it is around 31 per cent. This data is also from the Central Government, and the data which has been handed over inside the court is also from the Central Government," Rai said.

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Modi opens Purvanchal E-way in Sultanpur



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives in Sultanpur on Tuesday

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PM slams SP for 'mafiawaad' in eastern UP; hits out at Cong for poor Defence infra
VIRENDRA NATH BHATT ■
KURE BHAR (SULTANPUR)

Inaugurating the 341-km Purvanchal Expressway in Sultanpur district after landing on the highway airstrip in an IAF C-130 Hercules transport plane, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the previous Samajwadi Party Government, accusing it of discriminating

among the people in extending the benefits of the development schemes to the citizens.

"Previous Governments in Uttar Pradesh reduced the State's vital eastern part to 'mafiawaad' and poverty, but the BJP Government is now writing a new chapter of development," said the PM.

Modi also launched a veiled attack on the Congress

saying "the roar of the fighter planes also gives a message to the previous Government who ignored the Defence infrastructure for decades".

"The nation's security is as important as its prosperity. In a short while from now, we will see how the Purvanchal Expressway has now become one more power for the Indian Air Force in cases of emergency. Our fighter plane will land on the expressway shortly," the PM said.

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Pfizer to allow others to make its Covid pill

India among 95 nations to benefit from the move

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a major move that will also help India in its fight against Covid-19, pharma giant Pfizer Inc said on Tuesday it will allow generic manufacturers to supply its experimental antiviral Covid-19 pill to 95 low-and middle-income countries.

This will be done through a licencing agreement with international public health group Medicines Patent Pool, said the company.

The voluntary licencing agreement between Pfizer and the MPP will allow the United Nations-backed group to grant sub-licences to qualified generic drug manufacturers to make their own versions of PF-07321332. Pfizer will sell the pills it manufactures under the brand name Paxlovid.

"We are extremely pleased to have another weapon in our armoury to protect people from the ravages of Covid-19,"



said Charles Gore, Executive Director of the Medicines Patent Pool in a statement here.

Pfizer will waive royalties on sales in low-income countries. It will also waive them in the other countries covered by the agreement as long as Covid-19 remains classified as a public health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organisation, said the company in the statement here.

Pfizer Chief Executive Albert Bourla further said, "We believe oral antiviral treatments can play a vital role in reducing the severity of Covid-19 infections... We must work to ensure that all people — regardless of where they live or their circumstances — have access to these breakthroughs."

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Pandora Papers: ED makes first arrest in probe

IREO Group's Lalit Goyal held for money laundering

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In the first arrest in the Pandora Papers' probe, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday arrested Lalit Goyal, the Managing Director of IREO Group of companies, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in a case worth nearly ₹2,600 crore related to cheating and siphon-

ing of funds of home buyers/ investors and others.

The ED initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIRs registered at Panchkula by Haryana Police, FIR of the Economic Offences Wing, Delhi and FIR registered at police station Hauz Khas, Delhi, against IREO Private Limited, IREO Fiveriver Private Limited, Lalit Goyal and others.

"The modus operandi adopted by the group includes routing of funds from various

entities based in tax haven countries like British Virgin Islands (BVI), Mauritius etc, diversion of funds by way of buy back of equity shares, recording of fictitious expenses in the books of accounts, writing off project progress, loans and advances to sister concerns and round tripping of funds through shell companies. Total funds involved are over ₹2,600 crore, part of which are proceeds of crime," the ED said in a statement.

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CBI cracks down on online child abuse

77 places raided in 14 States/UTs in cases related to sexual exploitation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a coordinated crackdown against online content providers on child sexual abuse, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday conducted searches at around 77 locations across India in 14 States/Union Territories in connection with 23 separate cases registered on Sunday against total 83 accused on the allegations related to online child sexual abuse and exploitation (OCSAE).

As per preliminary infor-

mation collected after the searches, more than 50 groups with 5,000 plus offenders are sharing child sexual abuse material. Initial estimates also suggest that nationals of around 100 countries spread across various continents may be involved in the racket.

The searches were conducted in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.



"In a nationwide coordinated crackdown on crime related to online child sexual abuse material, the CBI registered 23 separate cases on 14.11.2021 against 83 accused on the allegations related to

online child sexual abuse and exploitation," the CBI said in a statement.

The agency further said, "It was alleged that various syndicates of individuals based in different parts of India and foreign countries were indulging in circulating, storing and viewing child sexual exploitation material (CSEM) through various social media platforms/groups."

It was also alleged that people were spreading CSEM by way of sharing links, videos, pictures, texts, posts and hosting of such content on social media groups/platforms and third party storage/hosting platforms, it said.

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5 relatives of SSR killed in road accident

AGENCIES ■ PATNA

At least six people were killed and four injured in a road accident in Bihar's Lakhisarai district on Tuesday when an SUV carrying them collided with a LPG cylinder-laden truck, a senior police officer said.

Five of the six people killed in the accident were relatives of late Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput, sources said.

The victims were returning to Jamui from Patna where they went to attend the last rites of a relative.

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PM to inaugurate first global innovation summit of pharma sector tomorrow

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first global innovation summit of the pharmaceutical sector on Thursday via video conferencing.

The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said this is a distinctive initiative that aims to bring together key Indian and international stakeholders from the government, industry, academia, investors, and researchers to discuss and strategise priorities to foster a thriving innovation ecosystem in the sector.

It will also highlight opportunities in the Indian pharma industry that has a huge growth potential.

The two-day summit will have 12 sessions and over 40 national and international speakers deliberating on a range of subjects, including the regulatory environment, funding for innovation, industry-academia collaboration, and innovation infrastructure, the PMO said.

It will witness participation of leading members from domestic and global pharma Industries, officials, investors and researchers



from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), John Hopkins Institute, Indian Institutes of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad and other eminent institutes, it added. **PTI**

Gay activists hail SC approval to elevate advocate Kirpal as Delhi HC judge, call decision historic

New Delhi: The possibility that India could get its first gay judge with the Supreme Court collegium approving the name of Saurabh Kirpal for the Delhi High Court was widely welcomed on Tuesday, some in the LGBTQ community terming it as a harbinger of an unbiased India.

The senior advocate moved a significant step towards becoming a Delhi High Court judge with the collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana, recommending his name, a decision deferred multiple times since 2018 for what many speculated was because of his sexual orientation. Recommendations are sent to the Centre for approval. It can send it back to the collegium. However, if the name is sent

back, the Centre has no option but to approve it.

The news of the likely elevation of 49-year-old Kirpal, who has spoken candidly about his gay status, was met with an emotive response from those in the gay community and also from celebrities, rights activists and others on social media and elsewhere. For author Sharif D Rangnekar, a friend of Kirpal, this recommendation is "incredibly huge" and will "inspire and motivate many people" in the community to live a dignified life. "I can't tell you how happy I am to get this news. It's Saurabh Kirpal's achievement definitely, all credit to him, but we are living in a community where there are so few people who are holding certain position or posts that carry a certain kind of influence, that today this is

something we would want to own as well," Rangnekar, a former journalist and author of "Straight to Normal: My Life as a Gay Man", told PTI.

"Saurabh could have chosen to sign off from India and gone to another country, and got more dignity. But he hung on here, he has not buckled under any pressure.. You never know how many more lawyers will now come out as queer, and not feel discriminated. It is indeed a historic moment for the community," he added.

Son of former chief justice of India Bhupinder Nath Kirpal, Kirpal read law at the University of Oxford and did his Master of Law at the University of Cambridge and returned to India following a brief stint at the United Nations in Geneva.

Health Min suggests house stickers be given to notify fully vaccinated status of families

New Delhi: Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday suggested that stickers for houses to notify completion of both doses of Covid-19 vaccines should be given to fully vaccinated families to encourage uptake of vaccine among the population.

The Minister made the suggestion during a meeting on Tuesday with non-government organisations, civil society outfits and development partners to take the "Har Ghar Dastak" Covid vaccination campaign across the length and breadth of the country, according to a Union Health Ministry statement.

Mandaviya noted that 'Jan-Bhagidari' (people's participation) is essential for such a mammoth exercise like India's vaccination programme.

"India stood tall in Covid-

19 crisis because of the initiative of non-Government organisations and civil society organisations which supplemented the efforts of the government to ensure that nobody went to sleep on an empty stomach during the Covid lockdown," he stated.

The Minister also noted their contribution in ensuring that 80 per cent of the population and 40 per cent of the population received their first and second dose of the vaccine respectively, according to the statement.

Nation logs 8,865 new corona cases

New Delhi: India registered 8,865 new coronavirus infections, the lowest in 287 days, taking the country's tally of Covid-19 cases to 3,44,56,401, while the active cases settled at 1,30,793, the lowest in 525 days, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Tuesday.

The number of deaths climbed to 4,63,852 with 197 fresh fatalities, according to the data updated at 8 am.

The daily rise in new infections has been below 20,000 for 39 straight days and less than 50,000 daily new cases have been reported for 142 consecutive days now.

The active cases comprise 0.38 per cent of the total infections, the lowest since March 2020, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate was recorded at 98.27 per cent, the highest since March 2020, the Ministry said. A decrease of 3,303 cases has been recorded in the active Covid-19caseload in a span of 24 hours.

India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19. India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23.

Ban on IRF founded by Zakir Naik extended for 5 yrs

New Delhi: The ban imposed on Islamic Research Foundation (IRF), set up by Zakir Naik who was accused of inspiring Muslim youths in India and abroad to commit terror acts, has been extended by the Centre for five years.

Naik, who was born in Mumbai but fled India in the wake of the 2016 Dhaka bombing, is accused of spreading hatred among different communities through his Peace TV and social media networks where he has over 20 million followers, and is currently living in Malaysia.

In a late night notification, the Union Home Ministry said that the IRF has been indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of dis-

turbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the country and hence declared unlawful under the stringent anti-terror law UAPA.

The IRF was first banned under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) by the Central Government on November 17, 2016. Naik fled India after the July 1, 2016 bombing at a cafe in Dhaka where terrorists killed over 20 people, including 17 foreigners.

One of the bombers of the Bangladesh capital had said that he was inspired by Naik's speeches. Two of the many Kerala youths, who joined the Islamic State, had said that they were attracted to the Middle-East's deadliest terror group

after meeting the controversial preacher.

Naik denied having any role in any of these incidents. Zahran Hashim, the leader of National Thowheeth Jama'ath, the group which claimed the Easter bombings in Sri Lanka, had praised Naik and asked Sri Lankan Muslims what they could do for him.

Over 250 people, including 45 children and 40 foreign nationals, were killed in the deadly explosions in Sri Lanka on April 21, 2019, the Easter Sunday.

In its notification, the home ministry said it is of the opinion that the IRF and its members, particularly founder and president Zakir Abdul Karim Naik alias Zakir Naik, have been encouraging and aiding its

followers to promote or attempt to promote, on grounds of religion, disharmony or feelings of enmity, hatred or ill-will between different religious communities and groups which are prejudicial to the integrity and security of the country, it said.

The Home Ministry said the statements and speeches made by Naik are objectionable and subversive and through them he has been promoting enmity and hatred among religious groups and inspiring youths of a particular religion in India and abroad to commit terrorist acts.

Naik also makes radical statements and speeches to millions of people worldwide through international satellite TV network, Internet, print and social media, it said.



Sukhram Munda (grandson of Birsu Munda) and Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda during the inaugural ceremony of Tribes India 'Aadi Mahotsava' celebration at Dilli Haat in New Delhi on Tuesday



A farmer harvests water chestnuts at a pond on the outskirts of Ajmer on Tuesday

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"It is essential for the Centre to clarify immediately. Different strategies are needed to deal with both the situations and data on farm fire contribution must be taken seriously," Rai asserted. "The Union Environment Minister should clarify the situation so that the right strategy can be made regarding pollution and we can together find an immediate and permanent solution to it," he added.

Meanwhile, to curb vehicular pollution in Delhi, the city Government will launch the next phase of 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign from November 19 to December 3.

Pfizer to allow others to make...

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Media reports said Pfizer's version of the drug will be in high demand. The company has said it expects to manufacture 1,80,000 treatment courses by the end of next month and at least 50 million courses by the end of 2022.

5 relatives of SSR killed in road...

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"The accident occurred on Sikandra-Sheikhpura National Highway-333 near Pipra village under Halsi Police Station when the SUV driver lost control over his vehicle and hit the truck coming from the opposite direction near Pipra village early on Tuesday.

"Six people, including the driver, were killed in the incident," Superintendent of Police Sushil Kumar stated.

Four injured were rushed to Jamui's Sadar hospital in critical condition.

The deceased have been identified as Laljit Singh, his two sons Amit Shekhar alias Nemani Singh and Ram Chandra Singh, daughter Baby Devi, niece Anita Devi and the driver Preetam Kumar.

Laljit was the brother-in-law of Om Prakash Singh, a senior Haryana Police officer. OP Singh is the brother-in-law of Sushant Singh Rajput.

The victims were returning to Jamui after attending the funeral of Geeta Devi, the sister of OP Singh.

A case has been registered and further investigation is underway, the SP added.

Pandora Papers: ED makes first arrest in probe

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The ED said investigation further reveals that "Lalit Goyal is settler and named beneficiary of a Guernsey based overseas trust, which owns and controls entities holding assets outside India."

"Recent Pandora Papers leak has also named four entities (which are beneficially owned by Lalit Goyal) having registered address in BVI hold assets having value more than USD 77.73 million (Rs 575 crore approximately)," it said. Goyal was detained at IGI Airport in the wee hours on November 11 in the wake of the Look Out Circular issued against him by ED, while he was trying to leave the country.

"During investigation, Goyal was non-cooperative and did not divulge any relevant information. Therefore, he has been arrested on 16.11.2021 under section 19 of PMLA 2002." It further said.

He was produced before a designated special court here that remanded him on Tuesday in seven-day ED custody. Further investigation is under progress, it added.

MSRTC employees' strike about to enter third week

Mumbai: The strike of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) employees entered its 20th day on Tuesday with the state-run bus service remaining paralyzed in most places, officials said. The agitating employees did not budge from their demand of merger of the loss-making corporation with the State Government.

An MSRTC official said that out of 92,266 employees, 7,623 reported to work during the day, over 700 more compared to Monday. As of 6 pm, the corporation had

managed to run only 66 buses, he said.

On Monday, 5,274 administrative employees, 1,918 workshop employees, 295 drivers and 136 conductors had reported to work.

Shekhar Channe, vice-chairman and managing director of the corporation, told PTI that Ajaykumar Gujar, president of the Maharashtra Rajya Kanishtha Vetanshri ST Kamgar Sanghatana, submitted his union's written stand on the merger demand before the high court-appointed three-member committee in the evening.

Modi opens Purvanchal E-way...

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Utilising the occasion to sound the poll bugle for the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, Modi said the previous Government did "injustice" to the people by "working for only one family", while the BJP "ushered in an era of unforeseen development".

He also said there were areas in Uttar Pradesh previously "a hub of mafia and poverty" but the expressway is a testimony to the development the state has witnessed in the recent past.

"When I laid the foundation stone of Purvanchal Expressway in 2018, I had never thought that I will land here on an aircraft one day.

This is the expressway to the State's development and will show the way to a new Uttar Pradesh.

This expressway is a reflection of modern facilities in UP. This expressway is the expressway of the strong willpower of UP. It is living proof of the accomplishment of resolutions in UP," the PM said and added, "For the all-around development of the country, the balanced development of the country is equally important. Some areas marching ahead in the race of development and some areas lagging decades behind aren't right for any country."

In a nearly hour-long inauguration speech, Modi

described how the Purvanchal Expressway will fast-track the region, and by extension the State, on the road to development.

Lauding the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Modi said "I am happy that today Yogi's Government is working without discrimination, casteism, regionalism and dynastic politics. The UP Government is working with the mantra of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'."

"Those who have any doubt on capabilities of UP, on capabilities of people of UP should come to Sultanpur today to witness their capability. Such a modern expressway has now come up where it was just a piece of land 3-4 years

Centre gives Gurpurab gift to nation's...

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At the same time, Sidhu urged the Centre to reopen Kartarpur Corridor, to create a new Darshan Asthan for khule darshan didar for all and to cancel the three farm laws on Shri Guru Nanak's Gurpurab, as it's a day for reflection, rediscovery and reiteration of the Guru's message of peace, harmony and universal brotherhood."

Earlier in the day, the Union Home Minister announced the decision on Twitter. "In a major decision, that will benefit large numbers of Sikh pilgrims, PM @Narendramodi govt has decided to re-open the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor from tomorrow, Nov 17," Shah

tweeted.

"This decision reflects the immense reverence of Modi govt towards Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and our Sikh community," he added.

Shah added, "The nation is all set to celebrate the Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji on the 19th of November and I am sure that PM @NarendraModi Govt's decision to reopen the Kartarpur Sahib corridor will further boost the joy and happiness across the country."

The decision comes two days after Punjab BJP leaders met the president Ram Nath Kovind, besides the Prime Minister, the Union Home Minister, and BJP national president JP Nadda in New

Delhi and submitted a memorandum requesting him to reopen the Kartarpur Corridor to Pakistan.

It has been learnt that Covid-19 restrictions may be put in place, including social distancing, double vaccination, RT-PCR tests within 72 hours, and the numbers may be restricted.

On March 16, 2020, both India and Pakistan temporarily suspended the day-long pilgrimage in wake of the pandemic and also suspended the registration for the Kartarpur Sahib pilgrimage. However, on October 2, 2020, the Pakistan Government announced to unilaterally open the Kartarpur Sahib pilgrimage but India did not reciprocate the gesture.

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‘AAP’s target is to raise city’s per capita income to Singapore’s level by 2047’

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government’s target is to raise Delhi’s per capita income to Singapore’s level by 2047.

“In Delhi, the growth rate has been 11-12 per cent over the last 5-6 years. Delhi’s contribution to the country’s GDP is 4.4 per cent despite having only 1.49 per cent of the country’s population. Delhi’s per capita income is 3 lakh 54 thousand, which is three times the national per capita income standard,” Sisodia said.

“The Government intends to raise Delhi’s per capita income to that of Singapore by the 100th anniversary of the country’s independence in 2047,” he added.

In a statement released on Tuesday, Sisodia said the national capital’s growth rate has reached 11-12 per cent in the last six years and the per capita income is three times the national average.

Highlighting that Delhi is one of the fastest growing states in the country, the deputy Chief Minister said the Arvind Kejriwal government is committed to fostering a progressive business environment in the city.

According to Sisodia, who also holds the portfolio of Finance Minister in the AAP cabinet, Delhi has 29 planned industrial areas and four flatted factory complexes. There are also 25 non-conforming industrial clusters. “On paper, it is non-conforming, but all of the activities take place there. The central Government should conform these areas as soon as possible so that



they can contribute to the growth of Delhi. The central and state Governments will have to collaborate,”

He urged the central Government and the DDA to cooperate in the larger interest of the citizens.

