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SP stitching ties to take on BJP Mamata meets Modi,

among the Maurya-Kachi and

Kushwaha community in east

and central UP. Last month, the

SP had entered into an alliance

with the Jan Kranti Party dom-

inated by Lonia community.

Earlier on Tuesday, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief

Jayant Choudhury had met

with Akhilesh regarding alliance for the coming UP

Assembly elections.

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

BISWAJEET BANERJEE

Shedding its Covid-period inertia, the Samajwadi Party is racing ahead with its plan to stitch up alliances with smaller parties to take on the BJP in the forthcoming Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh. In an attempt to strength-en the caste alliance further,

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav met senior Aam Adami Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh and Apna Dal (Krishna Group) president Krishna Patel separately on Wednesday, fuelling specula tion of further alliances.

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

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

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

Recently Singh had visited the residence of SP patriarch



Lucknow on Wednesday

Mulayam Singh Yadav and Dal, which has influence greeted him on his birthday.

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

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

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

rged alliance with Suheldeo Rajbhar Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) which has a strong base among Rajbhar community in east UP. Besides, the SP also has tied up with Mahan



Rebel Congress MLA Aditi Singh (L) and BSP MLA from Azamgarh Vandana Singh

Rebel Cong, BSP MLAs join BJP

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

Vandana was suspended by the BSP for anti-party activities. She said the BSP never heard her side and suspended her without any reason. "Thereafter I met Yogi Adityanath and he asked me to join BJP," she said.

Leaders of various political parties took the membership of the BJP in the presence of BJP State president Swatantra Dev Singh in

Welcoming both the leaders, Singh said joining of these sitting MLAs gives a clear picture of what will happen in 2022 Assembly polls. Aditi has been criticising

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

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

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Swamy hogs limelight

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

PNS NEW DELHI

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

Howerver, what caused

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

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

Swamy who has often praised Mamata on social media met her at TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee's official residence in the national Capital. After meeting the Trinamool Congress chief, Swamy said they discussed the political scenario in Bengal. Continued on Page 2



Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee

Congress' loss is TMC gain: Sangma joins Didi's party

New Delhi/Shillong: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) received yet another shot in the arm on Wednesday after former Chief Minister of Meghalaya Mukul Sangma, along with 12 Congress MLAs, joined the TMC giving West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's party presence in three north-eastern States after Assam and Tripura.

Sangma met TMC MP and party's general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on September 21 first, fuelling speculation of him and his entire team joining the TMC. Congress leaders Kirti Azad and Ashok Tanwar joined the TMC a day earlier in the presence of Mamata, who is in national Capital. The late evening development came as a huge setback for the grand old party in Meghalaya and particularly in NE region as 12 of the 18 party MLAs joined the TMC on Wednesday.

Sangma, the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, was reportedly unhappy with the Congress's top leadership. Reports suggested that Sangma felt cornered in the party and he had given enough indications of quitting the party of things does not work. *PNS*

CAPSULE

ISIS THREAT TO GAMBHIR: SECURITY AT RESIDENCE New Delhi: Security has been

beefed up outside the residence of BJP MP Gautam Gambhir here after he received an alleged death threat from "ISIS

3 TERRORISTS KILLED IN ENCOUNTER

Srinagar: Three unidentified terrorists were killed in an in Rambagh area of the city on

NITI AAYOG FLOATS IDEA OF FULL-STACK DIGITAL BANKS

New Delhi: Government thinktank Niti Aayog proposed setting up of full-stack 'digital banks', which would principally rely on the internet and other proximate channels to offer thei services and not physical branches, to mitigate the financial deepening challenges being faced in the country.

UK PARL REVIEWS RULES FOR BABIES IN CHAMBER London: The Speaker of the House of Commons announced a review of the rules around babies being allowed into the Parliament chamber after a

parliamentarian complained she

three-month-old into the House.

was banned from carrying her

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

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

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

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

the employees' commute," said Rai.

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

"Since the last three days, there have been improvements

Govt extends 5 kg foodgrains/month

for free under PMGKAY till March

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

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

CBI charges 2 naval commanders in submarine retrofitting leak info case

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{n}}$ its third chargesheet in connection with the submarine retrofitting information leak case, the CBI has charged Jagdeesh and Abhishek Shaw.

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

sources said. Earlier, the agency had filed two chargesheets against six persons and Hyderabadbased firm Allen Reinforced Plastics Limited (ARPL). The third chargesheet came after the agency completed the probe against Commander Jagdish, who was arrested on September 21.

The agency has also named Commander Ábhishek Shaw in the chargesheet filed on



Saturday, they said.

Several accused, including retired officers commodore Randeep Singh Commander SJ Singh, serving officer Commander Ajit Pandey, Commander Jagdish and the executive director of Hyderabad-based Allen Reinforced Plastics Ltd, have already been granted default

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

bail to the accused persons.
An accused becomes eligi-

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

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

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

PNS NEW DELHI

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

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

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



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

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



In view of the upcoming Assembly polls in five States, the Narendra Modi Government on Wednesday approved a proposal to extend distribution of 5kg foodgrains

per month for free under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) to over 80 crore ration card holders for four months from December 2021 to March 2022. The decision to extend the scheme was taken by the Union

Cabinet on Wednesday. The phase V of the scheme will cost an additional ₹53,344.52 crore to the exchequer. Free foodgrains under the



PMGKAY scheme, which was announced in March last year to provide relief to poor people during the Covid pandemic, is over and above the nor-

mal quota provided under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) at a highly subsidised rate of ₹2-3 per kilogram. Briefing about the decision, the PMGKAY programme by four months till March 2022. This will cost an additional ₹53,344 crore to the exchequer, he said, adding that the total cost of PMGKĂY would reach about ₹2.6 lakh crore, including all five phases of this ongoing programme. The scheme provides 5 kg

of rice or wheat per person and 1 kg of dal to each family holding a ration card. Earlier, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal wrote

to Modi requesting him to Central extend the Government's quota of free ration supply until May 2022. In the wake of economic disruptions caused by the

unprecedented outbreak of

Covid-19 in the country last

I&B Minister Anurag Thakur said the Cabinet has extended distribution of additional freeof-cost foodgrains (rice/wheat) to about 80 crore National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries. The Phase-I and Phase-II

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

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

Cabinet approves Bill to repeal all three farm laws

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

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

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



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

OBEISANCE AT RAM LALLA'S DARBAR

Govt sending senior citizens; first train leaves on Dec 3

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

¬he Delhi Government will be sending senior citizens of the national Capital to pay obeisance at Ram Lalla's Darbar. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Wednesday that the first train will leave for Avodhya on December 3. Kejriwal made the announcement while addressing a conference, "Our first train for Ayodhya will be leaving on December 3, registrations have

Delhi residents can register and apply on the e-district

https://t.co/lr56rjpse8?amp=1 "I have very good news for the people of Delhi. I had visited Ayodhya and paid obeisance to Shri Ram Lalla at the Janambhoomi. The time I spent in the darbar of Lord Shri Ram engulfed me with divinity and peace throughout. As I

stepped out of the premises I will carry as many as 1,000 had only one thought in my mind - Lord, please bestow upon me the strength to help each and every citizen of this country visit Ayodhya and offer prayers in your darbar. As soon as I came back to Delhi, we revisited our Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojna and added Ayodhya to the list of routes," Keiriwal said.

The Chief Minister further stated that the Delhi Government has also added Tamil Nadu's Velankanni Church in the list of pilgrimage sites under the scheme for senior citizens of the national The Delhi Cabinet had

approved the proposal of inclusion of Ayodhya as one of the pilgrimage sites under the

According to government officials, the first train to Ayodhya under the scheme

senior citizens of Delhi.

Notably, the AAP-led Delhi overnment bears the expenditure of the pilgrims under the 'Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana' for their pilgrimage to a total of 13 religious sites, including Shirdi, Haridwar, Mathura, Vaishno Devi, Vrindavan and Puri, among others.Any citizen from the national capital who is aged 60 years or more can avail of the scheme after acquiring a certificate from their local MLA, stating that they live in the legislator's constituency. Since the scheme is for elderly people, one attendant aged 21 or more can accompany the person and Delhi government will bear his/her expenses as well.

Kejriwal has promised the same free pilgrimage schemes in Goa and Uttarakhand as well, where assembly elections are scheduled next year.

Security tightened at Gambhir's house

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

Following the 'death threat from ISIS Kashmir', the Delhi Police has tightened security outside the residence of BJP, MP Gautam Gambhir.

According to Shweta Chauhan, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Central district, a complaint was received from Gaurav Arora, personal secretary to Gambhir, at Rajendra Nagar police station on Wednesday.

"The complaint alleged that an unidentified person has sent an email on Tuesday on the email ID of Gautam Gambhir threatening to kill him and his family members," she said. "On receiving the complaint, the district police increased (Gambhir's) personal security as well as the security of his residence in Rajendra Nagar area. The police are currently enquiring into the source



However, no FIR has been registered in the matter yet as an enquiry is in process," police said. Police said that along with the Cyber Cell of the police of the Central district, an enquiry is also being carried out by the Special Cell. The complaint stated that a death threat from "ISIS Kashmir" was received on the official email ID of Gambhir at 9.32 PM on Tuesday. The mail read, "We are going to kill you and your family", the officials said.In the complaint, a request was made to look into the matter, register an FIR and make necessary security arrangements, police

ISIS Kashmir threat: 7k cops trained to handle cybercrime

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Delhi Police Asthana on Wednesday said around 7,000 personnel have been trained in the last three months to handle cyber crime cases in the national Capital.

"We have set up cybercrime police stations in each police district. The notification has been issued and I think, they will start functioning from December 1. Nearly 7,000 policemen have been trained in the last three months to handle these cases effectively. The Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations unit will support them," Asthana told the media during a programme by the Indian Women's Press

"You will find that the pace of registration and investigation of cybercrime cases will be expedited. We are fully aware that the cases of cybercrime are shooting up with each passing



day. The Delhi Police has been in the forefront of handling cybercrimes expeditiously," said

The Delhi Government's home department notification on November 17 said it is considered necessary to set up cyber police stations in each notified police district to investigate cybercrime cases.

