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Historic milestone in war on Covid

Modi calls 100 cr jabs triumph of collective spirit of 130 crore Indians; world leaders hail India's success

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India on Thursday crossed the historic 100-crore Covid-19 vaccination mark, achieving rare distinction in the world Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation in expressing his gratitude to doctors, nurses, and all others who worked for crossing the milestone.

Leaders from across the world and various agencies too congratulated the Government for the watershed

As per Union Health Ministry data, India took 85 days to touch the 10-crore vaccination mark, 45 more days to cross the 20-crore mark and 29 more days to reach the 30-crore mark. The country took 24 days to reach the 40crore mark from 30-crore doses



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the vaccination centre at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi on Thursday

The top five States which

have administered the highest

and then 20 more days to sur-76 days to go past the 100-crore

pass the 50-crore vaccination mark on August 6. It then took

number of doses are Uttar followed by Maharashtra, West Bengal, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, said the Ministry.

Modi said in a tweet, "India scripts history. We are witnessing the triumph of Indian science, enterprise and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians. Congrats India on crossing 100 crore vaccinations. Gratitude to our doctors, nurses and all those who worked to achieve this feat." Modi called the achieve-

ment "the triumph of Indian science, enterprise and collective spirit of 130 crore Indians". The vaccine has brought

pride and protection in the lives of our citizens," he noted.

The Prime Minister visited the Ram Manohar Lohia



by India at Red Fort in New Delhi on Thursday Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer

Hospital in Delhi, where he interacted with healthcare workers and people receiving the vaccine.

In a tweet, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya too congratulated the country on achieving the feat, and said it was the result of the able lead-ership of Prime Minister Modi.

To mark the occasion, the Union Health Ministry held a series of events. It released a two-minute and four-second video with rap and visual representation of the country's fight against Covid-19.

World leaders too lauded India's achievement.

"We congratulate India for the extraordinary accomplishment of administering one billion doses of the Covid-19 vaccine. I applaud India's successes in fighting Covid-19 at home and for its efforts to help end the pandemic in the Indo-Pacific region and well beyond," said Antony Blinken, US Secretary of State.

Maldives President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih took to Twitter to thank India for supporting the Maldives in its

fight against Covid-19.

"Congratulations to PM @narendramodi and the Government of India for administering 1 billion doses of Covid-19 vaccines, displaying the innovation and solidarity of the Indian people. Thank you also, India, for supporting Maldives' Covid-19 recovery and vaccination efforts," Solih said in a tweet.

Israel Prime Minister Naftali Bennett too congratulated his Indian counterpart on the historic feat

See P7: Team India: Delivering on the vaccine promise

You cannot block roads: SC to kisan

The Supreme Court on Thursday said farmers agitating against the three farm laws cannot block roads indefinitely. The court said even when a legal challenge against the three farm laws is pending, the court is not opposed to the right of the farmers but such prolonged road blockade was unacceptable.

The farmers' unions alleged that the police were responsible for the blockade at the Delhi borders as it suits them to allow a feeling in the minds of the citizens that farmers are blocking the road, while the Centre refuted their allegations. Key roads connecting

Delhi to Haryana and Uttar Pradesh remained impacted ever since the protests began in November last year amid the continued stalemate between the Centre and the protesting farmers over the three farm The bench headed by Justice SK Kaul said it is not

against the right to protest even when a legal challenge is pending but ultimately some solution has to be found. "Farmers have the right to

protest but they cannot keep roads blocked indefinitely. You lier direction.

Court: Protest is a right, prolonged road blockade not





but it cannot be blocked," the bench also comprising Justice Sundresh The top court asked the farmer unions to respond within three weeks on the issue and

posted the matter for further hearing on December 7. The bench noted that only four respondents have appeared before it in pursuance of its ear-

If poor nations not given jabs, Covid to stay in '22: WHO

WHO warns only 5% people in **Africa have got** vaccine doses

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Covid-19 pandemic will countries don't get vaccines quickly, the WHO has said adding that only 5 per cent of people in African countries have been vaccinated so far.

Dr Bruce Aylward, senior adviser to the WHO directorgeneral, pointed out that only 5 per cent of Africa's population have been vaccinated so far. The continent accounts for 2.6 per cent doses administered globally. He urged other countries to limit their procurement of coronavirus vaccines so that pharmaceutical companies could prioritise low-income

"I can tell you we're not on track," Aylward said. "We really need to speed it up or you know what? This pandemic is going to go on for a year longer than it needs to.

According to a global news agency the People's Vaccine an alliance of charities across



the world — only one in seven doses of the pharmaceutical companies and wealthy countries are reaching their destinations in poorer nations. The charities said that the majority of doses were going to high-income or upper middleincome countries

The group of charities also criticised the United Kingdom and Canada for availing vaccines through Covax.

Covax, which is co-led by Gavi, the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations and the WHO, aims to speed up the development and manufacturing of Covid-19 vaccines. It also works to guarantee fair and equitable access to the shots for country in the

NCB visits **SRK**'s home, summons **Ananya Pandey**

The Bombay High Court on bail application of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan in the mid-sea drug bust case for hearing for October 26, even as a team of a Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) paid a formal "visit" to SRK's residence "Mannat" hours after the actor met his son at the Arthur Road Jail.

Sleuths of the Narcotics Control Bureau visited the residence of Shah Rukh Khan for seeking certain material related to their investigation into a cruise drugs party case, a senior NCB official said. It was not a

raid, he said. The NCB summoned actress Ananya Panday for questioning and raided a location in Andheri, in connection with the ongoing investigations. Ananya's name has allgedly figured in some of

Aryan's WhatsApp chats. In a day of multiple devel-



Shah Rukh Khan leaves Arthur Road Jail after visiting his son Aryan Khan in Mumbai on Thursday

opment, Maharashtra Minister and NCP's chief spokesperson Nawab Malik launched a fresh attack on NCB's western zone chief Sameer Wankhede, by demanding to know as to what the latter doing in Maldives and Dubai with his family during the Covid 19-triggered lockdown and accusing him of fil-ing "fake" cases against Bollywood personalities.

LAC disengagement by Oct 31 **Parleys come** after 13th round of military-level

talks on Oct 10 PNS NEW DELHI

India and China are likely to hold diplomatic-level talks towards this month end in an effort to find ways to hasten up disengagement from the friction points on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in

Eastern Ladakh. The proposed parleys come after the 13th round of military-level talks on October 10 did not make much headway. India had said it made "constructive" suggestions, but China could not come up with "forward looking" proposals to resolve tension

China said India persisted with "unreasonable and unrealistic demands."

The diplomatic-level talks will be held under the aegis of

the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) between the representatives of Foreign Ministries

of India and China. The two sides have held several rounds of talks through this mechanism in the past one and half years since trouble erupted on the LAC in Ladakh.

The forthcoming talks are likely to focus on the friction points in the Hot Springs and Depsang Valley from where the Chinese side did not agree for withdrawal during the Corps Commander level talks on October 10

India, China diplomatic talks for

India has all along maintained that complete disen-gagement from all the stand-off sites is a prerequisite for normalisation of ties with

India and China share nearly 1,500 km long LAC in the Ladakh region. At present, more than 50,000 troops each from both the sides are deployed at the LAC there since May last year. The troops from both the armies remained stationed even during the winter months last year and will

remain there in the fast approaching harsh cold

months. Army Chief General MM Naravane recently visited the forward areas in Ladakh to review the operational readiness and logistical back up for

the winter months. Given the persisting logjam after the October 10 talks, India and China agreed to go in for diplomatic option and dates for the WMCC parleys are likely to be announced soon, sources said here on Thursday.

Youth4children group in Dhar celebrated the 100 crore vaccination record by making Rangoli and illumination Pioneer Photo

Chouhan announces 8% DA hike for State Govt staff

hief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the employees of my state are Karmayogis in true sense. The service rendered by the employees during the Corona period is certainly commendable. In the last one and a half years, the state had to face two horrific waves of coronavirus. Due to this, on the one hand, the expenditure of the Government increased, while on the other hand there was a huge decrease in the revenue income. That is why the gov-ernment had postponed for some time the increment given to the employees in those difficult times. Now we have decided to increase dearness allowance and give increment.

Chouhan said that dearness allowance of all Govt staff of the State would be increased by 8 per cent. The increased

dearness allowance to government staff will be added to the salary of October 2021 to be paid in November 2021. With this, now the total dearness allowance to the officers and employees of the state will increase from 12 percent to 20 percent. Due to the financial condition of the state getting greatly affected during the Corona-era, the increments to government staff in July 2020 and January 2021 were also postponed. The State has now decided that 50 per cent of the pending increment will be given along with the salary of October 2021, to be paid in November 2021. The remaining 50 per cent

of the pending increment will be given along with the salary for February 2022 to be paid in March 2022. Chief Minister said this while discussing with the media at the State hangar in Bhopal.

CM: 100-cr Covid jabs feat historic achievement

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL hief Minister Shivraj Singh

Chouhan has said that today is a day of achievement for India. 100 crore Covid vaccines have been administered in India. This is a historic achievement. Chouhan said this in a message issued to the media at the State hangar. The Chief Minister said, "I

heartily congratulate Prime Minister Narendra Modi for this campaign to save lives of the people. Earlier we made an indigenous vaccine which was a very important achievement in the fight against Covid-19."

"Now, by administering more than 100 crore vaccines we have set a new record. A new history has been created. However much we praise Prime Minister Narendra Modi

for the two doses of life is less I thank all the health workers those engaged in vaccination campaign, social organizations, workers of political parties and those who have contributed in the vaccination campaign from the core of my heart," he said. Chouhan said that so far

more than 6 crore 72 lakh 43 thousand vaccine doses have been administered in Madhya Pradesh. Our campaign continues. Chouhan said that this would not have been possible if the indigenous vaccine had not been created under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. Modi has saved lives of people from the third wave of Covid by providing free vac-

cines.
Chouhan congratulated the country and the people of the

Diwali gift: Cabinet hikes DA, **DR to 31%**

PNS NEW DELHI

In a Diwali gift, the Union Cabinet on Thursday hiked Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief by 3 per cent to 31 per cent, which will benefit about 47.14 lakh Central Government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners.

The Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave the approval to release an additional installment of Dearness Allowance (DA) to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) to pensioners with effect from July 1 to compensate for price

Adidas partners | H&M India with Deepika **Padukone**

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¬lobal superstar and youth Gicon Deepika Padukone will work closely with adidas on its common commitment towards fitness; both physical and emotional.

Sport being an integral part of her life, Padukone embodies strength and resilience like no other while also encouraging millions around the globe. Together they will create a powerful synergy as the two share sim-

Taking forward the brand's attitude of 'Impossible is Nothing, the partnership will be a testament towards breaking barriers and limitless possibilities, inspiring both current as well as future generations.

With Padukone joining

adidas' powerful roster of women athletes and partners around the globe, adidas strengthens its focus on democratizing and diversifying sport

for women through inspiring personalities.

"Being an athlete and playing sport has played a tremendous role in shaping my personality and helping me become the person I am today.
It has taught me values that no
other life experience could have. Today, fitness, both physical and emotional, are an integral part of my lifestyle. I am absolutely honored and delighted to be partnering with one of the world's most iconic brands, adidas." Deepika Padukone

"As a global youth icon and someone who champions mental well-being and personal betterment, Deepika fits in beautifully with the brand's ambition of creating positive change through sports and movement. We are thrilled to have Deepika join the adidas family and together we hope to inspire more women to see and realize their possibilities," said Sunil Gupta, Senior Director, Brand adidas, India.

launches new campaign

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

This festive season, international fashion retailer H&M, known for offering fashion and quality at the best price in a sustainable way - is taking the narrative forward from their campaign last year Brighter Than Ever, unveiling an India exclusive collection for the festive season. With the release of the

2021 festive collection, H&M's second iteration of their campaign, Brighter Than Ever, embodies a message of hope for everyone looking forward to celebrating again this yearwhether we celebrate alone, with a loved one, or with our closest friends. The campaign captures the essence of the feeling of hope that seemed so distant after the tumultuous year that when we come together in unique ways to make the most of festivities, now lies within us, and shines Brighter than Ever.

The film brings together a diverse and inclusive cast of personalities who represent the ethos of the brand. Leading the same we have national award - winning actor Rajkumar Rao along with Sanjana Sanghi, Adarsh Gorav and Ishwak Singh. In addition to them the film features a host of interesting people from different walks of life.

Notably, the cast featured pieces from the conscious range, garments made from more sustainable materials - a move towards the brands continuous efforts towards circular fashion with a broader vision for a brighter future ahead. H&M continues to consistently increase the use of more sustainable materials in their product range with the festive collection featuring more sustainable materials such as Recycled Polyester, Tencel, Organic Cotton, Recycled Silk to name a

Dell Technologies introduces new telecom software, solutions

Dell Technologies (NYSE: DELL) introduced new telecom software, solutions and services to help communications service providers (CSPs) accelerate their open, cloud-native network deployments and create new revenue opportunities at the edge.

To support the massive

growth of data expected from 5G applications and services, CSPs are moving compute infrastructure to the edge and looking to integrate a broad ecosystem of software vendors to capture new revenue opportunities. New technologies like Open RAN (ORAN) are giving CSPs a broader set of options for deploying network infrastructure to support future growth. However, this trend is leading to a large, geographically distributed, open compute deployment that can be difficult to deploy and man-

"With the launch of 5G in India, consumers are anticipating mobile networks, which

will support applications requiring significantly higher bandwidths with much lower latencies. Network workloads will become increasingly more demanding and complex, from the core to the edge, across all segments," said Saurabh Tewari, Director & Chief Technologies India.