He asserted that the Kejriwal administration intends to build a world-class multilevel manufacturing hub on 147 acres of land in Rani Khera.” On approximately 55.20 acres of land, the Delhi Government is also developing a Knowledge Based Industrial Park in Baprola. In Kanjhawala, the Delhi Government plans to build an integrated industrial township. The proposed project will be a large greenfield project spanning 920 acres,” he added.

Very poor quality air may dip more



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi’s air quality on Tuesday recorded very poor and may slip to severe category on Wednesday. According to the National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI), the air quality index was recorded at 379.

While the farm fire contribution in PM 2.5 was only eight per cent, values of Particulate Matters (PM) 10 and 2.2 recorded at 362 and 222 micrograms per cubic on the NAAQI.

In its short range air quality forecast, SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research), under Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) said, “The AQI is likely to reach the higher end of very poor category by tonight and then slip to Lower

end of severe by Wednesday.” “Surface Winds are likely to be very calm with a low ventilation index pushing AQI to severe by tomorrow and fluctuate between severe to upper end of very poor thereafter until November 18, Intrusion of stubble burning related pollutants into Delhi is not likely for the next two days due to unfavorable (winds coming from east direction) transport level winds.

The effective farm fire count has reduced to 1820 and its contribution to Delhi’s PM2.5 today is eight per cent. The peak in fire count appears to have reached last week and fire counts are now starting to show a declining trend which is delayed by about one week from the previous year due to late withdrawal of the monsoon.”

Delhi riots: Facebook India officials to appear before Delhi Assembly

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In connection with the Delhi riots, Facebook India’s Public Policy Director Shivnath Thukral and Director (Legal) GV Anand Bhusan will appear before Delhi Assembly’s Committee on Peace and Harmony on Thursday, November 18.

The Supreme Court on July 9 had held the Delhi Assembly’s Peace and Harmony committee’s right to question Facebook India officials as valid. The committee is chaired by AAP MLA Raghav Chadha.

In an official letter, Facebook India’s Public Policy Director stated, “We again thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee on Peace and Harmony (“Committee”) to

provide our views to assist the Committee in its aims to recommend preventative and remedial measures concerning issues of governance, social cohesion, unity, brotherhood and peace’ and ‘to strengthen overall social and economic development’ through communal harmony. Facebook shares the Committee’s aim to improve harmony among religious communities, linguistic communities, and social groups.”

On October 29, Delhi Legislative Assembly’s committee on ‘Peace and Harmony’ had decided to call upon Facebook India to send a senior representative on “role of social media in curbing the spread of false and malicious messages which can fan disharmony and affect peace”



Delhi Police chief's legal adviser Suresh Chandra resigns

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Suresh Chandra who was appointed as the legal advisor to Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana has tendered his resignation on health grounds, an official said on Tuesday.

A senior police officer said the retired officer was only a temporary consultant and was under contract only for six months. He was almost at the end of his tenure and tendered his resignation on health grounds.

His successor has not been appointed yet, the officer added.

“Suresh Chandra has tendered his resignation from the post of consultant to work as legal advisor to CP, Delhi on health grounds and the same has been accepted by the Commissioner of Police, Delhi,” according to an order from the office of the Delhi Police Commissioner stated.

The officer has been directed to deposit all government articles, if any, issued on official capacity, it stated.

A police officer said Chandra had served as a Director of Prosecution in the Delhi Government earlier.

Hindu offers own land for namaz in G'gram

Gurugram: Following an ongoing dispute regarding Friday prayers in open spaces at Sector-12 of Gurugram, a local Hindu man has created an example of brotherhood by offering his land for religious rituals of the local Muslim community.

Akshay Rao, who lives in the neighbourhood, took this initiative in view of the problems faced by the Muslim community due to objections raised by different Hindu outfits to Friday prayers in open spaces.

More than 25 people can offer prayers at the land offered by Akshay Rao.

“Such initiative can help to maintain harmony in the society. I will also provide the roof of my property, where every Friday some people can comfortably offer prayers until the arrangement of conducting prayers is not done,” Rao said. This initiative of Rao is



being praised a lot on social media.

“It is a responsibility of each and citizen of Indian to main law and order situation. It was my little step toward helping people. I welcomed Muslim people to offer Namaz at my place,” Rao said.

Due to an objection raised by Hindu outfits regarding Friday prayer in open spaces in Sector-12 of Gurugram, the Muslim representative had demanded that the district administration should open the 19 mosques under the Waqf Board, which are cur-

rently unused so that they can offer prayers in those mosques.

For the past several weeks, there has been a dispute in Gurugram regarding the prayer every Friday due to which 50% of open prayers have been closed.

In Sector 12 of Gurugram, where Friday prayers were held, Govardhan Puja and the community kitchen (Bhandara) was organised by Sanyukt Hindu Sangharsh Samiti on November 5.

Haji Shehzad Khan, the chairman of Muslim Ekta Manch, while welcoming the initiative of Akshay Rao, said It’s a good initiative that a Hindu brother nearby gave his place to offer Friday prayers. There is a dispute regarding open Namaz in sector 12 of Gurugram, We are peace-loving people and do not want to disturb law and order. It’s a good move.”

PICTALK



Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya leads a cycle rally to the Health Pavilion during the 40th India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi on Tuesday

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer Photo

Congress to hold dharna against new liquor policy



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress to hold dharna against opening of new liquor vends from Wednesday under the revised excise policy of the Delhi Government.

Congress Delhi unit president Anil Kumar said that party workers will come out on the streets to oppose the Aam Aadmi Party Government’s decision to make the national capital “Nashe Ki Rajdhani” with its liberalized excise policy. “The new policy will allow three liquor vends to operate in a ward to make easy availability of liquor, lowering the drinking age to attract impressionable, unemployed youth and students to liquor addiction, extending the bar timings to 3 am, which will make Delhi not only the liquor Capital of the country but also a crime capital,” he said.

Addressing the media, Kumar said that Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is behind the revised liquor policy because of his unholy alliance and secret deal with the liquor mafia to take kickbacks from them.

“The Congress will oppose the new excise policy, starting today in the Pol Khol Yatra at Krishna Nagar, to expose the

corruption, lies and unfulfilled promises of Chief Minister,” he added.

Senior Congress MLA and chairman of the communication department Anil Bhardwaj was also present during the press conference.

Kumar further said that Delhi Chief Minister has been unilaterally taking decisions on the revised excise policy without consulting anyone, including the Residents’ Welfare Associations/Mohalla Sabhas.

He also said that even senior AAP leader and Punjab in-charge Raghav Chadha had written to the Commissioner (Excise) to stop opening of a liquor vend at Naraina Vihar following complaints by the RWA.

Kumar said that CM Arvind had promised to make Delhi like Singapore, London and Paris but he has only succeeded in making Delhi number one in air and water pollution and crime. He said that the revised, liberalized excise policy was intended to fulfil Arvind’s greed for money, which the Delhi Congress will oppose very forcefully, by protesting outside liquor vends, and through the Pol Khol Yatra.

Bawana acid attack victim dies at hospital

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 26-year-old woman, who was attacked with acid by a man in outer Delhi’s Bawana area on November 3, succumbed to her injuries on Monday.

Police said that the accused identified as Montu (23), was arrested from Buxar district in Bihar.

Police said the woman sustained third-degree burns on her face, neck, chest and abdomen after being attacked by Montu who lived in her locality and was known to her family.

According to Brijendra Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer north district, the woman died at the hospital in the evening on Monday.

“Police have added section 302 to the FIR. Montu was arrested last week and has been booked under various sections. Our two constables had donated blood to help her but her condition was critical. She couldn’t survive,” said the DCP.

Police had approached a Delhi-based dermatology clinic Medlinks which had agreed

to perform reconstructive burn surgery on the victim for free after her recovery.

Her husband, who works as a daily-wage labourer in Bawana Industrial Area, said that he was waiting for her to get well and had assured his three children that he would return with them mother.

“The doctors had informed me about her deteriorating condition. I wish she had told me about Montu’s activities, this wouldn’t have happened. Now, I have to tell my children about that their mother is no more,” he said.

The couple got married in May 2011 and they have a nine-year-old daughter and two sons, aged six and five, who are presently living at his brother’s house, unaware of their mother’s death.

Meanwhile, a senior doctor at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, where she was being treated, said that the woman had extensive acid burns and subsequent renal impairment (kidney failure) which led to her death.

“She had 45-50 per cent burn injuries and had also lost her eyesight a few days ago,” he said.



Court directs lodging of FIR against directors of air charter service company for cheating



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court has directed registration of FIR against two directors of a city-based air charter service company for allegedly failing to provide helicopter service to a man despite receipt of money, noting that the duo had an “intention to cheat.”

Additional Sessions Judge Anuj Agrawal passed the order on the revision petition filed by complainant Anis Ahmad against the magistrate’s order rejecting his plea seeking registration of FIR against the duo and an employee for not providing the helicopter for his niece’s wedding after taking the payment of Rs five lakh in March 2019.

The complainant alleged that the director did not return the paid amount after cancelling the service and stopped taking his calls, following which he came to know that they have closed the office.

He further said that one of the accused also threatened him. He filed two complaints at Jamia Nagar Police Station and with the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) in September and October 2019 but no action was taken.

Police later told the court that the dispute was civil and there was no inducement or cheating. Allowing the revision petition, the Additional Sessions Judge said, “It appears

that respondent No.1 and 2 being Directors were having an intention to cheat the revisionist (Ahmad) since the beginning as they did not come up with an explanation as to why no services were provided to revisionist despite receipt of the amount.”

Further, there is nothing on record to suggest that they had requisite permission from the Competent Authority to provide the helicopter services to the complainant at the relevant time as promised, the judge noted.

“Investigation by police would be required for recovery of the cheated amount, for ascertaining if the respondent had requisite permission to provide the services as promised by them and for effective investigation,” he stated.

The judge added, “Present revision petition stands allowed. The impugned order stands set aside. Magistrate is accordingly requested to direct the concerned SHO to register an FIR under appropriate provisions of law against respondent No.1 and 2 being Directors.” The court, however, said that no criminal liability can be attributed to the employee of the charter service company as he was cheated by the directors and not paid salary from the last six months. The judge directed the police to probe this as well.

With over 26,500 commuters, Noida Metro records highest post-Covid lockdown ridership

PTI ■ NOIDA

With 26,554 passengers, the Noida-Greater Noida Metro has achieved its highest single-day ridership post the Covid-19 lockdown, while the average daily ridership stands at nearly 17,000, officials said on Tuesday.

The feat was achieved on November 15 (Monday), Noida Metro Rail Corporation’s (NMRC’s) Managing Director Ritu Maheshwari said.

The previous single-day highest ridership of 22,996 on October 20, according to the NMRC.

Sector-51 had the highest footfall of 10,035 passengers, it said.

“The NMRC is taking all necessary measures to ensure a safe journey for Aqua Line commuters like passenger screening at the station entrance and proper sanitisation of all passenger circulation areas in trains and stations,” Maheshwari said.

“This has incalculated confidence amongst the passengers. Due to which aqua line ridership has shown continuous growth in the last few months and the NMRC achieved its post lockdown

highest single-day ridership of 26,554 passengers yesterday i.e. On November 15,” she said in a statement.

In pre-pandemic times, the NMRC was having a month-wise average daily ridership of 25,920 passengers in February 2020, she said.

The NMRC passenger services were suspended as per the government guidelines from March 22, 2020 to September 6, 2020 in the first lockdown and May 1 to June 8 this year in the second lockdown, she added.

After resuming train services on June 9 this year post-second lockdown, the daily average ridership had reduced to 4,904 passengers, the officer noted.

For better monitoring of passengers, openings of metro station entry/exit gates, as well as operation of lifts, were restricted, Maheshwari said.

“However, keeping in view the popular public demand, more entry/exit gates and lifts were opened in October 2021 to facilitate the smooth passage of metro users at various stations while ensuring all the Covid-19 norms, including social distancing,” she added.



Navy to induct missile destroyer

Will also commission Kalvari-class submarine next week to boost maritime power

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a boost to indigenization, the Indian Navy will commission a guided-missile destroyer and a Kalvari-class submarine next week. These inductions will also add lethality to maritime prowess of the country at a time when China is flexing its muscle in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific regions.

The Navy has embarked on a long term plan for building warships and submarines within the country and at present nearly 40 such platforms are under various stages of construction in Indian shipyards.

Giving details of the latest commissioning, Vice Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Satish Namdeo Ghormade said here on Tuesday, the destroyer 'Visakhapatnam' will be commissioned on November 21 while submarine Vela will be inducted into the force on November 25. The two ceremonies will take place in Mumbai with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioning Visakhapatnam.

Addressing a news conference, he said "We all know that the maritime environment is a complex one and it only increases with more number of players involved," he said.

"We live in a time when global and regional balances of



power are shifting rapidly and the region of most rapid change is undoubtedly the Indian Ocean Region," the Vice Chief said.

Continuous efforts are, therefore, on to ensure that the force levels grow progressively to enhance the capability of the Indian Navy to meet the emerging challenges, he said.

While warship 'Visakhapatnam' will be commissioned by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the chief guest at the induction ceremony of Vela will be Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh. The public sector Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) has built both the ships. The induction ceremonies will be held at the naval dockyard in Mumbai.

"The commissioning of Visakhapatnam will reaffirm India's presence amongst an elite group of nations with

capability to design and build advanced warships," the Vice Admiral said.

He said apart from myriad indigenous equipment in the 'float and move' categories, the destroyer is also installed with many major indigenous weapons such as indigenous medium-range surface-to-air-missile systems developed by Bharat Electronics Ltd, surface-to-surface missiles by Brahmos Aerospace and torpedo tubes and launchers by Larsen and Toubro. "The overall indigenous content of the project is approximately 75 per cent," he said. The ship weighs 7,500 tonnes, 163metres in length and 17 metres in width. It has a speed of 30 knots.

Vela is the fourth submarine of the Kalvari class. "Submarine building is a sophisticated exercise involving placing small components sequentially and logically inside

the submarine as the space within is extremely constricted," Ghormade said.

"Very few countries possess this ability in their industrial capacity.

India has proven its capability to build our own submarines for the past 25 years," he added.

At present, India has 15 conventional submarines besides two nuclear powered submarines Arihant and Chakra. While Arihant was designed and built indigenously, India leased Chakra for ten years from Russia two years back. Moreover, three more Arihant class submarines are now under various stages of construction.

Kalvari class submarines are part of the Scorpene submarine project where in these submarines are built in collaboration with France. The contract is for six submarines.

India-US discuss Af situation, ways to spur assistance

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and US on Tuesday held detailed discussions here on the situation in Afghanistan and ways to accelerate humanitarian assistance to that country.

The review took place during the talks between newly appointed US Special Representative for Afghanistan Thomas West and Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla. The US representative also called on National Security Advisor(NSA)Ajit Doval.

Giving details of the talks, sources later said the two sides also took stock of forward movement on Afghanistan after India last week hosted NSA level talks. Seven countries besides India including five central Asian countries and Iran and Russia participated in the day long conclave on November 10.

India had invited Pakistan but it declined to come on the pretext that New Delhi had not invited the Taliban. China also did not attend the meet quoting scheduling issues. However, it participated in another meet on Afghanistan hosted by Pakistan on November 11 in Islamabad.



The US and Russia also participated in that event.

As regards talks between Shringla and West, sources said the agenda included recently held Regional Security Dialogue of NSAs, movement of people in and out of Afghanistan, coordinating global efforts on humanitarian assistance, regional security issues and bilateral issues.

The issue of humanitarian assistance came in the backdrop of India urging Pakistan to allow Indian trucks to supply food grains and other essential items to Afghanistan through the land route. Initially, Pakistan dilly dallied and later Prime Minister Imran Khan said the issue can be considered favourably. India is reportedly ready with more than 50,000 metric tons of supplies which can be ferried to Afghanistan through the land route from Peshawar after entering Pakistan from Attari-Wagah border.

Centre to launch drive to register for Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry will soon launch a drive across the country to register for the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aiming to compile digital health records of the individual.

"Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission is a revolution and will help us in keeping digital records. Health and wellness centres are important for screening and early detection of disease and therefore cure can be timely done," Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said.

While addressing the inaugural programme of the Health Pavilion at ITF2021, Mandaviya said, "Health is not trade for us but for total health, people should get good facilities, this is what we desire." The purpose of the health pavilion is to create awareness and project the importance of total health which is synonymous with affordable healthcare. He announced a month-long campaign as part of "Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav" to create awareness.

Malviya had peddled his way to the pavillion to create



health awareness among the people.

"As much as Rs 64,000 crore has been sanctioned by the Government of India with the aim that every district will be covered to strengthen health infrastructure of the country," said Mandaviya adding that, "We need more doctors and we are investing in hospitals and increasing doctor-patient ratio also".

He highlighted the achievements of the country in terms of high vaccination coverage. "We have achieved 113 crore vaccination doses administration with the support of various stakeholders," he said.

FIRST AUDIT DIWAS

PM urges auditors to adopt scientific auditing practices

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New Delhi:Urging auditors to adopt strong and scientific auditing practices, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said that audit is an important tool for value addition which helps in recognising problems and finding solutions. Addressing an event marking the celebrations of first Audit Diwas organised by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), the Prime Minister also stressed on the importance of data, saying data is information and it will dictate history in the future.

He said there was a time when auditing in the country was looked upon with apprehension and dread and 'CAG vs government' had become the common thought of system. "...But today, this mindset has changed. Today audit is being considered as an



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays floral tribute to Bhimrao Ambedkar before addressing the Audit Diwas function at Comptroller and Auditor General of India building in New Delhi

important part of value addition," he added. Modi said that the non-performing assets (NPAs) of the banking sector had continued to rise because of wrong practices and lack of transparency followed by the earlier regime.

"You know very well how, in the past, NPAs were brushed under the carpet. However, we have put the truth of the previous governments in front of the country with complete honesty. We will find the solutions only when we recognise the problems," he said.

"But today in the 21st century, data is information, and in the coming times our history will also be seen and understood through data. In the future, data will dictate history," said Modi. He also list-

ed out reforms such as contactless customs, automatic renewals, faceless assessments and online applications for service delivery, that have ended unnecessary government interventions. "When transparency is brought in the system, results are visible," he said adding India is the world's third-largest ecosystem for startups and already has 50 unicorns.

Modi said documents, data and files sought by the national auditor, CAG should be provided by Government departments. Referring to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Prime Minister said the country's fight against it has also been extraordinary. "Today, we are running the world's largest vaccination program. Just a few weeks ago, the country crossed the milestone of

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COMMUNITY KITCHEN SCHEME

SC irked by Centre's response on framing pan-India policy

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed strong displeasure over the Centre's response on framing a pan-India policy to implement the Community Kitchen Scheme and granted it three weeks to hold a meeting with States, saying that a welfare State's first responsibility is to "provide food to people dying due to hunger". A bench comprising Chief Justice NV Ramana and Justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli, hearing a PIL seeking directions to the Centre, states and Union Territories (UTs) to formulate a scheme for community kitchens to combat hunger and malnutrition, was irked with the Centre's affidavit as it was filed by an official of the level of an under secretary and did not divulge details about the proposed scheme and its roll out as sought.