Accordingly, cyber police stations will be set up in all 15 police districts, Asthana said. "The Lieutenant-Governor

of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, in order to facilitate extension of better

police assistance to the public nereby, is pleased to direct and declare that the cyber police stations in east, northeast, south, southeast, southwest, west, outer, central, north, northwest, Shahdara, Rohini, New Delhi.

Dwarka and outer north shall be the cyber police stations in each notified 15 police districts in Delhi from the date of issue of this notification," it

The cyber police stations shall have jurisdiction over the entire police district, the notification had stated.

AAP Govt orders crackdown on tomato hoarders

NEW DELHI:Food and Civil Supplies Minister of Delhi Imran Hussain Wednesday reviewed the situation arising out of the sudden and undue increase in the retail prices of tomato in the markets of Delhi.

Commissioner, Food and

Civil Supplies (CFS), Joint Commissioner and senior officers of the intelligence team of Food and Civil Supplies Department attended the meeting. Hussain directed the commissioner to instruct the Market Intelligence Unit to depute teams in the market for ascertaining the reasons for abrupt increase in the prices. He also reviewed the price

trend of other commodities like Onion, potato and other essential commodities and directed the officers to take effective action against any essential commodity hoarding activity The minister directed that the intelligence teams should also gather information about instances of hoarding and/ or black marketing of tomatoes, if any, so that the concerned departments could initiate necessary action against them under the Commodity Act.

DDC, WRI India to launch 'Workplace EV Charging Guidebook for Corporates in Delhi'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI the city.

The Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi (DDC) and World Resources Institute (WRI), India will be launching the 'Workplace Electric Vehicle Charging Guidebook for Corporates in Delhi' on November 29. The Guidebook aims to

help employers in their journey of adopting Electric Vehicle (EV) charging at the workplace. Delhi government announced the Delhi Electric

Vehicle Policy in August, 2020, with a vision to promote the adoption of electric vehicles in the city and to make Delhi the EV Capital of India. The policy aims to

improve Delhi's air quality by driving the transition to electric vehicles, so that they can reach 25% of all new vehicle registrations by 2024.

In line with this vision, Delhi Government has taken several progressive steps such as introducing subsidies on the purchase of EVs and the launch of a single-window facility to enable the installation of EV charging points in pri-SR | vate and semi-public spaces in the EV movement.

Through the launch of this guidebook, Delhi Government is looking forward to encourage corporates in Delhi to join hands in promoting EVs by adopting work-place charging. This guidebook aims to guide corporates in assessing the scope for workplace charging, details the processes involved in effective decision-making along with setting the way forward for its planning and imple-

Vice Chairperson, Delhi Dialogue and Development Commission of Delhi, Jasmine Shah said, "Under the vision set by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal of making Delhi the EV capital of India.

Delhi Government has taken many pioneering steps to promote adoption of EVs and build charging infrastructure at mass scale. Research shows that 90% of EVs are charged at home or workplace.

By launching this step-bystep guide to install workplace charging, Delhi government aims to become the first state government in India to make corporates an integral part of

Court orders FIR against Sambit Patra for posting Kejriwal's doctored video

A Delhi court has directed the police to register an FIR against BJP leader Sambit Patra for allegedly posting a doctored video of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal supporting the farm laws, saying it may have resulted in rioting like situation across the nation. Metropolitan Magistrate

Rishabh Kapoor directed the Delhi Police to register the FIR under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and conduct a thorough investigation against the BJP Spokesperson while allowing the application of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MLA Atishi.

Atishi had moved the court seeking registration of FIR against Patra claiming that the video contained statements that were diametrically opposite to the stand taken by the Delhi CM and the Aam Aadmi Party concerning the farm laws and caused discontent and dissatisfaction in the minds of

The judge noted, "The fact that the video was published on the Twitter handle of proposed accused with the caption teeno farm bills ke laabh ginate hue (Counting the benefits of the

three farm bills) Sir ji'..., prima facie proves that same was circulated with no intention but to cause the farmers to believe that Kejriwal is supporting the farm laws, which may have perpetuated the State of outrage with the protesting farmers and may have resulted in rioting like situation across the

The court said that a "thorough investigation" was required to be conducted considering the seriousness of the allegations and directed the SHO to register the FIR against Patra and initiate the probe. The judge noted that in the

original video, Kejriwal was seen replying to a question asked by a journalist by quoting that in the speeches given by leaders of BJP in support of farm laws, it was stated that due to the operation of said laws, the farmers will not lose their lands, the minimum support price assured to them will not be lost, the mandi system will not overturn.

"In this video itself, at the end of each sentence itself, Kejriwal can be seen saying that the above-quoted benefits of the farm laws were already in existence even prior to the operation of said laws," the

The chief minister was also seen responding to the questions regarding the solutions proposed by the farmers and in this context and he spoke in support of MSP measures, the judge said. The court also noted that

Kejriwal was seen saying that if MSP comes into operation, it would be the most revolutionary law made in the past 70

the impugned video clip running in 18 seconds, it was seen that the stances quoted by the Delhi CM in the original video were placed and doctored in such a way to give them colour as if he was speaking in support of farm laws," the magistrate noted in an eight-page order. The court further said that

the findings in the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report reflected that the video was opined to have been altered

Atishi had claimed that she gave a formal complaint to the station house officer (SHO) of IP Estate police station and DCP Darva Ganj in February 2021 and was assured that the FIR will be registered.

HC seeks Centre, Delhi Govt stand on PIL to fill vacancies in hospitals

The Delhi High Court Wednesday asked the Centre and Delhi Government to start the recruitment process for the appointment of doctors and paramedical staff in Government-run hospitals

The court was hearing a petition which claimed that here is an acute shortage of doctors and paramedical staff in government-run hospitals in the city. "You (authorities) start the recruitment process and appoint them. Show some speed. This is required," said the bench comprising Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh. "It is not necessary that all

vacancies should be filled (if) you are not getting suitable candidates. Start the process. You can't say that you will never start the process," the bench said while hearing a petition seeking immediate filling up of vacancies in Government-run hospitals on an urgent basis.

The court issued notice on the public interest litigation by Dr. Nand Kishore Garg a social activist and former

Delhi MLA and sought response from the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), Safdarjung Hospital, and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. The petitioner, represented

by lawyer Shashank Deo Sudhi, claimed that there is an acute shortage of doctors and paramedical staff in Governmentrun hospitals in the city, which is resulting in innocent and poor patients being forced to approach private hospitals and pay huge amounts of money.

The petitioner has claimed that the Government authorities have not carried out their constitutional responsibilities and thus violated Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution.

"As per the RTI replies dated February 7, 2020, 1838 doctors have been working in the health and welfare department of Delhi while 745 posts of doctors were lying vacant and as per the RTI reply dated

November 2, 2021, the government hospital like Guru Tegh Bahadur hospital the sanctioned strength of paramedical officials is 475 and out of which 135 post are vacant," the petition stated.

Rebel Cong, BSP MLAs...

From Page 1

Aditi is the daughter of for-mer Sadar MLA Akhilesh Singh. Akhilesh Singh passed away in August in the year 2019. Akhilesh was a five-time MLA from Rae Bareli Sadar seat. Aditi left the Congress after the death of her father. Not only this, she openly spoke against the Congress. On November 21, 2019, Aditi got married to Angad Saini, Congress MLA from Punjab.

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CBI charges 2 naval commanders in submarine...

arate chargesheets against the accused serving and retired officials besides others for allegedly passing on confidential information about India's Kilo Class submarines to

ing confidential commercial information on the MRLC programme of India's Kilo Class

submarines to unauthorised From Page 1 The duo was arrested folpeople for illegal gratification, the CBI had said after filing two lowing the searches on September 3. separate chargesheets on November 3. The case was The CBI has filed two sepregistered following a reference

that provided inputs that some serving officers in the Western Headquarters of Navy working on retrofitting of Russian Kilo "unauthorised persons".

They were allegedly passclass submarines were alleged-ly being influenced by retired naval officers and were receiving pecuniary benefits, the agency had said.

The agency is probing allegations into the leak of confidential information pertaining to procurements and maintenance of naval equipment for the submarines for pecuniary benefits and bribery in deal for the Mine Laying Saddle for the submarines from (ARPL).

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Mamata meets PM...

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The duo even posed for photographs after their meeting. Swamy had met state's Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar in Kolkata early this week.

During her meeting with the PM, Mamata told Modi that the federal structure of the country should not be disturbed in any way. Speaking to the media after the meeting, she said that she invited the Prime Minister to inaugurate the Global Business Summit which would be held in West Bengal next year. The chief minister said that she raised the issue of violence in Tripura in which TMC workers were allegedly assaulted by BJP workers.On the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, the TMC supremo said, "If Akhilesh (Samajwadi Party chief) needs our help, then we are ready to extend help." On media speculation that

during her this visit she chose

clarified that she did not seek time with anyone other than the Prime Minister, saying she understood that leaders are busy with the Punjab polls. In almost all her visits to the national Capital in recent years, Mamata always met Sonia. In her last visit, she had met Sonia, former party chief Rahul Gandhi, and few other senior party leaders. The TMC chief said she will meet Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and NCP chief Sharad Pawar during her visit to Mumbai on November 30-December 1.On Tuesday two Congress leaders - Kirti Azad (also a former BJP MP), Ashok Tanwar and JD(U) leader Pawan Varma joined the Trinamool Congress. Swamy later tweeted, "Of the all the politicians I have met or worked with, Mamata Banerjee ranks with JP (Jayaprakash Narayan), Morarji Desai, Rajiv Gandhi, Chandrashekhar, and PV Narasimha Rao who meant what they said and said what they meant. In Indian politics that is a rare quality."

to skip calling on Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, Mamata



Minister of State Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurates a free Covid-19 vaccine camp in Delhi

HC seeks Delhi Govt, EDMC stand on residents' plea to stop opening of liquor shop

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The Delhi High Court Wednesday sought sought response from the Delhi government, Excise Commissioner, and EDMC Commissioner on a petition by two residents challenging the opening of a liquor shop in their locality.