"We at Dell Technologies

'We, at Dell Technologies

understand this, and hence, have introduced new platforms, solutions and services, to accelerate highly flexible, open and cloud-native network deployments. These will additionally create new and previously unrealizable use cases and revenue opportunities at the edge. Our Bare Metal Orchestration platforms will provide customers an agile and cost-effective way to deploy and manage open network infrastructure, across diverse and challenging landscapes. These are exciting times, as we take part in the reinvention of the 5G landscape in India, with our customers, he added."

Meet held to mark 100-crore vax feat

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A meet of Radio partners was organised to celebrate the 100 crore vaccination target achieved today by India. Speaking at the meet Dr Santosh Shukla, Director Immunization with Department of Health,

Government of Madhya

Pradesh spoke on the journey of COVID19 vaccination and how the state team had navigated the challenge to contribute from Madhya Pradesh to the achievement at India level. He also said that by today morning Madhya Pradesh had given 4 crore 91 lakh doses of the first dose of COVID19 vaccine. In total 6.70 crores doses have been administered in Madhya Pradesh. He said that it is time to salute the efforts of all workers including the cold chain team which made sure that we get vaccines in all sectors and without breaking the cold

Margaret Gwada, Chief, UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh congratulated and said that we are committed to support the

reach the last mile. She said it is important we keep it going and focus on reaching out with a second dose with ones who still have to be covered.

Radio Jockeys Sukriti from Radio Mirchi, Pinky Tiwari, Programming head Radio LakeCity, RJ Arsh of Red FM, and others from various sta-tions had participated and shared their experience. They shared that we need to keep the energy level and focus on the second dose like we did for the first dose and also promote Covid appropriate behaviour.

Anil Communication Specialist, UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh facilitated the meet. Dr Vandana Bhatia, Health Specialist, UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh, Dr Ravindra Bagal, Health Officer, UNICEF, Madhya Pradesh.

Avinash Bajpai, Registrar, khanlal Chaturvedi Makhanlal National University of Journalism, Dr Mani Nair, from University participated in the meet, congratulated the State and also shared their



Ekagra Putul Festival organised in various styles of puppetry

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Tribal Lok Kala and Boli Vikas Akademi, Madhya Pradesh Sanskriti Parishad organised Ekagra Putul Festival on various styles of puppetry at Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum. The Samaroh began on Wednesday.

On the second day of the event, Ramlila and Pranam Kakori were presented by Kaptan Singh 'Karnadhar' and group of Shahjahanpur in Glove and Rod style.

Ramlila was presented in the style of stick and glove in the ceremony. Ramlila begins with the birth. After this, scenes like Tadka slaughter in Leela, Sita Swayamvar, Ram exile, Supankha's nose cutting scene, Sitaharan, Lord Hanuman and

Mother Sita meeting in Lanka, Lakshmanshakti, Ram Ravana war were presented through puppets. The presentation was given for one hour and ten min-

The second presentation was given by Pranam Kakori. Ramprasad Bismil, Ashfaq Ulla Khan, Rajendra Prasad Lahiri, Thakur Roshan Singh in the presentation. The scenes of the Kakori railway looted by Chandrashekhar Azad and other revolutionaries in the year 1925 and finally the execution of the revolutionaries were staged. This presentation was given for half an hour and about 40 puppets were used during both the presentations.

Historical and mythological characters and stories are shown through puppets.

IGRMS presents temple chariot 'Ter' as online exhibit

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Under the seventy one series of its online exhibition by Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, today presented the "Ter" A Temple Chariot situated in the open air exhibition of IGRMS has been presented online with its basic information and photographs About this exhibition,

Praveen Kumar Mishra, Director, IGRMS said that -This temple chariot has been collected in the year 1995 from the Krishna Math of village Pernankila in the Udupi district of Karnataka state, India. Made of locally available wood of Saag Balli, Jackfruit, Acacia etc. this chariot is used in the Car festival in the Ganesh and Shiva temple group of the village. During the festival, after

iot is pulled by the villagers and the devotees who come from the surrounding area. Car festival is an important festival in which the Lord himself comes among the devotees and participates in their happiness and sorrow. In this festival, groups of people walk along with the chariot, singing hymns and dancing in honor of the deities.

About the TER, Rakesh Kumar Bhatt, Assistant Curator told that - It is believed that the devotee who pulls this chariot with reverence, gets the results equivalent to a hundred 'Yajan'. Wood carving craftsmen in Udupi are inspired by the styles engraved on the rock-tops of temples built during the

Hoysala dynasty. These artisans are called Gudigars. Skilled and experienced craftsmen follow the rules of Shilp Shastras for making chariots. The soft wood of Sag Balli is used for engraving intricate artwork and hard wood like jackfruit and acacia are used for making



Investors, Agents and other employees of Pearls- PACL India Limited stage a protest demanding a refund of their investments

BHEL commissions Baira

Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital starts customised ocular prosthesis

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Sewa Sadan Eye Hospital has successfully started customized ocular prosthesis procedure. Dr. Archna Bansal cedure on two suffering patients. Gulzarilal, 39 from Sehore and Banwarilal, 50 from Raisen (changed names) are the beneficiaries. They were implanted artificial eyes last week.

Many such patients often come to Sewa Sadan for the implantation of artificial eyes. They not only suffer the loss of vision from that eye, but there is no possibility of getting vision in the future. They always bear social disdain and for this reason such people often feel inferiority complex. Looking to the need of such patients SSEH sent an oph-thalmologist to LV Prasad Institute of Ophthalmology

Hyderabad for training.
Simultaneously, SSEH has started hiring services of a Patankar. After examination, Ophthalmologist Ocularist make artificial eye on the basis of patient's healthy eye's color and size. Later the same was implanted in place of the wounded eye of the

Recently, those two patients who were implanted artificial eye are satisfied with the services and facilities of SSEH. Managing trustee, L.C. Janiyani expected the people who are facing such agonies and social disdain can get the advantage of

MP Hockey Academy beats Lakshmi Ammal

Championship-2021, MP Hockey Academy continued its winning campaign and marked its victory again.

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy defeated Lakshmi Ammal Sports Academy 9-0 in their second match. In other matches of the day, Hubli Hockey Academy, Salute Hockey Academy, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Hockey Academy, SGPC Hockey Academy, Vaidipatti Raja Hockey Academy won their respective matches.

Under the joint aegis of Hockey India and Sports and

Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy maintained its dominance in all the four quarters in its second match. Even in this match of the championship, MP Hockey Academy did not give any chance to the opposing team to score against itself. In the match, MP Hockey Academy scored a goal in the first quarter. This goal was scored by Abdul Ahad.

Madhya Pradesh Academy defeated Vaidipatti Raja Hockey Academy 10-0 in their first match.

In the first match of the day, Hubli Hockey Academy

Youth Welfare Department, defeated Malwa Hockey On the fourth day of the first Junior Boys Inter organized on the newly constructed turf of Major Dhyan ond quarter, 1 in the third and

> In the second match of the day, Salute Hockey Academy defeated Republican Sports Club 10-0. In the third match of the day, Maharaja Ranjit Singh

> Hockey Academy defeated Jai Bharat Hockey Academy 3-0. In the fourth match of the day, SGPC Hockey Academy defeated Tirumalavalan Hockey Academy

In the fifth match of the day, Vaidipatti Raja Hockey Academy defeated Tamil Nadu Hockey Academy 3-1 in a thrilling match.

3-day seminar on nomadic COMMUNITY CONCLUDES STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL Seminar.

A three-day research seminar on the topic "Nomadic Community: Oral Traditions" concluded here on Thursday. It was organized by Tribal Folk Arts and Language Development Academy, MP

Sanskriti Parishad.

At the conclusion of the research seminar, oral literature, performing and metaphorical arts (dance, theatrical, singing, The research papers were presented by the scholars, scholars on the subjects of instrumental and other) subjects.

In the seminar session, the chief speaker Archana Sharma presented her views. The session was presided over by Ruchi Ghosh Dastidar. The session was conducted by Mukesh Mishra and the report was given by Bhuvneshwar Dubey. Academy director Dharmendra Pare, Alpana Trivedi, Gore Lal Barche and others were present in the During the session,

Neelima Gurjar gave a succinct statement on Goddi handicraft of Kalbelia community and presented options in view of its potential in the present In the session, a research

aper was presented by Krishna Kakade of Krishna Maharashtra on the performing and theatrical art of Nomadic Bahurupis. He told that in Maharashtra the Bahurupia community is known as Rairang, Vairagi, Bahrupiya. They earn their livelihood through music, dance and drama.

Chief speaker Archana Sharma presented her research paper on the oral tradition of bull Pardhis of Madhya Pradesh. This community is also known as Moghia.

These communities run their lives by roaming around and at the time of marriage, marriage is done only after looking at the Gotra and Naat. | of Honour on this Occasion.

Scientist conferred honorary PhD

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Oriental University, Indore has conferred the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology) honoris causa on Dr. Shankar Vinayak Nakhe, an Outstanding Scientist of Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India and Director of the Raja Ramanna Centre for Advanced Technology, Indore at its 3rd Convocation held on October 19, 2021 at the Devi Shakuntala Thakral Auditorium of the University.

Praveen Thakral, Chancellor, Oriental University, Indore presided over the Convocation Ceremony, Bharat Charan Singh, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission, Bhopal was the Chief Guest and Akhilesh Kumar Pandey, Vice Chancellor, Vikram University, Ujjain was the Guest

Governor: Nation indebted to martyred police personal **STAFF REPORTER** ■ BHOPAL State Police has established with its activities. Appreciating the

overnor Mangubhai Patel Governor ividinguoism. The said that the entire

nation is indebted to the martyred police personnel who laid down their lives in the service of the nation. He said that the government and the society always stand with the families of the martyrs. Shri Patel was addressing the Police Commemoration Day Parade-2021 held at Lal Parade Ground today. Governor Mangubhai Patel said that commendable efforts are being made by the police administration to maintain law and order in the state. Speedy investigation of crimes and increase in punishment to the criminals has become possible due to the activeness of the State Police. He said that it is a matter of pride for all of us that the State Police is counted among the best forces of the country. Be ever ready to enhance the identity that the

innovation Dial-100 innovation of the State Police, he said that common citizens have benefited from online character verification and e-FIR. Governor Patel lauded the police for its success in effectively curbing the bandit problem and Naxalite activities in the state. He expressed happiness over the establishment of women police stations in all the districts and 700 Mahila Urja desks. On this occasion, Governor Shri Patel met the families of the police officers-employees who were martyred during the year 2020-21 and expressed his condolences. In his address, Director

General of Police Vivek Johri said that on October 21, 1959, a team of Central Reserve Police Force personnel was martyred in an encounter with the Chinese Army in the remote area, Hot Springs in Ladakh. It is in their

brated by all the police units of the country. He told that this year 15 police personnel of Madhya Pradesh were martyred while on duty. He assured the families of the martyrs that MP Police stands always with them and is determined to provide them facilities and assistance as per rules. The program began with the Rashtra Dhun presented by the Police Band. Thereafter, the Pall-Bearer party handed over the list of martyred soldiers to be honored to the Governor Patel and paid tribute to them by saluting the Parade Memorial. Governor Patel, Home Minister Narottam Mishra, Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains, Additional Chief Secretary Rajesh Rajoura, Director General of Police Vivek Johri and police officers paid

tribute to the martyr police

personnel by laying wreath at the

martyr memorial.

Siul Hydro Power Station STAFF REPORTER BHOPAL ability and life extension

 $B^{
m harat\ Heavy\ Electricals}_{
m Limited\ (BHEL)\ has\ suc-}$ cessfully completed R&M (Renovation & Modernization) and commissioned the third and final unit of the 3x60 MW Baira Siul Hydro Power Station located in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh. The first and second units of the station have already been renovated and commissioned in Dec., 2019 and Oct., 2020 respectively. BHEL had won the order for K&M of the three units of Baira Siul Hydro Power Station amidst stiff competitive biding.

Set up in 1981, Baira Siul is the first hydro station of NHPC Limited and also the first to be taken up for comprehensive Renovation & Modernisation (R&M). The R&M of the project will result in restoration of output capacity and improvement in efficiency, besides leading to better plant avail-

ability and life extension of equipment. Significantly, the capacity of each unit has been maintained at the rated output of 60 MW, even at the reduced head of 238.1 metres, as compared to the originally designed rated head of 260 metres.

Notably, BHEL is also the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the hydro units which have been successfully operating for over 35 years, before being taken up for comprehensive R&M.

BHEL's scope in the project comprised design, manufacture, supply, replacement and commissioning of critical parts of Turbines & auxiliaries, Governors, Generators and Control & Monitoring. The equipment has been supplied from BHEL's manufacturing units at Bhopal, Bengaluru and Jhansi, while the on-site installation activities were carried out by the company's Power Sector Northern Region division,

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2 held, ₹2.7 Lakh goods recovered | 28-yr-old commits suicide due to job pressure staff reporter ■ BHOPAL section 174 of the CrPC and section

ishbagh police arrested two Amiscreants near Subhash Nagar railway crossing and recovered electronic goods worth Rs 2.7 lakh from their possession on Thursday; miscreants confessed burglary at godown having electronic at

Old Subhash Nagar.

According to the police, acting on a tip off regarding two youths carrying burgled valuables were tracked and questioned regarding goods which they failed to provide and confessed that the goods were burgled from Old

Subhash Nagar.
The nabbed miscreants were identified as Pankaj Yadav (21) and Manish alias Bacchu Yadav(22) both residents of Aishbagh. Later, in the investigation they revealed that they have targeted godown of electronic shop and escaped with power bank (mobile chargers) 180 power bank (mobile chargers) worth Rs 2.35 lakh. The accused were nabbed after a complaint was lodged by Shashi Bhushan who claimed that godown was targeted and goods were burgled.