"This affidavit does not indicate anywhere that you are considering framing a scheme. You are extracting information. It does not say what fund you have collected and what you are doing etc. We wanted a uniform model from the Centre. You have to ask the states... Not

to collect information like police," the bench said.

"You cannot ask for information which is already available. Do you conclude your affidavit saying you will consider the scheme now. There is not a whisper in your 17-page affidavit," it said. The apex court then expressed anguish over the filing of the affidavit by an Under Secretary of the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Administration. "This is the last warning I am going to give to the Government of India. Your Under Secretary files this affidavit. Why can not a Secretary level officer file the affidavit? You have to respect the institutions. We say something and you write something. This has been told several times earlier," the bench said.

Initially, the matter was being argued by Additional Solicitor General Madhvi Divan and later Attorney General K K Venugopal stepped in and assured the bench that a meeting would be held by the Centre and a decision taken on the issue and sought four weeks time from the bench. The top law officer

said that something can be worked out within the framework of the National Food Security Act.

"The question is simple, last occasion we made it clear unless and until states are involved the Centre can not do anything. So we directed the Centre to call the meeting and frame the policy. The issue is now, make a comprehensive scheme, identify areas where there's immediate need, so it can be uniformly implemented," the CJJ said.

"See if you want to take care of hunger, no Constitution or law will say no... This is the first principle: Every welfare state's first responsibility is to provide food to people dying due to hunger," the bench said. Earlier, the bench had asked the Centre to come out with some policy decisions concerning the implementation of the Community Kitchen Scheme by taking into consideration similar schemes which are operational in different States. Advocate Ashima Mandla, appearing for the PIL petitioners, was asked by the bench to prepare a chart of all the states who have filed their replies to the PIL.

Discussions on between Singapore, India to resume commercial flights

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The discussions are ongoing between authorities from Singapore and India for resumption of commercial flights between the two countries. Singapore is planning to allow quarantine-free travel for fully-vaccinated passengers from India and Indonesia from November 29. Singapore has already recognised both Covishield and Covaxin, the two main jabs used in India. The move is expected to benefit thousands of Indian students, professionals and workers, who have been unable to travel to Singapore because of Covid-related travel restrictions.

Sources said that discussions are on as only commercial scheduled passenger flights can be designated as VTL flights. Currently, the only chartered flights are allowed from Singapore to carry passengers to India under the Vande Bharat Mission (VBM). Since these flights are chartered repatriation flights, they cannot be designated as VTL flights.

Currently, there are 13 countries, including Canada,

Australia and Germany, under Singapore's vaccinated travel lane (VTL) programme. Travellers under the VTLs are not subject to stay-home notice on arrival. Instead, they will be required to produce a negative pre-departure test taken within two days prior to departure and undergo an on-arrival PCR test.

Since India has started recognising vaccination certificates issued by Singapore. This means that fully vaccinated travellers from Singapore entering India will no longer need to undergo post-arrival tests home quarantine, they will just need to self-monitor for 14 days upon arrival.

Last month, Singapore began allowing the entry of travellers from six countries, including India. However, travellers will be subjected to the tightest of border measures, which involve a 10-day, stay-home notice period at a dedicated facility. "All travellers with a 14-day travel history to Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will be allowed to enter or transit through Singapore from October 26," it said.

Hyderpora encounter under scanner

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

The counter terrorist operation conducted by the joint team of security forces at Hyderpora bypass in which one foreign terrorist was neutralised along with his local associate from Ramban late Monday evening has come under the scanner.

The family members of two local businessmen, also killed during the operation, Tuesday leveled serious allegations claiming the security forces killed their loved ones in cold blood and used one of the slain businessmen as a ‘human shield’ during the operation.

The family members also demanded their dead bodies but the local police authorities refused to hand over the same fearing law and order problem in the area. The final burial was organised by the police in the wee hours in a graveyard located in Handwara.

Rebutting these allegations, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir range Vijay Kumar in a press conference on Tuesday claimed one of the businessmen identified as Altaf Ahmad Bhat was killed in the crossfire while

another doctor turned builder, identified as Mudasir Gull, working as an Over Ground Worker and harbouring terrorists in the area, succumbed to his bullet injuries after the encounter.

Reacting to the Hyderpora encounter, GOC 15 Corps Lieutenant General D P Pandey Tuesday said that Dr Mudasir, killed in the operation, was operating a fake unauthorised call centre. He further said that the security forces would not allow white-collar terrorism to prevail in J&K. "People must identify and question such elements which act behind to recruit and fund terrorism,he asserted.

Vijay Kumar also claimed "It is not sure whether the owner of a commercial complex Altaf Bhat, was hit by the terrorists" or the security forces' bullet. Terrorists were carrying pistols. The cause of the death would be clear after investigation. Referring to activities of Mudasir Kumar said he may have provided shelter to a foreign terrorist identified as Haider and his associates in the commercial complex. "He was harbouring and ferrying terrorists. Mudasir was also involved in ferrying



Haider from the site of the attack at Jamalata Srinagar, where a policeman was injured after a bullet hit him in the neck. He was an overground worker and was directly involved in harbouring terrorists", Kumar added.

Following these allegations several Kashmir based political parties, including the National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), CPI(M) and the Peoples Conference, demanded an independent judicial probe into the incident.

"Using innocent civilians as human shields, getting them killed in cross-firing and then conveniently labelling them as OGWs is part of the Government of India's rulebook now. Imperative that a credible judicial

enquiry is done to bring out the truth & put an end to this rampant culture of impunity," former Chief Minister and PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti tweeted. Former Chief Minister and NC leader Omar Abdullah demanded "an impartial and credible inquiry". "There are far too many questions being raised about the encounter and about the people killed. There have been numerous instances of fake encounters in the past and the questions raised about this encounter need to be answered swiftly and in a credible manner," he remarked.

Police also constituted a special investigation team (SIT), headed by a Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police. Kumar said, "SIT would probe the modus operandi of the hi-tech hide-out at Hyderpora. "It will investigate the sequence of events and if the mobile phones and computers recovered from the encounter site had links with foreign countries, including the US".

Two pistols, two magazines, half a dozen mobile phones and a few computers were recovered at the encounter site, the police claimed.

National Press Day

When there’s punishment for speaking truth, falsehood is in power: Rahul



New Delhi: On National Press Day, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi attacked the Government Tuesday, saying when there is punishment for speaking the truth, it is clear that "falsehood is in power".

National Press Day is observed annually on November 16 to honour the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI).

"When there's punishment for speaking the truth, it's clear that falsehood is in power," Gandhi tweeted, using the hashtag 'National Press Day'.

The former Congress chief had lashed out at the BJP on Sunday, alleging that it is busy "killing" journalism, after two journalists covering the recent incidents of violence in Tripura were detained by police. Later, the journalists were arrested and subsequently

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal became the second state after Punjab to pass resolution against what the ruling Trinamool Congress termed the BJP's "ravenous intention to grab Bengal via backdoor" by expanding the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force to 50 km from the previous 15 km into the international border.

The House passed the resolution --- demanding the withdrawal of the notification by the Union Home Ministry extending the BSF's area of functioning --- with 121 Trinamool Congress members supporting it. BJP's 63 legislators opposed the resolution which said that the notification exceeded the provision of the BSF Act and that it would lead to coordination issues between the State police and the BSF.

Bengal Parliamentary Affairs Minister Partha Chatterjee moved the resolution under rule 169 of conduct of business of the House. Later he told the media persons that the Trinamool Congress Government would always stand against any attempt by the Centre to destroy the country's federal principles.

He said, "in a federal structure the law and order is a State subject

... the police are responsible for maintaining law and order ... any decision to alter the status requires consent of the State Government ... but in this case the State Governments were kept in the dark and the BSF was given additional area without consulting the State Governments... If the notification should be expanded to 11 districts and 37 % of territory of the State will pass under the hands of the Centre."

He however said that the TMC had nothing against the BSF which did its duty in most patriotic manner. "We are protesting against the Centre's move to usurp power through backdoor," he said adding however that the State Government did not see it as a conspiracy against the State. He said "as the BJP could not grab power despite massive campaign ... as they were defeated badly in Bengal ... they are now trying to grab power by using the BSF which is controlled by the Centre."

The other two opposition parties Left and Congress which do not have any representation in the State Assembly too supported the TMC on the issue. Earlier on Monday Left Front chairman Biman Bose, wrote a letter to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee asking her to oppose New

Delhi's "anti-federal "move. He called the Centre's notification an act that went against the federal structure. Pradesh Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury also opposed the notification.

State Opposing Leader Suvendu Adhikari however attacked the TMC leadership for "attacking the central para-military forces in most filthy manner... The BSF protects the country from the terrorists and foreign enemy so that we can sleep in peace but here this crooked Government and its leaders attacks the martyrs using most unkind and filthy words against them," he said.

"Some leaders even said that the BSF in the border misbehave with women and even touch them inappropriately ... I wonder whether such words have been expunged ..." the TMC-turned-BJP leader said adding he proposed an amendment seeking expansion of the BSF's jurisdiction from 50 lm to 80 lm.

"I said that the BSF's jurisdiction should be expanded to 80 kms and I will appeal to the Centre to consider the proposal seriously," he said adding at a time when Rohingyas had entered the State and terrorists were mushrooming the BSF should be given added power.

Malik links Wankhede, Fashion TV head Kashiff with Russian drug mafia operating in Goa

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a sensational allegation, Maharashtra Minister and senior NCP leader Nawab Malik on Tuesday linked Mumbai Zonal head of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Sameer Wankhede and *Fashion TV* head Kashiff Khan with the Russian drug mafia operating in Goa and that Kashif was "managing the show" on behalf of Wankhede there.

"Everyone knows, drug tourism is flourishing in Goa. The Russian mafia is running a drug business in Goa and Kashiff Khan is managing the show on behalf of Wankhede. Why was Kashiff Khan not detained? Why was his phone not checked? Why was he allowed to board the (Goa-bound) Cordelia Cruise. Wankhede has to answer all these questions," Malik said.

Malik was addressing a news conference here after he shared on his official twitter handle purported screenshots of WhatsApp chats between K P Gosavi and an informer from Delhi and alleged that they were planning to trap people who were going to attend the party on the Cordelia cruise ship.

"I have shared whatsapp chats between K P Gosavi and an informer from Delhi. He has given some names and photographs. On the basis of names and photographs, people (Aryan Khan and others) were detained. In those whatsapp chats where there were two names, Kashif Khan being one of the names. His photograph was also shared," Malik said.

"Why was he (Kashiff Khan) allowed to enjoy the party on the cruise. He is the main kingpin of the entire party. He had sponsored the party. He is in Goa today. There is a relation between Wankhede and Kashiff. There are lots of cases filed against Kashiff in the country. He is absconding from a court order. Why was Kashiff Khan not detained? Why was he allowed to board the cruise? He (Kashiff Khan) runs the show on behalf of Wankhede in Goa," Malik said.

"There is a person named White Dubai, who runs the drug

racket in the country. I will talk about him in the coming days. The names of White Dubai and Kashiff Khan figure in Gosavi's whatsapp chat. The photographs of Kashiff Khan and White Dubai, Wankhede allowed the two to board the cruise. The drug went for two days on the cruise. Kashiff and White Dubai were behind the party. Even after their return, Kashiff and White Dubai were given safe passage," Malik alleged.

"Here are whatsapp chats between K P Gosavi and an informer which shows how they were planning to trap people who were going to attend the party on the Cordelia Cruise. This is Sameer Dawood Wankhede's private army therefore he has a lot to answer," Malik had earlier tweeted.

"Re- posting the whatsapp chats between K P Gosavi and an informer for those doubting the authenticity of the same. K P Gosavi's number is visible here and open to verification, he is currently in the custody of Pune Police," Malik said in another tweet.

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan and seven others initially detained on the night of October 2 and later arrested on October 3, after the NCB officials busted a rave party and seized 13 grams of cocaine, 5 grams of MD (Mephedrone), 21 grams of Charas, 22 pills of MDMA (Ecstasy) and Rs 1.33 lakh in cash from Goa-bound Cordelia Cruises' Empress ship, off the Mumbai coast. Subsequently, 12 more persons were arrested in connection with the mid-sea rave party.

It may be recalled that on October 25, 2021, the NCB had ordered a vigilance inquiry against Wankhede after its Deputy Director-General, South West Region Mutha Ashok Jain submitted his report to the NCB headquarters saying among other things: "...As some of the contents of the affidavit relate to the vigilance matters, I am hereby forwarding the affidavit to the Director General of Narcotic Control Bureau and requesting for further action".

A Special Investigation Team

(SIT), appointed by the NCB, is investigating the mid-sea drug bust case and five other cases "which have national and international ramifications".

The appointment of an SIT team comes in the wake of the NCB ordering vigilance probe into the "vigilance matters" relating to the ongoing investigations in the mid-sea drug bust case and summoning of Wankhede to its headquarters in the capital last week for a meeting with the top bosses. The two events were a fallout of the allegations made through an affidavit by "panch witness" Prabhakar R Sail – including the charge of Rs 8 crore extortion attempt -- in the mid-sea drug bust case.

What has embarrassed most is the manner in which is the fact that Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh's son Aryan and two other accused -- Arbaaz Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha – were granted bail by the Bombay High Court on October 28, while a special NDPS court granted bail to two accused ahead of the high court granting bail to Aryan and two and two others and it granted bail to nine others on October 30.

At a news conference held on November 7, Malik had alleged that BJP leader Mohit Kamboj-Bharatiya – in collusion with Narcotics Control Bureau's Sameer Wankhede—had masterminded the "kidnap and ransom" drama involving Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan.

Among other things, Malik had also claimed that as part of the larger game-plan, the Team Kamboj-Wankhede had wanted to frame Maharashtra ministers and their children in the cruise drug-bust case. "Fashion TV India MD Kashiff Khan had coaxed Maharashtra Minister Aslam Shaikh to come for the cruise party as well. There were also plans to bring children of several state minister to the cruise party. Had Aslam Shaikh had gone to the party, it would have been Udda Maharashtra after Udda Punjab".

Assam, Meghalaya look to solve inter-State border row in six areas by year-end

Guwahati: Assam and Meghalaya on Tuesday announced that necessary measures would be taken to settle interstate border disputes in at least six areas by the end of this year.

Addressing a joint press conference here, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad Sangma said border committees set up earlier to hammer out solutions will submit their reports by November 30.

"The committees will present reports by November 30 before their respective state governments, which will then talk to all stakeholders. After that, a clear picture will emerge and a final statement will be issued," Sangma said.

Three committees each were formed by the Assam and Meghalaya governments in August after two rounds of talks between Sarma and Sangma over border disputes and their likely solutions.

Of the 12 points of dispute between the two states, six areas with relatively less critical differences have been taken up in the first phase, while the remaining locations will be attended to later.

"Going by the spirit and pace, we are looking to issue a final statement on these six areas by December 30," Sarma said, adding that the entire exercise is being monitored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The two states will be receiving guidance from the PM and the home minister before the final statement is issued, he underlined.

The Assam CM further said if conclusions are arrived at with regard to some of the disputed locations that are being taken up, the statement will be issued only on

those "areas of agreement", while discussions on the remaining sites will continue.

The six disputed areas that will be attended to in the first phase fall under Kamrup, Kamrup Metropolitan and Hailakandi districts on the Assam side, he added.

Asked if the Meghalaya Government will try to resolve the disputes before next year's state elections, Sangma refused to set a timeline, but expressed confidence that solutions will emerge in most areas.

"It will be a huge achievement if we can do it before the elections, but I cannot comment about it at this moment. It is a challenging and sensitive issue. The people have bestowed a great responsibility on us. We will try and find solutions at the earliest," he maintained.

Both the chief ministers, however, said that much depends on the committees' reports, which will state if the boundary needs to be redrawn or simple clarifications will do.

"Redrawing of boundaries will require Parliament's intervention. We are trying to get clarity... Understand which area belongs to which side," Sangma said.

Backing his Meghalaya counterpart's statement, the Assam CM said, "To alter the boundary, Parliament's approval is necessary. Clarification (of borders), however, can be done by the states." A decision on any actual change in the interstate boundary will depend on the "contour of the final statement", he added.

Sarma and Sangma visited Langpih or Lower Lumpi earlier in the day, with the Meghalaya leader describing the event as a 'historic one' as it is for the first time that the chief ministers of the two states

toured a disputed area together and interacted with people there. He also said that the "will of the people" will be among the important aspects that will be taken into consideration by the committees before making final recommendations.

"This was a long-pending visit. We went there and tried to give a message of positivity, friendship, goodwill and commitment to people on behalf of both the governments. We want to find an amicable and long-lasting solution to the disputes," Sangma said.

Sarma, on his part, maintained that Langpih is not among the six areas being pursued in the first phase, but it has been chosen for the joint visit as the states wanted to underscore that critical disputes in such areas can also be resolved with the right spirit.

Addressing the people of Lower Lumpi area, Sarma said that both the Governments have been making concerted efforts over the last six months to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

He said the two states have tentatively decided to implement

Central Government schemes at Lumpi, with collective approaches by the deputy commissioners of Kamrup and West Khasi Hills districts, in consultation with public representatives of both sides.

"People living in the disputed border areas have immensely suffered in the last 50 years. Earlier, no government made such committed efforts for settling border disputes," Sarma added.

Meghalaya, carved out of Assam as a separate state in 1972, has challenged the Assam Reorganisation Act, 1971, leading to disputes in 12 areas along the shared 884.9-km border. **PTI**

‘Racist’ comments against Assam participant on TV reality show spark outrage

Guwahati/Mumbai: Purported racist comments by a host of a television reality show against a participant from Assam has sparked an outrage, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday calling it a "shameful" incident and asserting that racism has no place in the country.

In a clip of Colors TV's 'Dance Deewane 3' that has gone viral on social media, the show's host-dancer Raghav Juyal is seen introducing a young participant from Guwahati while speaking gibberish, using words like 'momo' and 'chowmein', seemingly to mock Mandarin, the language spoken by most of the Chinese people.

When the judges, including actor Madhuri Dixit-Nene and filmmaker Remo D'Souza, ask him what he is trying to do, the host replies as he casually makes a racist remark on the young contestant, Gunjan Sinha.

"People might not be able to understand her Chinese but they surely understand her dance," he is heard saying in the 40-second clip. The third season of the show, which went on air earlier this year, concluded last month.

Juyal later issued a clarification and apologised to "anyone whose sentiments were hurt".

Sarma took to Twitter and said the "racist rhetoric" against the contestant was unacceptable.

"It has come to my notice that a popular reality show host has used racist rhetoric against a young participant from Guwahati. This is shameful and totally unacceptable. Racism has no place in our country and we should all condemn it unequivocally," the chief minister tweeted.

TIPRA chairman Pradyot Bikram Manikya Deb Barma also condemned the incident and tweeted, "A third rate comedian - making an insensitive audience laugh! These people justify and question us Northeastern people why we don't feel like we are part of mainstream India?"

He said the fact that the audience laughed and clapped at this "terrible joke" is more saddening.