A bench of Chief Justice DN Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh issued notice on the public interest litigation by east Delhi's Chander Nagar residents and listed the matter for further hearing on January

claimed that ever since the persons residing in the locality have come to know about the opening of a liquor shop near them, they are "scared" about their children's future, "modesty of the ladies, young girls and teenagers", law and order situation as well as the welfare of the locality. They argued that the opening of the liquor shop in question violates the Delhi Excise Act and Rules as it falls under is "restricted area as per the settled law". The petition has claimed that the proposed shop is only 30 meters from the East

Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) Primary School, 60 meters from two temples, and 50 meters from a government dispensary. The petition also said that the shop is located within 100 meters of a colony of labourers, chemists, and a general store. "As per norms of the

Government of Delhi, a liquor shop cannot function within 50-100 meters of a school, temple, etc. Any permission beyond the permissible limit envisages appropriate action against the officials," the petition has stated.

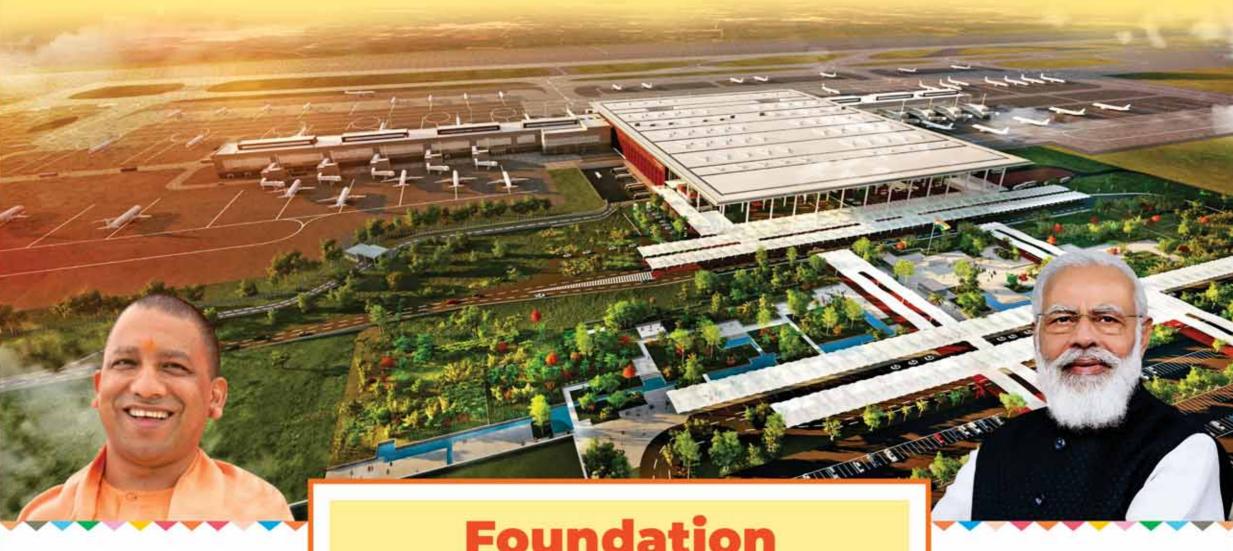
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Pak allows India to send wheat to Af via its land



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Two days after Prime Minister Imran Khan announced that Indian humanitarian aid of 50,000 metric ton of wheat can be transported to Afghanistan through his country, Islamabad on Wednesday formally conveyed the decision to New Delhi in this regard.

Pakistan also said it has allowed transportation of lifesaving medicines from India to Afghanistan via Attari-Wagah border on an "exceptional basis for humanitarian purposes."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

India has contributed to the humanitarian requirements of the Afghan people. This included providing more

of wheat to Afghanistan over

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Currently, India has formed air-bubble pacts with

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

After the first wave of COVID-19 subsided, a lot of countries opened their borders for tourists from India, especially Dubai, Maldives and Seychelles. However, we the arrival of second-wave and increasing cases, almost every country put India on a red list of international arrivals. Things, now, are again going back to normal and with India managing to reduce infection rate drasti-

cally, international travellers from India holding tourist visas are being allowed by many countries. With the vaccination meted out and countries allowing international travel, there is a great

On the other hand, domestic air passenger traffic has seen an uptick, almost reaching pre-Covid levels. On domestic air passengers travelled via 2743 flights across India. Last weekend, 3.94 lakh

domestic air passengers trav-

elled, which is highest since

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

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

States slacken Covid testing momentum

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

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

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

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

342 average daily tests as of the week ending 22nd November. This is in a stark contrast to a average daily tests conducted in the week of August 23-29. It is also worrying to note that the state has recorded a pos-



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



and bypassing traditional rules and protocols, with complete disregard to territorial integrity of others," Naravane said, without naming any country.

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

Marking a new high in bilateral ties, India and

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

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

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

Rahul seeks credible data on Covid deaths

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

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

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

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

CRPF enhances ex-gratia payment for its personnel

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The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has enhanced the ex gratia pay-ment from ₹21.5 lakh to ₹35 lakh for troops killed in com-bat action and from ₹16.5 lakh to ₹25 lakh for casualties due to other causes like accident, vice. The ex-gratia amount is payable to the next of kin of the deceased personnel.

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

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

The officials said a similar



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

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

₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh, they said. The CRPF is the world's biggest paramilitary force with about 3.25 lakh personnel in its ranks and is designated as the lead internal security force for counter-terrorist and anti-Naxal operations. It is extensively deployed for counter-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir and anti-insurgency role Naxal-hit States and

the Northeast.

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Anaemia among women, kids remains a concern

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

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

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

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

'Cost-effective meditation can help reverse grey matter loss'

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $A^{\text{simple, easy to follow, cost-}}_{\text{effective meditation rou-}}$ tine, when practised daily for several months, can help reverse grey matter loss in patients with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or those with mild Alzheimer's disease-- a neurological progressive degenerative conditionresearchers have claimed.

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

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



regions that are responsible for control of attention and goal-directed decision-making and reduced grey matter posteriorly. "The left hippocampus

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

said that the meditation research in MCI and Alzheimer's disease is still very young.
"Much of our waking state

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

Teachers' killers among 3 terrorists neutralised

MOHIT KANDHARI **II** JAMMU

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

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

The vehicular movement also remained suspended till

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

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

the Jammu and Kashmir police

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

Till the time of filing the report the police had not released any official statement as the identities of two other Highly placed sources in slain terrorists were yet to be CBI PROBE INTO SSC RECRUITMENT SCAM

HC interim relief for Bengal Govt

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

the Government aided schools that function under the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education.

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

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

and D (non-teaching) staff in taken place. While the case related to the appointment of 25 people, the subsequent revelations suggested that more than 500 such people could have been appointed through the backdoor.

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

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

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

Do more Corona tests, Centre tells Bengal

PNS KOLKATA

With Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee out in Delhi State ministers and senior officials on Wednesday preferred to maintain a studied

taken at an appropriate time," Health Department said adding the State Government had been

the Centre adding New Delhi had "no right to lecture the States without itself doing nothing on the issue."

A letter from the Union Health Secretary Rajesh recent weeks.

would undermine the actual infection spread within the community," the letter said.

Pointing out to the fact that

Pak for border violation

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

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

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

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

BSF lodges protest with Fadnavis meets Raj Thackeray, sparks buzz about BJP-MNS ties for BMC polls

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

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

As the speculation over the import of the luncheon meeting between Raj and senior BJP leader, MNS Spokesperson Sandeep Deshpande said that Thackerays had invited the Fadnavis couple to their new house for lunch. Notwithstanding the clarification issued by Deshpande, the speculation was rift that the BJP and MNS may try to forge an alliance for the crucial BMC polls scheduled to be held in February 2022.

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

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

NCP and Congress in the state in November 2019, the ruling Shiv Sena has been enjoying the support of the two parties for the past two years Given that all the three con-

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

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

BJP leaders Ashish Shelar and Prasad Lad had earlier met the MNS chief at the latter's residence. On his part, the MNS spokesper

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

Award, film screening held at University of Mysore Film Festival to promote ICT-

New Delhi: The consortium Educational Communication (CEC) in collaboration with Educational Multimedia Research Centre (EMRC), University of Mysore, on Wednesday organized the

award ceremony-cum-film screening of two national, educational video competitions. Governor of Kerala, Arif Mohamad Khan, was the chief guest on the occasion. The Prakriti International Documentary Film Festival will be held between November 26 and 27 at the University of

Mysore, Mysuru. Director,

CEC, Prof. J.B. Nadda, and Vice

Chancellor of Mysore

University, Prof. G. Hemantha

Kumar, were the keynote

CEC, one of the Inter University Centres set up by the University Grants organizes the Commission, Educational Video Competition and the Prakriti

based environment building on various social themes, to help its learners develop holistically by finding symmetry in learning and evolving their understanding of subjects of

During the Educational Video Competition, 12 films were screened, and in the Prakriti International Documentary Film Festival, 17 documentaries are to be screened for sensitizing the students and other stakehold-The results of the

Educational Video competition are: In the Best Educational Programme of the Year, Subha Das Mollick for her film "Calcutta Sonata" and Bobbeeta Sharma for her film "A Light that Refuses to Fade Out" jointly share the first prize, while "Living with Autism" by Vasim Ayub Pathan will be specially screened and awarded the certificate. PNS

silence on the Centre's letter asking the State Government to augment weekly corona tests in view of the increasing number of cases in many parts of the world. "A letter has come from Delhi and a decision would be a senior official of the State

following guidelines given by the Centre from time to A Minister on the other hand said Bengal was one of the pioneer states in maintaining steady vaccination record despite non-cooperation from

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

Bhushan said that there should be high testing rates considering the fact that international traveling had increased in the "A decrease in testing

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

Construction of 3.61 lakh houses under PMAY(U) approved

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

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

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

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

MSRTC EMPLOYEES' STRIKE

Maha announces hefty hikes in employees' basic pay

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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

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

tating employees.

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

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

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

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

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

For instance, those who have hither-to been getting a basic salary of ₹12,080 will now get ₹17,395 per month. Similarly, those with a basic salary of ₹17,070 will now get a basic salary of ₹24,584 per "As far as the inclusion of month.

