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Dera Sacha Sauda chief awarded life for murder

Besides Gurmeet Ram Rahim, four others to spend life in jail for murder of Dera's ex-manager

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Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh and four others were on Monday sentenced to life imprisonment for murder of a former sect manager nearly two decades back.

A Special CBI court in Haryana's Panchkula district pronounced the verdict, sentencing Ram Rahim and four others for murdering Ranjit Singh in 2002.

The CBI had sought the death penalty under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code for Ram Rahim, while the Dera chief pleaded for mercy, appearing via video conference from Rohtak's Sunaria jail, where he is serving sentence in two cases of rape and for the murder of a journalist.

The others convicted by the court for the crime are Krishan Lal, Jasbir Singh, Avtar Singh, and Sabdil.

The court also imposed a penalty of ₹31 lakh on Ram



Rahim, half of the amount will be given to the victim's family as compensation. The court has imposed a penalty on other accused as well.

The CBI court had held Ram Rahim and four others guilty under Sections 302 (murder) and 120 b (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code on October 8.

After the pronouncement of sentence, the victim's son Jagseer Singh while talking to the mediapersons said the family has finally got justice, though after much delay.

"My grandfather who fought the battle for justice for his son died in 2016. I was just eight-year-old when my father

was murdered in a cold-blooded manner. Today, after 19 years, my family can sleep in peace," he said.

Tight security arrangements were made at the Panchkula district court complex for the pronouncement of the judgement and the local authorities had imposed prohibitory orders.

Earlier, the CBI court had deferred the pronouncement of the quantum of sentence on October 12.

Ram Rahim had attended hearings relating to the pronouncement of sentences virtually. He pleaded for mercy on the plea of the charitable works that the sect carried out when

he was heading it.

The CBI, on the other hand, opposed the Dera chief's plea, saying the victim treated him as "god" and the accused committed offences against him. It said Ram Rahim had criminal antecedents and committed the offence in a cold-blooded manner.

Ranjit, a former follower of Ram Rahim, was shot dead by four assailants on July 10, 2002, at his native Khanpur Kolian village in Kurukshetra. According to the CBI chargesheet, he was murdered as Ram Rahim suspected that he was behind the circulation of an anonymous letter highlighting the sexual exploitation of women disciples on the Dera premises.

The Punjab & Haryana High Court had earlier dismissed a petition seeking the transfer of the murder case from the special CBI court in Panchkula to any other special CBI court in Punjab, Haryana or Chandigarh.

Notably, the self-styled godman Ram Rahim was sentenced in August 2017 for 20 years in jail for raping two women. His conviction on August 25, 2017, had led to violence in Panchkula and Sirsa, leaving over 40 people dead and more than 260 injured in Panchkula.

Above 70% non-vaccinated kids have Covid anti-bodies

69.8% in 6-9 age group, 73.2% in 10-17 years have antibodies, finds Haryana survey

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 were found among 76.3 per cent of the State's population in a third sero survey conducted in all 22 districts of Haryana.

The latest survey conducted last month showcases a steep increase in antibodies in the State's population as the current 76.3 per cent from just 14.8 per cent in October 2020 and 8 per cent seen in August 2020.

The sero survey report which was released by Haryana



Health Minister Anil Vij on Monday found a sero-positivity rate of 69.8 per cent in children aged 6-9 years and 73.2 per cent in adolescents aged 10-17 years in the State. It was for the first time that the participants aged 6 years and above were enrolled in this sero survey. In previous two rounds of sero surveys, people above the age of 18 years were enrolled in Haryana.

According to the findings, the overall sero-positivity was found to be 76.3 per cent (78.1 per cent in urban and 75.1 per cent in rural) but it varied from district to district, ranging from 64.2 per cent to 85 per cent in Faridabad district (lowest) and Kurukshetra (highest) respectively.

Kurukshetra district recorded highest sero-positivity followed by Rohtak (84.6 per cent), Mahendragarh (81.6 per cent) and Panipat (81.5 per cent). Faridabad had highest inconclusive samples (13.2 per cent) leading to the lowest sero-positivity following which the State Government has decided to conduct another sero survey in the district.

Sero-positivity of 75.3 per cent were reported in men, 77.1 per cent in women. Sero-positivity of 81.6 per cent was found in vaccinated people and a positivity of 75.5 per cent has been found in non-vaccinated people, stated the survey.

The survey also revealed that overall 57.08 per cent participants were vaccinated against Covid-19 out of which 52.6 per cent were males, 47.3 per cent were females and 0.07 per cent were transgender. Among vaccinated individuals, Covishield was administered to

91.1 per cent and Covaxin to 7.4 per cent of people in Haryana.

Hypertension, diabetes, heart diseases, thyroid disorders & respiratory disorders were the most common comorbid conditions present in the study participants.

Vector-mRNA jab mix more efficacious

Results published in Lancet based on study on Sweden population

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Suggesting that mix and match of vaccines can be a new game-changer for many countries, a nationwide study in Sweden has found that people who received a first dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine followed by an mRNA vaccine shot had a lower risk of infection compared to those immunised with both doses of the AstraZeneca preventive jab.

The results of the study, published in The Lancet Regional Health-Europe journal, may have implications for



vaccination strategies in different countries, including India where Covishield and Covaxin vaccines are two major brands given under the nationwide inoculation drive.

The Lancet study is based on nationwide registry data from the Public Health Agency of Sweden, the National Board of Health and Welfare, and Statistics Sweden.

Farmers' rail roko against Lakhimpur hits 500 spots



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The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM)'s six-hour "rail roko" protest on Monday over the Lakhimpur violence affected over 500 locations across parts of country, including 150 in the Northern Railway zone, where running of 60 trains were affected. Farmers squatted on rail tracks at several places hampering train movement in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar

Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha. Various farmer organisations block railway tracks as part of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha's 'Rail Roko' protest, at Amritsar railway station, on Monday

The SKM, an umbrella body of farmer unions spearheading the agitation against the Centre's three agri laws, said "protests will be intensified until justice is secured" in the Lakhimpur Kheri case.

Train traffic was stopped from 10 am till 4 pm during the "rail roko" protest over the demand of the dismissal and

arrest of Union Minister Ajay Mishra in connection with the Lakhimpur Kheri case, the SKM said.

The trains that have been affected in the Northern Railway zone include the Chandigarh-Ferozepur Express. Its scheduled departure from Ludhiana was 7 am, but it was stranded there due to a blockade, the official said.

Kushinagar crowns Buddhist circuit, PM to open airport

125 dignitaries, Buddhist monks, envoys from 15 countries to attend

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Kushinagar international airport in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday amid the presence of more than 125 dignitaries and Buddhist priests, including eight high priests from Sri Lanka. It is learnt that ambassadors of at least 10-15 countries, where Buddhism is both practised and preached, would attend.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation on Monday said that the inaugural flight will land at the Kushinagar airport from Colombo, carrying 125 dignitaries and Buddhist monks. Kushinagar is an international Buddhist pilgrimage centre where Lord Gautam Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana and which consists of pilgrimage

sites at Lumbini, Sarnath and Gaya.

After the airport's inauguration, the Prime Minister will also address a programme on Wednesday at the Buddhist site of Mahaparinirvana stupa and temple in which Sri Lankan Buddhist monks and Ministers of the Sri Lankan Government will take part, the Ministry said.



"Inauguration of the Kushinagar airport will facilitate the pilgrims from across different parts of the world by providing seamless connectivity to various Buddhist sites in the region. Direct aviation connectivity with South Asian countries will make it easier for tourists arriving from Sri Lanka, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, China, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, etc, to reach Kushinagar and experience the rich heritage of the region.

Tourism inflow is expected to rise by upto 20% with inauguration of the flight," the Ministry said.

Targeted killings trigger ghar wapsi from Valley

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

A series of attacks on migrant labourers in Kashmir valley has once again triggered a fresh wave of "ghar wapsi" ahead of the festive season.

Hours after the two labourers from Bihar were shot dead in Wanpoh area of Kulgam late on Sunday evening, panic-stricken labourers from different parts of the country fled Kashmir valley in the early hours of Monday.

Mostly daily wagers working in paddy fields and brick kilns decided to flee Kashmir to ensure their safety.

These labourers boarded private taxis and passenger buses with bare minimum luggage before bidding goodbye to the Kashmir valley.

On their arrival in Jammu, these migrant labourers claimed they were charged 800-1200 per head by the Kashmir-based tour operators to drop them in Jammu, a much higher charge.

A young mother, holding her minor child in her lap, told reporters in Jammu that Kashmir is no longer a paradise for her. "I don't want to return.



Women security personnel frisk a pedestrian during a surprise checking in Srinagar on Monday

PTI

I can earn my livelihood at any other place but not in Kashmir valley," she said.

Narrating her ordeal, she claimed they raised an alarm and sought help from the local authorities and others in the neighborhood but none came forward to help them. "We were scared after witnessing this mayhem and bloodshed in the valley, so we decided to pack our bags as we feared for our lives too," she said.

A labourer from West Bengal said, "I earned 800 per

day by working in the paddy fields. But after hearing the news, my family directed me to immediately return home. I had no other option left, hence I too decided to embark on the return journey," he said, adding, "For the last couple of days we were feeling insecure as terrorists were targeting non-locals randomly."

At Jammu railway station the majority of labourers with their families were seen struggling to organise food for their minor kids and women.

CAPSULE

UP BUYING POWER AT ₹22 A UNIT FOR PUBLIC: YOGI Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief minister Yogi Adityanath has said that in this festive season, his government was buying electricity at a cost up to ₹22 per unit from outside sources because he did not wish to dampen the spirit of festivals. Yogi Adityanath said that on normal days the same power was purchased at ₹7 per unit.

3 DEAD AS INCESSANT RAIN LASHES U'KHAND Dehradun: Three labourers from Nepal died and two more were injured as incessant rain lashed Uttarakhand for the second consecutive day on Monday, prompting the authorities to advise Chardham pilgrims not to proceed to the Himalayan temples till the weather improves.



Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) cycle riders during a rally en route from Jaigaon, West Bengal to Kevadia, Gujarat, via Bhopal on Monday. The cycle rally is being organised under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava celebrations to spread the message for National Integrity

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B'desh arsonists target 66 Hindu homes

PTI ■ DHAKA

A mob has damaged 66 houses and set on fire at least 20 homes of Hindus in Bangladesh over an alleged blasphemous social media post amidst protests by the minority community against temple vandalism incidents during the Durga Puja celebrations last week, authorities said on Monday.

The arson by the mob happened late on Sunday on a village in Rangpur district's Pirganj upazila, about 255 kms from here, the bdnews24.Com reported.

The police rushed to a fishermen neighbourhood as tension mounted over a rumor that a young Hindu man of the village had 'dishonoured religion' in a Facebook post,



Hundreds of Hindus protest against attacks on temples and killing of two Hindu devotees in another district shout slogans in Dhaka, on Monday

AP

Assistant Police Superintendent Mohammad Kamruzzaman told reporters.

"The incident took place after 10 PM yesterday but fire

fighters doused the blaze within a short period (and) the situation is now under full control," he said.

No casualties were report-

ed but 66 houses were damaged and 20 burnt during the attack, the officer said.

As many as 52 suspects have been arrested while a manhunt was launched for more suspects under a "combining operation" in collaboration with other security forces, he added.

As the police stood guard around the man's home, the attackers set fire to other homes nearby, the report said.

The Fire Service Control Room said that their report from the scene indicates that 29 residential houses, two kitchens, two barns and 20 haystacks belonging to 15 different owners were torched in Pirganj's Majhipara, it said, adding that an 'unruly crowd' has been identified as the cause of fire.

163 02 plants set up in State hosps

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

As many as 163 oxygen plants have been set up in various hospitals in Madhya Pradesh to ensure local availability of oxygen. These plants have an capacity of 182 metric tonnes of oxygen production per day. With this, 9145 patients can be treated by supplying oxygen at the rate of 10 liters per minute if required. Due to the tireless efforts of PM Care Fund and state government in the state, the work of setting up 202 Oxygen Generation Plants was started after facing oxygen shortage during the second wave of Corona. The remaining 39 oxygen plants will be set up this month.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh is fast moving towards becoming self-sufficient in the field of oxygen with the cooperation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the second wave of Corona, oxygen was imported from other states to save the lives of Corona patients. Chouhan said that for the local arrangement of oxygen in Madhya Pradesh, the availability of 30,291 oxygen cylinders has been additionally ensured in the government hospitals for the establishment of the plants. He said that as of March 2020, oxygen generation plants were not available in any government hospital in the state. As of today, 163 oxygen

plants have been started in different districts of the state. Rest of the plants will also be set up soon. About 230 metrics medical oxygen can be generated per day from all these 202 plants. The work of setting up 88 oxygen plants from PM Care Fund, 13 from Chief Minister's Relief Fund and 101 plants moving towards self-reliance like the Health Department, CSR and local efforts was started from last May in the state. Today Madhya Pradesh is fast moving towards self-reliance by setting up 163 oxygen plants. At present 360 metric tonnes of liquid oxygen storage facility is available in the government medical colleges of the state. Apart from this, liquid

oxygen tanks (total 248 metric tons) of 6 kilo litre capacity are being set up in 34 district hospitals of the state. Availability of 13,956 oxygen concentrators in government hospitals and 1350 in medical colleges has been ensured. Apart from this, the Government of India has also allotted 3860 concentrators in addition to the oxygen concentrators given earlier. As many as 11,156 oxygen supported beds were available in health institutions under the Health department as of June 2021. The state government has given approval to convert 3099 additional beds into oxygen supported beds, in which about 2000 beds have been made functional, remain-

ing beds will be completed this month and will be made functional. By the end of this month, 14,255 oxygen supported beds will be available in health institutions under Public Health and Family Welfare Department. A total of 785 ICU, HDU beds with ventilators were functional in all the districts of the state as of June 2021. A total of 650 new ICU, HDU beds have been sanctioned in 41 health institutions, out of which construction of 200 ICU, HDU beds has been completed. The construction of remaining ICU, HDU beds is in its final stage. This way, now 1435 ICU, HDU beds will be available in health institutions for the treatment.



Convener of State BJP Election Management Committee Bhopendra Singh with other members comes out from Election Commission's office after filing a complaint against Congress President Kamal Nath in Bhopal on Monday

Welldercare announces partnership with iiV Health Solutions for artery diseases

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Welldercare, a leading Lifestyle As A Service (LAAS) later life living company, announced its latest strategic Partnership with iiV Health Solutions to enable end-to-end solutions for Peripheral artery disease among the 60 plus. This Partnership will utilize the iiV Health Solutions technology for prevention, early detection, and management of peripheral artery disease (PAD) in Diabetics across all retirement resorts of Welldercare.



and iiV health solutions is a strategic step to offer affordable and non-invasive technology to prevent and manage the disease.

Welldercare uses cutting edge technology for continuous preventive healthcare monitoring. Within this context, non-invasive technology offers easy access to necessary biomarkers with minimum discomfort and supervision.

The technology offered by iiV Health Solutions is a Cloud-based Artificial Intelligence (AI), making remote telemedicine accessible at the Welldercare resorts. "Through this partnership, the iiV Health Solutions platform will provide us with the tools for early detection of peripheral artery disease and will reduce or eliminate associated risks in diabetics, which will result in a healthier later life," said Kanishka Acharya, CEO, Welldercare India.

"What is often lost in this maze of technology innovation is the need to develop and implement tech that makes an actual difference in daily living, whether it's improving the quality in performing activities of daily living (ADLs) or restoring the dignity to seniors in the entire caregiver-care receiver interaction," he further added.

Vani Kapoor launches parcos.com website

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Parcos now launched Parcos.com, its omnichannel online shopping destination for luxury fragrances, beauty, and wellness products. Parcos, established in 2004, has been synonymous with luxury, prestige and authentic beauty products and is the leader in the Indian beauty retail segment. The name PARCOS is an abbreviation of the French words "Parfums & Cosmétique", meaning perfumes and cosmetics with guaranteed authenticity.

With 45 brick and mortar stores in 18 cities across the country, Parcos now extends its reach online to deliver a holistic omnichannel experience to its consumers. Parcos provides an extensive selection of more than 50 international luxury brands, and more than 4000+ products from brands like Carolina Herrera, Gucci, Issey Miyake, Versace, Paco Rabanne, Dolce & Gabbana, Clarins and more. Its categories include Fragrance, Makeup and

Skincare products.

Parcos has a long-standing partnership with its brands and builds its credibility through consistent delivery to its customers. Our international partnerships with global giants like LVMH, the SHISEIDO GROUP, L'OREAL, PUIG, COTY, INTERPARFUMS and more, see Parcos as their trusted partner in India. Parcos has also formed strong associations with India's popular Indian E-commerce players like Amazon, Tata Cliq, and Nykaa with its dedicated brand pages and Parcos store look and feel.

Biju Antony, CEO & Executive Director, Baccarose Perfumes and Beauty Products Pvt Ltd says, "With Parcos.com we wanted to expand the luxury retail experience beyond our 45 Parcos luxury beauty stores across India.

We now offer the same personalised service straight to your doorstep, with a unique complete shopping experience like never before in luxury."

Infra works on verge of completion in view of Rabi season: Min

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar informed that the infrastructure works are being completed by the power companies in a planned manner in the financial year 2021-22 in view of the Rabi season. This will ensure more quality power supply to agricultural consumers.

In this financial year till September 2021, 9 new ultra high pressure substations, 8 additional power transformer installation works and 11 transformer capacity augmentation works have been completed by the transmission company of the state. This has increased the total transformation capacity by 1766 MVA. In the next three months, 2 new ultra high pressure substations, 20 additional power transformer installations and 4 transformer capacity augmentation works will be completed. This will lead to an additional increase in the transformation capacity of 1859 MVA.

The three distribution companies have also completed the work of 11 new 33/11 KV substations. Of these, 7 are located in the East Zone and 2-2 in the Central and West Zones. Along with this, 262 km 33 KV line and 314 km 11 KV line have also been constructed. A total of 39 works have been completed for capacity addition of power transformers installed in existing substations and installation of additional power transformers. This has resulted in capacity addition of 97 MVA. A total of 1773 works have been done for capacity addition of distribution transformers and installation of additional distribution transformers. Apart from this, in the next three months, 13 new 33/11 KV substations, 280 km 33 KV and 409 km 11 KV lines, 61 power transformers and 1110 distribution transformers will be installed.



Mahila Congress workers purify a photograph of BJP MP Pragya Singh Thakur with holy water of Narmada river in a unique protest over her controversial remarks on Congress leaders in connection with Narmada Parikrama, at PCC headquarters in Bhopal on Monday

Movie 'Our Territorial Army' screened at Shaurya Smarak

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

On Monday, a movie based on Indian Territorial Army 'Our Territorial Army' was screened at Shaurya Smarak.

The movie was directed by Mohan Vaghvani.

The Indian Territorial Army (TA) is a second line of defence after the Regular Indian Army. It is not a profession, occupation or a source of employment. It is only meant for those people who are already in mainstay civilian professions. Volunteers of the Territorial Army usually serve in uniform for 2-3 months every year, so that they can bear arms for national defence in times of dire need or national emergencies.

The Territorial Army is a part of the regular Indian Army. The present role of the Territorial Army is to relieve the Regular Army from static duties and assist civil administration in dealing with natural

calamities and maintenance of essential services in situations where life of the communities is affected or the security of the country is threatened, and to provide units for the Regular Army as and when required.