Assam Police Special Director General L R Bishnoi has also urged the cyber cell of the state police to take cognisance.

"HQ Cyber Cell team @assampolice pls look into it! Sheer ignorance on the part of those involved!" Bishnoi tweeted.

All Assam Students' Union (AASU) chief advisor Samujjal Kumar Bhattacharjya also expressed his anguish and tweeted, "We have time & again been treated as objects of ridicule for not looking 'Indian' enough. Discrimination based on racial profiling is tormenting." "NE is not a repository of rich resources or exotic culture alone.@ColorsTV & @TheRaghav_Juyal's racist slurs are condemned & punishable," he said.

"Dance Deewane" was judged by Dixit-Nene and choreographers Tushar Kalia and Dharmesh Yelande. D'Souza featured on the said episode as a special guest.

While there has been no official statement from the channel as yet, 30-year-old Juyal shared a video message on Instagram in an attempt to "clarify the misunderstanding".

He also shared a clipping from the show where Sinha is seen telling Dixit-Nene that she knows how to speak Chinese and then the host shares some lighter moments with the participant by conversing with her in gibberish.

The host said he wanted to share "the story" behind the small clip that is circulating on the internet for the sake of his mental health and the people who know him. "When the children come on the show, we ask them what their hobbies are. Gunjan said 'I can talk in Chinese, I have this talent'. And we used to laugh at the things children say. When we asked her to speak Chinese, she started talking in gibberish. From there onwards, we would ask her to speak in 'Chinese' on every episode or ask her to speak in the language of another planet!" he said in the video. **PTI**

Zakia Jafri to SC: Stark collaboration between political class, bureaucracy and others during riots

New Delhi: There was a "stark collaboration" between the political class, bureaucracy, investigators and others during the 2002 Gujarat riots after the "national tragedy" of Sabarmati Express incident at Godhra and the SIT did not investigate these aspects, Zakia Jafri told the Supreme Court on Tuesday.

The apex court asked Zakia Jafri's counsel Kapil Sibal as to whether he was attributing motives to the SIT and said the term "collaboration" is a very strong term for a Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the top court.

A bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said the same SIT had filed charge sheets in the riots cases in which accused were convicted.

Zakia Jafri, the wife of slain Congress leader Ehsan Jafri who was killed at Gulberg society in Ahmedabad on February 28, 2002 during the violence, has challenged the SIT's clean chit to 64 people including Narendra Modi, the then Gujarat Chief Minister during the riots.

The S-6 coach of Sabarmati Express was burnt at Godhra killing 59 people and triggering riots in Gujarat in 2002.

Sibal told the bench that there are "glaring instances of collaboration" which are borne out from records but the SIT did not investigate on the alleged larger conspiracy in the riots.

"So far as your grievance about collaboration of local police at the ground level, we can understand that and we will look into it. How can you say that about the SIT which was appointed by the court," the bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar, asked Sibal. The bench asked Sibal whether the petitioner is "attacking" the manner of investigation done by the SIT. The senior advocate said, "Yes. That is something which troubles me."

The bench then observed, "How can you attribute motives to the SIT? It is the same SIT which filed charge sheets and people were convicted. No such grievance was made in such cases and you appreciated the work done by the SIT in those cases."

"The expression 'collaboration' is a very strong term for an SIT constituted by this court." Sibal said grievances were raised also in the cases where charge sheets were filed and the records show collaboration of the state machinery. "I will demonstrate that after that national tragedy on Sabarmati Express, what happened was that instead of investigating the perpetrators of the crime, the investigators actually became collaborators to the crime. It is not that the entire police machinery was collaborating," Sibal said.

"There are glaring instances of collaboration that is borne out from the records. The bureaucracy, political class, VHP, RSS and others became collaborators. There was stark collaboration," he told the bench.

The SIT had the knowledge of a sting operation, which was used in another riots case in which accused were convicted, but they did not probe those people, Sibal said and asked whether the SIT was saving those persons. **PTI**

Shah behind fall of Cong Govt in MP, tried to do it in Rajasthan: Gehlot

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/JAIPUR

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of being involved in the fall of Congress Government in Madhya Pradesh but failing to do it in Rajasthan last year.

Gehlot made the allegation while referring to the crisis over the stability of his Government in 2020 and said the Congress MLAs stayed in hotels for a long time but "the present government is in place only with the blessings of the people".

"The Home Minister could not do anything," said Gehlot, without naming Shah.

Gehlot who is himself battling an internal party feud led by his former deputy Sachin Pilot for last one and a half years, said the Home Minister had a lot of arrogance over Madhya Pradesh but the people of Rajasthan shattered his arrogance.

"Is it a way to act in a democracy—bringing down governments?" he asked.

"In which direction the country is going? Nobody knows. Today the Constitution and democracy are in danger. The situation is very serious. Every person will have to think," the Chief Minister added.

Gehlot made the remarks while addressing a state-level teacher award ceremony at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur. The Chief Minister also targeted the Centre over the rising prices of petrol and diesel.

He said when the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government was at the Centre, it did not allow the fuel prices to rise and kept its prices under check despite high crude oil prices in the international market.

But under the current NDA Government, the prices of oil and diesel have increased rapidly despite crude oil prices falling heavily in the international market.

And for the state's reluctance to cut down the VAT on fuels despite the Centre slashing excise on diesel and petrol by ₹10 and ₹5 respectively, he cited the fall in the state's share of revenue due to the Centre's cutting down the fuel prices.

"Now when the Centre has reduced the petrol and diesel by ₹ 5 and ₹10, the revenue of the state government has automatically reduced by Rs 1,800 crore in the same proportion," said Gehlot.


"Now we have demanded from the Centre that if inflation is to be reduced, you should reduce fuel prices by ₹10 and ₹15 more. They are making states compete amongst themselves," he added.

"So far, about one lakh government jobs have been given in Rajasthan and the process of giving about 80,000 jobs is going on," Gehlot added.

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WHY SHED TEARS FOR TAX-DODGING SECTOR?

A large segment of the informal sector can remain legitimately out of the tax net



SUBHASH CHANDRA PANDEY

The anniversary of demonetisation has prompted several analysts to assess its impact and outcome in the last five years. There is little disagreement about the short-term disruption of economic activities in the cash-dependent informal sector but opinions about the disruption continuing are sharply divided. Here is an attempt to make sense of the debate with facts and figures. Fresh currency that has come out in circulation since 2016 is much more than the money deposited in bank accounts post-demonetisation of 1000/500 notes. According to latest data from the Reserve Bank of India, 'Currency in Circulation' increased from ₹17.97 lakh crore on November 4, 2016 to ₹29.89 lakh crore on 5th November, 2021. 'Currency with the Public' increased from ₹17.01 lakh crore on Oct 28, 2016 to ₹28.26 lakh crore on Oct 22, 2021. ('Currency with public' is arrived at after deducting cash with banks from total currency in circulation.) Cash with public has shot up 211 per cent from ₹9.11 lakh crore since November 25, 2016. In value terms, the share of ₹500 and ₹2,000 banknotes together accounted for 85.7 per cent of the total value of banknotes in circulation as on March 31, 2021,



as against 83.4 per cent as on March 31, 2020. Printing of ₹2,000 notes has stopped in 2018-19.

If cash is back and has increased from ₹18 lakh crore to ₹30 lakh crore then who is holding this cash? During Demo, banks would have given back money to the person who brought it to them. So, whosoever offered cash got it back. Many people acted as cash mules for others so they must have got a cut in illegal note swap. The net result is that most people have got their money back while some poorer people would have got even extra income in the process. GST subsumes excise duty, sales tax, VAT, Service Tax etc. There were about 72 lakh registered tax payers in pre-GST regime under the taxes subsumed in GST but now GST has about 132 lakh registered tax payers despite change in registration norms leaving many earlier registered being exempt from GST registration. As many as 76.61 crore returns have been filed. So obviously many erstwhile informal sector producers and service providers are now formalised. This formal economy is producing everything that is needed by all consumers whether in formal or informal sector. So, if GST is picking up, it shows consumer demand picking up across all segments of consumers. As the GST registration data shows, formal sector is getting bigger, acquiring scale, acquiring market share and becoming richer. This is undeniable and desirable. This is incentive for formalisation. Why have grudge against it? All informal sector producers and service producers have standing invitation to resort to digital payments, build their sales profile, access formal credit from banks and digital lending startups, pay taxes and be counted as formal. A large segment of the informal sector can remain legitimately out of tax net because of exemption limits. If they are still dependent on cash, the only adverse inference is that they want to remain within exemption limits by resorting to cash sales. Any adverse plight of informal sector producers is the combined and cumulative effect of measures against tax Dodgers including Demo and GST. Once we accept black money as tax-evaded income, we would not shed tears for cash sale dependent, tax-dodging informal sector producers.

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The Manipur attack calls for recalibration

Such incidents in the Northeast are recurring with not only astonishing regularity, but also with the barbarity that separatists are able to muster



JAIDEEP SAIKIA

It has happened again. The doggedness with which insurgents from Myanmar have been targeting the security forces in Manipur has become almost a feature happening with uncanny consistency. If it was Sajik Tampak on June 4, 2014, when soldiers of the 6 Dogras were ambushed in the Sajik Tampak region of Manipur's Chandel district, it is the Commanding Officer of 46 Assam Rifles in the same state's Churachandpur district this time around.

The only brazen variation was that this time the militants did not even spare non-combatants including the wife and nine-year-old son of Col Viplav Tripathi, a progression in non-state action that is gradually approximating the methodology of terrorism. After all, even when United Liberation Front of Asom's sophisticated "Programmable Time Delay Device" killed innocent children on 15 August, 2004, in Dhemaji, post hoc analysis determined that it was clearly a mistake and later there was both penitence and punishment (for the perpetrators) by the ULFA leadership with Paresh Baruah apologising for the mistake on 13 December, 2009.

The NSCN, too, have never targeted non-combatants and there are anecdotal accounts that the organisation treated Sunday as a "Day of Forgiveness". But for all the unwritten ethical conduct of the past the contours of North East insurgency — hijacked by anti-India chaperons — is fast changing and the fact of the matter is that such incidents are beginning to recur with not only astonishing regularity, but also with all the barbarity that they are able to muster.

What can the Indian state do at this hour of darkness? It would probably send out twitters of defiance and censure, condole the action and then contemplate "surgical strikes" by which to erect yet another "blockbuster" in order to inform a beleaguered nation that "revenge had been sweet." Unfortunately, even the possibility of such reprisals has to a considerable extent been negated. Even when Aung San Suu Kyi was the State Counsellor of Myanmar she had cautioned the Indian government that she would not accept a repeat of New Delhi's chest-thumping violation of her country's territory.

Today, when democracy has been usurped by a stratocracy and New Delhi is groping around for a Myanmar policy that is not only ambiguous, but fraught with grave security risks, the possibility of a hot pursuit policy into the safe havens of the Valley Based Insurgent Groups (VBIGs) in the country's Sagaing Division is next to impossible. In any event, even if there were to be yet another "surgical strike" against the perpetrators, the only message that would be relayed is to the electorate in Lucknow or Varanasi. It would neither bring back the blameless son of Col. Viplav Tripathi nor would it add to the morale of a noble force that has



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(The writer is a conflict analyst. The views expressed are personal.)



been-without fear or favour-carrying out its duties in hostile terrain. This is despite the fact that most thinking personnel of the Assam Rifles or the Indian army for the matter are aware that the mandarins in Raisina Hill have never pondered over an overarching policy for the "enchanted frontiers" that might prevent such continual acts of aggression from belligerence that high policy has failed to comprehend.

After all, the security scenario in India's North East has far from healthy. The complacency with which cessation of hostilities with NSCN (K) was abrogated, the consequence of which was the 2015 attack on the 6 Dogra bravehearts, the manner in which a plethora of VBIGs were "permitted" to come to an agreement with the Myanmar army after the February 1, 2021, military takeover and the now almost definite collusion between the Chinese Ministry of State Security and insurgent groups such as the Manipur's People's Liberation Army (the insurgent outfit which is perhaps the likeliest of perpetrator of the November 13, 2021 ambush), point to not only failure of human intelligence (the most convenient casualty in the aftermath of such incidents), but the inability of New Delhi to grasp the realities of non-state action in the North East which in some ways is far more serious than the ongoing one in Kashmir. For one, there are few rabidly anti-India, pro-Chinese representatives in the Indian

Insurgent Groups. One of the foremost "Chinese" agents is Manohar Mayum the Commander-in-Chief of the PLA (Manipur) and it is he who could be the person who planned the attack on 46 Assam Rifles alongside his Chinese ministers.

The most important reason is New Delhi's inability to match short-term goals with long-term imperatives. Counter operations, for instance, by their very definition play black — a disadvantage that determines its response. But as any sound chess player will surmise, advantages can easily be engineered after opening gambits have been traded. Unfortunately, for the North East, this has not been perceived as a possibility. Non-sensitive solutions that do not look beyond the immediately conceivable, non-comprehension of the dynamics that govern the North Eastern mind and the failure to set into action methodologies that are more than stimulus response are responsible for the ailments that continue to beleague the enchanted frontiers.

But what should be the way ahead? As avid observers of the North East, the author has always felt that there should be a separate policy-making body for the region. Polemics apart, brass tacks demand that such an arrangement needs to be unveiled immediately. The vastness of India's landscape and responsibility has not quite provided adequate attention to the region, which is not to suggest that the frontiers have been

consigned to the flames of anonymity by New Delhi. In all probability it has not applied sufficient cerebration for the construction of a comprehensive structure that would resolutely attend to the essentials of the region.

The need of the hour is, therefore, the constitution of a North East Security Council under the Ministry of Home Affairs, which in its wider ambit would not only address traditional security issues like border management, illegal migration, drug-gun running, insurgency, Islamist terror, human and energy security (the listing above not being all-inclusive), but also development which is an important factor of security.

The formation of such a council would also decisively inform the expanse that makes up the North East that New Delhi is serious about the region's health. Indeed, the author had taken up the issue of the constitution of such a Council even when the Bharatiya Janata Party was not in power. A robust blueprint had been drawn up and presented to the leaders of the dispensation in waiting. But nothing was done. The untimely death of Col. Viplav Tripathi, his family and the soldiers of 46 Assam Rifles in Manipur by marauders who have not been able to be brought to heel would perhaps prod New Delhi onto serious introspection and even consideration of what is being recommended by way of a North East Security Council.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

THE RIDING QUALITY OF THE PURVANCHAL EXPRESSWAY IS SUCH THAT IT WILL GIVE COMMUTERS STOMACHACHE AND BACKACHE. —SAMA JWADI PARTY CHIEF AKHILESH YADAV



AKHILESH JI IS TROUBLED THAT THE PURVANCHAL EXPRESSWAY IS READY WITHOUT CORRUPTION OF EVEN A SINGLE RUPEE. —UTTAR PRADESH BJP CHIEF SWATANTRA DEV SINGH


Should we fear a third wave of COVID-19?

Some experts believe that if a third wave hits now, it is likely to be weaker than the previous one. Also, India is better prepared to deal with a third wave

Will there be a third wave of COVID-19? The Health Ministry has been warning of a possible third wave for some weeks now, although no one knows whether it will hit India at all and, if it hits, how severe will it be. COVID-19 has had its periods of surge and lull, and right now, India is facing a lull.

The pandemic attack has hit over 220 countries and territories since 2020 January. The virus had infected almost 252 million people worldwide, and the number of deaths had reached five million. The most severely affected countries include the US, Brazil, and India.

India's first cases appeared in late January 2020 when three Indian students travelled to the southern state of Kerala




KALYANI SHANKAR

(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

from Wuhan in China. According to the health ministry, there was a total of 3,44,37,307 cases in India and total deaths were 4,63,530 deaths so far.

Health experts say that COVID-19 will not go away, and we have to live with it. They also predicted that the present lull could be the calm before the storm and a third wave is a distinct possibility. The national curve seems to have entered a declining phase now, after having peaked on May 6.

However, "We cannot take the current stable situation for granted, and we have to be mindful of the fact that the pandemic is going on and can take an untoward turn if we are not careful," Niti Ayog member Paul has cautioned.



Some experts believe that if a third wave hits now, it is likely to be weaker than the previous one. Also, India is better prepared to deal with a third wave. Central and state governments have said that they are more prepared to tackle the third wave in India. Nationally, India has added many more hospital beds in the past few months and imported more than 100 oxygen carriers to raise about 1,250.

Niti Ayog member (health) Dr. V.K. Paul has said, "We don't have a straightforward formula to calculate what extent the peak could reach this time after reaching 71 per cent vaccination with the 1st dose and a certain level of natural infection. But the government is preparing for a surge of 4.5 to 5 lakh cases per day."

There is optimism all around. First of all, more than 1.10 billion people have got vaccinated already. "The number of susceptible persons will be less now, as many persons have been infected or vaccinated," according to epidemiologist and cardiologist Dr. K Srinath Reddy, the president of the Public Health Foundation of India.

Secondly, the initial hesi-

tancy of the public has now given place to confidence, and more and more people are coming forward to get vaccinated. When the vaccination drive began early this year, even many educated people adopted a 'wait-and-watch' attitude.

Thirdly, in the last year, the Centre and the States have improved health care, increased beds in both public and private hospitals, and made covid guidelines mandatory. The states are also geared to deal with the situation.

Unfortunately, we see, particularly during the festivities, many people have become careless. Nature has also played its role, and people affected by rains and floods cannot follow the regulations

when facing threats to their lives and property.

The carelessness is also due to the belief that the worst is over. Memories of India's devastating second wave of COVID-19 are slowly receding. In cities malls and parks are crowded after relaxation of covid regulations. Business is coming back, and all this give an impression that COVID-19 is over. Even the Government had believed in March last when the then Health minister Harshvardhan declared that COVID-19 is dead in India.

Fourthly, as many people in the poorer countries are yet to get their vaccination while the rich countries have gone ahead with their booster dose, experts assume the chances of the complete elimination of

COVID-19 in the world looks quite vague.

States like Delhi face a double whammy as the city faces high air pollution during November and December. The All-India Institute of Medical Science director, Dr. Randeep Guleria is on record saying, "COVID-19 affects lungs, air pollution causes inflammation. Therefore, lungs get doubly stressed out. This leads to more severe disease, causing higher hospital admissions and deaths."

However, it is better to be cautious than sorry. While the governments can do only that much, the onus is on the general public also to cooperate. They must be more conscious of the danger spreading Covid-19 by not following regulations.

GLOBE TROTTER

NATO CHIEF WARY OF
RUSSIAN MILITARY
MOVES NEAR UKRAINE

Brussels: NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg urged Russia on Monday to be more transparent about its military activities near Ukraine but he stopped short of suggesting that Moscow might be preparing to invade its former Soviet neighbor. Ukraine claims that Russia kept tens of thousands of troops and equipment near their common border after conducting war games earlier this year. Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 and has supported a separatist insurgency that broke out that year in eastern Ukraine and still controls territory there.