> with an experience ranging from 10 to 20 years, there will be ₹4,000 increase in the basic As a consequence, their

basic salaries will go up from ₹

23,040 to ₹ 28,800 per The employees with an experience of more than 20 years will get an increase of Rs

2,500 in basic salary every

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

tota salary of Rs 56,880 per

Parab said that the MSRTC had suffered huge revenue losses during the Covid-19 period and the State Government had extended a financial assistance some reasons, the disbursal of salaries to the MSRRC was getting delayed earlier. Henceforth the MSRTC will gert salaries within 10th of every month,"

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

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

Andhra seeks ₹1,000 crore interim grant for flood relief Minister pointed out in the let-

Amaravati: Pegging the over- camps have been arranged, all damage caused by the recent heavy rains and floods at ₹6,054.29 crore, the Andhra Pradesh Government on Wednesday requested the Centre to immediately release ways, irrigation tanks and towards flood relief and restoration works.

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

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

accommodating 69,616 persons in the affected districts and they are still continuing,' the Chief Minister said.

He said several high-Kadapa, Anantapuramu and SPS Nellore districts.

"The worst affected were the farmers as crops (like paddy, Bengal gram, cotton, black gram, groundnut and sugarcane) ready for harvesting were damaged," Jagan added. Agricultural crops in 1.42

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

Roads and irrigation systems were the worst hit, with the deluge causing a loss of ₹1,756.43 crore and ₹ 556.96 crore respectively, the Chief ter. Civic infrastructure like roads, pipelines, drains, school buildings and community centres in municipalities suffered a loss of ₹1,252 crore. Panchayat Raj roads to a

tered, inflicting a loss of Rs 381.65 crore. Rural Water Supply

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

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

SC asks Centre, States to continue with measures to curb pollution

Says action needed in anticipation

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the Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Centre and the NCR States to continue with their measures to curb air pollution and called for advance preventive steps with the help of IMD which has "sophisticated mechanism and tools" to deal with the situation before it becomes severe. 'Why should Delhiites

suffer this severe and very poor air quality?" the apex court said. "This is the national capital. Look at the signal we are sending to the world. You can stop these (pollution causing) activities in anticipation itself..." Graded response to deal with the spike in air pollution should be taken before the situation becomes severe, the apex court said, adding that it will not close the matter and continue to hear it even if pollution comes down by "virtue

of God's act" or restrictions. The special bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana, which discussed the issue of stubble burning and the problems faced by farmers with the lawyers, once again came down on bureaucrats for their alleged inaction in dealing with this

"Mr (Tushar) Mehta (Solicitor General) as a Government lawyer or lawyers and judges we are using our common sense and discussing this issue and what the bureaucracy has been doing all these years and can't they go and meet the farmers. I do not know what they are doing. "Let the secretaries of the Central and State Government sit for two days, discuss the

They can go to the field and talk to the farmers and decide," said the bench which

also comprised justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant.

'You did not have computers in

those days and now you have

super computers and if you

prepare the statistical model,

namely what is the data for the last five years and based on that you can plan the expected level of pollution for the next 15 days. Why should Delhiites suffer this severe and very poor air quality," the bench observed.

The SC said the measures suggested by the Commission on Air Quality Management to deal with industrial pollution, thermal plants, vehicular emissions, dust control, diesel generators as well as encouraging work from home be continued for the time being and it will take up the matter on Monday. 'Take the measures for the

next two-three days and we will hear this matter next Monday. In the meantime if pollution becomes 100 (AQI) etc then you can lift some ban," said the Bench. On the issue of construction workers, the bench said the States have huge funds on account of labour cess collected from real estate firms and that can be used for paying the workmen who have been deprived of their livelihood due to the ban



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Woes continue

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

The Taliban are making it difficult for the world community to recognise their interim Government in Afghanistan. Their fresh diktat against women being the latest reason. They have a Ministry that seeks to regulate and control the lives of Afghan women - Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice. The Ministry has banned women from appearing in television dramas and entertainment shows. Women news presenters have to wear headscarves. These are part of the eight directives in the first tranche of restrictions imposed on the media. Films in opposition to Islamic law and "Afghan values" cannot be broadcast. Foreign films that promote "foreign values" are banned. Comedy shows cannot insult anybody. Shows depicting the "prophets and companions" are disallowed. Cynics would say the people have escaped with only a few restrictions because last time the Taliban



were around, they had totally banned television and other forms of media. However, it is the Taliban's attitude to women that needs to be repeatedly highlighted. However much they profess to have moderated and modernised themselves, it is sadly true that at their core, they have not changed a bit since their rein between 1996-2001. That it is the Ministry on virtue and vice that deals with women's issues is a dead giveaway. Is that why the Taliban also did not find the need for a minister for women and child welfare? It was only three months ago, on August 17, two

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



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

Gaining muscle

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

■est Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee has started cementing her aspirations of a national footprint for the Trinamool Congress in the coming months, especially in the first guarter of 2022. Both Mamata and her nephew Abhishek, an official of the party's national organ, had declared soon after crushing the BJP in the State Assembly election that the Trinamool wouldn't contest a number of upcoming Assembly elections not just to mark presence but also to win the States and form a Government there, the Chief Minister has now declared that the "march to the Centre cannot be possible without the support of States". The Trinamool Congress supremo sent out this message after a number of prominent leaders from different political par-



ties joined the TMC recently. Ever since her party bagged an undisputed victory against the BJP in Bengal, the TMC has been on the front foot against the ruling party at the Centre. It has courageously been staking its claim to the Chief Minister's chair even as far as in Goa. It's been signing up and roping in newer regional leaders, mostly at the cost of the Congress and possible dent in the fortunes of the BJP.

In the latest addition to its political and electoral arsenal, Ashok Tanwar, who had guit the Congress a couple of years back, has joined the TMC in New Delhi in Banerjee's presence. Tanwar, a former Haryana

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

The legacy of the division of India



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

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

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

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

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

The Vicerov had called an

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FITNESS SHOULD BE GIVEN DUE IMPORTANCE

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

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

MR Jayanthy Subramaniam | Mumbai

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

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

Tigers are shy, but they kill



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

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

CK Ramani | Pune

THE GOVT SHOULD RECONSIDER THE CAA, TOO

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

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

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

tion due to the unprecedented public health crisis and opposition to the legislation from unanticipated quarters. Even though no rules have been framed to implement the law, the CAA is ominous-

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

India and that did not. G David Milton | Maruthancode

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







for the Government to step back, so Australians can move forward.

Australian Prime Minister —Scott Morrison

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



-Shruti Haasan



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

Indian batsman — Cheteshwar Pujara



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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister -Yogi Adityanath

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he so-called quality maintained by private schools is only in physical infrastructure and English communication promotion and not at the intellectual level. Good quality education can be provided even in open spaces. The digital revolution in education that happened during the pandemic has made the physical structure of schools irrelevant. It is the willpower and dedication of teachers that matter. However, teachers are not paid well in most private schools and the COVID situation has made things worse for them as they have to do extra duty without additional pay. Across the country, private school teachers are the lowest-paid. There is no job security also as any time managements can dismiss teachers if they are not complying with the management rules. The situation in the higher education sector is no different. During the pandemic time, hundreds of teachers were made to resign from private colleges and universities. Even otherwise in private colleges, there are no uniform rules in salary structure or promotions. Many private institutions are recruiting people who do not meet required qualifications. These private institutions just need a workforce that would just obey them. There are also private aided colleges that take hefty dona-



tions for the recruitment process. Teachers working in all private higher education centers are not satisfied and their dissatisfaction is transferred to the students through their teaching. Recently, the Kerala legislative assembly passed a landmark Kerala Self-Financing College Teaching and Non-Teaching Employees (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 2021, that puts in place a law to guarantee service conditions for employees in private colleges. The legislation, which had been recommended by the Kerala State Higher Education Council, is being viewed as one that would standardize rules to ensure service conditions for those employed in the unaided sector. Even though this is a progressive step in removing the perils of higher education, one area of concern is the special privilege mooted for minority institutions. In Kerala, most of the private colleges are managed by minority communities and over-exploitation of teachers happens in these centers. As per the privileges enjoyed by the minority institutions, government cannot completely control them. The private medical and dental colleges run by these agencies rarely provide a full stipend for students as per government norms. In some cases, PG students have to return the stipend that is credited into their account, fearing backlashes by management. The staff members from the management side, usually from the same community, get undue favours and members from other communities are harassed mentally and curtail their professional advancement. The unhealthy atmosphere prevailing among the teachers is transferred to students and the whole system gets vitiated.

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

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Interests of Indian fishermen in danger



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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is working towards regulating these trawlers. Environmentalists say that banning these trawlers is the appropriate solution to the problem of overfishing. Although these trawlers have not been outrightly

banned, many states including Kerala and Orissa have been banning trawlers in monsoon (rainy fish is not affected.

However, the interesting thing is that though all the remaining provisions of the Doha development Round, under have already been rejected outright by the developed countries, surprising-

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

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

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

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

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

India's suggestions.

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

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



problem of fishermen, including those led by Swadeshi Jagran Manch and Fr Thomas Kochery, due to which the then government had to stop the renewal of licenses to large trawlers. After some time, the trawlers again started getting permission. Once again, the demand for re-banning of trawlers by environmentalists is gaining momentum. A committee of the Government of India

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season) on the demand of traditional fishermen so that the breeding of It is being argued that the agreement on fishing subsidy will ensure the availability of fish and the protection of marine resources for the future generations. In this regard, if at all any international organization can ban subsidies for fishing, it is the World Trade Organization. The exercise to make rules in this regard has been going on since the year 2001, with the start of Doha Rounds of Negotiations.

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

Farm laws to be repealed in upcoming Parliament session

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

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

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



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

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



such rights, authority and jurisdiction as are exercisable by the Government of India by virtue of any treaty or agreement. So, on matters which parliament can legislate, it is the prerogative of the executive to pilot legislative proposals and get them enacted, including an enactment of repeal, with parliamentary support. Laws may also be repealed if they are found detrimental in

is a ground swell of public opinion against them. The three farm laws were

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

course of time or in case there the misguided agitating farmers. Once passed by both the Houses of parliament, and assented to by the President, the three laws would stand

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

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

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

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

National Commission for

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China slams US for inviting Taiwan for **'Summit for Democracy'**

istration's invitation to Taiwan to take part in the "Summit for Democracy", China on Wednesday warned the US that it will get "hurt" by giving Taipei the world stage as Beijing slammed the summit itself saying the event was aimed at pursuing Washington's "geopolitical

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

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

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

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

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

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

shall consist of Financial Bid in the prescribed BOQ.

broadly consisting of: -

Taiwan to take part in the Summit for Democracy."