The Territorial Army has a strength of approximately 43,085(2019) first-line troops (and 160,000 second line troops) comprising departmental Territorial Army units such as railway, IOC, ONGC, telecommunication and General Hospital, and the non-departmental Territorial Army units of infantry battalions and ecological battalions affiliated to various infantry regiments.

It is to be noted that every day movies based on the bravery of the Indian army, air force, navy and police are being screened at Shaurya Smarak. The regular film screening is being organised as a tribute to their contributions and their sacrifices.

Inter-State ATM machine tampering gang busted

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Cyber crime busted an inter-state gang involved in tampering ATM machines and removing money; three members were arrested from Bhopal.

Accused have complete knowledge of ATM machine, designed tool for tampering with the ATM machine. The accused targeted 100 ATM machines of Bhopal city and ATM machines located in eight police station areas of Bhopal city. Gang members used to come to Bhopal in different groups.

A member of the gang has full information of all the areas of Bhopal. The accused identified as Shahrukh, Manish and Arif all residents of Palwal, Haryana. Shahrukh Khan has the knowledge of ATM machine and how to tamper and damage the technique of ATM machine.

A complaint was lodged by

Premprakash Ranga of Bagsevania Bhopal regarding tampering with the machine, damaged and the cash has been removed by cheating. Applicant F.S.S. (Financial Software and Systems Private Limited) works in the company. After investigation a case under section 380, 451, 427 of the IPC.

The accused targeted around 100 ATM along with their other four accomplices resident of Palwal, Haryana. Money has been withdrawn by the accused by tampering with ATM machines in different police station areas of Bhopal like Jumerati, Nabibagh College Road, Ayodhya Nagar, Shahpura, Itwara, Bajaria, Chola, Nishatpura, Ashoka Garden etc.

The accused used to make an iron device from Palwal to trap the cash plate outside the ATM machine.

Police Parade to be held on Police Commemoration Day on Oct 21

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Every year to pay tribute to the martyred police personnel, Police Commemoration Day will be celebrated on October 21 this year also.

On the occasion a police parade will be held at 8 am in the martyr's memorial site at Lal Parade Ground.

Governor Mangubhai Patel will be the chief guest of the program.

The full dress final rehearsal of the parade to be held on Police Commemoration Day will be held on October 19 at 8 am at Lal Parade Ground.

In Madhya Pradesh this year, 15 policemen of the state were martyred on duty. Among the martyred personnel, Sub-Inspector Chandan Lal Uike, Sub Inspector (A) Late. Sharad Aggarwal, Assistant Sub Inspector Late Rajendra Sharma, Assistant Sub Inspector Late. Ramesh Mehra, Assistant Sub Inspector Late. Shyamal, Assistant Sub Inspector Late. Govardhan Solanki, Head Constable Late. Ramprakash, Principal Constable Late Satendra Agnihotri, Head Constable Late. Kalu Tiwari, Head Constable (R) Late. Dinesh Chandra Sharma, Head Constable Late. Bharat Lal Chauhan, Constable Late. Deepak Rajurkar, Constable Sh. Rajkumar Yadav, Constable Suresh Mudiya and constable (MT) Rajesh Kumar Rajput.

Like the State capital Bhopal, Police Commemoration Day will be celebrated on October 21 in various police units across the state.

7-day art camp held at RTU

Under aegis of Tagore World Center for Art and Culture

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A seven-day art camp was inaugurated on Monday at Rabindranath Tagore University. It is being organized under the aegis of Tagore World Center for Art and Culture from October 18 to 24 in the university campus. In the first phase of this camp, eminent women painters of the country are actively participating.

In the inaugural session the chief guest Prof. Jai Krishna Agarwal, Former Principal

College of Arts and Crafts, Lucknow University, Uttar Pradesh said that this art camp is unique in itself. The young participants in the camp will do new practical work. They will share their experience and work.

While presiding over the programme, Santosh Choubey, Chancellor of the University said that art and culture paves the way for creative change in our lives. On this occasion, he expressed his views in detail about the various creative work areas, science, literacy, art, literature, culture done in his life since the eighties.

On this occasion, Vishwarang's co-director Leeladhar Mandloi, University's Vice Chancellor Sangeeta Johri, senior painter Rajan Shripad Phulari, senior painter and

teacher Mahavir Prasad Verma, Suman Kumar Singh and Arjun Kumar Singh also present.

Women painters under this seven-day camp include Taslim Jamal, Banswara, Rajasthan, Sanju Das, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Dr. Sonali Pithaway, Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, Bharti Prajapati, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Bhavna Choudhary, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Meenu Rani, New Delhi, Bhashvati Das, Kolkata, Chanda Singh, Kolkata, Babli Kesari, Kolkata, Mukta Gupta, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, Jaskanwal Kaur, Chandigarh, Tripti Patel, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Rakhi Kumar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Sonia Sabharwal, Panaji Goa has started to give shape to its fantasies on canvas through colors and paintings.

First Junior Boys Academy National Hockey Championship-2021 starts

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

First Junior Boys Academy National Hockey Championship-2021 began from Monday at Major Dhyhan Chand Hockey Stadium.

The championship organized under the joint aegis of Hockey India and Sports and Youth Welfare Department was inaugurated by Urban Administration and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh.

On first day, Olympians Vivek Singh Hockey Academy, Raja Karan Hockey Academy, Sai Academy, Roundglass Punjab Hockey Club Academy, RV Academy of Hockey and Markandeshwar Hockey Academy won their respective matches of the First Junior Boys Academy National Hockey Championship-2021. Director Sports Ravi Kumar Gupta,



Madhya Pradesh Minister for Housing, Urban Administration and Development Bhupendra Singh takes an introduction of the players at the inaugural session of first Hockey junior India national inter-academy championship at Major Dhyanchand Stadium in Bhopal on Monday

member of Hockey India Executive Board and selector Rajneesh Mishra and selector Syed Ali were present on this occasion. The championship is

being organized at Major Dhyhan Chand Hockey Stadium.

In the opening match of the day, Olympian Vivek Singh Hockey Academy defeated

Berar Hockey Academy Amravati 11-0. Vivek Singh Academy scored 2 goals in the first quarter, 6 in the third quarter and 3 goals in the fourth quarter.

Team's Dharmendra Pal scored 5 goals. In the second match, RV Academy of Hockey defeated Bhai Behlo Hockey Academy Bhagta 6-1. Bhai Behlo Academy took the lead in the first quarter with a goal.

However, after this RV Academy won the match 6-1, scoring 4 goals in the second quarter, 1-1 in the third and fourth quarters. In the third match, Raja Karan Hockey Academy defeated Dhyhan Chand Hockey Academy by one-sided 13-0. Raja Karan Academy scored 2 goals in the first quarter, 3 in the second, 2 in the third and 6 in the fourth quarter.

4 chain snatchers held, 8 gold chains recovered

Ujjain: Four members of gold chain snatching gang were nabbed and recovered 8 gold chains from their possession; one accused is still absconding, said police. According to the police, four accused three of Indore and one of Ujjain were arrested in the investiga-

tion. One of the accused who is Indore resident is still absconding. During the investigation police found that the accused who are Indore residents has been by Banganga, Pardesipura and other police stations in Indore. On October 13, after the chain snatching incident at

Dussehra ground, a youth was caught from the tobacco market of Freeganj area having bike without registration number. When the youth was quizzed it was revealed that he is a resident of Indore. He along with his aides of used to commit crimes in Ujjain. PNs

2 killed after speeding SUV hit bike at Khajuri Kalan

Bhopal: Two men died in a road accident after their bike was hit by a speeding SUV at Khajuri Kalan culvert under Bilkharia police station area in the evening on Sunday.

Police said that the men met accident where of them was

declared dead when rushed to hospital while the other died on the spot. The deceased was identified as Jagpal and Gowardhan were residents of Chawani Pathaar and when on their way back home. The two have gone for some work and when they

were returning in the evening their bike was hit by a speeding Ford Eco sport vehicle. After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post mortem. The police have registered a case under section 304 A of the IPC and started further

investigation. Vehicle was moving with very high speed and hit bike damaging in badly.

Meanwhile, a 32-year-old youth who was attacked and assaulted three days ago died on Sunday while undergoing treatment at Banjara Basti. SR

Delhi records first dengue death, cases reach 1,248

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi has reported the first death due to dengue this year, while the number of cases of the vector-borne disease has reached over 1,248, a senior civic body official said.

The deceased has been identified as Mamta Kashyap, 35, a resident of Sarita Vihar in South Delhi, he said.

According to the report released by municipal corporations on Monday, 453 dengue cases were recorded in Delhi last week. Out of the total cases, 181 people traced in Delhi were infected in other States, the report said.

The total number of cases this year till October 9 had stood at 480. So, 243 fresh cases have been logged in one week. The number of cases reported for the January 1-October 16 period in the previous three years were 395 (2020), 644 (2019) and 1020 (2018), according to the report.

A total of 1,072 cases and one death were logged in the entire year in 2020, according to the report released by the South Delhi Municipal



Corporation, the nodal agency for tabulating data on vector-borne diseases in the city.

The number of deaths due to dengue in years preceding 2020 had stood at two (2019); four (2018); 10 (2017); and 10 (2016), according to the official tally maintained by the SDMC.

Last year, 188 dengue cases were reported in the entire month of September, and 190 in 2019. In preceding years, the corresponding figures had stood at 374 (2018), 1,103 (2017), 1,362 (2016) and 6,775 (2015), according to data shared by Delhi health department on September 22.

Dengue mosquito larvae breed in clear, standing water, while those of malaria thrive even in dirty water. Cases of vector-borne diseases are usually reported between July and November but the period may stretch till mid-December.

According to the civic report, 142 cases of malaria and 69 cases of chikungunya have also been reported till October 16 this year in Delhi.

Malaria, dengue and chikungunya are accompanied with high fever and therefore, doctors feel that people might suspect that they have contracted Covid-19.

Direct Delhi Govt to nominate Lokayukt: BJP urges Governor

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has urged the Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi Anil Baijal to immediately direct the Delhi Government to nominate a Lokayukt in the national Capital.

"The office of the Lokayukt is lying vacant since the last Lokayukt retired in December 2020 and Delhi's Arvind Kejriwal Government is not taking interest in filling the vacancy which is important to ensure transparency in administration," Delhi BJP's spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said.

He further said that Kejriwal came to power after drumming up the need for a Lokpal in States and the country to ensure administrative transparency. However, once he came to power in 2015, the first thing he did was to disband the Lokpal system in his own party and later sat upon the appointment of Lokayukt in Delhi for 10 months, he alleged.

"Kejriwal ultimately had to



appoint a Lokayukt in December 2015 when the then Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta took the matter to the Delhi High Court.

Now again the office of the Lokayukt is vacant since the outgoing Lokayukt retired in December 2020 but Arvind Kejriwal is not nominating the successor," he said.

Kapoor also said matters are pending not only against around 55 MLAs but also against the Delhi Government itself and so to keep these matters suppressed the Chief Minister is intentionally avoiding nomination of the new Lokayukt in Delhi.

AAP Govt floats tender for youth seeking jobs

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on Monday said it has issued tenders for developing a portal – Rojgar Bazaar 2.0 to provide employment-related services to the youth of the national Capital. This site will provide Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based job matching and end-to-end employment-related information to those looking for jobs in the city.

"Tenders were floated by the Delhi Government's employment department on October 14," quoted a statement issued from the office of the Deputy Chief Minister's office.



The Rojgar Bazaar 2.0, it said, will be a "gateway to access skill training, career guidance and skill credentialing and a mobile app will also be made available."

Sisodia said that the launch of Rojgar Bazaar 1.0 in August last year turned out to be "a lifeline for the unemployed youth as well as small businesses of Delhi".

"Over 14 lakh job-seekers and 10 lakh jobs have already been advertised on the current Rojgar Bazaar portal and no other job matching platform by any State Government in India has been so successful. But we don't want to stop here," he added. Rojgar Bazaar 2.0 portal will bring all the services related to skill training, career guidance and job matching on a first-of-its-kind digital platform in India, said the deputy CM.

As a large number of unorganised workers cannot access the digital platform, the Delhi Government will also institutionalise physical centres to increase access to Rozgar Bazaar platform.



A vehicle of spiritual leader Namdeo Das Tyagi alias Computer Baba met an accident with a truck at Indore Ichhapur State Highways of Nimbola police station near Burhanpur, Khandwa district in Madhya Pradesh on Monday. Baba was on his way to attend an election campaign meeting with Congress State President Kamal Nath in support of Congress party candidate for Lok Sabha bypoll

Pioneer photo

2-stage surgery conducted to cure Osteomyelitis

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Doctors at a city hospital performed a two-stage surgery to cure a 12-year-old Kashish who was suffering from osteomyelitis (a rare but serious infection of the bone) and reconstructed her femur shaft by using her mother's calf bone (fibula graft).

Doctors at Aakash Healthcare, Dwarka said that five weeks after her trauma, she was diagnosed with chronic osteomyelitis acquired during the surgery of the right femur following which she complained of pain and swelling of right thigh along with fever. She was admitted into the Aakash hospital on 16 August and was

found to have deformity and pain in thigh, crepitation (a crackling sound upon movement), and a painful range of motion.

"In the first stage of surgery, dead part of the femur bone was removed and an antibiotic spacer was placed at that site. After a gap of six weeks, the spacer was removed



and her femoral shaft (thigh bone) was reconstructed using fibula graft taken from her mother in the second stage of surgery," Dr Aashish Chaudhry, Director of Orthopaedics, Joint Replacement and Spine Surgery said.

"She was brought just in time as osteomyelitis is a rare but serious infection that affects about 2 out of every 10,000 people. Our biggest challenge was to control the 15 cm infection of a body part which is the

longest human bone. Her condition required an open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) of the femur as it is a definitive procedure that facilitates early mobilisation and reduces risk of further infection," he said.

Osteomyelitis affects about two out of every 10,000 people and can cause necrosis (loss of blood supply) to the affected bone and bone tissue death by disrupting the flow of blood to the affected area.

Fire breaks out at LNJP hosp in national capital

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Two fire incidents were reported in the national Capital on Monday morning. In the first incident, the seminar room in the seven-storey Emergency Block of the LNJP Hospital where a fire was reported in the early hours on Monday was locked when it had happened, and alertness and presence of mind shown by the staff of the facility averted a major incident.

According to hospital authorities, the incident took place around 12:30 am and some of our staff saw smoke coming out of the seminar room, which was locked.

"Showing alertness, they opened the room immediate-

ly and used small fire extinguishers to put it out as much as possible, until the fire tenders arrived," said the official.

"The fire had broken out in the seminar room, located on the ground floor of the Emergency Block, and all patients were immediately shifted," the official added.

Atul Garg, the Director of Delhi Fire Service (DFS) said that six fire tenders were rushed to the spot and no casualty was reported while the cause of the fire was being ascertained.

"The room was locked and if our staff had not been alert, it could have turned into a big incident. Their alertness and presence of mind averted a major fire incident, as it happened in a multi-storey block.

Power supply had got briefly snapped two but we shifted all the patients on that floor to another area as smoke was spreading out," said the official of the hospital.

"The room is used for conducting training sessions for doctors and other staff. Also, our staff, be it doctors, nurses or others, have seen the most challenging times during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, and so it has made them tougher I believe in handling a crisis situation," said the hospital official. The official at the facility, located in the heart of Delhi, said the cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained but the smoke was coming out of the AC vents, indicating a short circuit may have led to it.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Indian Bank, Bhopal Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated calling upon the Borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice together with interest within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 9 of the said rules on this below date. The Borrower in particular & the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **Indian Bank, Bhopal Branch**.

S. No.	Name of Borrower	Description of the Immovable Property and Movable Assets	Notice Date Possession Date	Outstanding Amount (₹)
Bhopal Branch: Plot No. 171, M.P Nagar, Zone-2, Bhopal				
1.	Mrs. Savitri Devi W/o Mr. Hari Singh (Borrower)	Khasra No. 64/1, Plot No. C-49 Amra Vihar Colony, Phase-3 Village Nayapura, Kolar Road Under Municipal Limit, Bhopal (M.P.), Area: 90.72 Sq. Mtr	05.08.21	3,82,721
2.	Mr. Rupendra Singh s/o Mr. Hari Singh (Co-Borrower)	Or 998 Sq. Ft., Bounded: East: Plot No. C-48, North: Road, West: Plot No C-50, South: Plot No C-42	13.10.21	as on 13.10.2021

Place: Bhopal, Date: 19.10.2021

Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PIU

NIRAMAN BHAWAN, Plot No. 27-28 , Arera Hills, BHOPAL

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NIT No. 24/2021/Tender/G/APD/

BHOPAL DATE 11/10/2021

Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria:

S. NO.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Ernest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months i/c Rainy Season)
1	2021_PWPIU_153963_4	NIT SCHEDULE FOR M.O.U, REPAIRING WORK UNDER PG AND BALANCE WORK TEHSIL SIRONJ, LATERI, SHAMSABAD, KURJALI, PATHARI DISTRICT VIDISHA UNDER PWD PIU VIDISHA	Vidisha	150.00	150000	12500	12 months i/c Rainy season
2	2021_PWPIU_163500_1	Construction of Workshop Barracks For 20 Prisoners Building At Lateri Dist Vidisha (M.P.) (Balance Work)	Vidisha	38.89	50000	5000	03 months i/c Rainy Season
3	2021_PWPIU_163498_1	Construction of One Stop Center Building At Vidisha (M.P.)	Vidisha	41.74	50000	5000	06 months i/c Rainy season
4	2021_PWPIU_153922_4	Zonal Tender for small construction work, balance work and P.G. repairing work under District Bhopal	Bhopal	110.00	110000	12500	12 months i/c Rainy Season
5	2021_PWPIU_154185_3	Zonal Tender for small construction work, balance work and P.G. repairing work under District Sehore (M.P.) (Third Call)	SEHORE	110.00	112830	110000	12 months i/c Rainy season
6	2021_PWPIU_163947_1	Zonal Tender for small construction work, balance work and P.G. repairing work under District Sehore (M.P.) (For Budhni Constituency)	SEHORE	110.00	112830	110000	12 months i/c Rainy season
7	2021_PWPIU_154103_4	Zonal Tender for small construction work, balance work and P.G. repairing work under District Rajgarh P.I.U.	Rajgarh	110.00	110000	12500	12 months i/c Rainy season
8	2021_PWPIU_163764_1	Consultancy for supervision and Quality control Services for Construction of Various Building of various department at Shajapur AND AGAR MALWA	Shajapur	10000.00	20000	15000	24 months i/c Rainy season
9	2021_PWPIU_163841_1	Project Management Consultancy Services for Construction of Regional Institute of respiratory diseases at Idgah hills Bhopal and Upgradation of Medical Education and Multi-Specialty Facility at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal and Linked Hospitals at	Bhopal-2	10240.92	204820	15000	26 months i/c Rainy season

1. All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website. <https://mptenders.gov.in>

2. Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/Internet Banking.

3. The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 11.10.2021 (date) to 17.30 (time) 25.10.2021 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.

4. Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

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ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR

PWD PIU BHOPAL

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Jhansi Division

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction Distribution) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of work	E-Tender No.	Approx Cost (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)
Provision of sacrificing mast in Jhansi Division.	JHS/TD/Tender/ 2020/14R	3807688.05	Nil

Date of closing Tender: 11.11.2021, 15.00 Hrs. Date of completion/period from issue of acceptance letter: 04 Months. • Tender on line can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 11.11.2021. • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irreps.gov.in, 1104/21 FA

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National Company Law Appellate Tribunal

Appointment of Members

Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi invites applications from Indian Nationals for 05 posts of Members (03 posts of Judicial Member and 02 post of Technical Member) in the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), a quasi-judicial body established under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Member shall be paid a salary of Rupees two lakh twenty- five thousand per month plus other allowances as admissible.

Detailed advertisement may be seen on the website of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (www.mca.gov.in), DoP&T's website (www.persmin.nic.in) and National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's website (www.nclat.nic.in).

Eligible and willing persons are requested to send their scanned application in pdf version, strictly as per the prescribed format along with supporting documents from 15th October, 2021 to email at mappnt-nclt@gov.in. The last date for submitting the application by e-mail is 12th November, 2021 by 5:30 PM. Further, the hard copy of the signed application alongwith supporting documents and through proper channel, wherever applicable, is required to be sent to Shri Riazul Haque, Under Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Room No. 526, A Wing, 5th Floor, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110 001 by 05:30 PM of 22nd November, 2021.

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कार्यालय प्राचार्य शासकीय पॉलीटेक्निक महाविद्यालय, सिरोंज

जिला-विदिशा (म.प्र.)

क्रमांक/कार्या./2021/281

दिनांक 05.10.2021

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संस्था में सखिल इंजी. कंप्यूटर साईंस एंड इंजीनियरिंग एवं मैकेनिकल इंजी शाखा में पढ़ाने हेतु अतिथि व्याख्यातों के आवेदन आमंत्रण किए जा रहे है। संबंधित विषय में शैक्षणिक आह्वानों AICTE के नियमानुसार रहेगी। और आरक्षण में छुट मध्यप्रदेश शासन के नियमानुसार रहेगी।

आवेदनकर्ता 25.10.2021 तक संस्था में अपना बायोडाटा एवं मोबाईल नं. प्रस्तुत करें। घोषित तिथि के बाद आए आवेदनों पर कोई विचार नहीं किया जावेगा।

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WEST-I

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PRESS NOTICE TENDER NO. 34 W-II(2021-22)

EE(WEST)-I (Now EE(M)-27 C/O ACE (M)-8)

S. No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender	E/Money	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Providing and laying of 150mm, 200mm and 250mm water line from P-Block Vishnu Garden (Near Prakash Dairy) to J-Block Vishnu Garden at Khayala Road For Improvement of Water Supply in Vishnu Garden Area and it's adjoining area in Ward No-0085 in Rajouri Garden AC-27 under (Presently under EE(M)-27) Tender ID: 2021_DJB_209747_1	Rs. 29,57,977/-	Nil (declaration form to be filled)	28.10.2021 up to 3.00 PM
2.	Renovation of old/damaged local UGR at block C5D,C4E and C2B Janakpuri Ward no 16 S AC-30 Janak Puri under (Presently under AEE(M)-30) Tender ID: 2021_DJB_209747_3	Rs. 26,34,818/-		28.10.2021 up to 3.00 PM

Can view this particular statement in detail <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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(RAMESH KUMAR GUPTA)

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WEST-I

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प्रोपर्टी फॉर सेल

एमराल्ड पार्क सिटी (एम्स हॉस्पिटल) भोपाल के समीप कन्वीनियेन्ट/इनफॉर्मल शॉपिंग (व्यावसायिक) भूखण्ड विक्रय हेतु उपलब्ध

उपलब्ध संपत्ति	संख्या	भूखण्ड का क्षेत्रफल	अपसेट मूल्य (रु. लाख में)	घरोहर राशि (रु. लाख में)	आवेदन शुल्क जी.एस.टी. सहित
इनफार्मल शॉपिंग (व्यावसायिक) भूखंड क्रमांक 1	1	458.85 वर्गमीटर	186.00	27.90 लाख	2360/-
कन्वीनियेट शॉपिंग (व्यावसायिक) भूखंड क्रमांक 2	1	4056.00 वर्गमीटर	1792.00	268.80 लाख	2360/-

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(2) ऑफर BID डालने की अंतिम तिथि 24.11.2021 सायं 05:30 बजे संपदा अधिकारी

(3) ऑफर दिनांक 25.11.2021 को दोपहर 8.00 बजे खोला जावेगा। सभाग क्र.-8, भोपाल

(4) एम.पी. ऑनलाइन हेल्पलाइन 0755-6720200 फोन : 0755-2481648

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Cong committed sin by vilifying Patel, says BJP



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing its attack on the Congress Working Committee (CWC) and its proceedings, the BJP on Monday accused the Congress of committing a “sin” over reports that a leader at the recent CWC meeting made critical remarks about Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and sought to know if the party leadership will take action against him.

Accusing the Congress of only promoting the dynasty leaders, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra cited reports that Tariq Hameed Karra, a Kashmiri leader and a perma-

nent invitee to the Congress Working Committee, had credited Jawaharlal Nehru for Jammu and Kashmir’s integration with India and had alleged that the role of Patel was sidelined.

The BJP leader described the alleged comments in the CWC as “sin”.

Patra wanted to know whether Congress president Sonia Gandhi or Rahul objected when Karra “vilified” Patel and presented India’s first Home Minister as a “villain” while praising Nehru.

“Was Karra reprimanded? Will he be axed from the CWC,” Patra asked, accusing the Congress of constantly insulting leaders like Subhas

Nadda lauds party workers for excellent work during pandemic

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Chairing the key office bearers’ meeting here on Monday to discuss upcoming Assembly polls in five States, BJP president Jagat Prakash Nadda on Monday lauded the hard work done by party workers during the trying times of Covid-19 and urged them to be relevant to the people.

“Parivartan (change) is constant and an ongoing process. And I always say, only those succeed in politics who stay relevant,” Nadda said in his address to the gathering, the first such addressed by him post-Covid-19 at the BJP headquarters after he took over as president in January 2019.

It has been called by Nadda to discuss the party’s strategy for the upcoming Assembly polls next year and to assign responsibilities to the office-bearers, election-in-charge, state in-charge and other leaders playing key roles in the poll-bound States.

Feedback was received by



Nadda from the five poll-bound States including UP, Uttarakhand, Goa and Punjab on the basis of which the party ticket allotment would be decided in the coming months.

After the day-long session BJP Vice-president Baijant J Panda briefed the press saying the BJP is “fully ready” for elections in five States.

Panda said party regularly took directions from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to march ahead for the future task. He said India is being globally praised for its vaccination drive and by IMF for the economic growth.

He said within a couple of days, the country will reach

the target of 100 crore Covid-19 vaccination.

The meeting was attended by the party’s national general secretary (organisational) BL Santhosh, national general secretary Arun Singh and Dushyant Gautam, national secretaries Vinod Tawde and Harish Dwivedi.

Party’s Uttar Pradesh in-charge and national vice president Radha Mohan Singh, BJP’s Uttarakhand and Punjab in-charge and national general secretary Dushyant Gautam, Goa in-charge and national general secretary CT Ravi, along with other general secretaries, national secretaries, vice-president, morcha chiefs and national spokespersons of the party were also present at the meeting.

BJP’s national executive council meeting is also scheduled for November 7.

Assembly elections are slated in UP, Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur (all BJP ruled) and Punjab (Congress) in early next year.

India has always favoured peaceful, rule-based world order, says Rajnath

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As China is increasingly asserting itself in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific region leading to tension, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said India has always favoured peaceful, rule based and stable world order.

He also said the “geographical location of our country is something that makes it unique in many ways. Surrounded by the vast expanse of ocean from three sides, our country is very important from the point of view of strategic, trade and resources.”

Sharing this view here while inaugurating the four-day Navy Commanders’ here, Rajnath said as a responsible maritime stakeholder India supports consensus based principles and a peaceful, open, rule based and stable world order.

India also envisions Indian Ocean Region (IOR) with the universal values of rule based freedom of navigation and free trade in which the interests of all participating countries are protected, he said.

Being an important country in this maritime route the role of our Navy becomes more important in ensuring the security of this region, he said

adding the Navy is effectively carrying out these responsibilities.

Speaking about the rapidly changing economic and political relations across the world, Rajnath said these economic interests do cause some stress in the relations.

Therefore, there is a greater need to maintain peace and stability within the Indian Maritime Zones in order to boost the trade and economic activities. India Navy’s role in ensuring maintenance of this peace and stability in the region is going to increase manifold in the times to come.

“Only those nations have been successful in gaining dominance across the world, whose Navies have been strong and I am happy to say that our Navy is playing an important role in our maritime and national security,” he said.

Lauding the Navy’s efforts on self-reliance, the defence minister noted

“It is worth mentioning that in the last five financial years, more than two-thirds of the Navy’s modernisation budget has been spent on indigenous procurement.”

He also said it was a matter of great pride to know that out of 41 ships and submarines ordered by our Navy, 39 are from Indian shipyards. This is a testament to the Navy’s commitment to ‘AatmaNirbhar Bharat’, the minister said.

On this occasion, he also launched the ‘Integrated Unmanned Road Map for Indian Navy’. This publication aims to provide a comprehensive Unmanned Systems Roadmap in consonance with the Indian Navy’s Concept of Operations and chart out a capability development plan for the Indian Navy. A reference version of this Roadmap will also be promulgated for the benefit of industry, which will promote India’s ‘AatmaNirbhar Bharat’ mission.

The Conference, held twice a year, will focus on addressing the contemporary security paradigms while seeking ways to enhance combat capability of the Navy and make operations more effective and efficient.

Detailed review of the performance of weapons and sensors, readiness of Indian Navy’s platforms, ongoing Naval projects - with focus on ways to enhance indigenous through ‘Make in India’ will also be undertaken by the Commanders.

The conference would also dwell upon dynamics of the geostrategic situation of the region in the backdrop of recent events.

The Chief of Defence Staff, and the Chiefs of Indian Army and Indian Air Force would also interact with the Naval Commanders to address convergence of the three Services.

Fernandez skips appearance before ED in ₹200-cr money laundering case



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Actor Jacqueline Fernandez again skipped on Monday her appearance before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in connection with a probe into an over ₹200 crore money-laundering case against alleged conman Sukesh Chandrasekar.

This was her third summons and the agency may notify another date to secure her appearance.

The actor is learnt to have cited professional engagements as the reason for skipping the summons, sources said.

Fernandez, 36, has appeared before the federal agency once in August and recorded her statement in this case as a witness under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).



The agency wants to confront her with the main accused in the case involving Chandrasekar and his actor wife Leena Maria Paul, they said.

The agency is seeking to understand some trail of funds and transactions allegedly linked to Fernandez in this case, they further said.

Actor and dancer Nora Fatehi, 29, recorded her statement with the ED on Thursday in this case. Fatehi’s representative had said that she has been the victim in the case and being a witness, she is co-operating and helping the officers in the investigation.

Chandrasekar and Paul were recently arrested by the ED while they were already

undergoing judicial custody after being held by the Delhi Police on charges of cheating high-profile individuals, including former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh’s wife Aditi Singh.

In August, the ED had searched some of Chandrasekar’s premises and seized a sea-facing bungalow in Chennai, ₹82.5 lakh cash and over a dozen luxurious cars.

Chandrasekar is a “known conman” and is being probed by the Delhi Police in a case of alleged criminal conspiracy, cheating and extortion to the tune of about ₹200 crore, according to an earlier statement issued by the ED.

Centre resorting to ‘tax extortion’: Rahul

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Monday attacked the Centre over auto fuel costing more than the rate at which aviation turbine fuel (ATF) is sold to airlines.

Former party chief Rahul Gandhi alleged that the Centre was resorting to “tax extortion”. The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of ₹105.84 a litre and ₹111.77 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retailers. In Mumbai, diesel now comes for ₹102.52 a litre; while in Delhi, it costs ₹94.57.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also took a dig at the government, saying it promised to make those wearing ‘hawai chappals’ travel by air but it has hiked the prices of petrol and diesel so much that it has become difficult for the middle class to travel even by road.

Tagging a media report on auto fuels costing a third more than the rate at which ATF is sold to airlines, Rahul Gandhi tweeted that this is a very serious issue — “simple needs of the people that are not

being fulfilled today come before election-vote-politics”.

“I am with the people who are being cheated for the benefit of Modi’s friends and will continue to raise their voices,” the former Congress chief said in a tweet in Hindi. Priyanka Gandhi, in a tweet in Hindi, said, “Had promised that those wearing ‘hawai chappals’ (slippers) will travel by airplane. But the BJP government has hiked the prices of petrol and diesel so much that now it has become difficult for those wearing ‘hawai chappals’ and the middle class to travel even by road.”

She used the hashtag ‘BJP lai mehenge din (BJP has brought expensive days)’ with her tweet. The Congress, from its official Twitter handle, alleged that auto fuels costing a more than the rate at which ATF is sold to airlines was a proof of the Modi government’s “loot”.

Petrol and diesel prices on Sunday were hiked again by 35 paise a litre and after this hike the auto fuel was now costing a third more than the rate at which ATF is sold to airlines.

CBI arrests J&K Grameen Bank official for accepting bribe



IANs ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested two persons including an official of J&K Grameen bank for allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹20,000 to sanction a house loan.

The probe agency said that it has arrested one Jatinder Kumar and Kathua, Parliwand Grameen bank Branch Head Sanjay Kumar Sharma.

They received a complaint that the bank official has

demand a bribe of ₹50,000 through Jatinder for processing and sanction of housing loan of ₹20 lakh of the complainant’s father.

The CBI laid a trap and caught Jatinder while demanding and accepting the bribe of ₹20,000 —part payment of the total bribe.

Searches are being conducted at the premises of both the accused at Kathua (J&K), the probe agency stated.

The arrested accused will be produced before the Special Judge, CBI Cases, Jammu.

Shah chairs security meet of DGPs, IGP, intelligence officials



IANs ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday presided over the National Security Strategy Conference (NSSC) through video conferencing to discuss the prevailing security situation in the country.

Top police sources said all the Director Generals of Police of States, Inspector Generals, selected field officers of the rank of Superintendents of Police and Inspector Generals, heads of Central Police Forces, intelligence agencies and police organisations are participating in this closed-door conference.

Apart from these police officials, the National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Intelligence Bureau (IB) Chief Arvind Kumar and other officials of the IB, the DGPs of border guarding forces BSF, ITBP, and the SSB are also present at the NSSC along with the DG of CRPF, sources said.

According to the officials in the security agencies, during the meeting the prevailing security situation in the country is being discussed and strategy will be chalked out in view of the emerging new challenges threatening the national security.

They also said that the Kashmir situation will be discussed threadbare in the wake of recent individual killings of non-Kashmiris in the Valley and to discuss possible counter measures to effectively prevent these attacks.

The Maoist insurgency in the country will also be part of the discussion, sources added.

The crucial strategic conference gains significance amid several internal security challenges and it is expected that some new guidelines will be formulated to deal with these new challenges, including cross border crimes, drugs and issues threatening the national security at large.

Apart from the J&K issue, presentations prepared by the states on the emerging security challenges in their respective areas will also be discussed in details, a source in the security set up said, adding that many southern states like Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu have received terror inputs by the central agencies, especially after the Taliban take over of Afghanistan in August this year.

The meeting started at 3 p.m. and is likely to continue till late evening, sources said.

Infants, children equally capable of replicating SARS-CoV-2

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

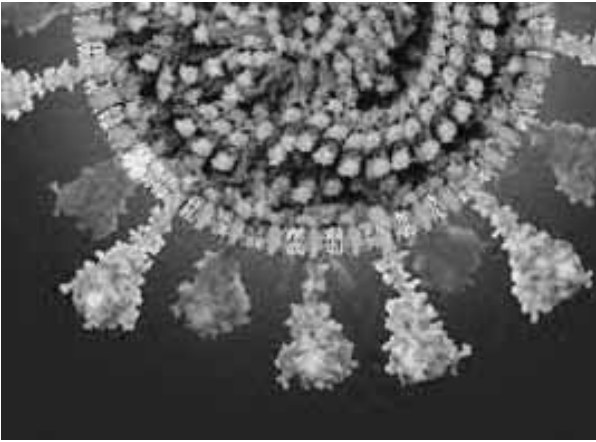
Infants, children and adolescents are equally capable of carrying high levels of life and replicating SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing Covid-19, in their respiratory secretions,

researchers have confirmed in a new study, emphasising that kids are an essential component of beating the pandemic.

According to the study, published in the Journal of Infectious Diseases, the high levels of virus correspond with

the live, infectious virus, and that levels are highest early in the illness in both symptomatic and asymptomatic children.

The study was led by a team from Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), Brigham and Women’s



those around them.

“Children can carry the virus and infect other people,” said Lael Yonker, a pediatric pulmonologist at MGH.

There had been the question about whether the high viral load in children correlated with the live virus. We’ve been able to provide a definitive answer that these high viral loads are infectious,” Yonker added.

As Covid-19 variants continue to emerge, infected children are potential “reservoirs” for the evolution of new variants as well as potential spreaders of current variants, she said.

“Kids with Covid-19, even if asymptomatic, are infectious and can harbour SARS-CoV-2 variants. Variants could potentially impact both the severity of the disease and the efficacy of vaccines, as we are seeing with the Delta variant.

When we cultured the live virus, we found a wide variety of genetic variants. New variants have the potential to be more contagious and also make kids sicker,” Yonker noted.

Further, the viral loads of kids in the hospital were no different from those found in hospitalised adults, according to the study.

Similar evidence was cited by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggesting that when compared to adults, children “likely have similar viral loads in their nasopharynx, similar secondary infection rates, and can spread the virus to others”. The study called for increasing awareness of pediatric COVID and implementing broader testing programmes for children as they are an essential component in the fight against Covid-19.

India, Israel agree to mutually recognise Covid vax certification



IANs ■ NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid on Monday agreed on the mutual recognition of the Covid-19 vaccination certificates.

Jaishankar, who is on a three-day visit to the West Asian country has been holding meetings with government officials, business leaders, and the Indian Jewish community there.

After the talks with Israeli Foreign Minister, Jaishankar said, he had a ‘very productive’ discussion on a wide range of regional and global issues.

“Very productive talks today with APM and FM @YairLapid. Discussed a wide range of regional and global issues. Agreed to resume FTA negotiations next month. Agreed in principle on mutu-

al recognition of Covid vaccination certification,” Jaishankar tweeted.

“Last year, India and Israel have dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have helped one another amidst this crisis. This is how friends and partners behave”, Lapid said.

He also thanked Jaishankar for his visit to Israel, saying a visit preceding events that will take place next year will mark 30 years of bilateral relations between the two countries.

After the meeting, Minister of Energy Karine Elharrar signed the agreement on the accession of Israel to the International Solar Alliance, a global initiative of India.

Earlier in the day, Jaishankar unveiled a plaque commemorating the Bhoodan Grove planted by Sarvodaya workers in 1960.

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In view of no response, the last date for submission of bids invited vide this office e-Tender Notice No. 20 of 2021 dated.10.09.2021 for **Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Akad Park** is hereby extended as per the details given below:-

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	18.10.2021 from 02:00 PM to 03.11.2021 up to 2:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	18.10.2021 from 03:00 PM
3.	Bid submission End Date	03.11.2021 up to 2:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders	06.11.2021 at 2:00 PM

Other terms and conditions shall remain same as laid down in the aforesaid Tender Notice.