ETHIOPIAN GOVT DETAINS
1K UNDER EMERGENCY

Geneva: The UN Human rights office is citing reports that authorities in Ethiopia have detained at least 1,000 people, most of them of Tigrayan origin, under a state of emergency the government declared earlier this month after a brutal year-long war with rival Tigray forces.

TRAIN HITS COLLEGE
VAN IN PAKISTAN

Lahore: A passenger train crashed into a college van at an unmanned railway crossing in Pakistan's Punjab province, killing three students and injuring nine others, officials said on Tuesday.

COVID-19 CASES BREAK
RECORDS IN NETHERLANDS

The Hague: The Netherlands recorded its highest weekly number of positive coronavirus tests over the last seven days, and lawmakers discussed legislation as cases continued to soar Tuesday to limit unvaccinated people from using the country's Covid pass system. The country's public health institute reported Tuesday that the number of positive tests rose by 44% to 110,558, the highest weekly total since the pandemic began. Hospital admissions for Covid-19 patients rose 12% and admissions to intensive care units by 3%, it said.

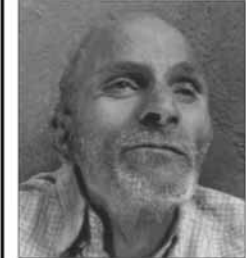
APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is here by informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown**, residence and family is **Unknown about 30-35 years** of age was found dead between KM Poll No. 5/25G to 5/23G GZB to NDLS Rly Line near Karkari More Railway Flyover, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. **29A**, dated **12.11.2021** has been lodged in **Police Station Anand Vihar, Railway Station Delhi**. Dead body has been preserved in GTB Hospital Mortuary for 72 Hrs. His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** 30/35 years, **Height:** 5' ft., **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue Shirt. Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or Telephone Numbers.

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P.S. Anand Vihar, Railway Station, Delhi
Ph.: 011-22145602
DP/382/RLY/2021
Mob. No: 8750871314

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Name:** Unknown **S/o** Unknown **R/o** Unknown **Age :** about 60-65 years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Shallow **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** White & Green colour checkdar shirt and grey colour pant has been found dead at Platform No. 12/13, near K.M. Pole No. 19/20, New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi on 09.11.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 5A dated 09.11.2021 has been lodged at P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this dead found person may kindly inform to the following:-
SHO :
P.S. New Delhi
Railway Station, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-23744073
DP/377/RLY/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 25 Years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'6", **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Black T-shirt, Blue Upper and Light Green Pant was found dead at Main Jagatpur Road, Near Allahabad Bank, Jagatpur Village, Delhi on 12.11.2021. In this regard a FIR No. 824/21, Dated 12.11.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi
DP/1715/N/2021(UIDB) **Ph.: 011-23810076, 8750870131**

China overtakes America as richest country in the world

FIANS ■ BEIJING

Global wealth tripled over the last two decades, with China leading the way and overtaking the US for the top spot worldwide, Bloomberg reported.

A report by McKinsey & Co. that examines the national balance sheets of ten countries representing more than 60 per cent of the world's income.

China accounted for almost one-third of gains in global net worth over the past two decades, the report said.

"We are now wealthier than we have ever been," Jan Mischke, a partner at the McKinsey Global Institute in Zurich, said in an interview. Net worth worldwide rose



President Joe Biden meets virtually with Chinese President Xi Jinping from the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington on Monday

to \$514 trillion in 2020, from \$156 trillion in 2000, according to the study.

China accounted for almost one-third of the

increase.

Its wealth skyrocketed to \$120 trillion from a mere \$7 trillion in 2000, the year before it joined the World Trade

Organization, speeding its economic ascent, the report said.

The US, held back by more muted increases in property prices, saw its net worth more than double over the period, to \$90 trillion.

In both countries — the world's biggest economies — more than two-thirds of the wealth is held by the richest 10 per cent of households, and their share has been increasing, the report said.

As computed by McKinsey, 68 per cent of global net worth is stored in real estate.

The balance is held in such things as infrastructure, machinery and equipment and, to a much lesser extent, so-called intangibles like intellectual property and patents, it added.

Xi talks tough at summit with Biden

Warns US of 'playing with fire' over Taiwan

PTI ■ BEIJING/WASHINGTON

Striking a tough posture at the much-awaited virtual summit with his US counterpart Joe Biden on Tuesday, President Xi Jinping said that China will "certainly defend" its sovereignty and security interests as he warned that whoever plays with fire over Taiwan's bid for independence will "get burnt".

In a lengthy speech touching a host of issues at the marathon summit, Xi, fresh from last week's ruling Communist Party of China Plenum meet endorsing an unprecedented third term for him from next year and perhaps for life, pointed Beijing's "red lines" on several issues, including Taiwan, and said China's rise is an "inevitable trend of history" and cannot be

stopped.

Summing up the talks, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that the summit lasted for three and half hours exceeding the scheduled time with an interval in between.

"It is of great significance for China-US relations and international relations," Zhao said.

"The two sides had exchanges on a broad range of issues, including those of strategic, overarching and fundamental importance shaping the development of China-US relations, respective development agenda, domestic and foreign policies and regional and international issues of mutual interest," he said.

There was a consensus about rejecting a "new Cold War" between the two leaders, he said.

President Biden also explicitly stated that the US does not seek a "new Cold War", Zhao said.

US expresses 'concern' over delivery of Russia's S-400 system to India

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

The US has expressed its "concern" over the delivery of S-400 Triumf surface-to-air missile systems from Russia to India but it remains undecided on how to deal with the transaction, a senior Pentagon official said. The S-400 is known as Russia's most advanced long-range surface-to-air missile defence system.

Though there is no official comment by the Indian Air Force on the deliveries, Russia's Director of the Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation (FSMTC) Dmitry Shugaev told Sputnik news agency last week that the deliveries of the missiles are going on as planned.

"We've been very clear with our Indian partners about our concern over this system," Pentagon spokesperson John

Kirby said at a press briefing on Monday in reply to a question on to what extent the defence department is concerned about India receiving the first S-400s. It is learnt that deliveries of some components of the missile systems have started and all key parts are yet to reach India.

Kirby, however, indicated that the US is yet to decide on how to deal with the transaction between India and Russia.

"We certainly have concerns over that system, but I don't have any updates for you," he said.

US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman during a visit to India last month said any country deciding to use the S-400 missiles is "dangerous" and not in anybody's security interest.

At the same time, she hoped that the US and India would be able to resolve dif-

ferences over the procurement. It is learnt that the matter is being discussed between India and the US.

In October 2018, India had signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 air defence missile systems, despite a warning from the then Trump administration that going ahead with the contract may invite US sanctions.

The Biden administration has not yet clarified whether it will impose sanctions on India under the provisions of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) for procuring the S-400 missile systems.

The CAATSA, which was brought in 2017, provides for punitive actions against any country engaged in transactions with Russian defence and intelligence sectors.

Myanmar poll body charges Suu Kyi with electoral fraud

Bangkok: Myanmar's state election commission announced it is prosecuting the country's ousted leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and 15 other senior political figures for alleged fraud in last November's general election. The announcement was published Tuesday in the state-run *Global New Light of Myanmar* newspaper and other official media.

Allegations of widespread electoral fraud were the main reason cited by the military for its Feb. 1 seizure of power that toppled Suu Kyi's government. Her National League for Democracy party was about to begin a second five-year term in office after its landslide victory in the polls. The army-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party suffered unexpectedly heavy losses.

Independent observers, such as the Asian Network for Free Elections, found no evidence of substantive irregularities in the polls, though they criticised some aspects. AP

2 explosions rock Uganda's capital, Kampala, killing 3

AP ■ KAMPALA

Two explosions rocked Uganda's capital, Kampala, early on Tuesday, killing at least three civilians in what police described as a coordinated attack by extremists.

Three suicide bombers also died in the blasts, police said. The explosions caused chaos in Kampala as terrified residents fled the city's center.

"The bomb threats are still active, especially from suicide attackers," police spokesman Fred Enanga said, blaming the blasts on the Allied Democratic Forces, an extremist group.

The twin explosions occurred within three minutes of each other. Both were carried out by attackers carrying explosives. A possible attack on a third target was foiled by police who pursued and disarmed a suspected suicide bomber, Enanga said.

Police released security video footage of the precise

moments the bombers detonated their devices in the streets, sending clouds of white smoke billowing in the air.

"We give thanks to God. He has protected us," said eyewitness Jane Among near one of the blast scenes. "We first heard a blast, and then when we stayed a little we heard another blast and saw dust all over."

One blast was near a police station and the other on a street near the parliamentary building, according to police and witnesses. The explosion near parliament appeared to hit closer to a building housing an insurance company and the subsequent fire engulfed cars parked outside. Body parts were seen scattered in the street, and later some lawmakers were seen evacuating the parliamentary building nearby.

At least 33 people are being treated at the city's main public referral hospital, Enanga told reporters. Five are critically injured, he said.

Poland uses water hoses at border; blames Belarus for attack

AP ■ WARSAW, POLAND

Polish border forces said they were attacked with stones by migrants Tuesday at the border with Belarus and responded by using water cannons against them. Police said the migrants were given gas grenades and other weapons by Belarusian forces, who directed the entire violent operation with a drone.

The situation marked an escalation in a tense migration and political crisis at the eastern border of the European Union and NATO in which the lives of thousands of migrants who are being used as proxies by Belarus are at stake.

The Poland Border Guard agency posted video on Twitter showing a water cannon being directed across the border at a group of migrants in a makeshift camp in freezing weather.

Polish police said one officer was seriously injured when the migrants threw objects and he was taken by ambulance to a hospital for a likely skull fracture.

The Border Guard spokeswoman, Anna Michalska, said an estimated 2,000 migrants were at the border crossing but only about 100 were believed to be involved in attacking the Polish forces.

Police spokesman Mariusz Ciarka later said the migrants at the border crossing in Kuznica had been "pacified." He added that the attackers were equipped with gas and gas grenades by the Belarusian services, throw stones at the Polish police, and the entire operation was controlled by the Belarusian services using a drone.



In this image taken with a drone Polish servicemen use a water cannon during clashes between migrants and Polish border guards at the Belarus-Poland border near Grodno, Belarus, on Tuesday

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Extract of Unaudited Statement of Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th September 2021 (In Lacs)							
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Half Year ended		
		30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
1	Total income from operations (net)	18,377.81	8,483.16	6,783.48	26,860.97	7,664.45	43,746.69
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary item.	28.00	(171.72)	(498.33)	(143.73)	(1,128.71)	(35.74)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (before Extraordinary items)	28.00	(171.72)	(498.33)	(143.73)	(1,128.71)	(35.74)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	28.00	(171.72)	(498.33)	(143.73)	(1,128.71)	(35.74)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	53.54	(150.01)	(494.10)	(118.18)	(1,124.48)	(18.90)
6	Equity Share Capital	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each)						
a) Basic :		0.09	(0.55)	(1.59)	(0.46)	(3.61)	(0.11)
b) Diluted:		0.09	(0.55)	(1.59)	(0.46)	(3.61)	(0.11)
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half yearly ended on 30th September 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of standalone Audited Financial Results are available on the websites of the BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com).							
The above financial results were reviewed by the audit committee and approved by Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 13-11-2021							
Date:-13-11-2021				For and on behalf of Board			
Place: New Delhi				Sd/- (PREM NARAIN VARSHNEY) MANAGING DIRECTOR, DIN: 00012709			

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

(See proviso to rule 8(6))
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Rajesh Kumar (Borrower), Mrs. Ratnavali (Co-borrower) LBBWD00002987335	Plot No-178, Plot- S Khasra No-556 557 558 559, Shree Paras Residency Vill Patan Kala Teh Tijara, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan. area: 908.55 Sq.ft	Rs. 5,82,887/- as on November 08, 2021	Rs. 7,60,000/- Rs. 76,000/-	December 02, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 PM	December 24, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited**. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 23, 2021** before **05:00 PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.
The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **December 23, 2021** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **December 23, 2021** before **05:00 PM**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "**ICICI Bank Limited**" payable at Delhi.
For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 8657476284** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/9810029926/01244233933**
Please note that Marketing agencies 1. **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** . 2. **Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd.** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

Date: November 17, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all concerned that correct of my son is Ayush Malik S/o Sh. Nitin Kumar (father) and Deepa Malik (Mother). We have changed his name from Ayush Kumar Malik as mentioned in Passport bearing No. M8831479 to Ayush Malik. It is for information to all concerned that my son will be known as Ayush Malik only and not as Ayush Kumar Malik. Nitin Kumar (Father).

-Nitin Kumar

AADHAR FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Public Notice Regarding Change in Shareholding of the Company

It is informed that shareholding of Aadhar Financial Services Ltd., regd. off at 573 3rd Floor, Main Road Chirag Delhi, New Delhi-110017, is proposed to be changed as follows:-

1. Transmission of shareholding of Mr. Chander Kanta Kapur to Mr. Yogesh Kapur.

Any objection in this regard be mailed to legal@mdgco.in or sent to Regd. off address of the Company. All stakeholders are requested to take note of the above information.

Kiran Gujrati
Aadhar Financial Services Ltd.

Parul Kapur
Aadhar Financial Services Ltd.

FORM NO. URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXII [Pursuant to section 374(b) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar of Companies, New Delhi that "**AS STRATEGIC LLP**" a Limited Liability Partnership may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:
"To provide strategic consultancy for strategic planning, management, investments, alliances, partnership, joint-venture for all types of organizations, entrepreneurs, start-ups and business groups. To carry on the business of design, development, research, integration, assembling and manufacturing, support services, repair, maintenance, installation of all types of defence & military systems, hardware, software, aerospace & aircraft systems and communication & security systems & their parts; To get into any joint venture/partnership with any other entity for the above mentioned objects."

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at 210, DDA Commercial Complex, Aurobindo Place, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code- 122050, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

NAME OF APPLICANT'S Sd/-
ADHIRAJ KHANNA
Designated Partner
DPIN: 08151211
Date: 17-11-2021
Place: Delhi

SURYAVEER KHANNA
Designated Partner
DPIN: 08151484

Economic recovery taking hold: RBI Guv Das

SOON PRIVATE INVESTMENT SHOULD RESUME

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Numerous macro indicators suggest that the economic recovery is now taking hold after the beating it has taken during the pandemic, but for growth to be sustainable and reach its potential, private capital investment has to resume, the Reserve Bank Governor said on Tuesday.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the economy has the potential to grow at a reasonably high pace in the post-pandemic scenario, provided pri-

vate capital investment resumes.

Despite many economists revising down their growth forecasts between 8.5 and 10 per cent for the current fiscal, the central bank has not changed its forecast of 9.5 per cent for the year so far.

Addressing a banking function - which he said is his first since the pandemic begin in March 2020, the governor asked banks to be investment-ready when the investment cycle picks up, which the RBI feels to begin from the next fiscal.

It can be noted that since 2013, private capital has been missing from the economy and many are of the view that this should begin from mid-next fiscal.



Even though he took solace in the fast-improving balance sheets of banks, the governor said gross bad loans of banks have come down in the September quarter from the previous quarter. Das also asked banks to improve their capital management process. Lauding the tech entrepreneurs, the governor said the country has emerged as a top performer in the startup landscape, attracting billions of foreign capital.

Sensex, Nifty tumble on losses in RIL, ICICI

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices Sensex and Nifty tumbled on Tuesday due to heavy selling in Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank and SBI amid a mixed trend in global markets.

The 30-share index declined by 396.34 points or 0.65 per cent to close at 60,322.37 after a volatile trade. The index hit a high of 60,802.79 points and a low of 60,199.56 in day trade.

The 50-issue Nifty tumbled 110.25 points or 0.61 per cent to end below the 18,000 level at 17,999.20 as 37 of its stocks declined.

Reliance Industries was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding 2.51 per cent. Among other losers, SBI sank 2.31 per cent, Ultratech Cement by 2.2 per cent, NTPC by 2.08 per cent and IndusInd by 1.8 per cent.

Pharma major Sun Pharma declined 1.63 per cent while Dr Reddy dropped 1.16 per cent. Private banks ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank fell 1.14 per cent and 0.61 per cent, respectively.

On the other hand, Maruti Suzuki soared over 7 per cent to become lead gainer among both Sensex and Nifty scrips. Mahindra & Mahindra rose by 3.44 per cent on BSE and over 2 per cent on NSE. Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Infosys and Bajaj Finserv also advanced.

“The domestic market started trading between gains and losses before slipping into deep red with heavy selling in banking and pharma stocks. The RBI’s statement that equity market valuations are stretched added to the pressure,” Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services stated.

Women want to play bigger role in ‘Make in India’: Study

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Women professionals want to take on more responsibilities and play a larger role in operations, manufacturing, and engineering services sectors, and conducive policies and practices are needed to help gender inclusion in these core sectors of the economy, says a report.

A GE and Avtar research released today at GE’s BELONG 2021 conclave, has shown that women professionals want to take on more responsibilities and play a larger role in Make in India.

The research also highlighted that a whopping 84.4 per cent of the male respondents believed that operations, manufacturing, and engineering services sectors would ben-

efit significantly from employing more women. According to Avtar, these sectors have only 12 per cent women at present.

The research was commissioned by GE and conducted by Avtar during September and October 2021 among around 500 professionals (women and men), women engineering students, business and HR leaders in the operations, manufacturing, and engineering services sectors in India.

“GE has a strong focus on improving all diversity – gender, sexual orientation, abilities. This study provides us and our peer companies specific directions to improve gender diversity in operations, manufacturing, and engineering project management,” said Sukla Chandra, I&D Council Leader, GE South Asia.

PE, VC investments touch all-time high of \$12.9 bn in Oct: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) investments touched an all-time high of \$12.9 billion in October, on the back of high-value deals, a report said on Tuesday.

The investments were 71 per cent higher as compared with October 2020’s \$7.5 billion and 2.5 times the \$5.2 billion

value recorded in September this year, the report by consultancy firm EY and industry lobby IVCA said.

By the number of transactions, the 127 deals in October were higher than the 92 in last October but lower when compared with September’s 134.

“The PE/VC deal activity is on a roll in 2021, significantly exceeding the previous

all-time highs.

Year-to-date October 2021, PE/VC investments have recorded \$65.6 billion, 38 per cent higher than the previous annual high recorded in 2020,” the firm’s partner Vivek Soni said.

There were 21 large deals of over \$100 million each in October aggregating to \$10.9 billion, it said.

Housing sales across 8 cities may rise 15-20% on demand revival

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Housing sales are likely to rise by 15-20 per cent annually during the current calendar year across eight major cities on pent up demand and low-interest rates on home loans, property consultant PropTiger said on Tuesday.

During the 2020 calendar year, sales had plunged 47 per cent to 1,82,639 units from 347,586 units in 2019, mainly because of strict nationwide lockdowns imposed in March last year to control the COVID pandemic.

As per PropTiger’s ‘Real Insight Residential Q3 2021 report, housing sales have increased by 12 per cent to 1,38,051 units during the January-September period of the current calendar year from 1,23,725 units in the corresponding period of 2020.

PropTiger.Com, owned by Australian firm REA group, tracks the primary housing market of eight major cities -- Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Pune – in India.