"There is only one China in

the world and the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) is the sole legal government representing China," he said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jal Shakti, Public Health Engineering,

Department.

Standard Bidding Document

For

Empanelment of eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing

of item rates for Shopian district for Execution of

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

e- NIT No;-CE/PHE/KMR/JSD/19 OF 2021-22, Dated: 06-11-2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Kashr

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eligible contractors at Provincial level and fixing of item rates for Shopian district for execution of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) works", details of which are given below. The bidding

process shall be completed online in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre-Qualification Bidding

nder fee, earnest money, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications. Cover '2

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

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

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

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

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

. The pre-bid meeting will be held in the office chamber of the Chief Engineer, Kashmir. PHE

The complete bidding process will be online http://jktenders.gov.in.
 The Financial bids of the bidders shall be opened online in the office of the Chief Engineer, Kashm

Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document as specified in column 6 & 7 of the table and shall be payable at Srinagar.
 Bid Security to be pledged in favour of FA/CAO, Kashmir, Jal Shakti PHE Department. Bic

Security will have to be in form of CDR/ FDR/BG of any scheduled Bank and shall have to be valid for a least one year after last date of submission of Bid. The Bid of bidders having bid security less than as

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

AP ■ BERLIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Putin tests experimental nasal vaccine against Covid-19

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

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

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

In accordance with established scientific protocols, the vaccine will need to go through several trial phases, including those involving thousands of people, to establish that it is safe and effective to use.

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

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

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

Pakistani cultural capital is now world's most polluted city

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

interested parties. Detail of tenders is given below.

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Lahore: A thick cloud of smog that enveloped Pakistan's cultural capital on Wednesday has earned it the ignominious title of the world's most polluted city, according to a Swiss air quality monitoring company.

Platform IQAir said that Lahore now stands at the top of its polluted cities ranking with an air quality index of 203 on the US AQI scale, versus runner-up Dehli, India, with 183. That standing was at 0949 GMT; the two cities had traded places at least once over the course of the morning.

Increasing smog and particle-laden air has sickened thousands of people with respiratory and other illnesses, forcing piratory related diseases. AP

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many to stay at home on particularly dirty days like Wednesday.
Dhaka, Bangladesh came in

third, with an index of 169, and Kolkata, India at fourth, with a reading of 168. Lahore stood at third place a day earlier.

Lahore was once known as the city of gardens, which were ubiquitous during the Mughal era of the 16th to 19th centuries. Intense urbanisation and surging population growth have left little room for greenery across the city, Pakistan's second largest after the capital

Doctors are advising people to wear face masks to avoid res-

Executive Engineer (M)

No babies in Parl: UK lawmakers outraged by infant ban

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

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

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

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

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

Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab, a Conservative, said he has "a lot of sympathy" for Creasy, but said the decision is for the House authorities to make "I think we do need to make sure our

profession is brought into the modern

world, the 21st century, and can allow parents to juggle the jobs they do with the family time that they need." Raab said. Green Party lawmaker Caroline Lucas

said the baby ban was "absurd." She said babies were "far less disruptive than many braying backbenchers." House of Commons Speaker Lindsay

Hoyle said he had asked Parliament's procedure committee to review the rules, and noted that there were "differing views on

"The advice given yesterday ... correctly reflects the current rules. However, rules have to be seen in context and they change with the times, he said.

"It is extremely important that parents of babies and young children are able to participate fully in the work of this House."

Declining marriage numbers add to China's demographic conundrum

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The population of the post-80s, post-90s and post-2000s in **AP** China has been on the decline, he said, citing the National Bureau of Statistics. Also, the desire of young peo-

ple to get married has generally fallen due to reasons such as high work pressure and great improvement in women's education level and economic independence, he told the China Daily. Another major reason is the

female population. In China, men outnumber women by 34.9 million as per the seventh National Among them, there are 17.52

unbalanced ratio of male and

million more men in their 20s than women of marriageable In addition, the high cost of

living, including soaring housing prices, is also a big obstacle to young people wanting to get married and have children, he said.

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

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

he said. Thus, remedial measures should be stepped up, He said. Local Governments' reduction of housing costs for the young is one example. To encourage young

people to get married and have children, marriage and maternity leave should also be extended, He said. tively early retirement age and the

three-child policy have become a major concern for China as the country is greying faster than earlier predictions.

The number of people aged 60 or above has already touched 264 million, accounting for 18.7 per-

cent of the total population. The average annual elderly population growth has been about

6.3 million for 21 years, according to the latest census. *PTI* to the latest census.

Ethiopia says PM,

Nairobi: Ethiopia's Nobel

Peace Prize-winning Prime

Minister has gone to the bat-

tlefront to take charge in a year-

long war as rival fighters

approach the capital, his

Government announced

images of Abiy Ahmed, a 45year-old former soldier, and his

spokeswoman Billene Seyoum

State media showed no

a Nobel Peace

laureate, is

at battlefront

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(1) Shweta Chauhan, 7/26 Paras Bhawan, Flat No. S-1, Sector-2, Raiinder Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad,

Phase-2, Sector-15, Dwarka, Delhi-110075 (3) M/s. AVJ Developers (India) Pvt. Ltd., 84-I, F.I.E., Industrial

Also at: Plot No. C, Community Centre, Opposite Yamuna Sports Complex, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110095

Wheres the above named applicant has instituted a case for

Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Six Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on 12.01.2022 at 10.30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.etribunal.gov.in, Phone Number: 011-Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above

taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-(i) All the advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software;

to be taken by 'Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. www.etribunal.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 22th

Countries including have told their citizens to leave immediately.

ning the Nobel just two years ago to now potentially heading into battle has shocked

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

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

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

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

H.O.A:- Rejuvenation of water bodies Estimated Cost:- Rs 9,43,58,535

Earnest Money:- Rs 18,87,171

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

All the documents as stipulated in the NIT/bid documents should be submitted in the Office of Executive Engineer, Civil Division-VIII, I&FC Deptt., Govt, of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, Delhi-110085 before the last date and time of submission of technical

The details of above mentioned work(s) can be seen and downloaded from the website http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in Tenders submitted through e-procurement portal shall only be considered and no manual tender shall be accepted.

DIP/SHABDARTH/0441/21-22 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER:CD-VIII**

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, DELHI O.A. NO. 874/2018

Defendants Shweta Chauhan and Others

(2) Praveen Joon, B-112, Swarn Park, Mundka, Nangloi, Delhi. Also at: Plot No. 311, 2nd Floor, Netaji Subhash Apartment

Area, Patparganj, Delhi-110092.

Also at: D-237, 1st Floor, Phase-1, Vivek Vihar, Delhi-110095

recovery of Rs. 99,42,426/- (Rupees Ninety Nine Lacs Forty Two

mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be

"Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua case:

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/ Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473.

October of 2021 Mr. Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar

By Order of this Tribunal DRT-1, New Delhi Phone No.: 011-23748473 Email: drt1delhi-dfs@nic.in

For Registrar

dismissed a request for details on his location as "incredible." He arrived at the front Tuesday, according to a government spokesman. Tens of thousands of peo-

Wednesday.

ole have died in the war between Ethiopian federal and allied troops and fighters from the country's Tigray region.

The prospect of the ancient nation breaking apart has alarmed both Ethiopians and observers who fear what would happen to the often turbulent Horn of Africa at large. France, Germany and Turkey

Abiy's trajectory from win-

Indian GDP to grow 7.8 pc in Q2: Report

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

Real GDP will grow 9.4 per cent in FY22 and decelerate to 7.5 per cent for FY23 as the base effects result in the higher growth in the ongoing fiscal wear-off, according to the report by economists at HDFC Bank released on Wednesday.

In FY21, the GDP had contracted 7.3 per cent due to the pandemic. For FY22, the RBI expects GDP to clock a growth of 9.5 per cent, which will slow to 7.8 per cent in FY23. The GDP had expanded by over 20 per cent for the first

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

The report by HDFC Bank said some part of the expected 7.8 per cent GDP growth in the second quarter will be due to a low base from a year when the economy contracted by 7.4 per cent but there is likely to be a sequential improvement in GDP growth O2FY22

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

"With support from pentup demand and easing of mobility restrictions in the

quarter on the lower base. The country, economic activity (as captured by a number of high frequency indicators) moved above pre-second wave levels in

August and has remained robust since then," the report

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

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

Markets tumble in late sell-off

streak

PTI MUMBAI

The Indian rupee recovered its initial losses and settled

greenback on Wednesday as

minutes of the latest Federal

said. At the interbank forex

on a weak note at 74.53 against

ended at 74.40, registering a

gain of just 2 paise over its pre-

viousclose of 74.42.

 $E_{\text{their decline on Wednesday}}^{\text{quity benchmarks resumed}}$ after a day's gap, succumbing to a last-hour self-off triggered by losses mainly in market heavyweights Reliance, Infosys and

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

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

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

Rupee snaps Of the Sensex constituents, shares ended in the red. 3-day losing

"Unable to hold onto its gains, domestic indices edged lower in today's tumultuous session amid mixed sentiments across global peers. Despite surging inflation, the Eurozone business activity jumped to 55.8 in November from 54.2 in October, instilling hope in

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

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

Paytm rallies for 2nd consecutive day

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Chares of Paytm's parent com-Spany Communications continued to rally for the second consecutive day on Wednesday and further

jumped over 17 per cent.
Paytm, India's leading digital payments and financial services platform is making a comeback in the stock market 2 paise up at 74.40 against the exporters' dollar sales helped offset elevated crude oil prices. Investors also awaited the as it crossed the ₹1,700 mark Reserve meeting, forex traders on Wednesday morning trade. The stock zoomed 17.27 per cent to close at ₹1,753.15 on the market, the local unit opened BSE. During the day, the stock the US dollar and witnessed an jumped 19.73 per cent to ₹s 1,790. On the NSE, it gained intra-day high of 74.31 and a low of 74.54. Snapping its 17.28 per cent to close at ₹ three-day losing run, the 1,753. With the rally in the domestic currency finally stock price, the company's market valuation also went past ₹ 1 lakh crore mark on the

'Concept of Aadhaar data vault fallacious'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

Legal assistance services for homebuyers

New Delhi: Online real estate portal Housing.com has announced the launch of its legal assistance services for homebuyers. REA Indiaowned Housing.com has partnered with leading online legal assistance startups LegalKart, Lawrato, Vidhikarya and Vakil Search to assist homebuyers or investors in their property buying journey.