Based on the investigation two accused were searched and nabbed and valuables were recovered from his possession. After the two were nabbed police recovered burgled goods.
The number of burglaries

committed by the gang is yet to be investigated. The number of accomplices who have helped the miscreants in disposing the stolen goods would be estigated.

During the day they would recce the area and target the premises and again in the evening they would visit to check the house was closed and commit burglary around midnight after assuring that the

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Unable to handle pressure of job a 28 years 11 job a 28-year-old salesman committed suicide by hanging with the ceiling at his house at Gadaria under Piplani police station area on Wednesday.

According to the police, Vivek Namdeo was found hanging at his house and was taken to hospital where he was declared dead.

Police said that the deceased was under heavy pressure of managing his job as salesman with a private com-

The family members revealed that deceased even after being well educated he was not able to get job of his choice which he was trying for long and used to remain depressed. He joined as salesman and was not able to han-After the preliminary

investigation the body was sent for the post mortem. The police have registered a case under

have started further investigation. Police have not found any suicide note to verify claims made by family and reason would be investigated behind the suicide.

Meanwhile a 50-year-old man committed sustained by setting himself ablaze at Arjun Khedi on Wednesday Berasia police have started investigation into suicide.

According to the police, the deceased Shalikram Sahu set himself ablaze and sustained burn injuries at his house and was rushed to a nearby hospital and later died during treat-In the initial investigation

it was found that the deceased sustained burn injuries after he self-immolated himself. After the preliminary investigation the body was sent for the post mortem and a case under section 174 of the CrPC was registered. The used to remain alone and do farming and was

FIR lodged as 16 tankers | 2 people stabbed over with sulphuric acid seized at petrol pump

Kishanganj police has registered an FIR against the 16 tankers which were confiscated by Mhow SDM Akshat Jain when he was on sudden visit of different petrol pump of the tehsil during his inspection, he noticed that 16 tankers are standing in the premises of a closed petrol pump in the Bhaislay village area.

On further investigation it was found that 8 tankers were full of sulphuric acid and 8 tankers were empty. The owner of the tankers and the owner of the closed petrol pump don't have the permission and license under M P poison act to store the tankers full of sulphuric acid and maintenance of the tankers at this closed petrol pump and it was found that D D and company who is the owner of the 16 tankers was

as depot of sulphuric acid and was trading from this

All the 16 tankers (8 full and 8 empty) were confiscated under act 6, of Indian poison act and IPC section 284, 420. T I Kishanganj police station Shashikant Chourasia told The Pioneer that the tankers have got all the documents complete and they have also got e pass for the movement of the tankers but they don't have the permission to collectively stand at this closed petrol pump and for any trade and operation from these tankers at this place it is a criminal offence and a risk to the thousands of people of nearby areas. Hence the police have registered the case against the 16 tankers and their owners and owner of the petrol pump and has sent to the court

money dispute in Badli staff reporter New Delhi come over to his house to come over the high over

Aman and his friend were stabbed by five persons in Delhi's Samaypur Badli over a money dispute. Police said that two people have been arrested from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh in the matter.

The victims have been identified as Puneet Sharma and Rupinder Dahiya. As per the medico-legal report obtained by the police, Sharma received three wounding to Dahiya two.According to police, Dahiya had loaned a sum of ₹22,000 to one Gaurav Tyagi of Prahladpur village who was known

As per their pact, Tyagi was supposed to return the sum in first week of October, but when the time came stopped taking Dahiya's calls. The incident took place on Monday when Dahiya demanded his money back once more. Following a heated argument over the phone, Tyagi asked Dahiya to

Dahiya, accompanied by Sharma, went to Tyagi's house in Badli, and when the two were in staircase they were attacked with knives by five people, who fled after seriousy wounding them, said Brijendra Kumar Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of (DCP), Police

The other four assailants were identified as Arvind, Ankit, Aman Tripathi and Ankesh, all Tyagi's friends, police said. On the basis of Dahiya's statement, a case under section 307 (attempt to murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code was registered at Samaypur Badli police station,

During its investigation, police checked the CCTV cameras of the area and through surveillance came to know that two of the accused had fled to

Capital reports 22 new cases with 0.05 positivity rate

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The national Capital reported 22 new cases reported on Thursday while the positivity rate stood at 0.05 per cent, according to a health bulletin issued by the health department of the Delhi Government.

As per the bulletin, the cumulative Covid-19 cases now stand at 14,39,488 and the death toll remains at 25,089. A total of 42,563 tests were conducted a day ago.

The number of active cases decreased to 311 on from 322 a day before, according to the bulletin. The number of people under home isolation stood at 99 while it was 103 a day before, and the number of containment zones increased to 96, the bulletin said

A total of 42,563 tests 35,063 RT-PCR tests and 7,500 rapid antigen tests - were conducted a day ago, the bulletin

'Vikas Rally' will be historic, to be held on Oct 23, says Sohna MLA

Gurugram: In Gurugram, a 'Vikas Rally' of Sohna assembly constituency will be Assembly constituency is being placed before the Chief Assembly constituency is being organised in village Sirmathala on 23rd October, which will be the biggest rally held in the state in the last two years.

This claim has been made by Sohna MLA Sanjay Singh. Singh revealed during the

press conference on Thursday said that Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar would be the chief guest in this rally and he would also unveil a 23 feet tall statue of Maharana The MLA said that in the

rally, many demands related to

These will mainly focus on projects related to the health and education of the

Singh said that the Union Civil Aviation Minister had talked about setting up five heli hubs in the past and due to its proximity to Delhi-Mumbai Expressway and KMP Expressway, Sohna is the most suitable for setting up a heli hub. The demand in this regard will also be placed before the



Delhi's AQI on Thu recorded under 'moderate' category

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Attributing to increasing stubble burning incidents in the national Capital's neighborhood, SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research) said, "the effective fire counts were 1234 and its share 15 percent in polluting air as transport level winds were favorable for intrusion."

In its air quality forecast, it said the overall AQI on the National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI) is likely to degrade in next two days.

As Delhi's Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) stepped on city road to generate awareness among masses to follow 'Red Light On, Gaadi (Vehicle) Off' campaign to reduce vehicular pollution, the AQI in most busiest ITO intersection was recorded at 202.

According to pollution monitoring agencies, the total AQI is expected to worsen to the higher end of poor in the next three days. "If there is no rain in the following two days,



the share of stubble burning would likely grow," according to Particulate Matter (PM)

2.5 and PM 10 concentrations were 82 in the 'poor' category and 202 in the 'moderate' category, respectively. According to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), some sections of Delhi, including Chandni Chowk and Rohini, had 'bad' air quality, with AQI values of 230 and 232, respectively, while Lodhi Road had a 'moderate' AQI of 165.

SAFAR in its short-range air quality weather forecast said that Delhi's AQI recorded the moderate category. As per SAFAR methodology effective fire counts are 1234 and its share is 15 percent in Delhi's PM2.5 as transport level winds are favourable for intrusion. "However local winds are moderate that enhances dispersion of pollutants keeping AQI in moderate category. Share of fire emissions is

expected to increase in next two days. In presence of local dry weather and north-westerly wind local dust emission leads to increase of PM10. Additional dust input from desert areas via transport is very likely," it An AQI of 0-50 is regard-

ed as good, 51-100 satisfactory, 101-200 moderate, 201-300 poor, 301-400 very poor, and 401-500 severe.



Wreckage of the Indian Air Force Mirage 2000 lies in a field after the crash in Mankabagh village in Bhind district Madhya Pradesh on Thursday Pioneer Photo

Farmers open service road at Ghazipur border closed for 11 months



IANS NEW DELHI

 $F^{armers\ protesting\ on\ the}_{Ghazipur\ border\ at\ Delhi}$ for the last 11 months against the three farm laws enacted by the Centre last year, have started to open the service lane to ease the traffic. They said it is the police who have closed the road and not them. Farmers belonging to the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) on Thursday started removing the tents built on the service road to start the traffic move-

Farmers have claimed that

wrong information is being spread about them in the Supreme Court. "We had never closed the road, we wanted to go to Delhi. The police did not allow us to go across the border," the farmers said.

The farmers have removed the media centre on the Ghazipur border, while they have parked their vehicles near police barricade. Meanwhile, a meeting of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) is going on at the Singhu border, in which a decision can be taken to open the roads.

Police Commemoration Day

in commuting every day.

The Delhi Meerut

Tributes paid to bravehearts on

Expressway from Ghaziabad side to Delhi is completely closed due to the farmers' agitation for the last 11 months, due to which lakhs of people are facing problems

Earlier on Thursday, the Supreme Court reiterated that farmer groups have the right to protest, but they cannot keep roads blocked indefinitely. The top court sought a response from the SKM, an umbrella body of farmer unions, and other farmer unions on a petition filed by a Noida

Woman found dead in Noida flat

IANS ■ NOIDA

woman was allegedly mur-Adered by her distant relative in Noida, an official said on

According to the official, they had received an information on Wednesday evening about a woman found in a flat at Paramount Golf Villa soci-

"A forensic team also inspected the spot to find any clue about the murder," DCP Central Noida, Harish Chander

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the accused, identified as Arjun, was known 28-year-old

'The accused, who was the brother of the victim's sister-in-law, came in the absence of her parents and murdered her," the official said.

The police have arrested one person in connection with the case. However, the prime accused Arjun is still abscond-



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Clear weather for Delhi-NCR, minimum temperature may dip to 19 degree C

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

 $D_{\text{clear Thursday morning}}^{\text{elhi-NCR woke up to a}}$ with the maximum temperature being pegged at 32 degrees Celsius and minimum at 19 degrees celsius for the day, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) data.

The relative humidity at 8.30 a.m. was 82 per cent. The maximum tempera-

ture recorded on Wednesday was 31.2 degrees Celsius. Over the next six days, the

maximum temperature in the city is likely to be 31 degree celsius and, minimum may range between 18 to 20 degree celis-As for the air quality, it

deteriorated to 'poor' on Thursday after a day of 'good' AQI. According to the System of Air Quality and Weather

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Research (SAFAR), the air quality monitoring and forecasting system under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, the level of PM2.5 and PM 10 pollutants stood at 91 (moderate) and 171 (poor), respec-

tively.

SAFAR has attributed mixing layer height, local wind speed, ventilation factor, stubble burning impact, external dust intrusion for the air quality today. Delhi's AQI is in the poor category.

"Fire count is 746 and its share in PM2.5 is 12 per cent. Fire emission from upwind region enhances PM2.5 concentration as winds at transport level are from the northwest region. Stubble burning share is likely to increase in the next



overall AQI is likely to further degrade to the higher end of poor for the next three days," it

Overall AQI of Delhi at 9.00 a.m. stood at 201 with ITO, Pusa Institute, IIT-Delhi and Delhi University categorised under 'poor' and Noida and T3 under 'moderate'.

The rainfall this week had improved Delhi-NCR's AQI to 'good' on Monday and 'satisfactory' on Tuesday.

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Hailing the police forces, Rai said that whenever there is any security challenge before the nation, the police forces

 $M_{\rm Affairs\ Nityanand\ Rai\ on\ Thursday\ paid\ tributes\ to}^{\rm inister\ of\ State\ for\ Home}$

bravehearts at the National Police Memorial (NPM) here

on Police Commemoration Day, 2021. The senior officials

of the Central Armed Police

Forces (CAPF) and State police

forces also paid tributes at the

NPM on this occasion.

The Minister said that the security forces have also con-

have fought back with bravery

tributed a lot to reduce the impact of climate change by planting lakhs of trees. Speaking at the occasion, the Intelligence Bureau Director Arvind Kumar said

that a total of 377 policemen have sacrificed their lives in the line of the duty while 2,458 police and CAPF personnel fell prey to the Covid-19 pandemic. İn a message on this occasion, Prime Minister Modi

outstanding efforts made by the police forces in preserving law and order and assisting others. "I pay homage to all those police personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty," he said in a message.
"The Police forces are the

said that he acknowledged the

finest example of courage, patience and diligence. On Police Memorial Day, on behalf of the nation, I pay homage to all brave soldiers who made their supreme sacrifice to protect the nation's sovereignty"

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LAC tension has disturbed tranquility, says Shringla



Tension at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh has "seriously disturbed the peace and tranquility" in border areas and an impact on broader relationship too, Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla said on Thursday.

Underlining this issue, he also mentioned that External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said the ability of India and China to work together will determine the Asian century. For this to materialise, peace and tranquility in the border areas is a sine qua non.

He articulated that development of "our ties can only be based on mutuality-mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interests should guide

this process".

"We hope that the Chinese side will work with us to bring a satisfactory resolution to the current issues so as to make progress on our bilateral relations keeping in view each other's sensitivities, aspirations and interests," he added.

These developments also impacted the growing trade deficit between the two countries, Shringla said adding India has regularly raised its concerns at various platforms with

Making these observations while inaugurating a seminar on the topic of "Leveraging China's Economy," organised by the Gateway House, the Foreign Secretary, however, noted the total trade volume between the two countries was around US\$ 88 billion.



between India and China has

grown exponentially since the

turn of the century. However,

India's trade deficit concerns

are twofold—the first, is the

actual size of the deficit, he

months period stood at US\$

47 billion. This is the largest

trade deficit India has with any

country. Second, is the fact

that the imbalance has con-

tinuously been widening,

widening deficit and increase

in trade barriers are issues of

concern. These have been reg-

ularly flagged at the highest

level, most recently at the 2nd

Informal Summit between our

Prime Minister and the

Chinese President in Chennai

in 2019. We also remain firm

in our commitment of placing this trade relationship on a

more sustainable footing and

raising these issues at all

appropriate occasions with

including Covid-19 pandemic,

have not been helpful in efforts

to address these concerns.