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संख्या:-105(1)/08/ACF(M)/G-1/2020-21 दिनांक: 16 नवम्बर, 2021

सिद्धिपि

एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि सहायक वन संरक्षक परीक्षा-2019 का चयन परिणाम आयोग द्वारा दिनांक 16 नवम्बर, 2021 को घोषित कर दिया गया है। चयन परिणाम, अभ्यर्थियों के प्राप्तांक एवं कट ऑफ मार्क्स उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग की वेबसाइट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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(कर्मन्ध्र सिंह) सचिव

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	EI alteration work in connection with replacement of Block instrument at Tapri Station of Delhi Division.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 36,49,676/- only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM Office, New Delhi- 110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender/closing of tender	Tender uploading/closing date & time: 08.12.2021 upto 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.irps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.
Tender No. 558-Sig/16/M/Tender/1368 Dated : 15.11.2021 2648/2021	
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st Corrigendum

Sub:- 1st Corrigendum to tender notice no. 172-Sig-TW-Tender-EPC-T13 dated 20.10.2021 in connection with tender for the work of "Provision of Indian Railway KAVACH (Formerly known as Train Collision Avoidance System) (IR Kavach) over NDLS-PWL, Ex. TKJ-CPYZ & LKO-Ex.CNB Sections of Northern Railway including Provision for Double distant along with Interlocking of required Block section LCs in LKO-Ex.CNB Section and Provision of STM4/Telecom towers at Stations wherever not available in NDLS-PWL & Ex. TKJ-CPYZ Sections along with Loco TCAS fitment works in 106 nos. of 160kmph Electric Locos in connection with achieving speeds upto 160kmph over New Delhi - Mumbai and New Delhi - Howrah (including Lucknow - Kanpur) Routes of Indian Railways.

The following item of above tender notice may be read as under:-

As per original NIT	Revised as per this corrigendum
Cost of Tender:- 123.027 Cr. Opening date:- 02.03.2022	Tender No. 172-Sig-TW-Tender-EPC-T13 dated 20.10.2021 may be treated as cancelled.
No: 172-Sig-TW-Tender-EPC-T13 Date: 16.11.2021	2655/2021
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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Surjeet Singh, S/o Arjun Singh R/o H.No.1363, Gayatri Nagar, Distt. Gayatri Nagar, Uttar Pradesh** has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 425/18 date 10.08.2018 u/s 408 IPC, P.S. Begumpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Surjeet Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Surjeet Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Surjeet Singh** of **FIR No. 425/18 date 10.08.2018 u/s 408 IPC, P.S. Begumpur, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.12.2021**.

By Order,
Sh. Babru Bhan
Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, (North-West)
DP/1154/RD/2021 Room No.101, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, New Delhi

Carriage & Wagon Care Centre/Bhoor Bharat Nagar, Northern Railway, Ghaziabad

Notice for Training Programme under 'Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojna'

Carriage and Wagon Training Centre, Bhoor Bharat Nagar, Northern Railway, Ghaziabad will organize **'Skill Development' training of 'short duration' (3 weeks)** for youths/women under **'Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana' for the upcoming 3rd & 4th batch of 2021-22. Fitter & Welder trades** are included in this training program. It is not mandatory to be having ITI certificate for this training. In this program, 12 youths/young women per batch in each trade will be selected and trained. Not training fee is payable for this training, but the trainees will have to make arrangements for their accommodation.

Qualification:- 1. High School Passed 2. Age:- 18-35 Years.
Application Date:- 15.11.2021 (00.00 Hrs.) To 28.11.2021 (23.59 Hrs.)
Application for training will be done online mode.
Interested candidates can visit the website www.railky.indianrailways.gov.in for application and detailed information for training.
Candidate who are facing any problem in online submission of application, can contact to **Sh. Sunil Dutt, CI/Carriage and Wagon Training Centre, Bhoor Bharat Nagar, Northern Railway, Ghaziabad (Mobile No. 9717631473).**
For Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Co-ordination Delhi Division

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

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


Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Poonam Tomar, Kushal Pal Singh, R 164 B Pratap Vihar, F And R Vlak Ghaziabad, F And R Vlak, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBGHZ00002666046	Villa No E107 Plot No BGH-A Sec-Surajpur Site-C (EXTN) Phase-1, Plot No BGH-A Sector Surajpur Site-C (Extension) Phase-1 Noida	17/07/2021 Rs. 22,38,629/-	06/03/2021
2.	Vinay Kumar, Kush Gupta, Piya Pasand Abhushan Mandir Pvt Ltd, Neha Gupta, D-226 Ramprastha Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh/ A/c No:-LBNOD00004639342	Plot No 151, Block-C, Sector 122, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	23/07/2021 Rs. 1,89,71,510/-	01/02/2021

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

Date : November 17, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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


Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Radhika R/ K A Bala Subramanian LBDEL00002895189	Flat No- 12 C, Second Floor, Block- ED, Pitampura, New Delhi-1 10034 November 12, 2021	August 20, 2020 Rs. 37.89,479/-	Delhi

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

Date : November 17, 2021
Place: Delhi

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

**Office of the Superintending Engineer**
1st Circle, Public Works Department, Almora
Phone/Fax: 05962-230295 Email: sepwdalm@rediffmail.com

Letter No. : 8039/ Nivida-01/2021 Dated : 16/11/2021

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (E-Tendering)
E-TENDER NOTICE

The superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Public Works Department, Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 18/11/2021 & onwards on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	Road Safety Work on Almora - Baijnath - Gwaldam - Karnaprayag Motor Road (SH-11) as per recommendation of RSA under Central Road Infrastructure Fund.	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 10.00 Lakh	60 Days	18 Months	Class A & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt./ Any Govt. Undertaking and Eligibility of the Conditions prescribed for the Road Furnitures, Reflective Sheeting and Road Marking as per Engineer in Chief Letter No. 380 / 02- मुठुनि (अधि) / 2017- 20 दिनांक 31 / 07 / 2020
2	Construction of Km 1 to 3 of Extension of Harinagari Payya motor road to Harabdabu including Hill Side cutting C/o Scupper R/Wall, B/Wall and Construction of 8m span RCC motor bridge in km 1 and 24m span Steel Girder motor bridge in km 3 under SCSP under Bageshwar Constituency in District Bageshwar.	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 6.61 Lakh	60 Days	18 Months	Category "A" & above in Road as well as Bridge works.
3	Construction of Remaining Part of Tali Chamaryari to Ranthkhal Motor Road Under CM Ghoshna No. 250/2021. (Length 3.675 Km) (Anticipation of Sanction)	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 5.10 Lakh	120 Days	15 Months	Category "B" & above (Road Works)
4	Re-Construction of Lakharkote kalika Motor road in District Almora Under CM Ghoshna No. 248/2021. (Length 4.700 Km) (Anticipation of Sanction)	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 4.80 Lakh	120 Days	15 Months	Category "B" & above (Road Works)
5	Construction of Kaihergoan Jagoi Shiv Mandir to Krishi Vigyan Kendra with Bridge in Sult Constituency of District Almora Under CM Ghoshna No. 531/2021. (Length 2.00 Km, Motor Bridge, Span 84 Meter)	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 20.00 Lakh	120 Days	18 Months	Category "A" & above in Road as well as Bridge works.
6	Construction of Deghat Tali Narayan Mandir - Malbheera-Dharkote-Seramunani-Malikhet - Nagchulakhal Motor Road in Sult Constituency of District Almora Under CM Ghoshna No. 530/2017. (Part-I & Part-II Work) (Ch. Km 0.00 to 5.00)	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 7.00 Lakh	120 Days	18 Months	Category "A" & above (Road Works)
7	C/O 36M. Span Steel Girder Bridge near Math Village Over Kosi River in Someshwar Constituency under C.M. Ghoshna 138/2020	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 5.55 Lakh	120 Days	15 Months	Class B & Higher in Bridge work.
8	C/O 36M. Span Steel Girder Bridge Over Sai River in Village Dalmori near Dwarahat Someshwar Motor Road in Someshwar Constituency under C.M.Ghoshna 149/2020	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 6.95 Lakh	120 Days	18 Months	Class A & Higher in Bridge work.
9	C/O 36M. Span Steel Girder Bridge near Naikane Village Over Sai River in Someshwar Constituency under C.M.Ghoshna 145/2020	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 4.75 Lakh	120 Days	15 Months	Class B & Higher in Bridge work.
10	C/O 24M. Span Steel Girder Bridge near Chhani Village Over Kosi River in Someshwar Constituency under C.M.Ghoshna 137/2020) (Anticipation of Sanction)	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 4.65 Lakh	120 Days	15 Months	Class B & Higher in Bridge work.
11	Construction of 60 m span steel girder motor bridge over Kosi River in Km. 02 of Almora-Senar-Chan Motor Road in Almora Constituency District Almora under C.M. Announcement No. 748/2012.	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 6.60 Lakh	60 Days	18 Months	Category "A" & above in Bridge works
12	Upgradation of Helipad to Heliport at Falsima - Tattrick Near District Head Quarter Almora.	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 4.44 Lakh	60 Days	15 Months	Category "B" & above in Building works

Emotional and mental health of students, as well as teaching and non-teaching staff, has taken a toll in the pandemic, prompting institutes to come up with solutions to address this situation, says
DR RICHA MISHRA

STATE OF MIND

COVID-19 has had a continued toll on students' mental health due to a lack of physical accessibility to schools and colleges. With educational campuses closed, resources to manage mental health were also limited or unavailable, leading to a sense of confusion and uncertainty among students about their future. The lack of accessibility highlighted the need for educational institutes to prioritise how to care for student mental health both on and off-campus.

Positive thinking, effective coping strategies and remaining hopeful became challenging for school and college students due to the pervasive nature of the virus. The COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges to educators and parents as well. Children already coping with mental health conditions have been especially vulnerable to the changes or the new normal after the COVID outbreak.

Closure of schools and colleges, physically distancing guidelines and isolation, and other unexpected changes exposed students to several insecurities. At such a time of distress, schools, colleges, and universities are addressing well-being in students with new and innovative approaches.

Effect of COVID-19 on mental health of students
Be it, children, elderly or health



DR RICHA MISHRA
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LACK OF ACCESS TO FRIEND GROUPS, COMPLETE DIGITAL MODE OF LEARNING AND VARIOUS LOCKDOWNS AFFECTED YOUTH'S MENTAL HEALTH. MOST STUDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COPE UP WITH EDUCATION THROUGH ONLINE MODE

professionals, every individual faced mental tension in COVID -induced lockdowns. School and college students experienced anxiety, distress, social isolation, and an abusive environment.

Difficulties with concentration and attention, and unexpected headaches were also found among young students. As per some studies, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is closely related to depression and other psychological problems among students, the leading cause being COVID-19 recently.

In addition to this, lack of access to friend groups, complete digital mode of learning and the various lockdowns affected the mental health of youth. Moreover, many students have been complaining that while education and training were given through digital mode, assessment of the same is being taken offline.

Most of the students have not been able to cope up with the education through online mode. Competitive exams added more pressure and anxiety, with young students dying by suicide. For example, Tamil Nadu saw several young students who died by suicide following the medical admission exam, NEET.

As per National Crime Records Bureau data, India has the highest rate of suicide in Southeast Asia, and

in 2019 alone, over 8,000 children between the ages of 14 and 18 died of suicide. It has further created an immediate challenge for schools, colleges, and policymakers to tackle depression and suicidal deaths among students.

How educational institutes can help students

Online classes and exams have become the new norms for school and college students. Although physical classes resumed after a long time earlier this year, schools and colleges were again closed after a more severe, second wave of the pandemic struck. The emotional and mental health of students, as well as the teaching and non-teaching staff, took a toll during the second wave of the pandemic, prompting educational institutes to come up with solutions to address the situation.

Many health experts have noted that concentrating on the mental health of children is more important rather than stressing them to do well in exams. This requires equal participation by parents and teachers. Apart from that, educational institutions should also help older students deal with the lack of surety in getting jobs and college admissions during the COVID-19 crisis.

Generally, students are not comfortable talking about their problems with their parents and professors. They feel that their problems can

only be understood by peers, but their friends might end up giving them the wrong advice. Students at the age of 18- 25 face many issues like peer pressure of performing well on studies, looking attractive, drug abuse, harassment, family issues and some might have childhood trauma.

While in India we do not have access to help for mental health, professional-level help at colleges can help the students cope up with their problems.

Students should also be kept apprised of the changes happening in the industry due to the pandemic, its impact and how to learn new skills and technology to be job-ready.

Adaptability, agility, and innovative thinking have emerged as key learning through these tough times, and they can help students to survive the pandemic ordeal. Regular webinars, talks, close group discussions and virtual one-on-ones have also helped students to gain a perspective and understand the situation better and deal better.

New realities of working from home and temporary unemployment have made it difficult for parents to take care of their children, including young school and college students. Spending time with family and recreational activities at home can help in managing stress among youth.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.

— Cesar Chavez

MSC URBAN PLANNING

The University of Birmingham Dubai is now inviting applications for Masters in Urban Planning for January and September 2022 entry.

This M.Sc. Urban Planning programme aims to train the next generation of urban planners, who will need to adopt a multi- and inter-disciplinary approach to address contemporary challenges and solve associated problems faced by urban regions.

Course dates: January 2022 and September 2022

Eligibility: A four-year Bachelor's degree in a relevant subject or a three-year Bachelor's degree (first class or good upper second class) from a recognised institution in India. Applicants with relevant work experience can also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Fee: Overall programme tuition fee for January 2022 is AED 102,114 (Approx. £20,717) and overall programme tuition fee for September 2022 entry is AED 112,666 (Approx. £22,858)

Admission: Applications for January 2022 and September 2022 are open and there is no application fee. To submit an online application, please click on the 'Apply Now' button on the course page.

UG, PG & FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES AT ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The applications are available on the university website, and the last date for the Early Admission process is 16 January 2022. The classes for the batch will commence between August-September 2022.

The programmes offered in the university are – Bachelor of Design in Communication Design, Interaction Design, Product Design, Space Design, Sustainable Fashion and Textile Design and Transdisciplinary Design. The university also offers Master of Design - Integrated Product Design and



Urban Design and Development along with Fellowships - Anant Fellowship, a one-of-a-kind programme focused on the built environment & Anant Fellowship for Climate Action.

MSC 5G ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS

The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow is inviting applications for the MSc 5G Advanced Communications course starting in September 2022.

This full-time course will cover the practical, theoretical and technological aspects of 5G Communications Systems as they evolve over the coming years.

Eligibility- Normally a first-class or second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in electronic, electrical or communications engineering, or a related physical sciences subject from a recognised academic institution.

Fee - £23,050 for international students for 2022/ 23

Scholarship - scholarships starting at £3,400 will be available on this programme.

MSC MATERIALS ENGINEERING

The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), Israel has now opened the applications process. It is a two year thesis track programme.

Course dates: Spring semester dates: February 27th, 2022- June 24th, 2022

Admission Requirements: B.Sc. degree, minimum GPA of 80/100, TOEFL score of at least 85/120.

Admission Cycle: Spring Semester 2022.

Application deadline: Rolling admission
Tuition: is approximately \$5,000 (US) per year.
Scholarship available

Five life concepts every child must learn

Children must be equipped to deal effectively with various challenges, missteps and conflicts. It is important to discover crucial life skills and incorporate the learnings in their daily routine

A School is a world in miniature where children learn their first lessons of life. They learn to take on challenges, face defeat and feel joy in triumph, have a healthy competitive spirit and rejoice in another's victory, learn how to bounce back with resilience, feel jealousy, anger, empathy and love. They have their fun and mischief moments, make and lose friends, learn to respect peers, become more accepting of diverse views. It is imperative that children learn more than simply focusing on academic learning. Life skills and academic progress go hand in hand which can help children flourish and create a bright future for themselves.

Children must be equipped to deal effectively with various kinds of challenges, missteps, and conflicts that life may toss at them. It is important to discover the most crucial life skills children ought to have and how these skills can incorporate the learnings in their everyday routine! These are life lessons far more significant and long-lasting than any academic learning.

Critical Thinking:

Children have intrinsic skills to question and inquire, and their natural interest to understand more acts as the foundation for critical thinking. However, in order to ensure that children are properly applying critical thinking in their daily routines, it is necessary to educate them on the skill so that they can comprehend, evaluate, measure, contrast, reason, and display excellent thinking skills. This is especially important in an era where technology is rapidly evolving, and children are bombarded with information from a variety of sources, including mobile phones, television, books,



Radhika Sinha
Principal, Aditya Birla World Academy

peers and family. Critical thinking is essential for addressing math and science problems as well.

A student must make appropriate judgments in order to solve math queries. Thus the child will be able to discover a solution if he or she has the ability to think critically. Analysis, experimentation, and deriving conclusions from the results are all part of science. The process of interpretation is entirely focused on questions and insights based on critical thinking.

Money Management:

Money is essential for day-to-day living transactions. In many households, the finances of the household are kept hidden from the children. Some parents believe that their children's economics are not their concern, or that financial problems are too complex for their children to comprehend. It doesn't have to be difficult, and it doesn't have to include information that many parents are hesitant to share with their children.

Teach your children how to manage their money effectively so that they can learn the art of saving, spending sensibly, and living responsibly. Teaching children about finances, their value, and how to manage it can help them prepare for the day when they get their own income.

First-aid:

Whether we spend a lot of time or a little time outside with the children, they will eventually venture off on their own. We strive to raise children who are kind, inquisitive, thoughtful, and intelligent. We wish children to be able to make excellent judgments on their own. We want them to be as prepared as possible to take care of themselves to face scenarios (and others).

Many people are afraid of injuries and medical treatment, but this does not have to be the case. You can train your children to manage the essentials of first aid with relevant information, planning, and forethought. This can also help the child to become strong to face any minor injuries and not be scared.

Value of environmental conservation:

We have all begun to realize the need of maintaining and preserving our ecosystem for

future generations. Though many people use the terms "conservation" and "preservation" interchangeably, preservation aims to keep the earth safe by protecting it from adverse human actions. Involving children in environmentally friendly exercises will help them grow into environmentally conscious individuals who can make a difference in our societies.

"Environmental preservation" should be introduced as a key course at a preschool level. Children will be more conscious about their decisions if we instill in them the value of environmental preservation from a young age. They will also correct the elders when they observe them indulging in activities that are dangerous for the atmosphere.

Decision-making skills:

Excellent decision-making skills, if obtained at the right age, can help children to become successful adults in the long run. The transition from childhood to adulthood can be smooth and uncomplicated if you have good decision-making abilities. This ability allows youngsters to resolve disagreements while also teaching them crucial life skills. The ability to make decisions is aided by logical thinking and problem-solving.

Children learn by witnessing their parents and friends, gathering conversations about values, and having the opportunity to make a decision and live with the consequences. Children occasionally make illogical decisions, but they learn from their experiences and strive to make better ones in the future. When they have a thorough understanding of the reasons for their decision, as well as experience and maturity, the skill improves.

Taking a legal route

Rule of law is the first requisite of any democracy and we the people are the electors of the legislators and also the beneficiaries of the legislations.