Consumer surveys have shown that this is a major pain point for consumers and this offering will go a long way in addressing that need.

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of ICIC Bank Ltd. that Mr. Brij Kishan Guyrat is owere 17 ½ share of under mention properly by virtue of conveyance deed dated 06.05.2000 registration No. 1909, and inherit remaining ½ share of the said property as legal her on the basis of SMC dated 12.11.2021, after demise of his mother late Mrs. Pushpa Guyrat who was also the owner of remaining ½ share on the basis of above mentioned conveyance deed, of field No. 661, on 6th Floor, Category-B., in Block- No.6, skuated in the layout plan of Kanungo Cooperative Group Housing Society Ltd, known as Kanungo Apartment, bull persons including other legal heris if any are hereby informed that above mentioned owner ward to sell the said property, to Mr. Amit Gupta who is taking Loan from ICIC Bank Ltd. for purchase of the said property if anybody has any dijections upon the ownership of Mr. Bij Kishan Gujrati Is sale Mortgage Regation, and any kind of dibections knothy inform the undersigned with the property of the control of the said property if anybody has any dijection's upon the ownership of Mr. Bij Kishan Gujrati Is sale Mortgage Regation, and any kind of dibections knothy inform the undersigned with the property of the consultants) when the property is the property of the consultants of the consult

This is to inform the General Public that Mrs. Aparts Thyagarajan D/o Bhawani Thyagarajan has approached Jahaz CGHS Ltd. for transfer of flat No as her legal heir/nominee by her Grand Mother Lat-Mrs. Visalam Natrajan who was bonafide memb of the Jahaz CGHS Ltd. Who had since died o to transfer the said flat in her name, The Share Certificate and possession letter also has been lost any one has any objection for transfer flat in he Delhi-87 within 30 days from the tne publication of the For Jahaz CGHS Ltd.



PUBLIC NOTICE

DESTRUCTION OF MEDICAL RECORD **OF PATIENTS**

Notice is hereby given that Max Super Speciality Hospital Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre) will be destroying medical records related to the treatment and/or test perfor med of its patients at the Hospita pertaining to the period January 2013 to December-2016. Any patient who wishes to acquire

Certified True Copy of his/her Medical Records pertaining to above stated period may request in writing to the contact person men-tioned in the table below, between 10AM to 5PM (Monday to Saturday). All such request applications must reach the concerned person as mentioned in the below, within 3 (three) month from the date of publication of this notice. The request for medical records should be submitted in the prescribed format along with the self-attested copy of the photo identity proof of the patient. The patient can also authorize any other person to apply for and/or collect the Medical Records on his/her behalf with a valid auth-ority letter/power of attorney for the same along with the self-attested copy of the photo identity and signature proof of the Patient and authorized person. In case of deceased patients, the attendan recorded in the Medical Records may apply/authorize someone to apply for the same. Please note that standard charges shall be appli-cable for supplying such records.

Name & Address of the Hospital Max Super Speciality Hospital, Patparganj

(A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre Contact Person's detail

Ms. Rasalamma Jacob

Email:Rasalamma.jacob@maxhealthcare.com Mobile: 9971685759 Office: 011-43032437 For Max Super Speciality Hospital

Patparganj (A Unit of Max Balaji Medical and Diagnostic Research Centre)

Date:25/11/2021

Authorised Signatory

for co-lending to **MSMEs** PTI ■ NEW DELHI Union Bank of India has entered into a co-lending partnership with Capri Global Capital, under which they will disburse loans to MSMEs.

Capri Global Capital Ltd (CGCL) is a non banking financial company focused on lending to MSMEs and the affordable housing finance segment. The co-lending agreement aims to enhance last-mile finance and MSMEs by offering secured loans between Rs 10 lakh to Rs 1 crore, the public sector lender said in a statement. Through this collaboration, Union Bank of India and CGCL aim to disburse MSME loans initially across 100 plus touch points across India, it

Union Bank of India. Capri Global tie up

Niti Aayog floats idea of full-stack digital banks

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Gayog on Wednesday proposed setting up of full-stack 'digital banks', which would principally rely on the internet and other proximate channels to offer their services and not physical branches, to mitigate the financial deepening challenges being faced in the country. The Aayog, in a discussion paper titled 'Digital Banks: A Proposal for Licensing & Regulatory Regime for India, makes a case and offers a template and roadmap for a digital bank licensing and regulatory regime for the country.

Digital banks or DBs are

banks as defined in the

Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (B R Act), the paper said. "In other words, these entities will issue deposits, make loans and offer the full suite of services that the B R Act empowers them to. As the name suggests however, DBs will principally rely on the internet and other proximate channels to offer their services and not physical branches," it said. The paper noted that India's public digital infrastructure, especially UPI, has successfully demonstrated how to challenge established incumbents. UPI transactions measured have surpassed ₹ 4 lakh crore in value. Aadhaar authentications have passed

Traders across the country stage protests against Amazon

n view of some scary inci-■dents in the country's ecommerce business in the recent past, the US giant Amazon has facilitated the sale of - marijuana illegally through its portal and banned chemicals in making bombs. And now the incident of selling poison through the e-commerce portal of Amazon has shocked the Country. Making a strong protest against such activities of Amazon, Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) Wednesday held protests in more than 1,200 cities in over 500 districts of different states of the coun-

The protesters demonstrated the anger and resent-

ment of the trading community by holding dharna and demonstration and warned Amazon that either they should make their business model according to the law and rules, otherwise prepare to tie their sack bed from India

Now the violation of laws and rules in e-commerce business will not be tolerated, CAIT said, adding that if no concrete action is taken immediately in this matter, then the traders of the country will organise --'Bharat Vyapar Bandh' to raise

The CAIT also said that Amazon's love & affection towards the sale of marijuana is evident from the fact that it has asked the US government to legalise the sale of tions issued by RBI on main-

RBI imposes penalties on TCPSL, ATPL

The Reserve Bank has imposed penalties on Tata Communications Payment Solutions Limited (TCPSL) and Appnit Technologies Private Limited (ATPL) for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. A penalty of ₹2 crore has been imposed on TCPSL and ₹54.93 lakh on ATPL, the central bank said in a statement on Wednesday. "It was observed that

TCPSL was non-compliant with the directions issued by RBI on White Label ATM deployment targets and networth requirement. ATPL was non-compliant with the direc-

tenance of escrow account balance and net-worth requirement," it said. The RBI had issued notice to these two authorised Payment System Operators (PSOs). After reviewing their written responses and oral submissions made during the personal hearing, the RBI concluded that the charges of non-compliance with certain directions were substantiated and warranted the imposition of monetary penalty. The central bank, however, added that the penalties are based on "deficiencies in regulatory compliance" and are not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the enti-

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| 2. | Annual Maintenance Contract of Street lights and High Mast Lighting system at I.A. Kosi Kalan, Kosi Kotwan & Mathura Site B Diett Mathura | 20.21 | | |

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ानावदाजा अपना निविदाजा में समस्त कर एवं जाएसाउटाएँ साहत देश आकत करें। अलग से कोई कर देय नहीं होगा। विद्युत कार्यों हेतु निविदादाताओं को निविदा अपलोड करते समय ''विद्युत सुरक्षा विमाग'' उ०प्र० शासन, लखनऊ में श्रेणी 'क', अनुमोदित लाइसेन्स अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा, अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा।

निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तत जानकारी प्राधिकरण की website: www.upsidc.com प ई—लिंक एवं यूपीएलसी की website: http://etender.up.nic.in पर देखी ज वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक मेगा फूड पार्क, बहेड़ी उ०प्र०रा०औ०वि०प्रा०, कानपुर

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Age: 55 Years, Height: 4'8", Complexion: Shallow, Face:

Round, Built: Strong, Identification: Mentally Disturb,

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing

female, may inform SHO, Aman Vihar, Delhi at E-mail Id-

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out

the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one

having any information about this girl please inform

Wearing: Green Colour Suit & Green Colour Lower.

cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

General Public is hereby informed that

a female (depicted in the photo)

Namely: Rajesh Devi W/o Sh.

Shishpal R/o H.No. A-99, Rama Vihar,

Delhi has been missing since

29.09.2021 from her house. In this

Station Aman Vihar, Delhi. Her

P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi

Ph. No. 011-27581812, 27581233

General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Chandni, D/o-

Manjeet, R/o Wz-590, Tihar Village

Delhi. Age: 14 years, Height: 5'1"

Complexion-Fair, Face-Round

Wearing-Black high Neck Top &

Black Jeans and Black Colour

Shoes in her feet has been reported

missing/kidnapped from the area of

PS-Rajouri Garden, Delhi, since

19.11.2021. In this regard a case

vide FIR No. 978/2021, u/s 363 IPC

dated 19.11.2021 has been lodged

at P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi.