Furthermore, the develop-

ments along the LAC in Eastern

Ladakh have seriously dis-

turbed the peace and tranquil-

ity in border areas. This has

obviously had an impact on the

broader relationship too,"

Developments since then,

the Chinese side," he said.

"We have highlighted that

Shringla said.

Trade deficit for the nine

In the first nine months of this year, bilateral trade touched US\$ 90 billion, an increase of 49% over last year. "At this rate, we are likely to attain the highest ever bilateral trade between two countries. The trade, however, remains unbalanced with a large trade balance in favour of China," he said.

Observing that with its GDP reaching USD 14.7 trillion in 2020, China's economy is the second largest in the world. Under the shadow of ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, China is the only major economy to have registered positive growth in 2020.

He said relations between the two countries generally followed a positive trajectory since 1988 when we reestablished contacts at the highest

The two countries were engaged in developing a broadbased bilateral relationship. The advancement of ties in this period was clearly predicated on ensuring that peace and tranquility were not disturbed. The areas of cooperation

were not limited to bilateral but also had regional and global dimensions. It was also recognised that relations between India and China were in the interest of not only our two countries but also in the interest of peace, stability and security in the region and world at large.

It was against this back-

IAF personnel now much better prepared, acclimatised to face harsh climate: Air Chief



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With most of its front line fighter jets deployed close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) from west to east for the past one and a half years after trouble erupted in Ladakh, the IAF personnel are now much better prepared and acclimatised to withstand harsh climate, IAF chief V R Chaudhari said here on Thursday.

He said after stand-offs began in May last year in eastern Ladakh, situation required acclimatisation of a large number of IAF personnel and stretching of equipment to limits. However, the force is "much better prepared" now in case there is a long haul", the IAF chief assured.

In an interaction at a defence conclave here, he also said in the last one year, due to the challenges faced in the harsh atmosphere of the region, "we have realised, where we fell short" whether it was in terms of adequate clothing, shelters for people to live there.

"The situation that developed in eastern Ladakh last year was something that we were not very familiar with, particularly in the kind of environment that we needed to operate. It required acclimatisation of a large number of personnel at short notice, required stretching our equipment to limits, which

The IAF chief said the force has moved equipment to altitude, well above the altitudes they were tried and test-ed for, "when we acquired those systems.

Following the escalation in tension in eastern Ladakh in mid-June last year, the IAF deployed almost all its frontline fighter jets like Sukhoi 30 MKI, Jaguar and Mirage 2000 aircraft as well as its attack helicopters in the key air bases in eastern Ladakh and else-

where along the LAC.
At the conclave, Chaudhari also shared other challenges faced by the air force in the region. There was also the challenge of continuously rotating the manpower, to take care of their health, he

"As a result, over the last one year, we have realised, where we fell short, whether it was in terms of adequate clothing, shelters for people to live there. So, we have overcome all those shortages now, and I think, we are better prepared, in case there is a long haul, we are prepared this winter, much better than what we were last year," he said.

EC asks parties not to hold any political activity directly related to bypoll in adjoining districts



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The Election Commission I (EC) on Thursday asked parties not to hold any political activity directly related to the by-polls in areas adjoining the poll-going districts or constituencies against the backdrop of "certain political parties" doing so.

In an advisory, the EC said its existing instructions, regarding enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct during byelections to parliamentary and Assembly seats, provide that the applicability of the poll code will be to the district concerned, comprising the poll-

going constituency.
"It has been brought to the notice of the commission that certain political parties/candidates are organising electioneering activities in the areas adjoining the district/constituency where the by-election is being conducted," the EC said. "In this regard all political parties/candidates are advised not to organise any political activities directly related to the by-elections even in the areas adjoining the district/constituency where the by-elections are being held," the

EC warned.

District election officers concerned will ensure that the model code instructions and Covid-19 guidelines relating to the norms of social distancing are followed in districts adjoining the poll-going district and constituency, it noted.

In a separate statement, the EC said that in case, the constituency is comprised in a state capital or metropolitan city or municipal corporation, then model code instructions would be applicable in the area of the constituency concerned only.

In all other cases, instructions will be enforced in the entire district covering the constituency going for by-election. "The spirit of these instructions has been that developmental and administrative works should continue without the implications of the model code and the campaigning for the by-election should be restricted in the constituency concerned only," the EC said.

There exists a situation that political activities akin to ongoing by-elections may be held outside the parliamentary or assembly seat but within the

Bypolls to three Lok Sabha seats and 30 Assembly constituencies spread across various States will be held on October 30

"Such activities will be in contravention to the spirit of the aforesaid instructions. Thus, it is further clarified that if any electioneering activities connected to ongoing by-election are organised anywhere within the district, then all instructions related to enforcement of the model code, Covid guidelines and expenditure monitoring shall apply as done in case of political activities. The district election officer concerned shall exercise all necessary action in such cases and ensure strict compliance," the EC said.

Bypolls to three Lok Sabha seats and 30 assembly constituencies spread across various states will be held on October 30. The counting of votes will take place on November 2.

'Konkan Shakti' naval drill signifies growing Indo-UK ties

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The maiden seven-day India-United Kingdom Tri-Service exercise "Konkan Shakti" commenced on Thursday to derive mutual tinuing co-operation between the two countries

The maritime component of the exercise, to be conducted off the west coast of India, is scheduled to be held in two phases. The harbour phase is planned at Mumbai from October 21 to 23, while at sea, the exercises will be conducted from October24 - 27, navy officials said here on Thursday.

The naval linkages between India and the United Kingdom are one of antiquity and, over a period, it has grown substantially in terms of interoperability and synergy.

Over decades now, both navies have undertaken bilateral exercises, exchanges and enhanced their technical cooperation. Rightly so, this has formed the basis for the maiden tri-service bilateral exercise, 'Konkan Shakti -21'.

Royal Navy (RN) will be represented by its aircraft carrier, HMS Queen Elizabeth, with her integral F-35 fighter



aircraft and helicopters, the Type 45 Daring Class airdefence destroyer HMS Defender, the Type 23 frigate HMS Richmond, a Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Fort Victoria, and a Royal Netherland Navy Frigate HNLMS Evertsen.

The Indian Navy (IN) will be represented by three of its indigenously built stealth guid-ed missile destroyers INS Kolkata, INS Kochi and INS Chennai, two stealth frigates, INS Talwar and INS Teg, and the tanker INS Aditya.

The IN will also be participating with integral Sea King 42-B, Kamov-31 and Chetak helicopters, MIG 29-K fighter aircraft, Dornier and P-8 I (maritime patrol aircraft) and a submarine. The exercise will also see participation by IAF aircraft that include Jaguars, SU-30 MKI fighters, AWACS, AEW&C and flight refueling

aircraft, they said. The exercise at sea will feature advanced warfare tactics, Anti-Submarine Warfare exercises, over-the-horizon targeting drills, Air Defence Exercise. Cross Deck landings and other

complex manoeuvers at sea. The joint phase of the exercise would also include air-tactical operations involving F-35s, MiG 29-Ks and Indian Air Force elements. To facilitate smooth execution of the exercise, the harbour phase will see planners of both navies, exchange of information by respective subject matter experts, and interaction of personnel participating in the

active interaction between

The land phase of the exercise is being conducted between the Indian Army and UK Army at Chaubatia, Uttrakhand from October 21-27 under the aegis of Golden Kev Division of Surva Command. The UK Army is being rep-

resented by officers and troops Fusilier Regiment and the Indian Army is represented by the troops of 1/11 Gorkha Rifles. The Joint Company Level Exercise between the two nations is aimed at training troops in conduct of humanitarian aid and disaster relief operations by coalition forces in an opposed environ-

The tri-service exercise aims to derive mutual benefits from each other's experiences and also showcase the continuing cooperation between the two countries. Maritime cooperation is a distinguishable symbol of the commitment of both nations in ensuring a positive climate at sea for enhancing strategic stability and promoting global economic prosperity. The interoperability achieved over the years, as a result of such exercises, has proved to be operationally beneficial to armed forces of both countries, they

Quarantine no more mandatory for CRPF officials on resuming duty

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

With almost all of its 3.25 lakh personnel fully vaccinated against Covid-19, the CRPF has done away with the mandatory quarantine, as per and reporting to various for-

Henceforth, the personnel will be allowed to join duty soon after returning from leave. On reporting for duty, such personnel will be required to undergo RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction) test only if they exhibit clinical symptoms and undertake isolation measures after the test reports are positive or as per medical advice.

The move comes after the status of Covid-19 in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was reviewed and it was observed that the number of patients hit by the deadly viral disease and positivity rate has significantly reduced.

The decision has also

come into effect from the date of issue of the order issued on Wednesday as almost all the personnel have been fully vaccinated, officials

"All the personnel reportthe Covid protocols in vogue ing from leave/duties would till now, for inbound personnel be allowed to join normal units/office. On reporting from leave/duty, if any one shows clinical symptoms, then RT-PCR test be conducted as per Medical Officer's advice and action for isolation, if needed, be taken accordingly," reads the order circulated to various formations of the

All Sectors/Composite Hospitals have been asked to take action accordingly.

"Further, as desired by Competent Authority, henceforth vaccination reports may be forwarded to the headquarters on every Thursday and Saturday instead of sending it on a daily basis," added the order.

As on Thursday, as many as 25,847 CRPF personnel have contracted Covid-19 and 25,646 patients have recovered from the disease. A total of 131 personnel have died due to Covid-19. Only 70 paramilitary personnel are currently active cases of Covid-19, including six personnel who contracted the coronavirus contagion in the last 24 hours.

nel of the paramilitary forces including the CRPF, Border Security Force (BSF), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and National Security Guard (NSG) were hit by Covid-19 since the outbreak of the disease early last year.

Out of the 87,684 personnel from the various paramilitary forces who were hit by Covid-19, as many as 87,098 patients have recovered and 344 succumbed to the disease. A total of 242 personnel of these Forces continue to be active with the infection, including 20 men who contracted the disease during the

Welcome back: SC tells advocates on resumption of physical hearing

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Supreme Court judges on Thursday said they are happy to see lawyers appearing before the court for physical

Justice DY Chandrachud told lawyers in the courtroom:

He said that it was not a pleasant experience to look into the screen every day in the backdrop of an empty court-

The top court had gone virtual since the beginning of the lockdown, to control the spread of Covid-19, in March

Similarly, many other judges expressed their happiness on resumption of physical hearing in a limited manner.

Scores of lawyers thronged to the top court to argue in their respective matter, and formed long queues to enter the court premises.

During court proceedings, Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said the court may ramp up physical hearings after the Diwali break.

The chief justice made this remark in response to senior advocates Rakesh Dwivedi and Ranjit Kumar, thanking him for resuming physical hearing of

Justice Ramana said: "After Diwali, we may start it on a larger scale."

The top court has resumed physical hearing of cases twice a week -- Wednesday and Thursday -- during non-miscellaneous days. It will continue to take matters virtually on Monday and Friday, and on Tuesday, advocates can choose either physical hearing or virtual hearing.

Senior lawyers on Wednesday had expressed a difference of opinion on the top court's decision to resume physical hearing two days a week. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who was supported by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, said lawyers should not be forced to appear physically, which was vehemently opposed by Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Vikas Singh.

Sibal told chief justice NV Ramana that physical presence of advocates must be made optional in the backdrop of the ongoing Covid pandemic.

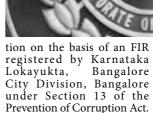
ED attaches ₹7.48 cr assets of retired chief engineer under PMLA erages, and meals on all domestic flights. The DGCA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth ₹7.48 crore belonging to retired Chief Engineer, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bangalore, SM Basavaraju under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

attached The movable/immovable properties include balance amounts lying in bank accounts, 3.41 kg gold and diamond jewellery along with immovable properties situated in various locations in Bangalore and Mysore which includes two residential sites, one com-

idential flats, the agency said. The ED had initiated money laundering investiga-



Lokayukta. Prevention of Corruption Act. 'As per the chargesheet filed by Karnataka Lokayukta

in 2018, Basavaraju had amassed beyond his known sources of mercial complex and six resincome and was in possession of disproportionate assets worth ₹4.45 crore in excess to

wealth

Money laundering investigation conducted by ED revealed that Basavaraju had amassed wealth beyond his legitimate sources of income and purchased various movable/immovable properties in his name or as benami properties, in the name of his family members including his mother-in-law,

his known sources of income,"

the ED said in a statement.

Vistara to start again hot inflight veg meals



Vistara airline has decided to resume hot vegetarian meals- masala uttapam, medu vada, idli with sambar, biryani with dal, jeera pulao, masala pao bhaji and noodles—in economy class of domestic

flights replacing the pre-pack-

aged snacks that were being

served since May last year due

"For instance, in Economy

Class, breakfast options include Masala Uttappam, Medu Vada, Idli with sambar etc.: lunch and dinner options include Vegetable Biryani with Dal Makhani, Jeera Pulao with Chana Masala, and more; Masala Pao with Bhaji, Hot Garlic Vegetables with



the statement said. In addition, the airline in a statement said the in-flight menu for all classes will be refreshed every three days and will include several options for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks that are customer favourites.