Starting from the protection of life and liberty to our interpersonal relationships in the form of guardianship, inheritance, matrimony to our daily shopping, easements, municipal conveniences, professional and business transactions, the laws govern our daily activities.

Coming to education, the prime objective of education is making good citizens and so a good society.

The citizens, who not only understand the establishment of rule of law but also, contribute to its better implementation by being followers of law willingly.

The Preamble of our constitution envisages the kind of society, our founding fathers were striving for which is to secure justice, liberty, equality to all citizens and promote fraternity to maintain unity and integrity of the nation and paves down the path to achieve through its Articles and schedules.

In order to contribute to achieve these objectives, we need to know them first and grow its understanding in our future generations.

An aware citizen can only force the elected representatives and the legislators to perform and the Government to account.

Pendency in courts is one of the most debated issues in India and people here in day-to-day life are cheated by shopkeepers, suppliers etc.

We are habitual of bad roads, polluted water and air, high decibel noises, arbitrariness of public servants and police atrocities.

All of us have witnessed corrupt practices around us, when we see bad quality construction of roads and drains, collapsing bridges and Government buildings.

Further the coffin is nailed by the legal principle that "Ignorance of law is no defence."

Ignorance of Law is not accepted as defense in an Indian Court, which all the more increases the responsibility of the Government to provide legal education to its citizens.

We should sincerely contemplate introducing the Constitution of India, Consumer law, municipal laws, and family laws to make it part of compulsory curriculum in schools and colleges.

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VIT-AP School of Law inaugurates Legal Aid Clinics

PNS ■ AMARAVATI

On the Legal Services Day, the AP High Court Legal Services Committee launched Mission Legal Service Programme on November 09, 2021.

As part of this program VIT-AP School of Law (VSL) is selected by the AP High Court to join the mission legal services and render their services to cre-

ate Legal Awareness in the villages Velagapudi, sakamuru and Inavolu identified and adopted by the VIT-AP University.

On November 12, 2021, the programme was started at two of the three adopted villages of VIT-AP University i.e. Sakamuru &mp;

Velagapudi and the legal aid clinics was inaugurated by Sri. B. Sessaiah,

Senior Civil Judge, Mangalagiri and Chairperson Mandal Legal Services Authority and participated by Dr. Chakka Benarji, Dean VIT-AP School of Law, Prof. M. Mahathi Faculty Coordinator of the VIT-AP School of Law Legal Aid Centre and Students.

The programme witnessed the participation by the local people, mandal

officials, Police officers and other village revenue officials and students of VIT-AP School of Law.

While inaugurating the program the Mission Legal Service Secretary informed the participants about the importance of creating legal awareness to provide access to justice to the needy people. She further highlighted the role of students, lawyers, judges, etc.

80 per cent children without access to education

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A recent national survey showed that only 20% of school-aged children who were enrolled in the formal education system received remote education during COVID-19 induced school closures. School aged children were considered those between the ages of 5 and 18.

The survey was conducted by LIRNEasia, a regional think tank working on digital policy issues across the Asia Pacific, and ICRIER, a policy oriented economic policy think tank based out of New Delhi.

The 2021 survey showed that access to

education was greater among students residing in urban areas, from wealthier families, with more educated household heads, and in higher grades.

Many of the 20% who were able to access education during school closures did so through multiple channels. However, these students' experiences were heterogeneous. Only 55% of students (of this small group who received some education) participated in live (real time) online lessons, while 68% watched recorded video lessons and 75% had information and assignments communicated to their smartphones through channels such as WhatsApp. It is also noteworthy that

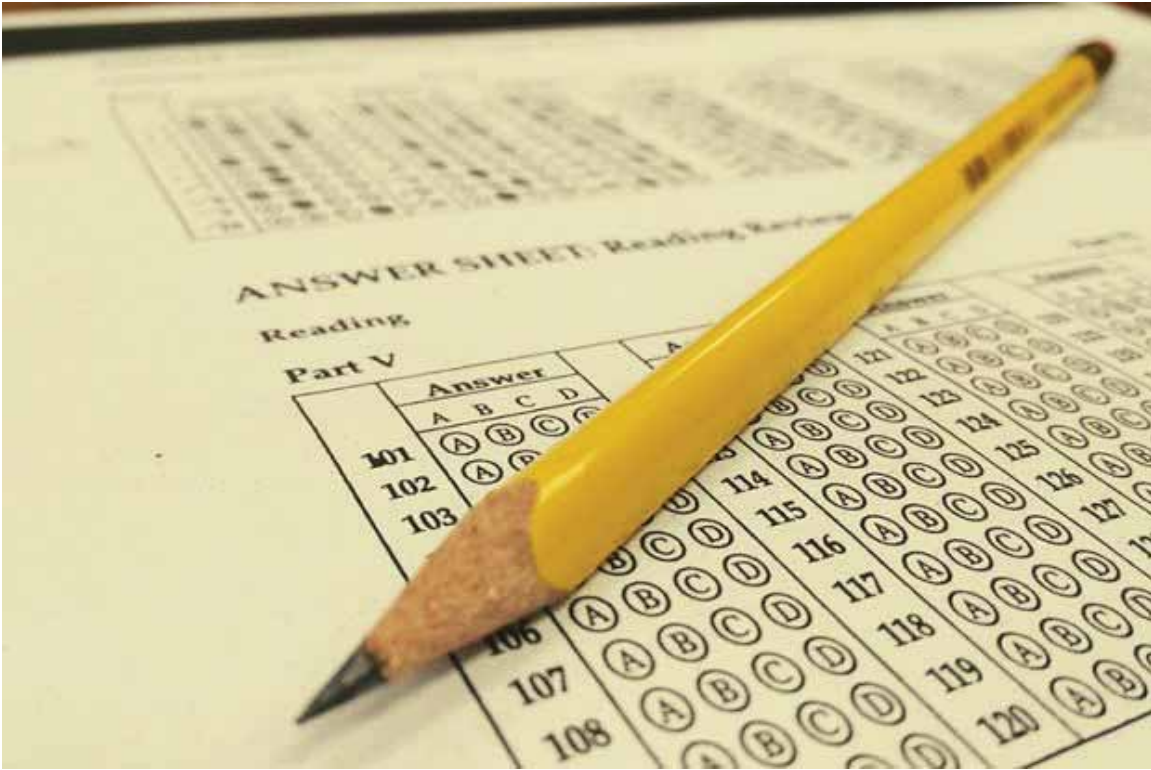
58% of these students also had contact with schools through offline channels, with information and assignments being physically delivered to their homes.

The other 80% of children, however, were left behind.

"The pandemic made the education gap worse, impacting students from disadvantaged households the most. But it wasn't just a connectivity problem - schools were caught off-guard and were not prepared to deliver online lessons in the first round of lockdowns. Luckily things did improve in the subsequent shut downs," says the CEO of LIRNEasia, Helani Galpaya.

SCORE 99 + PERCENTILE

If you want to stand out among all CAT aspirants, it is important to score 99+ percentile. SUMIT SINGH GANDHI tells you how



The Common Admission Test (CAT) is a national-level examination conducted by The Indian Institute of Management. It is a mandatory exam for seeking admission into IIM or other prestigious B-schools. The exam is conducted annually in the last week of November. This year it is on November 28, 2021. Almost two lakh aspirants appear for CAT every year and less than 2,000 aspirants score 99-plus percentile. This means that your preparation needs to be different to stand out and be in those 2000 candidates.

Over the years, it is observed that the people have the following strategies end up scoring 99+ percentile.

BE FIRM ABOUT AIM Since Day 1, be clear that your aim is scoring 99 percentile. Make up your mind of not settling even 0.1 percentile less than 99 percentile. Be firm and confident about yourself and just be optimistic that you can achieve it. Decide the IIM you want to get into and work towards scoring the percentile needed to get into the

best IIM in the country.

PUSH YOUR LIMITS

Work hard from the very beginning. Go all out and study with all your heart. Solve a minimum of three-four mocks each day. While solving every mock, solve it like it is the actual CAT exam. After every mock check for the wrong answers and practice to not make the same mistakes. Push your limits and work as hard as you can. Work hard on the topics that you find tough. Keep practicing all the topics even the ones you are already good at. Be careful while solving each question and concentrate completely on it.

MAKE STRATEGIES

Study the exam pattern at first. Know how many questions you need to get right in each section to score 99 percentile. Try those strategies while practicing mocks. This will tell you which strategy is more accurate. Use the most tried and trusted strategy in the actual exam. A lot of time you will give to the section and how much maximum time you will spend on one question.

Solve as many questions as you can. Keep practicing regularly. It is said practice makes a man perfect, so one should keep this thought in the mind and give the time for mock test

ANALYSE PERFORMANCE

After you practice, every time evaluate what you have done. Make a note of your mistakes. This will help you know which sections you are good at and which sections need more practice.

Accordingly, try planning upon the questions you will prefer to attempt. This way you won't lose marks unnecessarily. Don't be overconfident about your strengths and don't be ignorant of your weaknesses. Strive hard to convert your weaknesses into strengths.

REMAIN CALM

One thing that sets the 99 percentile scorers apart from the less percentile scorer is how they deal with pressure. No matter what the situation is during the exam you cannot lose your calm. You need to deal with the situation with patience. Often, there are questions that the candidate is unable to solve in the first attempt.

In such situations, leave the question and move ahead to solving the rest of the paper. This way you won't lose your time. If you panic and stick to solving that question then you probably won't

be able to complete your paper ahead. Go with a good state of mind and have confidence in yourself.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Be quick with solving the problems. Don't waste much time on a particular question. If you are not sure about an answer, keep the question for later and solve it if you have time in the end. But while solving with speed, you cannot afford to make silly mistakes. Silly mistakes are a major reason for the low percentile. You need to be careful and alert with every question. Understand the question correctly.

PRACTICE AND ANALYSE

Solve as many questions as you can. Keep practicing regularly. It is said practice makes a man perfect, so one should keep this thought in the mind and give the time for mock test.

Practicing all the topics even the ones you are already good at. Be careful while solving each question and concentrate completely on it.

The writer is CEO, CATKing Educare

Want to ace CTET? Stick to these tips

The CTET exam is being conducted online in just a month. NEELIMA KAMRAH shares tricks that aspirants can use to crack it

The Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) is conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). After qualifying CTET exam, candidate will be eligible to get a job in State, Central and Under the control of UT Schools. In the process of preparing for any competitive exam, keeping calm and being patient and consistent is important. If you are Dedicated towards cracking CTET 2021 exam, one must have a proper strategic plan based on your abilities.

- The exam is divided into two parts — Paper I and Paper II. Paper I is for teachers who intends to teach primary class; Paper II is for those who intend to teach students from Classes VI-VIII.
- The total duration of two hour and 50 minutes is being assigned to complete each paper.
- There is no negative marking.
- There are five subjects in exam. Each subject covers 30 questions and there will be no sectional cut-off.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Acknowledge syllabus and exam pattern: The very First step towards the preparation of CTET is to examine the Exam pattern & syllabus. This will help you to understand and get important topics, time allotted for each section and weightage of every topic. With the help of this you can easily divide your time for each section in the exam. The syllabus includes topics from the NCERT syllabus for Classes I-V (Paper I) and Classes VI-VIII (Paper II). The best way to this is to read NCERT.

Identify your weak sections: Be very clear about weak areas. Practicing on regular intervals will help you to determine this. To master your weaknesses, it is important to revise your fundamentals and keep basics clear. Work more towards strengthening your weak areas. Try not to waste your time by keep revising the topics you are good at. Don't start any new topics at the last moment.

Make your own notes: Make a list of important books and subscribe to online platforms if possible. Start making notes from the day of preparation. Once syllabus is complete, pin down important handy notes which will help you during revision time. Revise topics like learning, development, child-cen-



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tered and progressive education, teaching methods and teaching aids, teaching principles, evaluation and assessment.

Maintain confidence: Self-confidence is the key to success. If you are confident about yourself, you will surely achieve success. For boosting confidence, do a little bit of physical exercises and meditate.

Analyse previous year papers: Try to solve as many previous papers as you can. This will help you to analyse the important topics from which most of the questions have been asked. Recreate the examination environment. While solving question papers, try to give yourself the exact amount of time which is going to be provided in exam. Afterward, use CTET answer key to cross-check how well you performed. Keep an eye on the scores and section-wise scoring pattern. This will help you to identify your strong and weak sections.

Watch tutorials: If you are facing difficulty in understanding any topic, then watch a tutorial video of it. Videos, visuals, listening and learning activate your right brain helping you image things. Use technology to make study easier rather than getting stuck.

Recently, there has been a renewed discussion of implementing 75 per cent reservation in the private sector to local aspirants in Haryana. The Chief Minister has said that the Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Bill, 2020, passed in November 2020, will come into effect from January 2022.

According to the bill, 75 per cent reservation is provided to the natives of the State in the newly created private-sector jobs operating from the State. The rule applies to companies, societies, trusts, and limited liability partnership firms in the State with more than 10 or more

employees. Similar bills have already been passed in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in July 2019 and December 2020, respectively. However, doubts remain over the usefulness and implementation of such laws.

The private sector needs skilled and experienced employees to stay in the competition. Therefore, private sector companies insist on the ability of the candidates rather than looking at their States, regions, castes and characters to provide employment.

The rules framed by the State Governments will hamper their autonomy. This will affect the quality of products or

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services. The state governments will also have to bear the loss of taxes if the company is incurring losses due to imposed rule.

Private sector companies can also set up their offices and production units outside the State to stay operational, quality-oriented, and competitive. Haryana's Gurugram has been the first choice of major multinational companies for their operations in North India. But with such irrational bills, companies will start looking for other

options and Gurugram will not remain the preferred choice of multinationals. The bill will undoubtedly benefit residents of the State. But the loss of such bills is estimated to be high in the long term. Local employees may gradually stop participating in skill development schemes, as they will get reservations in jobs.

Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution allows citizens to move freely anywhere and work according to their efficiency and

qualifications. As per Article 16(2) of the Constitution, no citizen shall be ineligible or discriminated against for any employment or post under the State based on religion, origin, caste, sex, race, place of birth, residence, or any of these.

The industry has always questioned such regressive and harmful laws. All significant industry associations like CII, FICCI have opposed such laws. According to these organisations, such rules will have a direct impact on the competitiveness of Indian industries.

Under the rule, the unnecessary obligation of companies will increase, such

as complying with additional compliance by registering on the designated portal and maintaining employees' records will be cumbersome.

Such instances can provoke companies to look for alternate options in other states. Instead of implementing such bills, the State Governments should provide a favorable business environment to corporations operating from their territory. They should take the skill development schemes to the grass-roots level to get proper employment by being skilled.

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The University of Sheffield, UK is delighted to offer one Delhi Public School Society (DPS) Undergraduate Merit Scholarship in 2022. The scholarship is a competitive award worth 50% of the tuition fee for an UG degree programme starting in autumn 2022.

Eligibility: Must be currently studying at a Delhi Public School Society (DPS) institution in India. You must receive an offer to study a full-time undergraduate degree or foundation degree programme at the University of Sheffield before you can apply for this scholarship.

Your degree/foundation programme must be scheduled to commence at the University of Sheffield in September 2021. All undergraduate degree courses are eligible with the exceptions of Medicine (A100/A101) and Dentistry (A200).

You must receive an offer for a course studied in full at the University of Sheffield. Degree programmes split between the University of Sheffield and a partner institution are not eligible to apply for a scholarship.

For tuition fee purposes you must be self-funded and eligible to pay the overseas tuition fee.

You must not be a sponsored student. You must enter a degree programme at the university.

To know more visit: <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/inter->

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Application deadline: It is 13:00 (UK time) on Monday — April 25, 2022.

The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, invites applications for joining PG taught programmes in January 2022, joining the Faculty of Engineering in academic year 2021/22.

Eligibility: Postgraduate Taught -To be considered for the Faculty of Engineering International Scholarship applicants should normally have a 2:1 (or equivalent) in their undergraduate degree.

To know more visit: <https://www.strath.ac.uk/study-withus/scholarships/engineeringscholarships/engineeringinternational/scholarships-january2022/>.

All self-funded, international (non-EU) fee-paying offer holders with strong academic qualifications are encouraged to apply. You must hold an offer to a full-time PG taught degree programme.

If you're applying for a postgraduate taught degree programme, you'll receive a scholarship award equivalent to a 15% reduction of your tuition fees, which will typically be £3,280.

How to apply: Submit one application form to be considered for both scholarships and the closing date.

Application deadline: It is January 217, 2022.

MOBILE APP DEVELOPMENT AT TARGET100 YEARS

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/6f6df3
Deadline: November 24, 2021

HUMAN RESOURCES (HR) AT LUMENCI

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/1b6420
Deadline: November24, 2021

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT DATATRAINED

Location: Delhi, Ghaziabad, Noida
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link - internshala.com/i/3da3c1
Deadline - 24th November 2021

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT RPXL SOLUTIONS

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/691b46
Deadline: November 24, 2021

FASHION DESIGN AT LUVYA BY NEETU

Location: Chandigarh
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/e1c0be
Deadline: November 24, 2021

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY AT COGNIALE

Location: Bhubaneswar
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/71c7b3
Deadline: November 22, 2021

FRESHER JOB CORPORATE SALES ASSOCIATE AT MIM-ESSAY

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹4.5- ₹6 lakh per annum
Link: internshala.com/i/cf211b
Deadline: December 8, 2021

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ICP-ACC CERTIFICATION PROGRAMME

The Xebia academy launches Professional ICP-ACC certification programme — a 24-hour training session where the attendees will learn the roles and

responsibilities.

The training focuses more on developing the Agile mindset and training you to be a mentor and facilitator of an Agile team.

Course duration: 2 days
Last Date to apply: November 25, 2021.
Website :<https://www.xebiaacademyglobal.com/course/agile-methodology/icagile/certified-professional-in-agile->

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There are no prerequisites for the ICP-ACC certification program. Prior basic agile experience would be beneficial. Familiarise yourself with the Agile Manifesto and Scrum Guide.

The objectives of the course are :

- Learn the Agile mindset, roles, and responsibilities.
- Gain theoretical and practical knowledge of working with Agile.
- Learn the key ideas behind mentoring Agile role transitions
- Handle conflict, malfunctions, organisational impediments
- Catalyse team performance and development.

INDIA'S KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS LAUNCHED

The Rashtram School of Public Leadership, Rishihood University, Sonipat launched a four-week Bharatiya Jñana

Parampara, Faculty Development Programme — India's Knowledge Systems. The ceremony was graced by Dr

Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture Sh. Arjun Ram Meghwal.

LECTURE ON STATUS OF CHILD RIGHTS IN INDIA

The Mahindra University School of Law organised a lecture on *The Status of Child Rights in India*, as part of its lecture series to familiarise students with different aspects of the legal system in India. Dr Rama Devi Gudemela, Member Child Welfare Committee, Department of Women and Child

Development, Telangana, delivered an enlightening session on the subject.