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Kerala: Illegal constructions cause havoc

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Quarrying, deforestation and improper development activities along the Western Ghats are being seen as the reason behind the frequent landslides and deluge haunting Kerala, say environmental scientists and activists.

Monday began in a sad note in the State as six members of a family in Mundakkayam who were killed in the landslide were laid to rest under the auspices of Mar Joseph Kallarangatty. Marin, his mother Clara, wife Sini and their three children were given a tearful farewell by the entire citizens of the town. They were killed when the house in which they live was swallowed by the rushing floodwaters and hillock.

Heavy downpours unleashed the districts of Idukki, Kottayam, Ernakulam and Pathanamthitta. Vehicular

traffic has come to a grinding halt as road connecting Idukki with the rest of the State was submerged in flood.

“There are 5,000 unauthorised quarries in Western Ghats falling in Kerala. We have nearly 300 small and medium dams out of which 80 are situated in ecologically sensitive areas. The quarrying is sure to create more problems in the coming days. Kerala will see a major disaster in days to come,” John Peruvanthanam, environmental activist told *The Pioneer*.

The obsession of Governments (past and present) to build dams and airports are causing ecological damage, he said. “The Kerala Government’s move to go ahead with the construction of an air strip in Idukki, allegedly with the blessings of the Union Government has surprised many because the impact of the construction would be felt in Mullaperiyar Dam,” said John.

Nitin Agarwal elected Dy Speaker in UP Assembly

Lucknow: BJP-backed Samajwadi Party rebel Nitin Agarwal was on Monday elected Deputy Speaker in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly, defeating his party’s official candidate Narendra Verma by 244 votes.

Agarwal got 304 votes compared to Verma’s 60 in the polling held through ballot papers at a special one-day Assembly session here. Four ballot papers were declared invalid.

The Bahujan Samaj Party, which has 16 MLAs, and the Congress with its seven boycotted the election.

Carrying placards, Congress workers protested in front of the assembly building and accused the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party of trying to divert attention from the problems faced by the State.

Agarwal is now the State’s first Deputy Speaker in 14 years. Speaker Hriday Narayan Dixit called it an important post, saying the tradition goes dates back to the Vedic era.

Agarwal, a third-term MLA from Hardoi, is the son of former state minister Naresh Agarwal who recently switched over to the BJP from the Samajwadi Party.

BJP has 304 MLAs in the 403-member House at present and the SP 49, making it a no-contest election as the ruling camp was supporting the SP rebel.

Apna Dal (Sonela) with its nine MLAs is a BJP ally, The Rashtriya Lok Dal and the Nishad party have one MLA each. There are three independent MLAs, while two are unattached. Seven seats are vacant.

The election, coming just months ahead

of the crucial assembly polls, highlighted the absence of any anti-BJP front in the state with Mayawati’s BSP and the Congress refusing to side with the SP.

The three have already decided to fight the assembly polls separately.

The SP, however, seemed to have won the support of members of some regional outfits as it garnered 60 votes, 11 more than its strength of 49 including Agarwal.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has already made it clear that he will have no alliance with the bigger parties and is forging tie-ups with the smaller regional parties.

Back in 2004, BJP’s Rajesh Agarwal was elected unopposed as Deputy Speaker during the Mayawati Government’s term.

After the declaration of the results, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath justified supporting the rebel SP candidate.

He said the ruling party had backed a young person, but the opposition was unable to bring forward a young face in the past four and half years. He termed the SP an “anti-youth” party which was unable to accept its own member.

Adityanath reminded that technically Agarwal is a Samajwadi Party MLA. Newly elected Deputy Speaker Agarwal said he will take all members along in the functioning of the House.

Apparently referring to Agarwal, Leader of the Opposition Ram Gobind Chaudhary said he was not made a minister but handed a “lollipop” when the term of the House was nearly over.

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Yogi blames SP dynastic politics for delay in Dy Speaker’s election

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath congratulated Bharatiya Janata Party-backed Samajwadi Party candidate Nitin Agarwal on his victory for the post of deputy Speaker of the State Assembly, dubbing it as a picture of the 2022 assembly election results.

Yogi Adityanath also targeted the SP for its dynastic politics and its refusal to accept one of its own MLA as the deputy speaker.

The chief minister, in his address in the assembly after Nitin Agarwal was declared elected as deputy speaker on Monday, said the result had exposed the fal-lacy of the opposition unity.

“The opposition, including SP, could not show unity even in the election of the deputy speaker and this result is a clear indication of the result of the 2022 UP assembly elections,” he said.

Yogi Adityanath also expressed sympathy for SP candidate Narendra Singh Verma who polled only 60 votes. “Had

the SP made him a candidate four years ago, he could have possibly won,” he pointed out.

Taking a jibe at SP’s failure as the largest Opposition party, the chief minister said the BJP waited for a full four-and-a-half years but the SP did not put forward any names for the deputy speaker’s post. He said finally, in view of the last six months of the House remaining, the BJP took steps towards fulfilling this tradition.

Expressing happiness over getting a young, energetic and experienced deputy speaker Nitin Agarwal, Yogi Adityanath said that “technically” Nitin was also a member of SP and thus the BJP had followed the tradition of the House.

Talking about the defeat of the SP in the 2022 assembly elections, the chief minister also exhorted the SP to rise above ‘parivarvad’ (dynastic politics). “For SP, the family is the State, whereas for the BJP, the entire state is a family,” the chief minister asserted.

Naravane takes stock of J&K security

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Indian Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane on Monday took stock of the ongoing counter terrorist operation as it entered the eighth day in the thickly forested area of Nar Khas in Mendhar tehsil of Poonch.

The Indian army Chief is also scheduled to visit the forward areas of Rajouri and Poonch along with top brass of the Indian army deployed in the region to prepare their

counter strategy to neutralise these terrorists at the earliest.

The Indian Army on Monday tweeted, “General MM Naravane, COAS (Chief of Army Staff) is on a two day visit to Jammu Region where-in GOC White Knight Corps will give an update on security situation and operational preparedness.” “COAS will visit forward areas and interact with troops and commanders on ground,” it added

Using Drone technology,

the Indian army is learnt to have spotted movement of a group of terrorists inside the forest area and has managed to localise these terrorists. Firefighting also resumed in the wee hours of Monday after a brief lull since Sunday afternoon.

The Indian army is taking all necessary measures to minimise the collateral damage.

Since October 11, the Indian army has pressed its resources including elite para commandos to hunt down the

heavily armed group of terrorists but no major success could be achieved.

According to the Jammu and Kashmir police, the terrorists were camping in the area for over two months and may have carved out safe hideouts taking advantage of the thick forest cover.

So far nine Indian soldiers including two Junior Commissioned Officers have sacrificed their lives during firefights with these terrorists.



Young women offer prayers in a paddy field during Kali Bihu celebrations at Uttar Para village in Baksa district of Assam on Monday

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Sena leader moves SC seeking judicial enquiry into affairs of NCB at Mumbai

Mumbai: A Shiv Sena leader has moved the Supreme Court seeking judicial enquiry into affairs of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) at Mumbai and its officials in the wake of the arrest of Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan in a case of alleged seizure of drugs from a cruise ship in Mumbai.

The petition has urged the apex court to take suo moto cognizance to protect the fundamental rights of Aryan who has been booked under the NDPS Act by NCB, Zonal Office, Mumbai. “I would like to point out towards the malafide style, approach and dirty vendetta affairs of NCB at Mumbai and it’s officials targeting select film celebrity & few models since last two years and would like to request Your Honour to order to institute special judicial investigation & enquiry to unearth the role of NCB official,” the plea filed by Mumbai-based Shiv Sena leader Kishore Tiwari said.Refering to the statement of NCP leader and Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik in which he had cast aspersions on NCB, the plea said it’s high time the NCB is probed by a top court judge to unravel the truth.

Aryan is currently lodged in Arthur Road prison in central Mumbai in the case of alleged seizure of drugs from a cruise ship.

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Dry amusement parks to open in Maha from Oct 22

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

As the Covid-19 crisis began to subside in Maharashtra, the State Government on Monday announced that all dry amusement parks would re-open along with cinema halls from October 22.

A day after Mumbai recorded zero Covid deaths for the first time since the break-out on March 26, 2020, the Covid-19 task force that met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray decided to lift the ban on dry amusement parks from October 22. However, the task force decided to defer the decision on re-starting water rides in these amusement parks to a later date.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister said: “As the number of Covid-19 cases seems on the decline, we are gradually easing the restrictions. From October 22 onwards, we will reopen cinema halls and theatres, while we are increasing the timings of hotels and shops”.

Uddhav directed the Public Health Department officials to obtain fresh stocks of the Centre and prepare a plan for starting the vaccination for children in the age group from two to 18 years. Meanwhile, Maharashtra recorded 27 deaths and 1,485

infections on Monday.

With 27 fresh deaths reported on Sunday, the total number of deaths in the state increased from 1,39,789 to 1,39,816, while the total infections -- with 1,485 new cases -- went up from 65,91,697 to 65,93,182.

As 2078 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March last year increased from 64,19,678 to 64,21,756. The recovery rate in the state rose from 97.39 per cent to 97.40 per cent. The total ‘active cases’ in the state dropped from 28,631 to 28,008. The fatality rate in the state stood static at 2.12 per cent.

Pune with 7,843 active cases emerged as the first in the state in terms of maximum number of ‘active cases’ in the state, while Mumbai with 5,703 stood second in the state, followed by Thane (3,672), Ahmednagar (3,320) and Satara (958).

Of the 6,08,613 samples sent to various laboratories across the state so far, 65,93,353 have tested positive (10.79 per cent) for Covid-19 until Monday.

Currently, 2,08,613 people are in home quarantine while 961 people are in institutional quarantine.

Schools in Karnataka to reopen for students of classes 1 to 5 from Oct 25

Bengaluru: With Covid-19 cases declining, Karnataka Government on Monday permitted re-opening of schools for students of classes 1 to 5 from October 25 by strictly adhering to precautions and guidelines against the coronavirus. Also, the Government announced certain relaxations for international arrivals at airports while allowing certain activities like throwing open swimming pools with certain conditions.

“Class from 1st to 5th standards permitted to re-open from October 25, 2021, by strictly adhering to Covid-19 appropriate behaviour and SOPs issued by the Department of Primary and Secondary Education. Parental consent letter for physical classes is mandatory,” an order issued by Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar said.

It has laid down certain rules such as screening for Covid-19 symptoms on entry, 50 per cent of the capacity in a classroom, provision of hand sanitizers, physical distancing of a minimum of one metre as practically feasible, no crowding, particularly at school entry and exit, and disinfecting classrooms and restrooms daily using 1 per cent sodium hypochlorite solution.

Only teachers and staff who have been vaccinated with two doses of Covid-19 vaccines

would be allowed in classes 1 to 5, it said. There shall be additional use of face shield by teachers who are over 50 years of age.

“The operational guidelines on re-opening of classes 1 to 5 will be issued by the Department of Primary and Secondary Education,” it added. The Government re-opened schools for students of classes 6 to 8 from September 6 and for students of classes 9 to 12 from August 23.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has given its report and a decision on re-opening schools for students from classes one to five would be announced soon.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh said SOP would be sent to all the schools probably by Wednesday, the day being a public holiday, officials also have been asked to take extra precaution as the children are too young.

Stating that schools have been functioning for higher classes for the last one-and-a-half months now, and there has not been even a single case of a child being infected by Covid-19 because of attending school, the Minister told parents that they can send children to school without any fear, and that cases are also declining.

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Lawyer shot dead in Shahjahanpur district court

Shahjahanpur (UP): A lawyer was shot dead allegedly by another on the district court premises here on Monday afternoon over an old rivalry, following which four cops were suspended for negligence, police said.The victim, Bhupendra Singh (58), had filed two dozen cases against Suresh Gupta. Upset over this, Gupta allegedly killed him, they said.

Taking strong exception to a serious crime like murder on the court premises, four police personnel, including an inspector, have been placed under suspension, Assistant Superintendent of Police (City) Sanjay Kumar said.

Advocate Bhupendra Singh of Jalalabad tehsil had gone to the third-floor office of ACJM-1 of the district court in the afternoon to meet a clerk in con-

nection with some case when a gunshot was heard and he was found dead.

Quoting the clerk Singh had gone to meet, Superintendent of Police (SP) S Anand had earlier said that an illegal 315 bore pistol was found near the body.A case of murder was registered against advocate Suresh Kumar Gupta and his two sons Gaurav Gupta and Ankit Gupta. The accused advocate has been arrested, the police said.Advocates in the district had launched an indefinite strike, demanding the killer’s immediate arrest.Bar Association general secretary Aneet Kumar Trivedi, who had led the protest, told *PTI* that since the accused has been arrested, the organisation would meet at 11 am on Tuesday to decided on further course of action.

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Kerala couple braves flood, sails in a cooking vessel to get hitched

Alappuzha (Ker): Love knows no bounds, not even nature’s fury. Sailing along in a large cooking vessel through the flooded streets, a health worker couple from the district beat all odds to exchange their wedding vows on Monday here, keen not to miss the special occasion to usher in a new chapter in their life.

The couple’s love story came as a pleasant news for the rain-battered Kerala, which has seen tragedy unfold in the last two days that was marked by the despair of death, with bodies being found following the heavy downpour and landslides.

For the newlyweds-- Akash and Aishwarya-- a large aluminium vessel doubled up as some kind of a boat to transport them to the venue where the wedding was slated to take place. Akash, speaking to PTI, said theirs was an inter-caste relationship which was opposed by an uncle of Aishwarya and therefore, they had a registered marriage on October 5.

Subsequently, they decided to get married as per Hindu rites without much delay, but

most of the temples near his home at Thakazhy here were accepting bookings 15 days in advance.

Finally, they found a temple at Thalavady here which agreed to host the ceremony on Monday, he said, adding that it was supposed to be a small event attended only by close friends and family.

However, thanks to their journey in a cooking vessel to the wedding hall, now everyone knows about the marriage, Akash said, excited about how the entire episode turned out and the fame that has come with it.

He said on Sunday someone from the temple had called him up asking whether he was willing to postpone the wedding as the venue was filled with water.

But both of them are health workers who are on COVID duty and were unsure when they would get a holiday next to get married. Therefore, they decided not to postpone it and the temple authorities said they would make the necessary arrangements to ferry them to the venue.

On Monday, when they reached Thalavady, people were

BJP questions Didi’s silence on Bangla riots

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The BJP on Monday launched a fierce attack on Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for not spending a word on the ongoing attacks on the Hindus in Bangladesh.

In a hard-hitting statement Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari said “our Chief Minister is known for speaking out of turn and almost on all issues ... but here she has been mysteriously silent on the continuing attacks on the members of Hindu community in Bangladesh ... is this because she does not want to earn the displeasure of her vote bank... Is it because she is afraid of a particular section of voters in this part of Bengal ... is she more concerned about her personal interests and political convenience than the cause of the Hindus.”

Taking a dig at the Chief Minister, the BJP leader said that she often had referred to “a particular community (read the Muslims) as the proverbial milching cow whose kicks are to be tolerated for the sake of the milk it provides ... is it for the same reason that she is not uttering a word against the attack on the Hindus in Bangladesh ... is she quite because she does not want to alienate her milching cow.”

At least five people have been killed, Durga Puja pandals pulled down, an ISKCON temple vandalised and properties of Hindus torched over the past week in religious violence in about in 20 districts of Bangladesh.

Adhikari’s statements came when the BJP staged state-wide protests against the Bangladesh incident. Protests were launched at several places in Kolkata, Siliguri, Baruiপুর, Anansol, Cooch Behar, Balurghat, Hooghly and other places.

Curiously the Left Front too protested against the Bangladesh attacks but in a different manner even as its cadres made human chains comprising members from both Hindu and Muslim communities.

Quoting Banerjee “the Opposition Leader said, “the Chief Minister always says that ‘religion is a personal matter but festival belongs to all’ ... so where is that spirit when the Hindus are attacked in Bangladesh and when their properties are destroyed and looted and their men killed.”

Though the Chief Minister maintained a studied silence Trinamool Congress leader and senior Minister Firhad Hakim condemned the Bangladesh incident hoping the “secular Government of Sk Hasina” would definitely take action to contain the riots.

“We have a friendly Government in Bangladesh which is known for its secular values ... we have been told that it is taking ample measures and we hope it will soon bring the situation under control and take measures against the perpetrators of this violence,” Hakim said.



A dargah illuminated with lights during Eid Milad-un-Nabi, in Ajmer on Monday

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Revival effort

Sasikala's attempt to make herself politically relevant again still lacks teeth

It is the golden jubilee year of the AIADMK in Tamil Nadu, but the celebrations are muted. It lacks a unifying leader. It lost power to rival DMK. Its workers have been caught in factional fights ever since Jayalalithaa died. Can such a party dare think of a revival? A close aide of the late Puratchi Thalaivi, VK Sasikala, thinks so. She wants to revive, if not the party, at least her chances of becoming the leader. Coming out of prison after serving a four-year term in a corruption case, she used the occasion of the 50th year of the founding of the party to make herself politically relevant once again. Her political errands were low-key but not publicity-shy. She visited party mausoleums and museums in Chennai to pay her obeisance to MGR and Jayalalithaa. She talked to party workers about bringing back Jayalithaa's legacy; it was not yet the time to address the people. She proposes to tour the State, to assess the mood of the workers. Sasikala's opening gambit is now complete. It is for the party's dual leadership — Edappadi K Palaniswami and Ottakarathevar Panneerselvam — to respond. The former has taken credit for the AIADMK avoiding a rout in the assembly elections and surprisingly getting 77 seats. He thinks that makes him a better leader than OPS. The latter is more susceptible to Sasikala's influence because they share the same caste. It is not a difficult task for her to break the dual leadership but she would not want the party to break. That would not serve her purpose. She



wants to see how the 2017 heist-cum-murder incident in Jayalalithaa's Kodanad estate affects the OPS-EPS duo. EPS, the then Chief Minister, did not order a special probe. The DMK Government now has. All this has left the party workers a confused lot. They do not know who among the three leaders has the staying power. They want to see if Sasikala has the advantage of a sympathy factor because of her association with 'Amma'. They will wait to check if the Kodanad probe troubles EPS and OPS. That is why none of the leaders is in a hurry to make a move.

The person who can keep the AIADMK united and maintain the State's bipolar politics has a chance of succeeding Jayalalithaa. Not even the DMK wants a challenger in the state other than the AIADMK. MK Stalin has gone on record saying that. The Congress knows its place already. The BJP, however, is intent on joining the party. It had originally bet on the AIADMK's decimation in the elections, hoping to find a factional partner if the party broke up. That did not happen as OPS-EPS had a bigger objective: grabbing party reins. However, Sasikala recused herself from the elections as questions were raised about an invisible hand influencing her decision. Can she summon the courage to keep the national parties at bay like Jayalalithaa?