In August last year, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had permitted airlines to serve or sell pre-packed snacks, bevers. Along with this, the crew will have to wear a new set of gloves to serve any meal and In April during the second Covid-19 wave this year, it asked airlines to serve meals only on domestic flights with over two hours' journey.

had asked airline companies

to use disposable plates, cut-

lery and set-up plates, which will not be used again. Tea,

coffee and other beverages will

be served in disposable glass-

es, bottles, cans and contain-

The DGCA has recently released air traffic data according to which domestic aviation registered an annual growth of 20.54 percent during the January to September 2021 period. Passengers carried by domestic airlines during the period were 531.11

lakh as against 440.60 lakh

during the corresponding

period last year.

Didi to start campaign in Longest-ever counter-terror Goa, Tripura after Diwali

 ${\bf P}^{\rm ost}$ Diwali the Trinamool Congress will step up its campaign in Tripura and Goa, the two States from where the party is trying to oust the BJP.
To begin with Bengal Chief

Minister Mamata Banerjee will visit Goa on October 28, party sources said on Thursday. The Chief Minister will first go to North Bengal --- which has suffered massive devastation due to rain and flash floods --- on coming Sunday.

"Completing her three-day administrative visit of North Bengal she will fly off to Goa on the evening of October 28," sources said adding in Goa Banerjee will take part in a host of political programmes alongside former Goa Chief Minister Luizinho Faleiro who joined Trinámool Congress in Kolkata in

September. In Goa a number of other leaders are likely to join the Trinamool Congress in presence of the Bengal Chief Minister sources said adding Banerjee return to Kolkata on

including MPs like Derek O'Brien are busy doing the spade work in Goa along with our campaign partner Indian Political Action Committee or I-PAC led by poll strategist Prashant Kishore.

The Trinamool Congress has vowed to oust the BJP from power in the western state which will go to polls early next year. "We will give all our weight in Goa and we will fight alone. We will fight BJP head on," earlier TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee said.

O'Brien said "This is the right time for TMC in Goa because people want a proper alternative," adding the people of Goa had seen the Congress in 2017, the BJP which was currently in power.

Ápart from Goa the TMC is planning to go full blast in Tripura too where the party on Thursday staged a core committee meeting to discuss the future strategies.

"A meeting of the TMC steering committee was held in Tripura where the party discussed all the aspects regarding

TMC leader and MP said adding Thursday's meeting was attended by party Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev who recently left the Congress to join Trinamool and senior leader Subal Bhowmick

The TMC will contest the coming municipal elections in Tripura Dev said. "We will expose the BJP in the municipal elections by telling the people where they have failed besides telling the people of Tripura what Mamata Banerjee has done for Bengal and how new schemes have benefited the people of the State," Dev said adding the BJP had failed to keep its promise and the people wanted to throw them

"They have been attacking our senior leaders because they know that they are losing ground ... we will tell this story of political attacks to the people of Tripura," she said.

The TMC sources also said that Abhishek Banerjee will visit Tripura after Diwali to chalk out a road map for future political campaigns in the north-eastern State.

op still on in Poonch

n the longest ever counter terrorist operation going on in the Nar Khas forest area of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch since October 11 no fresh exchange of fire has been reported since Wednesday morning.
With the help of drone technology and

other technological tools the Indian Army is learnt to have established a tight cordon in the area from where they had recovered the dead bodies of the Indian soldiers after they sacrificed their lives in the firefight on October 14.

For the time being the Indian Army has adopted a 'wait and watch' strategy to prevent further loss of lives. So far 9 soldiers including two JCO's have sacrificed their lives during the search operations in the

Ground reports suggested the jawans of the Indian army including elite para commandos have been gradually closing in inside the thickly forested area before launching a final assault to neutralise the group of terrorists hiding in the area. Several locals, who may have provid-

ed shelter and ration supplies to these ter-

rorists, have been rounded up in the area to get a sense of the total number of terrorists present in the area. According to official sources, "a total number of nine locals including women have been picked up by the local police and other agencies to gather information about the formation of the terrorist group camp-



the operations in the area claimed there are chances that these terrorists may have carved out safe hideouts or used natural caves to dodge the security personnel.

Despite facing numerous challenges on ground zero the Indian army has searched the thickly forested area inch by inch and have not been able to track down the footprints of these terrorists.

Meanwhile, residents living in the area continue to face numerous hardships due to suspension of civilian traffic on the route between Bhimber Gali and Surankote. Alternate roads have been thrown open to facilitate the commuters but due to long routes and long traffic jams they avoid using the same route.

On the other hand, Indian army jawans Thursday recovered an IED in the forest area of Sawalkot on Ratanpir ridge in Poonch. The IED was later destroyed

Priyanka assures legal assistance, compensation to Agra victim's family

The Congress once again made a L big announcement on Thursday to help the kin of safai worker, Arun Valmiki, who died in police custody after it was suspected that he was behind the theft from the malkhana of a police station in Agra. Earlier, the Congress had sanc-

tioned ₹1 crore compensation each to the farmers and a journalist who were killed in the violence in Lakhimpur Kheri. Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who visited Agra on Wednesday night and met the family members of the victim, assured legal help to the family besides ₹30 lakh compensation to Arun's dependents. She met Arun's wife and mother and other relatives

The UP Government has already announced a compensation of ₹10 lakh and a Government job in Agra Nagar Nigam to one of the dependants of the victim.

"Arun Valmiki's relatives told me that the entire family was tortured. They claimed that Arun Valmiki was given electric shocks and his hands were crushed under a chair by the police. Besides, around 40 members of the Valmiki community were also arrested and

secretary told reporters.

"I have been working for the oast two years in Uttar Pradesh and I have seen that there is no justice for Dalits and women in this state. she said and added, "Is the law in this country only to save the sons of ministers? A Minister's son can do anything but, on the other hand, a poor family is harassed with no one to hear them.

Meanwhile, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Thursday claimed that the Yogi Adityanath government was planning to take action against some policewomen who had posed for a photograph with her.
"News is coming that Yogi ji got

so upset with this picture that he wants to take action against these policewomen," Priyanka Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi along with the picture which is said to have been clicked on Wednesday while she was on her way to Agra to meet the family of the Dalit sanitation worker who died in police "If it is a crime to take pictures

with me, then I should also be punished as it does not suit the government to spoil the career of these hardworking and loyal police-women," Priyanka added.

Fuel prices don't matter, 95% people don't need petrol: UP Minister

Lucknow: Dismissing criticism over the rising fuel prices, Uttar Pradesh Minister Upendra Tiwari on Thursday said 95 per cent people have no use for petrol.

Tiwari also argued that fuel prices had not really risen in real terms when the per capita income now is compared with that in 2014, referring to the year when a BJP-led government first came to power at

the Centre.
"Today, there are just a handful of people who travel in four-wheel vehicles and use petrol. At present, 95 per cent people don't need petrol,"

Tiwari told reporters in Jalaun. Higher fuel costs, however, impact virtually every citizen. For example, they lead to an increase in the price of all commodities -- including foodgrain, fruit and vegetables -that are transported from one part of the country to another.

The Minister's remark comes when petrol prices have crossed ₹100 per litre in most parts of the country, and diesel hovers close to that mark.

He claimed that the opposition doesn't have any real issue to attack the government. "You see the data before 2014. What is the per capita income after the formation of the Modi and the Yogi governments?" he said, referring to the BJP-led Governments at the and in

JD(S) is not a secular party: Siddaramaiah

ing in the area for a long time".

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Continuing his attack against the JD(S), ahead of the bypolls to two assembly seats in Karnataka, Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Thursday said the party led by former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda is "not secular". Hitting back, JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy said, his party doesn't require any certificate from Siddaramaiah on being secular, as he reminded him about his roots.

"JD(S) had formed a Government with BJP in the past (in 2006), they have joined hands with BJP in the Mysuru corporation, what strong ideology does the JD(S) have? How much ever they may try to appease minority or Muslim for votes, voters are clever," Siddaramaiah said.

Speaking to reporters here, the leader of opposition in the state assembly, accused the JD(S) of having "internal understanding" with the BJP, and that's the reason they have fielded minority community candidates in Hangal and Sindagi constituencies that are going for bypolls.
"Will JD(S) be secular despite having

formed a Government with the BJP?... I can only say that JD(S) is not a secular party, they are a regional party, but not secular. They have

SRK's residence to serve a

Secular in their party name, but they are not secular in their conduct or behavior, they are communal," he added.

Sharply reacting, Kumaraswamy said, "Should Siddaramaiah give certificates to my party as to whether it is secular or not? All communities are respected in our party. We don't want any sermons from him.

Pointing out that Siddaramaiah grew as a leader in JD(S) under Deve Gowda's leadership, he said, "9 senior Muslim leaders in the state are JD(S) and Deve Gowda's con-

Siddaramaiah had recently urged the voters from the minority community not to cast even a single vote to the JD(S) during the Hangal and Sindagi bypolls, as voting for the regional party, means voting for the BJP. The former Chief Minister had even

accused the JD(S) of deliberately fielding minority community candidates in both the constituencies to help the BJP. Bypolls will be held on October 30, while

counting of votes will take place on November

The by-elections have been necessitated as the seats fell vacant following the death of Sindagi JD(S) legislator M C Managuli and BJP's C M Udasi from Hangal.

Farmer shot dead in UP. cops detain son for questioning

PTI ■ BANDA (UP)

A⁴⁰-year-old farmer was allegedly shot dead in a village in Banda district of Uttar Pradesh, police said on The police have detained

the farmer's son for questioning after he repeatedly changed his statements during initial inquiry.

According to the police, Kamal Babu Chauhan was sleeping outside his house in Nandadev village in Jaspura area on Wednesday evening when he was shot dead.

Jaspura police station SHO Sunil Kumar Singh said Chauhan had gunshot injury on his left shoulder and chest and that a country-made pistol was found near his body.

UP Govt should reform its police system: Mayawati demand of the BSP," Mayawati

SANITATION WORKER'S CUSTODIAL DEATH

Lucknow: Taking strong exception to the death of a sanitation worker in police custody in Agra after a Kanpur businessman had recently died allegedly due to police thrashing, BSP president Mayawati on Thursday asked the Uttar Pradesh Government to bring necessary reforms in its police system. The former Chief Minister also said a BSP delegation will be visiting Agra later on Thursday and meet the family members and administrative officers in connection with the case.

"After the tragic murder of a businessman in a hotel by police in Gorakhpur, now the present BJP Government is again in the dock due to the death of a Dalit sweeper in police custody in

Therefore, the Government should bring necessary reforms in its police system. This is the said in a tweet in Hindi. She also said, "In connection

with the very sad incident of the death of a sweeper in police custody in Agra, a delegation led by Gayacharan Dinkar will go to Agra today to meet the victim's family and the administration for ensuring punishment to the accused and justice for the victim's family." Political parties on Wednesday condemned the death of a sanitation worker Arun, who was accused of stealing Rs 25 lakh from Jagdishpura police station in Agra, in police custody after his health deteriorated during interrogation.

An inspector, a sub-inspector and three constables, who were on duty at Jagdishpura police station when the accused died, were suspended after an uproar in the city over the incident. **PTI**

MID-SEA DRUG BUST CASE HC schedules Aryan's bail plea for Oct 26

NCB summons Ananya Pandey for questioning on WhatsApp chat with Aryan TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Thursday scheduled the bail application of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan in the mid-sea drug bust case for hearing for October 26, even as a team of a Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) paid a formal "visit" to SRK's residence "Mannat"

A day after a Special Court rejected the bail pleas of SRK's son and two others in the mid-sea drug bust case, Aryan's lawyer Satish Maneshinde mentioned the bail application made before the high court in front of Justice Nitin Sambre. The Judge posted Aryan's bail plea for hearing on Tuesday.

hours after the actor met his

son at the Arthur Road Jail.

In a day of multiple development, Maharashtra Minister and NCP's chief spokesperson Nawab Malik launched a fresh attack on NCB's western zone chief Sameer Wankhede, by demanding to know as to what the latter doing in Maldives and Dubai with his family during the Covid 19-triggered lockdown and accusing him of filing "fake" cases against Bollywood personalities. Malik also shared photos of Wankhede's family holidaying in Maldives when the entire Bollywood was also there.

Talking to media persons within hours after the Minister made fresh allegations against him, Wankhede denied Malik's allegations and threatened to proceed legally against the minister for his defamation.

Coming to Wankhede's defence, NCB's Deputy Director South-West Region Mutha Ashok Jain in a statement issued in the evening said among other things: "Shri. among other things: "Shri. Wankhede, IRS joined NCB on loan basis on 31.08.2020 and after this he has not submitted

leave to Dubai. .. As per the approval of Competent Authority vide NCB Order No. A50/2/2021-Acctss/146 dated 27.07.2021, the officer has availed Ex-India leave along

two weeks.

residence ostensibly to collect some documents and material in connection with the investigations into the sensational Meanwhile, the NCB sum-

for questioning and raided a location in Andheri, in connection with the ongoing investigations in the mid-sea drug bust case. Ananya's name has allgedly figured in some of Aryan's WhatsApp chats.