Rohini Distt., Delhi

physical description is as under:-

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड कोण्डागांव जिला–कोण्डागांव (छ०ग०)

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

ई-प्रोक्य्रमेंट निविदा सुचना :-

छत्तीसगढ़ की राज्यपाल की ओर से जिला कोण्डागांव में एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नलिखित निर्माण कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :— कार्य का नाम :— जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत विभिन्न ग्रामों में रेट्रोफिटिंग कार्य।

| ₹10 | निविदा क्रमांक | सिस्टम | कार्य का नाम | कार्य की अनुमानित |
|------|-----------------|---------------|--|--------------------|
| क्र0 | एवं दिनॉक | निविदा क्रमॉक | | लागत (रू० लाख में) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 01 | 80 / 16.11.2021 | 87281 | संबलपुर रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 160.44 |
| 02 | 81 / 16.11.2021 | 87282 | खचगांव रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 73.34 |
| 03 | 82 / 16.11.2021 | 87283 | माकड़ी रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 151.69 |
| 04 | 83 / 16.11.2021 | 87284 | पल्ली रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 145.70 |
| 05 | 84 / 16.11.2021 | 87285 | बोटीकनेरा रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 105.70 |
| 06 | 85 / 16.11.2021 | 87286 | मालाकोट रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 135.82 |
| 07 | 86 / 16.11.2021 | 87287 | मुलमुला रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 108.03 |
| 08 | 87 / 16.11.2021 | 87288 | गिरोला रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 94.56 |
| 09 | 88 / 16.11.2021 | 87289 | चिलपुटी रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 137.87 |
| 10 | 89 / 16.11.2021 | 87290 | मङ्गनार रेट्रोफिटिंग नलजल प्रदाय योजना | 129.64 |
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निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी कार्यालयीन अवधि में कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है, साथ ही यह जानकारी ई—प्रोक्यूरमेंट बेच पोर्टल http://cgeprocument.gov.in पर तथा विमागीय बेवसाईट http://phedcegprocurement.gov.in से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है। डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 05.12.2021 है।

R.O. Date 23/11/2021

कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड कोण्डागांव (छ०ग०)

one male namely Unknown S/o

Unknown R/o Unknown. about 50-55 years, Height 5'1", Complexion Wheatish, Long Face, Thin Built, Wearing Black Jacket, Blue Checkdar Shirt & Grey Lower was found dead at K.M. Pole No.3/29, 3/31, Hallan Chowk, Old Seelampur, Delhi on

this regard a DD No. 5-A dated 21 U/s 174 Cr.Pc has been lodged at PS Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. The Dead Body has been preserved at GTB Hospital Mortuary.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased male may kindly inform to the undersigned at

the address or telephone nos. given below.

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

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



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

Police Station, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

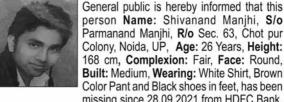
Name: Unknown, Age: Appox. 50 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Normal, Wearing: Mehndi Colour Sweater and Blue Colour

If anyone have any information or clue about this male

deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

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

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Fax: 011-24368639

person Name: Shivanand Manjhi, S/o Parmanand Manjhi, R/o Sec. 63, Chot pur Colony, Noida, UP, Age: 26 Years, Height: 168 cm, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: White Shirt, Brown Color Pant and Black shoes in feet, has been missing since 28.09.2021 from HDFC Bank, E-Block, GK-II, in the area of PS. C.R. Park, New Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 53A, dated 29.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. CR Park, New Delhi, Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out

information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following. E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

P.S. CR Park, New Delhi Ph.: 011-26271374, 8750870830 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/788/SD/2021

regard a case vide DD No 93A dated 03.10.2021 has been lodged at Police

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

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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

| No. | Borrower/ Loan Account Number | of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession | in Demand Notice (Rs.) | of Branch |
|-----|--|---|--|---------------|
| 1. | Lakshmi Devi/ Amit Kumar/ LBGHZ00004250132 | Flat No 654, 6th Floor Ganga Tower Mahagun Puram Nh 24 Village Mehrauli Ghaziabad/ November 20, 2021 | July 06, 2021 Rs. 24,97,259/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 2. | Sunny Dutta/ Neena Datta / LBNOD00004581656 | Flat No C 1023, Floor No 10, Block C, Gaursons Cascades, Village Noor Nagar, Ghaziabad/ November 20, 2021 | June 25, 2021 Rs. 26,91,952/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 3. | Ashish Bajaj/ Lata Bajaj/ LBGUR00004931301 | ata Bajaj/ Mattrot Sector-76, Plot No Gh-01/D, Gautam | | Delhi/ NCR |
| 4. | Arvind Kumar/ Subhash Dhama/ Plot No 6/211, Sector No 6 Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad/ November 22, 2021 | | July 06, 2021 Rs. 9,88,114/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 5. | Vaid Awana/ Flat No. 84- A, Block-c Sec-62, Noida/ November 22, 2021 | | July 06, 2021 Rs. 10,39,998/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 6. | Ajay Srivastava/ Shobha Srivastava/ LBNOD00001925644 | rivastava/ Plot No- Gh-01/A Sector 168, Noida, Uttar | | Delhi/ NCR |
| 7. | shish Bajaj/ ata Bajaj/ BGUR00004916868 Flat No G-1604, Tower-G 16th Floor, Skytect Mattrot Plot No Gh-01/D Sector-76, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22 | | June 23, 2021 Rs. 53,25,673/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 8. | M/s Quaint Media Consultant Private Limited/ Basant Kumar Jha/ Tejashree Amar Jadhav/ LBNOD00004776306 | Flat No-603 & 604, 6th Floor, Tower A, Logix Technova Sector 132 Plot No-A 4, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh/ November 22, 2021 | March 25, 2021 Rs. 1,09,44,131/- | Delhi/ NCR |
| 9. | Saurabh Gupta/ Avanish Kumar Dixit/ LBNOD00002137034 | FLAT NO-1804, 18th Floor, Tower-F, "Pan Oasis", Plot No Gh-02, Sector-70 Noida- 201301/ November 22, 2021 | June 25, 2021 Rs. 69,96,258/- | Delhi/ NCR |

the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: November 25, 2021

P.S. Rajouri Garden Delhi Ph.: 011-25448885, 25453990

Authorized Officer

BEING VOCAL FOR LOCAL

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The GI products featured at the

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

note that TRIFED has actively

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

The Geographical Indication technology, which has been recognized by the World Trade Organization, is used to denote the geographical territory from where a product, be it an agricultural produce, natural product or manufactured, and also conveys assurance of qualities or attributes that are unique to that specific geographic region. India became a signatory to this convention, when, as a member of the WTO, it enacted the Geographical Indications (Registration and Protection Act), 1999, which came into effect from September 15, 2003.

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

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

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

Visit Aadi Mahotsav and sup-port the "Vocal for Local" movement and help in building a self-

Working for the people

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

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

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

Work will be done according to the needs of the people

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

Stop wastage of drinking water Dr Joshi said that at many

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

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

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

Railways to increase its freight basket

such identified products are dis-

played in stalls across the venue by

the tribals. Many visitors have

been visiting these stalls with much

interest. Apart from this seven

new GI-tagged products from

Uttarakhand consisting of Aipan

craft, Tamta product, Ringal craft,

Thulma, Bhutiya Daan Carpet,

Chyura oil and Munshiyari rajma,

was launched at Aadi Mahotsav

taking the tally of TRIFED promot-

Khulbe remarked, "I am pleased to

Speaking on the occasion,

ed tribal GI products to 66.

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

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

icy advocacy measures for improving Ease of Doing Business, Reduction in cost of Doing Business and providing a level playing field for the industry so that Indian Economy can grow and achieve the target of USD 5 trillion given by our Hon'ble Prime Minister. He observed that logistic cost in India is over 14 per cent as compare to 3-4 per cent in China adversely affecting the industry and exports from India. There is a need to reduce to logistic cost and transportation through Railway network can help reducing the freight cost with the proactive approach and incentive schemes offered by Railways.

Speaking as Chief Guest Narendra,

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



Back to the old ways

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

today. For that, elaborate ty of Metro commuters, 40 token sanitised in these machines with

Tokens are going to be re-introduced in North – South made to restore the old token sanitiser machines have already been installed at all stations. East-West Metro from system in the Metro. For the safe-

Collected tokens will be

about four minutes at each North-South and East-West Metro station. After U-V sanitization, these tokens will again be

the help of ultra-violet ray for

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

DDA meeting updates

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

Corporation. Following major decisions

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

this scheme are those which remain unsold in previous Housing schemes of DDA.

The flats are being offered at the old rates/cost in relaxation of the costing policy of DDA which is updated every financial year based on the appreciation/depreciation of land cost/building as the case may The flats at Narela sub-city

are being offered after taking several remedial measures in terms of improvement of infrastructure, security and connectivity on the basis of suggestions/feedback of the allottees/ residents of the area.

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

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

Lady Irwin College to host National Conference on Learning

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

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

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

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

SAIL'S iron ore mines receive national awards | Northern Railway GM meets Delhi MPs

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

POWERGRID, a Maharatna PSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India

under its CSR initiative in Northern Region-I has provided a financial assistance amount-

ing to ₹3.5 crores under a joint CSR support

by Power Sector CPSE's towards rehabilitation

17 and 18 led to heavy floods causing chaos

and disaster across the hilly state, with flood-

ed roads and buildings, destroyed bridges leav-

ing locals and tourists stranded - some in

remote and dangerous locations. The floods

have resulted in loss of lives and agricultural

land and severely damaged critical infrastruc-

ment, including relief, rehabilitation and

reconstruction activities across eight districts

of Uttarakhand majorly covering 58 govern-

ment schools and 28 health centers. The

The CSR work involves disaster manage-

Heavy rainfall in Uttarakhand on October

and restoration of Uttarakhand.

ture and public utilities.



Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi presented the awards to Soma Mondal, Chairman, SAIL in a glittering award ceremony. She was accompanied by Kamlesh Rai, Chief General Manager, Kiriburu Iron Ore Mines and Shri RP Selvam, Chief General Manager, Meghahatuburu Iron Ore Mines while receiving the awards.

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

SAIL fulfils its entire requirement of iron ore from its captive

A helping hand

POWERGRID provides financial aid to Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority



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

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

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

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shutosh Gangal, the general man-Asper of Northern Railway held a meeting with ministers and MPs of constituencies that come under the jurisdiction of Delhi division in New Delhi. This is in accordance with the directives given by the Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnav, advising GMs of Zonal Railways to increase public outreach to get feedback for providing better service to the nation. Railway related issues in each constituency falling under Northern Railway were discussed with the public representatives to find solutions for the benefit of the passengers.

Dimpy Garg, the divisional Railway Manager, Delhi Division presented a report regarding the completed, ongoing & planned works relating to passenger amenities, infrastructure and services at stations and trains over 22 constituencies in the states of UP, Haryana, Punjab and Delhi NCR, serviced by Delhi Division.