PICTALK



Volunteers hold placards during the 'Red Light On, Gaadi Off' campaign in Delhi

Ranjan Dimri | The Pioneer

Flood and fury

Despite warnings and alerts from the IMD, official response in Kerala has been missing

Monsoon, the subcontinent's unique weather phenomenon, has inspired writers ranging from Kalidasa to Alexander Frater. While the former integrated the beauty and romance of monsoon in his 'Meghdoot', Frater informed the world about its vagaries and how it impacted the socio-economic lives of millions in his travelogue 'Chasing The Monsoon'. Till the early 1970s, the monsoon used to pass over the Indian landscape in an elegant pattern. But over the last few years, the monsoon's fury has started striking Kerala, and India at large, quite regularly. The year 2018 saw nature at its worst, claiming hundreds of lives and devouring thousands of houses and acres of farm lands in God's Own Country. Kerala was under the spell of heavy rains and winds over the last few weeks and this took a turn for the worse as the depressions in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea developed into downpours and heavy winds. Warnings issued by the Indian Meteorological Department and the local Cochin University of Science and Technology

do not seem to have been noticed by the persons who govern the State. Officials have confirmed that rains and landslides claimed more than 30 lives till Monday.

This is going to be the pattern of monsoon in coming weeks and months, according to Prof S Abhilash, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, CUSAT. He says there is a change in the pattern of rain distribution, intensity of rain and cloud structure. There has been no dearth of warnings and weather alerts from the IMD but something is missing in the official response to these timely bulletins. The cloudbursts and landslides are being seen as the fallout of the wanton destruction of the fragile ecosystem in the State. Since the 1960s, the rainforests were slaughtered to build dams and facilitate planting of cash crops like rubber and spices. P K Ramachandran, a veteran botanist with Rubber Board, laments over the report he made which made the Government to promote planting of rubber in thousands of hectares of rain forests. Policy makers forgot the State's proximity to the sea while the ecological devastation of Western Ghats led to flood and fury becoming regular events in Kerala. The land known for its serene nature has taken a vengeful persona, proving yet again that any unregulated action and irresponsibility by mankind will not go unpunished by Nature.

How the Partition helped India

In an undivided India with no Pakistan or Bangladesh in existence, the larger population would have been only 60 per cent non-Muslim



PRAFULL GORADIA

Pran Chopra, who later rose to be the editor of the Statesman, was reporting on an election which said a lot. A public meeting was held at Jalandhar in the middle of which there was *azaan* or a call for prayer. The crowd went to pray but Jinnah sat down on a chair, pulled out a cigar and lit it. He smoked until the crowd returned and then resumed his speech in English. The only other language he could speak was Gujarati. He had had no leisure to learn Urdu. Whenever Jinnah shouted "Islam is in danger", the crowd endorsed him loudly. The instance of a Muslim leader shunning prayer and smoking is telling.

If not the leader, what was he who succeeded in dividing a sub-continent? Evidently, he was the advocate-general for Pakistan. He could see that Muslims in India were generally nervous, if not also frightened. They were less educated than the Hindus and were fewer in the total number in the country. Furthermore, not even their elite owned industries and Nehru's socialist Government would take away their land. Muslims, who had ruled India for centuries, would be reduced to servants and clerks of Hindus.

The Advocate had a formula of Pakistan which to Aligarh students meant a New Medina which could go on to throw up a Caliph. There was no reigning religious-cum-temporal head of Sunni Islam. The last one was the Sultan of Turkey whom Kemal Ataturk had dethroned and exiled in 1924. There had been no replacement. He planned a viable strategy for his clients — the Muslims — and got on with his job. He had been the highest-paid barrister in the British Empire for several years. For dividing the country, his fees would be a place in history's hall of fame.

To indicate his role as an advocate, when he went, for the first time, to Dacca in the Eastern wing of Pakistan in February 1948, the university students demanded Bengali also to be a national language. Jinnah insisted that it can only be one tongue namely Urdu. He was curt, he did not know the Bengali psyche, and sowed the seeds of what eventually became Bangladesh. A leader would have



been more tactful and conciliatory. He did something similar in Delhi as he was finally leaving for Karachi. Some local Muslims had gathered in anxiety to ask their Qaid-e-Azam what could happen to them now that Partition has taken place? His reply was hurried and curt; I have achieved for you what you wanted; now look after yourself. What more can I do? Again the attitude of an advocate and not a leader.

On the last day of his life in September 1948, his health was deteriorating at Quetta, where he had gone to rest. His sister Fatima was with him and a British doctor. As his plane landed in Karachi, an old ambulance was awaiting his arrival. Remember, he was the Governor-General. Within two or three mile, the vehicle stopped and would not move forward. So the doctor took another ambulance, which took an hour or so to arrive and take an ailing Jinnah to his residence. That same evening at say 10 pm, he died. The next day he was buried but reportedly in a Savile Row tailored suit. Coincidentally, he died in the city of his birth, namely Karachi.

Jinnah achieved what he had set out on March 23, 1940, at Lahore. His death was no tragedy, because it was not an end with unfulfilled aspirations.



WITHOUT JINNAH, THE PARTITION WAS UNLIKELY. MANY MUSLIMS BELIEVE THAT WITHOUT THE QAID-E-AZAM, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO ONE TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE BRITISH RULERS

Had he died unfulfilled, it would have been somewhat tragic for him, but more so for Hindus. The simple reason is that there would have been no Partition; without Jinnah, Partition was most unlikely. Many Muslims believe that without the Qaid-e-Azam, there would have been no one to negotiate with the British rulers. The Muslims had no other all-India leader. It is in this belief the Muslim League requested him to jettison his practice in a barrister in London welcome him back to India, as the League's life president.

To be convinced fully that Hindus needed the Partition, one has to digest the arguments laid out by Dr B R Ambedkar which are available in Volume VIII of his Complete Works. In his one blunt statement, Babasaheb declared, "An enemy without one's borders is more desirable than an enemy within". He went on to write that the Hindu provinces were paying much more tax, whose revenue was shared by the Muslim provinces. Yet because of their religious restrictions Muslim soldiers could not have fought for India, had the invading enemy been Muslim. The Khilafat Committee had endorsed this, as also the Muslim League.

In any case, in an undivid-

ed India with no Pakistan or Bangladesh in sight, the larger population of the country would have been only 60 per cent non-Muslim. This 60 per cent would be too low to prevent either an Islamic takeover or an open civil war. In other words, Hindu civilisation would have found it difficult to survive. It is not improbable that the Hindus might have lost this civil war. For one, the Muslims in the Indian army exceeded the rest, especially if one counted only the fighting units minus the non-combatant ones. Secondly, Hindus particularly would have been reluctant to shed blood and take the lives of those when they looked upon as their brethren. Consequently, India would gone back to being a Dar-ul-Islam, which it had been for many centuries until 1858. The last Mughal incumbent on the throne, Bahadur Shah Zafar was arrested and exiled to Yangon in Burma (then Rangoon), which was when the Islamic world recognised that we had ceased to be an Islamic State.

(This concludes the series on Muhammad Ali Jinnah's role in India-Pak Partition.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WALL'S SECOND INNINGS

Sir — Adroit Rahul Dravid would make a dexterous head coach of the Indian cricket team. He has always been an asset for the team in every role be it of a player, a captain or a coach). Dravid has already coached the India-A and the U-19 team for six years. His vast experience is certainly an advantage for young players who need just the right guidance and discipline. His cricketing skills, dexterity, decision making and strategic moves have proven successful in various capacities.

A quality that differentiates a good player and a great player is discipline, and Rahul Dravid has always been known for his impeccable discipline and focus. His unwavering temperament, no matter how ferocious the bowler seemed, puts him ahead of the league. Our young, and even experienced players, can learn a thing or two about discipline from the master himself and become 'great' players. Dravid's forte are team building and team approach. He has the ability to build on strengths, suitability (batting, bowling, fielding, field placement). His system's students such as Rishab Pant, Avesh Khan, Prithvi Shaw, Hanuma Vihari and Shubnam Gill are proof of the pudding. Nivriti Sreelekha | Secunderabad

RUSSIAN FILMMAKERS TAKE IT TO SPACE

Sir — The recent return of the Russian filmmakers from the International Space Station after finishing up their film shoot has increased the thrills of movie lovers manifold. It is extremely exciting to watch space scenes, which until now were artificially created with graphic designs. Shooting in space for 12 days must have been extremely hard to manage than a routine shoot on earth. Russians have historic success in space and now after finishing a shoot in space this time, Russia once again becomes the first country to do so.

Space has many endeavours to be explored by mankind. Space tourism and private space commercial capsule flights had already created a buzz and now a

Life in Kerala goes under



As ill luck would have it, Saturday noon saw Kerala reeling under torrential rains and resultant floods that left a long trail of disaster caused by many landslides. At Least 26 people have so far lost their lives and in a heart-wrenching scene, bodies of three children of eight, seven and four years holding on to each other were also found buried under the debris by the rescue team in Idukki district. The India Meteorological

Department (IMD) officials have also expressed apprehensions of a cloudburst having caused these unseasonal heavy rains wreaking havoc.

The Army, the Navy and the IAF teams have also joined hands with the civil administrations while the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) is going to deploy 11 teams to help in the rescue operations in the most affected districts. This bodes well for the bereft families that taking a serious view of the grim situation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has spoken to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan assuring him of all the possible aid while simultaneously announcing a 100 crore immediate relief package for the State. Let's all pray to the Almighty to give strength to all those on the receiving end of this natural calamity to bear with these painfully hard times with immense courage.

Azhar A Khan | Rampu

movie shoot opens many more possibilities. But the alarm bell rings right here. It is good that man has made space more accessible than ever before, but we also must be aware that our vision to explore more may harm the ecosystem. Therefore it is a big achievement to successfully finish shooting in space, but we must pledge to not ruin it with anthropogenic debris and leftovers that were used in projects of various types.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

BEHIND THE GLAMOUR OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Sir — From pings and chat windows to pokes and emoticons, everything exists in social media platforms to bring people closer. It helps learn new things, make new friends, explore new opportunities and develop new perspectives. But every coin has two sides. Young teenagers spend a lot of time browsing social media apps, particularly, Facebook, as they find it the best form of communication. But it is treacherous for the teenagers as it directly affects

their mental health. It spreads toxicity among youths. It is also not safe for the nation as it can be used to steal sensitive data by the enemies. It damages youngsters beyond measure.

Nowadays, people of all ages are glued to their phones to browse through social media applications like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Twitter and many more. Half cooked stories and false news being spread is adversely affecting the very roots of the society. Everybody feels lonely in spite of being a member of several groups on social media. It is addictive as well as toxic and affects the self esteem of individuals. It is crucial that parents teach their children the adversaries around such apps. Even in schools, kids should be made aware of the truth behind the glamour of social media which takes a toll on their health as they start to use it.

Somya Agrawal | Ujjain

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SOUNDBITE

To benefit a few friends of the Prime Minister, the public is being cheated and I will stand with the people.



Congress leader — Rahul Gandhi



Israel should stop all its measures against our people in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

Palestinian President — Mahmoud Abbas

Most of my films are meant for families to come in and engage, take back an important message and be thoroughly entertained.



Actor — Ayushmann Khurrana



For me, Mahi is my brother. I respect and admire the fact that he was there when I needed him the most.

Indian all-rounder — Hardik Pandya

As a token of my sympathy, I would like to make a donation...towards the relief and rescue efforts in Kerala.



Spiritual leader — Dalai Lama



FIRST COLUMN INFLATION AND THE GATI SHAKTI PLAN

The rising global fuel prices and a domestic policy of high taxation is a major concern



SHIVAJI SANKAR

The Gati Shakti plan is aimed at coordinating infrastructure schemes of various Central Ministries and State Governments to ensure quick and efficient completion of works. It was perhaps a long-term need for a nation that is on booster doses of revenue injection through borrowings to push growth. Gati plan would try to help in timely implementation of projects through coordination of 16 Central Government departments and avoiding duplication for cutting costs. The new plan is stated to check the expenses on different projects but not check galloping inflation. Though food prices were in check for about eight months, the latest reports suggest that food and vegetable prices are shooting up in many areas. Industry department data say that certain food items' contraction has brought down food inflation to 4.69 per cent in September. During the same time, manufactured products' prices soared to 11.41 per cent from 11.39 per cent in August. Pulses rose 9.42 percent and in October, onion and fruit prices have started soaring. Food prices are not decelerating across the board. In the manufactured category, prices of basic metals rose to 26.71 per cent and textiles remain elevated at 26.09 per cent. Interestingly enough, activities in different sectors have not yet picked up the pace needed to give the desired effect. A major reason is the



rising global fuel prices and a domestic policy of high taxation on petroleum products, a concern expressed by RBI. Overall, inflation also pushes up wages and other costs. Global fuel prices have started firming up now with an increase in demand. India takes a double hit as a result. Food grain doles are keeping the prices in check to a certain level. However, as activities increase so do domestic demand. This is what a coordination committee has to look at. With crude prices hovering around \$80 a barrel and likely to firm up further, the inflation scenario may become grim. Whether the Gati-Shakti plan, using geo-mapping and real-time data, can check rising prices would be interesting to observe. Pressures like rising wage and transportation costs could increase further. The Bloomberg commodity index crossed 100 in the last week of September, first time since 2015, and continues to stay at that level. Prices of coal and crude oil have risen. The RBI's monetary policy committee expects inflation to start increasing from the October-December quarter onwards. The WPI inflation is to rise, the MPC forecasts. Technically measured by consumer price index (CPI), inflation is at a low. It grew at 4.35 per cent, but overall, it has come down by 195 basis points. Inflation also impacts purchasing power. Consumers are yet not flocking to the market. Sales are not increasing. Many units are unable to transfer the additional costs on fuel to the consumers. Even the truckers face this problem. They cannot let their fleet remain idle. So even at lower prices they agree to transport goods. Another aspect is a kind of stagnation in income levels and in some cases even rising income is not seeing the end of poverty. There is concern about inequality-driven inflation. While the Gati Shakti has raised high hopes of completing projects within the budgetary expenses, to give pace to it, another master plan to check inflation is needed. The administered prices of petroleum products along with the higher cost on road travel also have to be seen from the aspect of coordination. Coordinated pricing is key to the success of the Prime Minister's new master plan. At lower fuel prices, there would be more activities, more revenue generation and the aim of the NDA Government to have an overall development could be achieved.

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

The Air India sale : Better late than never



UTTAM GUPTA

Persistent neglect of Air India for over a decade and even during the period when its sale was under consideration has cost the exchequer dear

On June 28, 2017, the then Finance Minister, the late Arun Jaitley, had announced the 'in-principle' decision of the Union Cabinet for strategic divestment of Air India (AI) and five of its subsidiaries.

Over 50 months there after, on September 8, 2021, the Government has informed about its decision to privatise AI and its 100 percent subsidiary, Air India Express Limited (AIEL) and its 51 percent share in Air India Air Transport Services Limited (AIATSL). The iconic Maharajahs gone back to the hangar of the Tata Group almost 68 years after the company was nationalized in 1953. The AI privatization saga reveals four major pitfalls.

First, the move has been half-hearted from day one. That is a manifestation of an inherent tendency amongst bureaucrats and the political class to retain some controls even after divestment as also to ensure that employees continue to enjoy a protective cover even under the new boss.

The first attempt in 2017-18 came a cropper because in that offer, the Government insisted on retaining 24 percent shareholding with itself, retention of the employees besides imposing other conditions such as a minimum lock-in period of three years, etc. An additional rider was a requirement that the acquirer will have to take over a major slice of the debt on the books of AI. The investors showed no interest.

Eventually, the half-heartedness has given way to whole-heartedness even as the Government decided to sell 100 percent of its stake as also letting the acquirer shed employees after one year. It has also allowed the bidders to quote the 'enterprise value' - financial jargon for letting them get away with very little debt on the balance sheet of the divested undertaking.

However, the delay has come at a heavy cost to the Union Government. When the disinvestment was initially mooted, AI had a debt of around ₹50,000 crore. According to the secretary, Department of investment and public asset management, AI has been making a loss of ₹20 crore per day. No wonder, its cumulative debt has now ballooned to around ₹77,500 crore.

Second, after a disinvestment plan is taken on board, the scale of indifference to the working of the concerned PSU gets perked up which deteriorates its financial health further. As on March 31, 2021, AI had a debt of ₹58,000 crore. During the next five months till August 31, 2021, an additional debt of ₹3500 crore accrued. Furthermore, the Maharaja has piled up 'unpaid bills' of oil PSUs, airport dues and dozens of other vendors aggregating to ₹16,000 crore.

Put together, AI has liabilities of ₹77,500 crore. Of this, Tata will pay only ₹18,000 crore by taking over debt of ₹15,300 crore and give ₹2700 crore as equity. That leaves a whopping liability of a minimum around ₹60,000 crore with the Union Government (this could increase further



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as and when more unmet obligations come out of the cupboard) which will be transferred in its entirety to a special purpose vehicle named Air India Asset Holding Company Limited (AIAHCL).

The Centre will retain the non-core assets such as land, buildings, and housing colonies which, on sale, could fetch about ₹15,000 crore. Even if all of it is realized, the AIAHCL would be saddled with ₹45,000 crore. This amount will eventually come from tax payers' pocket and is over and above a whopping ₹110,000 crore already sunk since 2009-10 to keep it afloat.

Third, bureaucratic red tape rules the roost. Almost all processes starting from conception, getting approvals, Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM), Request for Proposal (RFP), inviting financial bids, selection of bidder, Share Purchase Agreement (SPA) and so on, crucial to successful completion of disinvestment are hamstrung by it. Add to this, the reluctance of bureaucrats to take timely decisions fearing they might be questioned after retirement.

The sale of AI has not remained unaffected by this malady. Some measures - reportedly under consideration — such as leaving decisions in regard to PIM, RFP and SPA to the DIPAM only (at present, these issues are decided by an inter-ministerial committee co-chaired by secretary, DIPAM and secretary of the concerned administrative ministry) are half-baked reforms.

Fourth, PSUs are often pushed

into a 'loss-making' situation by the political establishment (fully aided by the bureaucracy). This happens because of continuous interference by the latter in the working of these undertakings which is manifesting excessive manpower, high overhead cost, inflated payments to vendors etc. In case of AI, in 2007, it reached its nadir when the political bosses directed the management to procure 111 aircraft (for ₹70,000 crores) which was four times the requirement of only 28 put up by the management.

When a firm creates a huge liability (the aircraft purchases were funded by borrowings from a consortium of banks) with no matching business to put the assets to use, it inevitably leads to an unsustainable situation. The cash generation is bound to be too little vis-à-vis the requirement to amortize the loans. The irony is that the then Government did nothing to boost utilisation of the aircraft. Far from that, it gave away excessive bilateral seats and profitable routes to foreign/private airlines thereby ensuring that most of these aircraft sit idle. The other flawed decision was the merger of Indian Airlines with AI (2007). Even as there was little to gain by way of synergies (mergers are normally driven by this logic), vast differences in the work culture ethos, compensation packages, age profile of employees of the two entities led to operational inefficiencies thereby compounding losses and increasing debt of the combined entity.

To conclude, persistent neglect

of AI for over a decade and even during the period when its sale was under consideration has cost the exchequer dear. It is better late than never. By taking a call now (the deal is expected to be consummated by December, 2021), the Modi government has averted more drainage of resources besides garnering ₹18,000 crore (paid by Tata) plus another ₹15,000 crore being the value of non-core assets retained by it.

With dozens of PSU divestments lined up, it is imperative that the government takes the right lesson from mistakes of the past — as discussed above. That will help maximize realization from the sale of profitable undertakings and minimize the liabilities arising from abandoning the loss-making ones.