Ananya Panday is the daughter of Bollywood actor Chunky Panday and granddaughter of the renowned heart surgeon, the late Dr. Sharad Denying speculation in a section of the media that his

department officials had "raid-

actor's residence, NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede said in a statement: "The NCB Mumbai Zonal Unit officials visited 'Mannat' the residence of Aryan Khan in connection with the (Cr.94/21 case) for seeking certain material related to the investigation of the case from Shah Rukh

Khan, by following due procedure of notice, etc," NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede said in a statement. Official sources said that the NCB officials had visited

notice to the actor saying that if Aryan Khan possessed any any application for Ex-India other electronic device other than the mobile seized by them, the family should hand it over to them. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Minister Nawab Malik who has been seeking to "expose" the

with his family to Maldives". NCB and its zonal director In a related development, Sameer Wankhede ever since Shah Rukh Khan visited Arthur Aryan and others were arrest-Road Central Jail to meet his ed on October 3 in connection son Aryan. Aryan, who was with the mid-sea drug bust initially in the NCB's custody, case. Talking to media persons, Malik demanded to know what has been lodged at the Arthur Road Central jail for the past Wankhede was doing in Dubai and Maldives with his family during the pandemic lock-down. He sad that he would not keep quiet till Wankhede was put behind the bars for Hours later, the NCB officials visited SRK's "Mannat"

"concocting" drug cases against Bollywood personalities. Malik shared photos of Wankhede's family holidaying moned actress Ananya Panday in Maldives when the entire Bollywood was also there. They (BJP) have a puppet

in Wankhede. He is running a multi-thousand crore extortion racket on behalf of the BJP. He files bogus cases against people..Wankhede will lose his job within a year. I won't be silent till he is put behind the bars. We have evidence of bogus cases filed by him," Malik

> "It's very clear.."Vasuli' (extortion) took place in Maldives and Dubai... I am releasing those photos... What was he doing in Maldives and Dubai?. He must answer," Malik t

Malik went onto accuse Wankhede of colluding with "some BJP people" of threatening the film industry people "I am repeating... He keeps filing false cases and arresting people based on WhatsApp chats and without any evidence... I am going to reveal more on this," Malik said.

Among the photographs that Malik released were that of Wankhede's sister Jasmeen

Wankhede, ostensibly shot in Maldives with captions and tagging her friends, including Fletcher Patel who had called her the 'Lady Don'.

Upset by Malik's allegation, the Opposition MNS's film wing chief Ameya Khopkar warned the NCP leader "to keep off and stop dragging" his party colleague Jasmeen Wankhede) into his politics.

Hitting back at Malik, Jasmeen Wankhede wondered whether "Malik is a judge". She said she was accountable to her family or friends and that the NCP leader had no business to make public her private

On his part, Sameer Wankhede, who had earlier arrested Malik's son-in-law Sameer Khan in January 2021 in an alleged drugs case, said: "I fail to understand why the attacks on me, my sister, my retired father, my deceased mother, when I am merely doing my duty... The cases are sub-judice. I will give a fitting reply later."

Malik claimed that Wankhede had called him after the arrest of his son-in-law and quoted the latter having told that he was under pressure. "If he (Wankhede) is under pressure, he should come clean and tell us who is putting pressure

Malik alleged that the Centre posted Wankhede after the mysterious death of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput in June last, but the mystery continued if the actor committed suicide or it was a "But, thereafter, the NCB

has started playing its games with the film industry... Dozens of stars were summoned on WhatsApp conversations. Rhea Chakraborty was arrested for making payment of some ₹4,000 to someone," Malik said, as demanded an inquiry into the whatsApp records of Wankhede.

Sikkim sees record tourist footfall; CM urges people not to travel amid landslides

PTI ■ GANGTOK

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on Thursday urged the people not to travel in view of the landslides as the state registered a record tourist footfall during the Durga puja vacation.

Over 22,000 domestic tourists and 651 foreign travellers visited the state over the last week, Tourism Department officials said.

An average of 5,000 tourists are entering Sikkim daily at present, they said, adding that it would soon dou-

The surge was recorded after the Dtate Government withdrew all Covid-related restrictions and reopened its borders.

The Government took several measures to encourage tourism this festive season to make up for the financial hit it took last year. The two-month lockdown during the

peak season last year caused an estimated loss of ₹500-700 crore, offi-

Nearly a quarter of the State's population is dependent on tourism, which generates annual revenue of ₹4,000-5,000 crore, they said.

However, as landslides hit the state over the last three days, cutting road connectivity to several places, the chief minister urged people to

avoid travelling.

"In the past couple of days,
Sikkim has witnessed incessant rainfall, leading to landslides in several parts of the State, causing roadblocks at multiple spots. I am in constant touch with the line departments and closely monitoring the current situ-

ation," Tamang said. " I n order to avoid any untoward inci-dent, I appeal to all our citizens to refrain from travelling in these circumstances, and pray for their safety," he added.

BJP always engrossed in festival-like celebrations, even during calamity: Akhilesh

Lucknow: The BJP is always engrossed in "festival-like celebrations", even during a calamity like the coronavirus pandemic that has claimed several lives, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said on Thursday, as events were organised to mark the administering of 100-crore Covid doses in the country.

He also said the BJP only knows politics of lies and deceit, and alleged that it has done nothing for the people, who are facing problems due to inflation and corruption. "The BJP is a strange party. Whatever may be the calamity and even in deaths, the BJP is always engrossed in festival-like celebrations. It's a habit that even in a calamity, it finds the opportunity for cele-

brations," Yadav said in a statement issued here. The BJP celebrated record vaccinations. When people were dying due to the coronavirus, the BJP was

celebrating with beating of 'thalis' (plates)," he said.

The former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister said the Kushinagar international airport was his government's plan, "but the BJP itself has started celebrating it by taking credit for it".

Similarly, the Purvanchal Expressway was given by the Samajwadi Party government to the state, but the BJP has no problem in "celebrating" this too, he said.

The truth is that the BJP only knows the politics of lies and deceit. In its entire tenure in Uttar $\bar{\text{P}}\text{radesh}$ and at the Centre, it has not done anything in public



Police personnel pay tribute to martyrs on the occasion of Police Commemoration Day, in Bengaluru on Thursday

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Big talks

Countries vow humanitarian aid to Afghanistan but the Taliban fail to honour its promises

wo things happened at the Moscow meeting Russia hosted on Wednesday of representatives of India, Pakistan, China, Iran and five former Soviet Central Asian states. One, Russia, with its record in Afghanistan, had the cake and ate it too by setting the meeting's agenda and promoting its role as an influencer in the region. While China and Pakistan, the early birds to try and convince the world to back the Taliban, remained spectators, Russia took the initiative by declaring that nobody is interested in the "complete paralysis of an entire State". Russia is playing its cards well. Its foreign policy is pragmatic rather than alarmist. Its strategic interest is retaining its influential role in Central Asia and preventing anything untoward in Afghanistan that can destabilise the situation there. It is not really at risk from an immediate spillover of Islamist terrorism. It will not risk any armed engagement in or on account of Afghanistan. It

> does not wish others to drag it into the conflict either. And now it has led a bloc, including the Taliban and minus the United States, to voice a shared concern.

Two, the Taliban got the backing of the Moscow group for a donor conference by the United Nations to help Afghanistan survive a humanitarian catastrophe. It was in line with last week's G-20 economies' bid to resolve the humanitarian crisis even if that meant coordinating with the as yet unrecognised interim Taliban Government. These two meetings, between them represented by the world's dominant economies and influential actors in South and Central Asia, have

thus used the dire situation in Afghanistan as the reason to justify working with the Taliban notwithstanding the international community's objections to its terror links and regressive laws and non-inclusive Government. As long as the impoverished millions in that country get relief in terms of nutrition and medical care, that too formally supervised by the United Nations, not much role is left to play for the question of "recognition" of the Taliban's interim Government. It was in effect circumvented in the name of shielding the Afghans from going hungry. In return for the humane gesture by these countries, the Taliban gave them yet another rendition of its original rhetoric when it set up the interim Government that it will not allow Afghanistan's soil to be used by anyone to threaten the security of another country. It did not seem to matter at the Wednesday meeting that the Taliban again failed to commit itself to sever its links with terrorist groups sheltered in Afghanistan, did not say whether it was at all time-bound and whether its Government would be made inclusive and when. Rather, the Taliban would be even more relieved that the meeting put it on record that any practical engagement with Afghanistan will have to take into account the "new reality" of the Taliban being in power, irrespective of whether it is recognised or not.



The Parliament building illuminated to mark the 1 billion vaccination milestone

Hopes

As international pressure builds up and citizens unite, the Myanmar Military seems cornered

he political turmoil in Myanmar is nowhere near settling down. The army's stubborn stance has only worsened the chances of peace. Meanwhile, citizens' hardships are increasing as sanctions and economic paralysis are worsening the situation. The military coup of February 1, 2021, has united people like never before. Moreover, international pressure is also leading to some concessions from the other-



wise stubborn Military regime. This is one common ground the people of Myanmar have with one another. The Military Junta and the vested interests had worked hard to split Myanmar down the middle. The hate against Rohingyas was systematically spread to polarise people and that eventually led to violent clashes and subsequently the ethnic cleansing drive that led to the exodus of Rohingyas. The consolidation of the movement against the military regime has led to a better understanding among the Buddhist majority about the issues concerning the Rohingyas. It is now a national movement and people from all communi-

ties are up against the military regime and calling the bluff of the army and seeing through

the veneer of ethnic nationalism and political polarisation.

The most vocal and significant contribution towards initiating the democratic process has been made by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean), which has expressed disappointment, condemned the military regime and taken stern actions. At a recent meeting, the Asean Foreign Ministers criticised the Myanmar Army's reluctance to initiate democratic process and give peace a chance. Malaysia's Foreign Minister even warned Myanmar that it could be excluded from this month's summit of Asean leaders if it refuses to cooperate with the group's special envoy in resolving the crisis. Asean has maintained that Myanmar's Military has made no progress in implementing a Southeast Asian roadmap for peace despite assurances. The pressure from Asean seems to be working. Recently, Myanmar announced that it would release more than 5,000 political prisoners. The Military's failure to act on a five-point plan it had agreed to in April is being viewed as "backtracking". Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has also been vocal about the situation in Myanmar. Most of the refugees fleeing Myanmar are camped in Bangladesh. Earlier, Hasina had appealed to India to play an active role in resolving the Rohingya crisis but India has remained non-committal so far.

The police losing power to the BSF? BRIJENDER SINGHI



The Government has increased the jurisdiction of the BSF in border States to 50 km, which the Opposition parties haven't received well

he gazette notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) dated October 11, 2021 amending the schedule of an earlier notification of July 3, 2014 in terms of extending the Border Security Force (BSF) jurisdiction up to 50 kms inside the international borders in Punjab, West Bengal and Assam — has been criticised by the Opposition parties, especially by the Governments of Punjab and West Bengal, accusing the ruling party for interfering in the federal structure of the States by curtailing the rights of the State's police. The fresh notification outlines the BSF jurisdiction as "the whole of the area comprised in the States of Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Nagaland and Meghalaya and the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and so much of the area comprised within a belt of 50 kilometers in the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, West Bengal and Assam, running along the borders of India". At the same time, in the case of Gujarat, the Ministry has reduced the area of operation of BSF from 80 kms from the border to 50 kms. Earlier, the powers of BSF — which includes arrest, search and seizure were limited to 15 Km in the States mentioned above.

Brushing aside the criticism, the Government clarified that it was acting within its jurisdiction by executing the powers available under the Border Security Force Act of 1968. The Government sources claim that the objective of this move was to ensure operational efficiency and bring in uniformity. The MHA sources defend the move on the grounds that in the past, the jurisdiction of BSF differed from State to State and the officials faced problems in mounting action even when they had definite information about a crime in areas outside the jurisdiction of BSF. The vast areas of Assam, Punjab and West Bengal are situated on international borders and face threats from hostile neighbours. The situation has only worsened after the establishment of the Taliban rule in Afghanistan. The seizure of 3,000 kg of heroin which

came from Afghanistan in September, 2021, and the regular instances of insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir are cases in point. The increasing instances of drone-dropped weapons and drugs in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab were cited for bringing out this notification.

The States ruled by Opposition — Punjab and West Bengal — argue that law and order is a State subject and enhancing the jurisdiction of BSF infringes upon powers of the State Government. According to sources, the BSF is not authorised to take legal actions or file chargesheet in a case. Every arrested person or seized item by the BSF has to be handed over to the State police or Customs, as the case may be. The local police can take actions without the interference of the BSF, even in areas that fall under the BSF's jurisdiction. At times, when a crime is reported in areas away from the local police stations, the BSF has to take action till the police reach the spot. Hence, the role of the police and the BSF is to complement and supplement each other.

Now, the question is whether this notification would impact the jurisdiction of State police? The former



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Director General of BSF, Prakash Singh, commenting on this move said "The jurisdiction of the State police has neither been curtailed nor its power is reduced in any manner. It's just that the BSF will also be exercising the powers of search, seizure and arrest, in respect of only the Passport Act, 1967, the Passport (Entry into India) Act,1920 and the special sections of the Criminal Procedure Code. It is merely an enabling provision aimed at strengthening and complementing the efforts of the State police. The BSF would, in any case, be handing over the accused together with the seized contraband to the local police. The power to register the FIR and investigate the case remains with the police, he added.

However, it is interesting to note that both the ruling party and the Opposition stand exposed as far as their stand on this issue is concerned. The UPA Government — when in power in 2011 — had introduced a Bill in the Parliament to provide the BSF the power to search, seize and arrest in any part of the country where it was deployed. The bill was Panwar Group of Institutions, dropped because the then Opposition had opposed the

move. On the other hand, in 2012, Narender Modi, as the then Chief Minister of Gujarat, wrote to the then Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh, accusing the Centre of weakening the country's federal structure, calling the move an attempt to "create a State within a State". Now, the Narender Modi led Government is doing the same and the Opposition is in a protest mode. Evidently, the stands of politicians and political parties change as per their interest.