Gen VK Singh (retd), the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation, MPs from Lok Sabha — Dr Harsh Vardhan, Dr Satya Pal Singh, Rajendra Agarwal, Ramesh Bidhuri, Ramesh Chander Kaushik, Sunita Duggal, Sanjay Bhatia, Brijendra Singh, Pradeep Kumar Choudhary and MPs



from Rajya Sabha — Sardar Balvinder Singh Bhunder, Ram Chander Jangra and Narayan Das Gupta put forward their views in the meeting.

The MPs highly appreciated the good work done by Northern Railway in their constituencies. They collectively thanked the Railways for helping the nation overcome the adversaries of the corona pandemic in the last two years. They also put forward various demands, requirements and aspirations of the rail users of their respective areas. They also volunteered to help wherever there was any co-ordination required with the state administration for time-

ly completion of the projects.

Gangal, assured the MPs that Northern Railway would resolve the public grievances and issues put forward by them as early as possible. He further said that Northern Railway would always remain committed to the passengers and rail users.

NRWWO president inaugurates refreshment counter at Central Hospital

Shikha Gangal, the president of Northern Railway Women's Welfare Organiaation (NRWWO) inaugurated beverage/refreshment

counter run by NRWWO at Central Hospital, New Delhi on November 18. On this occasion the

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

also present. The NRWWO is a vol-



ities for the benefit of railway workers and their fam-With the inauguration

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

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World-class handball court inaugurated in Odisha naugurated by Odisha CM on November 18, Keonjhar

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

Dual handball courts (with a

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



Tennis Federation (ITF)

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

Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair awarded by President Lieutenant General

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



commended with the Chief Army Commendation Card on

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

Eyes on Rahane as 'second string' India take on gutsy Black Caps

captain battling existential crisis, a veteran **T**pacer about to be phased out and a white-ball maverick trying to earn his red-ball stripes makes for a heady combination as Ajinkya Rahane's second-string India aim to size up a gritty New Zealand in first Test starting Thursday.

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

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

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

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

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

In the batting line-up for the first Test, only Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara and Mayank Agarwal have played



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

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

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

A look at Rahane's net ses-

India vs New Zealand

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

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

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

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

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

He didn't look in good

rhythm during the net session and if Siraj is dropped from the eleven, the lanky pacer will once again need to prove that team management's decision isn't a travesty.
Umesh Yadav however

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

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

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

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

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

under watchful eyes of Dravid. A middle-order with three

defensive players like Pujara, Rahane and supposedly Hanuma Vihari, won't be a great proposition when India plays away from home in coming days. But one man, itching to go out there and reaffirm his

status as world's number one spinner will be Ravichandran Ashwin, who had been licking his wounds for the past few months after a royal snub by regular captain Kohli during the last series.

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

Ind won NZ won 16 In New Zealand 10 In England Last five matches: **HIGHEST INNINGS TOTALS** 583-7 dec at Ahmedabad 1999-00 2013-14 680-8 dec at Wellington **LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS** 81 in 26.3 (8- ball) overs at Wellington 1975-76 94 in 38.2 overs at Hamilton 2002-03 **HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL SCORES** 231 Vinoo Mankad at Chennai 1955-56 302 Brendon McCullum at Wellington 2013-14

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NEW ZEALAND

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

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Ajinkya Rahane (captain), Mayank

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Sharma, Mohammed

Bharat (2nd wk) and

Prasidh Krishna

Siraj, Jayant Yadav, Srikar

Ashwin, Axar Patel.

(wk). Ravindra

Agarwal, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar

looked in good rhythm. For Black Caps, Tim Southee and Neil Wagner will

be the two pacers with left-

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

Rachin Ravindra

KL Rahul gains a slot to fourth in T20I rankings

 \mathbf{I} ndia opener KL Rahul gained a slot to occupy the fifth spot while middle-order batter Suryakumar Yadav galloped 24 places to the 59th position in the ICC men's T20I player rankings released on Wednesday. Pakistan's wicketkeeper-bat-

ter Mohammad Rizwan, too, gained a slot to occupy the fourth position. Rizwan's upward movement

is courtesy his 90 runs in the three-match series against Bangladesh that his side won 3-0, while opener Rahul is only six rating points behind after scor-New Zealand, a series also won

New Zealand's Martin Guptill has gained three slots to reach 10th position scoring 152



with 159 runs.

Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman is another one to move up the batters' list, from 40th to 35th. moved up 19 slots to reach The rankings for bowlers 40th position.

runs against India while Rohit see Mitchell Santner gain 10 Sharma is 13th, gaining two slots to reach 13th position against India and Bhuvneshwar Kumar up five to 19th with three scalps. Deepak Chahar has

NEUFC, Kerala Blasters eye first points

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

enced Bengaluru FC, Kerala Blasters too lost by a 2-4 margin to last edition's runners-up ATK Mohun Bagan in their opener.

Kerala Blasters' pre-season performances provided hope but they found the going too

in this edition of the league.

dear, as they leaked four goals.

United conceded four goals against an experi-

tough against a strong and thoroughly professional ATK Mohun Bagan.

At the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Thursday, the southerners will get another opportunity to impress and open their account

It is not going to be easy though against the Bengaluru FC outfit. The team from the eastern part of the country came back twice to level things in the first half, but the lack of concentration and inexperience at the back cost them

Paine should play in Ashes: Harris

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

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

"Ŷes, absolutely," Harris said when



asked if he should be in the starting eleven. "He's done a really good in the last few years under tough circumstances, and I think you can still probably argue that he's the best gloveman in the country. "I know he's got the support of all

the players," he added, with most of them personally contacting Paine in the wake of the scandal.

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

afresh or show loyalty.

Sindhu, Srikanth, Praneeth advance to second round

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

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

With the win, Sindhu improved her impressive record against the



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

It will be the first meeting

between the third seed Indian and world number 26 Li.

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

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

The former world number one

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

While Praneeth will next take on Christo Popov of France in the second round, Srikanth will meet the winner of the first round clash between Tokyo Olympics gold medallist second seed Dane Victor Axelsen and Japan's Koki Watanbe.

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

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

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

Australia will be without captain for 15 years | Benzema handed 1-year if it is looking for perfect skipper: Clarke



 $T^{
m he}$ Australian Test team will be without a captain for the next 15 years if the country's cricket administrators are looking for someone with a "pre-fect" and unblemished record, feels former skipper Michael Clarke.
Cricket Australia (CA) is set to
appoint a new captain after Tim Paine

stepped down from the post in the wake of a 'sexting' scandal. Fast bowling spearhead Pat Cummins has emerged as the frontrunner to succeed Paine and former skipper Steve Smith is also in the

Clarke pointed out how Ricky Ponting became one of Australia's greatest captains after overcoming an erratic start to his international career. "Go back in my time even to Ricky

Ponting. If that's the case, he never would have captained Australia," Clarke told 'Big Sports Breakfast'.
"He had a punch up in the middle

of a Bourbon & Beefsteak. Are you not going to give him the job because of that? "He's a great example. He's shown you how time, experience, maturity, playing at the highest level and even the captaincy turned him around."

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

in Brisbane on December 8. Clarke admitted that the Australian Test captain needed to be held to a high standard, but he said the team would end up with few options if it has unrealistic

suspended sentence

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

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

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

À win would have earned

Barca qualification alongside

Bayern Munich, whom

they must now beat on

Décember 8, if Benfica

down Dynamo Kiev,

to progress. Bayern had already quali-fied for the last 16

before its 2-1 win at

Dynamo Kyiv and

the result secured

the German cham-

pions first place in

Cristiano sends Red Devils into UCL last 16

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

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m their}^{
m anchester}$ United booked their place in the Champions League last 16 as Cristiano Ronaldo scored in a 2-0 victory at Villarreal on Tuesday, while holders Chelsea also reached the knockout

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

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

David de Gea made two 3-3 draw in Bern.

crucial saves and United, with Michael Carrick in caretaker charge, took advantage through Ronaldo's 78thminute lob.

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

Ronaldo's goal was the

799th of his career, his 140th

in the Champions League and his sixth in the competition spot in the group remains up

The other qualification for grabs after Young Boys and takes-all match against Atalanta played out a thrilling Villarreal in Bergamo next



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

Thomas Tuchel's men

knew that qualification would be secured if they could avoid defeat or if Zenit Saint Petersburg failed to beat

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

It was a defender who doubled Chelsea's lead in the 56th minute. England right-back Reece James hammered a fine volley into the bottom corner to net

for the fifth time already this

term. Chelsea grabbed their

third goal less than two min-

of Chelsea in all competitions, and 32nd win (D11 L7). Jadon Sancho has scored his first ever Man Utd goal, in what is his 15th appearance in all competitions. Juventus have lost a game with a margin of 4+ goals in all competitions for their

KEY NUMBERS

Chelsea vs Juventus

was Thomas Tuchel's 50th match in charge

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

first time since Feb 2004, vs AS

Roma in Serie A (0-4).

Xavi's Barca held by Benfica

in September.

Barcelona: Barcelona's hopes Benfica saw off 3-0 in Lisbon of qualifying for the Champions League last 16 go down to the final Group E matchday after an entertaining 0-0 draw against Benfica

charge of his second game since replacing Ronald Koeman in the Barca dugout, the Catalan side produced a performance a world apart from

on Tuesday.

Hernandez taking the sorry outfit There was still time for

last 16 as Jonathan David Timo Werner, making his first ppearance since an injury layoff, to come off the bench and score in added time.

In Group G, Lille made Salzburg wait to reach the

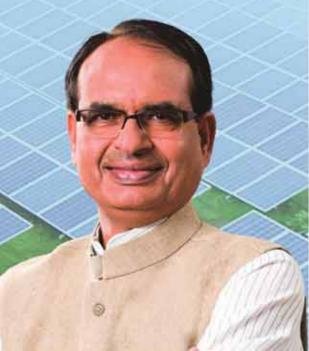
scored a first-half winner in a 1-0 victory in France. All four teams in the

the group.

group can still go through, after Sevilla saw off Wolfsburg 2-0.

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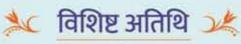


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