For instance, in case of AI, if only it had acted with alacrity in 2017-18 offering to offload 100 percent shareholding and no other encumbrance, it could not only have prevented further increase in debt but also successfully leveraged its lucrative assets (apart from 141 planes, it controls 4,400 domestic and 1,800 international landing and parking slots at domestic airports, as well as 900 slots at airports overseas, besides ownership of iconic brands like Maharaja) to secure a much higher valuation thereby reducing its burden.

Let us hope, henceforth Prime Minister Narendra Modi goes for a wholehearted approach and with a proactive and supportive bureaucracy he gets much better outcomes from the sales in the pipeline.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IF YOU (BJP) WANT TO FIGHT, FIGHT LIKE MEN. DON'T USE THE ED, CBI. THIS IS NOT MACHISMO. THIS IS UNMANLY.
—MAHARASHTRA CHIEF MINISTER
UDDHAV THACKERAY



HAD THESE AGENCIES BEEN MISUSED, THEN HALF OF YOUR MINISTERS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN JAIL.
—BJP LEADER
DEVENDRA FADNIS

Polexit? The Poles wouldn't want that

Poland has benefited enormously from grants and loans from the richer EU countries to the poorer ones: the country looks different already

It is possible that the tide which brought hard-right populist Governments to power in a number of Central European countries is starting to go out again.

In the Czech Republic, billionaire oligarch Andrej Babiš suffered a surprise defeat in his bid to be re-elected Prime Minister on Sunday. The last straw may have been the revelation in the 'Pandora Papers' only days before that he had set up an offshore company to secretly buy a \$17.6 million mansion in southern France.

In Hungary, Jew-baiting, Muslim-hating, ultra-nationalist President Viktor Orbán suddenly has to worry about winning re-election next year. The perennially split opposition parties managed to unite



GWYNNE DYER

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The views expressed are personal.)

last October and made their candidate mayor of Budapest, Hungary's capital. If they can manage to stay united, they might even bring Orbán down next year.

And in Poland, which has twice the population of the other two combined, the populist Law and Justice Party (PiS) is drifting into troubled waters too. It doesn't face re-election until 2023, but by then it may have managed to get Poland expelled from the European Union: Polexit. That would greatly upset the 88 per cent of Poles who want to stay in the EU.

The PiS is a deeply conservative party in the Catholic tradition, with populist trimmings like a Government subsidy of \$150



per month for each child under 18. Its voters are mostly rural and small town, deeply religious, older, and poorly educated. They respond well to racist, xenophobic and anti-semitic rhetoric. Donald Trump would feel right at home.

The PiS has been in power since 2015, but almost every recent election has been a hair's-breadth victory: it is as unpopular in the liberal cities as it is beloved in the deeply religious villages. So it set itself the task of

improving its chances in future elections.

One obvious measure was to take control of the media. That was easy with the state-owned media: they were supposed to be impartial, but the government controls their budgets. However, it proved impossible to take over or freeze out the independent media, especially the foreign-owned ones, because EU law defends free speech.

Polish courts upheld the EU laws, because every member country had to pledge when it joined that on such matters EU law takes precedence over national laws and constitutions. So, the PiS decided to get around this roadblock by 'reforming' the Polish courts: if you don't like the judgements, change

the judges.

First the PiS Government forced a lot of judges out by lowering the retirement age, and replaced them with PiS supporters. When the EU objected to this blatantly political tampering with the courts, it packed the Constitutional Tribunal with its own people - and they declared that Polish law is superior to EU law last Friday. At that point, the Play-Doh hit the fan.

The European Commission declared that rulings by the European Court of Justice are "binding on all member states' authorities, including national courts." France's Europe minister was blunter: "There is the risk of a de facto exit." He's right. The PiS is playing

a game of chicken with the EU, of course, and has no intention of actually leaving the EU. As the streets of Warsaw and other Polish big cities filled with young people chanting 'Zostajemy' ('We're staying'), Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki declared "The place of Poland is and will be in the European family of nations" - but he is already in over his head.

Reason and instinct both argue that this storm will blow itself out. Poland has benefited enormously from seventeen years of grants and loans from the richer EU countries to the poorer ones: the whole country looks different already.

Right now, Poland is awaiting approval of a \$65

billion transfer from Brussels as its share of the EU's \$865 billion post-Covid 'stimulus package'. But that and much else might not come if Poland is in revolt against the EU's rules.

Russia is still close, and although nobody is expecting a Russian invasion at the moment, all of Polish history is shouting that you don't want to be alone out there.

And nine out of Poles want to stay in the EU.

So, it really should all blow over, but games of chicken are tricky. You have to drive like you have a death wish, and then turn away at the last second - but just after the other guy did. It's really hard to get the timing right, and if you get it wrong, you drive off the cliff. Polexit.

China’s Communist Party all set to hold key meet next month ahead of 2022 leadership change

Beijing: China's ruling Communist Party will hold its key conclave in November ahead of next year's Congress which will pave the way for major leadership changes and a possible unprecedented third term for President Xi Jinping.

The 19th Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee will hold its sixth plenary session in Beijing from November 8 to 11, during which a key resolution on the major achievements and historical achievement of the party's 100 years of endeavours will be reviewed, an official announcement here said.

This was decided at a meeting of the CPC Central Committee Political Bureau presided over by Xi, who is the General Secretary of the party besides heading the military and the Presidency.

The Political Bureau of the

party listened to a report on soliciting opinions for drafting the resolution and decided to submit the draft after revisions to the plenary session for deliberation, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

The sixth plenary session is regarded as significant as it is the biggest party meet ahead of next year's leadership change.

Politically, it is regarded as a key meeting for Xi, 68, who has emerged as the most powerful leader after party founder Mao Zedong, as he is widely expected to take up an unprecedented third term in office.

China's all top leaders derive their power from the post of the General Secretary of the CPC. Xi's all predecessors retired following the mandatory rule of two five-year terms.

President Xi is widely regarded to be in power after

the end of his second tenure later next year, possibly for life in view of a constitutional amendment in 2018 which removed the two-term limit for the President.

He has also been made the "core leader" of the party in 2016, a status enjoyed only by Mao.

According to the agenda unveiled in August for the November 8-11 plenary session, the Political Bureau will present its work report to the plenary session, which will study the issue of comprehensively reviewing major achievements made and the historical experience accumulated during the party's 100 years of endeavour.

More than 370 full and alternate members of the Central Committee will take part in the plenum.

Over the past three

Russia suspends its mission to NATO: Foreign Minister

MOSCOW: Russia's foreign minister said Monday that the country is suspending its mission to NATO.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that the move is in response to last week's expulsion by NATO of eight members of Russia's mission to the military alliance.

NATO said that they were secretly working as intelligence officers and halved the size of Moscow's team able to work at its headquarters. Lavrov also announced that NATO's military liaison and information offices in Moscow would be closed.

"As a result of NATO's deliberate moves, we have practically no conditions for elementary diplomatic work and in response to NATO's actions we suspend the work of our permanent mission to NATO, including the work of the chief military envoy, probably from Nov. 1. Or it may take several more days," Lavrov said.

The Foreign Ministry said in a separate statement that NATO's actions "confirm that they are not interested in an equal dialogue and joint work to deescalate military-political tensions. The alliance's line

China: Tested hypersonic 'vehicle' not 'missile'

Beijing: China on Monday said it has tested a hypersonic "vehicle" and not a nuclear-capable hypersonic "missile" as reported by a leading British newspaper which had claimed that the advanced space capability caught US intelligence by surprise.

The Financial Times reported on Sunday that China tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile in August that circled the globe before speeding towards its target, demonstrating an advanced space capability that caught US intelligence by surprise.

Five people familiar with the test said that the Chinese

advanced than US officials realised, according to the report. Asked for his reaction to the report, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here that a test of a hypersonic vehicle was carried out.

"It is a vehicle not a missile," Zhao said.

"As we understand this test, it is just a routine space vehicle test to verify the repeated use of technology of the vehicle. "This is of great significance to reducing the cost and can also provide an affordable and cheap return means for the peaceful use of space for humanity," he said.

1st polio vaccination drive in Afghanistan since Taliban takeover

Kabul: A country-wide polio vaccination drive will begin in Afghanistan on November 8 for the first time since the Taliban took over the country in August, the Unicef announced on Monday.

In the years after the Taliban was overthrown in 2001 by a US-led coalition, vaccination campaigns made much progress in the country.

However, as the Taliban made inroads again, door-to-door visits by polio workers had been banned in Afghanistan, for three years now. The World Health Organization (WHO) and Unicef welcome the decision by the Taliban, who support the resumption of house-to-house drive across the country, the UN agency said in a statement on Monday.

The campaign will be the first in over three years to reach all children in Afghanistan, including more than 3.3 million kids in parts of the country who have "previously remained inaccessible to vaccination campaigns", Xinhua news agency quoted the statement as saying.

"A second nationwide polio vaccination campaign has also been agreed and will be synchronised with Pakistan's own polio campaign planned in December," according to the statement.

"This is an extremely important step in the right direction," said Dapeng Luo, WHO Representative in Afghanistan.

"We know that multiple doses of oral polio vaccine offer the best protection, so we are pleased to see that there is another campaign planned before the end of this year. Sustained access to all children is essential to end polio for good. This must remain a top priority," he said.

Besides restarting polio vaccination, a supplementary dose of vitamin A will also be provided to children aged 6 to 59 months during the upcoming campaign, the WHO said.

Sri Lanka records over 7,000 tourist arrivals in October

Colombo: Over 7,000 tourists have arrived in Sri Lanka so far this month, giving a boost to the country's tourism industry which took a blow due to the Covid-19 pandemic, local media reported on Monday.

According to official figures, 7,096 tourists arrived in Sri Lanka from October 1 to 13, reports Xinhua news agency.

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said if the present trend continues, October was likely to record the highest monthly arrivals for this year.

The Tourism Ministry said that so far this year, September saw the highest tourist arrivals

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Colin Powell has died of Covid-19, says family

Washington: Colin Powell, who served Democratic and Republican presidents in war and peace but whose sterling reputation was forever stained when he went before the U.N. and made faulty claims to justify the U.S. war in Iraq, has died of Covid-19 complications. He was 84.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Powell rose to the rank of four-star general and in 1989 became the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In that role he oversaw the U.S. invasion of Panama and later the U.S. invasion of Kuwait to oust the Iraqi army in 1991.

But his legacy was forever marred when, in 2003, he went before the U.N. Security Council as secretary of state and made the case for U.S. war against Iraq. He cited faulty information claiming Saddam Hussein had secretly stashed away weapons of mass destruction. Iraq's claims that it had no such weapons represented "a web of lies," he told the world body.

Harris to discuss drought, climate change at Lake Mead

WASHINGTON: Vice President Kamala Harris on Monday will highlight the problems caused by Western drought as she visits Lake Mead in Nevada and makes the case for the Biden administration's infrastructure and climate change proposals that have stalled in Congress.

Harris will be briefed by Bureau of Reclamation officials about elevation levels at the manmade reservoir that supplies drinking water to 25 million people in the American West and Mexico, White House officials said Sunday.

After a tour, the vice president will make remarks and meet with officials from the Interior Department and other federal and state agencies, including the Southern Nevada Water Authority. She will be joined by U.S. Reps. Dina Titus, Susie Lee and Steven Horsford of Nevada.

Water levels at Lake Mead — created in the 1930s by the damming of the Colorado River — have fallen to record lows. In August, federal officials declared the first-ever water shortage in the Colorado River. As a result, Arizona, Nevada and Mexico will receive less water than normal next year amid a drought gripping much of the West.

In September, Reclamation released projections showing an even worse outlook for the river.

Against this backdrop, the vice president is expected to promote President Joe Biden's big domestic policy agenda — originally billed at \$3.5 trillion — for which Democrats are struggling to win moderates' support. That agenda includes climate provisions the Biden administration has said would make the U.S. more resilient against the effects of climate change. Key elements include imposing new emissions restrictions through a federal clean energy requirement and providing tax breaks for the electrical vehicles industry.

Hoover Dam reservoir hits record low, in sign of extreme western US drought

The reservoir created by Hoover Dam, an engineering marvel that symbolized the American ascendance of the 20th Century, has sunk to its lowest level ever, underscoring the gravity of the extreme drought across the West.

Harris will also emphasize that climate change is poised to make extreme weather events such as droughts and heatwaves more frequent, expensive and harmful, White House officials said.

Officials said Harris will discuss the separate \$1 trillion public works infrastructure deal that passed the Senate months ago and is awaiting House approval. That package contains roughly \$8 billion for Western water projects.

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WALK IN INTERVIEW

It is proposed to fill up the following Group 'A' posts at Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke, Ranchi on contract basis for a period of one year or till the post is filled up on regular basis whichever is earlier. Accordingly applications are invited from the eligible and desirous candidates fulfilling the qualifications for the posts mentioned below. Applications on plain paper either typed or handwritten along with two passport size photograph, photocopy of the certificates of educational qualification, experience etc., may be submitted to the undersigned on or before **15.11.2021**. After submission of application candidates have to turn up alongwith their original certificates on the date of interview. No interview letter will be issued separately.

The interview shall be held at Central Institute of Psychiatry, Kanke, Ranchi-834006, Jharkhand, on 16.11.2021 at 09.30 a.m.

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Australian Govt mounts legal challenge in Indian-origin teen's climate change court case

Melbourne: The Australian government on Monday began its legal challenge to a Federal Court's landmark decision that it has a duty of care to protect children from future personal injury caused by climate change, according to media reports.

In May, Anjali Sharma, a 17-year-old high-school student of Indian origin from Melbourne and seven other teenage environmentalists, led the legal battle against the Australian government.

Sharma and the group had argued the continued emission of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere would drive intense bushfires, floods, storms and cyclones and leave them vulnerable to injury, sickness, economic loss and even death towards the end of this century, news.com.au reported.

They urged the court to prevent Environment Minister Sussan Ley from approving a proposal to expand the Vickery coal mine in northern New South Wales.

Aus Deputy PM rules out support for greater 2030 climate target

Canberra: Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce has said it is "highly unlikely" his party will support an increased 2030 climate target.

Members of the National Party, which forms the governing Coalition with the Liberal Party, met to hear from Angus Taylor, the minister for energy and emissions reduction, on the Liberals' climate plan but were unable to reach a consensus position after four hours, Xinhua news agency reported on Monday.

It comes as Prime Minister Scott Morrison prepares to travel to Glasgow for the UN COP26 Climate Summit where he is expected to commit to a 2050 net zero target.

Members of the Nationals have pushed back against the move, warning it will jeopardise regional jobs in emissions-heavy industries such as mining and manufacturing.

Pak's Opp parties demand ISI chief's resignation at public rally

Lahore: In an unusual development, Pakistan's Opposition parties have demanded resignation of spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed at a public rally in Punjab province.

"Faiz Hameed istifa do (tender resignation) was the demand made in the Opposition alliance -- Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) -- rally in Faisalabad, some 180 kms from Lahore, on Saturday.

Even slogans were raised against the incumbent spy-master who has been accused by the Opposition especially Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) of 'political engineering' to install the puppet regime of Imran Khan.

The local media censored the anti-Hameed slogans and content in the rally.

On Sunday, the video clip demanding resignation from Lt Gen Hameed went viral, prompting federal interior minister Sheikh Rashid to warn PML-N vice president Maryam

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e-Tender is invited by Chief Engineer (Civil)/SGRC, for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work which has been uploaded on website www.irops.gov.in. The tender will be closed at 12:00 Hrs on due date. **Brief Description of Works:** Construction of Foundation, Substructure, Supply, Fabrication, Assembling, Erection/launching of Road Over Bridge of span 1x24m Bow String Girder (CG) + 1x24m (CG)+1x18m (CG) at Km: 402/21-23 between Baramunda & Biseri in lieu of L.C. No. 207 (Kukda gate in Rourkela-Biseri Road) in the Chakradharpur division of S. E. Railway. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 15.47 Crore. **Completion Period:** 15 Months. **Closing Date:** 03.11.2021. Interested tenderers may visit website www.irops.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **N.B.:** "Prospective Bidders may regularly visit www.irops.gov.in to participate in all other tenders"

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Sensex, Nifty race to new peaks as bulls rule

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity indices darted up for the seventh straight session on Monday to close at fresh lifetime highs as investors remained in risk-on mode despite a bearish trend overseas.

IT, bank and metal stocks witnessed hectic buying, while profit-taking in pharma and auto counters capped the gains.

After touching a lifetime peak of 61,963.07 during the session, the 30-share BSE Sensex finished 459.64 points or 0.75 per cent higher at its new closing record of 61,765.59.

Similarly, the Nifty surged 138.50 points or 0.76 per cent to its all-time closing high of 18,477.05. It touched a new intra-day record of 18,543.15.

Infosys was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, jumping 4.47 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Tata Steel, ICICI Bank, ITC, Maruti, SBI and Axis Bank.

On the other hand, HCL Tech, M&M, Dr Reddy's, Asian Paints, Bajaj Auto, HDFC Bank and Bharti Airtel were among

the laggards, slipping up to 2.36 per cent.

"The domestic market traded at record highs withstanding the weak trends in the global market due to disappointing Chinese GDP numbers and global inflationary pressure as a result of energy shortage.

"Chinese GDP grew by just 4.9 per cent during the July-September quarter owing to lower-than-expected growth in industrial activity. However, the trend in the Indian market was bullish as PSU Banks, Metals.

IT and Energy stocks took charge of the rally," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Narendra Solanki, Head-Equity Research (Fundamental), Anand Rathii Shares & Stock Brokers, said the sentiment remains buoyant with early data showing Indian economy bouncing back strongly.

"On the sectoral front, shares of metal companies were in focus on rising base metal prices amid higher demand expectations," he added.

Rupee drops by 9 paise to 75.35 a dollar on high crude oil prices

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee ended 9 paise lower at 75.35 against the US dollar on Monday, tracking a stronger greenback against key rivals overseas and rising global crude oil prices.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened on a steady note and later traded in a narrow range of 75.24 to 75.38 against the American currency.

On Thursday, the rupee had settled at 75.26 against the US dollar. The forex market was closed on Friday for 'Dussehra' holiday. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was up 0.19 per cent at 94.12. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 1.11 per cent to USD 85.80 per barrel.

China's economy weakens as GDP in Q3 declines to 4.9%

PTI ■ BEIJING

China's GDP grew by 4.9 per cent in the third quarter, down from 7.9 per cent in the second, confirming the slowdown of the world's second-largest economy which was under pressure from the crisis-hit property sector, curbs on energy and tardy recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Early to recover from the coronavirus pandemic, China's economy in the first few months this year staged impressive recovery but caught up in numerous headwinds, including a property sector slump, power crisis, increasingly weak consumer sentiment and soaring raw material costs.

Its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the third quarter (Q3) grew 4.9 per cent year on year, slower than the growth of 18.3 per cent in Q1 and 7.9 per cent in Q2. The Q3 belied surveys of predicting five per cent growth.

The country's gross domestic product (GDP) expanded 9.8 per cent year on year in the first three quarters, putting the average growth for the period in the past two years at



5.2 per cent, according to the data released from National Bureau of Statics (NBS) on Monday.

Releasing the Q3 data, spokesman of the NBS Fu Linghui said that consumption contributed around 64.8 per cent to China's economic growth in the first three quarters of the year.

"We must note that the current uncertainties in the international environment are mounting and the domestic economic recovery is still unstable and uneven," Fu said.