Undoubtedly, India is a federal State where police and law and order are the responsibility of the States. But, as stated by Sir Ivor Jennings, "India has a federation with a strong centralising tendency". In extraordinary situations, the will of the Central Government prevails and it may override the autonomy of the State when it comes to external threats. The best way to do it in a democratic country is to take the States in confidence and convince them of the need for taking the required action in the interest of the country.

(The writer is a senior journalist and Chairman, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WE NEED TO TALK, NOW!

Sir — Like so many issues relating to women's health in India, breast cancer, too, has not been a subject of discussion, largely on account of social taboos. Hence, breast cancer's mortality rates in India are higher especially in rural parts of the country. There is a significant share of breast cancer in women among all other cancers. Its cases have been rising at an alarming rate across the globe and is one of the most common cancers among women. Doctors (Oncologists) treating the cancer patients are of the view that 90 per cent of the patients can survive when breast cancer is detected at an early stage; hence nothing works better than an early detection.

We should spread awareness that it is important for women to do a self examination regularly and consult with a doctor if changes are noticed. Some of the common symptoms include painless lump in the breast or armpit, change in breast shape, dimpling in the breast skin, abnormal nipple discharge and nipple retraction or ulceration. As breast cancer typically has no symptoms when the tumor is small, it can most likely be treated. Therefore, if women start talking about it, they can be given an early treatment and be saved.

Ramesh G Jethwani | Bengaluru THE QUEEN SHOWS THE SPIRIT

Sir — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is reported to have politely refused the 'Oldie of the Year' title, an honour conferred upon people of advanced age by a British magazine, stating 'one is as old as one feels. This means that she is still young and does not feel old enough to accept the award. While it is said that age is a mere number, still it all depends upon one's mindset. Once the feeling of old age sets in, then one succumbs to such a thought process which ultimately takes a toll on him.

While one cannot defy the process of ageing, which is but natural, one can always surmount the feeling of having become old, by remaining active and

October is no longer the same



e month of October used to be known for a pleasant autumn, signalling the onset of winters. To our surprise, the last few days have witnessed incessant rains leading to flooding, landslides in several parts of India including Nainital. The fragility of the Himalayas and recurrences of floods, landslides and natural calamities points to the helplessness of humanity despite advances in meteorology and early warning systems. Of late, the frequency and intensity of such

keeping themselves busy with daily chores like walking, going through the dailies, indulging in discussions on various topics, spending time with the neighbours and, involving themselves with social activities.

VS Jayaraman | Chennai

MIGRANTS ALWAYS PAY THE PRICE Sir — It has been more than two years now since the country witnessed the sad exodus of migrant workers migrating from urban cities to their rural roots when the national lockdown and the pandemic was at its fury. The tough times continued till recently, before they returned to their respective works. This time, the nemesis is not any pathogen or lockdown, rather some terror groups. Migrants in Kashmir's several cities working on developmental projects, tunnels, highways and bridges, were targeted by the terrorists and relicalamities is alarming. That road construction, mining and quarrying, deforestation, construction of dams in high altitude areas expose the vulnerabilities of a fragile ecosystem and has been brought to light umpteen times by the expert committees like Gadgil Committee

Madhav Gadgil in 2011 had recommended that the 130,000 square km area covering Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu be declared an environmentally sensitive zone in order to regulate development activities. But, none of the five States agreed. And, after a decade, our neglect has resulted in our diminishing natural wealth both in terms of intrinsic value and losses in terms of man and material. Sadly, we have failed to hear the sane voices. No doubt development is necessary to keep the wheels of the economy moving, but it should not come at our peril. All eco-sensitive States which are a hotbed of biodiversity must coordinate to devise an action plan to deal with such calamities. It is time to act or perish.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

gious radicals ruthlessly.

The news report highlighted that such targeted attacks were to fix fears in the minds of non-Kashmiris. But such nefarious actions by a few anti-India people are taking the lives of innocent migrant workers. They are forced to put their life in danger, because they have to go to work to provide for their family. The point of the matter is that nobody is serious about fixing responsibility on this crucial matter. Migrant workers are still helpless, the Government is ensuring their rights in talks, but ground reality reflects a whole another picture. The Government must ensure a safety net for them that covers their food, employment, safety and welfare needs.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

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India has created history by crossing the 100 crore vaccination mark. It is a feeling of confidence





It has consistently been our view. We have stated our openness to having discussions with North Korea for months now.

White House press secretary — Jen Psaki

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For the first time, India to have a dialogue with the UAE and Israel on the same platform



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

xternal affairs minister S Jaishankar had his first high-level engagement with Israel's new Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. He also addressed a virtual conference of foreign ministers of India, the US, UAE and Israel — a body touted as the West Asia Quad sharing issues of common concern. This is a first from many perspectives. It is the first time India has chosen to engage on a joint platform with Israel and the Arab world. India has so far engaged with Israel on a whole lot of issues while shying away from making any direct comments on the relationship between Israel and the Arab world. Parallelly, India has been a key trade partner with the oil-rich Arab world, one of whose key members is the UAE. For the first time India has chosen to have a dialogue with these two strategically important nations on the same platform. The US has always played a key role in West Asia. However, it has always been dubbed as a shadow player pushing its own interests through various sovereign Governments in the region. Most of this changed last August when the US facilitated a historic regional cooperation dialogue called the Abraham Accord. The US government under new president Joe Biden carried forward from where Donald Trump left. This October, the US, Israel and UAE launched two working groups, the focus of which will be on water, energy, religious co-existence and tolerance. However,



to be in the same room with India would be a first step towards a longterm multilateral play for the US. The third most significant aspect of this meeting would be a complete reimagination of engagement and influencing opportunities for the US, Israel, India and UAE. These four countries have robust bilateral relationships amongst themselves and sometimes even trilateral engagements. However, the four strategic partners coming together and keeping China out of the equation is a vociferous call for identity as an important partner in the region for like-minded countries or groups to align. It sends a strong voice end to end, horizontally across the globe. Now comes the crucial aspect of deciding on the future agenda of this group of nations to engage meaningfully.

Those who have dubbed this group to be the second Quad of West Asia have talked about quickly summoning a head of Government level in-person meeting with a progressive agenda. On the table could be an assortment of committees drawn from the best in the four countries into sectors such as technology, cyber security, space explorations and mining, climate change, energy conservation, terrorism and security and cultural exchanges. The group, meanwhile, has announced the formation of an international forum on economic cooperation and a joint working group with focus on infrastructure projects, transport and technology. Some of these nations could also have trilateral trade agreements given the economic angle of the relationship. At this stage, putting a military partnership angle to this group would be premature given the sensibilities involved. In my view this group should also try to put a nomenclature to their partnership like, Indo-Abraham accord which has been suggested by some policy pundits. India has a strategic yet nimble role to play in the region, given the evolving scenario within its borders, in its immediate vicinity, and at multilateral platforms. West Asia will remain home to nearly eight million diaspora and the numbers will grow. The dependency on each other for items ranging from oil to oceans will multiply. The time calls for deeper engagements and India should try to lead from the front on multiple platforms.

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

Team India: Delivering on the vaccine promise



The journey from anxiety to assurance has taken place and our nation has emerged stronger, thanks to the world's largest vaccination drive

ndia completed the vaccination of 100 crore doses on October 21, 2021, just about nine months since starting the exercise. This has been a tremendous journey in deal-ing with COVID-19, especially when we recall how things stood in early 2020. Humanity was dealing with such a pandemic after 100 years and noone knew much about the virus. We remember how unpredictable the situation appeared then, as we were faced by an unknown and invisible enemy mutating

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It has been a truly 'bhagirath' effort involving multiple sections of society. To get a sense of the scale, assume that each vaccination took just two minutes for a health-care worker. At this rate, it took around 41 lakh man-days or approximately eleven thousand man-years of effort to reach this landmark.
For any effort to attain and sustain

speed and scale, the trust of all stakeholders is crucial. One of the reasons for the success of the campaign was the trust that people developed in the vaccine and the process followed, despite various efforts to create mistrust and panic.

There are some among us who only trust foreign brands, even for simple everyday necessities. However, when it came to something as crucial as the COVID-19 vaccine, the people of India unanimously trusted 'Made in India' vaccines. This is a significant paradigm shift.

India's vaccine drive is an example of what India can achieve if the citizens and the Government come together with a common goal in the spirit of 'Jan Bhagidari'. When India started its vaccination program, many people doubted the capabilities of 130 crore Indians. Some said India would take three to four years. Some others said people will not come forward to get vaccinated. Some said there will be gross mis-management and chaos in the vaccination process. Some even said that India will not be able to manage supply chains. However, just like the Janta Curfew and sub-sequent lockdowns, the people of India showed how spectacular the results can be if they are made trusted partners.

wnen everyone takes ownersnip nothing is impossible. Our healthcare workers traversed hills and crossed rivers across difficult geographies to vaccinate people. Our youth, social workers, healthcare workers, social and religious leaders, all deserve credit for the fact that India faces minimal vaccine hesitancy when compared to even developed nations.

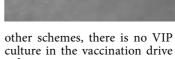
There was a lot of pressure from different interest groups to give preferential treatment to them in vaccination. But the Government ensured that, like our

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TO VACCINES

(The writer is the Prime

Minister of India.)



19 was rampaging across the world, it was clear to us that this pandemic will have to be eventually fought with the help of vaccines. We started preparing early. We constituted expert groups and started preparing a roadmap right from April 2020.

Till today, only a handful of

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In a nation where Governments used to be known as a roadblock impeding forward movement, our Government has instead been an accelerator and Government partnered with the vaccine makers right from day one and gave them support in the form of institutional assistance, scientific research, funding, as well as accelerated regulatory processes. All ministries of the Government came together to facilitate the vaccine makers and remove any bottlenecks as a result of our 'whole

of Government' approach.

In a country of the scale of India, it is not enough to just produce. The focus has to be on lastmile delivery and seamless logistics. To understand the challenges involved, imagine the journey taken by one vial of vaccines. From a plant in Pune or Hyderabad, the vial is sent to a hub in any of the States, from where it is transported to the district hub. From there, it reaches a vaccination centre. This entails the deployment of thousands of trips taken by flights and trains. During this entire journey, the temperature has to be maintained in a particular range that is centrally monitored. For this, over one lakh pieces of cold-chain equipment were utilised. States were given advance notice of the delivery schedule of the vaccines so that they could plan their drives better and vaccines reached them on the pre-decided days. This has been an unprecedented effort in the history of indepen-

All these efforts were complemented by a robust tech platform in CoWIN. It ensured that the

vaccine drive was equitable, scalable, trackable, and transparent. This ensured that there was no scope for favouritism or jumping the queue. It also ensured that a poor worker could take the first dose in his village and the second dose of the same vaccine in the city where he works, after the required time interval. In addition to a real-time dashboard to boost transparency, the QR-coded certificates ensured verifiability. There are hardly any examples of such efforts not only in India but also the world.

In my Independence Day Address in 2015, I had said that our country is moving ahead because of 'Team India' and this 'Team India' is a big team of our 130 crore people. People's participation is the biggest strength of democracy. If we run the country through the participation of 130 crore Indians, our country will be moving ahead 130 crore steps every moment. Our vaccination drive has yet again shown the power of this Team India. India's success in its vaccination drive has also demonstrated to the whole world that 'democracy can deliver'.

I am optimistic that the success achieved in the world's largest vaccination drive will further spur our youth, our innovators and all levels of the Government to set new benchmarks of public service delivery which will be a model not only for our country but also for



In early 2020, when COVID-

countries have developed their own vaccines. More than 180 countries are dependent on an extremely limited pool of producers and dozens of nations are still waiting for the supply of vaccines, even as India has crossed 100 crore doses! Imagine the situation if India did not have its own vaccine. How would have India secured enough vaccines for such a large population and how many years would that have taken? It is here that credit should be given to Indian scientists and entrepreneurs for rising to the occasion. work that India is truly Aatmanirbhar when it comes to turers, by scaling up to meet the demands of such a large population, have shown that they are sec-

enabler of progress. The

HOPEFUL OF A SEAT ARRANGEMENT WITH THE BJP IN THE 2022 PUNJAB POLLS IF THE FARMERS' PROTEST IS RESOLVED. — FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER **CAPT AMARINDER SINGH**



THE CAPTAIN HAS NO PROBLEM IN TYING UP WITH THE BJP, IT PROVES THAT THE DECISION OF REPLACING HIM WAS RIGHT.

— CONGRESS SPOKESPERSON **GOURAV VALLABH**

Sujok: A therapy seeking recognition

The Sujok therapy became popular in some parts of India among people suffering from chronic diseases after delivering promising results

always busy inventing new medicines and procedures for the rapidly proliferating new diseases across the world. However, a large number of diseases still elude modern medical science. The COVID-19 pandemic proved that to tackle this serious menace, apart from vaccination, we also need to study and explore alternative therapies like Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy with an open mind.