Dr Sridhar Acharyulu, Dean, Mahindra University School of Law, in his welcome address, said, "It is important that we focus on the well-being of the child. we need to be aware of the legal framework."

IIT MADRAS RE-LAUNCHES MS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras is re-launching the MS in Entrepreneurship.

Selected scholars will work with faculty on commercialisable ideas. They will be guided on how to discover entrepreneurial opportunities and formally establish their start-ups via an effective combination of taught courses, intense research supported by astute supervision and mentorship by highly

accomplished entrepreneurs and others of the start-up ecosystem.

Highlighting the unique aspects of this course, Professor Ashwin Mahalingam, who is part of the selection committee, said: "A lot of research happens at IIT Madras that has commercial potential. This program will create technology entrepreneurs who will productize these ideas and work on developing business plans

around them. In this way, we hope to ease the 'lab to market' transition of technologies, develop entrepreneurs, and consequently have greater societal impact."

Open to students across India who have completed their UG/PG degree.

The last date to apply is November 30, 2021. Interested students are apply by visiting: <https://research.iitm.ac.in/>.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The Apeejay School of Management (ASM), Dwarka, recently organised a two-day international conference themed Circular Economy, Management and Industry 4.0 leading towards Sustainability. The hybrid offline and online conference addressed the post-pandemic challenges for India and the need to adopt Industry 4.0, with a sustainable approach.

The conference, held in collaboration with Bharati Vidyapeeth's Institute Of Management Studies and Research, Navi Mumbai, witnessed participation of more than 100 attendees around the world, online and onsite.

Paper presentation tracks ran alongside on multiple online platforms like Microsoft Teams, Zoom and Google Meet.

CHILDREN'S DAY IS A CELEBRATION OF CHILD'S GRIT

On the occasion of Children's Day, Bollywood star Sanjana Sanghi lauded children across India for the extraordinary grit they have shown in facing extreme challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sanghi was visiting SOS Children's Villages of India Greenfields, Faridabad.

In her ongoing pursuit of Unboxing Fears, her core motive as Youth Champion

of SOS Children's Villages of India focusses on discussing and working through challenges, faced by children, one step at a time. During her visit, she interacted with children, Mothers and coworkers, besides partaking in fun activities like rangoli making.

"Dreams can be fulfilled if we work through our fears to achieve them. While all our experiences

are very different, the very core experience of having both fears and desires are consistent, and we must all use our learnings to help each other. No dream is too big or too far. If we work towards it, we will and we can definitely achieve it all, as ultimately, everything comes from within. Believe in yourself and your dreams," Sanghi said as she was addressing the children.

India look for ‘fresh T20 template’ in Rohit-Dravid era

PTI ■ JAIPUR

After a rude reality check in the T20 World Cup, India will aim to press the reset button for the 2022 edition under new captain Rohit Sharma and an illustrious head coach in Rahul Dravid, starting with the three-match series against New Zealand beginning here on Wednesday.

The duo in the next 11 months will underlie the ‘Men In Blue’s template and philosophy in the shortest format after it became clear that some rejigging will be needed as a part of course correction.

The disappointment in the UAE edition has forced India to look beyond Hardik Pandya, who for long has not been able to bring his all-round skills to the table.

Star IPL performer Venkatesh Iyer has been brought in as Hardik’s replacement and the three games is likely to give an indication if he can be groomed for the much needed fast bowling all-rounder’s slot.

India can also do with more power hitters in the batting department and Venkatesh, who played for KKR this IPL, has shown his ability to hit long and big.

The other IPL performers who have been picked in the squad are



Ruturaj Gaikwad, Harshal Patel, Avesh Khan and Yuzvendra Chahal, who makes a comeback after controversially being left out of the World Cup squad.

With Jasprit Bumrah rested for the series, India will be looking to find another pacer, who can consistently

clock 140kmph and above.

As it was seen in the UAE, the extra pace always comes in handy, bringing Avesh and Mohammad Siraj into the picture.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who was not at his best in the UAE, has been given another opportunity to find his

A game.

The think tank comprising skipper Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid will also assess a player’s utility keeping the Australian conditions in the mind as the country hosts the World Cup in less than 12 months time.

There are five shortest format

openers in the side and slotting them in various middle-order position will be a challenge.

Rohit and vice-captain K L Rahul are expected to open on Wednesday but India might be tempted to experiment in the presence of more options like Gaikwad.

In fact, even Venkatesh got all his runs opening for KKR but he is set to bat in the middle-order.

Suryakumar Yadav could not find his rhythm during the World Cup but he is one player India would be looking to groom at number four, especially for the true pitches in Australia.

In the absence of rested Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel can fill the spin bowling all-rounder slot while R Ashwin is expected to retain his place in the playing eleven after an impressive white-ball comeback in the UAE.

India had only five bowlers to choose from for most part of the World Cup while other top teams had up to seven options. Therefore, one might see one of the specialist batters rolling his arm over.

Their opponents New Zealand, who effectively knocked India out of the World Cup, have reached Jaipur on a chartered flight from Dubai with little time to reflect on their loss to Australia in the title clash.

Sindhu, Lakshya enter second round of Indonesia Masters

PTI ■ BALI



Two-time Olympic medalist P V Sindhu and in-form shuttler Lakshya Sen made impressive starts at the Indonesia Masters Super 750 badminton tournament, reaching the second round with contrasting wins here on Tuesday.

Reigning world champion Sindhu, seeded third, record a 21-15 21-19 win over Thailand’s Supanida Katethong in a 43-minute women’s singles match to set up a second-round clash with Spain’s Clara Azurmendi.

However, the highlight of the day was Lakshya’s stunning win over world no 10 Japan’s Kanta Tsuneyama in the men’s singles.

The 20-year-old from Almor, who had reached the semifinals at Hylo Open Super 500 and final of Dutch Open, displayed tremendous grit on way to a shocking 21-17 18-21 21-17 win over Kanta in an hour and 8 minutes.

Lakshya will now face top seed and two-time world champion Kento Momota of Japan in the next round.

Sindhu didn’t have much

trouble in outwitting Supanida in the opening game as she ran up a lead of 11-5 and kept her opponent at a distance even after the break.

Supanida was more competitive in the second game as she kept snapping at Sindhu’s heels. The Indian opened up an 11-8 lead at the break but the Thai player kept lurking around.

At 19-18, Sindhu grabbed two match points. Supanida saved one before Sindhu sealed the affair.

In men’s singles, Lakshya, ranked 19th, continued his rich vein of form to shock his higher-ranked opponent.

Lakshya rallied his way from 6-9 down in the opening game to first grab a 13-11 lead and then reeled off four straight points from 14-13 to leave Kanta behind and gain an upper hand.

In the second game, Lakshya was up 4-0 but Kanta clawed his way back at 10-8.

If a player fails while trying to perform, will still give him confidence: Rohit

PTI ■ JAIPUR

India’s new T20 captain Rohit Sharma on Tuesday said instilling a sense of security in players will be his priority and he will not stop hand-holding them even if they fail in a few games while trying to perform specific roles for the team.

Ahead of his first full-time assignment as India captain against New Zealand, Rohit outlined the need for him and coach Rahul Dravid to play a “big role” in allowing individuals to play fearless cricket and instil confidence even when they don’t get the desired results. “I think it is an important aspect of the format (T20) where



people have that assurance of going in and taking those chances in the middle.

If it comes off, it comes off, if it doesn’t then what happens,” Rohit said when PTI asked how he would like to maintain a balance between security and flexibility while trying out combinations going into the next T20 World Cup

in 11 months’ time.

“That’s where both of us will have to play a huge role and huge part in terms of giving that individual an assurance you know going out and expressing himself,” the skipper was categorical on how he and the new coach will go about their job.

Rohit’s eye will be on how players are reacting to a variety of pressure situations and how well they are able to express themselves while understanding the pitfalls of taking risks.

“Especially, in this format where sometimes, you need to go out there and play fearlessly while doing that there are chances that you might not always be success-

ful. Because it’s such a short format, you are always challenged and the pressure is always there.”

For Rohit, it is important that the individual knows what the team requires of him and doesn’t deviate from the set game-plan.

“I think the entire set-up will play a big part in making sure that particular individual wherever he bats and how we want him to bat goes and does the job for us.” So what happens when a player fails? “If he doesn’t, you still try and instil the confidence in him that we have full faith in you and just go and do the role for the team. As long as they are trying to do the role for the team we are happy,” the skipper played with a straight bat.



PTI ■ DUBAI

Indian duo of Mithali Raj and Smriti Mandhana were static at the third and sixth spots respectively in the latest update to the ICC women’s ODI player rankings on Tuesday.

Veteran pacer Jhulan Goswami was at the second place among ODI bowlers, while Deepti Sharma stayed at the fifth position in the ODI all-rounder rankings.

West Indies captain Stafanie Taylor moved up in the list of batters after a match-winning century against Pakistan that helped complete a 3-0 series win.

Tuesday’s updates by the ICC, which take into account the second and third ODIs between Pakistan and the

West Indies as well as the three Zimbabwe versus Bangladesh matches, saw Taylor move up two slots to 12th position after an unbeaten 102 in the third ODI in Karachi.

Taylor’s compatriot Hayley Matthews was another big gainer, moving up four slots to 25th among batters and up three slots to 20th among bowlers. She is also up two places to 12th in the all-rounders’ list after a match-winning four-wicket haul in the second match and a score of 49 in the third.

For Pakistan, Aliya Riaz (up three places to 37th) and Omaira Sohail (up two places to 39th) have moved up the list for batters and Nashra Sandhu (up one place to 21st) and Anam Amin (up four places to 43rd) have progressed among bowlers.

Bangladesh’s Fargana Hoque has gained seven places to reach joint-26th position after smashing a 53 not out in the second ODI against Zimbabwe while her team-mate Rumana Ahmed has moved up two places to 34th.

Watch was worth ₹1.5 crore and not ₹5 crore: Pandya

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India all-rounder Hardik Pandya on Tuesday dismissed reports of custom officials at Mumbai airport seizing his luxury watches, saying that only one watch worth Rs 1.5 crore had been taken for “proper valuation” after he “voluntarily declared” the items brought by him.

The out-of-favour India all-rounder, who was returning from Dubai after an ordinary outing in the T20 World Cup, which led to his omission from the squad for the T20 series against New Zealand, refuted reports that claimed that the two wrist watches worth Rs 5 crore were seized from him by the cus-



tom department. While he was making the declaration of the imported goods bought, it was found that the price of the watches, as per bills submitted, didn’t match the actual value, which is believed to be much more. As per rules, he will have to pay the correct duty fee before he gets back his purchased watches.

“The cost of the watch is approximately Rs 1.5 crore and not Rs 5 crore as per rumours floating around the social media,” Pandya tweeted in his defence.

Pandya claimed that he had “voluntarily declared” all the items that he had purchased from Dubai. The law of the land mandates him to declare every item purchased from abroad beyond a certain valuation that’s earmarked.

“Early on Monday morning, 15th November, on my arrival from Dubai, after picking up my luggage, I voluntarily went to Mumbai airport customs counter to declare the items brought by me and pay the requisite customs duty.

Vidarbha stun Maharashtra by 7 wickets to enter quarters



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Vidarbha stunned fancied Maharashtra by seven wickets in the first pre-quarterfinal of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy here on Tuesday to enter the last-eight stage of the national T20 championship.

Opting to field at the Feroz Shah Kotla, Vidarbha restricted Maharashtra to 157/8 despite a brisk 45-ball 66 by one-down Rahul Tripathi. Then they rode on half centuries by opener Atharva Taide (56 off 38 balls) and skipper Akshay Wadkar (58 not out off 47 balls) to chase down the target with 13 balls to spare.

Maharashtra lost skipper Naushad Shaikh (0), who was trapped in front of the wicket by young right-arm pacer Yash Thakur (3/17), in the second over.

Then Tripathi, who struck five boundaries and three sixes, rallied the innings with opener Yash Nahar (29),

as the two added 64 runs for the second wicket.

But left-arm orthodox bowler Akshay Karnewar (2/25) brought Vidarbha back into contention by removing a well-set Nahar to leave Maharashtra at 77/2.

An out-of-form Kedar Jadhav (6) became Karnewar’s second scalp as Maharashtra slipped to 91/3. Vidarbha bowlers kept making inroads and did not allow the opposition batters to settle.

Thanks to Tripathi’s knock, Maharashtra closed in on 160.

Chasing 158, Vidarbha lost opener Siddhesh Wath (0) in the first over. But Taide, who hammered six boundaries and a maximum, along with skipper Wadkar, knocked Maharashtra out of the tournament with their match-winning 95-run stand for the second wicket.

After Taide fell, the skipper took the onus upon himself to complete the job in the company of Jitesh Sharma (28 not out off 7 balls), who smashed three consecutive sixes.

Vidarbha, who advanced from the plate group, will take on Rajasthan in the third quarter-final at the Airforce Ground in Palam on November 18.

Meanwhile, Karnataka defeated Saurashtra by two wickets in a thriller.

Electing to bat first, Saurashtra were restricted to 145/7 with Sheldon Jackson scoring 50 in just 43 balls.

Zhou becomes F1’s first Chinese driver with Alfa Romeo

AP ■ HINWIL (SWITZERLAND)

Zhou Guanyu will become the first Formula One driver from China after signing with Alfa Romeo on Tuesday.

Zhou steps up from Formula Two, where he is second in the standings, and will partner Valtteri Bottas when the 10-time race winner moves from Mercedes for next season.

Zhou has previously been a test driver for the Alpine team and drove for them in a practice session for the Austrian Grand Prix in July.

“To be the first ever Chinese driver in (F1) is a breakthrough for Chinese motorsport history. I know a lot of hopes will be resting on me and, as ever, I will take this as motivation to become better and achieve more,” Zhou said.

Zhou replaces Antonio Giovinazzi, who loses his F1 seat after three years as a full-time driver for Alfa Romeo.



Pakistan to host 2025 Champions Trophy

PTI ■ DUBAI

Major cricket event will return to Pakistan after more than two decades with the country set to host the 2025 Champions Trophy, an ICC flagship tournament. The ICC board on Tuesday awarded the hosting rights of the 2025 Champions Trophy to Pakistan, while picking United States and West Indies as co-host of the 2024 T20 World Cup. This will be the first ever global event hosted in North America.

According to the announcement, India will get to host three ICC events in the next cycle, including the 2026 T20 World Cup and 2031 50-over World Cup, where the country will be Co

hosts along with Sri Lanka and Bangladesh respectively. India will also host the 2029 Champions Trophy singularly.

Pakistan, who had last co-hosted the 1996 World Cup along with India and Sri Lanka, have not been able to host many international games in the country since the 2009 terrorist attack on Sri Lankan team bus in Lahore.

The Champions Trophy was last held in UK in 2017 and it will be making its return in the ICC calendar after a gap of eight years. New Zealand and England have recently pulled out of a tour of the country and it will be interesting to see if teams finally get ready to travel to Pakistan.

Messi in, Neymar out of Argentina vs Brazil in WC qualifying

AP ■ BUENOS AIRES

Lionel Messi will play for Argentina when they face Brazil on Tuesday in a World Cup qualifier missing Neymar because of left thigh pains. Messi, who has been bothered by a knee injury, will play in San Juan in a match that could earn the team a spot in next year’s World Cup, Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said Monday.

Hours later, the Brazilian Football Confederation said in a statement that Neymar “reported being ‘insecure’ about the possible injury.

“Because there’s not enough time to perform more exams, the coaching staff decided to spare the player, who will not travel with the squad,” the statement said.

Neymar’s friend and rival, Messi, played only 15 minutes in Argentina’s 1-0 victory over Uruguay on Friday. He also missed two Paris Saint-Germain matches because of the injury.

“A few days ago he was physically fit and at the end we decided that the best would be for him to play for a few minutes so he starts getting that good feeling,” Scaloni said.

“For tomorrow (Tuesday), it is confirmed that he will play. We hope he finds himself in a good place.”

The Argentines, second in the 10-team South American standings behind Brazil, can qualify with a victory. Brazil already has one of the four automatic qualifying spots from the region.

Brazil has not won in Argentina since 2009. Scaloni’s main concern is in the midfield. Leonardo Paredes is recovering from an injury and could once again be replaced by Guido Rodriguez.

Beside Neymar, Brazil will be missing the suspended Casemiro, who could be replaced by Fabinho. Coach Tite also expects to test other players after beating Colombia 1-0, possibly using Matheus Cunha up front instead of Gabriel Jesus.



England routs San Marino

England hit double figures in goals in a competitive game for the first time to power into the World Cup.

Harry Kane enjoyed himself, in particular, in the embarrassingly one-sided 10-0 win over San Marino

that secured England first place in Group I of European qualifying on Monday.

England’s captain scored four goals — all in the first half, with two of them being penalties — to move his international tally to 48, which is tied with Gary Lineker and only five off Wayne Rooney’s all-time

record for the country. Kane finished 2021 with 16 goals for England, a national record for a calendar year, and it could have been more if he hadn’t been substituted just after an hour.

“If we left him on another half an hour, we would have had Wayne Rooney’s family on the phone,” England coach Gareth Southgate said.

Italy head to playoffs

Four years on from Italy’s darkest moment, it could be about to happen again for the Azzurri.

Italy was held to 0-0 at Northern Ireland in its final World Cup qualifier on Monday, while Switzerland beat Bulgaria 4-0 to clinch top spot in Group C and a place in next year’s tournament in Qatar.

For European champion Italy it’s the playoffs again. Italy lost a play-off to Sweden in 2017 — four years ago almost to the day — and failed to qualify for the last World Cup.

A revival had been seen under

Roberto Mancini, who led the Azzurri to the Euro 2020 trophy in July, but they could miss out again on soccer’s premier tournament. But Mancini is adamant that won’t happen. “I am completely confident. We’ll get there in March and maybe we’ll win it too, who knows,” the Italy coach said.

Scotland win over Denmark

John Souttar scored in his first international game for three years to give Scotland a 2-0 win over Denmark in World Cup qualifying and secure a home draw in the playoffs.

Denmark had already won Group F but Scotland spoiled the European Championship semifinalist’s perfect record as they aimed to win 10 games out of 10.

Scotland put pressure on Denmark from the start and won a succession of set-pieces. John McGinn swung Scotland’s eighth corner deep to the far post, where Liam Cooper nodded it back for Souttar to head in. He hadn’t played

for Scotland since a red card against Israel in October 2018.

“I went through a lot in the last year and I was just looking forward to it and I didn’t expect anything like this to be honest and it was brilliant,” Souttar told broadcaster Sky Sports.

“It was a total blur. We worked on that corner during the week, and thankfully we scored from it, just delighted.”

Kenya wins final qualifier

Kenya won its final World Cup qualifying game to provide a moment of relief from the crisis engulfing its national soccer federation. Michael Olunga volleyed Kenya ahead in the third minute on the way to beating Rwanda 2-1. Richard Odada added the second from the penalty spot and Kenya was 2-0 up inside 15 minutes in Nairobi on Monday. Olivier Niyonzima met a free kick with a side-foot volley for Rwanda’s goal, just its second goal in six games in the group stage qualifiers.