"The overall national economy maintained the recovery momentum in the first three quarters... however, we must note that the current uncer-

tainties in the international environment are mounting, and the domestic economic recovery is still unstable and uneven," the Hong Kong-based South China Morning quoted Fu as saying.

"The Chinese economy has maintained the recovery momentum in the first three quarters with progress in structural adjustment and high quality development," Fu said.

Nevertheless, NBS said the country's economic recovery remains uneven and unstable, and more efforts will be made to boost market vitality, release demand potential and keep the economy running within the reasonable range.

Exports up 40.5 pc to USD 15.13 bn during Oct 1-14

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The country's exports rose by 40.5 per cent to USD 15.13 billion during October 1-14 on account of healthy performance by key sectors such as petroleum products, engineering and chemicals, according to preliminary data of the commerce ministry.

Imports during the period grew by 60.72 per cent to USD 14.82 billion, the data showed.

India's merchandise exports grew by 22.63 per cent year-on-year to USD 33.79 bil-

lion in September on better performance by key sectors, even as the trade deficit widened to a record high of USD 22.59 billion.

Export sectors which are recording positive growth include coffee, cashew, petroleum products, handloom, engineering, chemicals, man-made yarn/fabrics, gems and jewellery, plastic and marine products. Cumulatively, exports rose by 57.53 per cent to USD 197.89 billion during April-September this fiscal as against USD 125.62 billion during April-September 2020.



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Further investment liberalisation, structural reforms could help deepen integration in global value chains: IMF

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Further liberalisation aided by structural reforms could help deepen India's integration in global value chains and its post-pandemic recovery, the International Monetary Fund said on Monday.

Alfred Schipke, Director, IMF-STI Regional Training Institute and former IMF India Mission Chief said that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, India has attracted the highest amount of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). "Further efforts toward investment liberalisation aided by structural reforms could help deepen India's integration in global value chains and its post-pandemic recovery," Schipke told PTI in an interview. In recent years, policies to further liberalise FDI in agriculture, defence, telecommunications and the insurance sec-



tor have helped India to attract FDI, which has also improved the current account financing mix and helped contain external vulnerabilities, the official said. "Going forward, further progress could be made on the FDI liberalisation such as in the biotechnology, defence, digital media and pharmaceutical sectors," he said.

These efforts should be supported by structural reforms, including land reforms, labor reforms and reforms to reduce informality, and complemented by reforms to strengthen governance, the regulatory framework, and the rule of law, he noted.

NCLT gives nod to creditors, shareholders of Reliance Retail to hold meetings for proposed Future Group deal

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on Monday allowed the creditors and shareholders of Reliance Retail Ventures to hold meetings to seek approval for the company's proposed Rs 24,700 crore deal with the Future Group.

The Mumbai bench of NCLT, led by Suchitra Kanuparthi, allowed the application by Reliance Retail's creditors and shareholders to convene meetings to seek approval for the deal.

NCLT's detailed order in the matter is awaited. Reliance Retail Ventures is a subsidiary of Mukesh Ambani-owned Reliance Industries.

On June 22, the tribunal had reserved its order on Reliance Retail's plea to seek consensus of the shareholders



on the company's deal with Future Group.

Earlier, on a similar petition by the Future Group, the NCLT had allowed holding meetings of the creditors and shareholders for seeking approval for the transaction.

On October 1, 2021, Reliance Retail extended the long-stop date for the completion of its deal with Kishore Biyani-led Future Group by another six months to March 2022, due to the delays ensuing from the ongoing legal battle with the US-based Amazon.

Sebi official asks investors not to be carried away by unrealistic gains stories

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Investors should observe maximum due diligence while investing in stock market and should not be carried away by the stories of unrealistic gains being made by others, Sebi Whole Time Member G Mahalingam said on Monday. He, further, said that an investor should invest by taking into consideration his/her own risk appetite and should invest time in studying the fundamentals.

"A rule of thumb for having exposure in the equity market is to subtract one's age from 100 and invest that percentage amount in the equity market and balance in diversified asset classes," he was quoted in statement issued by BSE.

He was speaking at physical seminar on investor's awareness conducted in Chennai by BSE Investors Protection Fund (BSE IPF) in

co-ordination with markets regulator Sebi, depository CDSL and ministry of finance.

The programme was conducted under the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" series.

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For **Aro granite industries ltd.**
Sabyasachi Panigrahi
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place : New Delhi
Date : 19.10.2021

LORDKANHIYA INFOTECH LLP

LLPIN: AAF-4647
Regd. Office: 68, Chanderlok Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi-110034

PUBLIC NOTICE

"FORM NO. URC-2"

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

- Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar of companies at Delhi that **LORDKANHIYA INFOTECH LLP** a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a company limited by shares.
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Dated: 19th October, 2021

Name(s) of Applicant(s)
1. Vijay Garg
2. Ashish Garg

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Name of Borrower / Co-borrower	Description of Property	1. Date of Demand Notice	2. Date of Possession	3. Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)
1.Mr. Hamir Choudhry S/O Sh. Vijay Singh Choudhry R/O House No.2072 Sec-4c Vashundhara Ghaziabad-201010	A Residential Flat No. 1105, 11 Floor, Amrapali Village Phase-II/ KM Block Situated at Village Makanpur Ghaziabad Super Area 1425 Square Feet i.e. 132.38 Square Feet i.e. 105.91 Square Meter One-Cover Car Parking With Roof Right Etc. East & West as per sale deed.	1. 23-04-2021	2. 13-10-2021	3. Rs.16,70,348/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Seventy Thousand Thirty Four Nine Only)
2.Mrs. Niliam Choudhry W/O Sh. Hamir Choudhry R/O House No. 2072 Sec-4c Vashundhara Ghaziabad-201010 Also At: Mrs Niliam Choudhry Flat No. 1105, 11th Floor Amrapali Village Phase-III Village Makanpur Ghaziabad-201014	East: Road 30f Feet wide West: Gali 4 Feet wide North: Other Land South: Other Land.			

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Date : 19-10-2021, Place : Delhi & NCR

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High oil prices to hurt world economic recovery: India to OPEC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India, the world's third-largest energy consumer, has told Saudi Arabia and other OPEC nations that high oil prices will hurt the nascent economic recovery the world is witnessing after the devastating pandemic and that they have to price oil at reasonable levels, a top official said on Monday.

Petrol and diesel prices have shot up to record highs across the country after relentless price increases since early May. India, which imports almost two-thirds of its oil needs from West Asia, has told crude oil producers, including the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), that high oil prices will hasten the transition to alternate fuels and such rates will be counter-productive for the producers, the official said.

India's mineral production rises 24 pc in August

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The index of mineral production of mining and quarrying sector for August stood at 103.8, which was 23.6 per cent higher as compared to the year-ago-month, the mines ministry said on Monday.

The cumulative growth for the April-August 2020 period has increased 25.1 per cent as against the year-ago period, the ministry said in a statement. The production levels of important minerals in August 2021 stood at 539 lakh tonnes for coal, lignite (37 lakh tonnes), natural gas-utilised (2851 million cubic metres), petroleum-crude (25 lakh tonnes), and bauxite (17.37 lakh tonnes).

The output of chromite stood at 1.75 lakh tonnes, gold



(89 kg), iron ore (197 lakh tonnes), manganese ore (1.80 lakh tonnes), limestone (311 lakh tonnes), and phosphorite (1.23 lakh tonnes).

The minerals whose production showed positive y-o-y growth during August 2021 were chromite, lignite, magnetite and bauxite.

Other minerals that showed negative growth were diamond, gold and petroleum (crude).

Indian startups raise \$10.9 bn in funding in July-Sept: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Indian startups received a record funding of USD 10.9 billion across 347 deals in the third quarter of 2021, according to a PwC India report.

This is twice the amount of funding received in Q3 of the calendar year 2020 and an approximate increase of 41 per cent compared to the second quarter of 2021.

An increase in funding activity was witnessed across all sectors in terms of value and volume.

However, FinTech, EdTech and SaaS are the top three hot

investment sectors in the calendar year 2021 (CY21), together accounting for approximately 47 per cent of the total funding activity, the report - Startup Perspectives - Q3 CY21 - said.

In the first three quarters of 2021, investments worth USD 4.6 billion in the FinTech space were recorded, which is an increase of approximately three times from USD 1.6 billion in 2020, worth USD 2.5 billion for 53 deals closed in the FinTech segment were recorded in the third quarter of CY21 alone across various stages of investment, it said.

Approximately 84 per cent of the funding activity was driven by growth and late-stage deals.

Around 61 per cent of the total deal activity consisted of early-stage funding rounds for USD 1.6 billion - (average ticket size per round USD 4 million), the report said.

Bengaluru and NCR continue to be the key start-up cities in the country, together contributing around 76-78 per cent of the total funding activity in the first three quarters of both CY20 and CY21, followed by Mumbai and Pune, it said.

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Last Date & Time for submission of bids on the portal Upto 17:00 hrs of 25.10.2021
Date & Time of Opening of bids on the portal at 11:00 hrs of 26.10.2021
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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPED

General public is hereby informed that a boy namely Bablu, S/o: Sh. Ashok, R/o: Jahid Pur, Narhada, Budherda, Meerut, UP has been reported missing/ kidnapped since 08.10.2021 at about 11.00 am from GB Pant Hospital. In this regard DD No. 71A, dated 08.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. IP Estate, Delhi. The description of missing/ kidnapped boy is as under:

Name: Bablu, Age: 21 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Build: Thin, Wearing: White Colour T-Shirt & Black Colour Pant and Sleeper in feet, ID Mark: Mentally Disturbed.

If anyone have any information about this missing/ kidnapped boy please inform to the following:-

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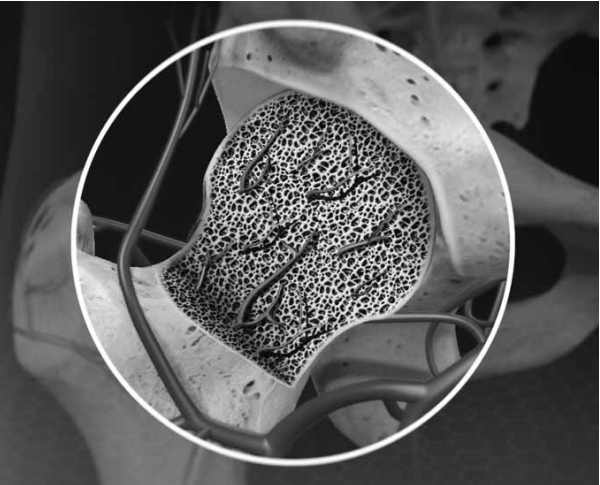
DR GAURAV PRAKASH BHARDWAJ

Director - Sports Injury, Joint Preservation & Replacement Surgery

PSRI HOSPITAL, NEW DELHI



Early diagnosis is important



COVID the epidemic was widely perceived to play havoc with lungs, severely compromising the immune system which in two percent cases led to death. Worldwide it has caused such havoc that something like this has not been seen by mankind at least in the last one hundred years. If there were epidemics, they were limited to one continent (Ebola in poor African countries), one country, one region, one state, or town. It was never worldwide and engulfed the entire world at the same time. It has caused immense physical, mental and financial hardship to all of us.

Those who have had severe cases, post negative reports, many of these patients post-recovery have complained of blood clots, the onset of diabetes, chronic fatigue weakness and severe pain in the bones. In bones, it has been found to be causing avascular necrosis or osteonecrosis which is in a common language known as death of bone tissues due to lack of blood supply. This is not a new disease but detection of this in the patient post COVID is a cause of concern.

Take Avascular Necrosis (AVN) seriously

The loss of blood supply to bone tissues puts serious pressure on bones which can lead to the breakdown of a single bone or multiple bones ultimately may cause a collapse of the bone. The highest risk is to the hip bone, which is one of the strongest in the body but is most vulnerable. It can happen due to excessive use of steroids for treatment of fibrosis during COVID.

Symptoms

Symptoms of long COVID-19 can include fatigue, breathlessness, anxiety and depression, palpitations, chest pains, joint or muscle pain and not being able to think straight or focus on 'brain fog'. There is a lag in the body showing symptoms of AVN. It starts with pain in the bones. The patient may experience pain in the hip or the groin region. Besides, the patient may find walking difficult or may start limping while walking. The mobility of the patient may be severely compromised with severe pain in the knee joint also being experienced.

Causes

Most of the time it is seen to be caused by excessive use of steroids during the treatment, a short period that is for usage 5-10 days should not trigger AVN. One cannot make a sweeping statement that AVN is caused by excessive use of steroids as it has not been seen in all the patients who were administered a strong dose of steroids for treatment. Further, a clinical study is required to come to a definite conclusion. It can also be related to a patient's health condition before catching the virus.

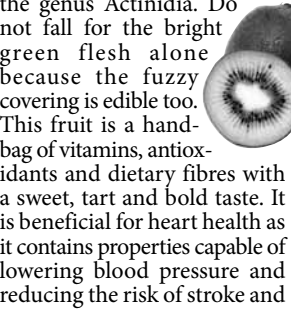
What we can say with certainty is that it damages blood vessels which can cause clotting in multiple parts which are hastened by steroid use. The intravascular clot can cause damage to the femur leading to its collapse. All we need is further studies to establish this.

Diagnosis and treatment

An early diagnosis of AVN is important to arrest the disease's progress and prevent subsequent femoral head collapse. If diagnosed early in Ficat-Arlet stage I or II, 92%-97% of the patients do not require surgery and can be managed with bisphosphonate therapy. Hence, it is crucial to diagnose AVN early to decrease the morbidity and the requirement of surgery. Patients are advised not to rush daily activity post-recovery. Some patients try to hurry into an exercise regime, it should be avoided as the body is still in recovery mode and has proper rest. Certain anti-inflammatory and non-steroidal medicine can also be given which can also help in alleviating the pain in some cases bone grafting is suggested. As a last option hip replacement surgery can be undertaken wherein prosthetics are used to remove and replace the damaged bone.

SUMMERCOOLER

KIWIFRUIT: Originated in eastern China, kiwifruits are mostly cultivated in New Zealand. This large berry grows on a species of woody vine in the genus Actinidia. Do not fall for the bright green flesh alone because the fuzzy covering is edible too. This fruit is a hand-bag of vitamins, antioxidants and dietary fibres with a sweet, tart and bold taste. It is beneficial for heart health as it contains properties capable of lowering blood pressure and reducing the risk of stroke and heart diseases. Rich in dietary fibre, it can stimulate regular and healthy digestion and helps in building immunity by providing vitamin C that in turn stimulates the body's immune response. High in antioxidants, it works in eliminating free radicals within the body and reduces oxidative stress hence, keeping inflammation and diseases at bay. Include it in breakfast, lunch or even snacks, sides or a dessert because this fruit is blessed with low calorie count.



All about endometriosis

According to the Endometriosis Society of India, the estimated number of women suffering from the disorder is about 25 million and this number is increasing every year. DR SHOBHA GUPTA tells you more



There are many campaigns and awareness programmes that run in our country that educate women about various health issues. Endometriosis is one such condition that needs to be highlighted. Endometriosis is a medical problem or a common disorder that has emotional consequences for women.

It is a disease that occurs when tissue that normally grows inside the uterus grows outside it. During a normal menstrual cycle, the body sheds the endometrium via the vagina. In endometriosis, rather than flowing out, this lining flows backward and enters other parts of the body.

Around 89 million young women in the reproductive age group worldwide are suffering from endometriosis. According to the Endometriosis Society of India, the estimated number of women suffering from the disorder in India is about 25 million and this number is increasing every year.

A lack of knowledge around the condition causes many women to simply believe their symptoms are a natural result of their period.

Endometriosis affects an estimated one in 10 women during their reproductive years. You can say that it is the main reason for stomach pain and the inability to conceive in women between 25 to 30 years of age.

Though it's not always the case, the condition has been linked to a higher risk for infertility because it may influence egg quality, disturbs your menstrual cycle, or might cause higher levels of inflammation.

In endometriosis, the tissue which appears in the womb is found growing in abnormal locations such as the ovaries or around the uterus. Every time a woman's menstruation starts, there is bleeding also inside this tissue. As a result, thick dark blood accumulates in the ovaries and becomes cysts which is also one of the reasons for painful periods.

Pain in the lower abdomen or the pelvis is the most common symptom of endometriosis, often during or just before your period. Pain may also be felt during ovulation, while passing urine, during or after sexual intercourse, in the lower back region, in the lower back or in the legs. One may experience heavy and painful periods with symptoms gradually worsening over time.

Other symptoms

- ❖Diarrhea or constipation (in connection with menstruation)
- ❖Heavy, irregular menstruation
- ❖Chronic/recurring pelvic pain
- ❖High blood pressure
- ❖Coughing up blood
- ❖Blood in the urine or the stool
- ❖Frequent or urgent urination
- ❖Difficult or prolonged menstruation
- ❖Irregular bowel movements
- ❖Dysmenorrhea (menstrual cramps)
- ❖Nausea and vomiting (in severe cases)

Diagnosing endometriosis is more difficult in Indian women. It



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generally affects the age group of 25-30 yrs but these days, it is found in the age group of 11-19 as well. So, it is very important to be aware of the symptoms of endometriosis and the treatments available for it.

Treatment

Nearly 30-40% of women with endometriosis can be infertile. The endometriosis treatment depends on several factors like the age of the lady, severity of the symptoms and desire to have children.

In some cases, over the counter drugs are enough to manage the symptoms. A hormonal intrauterine device (IUD) is another option that can be inserted to help reduce pain and bleeding.

Young women with endometriosis who want to conceive may require specialized treatments like IUI or IVF (test tube baby). If the patient is older and has had repeated surgeries, a total Hysterectomy with Oophorectomy (removing uterus and ovaries) is the final solution.

You can also go for natural treatments to treat endometriosis, such as adopting healthier eating habits - like lessening or eliminating caffeine, sugar, and alcohol and consuming organic food and supplementing essential nutrients such as Vitamin B complex may help lower your estrogen level. You can also do exercise, yoga, and meditation to improve your general and reproductive health.

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LET NUTRIENTS SHOW WAY



Skin loses its glow with time due to constant exposure to the blue light and pollution.

DR PRITI SHUKLA shares ways to increase your collagen production naturally

How many times have you thought that your skin is losing out its sheen and elasticity due to the over-exposure to the blue light and pollution? Many times, right? So, all these skin issues are actually indicating that the collagen production in your body is declining. Collagen is a crucial protein that serves as one of the main building blocks for your bones, skin, hair, muscles, tendons, and ligaments. The best part of collagen is that its production can be stimulated in the body through natural and minimal-invasive ways. Consuming foods that contain nutrients needed to stimulate collagen production can naturally help increase collagen levels in the body. Apart from it, the new prohilof treatment also works wonders.

Nutrients for collagen synthesis

Vitamin C

Consuming food items that are rich in vitamin C and amino acids has the evidence of increasing the levels of hyaluronic acid and collagen in the body as both are important for skin. Oranges, red peppers, kale, Brussels sprouts, broccoli, and strawberries are rich in vitamin C.

Aloe vera gel

This leads to the stimulation of the cell-growth and can help boost collagen production in your skin. You can apply aloe vera directly to the skin in pure form, or in the form of the products on the market that contain it.

Zinc

Zinc deficiency in the body can reduce the amount of collagen produced. A man should consume 11 milligrams of zinc daily and a woman eight milligrams. The zinc-rich food contains cacao, pumpkin seeds, watermelon seeds, sesame seeds, spinach, almonds, cashews, chickpeas, kidney beans, lentils and oats.

Copper

Copper helps in the formation of red blood cells, bone, and connective tissue. Copper activates lysyl oxidase, an enzyme required for collagen maturation, which helps to form the fibers that support your tissues. It is recommended to consume about 900 micrograms of copper daily. Sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, almonds, cashews, spirulina, shiitake mushrooms are the richest source of copper.

Profilo

Profilo is a series of injections of pure hyaluronic acid, which hydrates the skin and triggers collagen and elastin production. It results in the bio-remodelling of the skin and dramatically improves the quality of the skin.

Do not expose your skin too much in the sun or in a tanning bed. Be mindful about smoking. It's also one of the reasons behind skin ageing prematurely. Getting time outside with the protection of sunscreen is one way to maintain a healthy glow.

Collagen supplements are also used but it has side effects like calcium overproduction, allergic reactions, and joint pain.

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Time to build coalitions and partnerships

SHALINI SAKSENA speaks with DR DALBIR SINGH about the challenges facing India to eliminate TB and ground-breaking innovations

■ **What is the biggest challenge facing India in treatment of TB?**

Our greatest challenge in TB elimination would lie in successfully building coalitions and partnerships with private sector and civil society, adopting multi-sectoral approach in engaging local communities and institutions of local governance besides strategising to address issues of social determinants like malnutrition, poverty, social discrimination, planned urbanisation, hygiene and sanitation, comorbidities like Diabetes and smoking also have to be factored in our overall strategy of TB elimination as they contribute hugely to its mortality.

■ **What are the measures taken at international level?**

Driven by the urgency of crises, the first ever UN General Assembly High Level Meeting in 2018 endorsed an ambitious and powerful political declaration to accelerate progress towards END TB Targets and evolve urgent global response to Global Epidemic. It followed a very successful Inter-Ministerial Conference on Elimination of TB in Moscow in



Dr Dalbir Singh
President, Global Coalition on TB

2017 which resulted in firm commitments from world leaders from 120 countries to upscale the diagnosis and treatment as well as to pursue the Universal Health Coverage and social protection. The WHO has developed the END TB strategy with an overall goal of a 90% reduction in Incidence and 95% reduction in TB deaths from 2015-2035. Around 70% of Indian

patients are treated in private sector. It's only in the last decade that we have been able to evolve appropriate public-private partnership models which have been replicated across the country.

■ **What are ground-breaking innovations?**

Today, there are over 200 districts across the country where Public Private Partnership programs called Patient Provider Support Agency (PPSA) models are ongoing which are ensuring free diagnosis and treatment. TB programme embraced use of ICT for treatment adherence and monitoring and real time community led initiatives. During COVID we promptly evolved Rapid Response Plan by introduction of bidirectional screening for TB and COVID and initiating measures for door step delivery of drugs and mass level community engagement and awareness campaigns.

■ **What has been the cause of growing TB rate?**

The social conditions and comorbidity that fuel TB epidemic have not been adequately addressed. Poverty, malnutrition stigma and

unplanned proximal living spaces have aggravated the management of TB. Spurt in Diabetes and tobacco, smoking have also been strongly associated with higher risk of TB mortality.

■ **What are the gaps that exist?**

The critical gap that exists today is between the estimated incidence and the actual notifications being reported to the Government. It will be most important to close this gap and this has been a focus for our national TB programme. We need to engage aggressively with the private sector and help create a unified health system where patients may receive standardised and free care, regardless of the sector they go to. Third, greater district-level monitoring and tracking will be crucial.

■ **What more needs to be done?**

We need to continue to innovate, strengthen our political will, research and development, build Inter-sectoral approach, learn from cross pollination of Ideas and proven interventions. TB cannot be eradicated unless determinants like stigma, poverty, pollution control and malnutrition are addressed.

INBRIEF

Retinal diseases detection with AI

Retinal examinations can detect a number of diseases that affect the eye. Fundus photography is a process of taking photographs of the interior of the eye through the pupil and is a way to screen and monitor such retinal diseases. The introduction of artificial intelligence (AI) technology to fundus photography has improved the platform and enabled it to detect and monitor retinal diseases on a large scale.

The Comprehensive AI Retinal Expert (CARE) system was developed by an international group of researchers from Sun Yat-sen University, Beijing Eaglevision Technology (Airdoc), Monash University, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Beijing Tongren Eye Centre and Capital Medical University.

Associate Professor Zongyuan G, Department of Electrical and Computer Systems Engineering, Monash University, Monash Data Futures Institute, said the researchers trained a clinically applicable deep-learning system for fundus diseases using data derived from real world case studies, and then externally tested the model using fundus photographs collected from clinical settings in China.

"The CARE system was trained to identify the 14 most common retinal abnormalities using 207,228 colour fundus photographs derived from 16 clinical settings with different disease distributions," said Ge.

ALES OF UNLIVED LIVES



The combination of dim lighting, binaural music created a mysterious ambience and drew me into a room where strategically placed pictures told a thousand stories. The setting is Alliance Francaise de Delhi, where the *Unsealed Chamber* — *The Transient Image*, where the work of four contemporary artists — Aparna Nori, Arpan Mukherjee, Indu Anthony, and Philippe Calia — is being exhibited in both analogue and digital formats, to explain the transition in self-reflection during the pandemic. The artists experimented with creative hybridity by combining traditional and new media techniques to reflect on oneself, society, ecology, and representation.

I am drawn to the wall, where the Bangalore-based artist, Aparna Nori, who has not just placed her work but also discussed and described the hues and texture of her skin. The pictures represent the emotional state and anxieties of women in a patriarchal culture. Her piece, *Nalla Pilla* (little dark girl), examines the relationship she formed with her body as she questioned its concerns, folds, and imperfections. She chose a salt-paper technique because she felt it was the most natural expression of textured personal narrative. Furthermore, according to her explanation, using photography is about more than just collecting photographs; it is about participating with the medium (photography) itself.

Moving right I come face-to-face with the Bengal-based artist Arpan Mukherjee's collection of alternative photography. *Gola Vora Dhan*, typified by themes of dislocation, displacement, and

TANMAYA DAS tunes in to the unheard recollections portrayed by contemporary artists through their artworks



Satellite images of mining sites by Philippe Calia

exile takes up an entire wall. Some of his photographs depict a lonely girl sitting under a tree, others portray village sights. On the wall, the artist describes that his family is a part of large scale migration from village to city in Bengal from 1980s onward. Through research and documentation, the artist, who is currently in Shantiniketan, West Bengal, frequently challenges and condemns the discrimination, political, and economic state of society.

But soon a collection of satellite images of different mining locations that have been exploited over the years clamours for attention. When I asked about the

photographic method, the curator, Rahaab Allana, reveals that he took the printouts of the images and used chemicals to dissolve them, resulting in a new landscape of the satellite images to come up with the collection named, *The Shape Of Clouds, 2021*. The exhibition displays various rocks from around the world, such as those found in Australia, Tanzania and more, which helped in the production of minerals like gold, copper, aluminium, uranium and so on. A picture of the disintegrated artwork placed on the walls, supported by two short iron rods showed the new landscape



A sample of Arpan Mukherjee's work

formed by the chemical solution. Then, there is a video display of his family photograph being clicked on the beach in the 1970s, just before his birth, exactly in front of the left corner. The image, which was zooming in and out, outlined his father's memories.

On the extreme left, a photo collection of anonymous women by Indu Anthony that has been accumulated over time is titled, *Ivar*. It refers to people within one's home or vicinity while probing the relationship between self-expression and discarded photographs of women. The 25 black and white photographs

placed along with an unusual and unfamiliar silence have a calming effect.

The distinct impression that each photograph creates is that of telling a series of stories while the video installation — where Nori has scribbled texts in Telugu and English, describing flaws and scars through the pictorial description — evokes contemplation about all the situations and insecurities that women suffered throughout the ages. All of the images are linked together, revealing previously untold stories about a multitude of incidents that occurred many years ago.



In the wake of Covid-19, lack of funds and fewer audiences, theatre artists have switched to confined and experimental spaces in Delhi's suburbs and smaller cities, leaving the Mandi House area — the national capital's hub for performing art students and actors — with a deserted look.

"The theatre groups which earlier used to perform in the city started opening up after the devastating second wave of Covid-19, the Delhi government had issued orders allowing cinemas, theatres, multiplexes to reopen with 50 per cent capacity from July 26 onwards.

"This 50 per cent bar had further given rise to another set of problems as some theatres despite having all the resources had refused to take bookings for they were sceptical of being able to cover their expenses with just half the percentage of audience," a theatre administrator revealed, on the condition of anonymity.

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"Due to all of these reasons, we are now performing in smaller cities like Lucknow, Kanpur, Bareilly in Jaipur," Harshvardhan added.

Saif said although they have come up with new places, audiences do not appear in large numbers, "First of all these are lesser-known spaces in suburbs. Secondly, they are confined so people are sceptical of sitting closer due to Covid-19."

The number of audiences has reduced from pre-Covid times of 500 to a mere 60-70. "Cinema has moved to OTT platforms but we cannot rely entirely on that as well because of lack of funds, thereby, the equipment due to which it will be next to impossible to stream the live show," he shared.

Shobha Deepak Singh, the director of Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra shared similar woes. "The community at large is doing very badly as there is no money left. There are salary cuts," she said, adding, "In the middle of all this, we try to take back people as per requirements hoping that something would happen."

"There is no help from even the government on this front," Singh added.

—IANS



Meghna Patpatia

Tao Art Gallery - one of the oldest galleries in Mumbai, will be hosting a unique two man show called 'Dreamscapes'. Dreamscapes will showcase works by Argentinian Artist (represented by Basu Foundation for the Arts, Kolkata) Julia Romano, finalist of Arte Laguna Prize 2021, Venice and Bombay based, Meghna Patpatia. Previewing on October 21, 6 pm onwards and the show will be on display till November 25, 2021. The exhibition will be inaugurated by the Consul General of Argentina, Mr Guillermo Eduardo Devoto.

At Dreamscapes, audiences will witness the merger in the expression of the two artists from diverse cultures and geography. Both take existing realistic elements and combine them with the surreal aspects of mythology and ancient anthropology. The endeavour is to create these dreamscapes that question what is real and fiction, physical and metaphorical—this intricate relationship with the scape: a universally experienced relationship by all on this planet.

Sanjana, the India ambassador of

Transcending borders

TEAM VIVA explores the premise of the joint-exhibition, Dreamscapes, which will be featuring the works of Argentinian artist JULIA ROMANO and Mumbai-based MEGHNA PATPATIA



Confinement by Meghna Patpatia

Arte Laguna Prize, hopes to juxtapose Julia's digital landscapes with Meghna's artworks. Commenting on the upcoming show, Sanjana Shah, Creative Director, Tao Art Gallery, said, "Dreamscapes pairs together two artists

from different cultures and geographical landscapes, but who share the same desire to explore the synergy between humans and the land they inhabit.

She also added, "As a curator, I found this thematic overlap between the two to

be interesting and relevant: Romano explores the impact of past ancestral generations on land while Patpatia envisions a surreal alternate reality or dystopian future as a result of it. The seed of the idea is the same, but the techniques and

treatment of the works are different. Both create beautifully stunning and poignant works as a result! I am excited for the audience to come and experience the show and this synergy live in action."

'Dreamscapes' will beautifully highlight aspects of co-existence and cultural synergy with a subtle undertone of the threat of depletion in a dystopian future. Much like the land around us, the art is layered, multifaceted and deep in composition.

Talking about her first show in India, Argentinian Artist, Julia Romano, "I am thrilled to be part of this exhibition, working with such great people as the Tao gallery team. I am showing my series of landscapes made with different parts of places photographed by me and painted by classical European artists; these oases are a mixture of time, space and culture. I made one work especially for the show with images taken from my surroundings here in Córdoba (the mountains, trees and plants from my neighbourhood and my garden) and put them together with a panoramic view of Mumbai. So, challenging this union! Only art can be this magical. I strongly believe that by doing this in collage, we are also bonding in real life."

Taking it a step further by using the past to imagine the future, Bombay



Cultural Landscape - India I



Julia Romano

based Artist Meghna Patpatia added, "Tao has a wonderful space that merges visuals seamlessly with narratives and the ability to collate artists worldwide. Sanjana's curatorial foresight and ability to weave a juxtapositioning of Julia and my art practices have intuitively brought about Dreamscapes. Super excited to see it unfurl. These combined artistic dreamscapes of this two man show help in bringing the world a little bit closer and opening our minds a little bit wider.

The world around us plays a distinct role in formulating our perceptions, ideas and inspirations. The scape is defined as any extended view or the picture/representation of one. Be it a landscape, cityscape or seascape, each represents the inextricable relationship humans tend to form with their geographical surroundings. Argentinian artist Julia Romano and Indian artist Meghna Patpatia, though divided by geography and culture, merge in their expression of this intricate relationship with the scape: a relationship that is universally experienced by all on this planet. Both take existing realistic elements and combine them with the surreal elements of mythology and ancient anthropology. The endeavor is to create these dreamscapes that question what is real and what is imagined, what is physical and what is metaphorical.

A BOUQUET

Anjali Mittal, a self-taught, senior artist, who has undertaken art courses in various institutions like Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi. Anjali has been a part of several curated group shows in renowned art galleries like AIFACS in Delhi, Lokayata Art Gallery Delhi, KNK Art Gallery Delhi, Somyani Tiles community Centre Haryana, UCHAAN Art Gallery Gurgaon, to name a few.would be showcasing her works at the India Habitatat Centre from today through an exhibition titled, *A Bouquet*.
When: October 19-21
Where: Convention Centre Foyer, IHC



INDIAN BLUE

Following the previous exhibitions that looked at artistic practices across the decades of 1950s, '60s and '70s, DAG now presents an exhibition that examines how artists have addressed their work through the prism of the colour blue that has been imbued with nuances particular to the country and its culture.

Featuring over 150 works, *Indian Blue* uncovers a range of artistic practices from the realistic to the abstract, from landscapes and portraits to history paintings and figurative narrations, across an equally astonishing range of mediums — oils, watercolours, acrylics, printmaking, sculpture — and periods. Indian Blue in an effort to examine the relationship civilisations share with the colour blue, not only helps the viewers understand the artistic responses to its hues and tones at a subliminal level — something it achieves through the chosen colour under investigation in this exhibition — but also goes beyond it to examine the role colours play in human lives.

And what better way to explore this rich sensory archive than through the world as visualised by artists.

When: Open till December 1
Where: DAG, The Claridges



PEN, INK, ACTION: SATYAJIT RAY AT 100 (FILM-SCREENING)

To celebrate the centenary year of Satyajit Ray, legendary filmmaker, writer, illustrator and music composer, a festival of classic black and white feature films; films from the Calcutta Trilogy; period pieces; a children's film; and Ray's all-time favourite films.

The screenings will be held as part of *The IIC Experience: A Festival Of The Arts*, from October 22-26.

Jalsaghar (The Music Room) (100 min; 1958; dvd; b/w; Bengali with English subtitles)
Director: Satyajit Ray

Indian landowner Biswambhar Roy (Chhabi Biswas) lives in luxury, but his fortune is slowly slipping away.
When: October 23, 8:30 pm
Where: CD Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre



SOULSCAPES

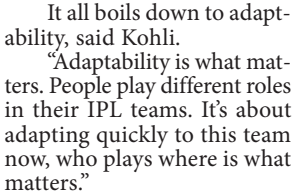
Indian classical music has an enigmatic charm, with an immense power to draw a person one step closer to the ultimate divine power. It's not just an art to entertain the audience and listeners, but a sacred and intelligent way to connect to the divine, as per Vidushi Shalmalee Joshi from the Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana.

For Joshi, a disciple of Padma Talwalkar and of the late Pandit Ratnakar Pai, music has the potential to unite the mind and the soul, which is much needed in today's turbulent society, since it does not recognise boundaries and is therefore unifying in nature.

Tune in to her Hindustani vocal recital at IIC, accompanied by Tejovrush Sunil Joshi on tabla; and Vinay Mishra on the harmonium.

When: October 24, 6:30 pm
Where: Fountain Lawns, IIC main building





“...I have to call him and say, ‘Yeh soch raha hoon, kya chal raha hai, batao.’ (This is on my mind. What do you think?) Then he will explain. So, yes, in a lot of ways he is a life coach. ‘Staying with him, obvious-

A lower back injury, which required a surgery, has all but ended P a n d y a 's chances of playing Test cricket but he does not worry about it too much.



"I met with BCCI President Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah on the sidelines of the ACC meetings. We need to create a cricketing bond, while I have also believed that politics


“The ACC was set-up to create a unified approach and collective stance so that we had one voice and if there was a situation, all stood together.

In the next ball, Campher did what only two people could do before him in T20 international cricket before him, joining Lasith Malinga and Rashid Khan to take four wickets in successive balls.

Fati returned to action last month after being sidelined for more than 10 months because of a knee injury, coming off the bench in three straight matches before getting his first start on Sunday and giving fans more hope that the club can rebuild around him after Messi's departure to Paris Saint-Germain. He had already scored a few min-

Barcelona was coming off two defeats before the international break — 2-0 at Atlético Madrid in the league and 3-0 at Benfica in the Champions League. It had won only once in its last six matches in all competitions. Barcelona has begun a three-game home stint that Koeman called key to getting the team back on track. It will next play a critical Champions League game against Dynamo Kyiv on Wednesday and then the first "clásico" of the season against Real Madrid.

The finals of the League will be played on December 23 at the MRICS, Hambantota, whilst this year's tournament has December 24, as a 'Reserve Day' dedicated for the finals.



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**E-AUCTION
(SALE NOTICE)**

Appendix-IV-A [See provision to rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rules 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
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Borrower : M/s ACRO Laminates UG-21, Radhekrishna Complex, Near Sargam Cinema, Zone- II M.P. Nagar Bhopal Mr. Sanjeev Nema Guarantor: Mrs. Vandana Nema Residential bungalow on Plot no. 7,8,16 & 17 "SHUBHALAYA" Village Bawadia Kalan, Bhopal	Industrial Land & Building situated at plot no. 163, Sector H, Govindpura Industrial Area, Bhopal Area: 25000 sqft. Boundaries: (As per deed) North : Road, South : Plot no. 7, East: Plot no. 164, West: Plot no. 162 open Mortgaged in M/s Acro Laminates and Yash Auto Cars	14/12/2018 23/01/2019 as on 30/06/2021 ₹ 9,15,68,009.89 & 7,84,19,227.24 + Interest + Other Expenses	₹ 2.11 Crore ₹ 22.00 Lakhs ₹ 25000/-
Borrower : M/s Yash Autocars Suri Arcade, 6-A, 6-B, Govind Garden Opposite MPBE gate, Raisen Road Bhopal (M.P.) Mr. Sanjeev Nema, Guarantor : Mrs. Vandana Nema Residential bungalow on Plot no. 7,8,16 & 17 "SHUBHALAYA" Village Bawadia Kalan, Bhopal			

Date and Time of e-auction : 17/11/2021, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each)

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- After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **15/11/2021 5:00 PM**, to Canara Bank, Specialised ARM Branch, Plot no. 4, PSP Area, Near AIIMS, Saket Nagar Bhopal by hand or by email. i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. iii) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail id. iv) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD.
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