The allopathic standard procedures and protocols announced by AIIMS and ICMR have been changing. First, the anti-viral Remdesivir injection was touted as an effective option for treating severe COVID-19 cases but now it is off the list. Patients



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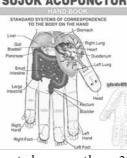
₹40,000 a dose. Allopathic doctors at the

bought this drug for as high as

same time pooh-poohed other claims of treatment by alternative therapies proposed by Ayurveda, Siddha and Homeopathy. It is a fact that Coronavirus was easily weathered by more than 85 per cent of population due to strong immunity; it is the balance 15 per cent that is at risk of complication and mortality. So, common sense demands that an immunity booster would help overcome the disease. It was successfully done by many Ayurvedic and homoeopathic formulations. The Yajurvid pharmacy, run by a young entrepreneur couple with modern methods of extraction of molecules for Ayurvedic

medicines have successfully

SUJOK ACUPUNCTURE



treated more than 200 COVID-19 patients in Jaipur. The objective of narrating

this is to exhort the government of India's health experts to open their mind to alternative medicines. There are several diseases which have no treatment in modern medical science. The writer through his organisations, has been monitoring such examples of alter-

therapy — which is doing well in India, especially in Nagpur belt of Maharashtra 'Sujok Therapy', an advance version of acupressure with several additional methods like use of colour, magnets and lentils. This drugless therapy was invented by a Korean Professor, the late Park Jae Woo, a few decades ago. It is a mixture of Acupuncture and other healing methods. Sujok is made of two words Su (Hand) and Jok (Feet). Sujok treatment is based on the principle that all parts of the body have a positional link in our palm and feet and it thus focuses only on treating the hands and feet. After successfully treating many chronic

native therapies. One such Park chose India to propagate his therapy and established Sujok Association of India in Nagpur. He groomed and and in Uttarakhand — is the trained a few physiotherapists and kept on visiting India to popularise this treatment. The therapy became popular in some parts of India among people suffering from chronic diseases liked axonal neuropathy and cerebral palsy, epilepsy, migraine, autism, spectrum disorder, etc. It is a painless procedure and is a natural therapy, is safe and is without any need for oral medicine. Besides being affordable, itgives quick relief.

The Sujok treatment is carried out by using small needles and magnets specially defined and made with expert precision to carry out spediseases in his country Prof cialised treatment in the hands provide continuous pressure

and feet. Sujok needles are made of steel suitable for medical use. The needles have spring-like handles and are perfectly shaped for painless insertion. The therapy also uses the energy in lentil seeds and colour therapy. One of the most effective ways to massage the points of the body where the treatment is needed is done by a diagnostic and therapeutic stick after identifying the points and then treating those points by massaging.

Magnets are the most important tools in the armoury of the Sujok healer. They are used to channelise the flow of energy in the identified body part. Yet another way of treatment is the application of elastic ring messenger as useful and hand way to

achieved success. Then what is the hitch in recognising the procedure after verification of the protocol? After all, it is a procedure without any medicine and is not injurious to health. It is the obduracy and superiority complex of mandarins of health infrastructure in India that prevent recognition of such new procedures. The Sujok Association in India has been trying for recognition of its procedures for a few incurable chronic diseases. In some states like Uttarakhand, the health experts agreed to recognize it after they saw the cured patients' details but insist on prior approval from the

government of India.

on the identified point.

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bral palsy, Sujok therapy has

(The author is chairman of Centre for Resource Management and Environment. The views expressed are personal.)

NATO weighs Afghan lessons in waging major ops abroad

Ministers are weighing Thursday what lessons to draw from the almost two-decadelong military mission in Afghanistan, including whether the world's biggest security organization should even undertake major operations outside Europe and North America.

Ahead of the meeting at the U.S.-led military alliance's headquarters in Brussels, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the way the organization's biggest-ever operation ended shows that the challenges of such endeavors should not be underestimated.

"It highlights the challenges and the risks to engage in big missions and operations outside NATO territory," Stoltenberg told reporters. At son cannot be that we will never engage.

"We should not draw the wrong conclusion on Afghanistan and think that NATO allies and NATO should never again engage in military operations to fight extremism. or terrorism," he said.

NATO took the lead on international security efforts in Afghanistan in 2003 but ended combat operations in 2014 to focus on training local security forces. It helped build up an Afghan army of some 300,000 troops, but that force withered in just days in August in the face of a Taliban offensive.

More than 100,000 people were evacuated from the Afghan capital Kabul during the frenzied final days of a U.S. airlift after President Joe Biden

leave. Thousands of Afghans remained, desperate to escape the uncertainty of Taliban rule.

Stoltenberg suggested that part of the problem for NATO might have been that its role became more demanding as the major international effort to rebuild Afghanistan developed, shifting the organization away from its original task of destroying the al-Qaida net-

"We started with a very limited, narrow, military mission, fighting terrorism, degrading al-Qaida, Stoltenberg said. But NATO then became "only one of many players or actors," including the EU and United Nations, in a broader "nation building effort," he said.

German Defense Minister

must be held accountable: US diplomat said it was important to learn "that purely military aims alone

an aggressor against India along the Himalayan border, a top American diplomat nominated by President Joe Biden as his next envoy to Beijing has told lawmakers, stating that the US must hold the Chinese government accountable for failing to play by the rules. Nicholas Burns told mem-

bers of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during his confirmation hearing on Wednesday that the US will challenge China where it must, including when Beijing takes actions that run counter to America's values and interests; threaten the security of the United States or its allies and partners; or undermine the rules-based international order.

"Beijing has been an aggressor against India along their Himalayan border; against Vietnam, the Philippines, and others in the South China Sea; against Japan in the East China Sea; and has launched an intimidation campaign against Australia and Lithuania," Burns said.

China claims sovereignty over all of the South

the Philippines, Brunei and Taiwan have counter claims.

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Beijing is engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea. It has built up and militarised many of the islands and reefs it controls in the region. Both areas are stated to be rich in minerals, oil and other natural resources and are also vital to global trade.-

Burns, who served as the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs from 2005 to 2008, said the "Chinese genocide in Xinjiang and abuses in Tibet, its smothering of Hong Kong's autonomy and freedoms, and its bullying of Taiwan are unjust, and must

Beijing's recent actions against Taiwan are especially objectionable and the US is right to continue to adhere to its one-China policy, he said. "We are also right to

support the peaceful resolution of disputes, and to oppose unilateral actions that undermine the status quo and stability in the Indo-Pacific," Burns, who mark US-India Civil Nuclean Agreement, told Americans lawmakers.

Taiwan considers itself a sovereign state - but China views the self-ruled island as a breakaway province. Beijing has not ruled out the possible use of force to achieve unification. Burns told lawmakers that the US will compete and compete vigorously with China where it should, including on jobs and the economy, critical infrastructure and emerging technologies.

The US will cooperate with China where it is in its interest, including on climate change, counter-narcotics, global health and non-proliferation, he told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

China, he said, seeks to become the most powerful military, economic, and political actor in the Indo-Pacific.

"We must stand with our allies and partners to uphold a free and open Indo-Pacific, including by maintaining America's commercial and military superiority in 21st century technologies.

TTP terrorists killed in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Pak Police

Peshawar: Three militants of the banned terror outfit, Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) have been gunned down in a police raid in Pakistan's restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, officials said on Thursday.

Based on intelligence, a counter-terrorism team of the police raided a compound in Shahpur area of Peshawar district on Wednesday night, they

The three terrorists were killed in an exchange of fire, while few others managed to escape, the police said. The killed included want-

ed militant Hizbullah, the other two are yet to be identified, police said. Search is on for the gun-

men who escaped during the raid, officials said.

In the last few months, there has been an uptick in terror activities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan

Pak FM Qureshi, ISI chief in Kabul for talks with Taliban

Islamabad: During the daylong visit, the Pakistani delegation will hold talks with Afghanistan's Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttagi and call on leadership of the interim government in Kabul and other Afghan leaders, according to Foreign Office.

Muttaqi welcomed the Pakistani delegation at the Kabul International Airport.

'The talks between the two sides will cover the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and focus on ways and means to deepen cooperation in diverse areas," the Foreign

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The Foreign Minister will also share Pakistan's perspective on issues of regional peace and stability, it said.

As a close fraternal neighbour, Pakistan has always stood by Afghanistan, keeping the border crossing points open for trade and pedestrian crossing under COVID protocols, it said.

Facilitative visa regime for Afghan nationals and border crossing procedures for trade and cargo have been instituted, while in recent months Pakistan has also provided humanitarian aid and assistance in the form of food stuffs

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The Foreign Minister's visit reflects Pakistan's consistent policy of supporting the brotherly Afghan people, deepening bilateral trade and economic relations, and facilitating closer people-to-people contacts, according to FO.

The visit is taking place after the recent meeting of officials from China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Russia in Moscow and ahead of an upcoming meeting of foreign ministers of neighbours of Afghanistan plus Russia in

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Vaishali Suhas Kulkarni

UK Police charges 25-yr-old man with lawmaker's murder

LONDON — A man has been charged with murder and preparing acts of terrorism in the stabbing of a U.K. lawmaker who was killed as he met with the public at a church hall last

are not sufficient" when the

ultimate goal is to foster

democracy and stabilize a country wracked by decades of

"If you are pursuing longer-term political aims with

this, possibly you need even

more patience than 20 years,

and above all ... you have to

describe the aims in very con-

crete and realistic terms

because otherwise you get what

we saw in Afghanistan -- that

we achieved our military aims

over 20 years but nation-build-

ing ultimately failed in the

long term," she told reporters.

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NATO's 30 deputy national

envoys, under the lead of

Assistant Secretary General for

Operations John Manza.

Manza was to submit his initial

findings in a report to the

ministers. A final report is due

to be debated by NATO foreign

ministers in December. \overrightarrow{AP}

The actual job of identify-

Authorities say a 25-yearold British man with Somali heritage, Ali Harbi Ali, has been charged in the death of David Amess. The case shook a nation accustomed to having face-to-face contact with its

"We will submit to the court that this murder has a terrorist connection, namely that it had both religious and ideological motivations," said Nick Price of the Crown

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that Mr. Pradeep Kumar is owner of Shop Bearing No. 642, having serial No. 565, area measuring 43 sq. yds., situated at Kishan Ganj Bazar, Palwal, Haryana (the said property) vide a registered Award dated 31.03.2021, registration No. 1680, All persons are hereby informed that above mostioned owner want to take a Loan against the

entioned owner want to take a Loan against the

said property from Fullerton India Credit compar

said property from Fullerton India Credit company Ltd. if anybody has any objection(s) upon the ownership of Mr. Pradeep Kumar in respect of the said property its sale /Mortgage/Litigation, and any kind of dispute, kindly inform the under-signed in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present. Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants). 200, Ilnd Floro, 23, Shiva) Mang, Meti Nager, No Johin LS Ph : 011-41112577-28 kumarassociates advocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large are hereby informed that below mentioned documents have been

misplaced / lost the following documents: Original Sale dated 04\03\2013 executed

Original Sale dated 04/03/2013 executed by Manmohan in favour of Mohd. Mustageem doc no. 811, Book No.1 VOL NO. 2124, in respect of DDA BUILT UP FREE HOLD JANTA FLAT BEARING NO. 173, ON 2ND FLOOR WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, IN POCKET-1, SITUATED AT MADIPUR PASCHIM PURI NEW DELHI.

MADIPUR PASCHIM PURI NEW DELHAL Accordingly, Police complaint has already been lodged dated 13/10/2021 in P.S.-Crime Branch Delhi, Vide LR. No.:819911/2021 and the same is under investigation. If any person has found/information / possession /knowledge of above said missing sale deed dated 04/03/2013 Doc 811 or has any calibrificabilities of any kind over the above

claim/right/title of any kind over the above said property, then submit /intimate within

7 days in writing to Vikas Shokeen, Advocate, AB-18, Mianwali Nagar, PO Sunder Vihar, Delhi - 110087. Thereafter any kind of claim will not be acceptable.

Prosecution Service.

"He has also been charged with the preparation of terrorist acts.

The death of Amess, a Conservative who had served in Parliament for almost 40 years and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2015, has shocked Britain's politicians, who pride themselves on being accessible to their constituents. It has prompted conversa-

tions at the highest levels about how the country protects its leaders and grapples with extremism at home. The slaying came five years

after Labour Party lawmaker Jo Cox was shot and stabbed to death by a far-right extremist.

LOST AND FOUND

I, Sneh Kochhar, w/o late Mr. Deepal

Kochhar, r/o M-119, Greater Kailash 1

New Delhi 110048, have misplaced/ lost

the original Sale Deed of M 119, Greater

Kailash 1, New Delhi, executed between

DLF Housing & Construction Private

Limited & Dr. Dashrath Ojha, duly

registered in the office of the Sub

Registrar, New Delhi on 22nd March

1965 as Document No. 1174 in Additiona

Book No.1 Volume No. 1281 on Pages

172 to 173. Finder contact 9810381629

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General

Public that I, Mrs. Harvinder

Kaur Juneja, W/o Late Mr. Kulwant Singh Juneja, R/o. D-

1/6, Upper Ground Floor, Rajouri

Garden, New Delhi - 110027

have disowned my son **Mr.**

Gagandeep Singh Juneja, and

he is not entitled to any of my

properties (moveable and

further state that I am not

responsible for any of his actions

and the general public may do

C. George Thomas

Advocate

D/1081/2012

mmoveable).

so at their own risk

Cox was the first British lawmaker to be killed since a peace accord ended large-scale Northern Ireland violence almost 30 years earlier.

Amess, 69, was a social conservative who opposed abortion, campaigned for animal rights and strongly supported Britain's exit from the European Union. Matt

Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner for Specialist Operations, said the force "will continue to build our case." He said detectives had analyzed computers, searched several London addresses and reviewed CCTV footage as part of the investigation. AP

Australia, UK

defend AUKUS

pact, say fears

Kuala Lumpur: Australia and

Britain on Thursday defended

their nuclear submarine deal

could escalate tensions in the

region and spark an arms race.

Forces James Heappey said

there "has been a lot of over-

nyping" of the pact known as

AUKUS. He said the UK and

the US have been sharing such

technologies for decades and

that Australia's decision to join

was merely to develop its own

Australia with nuclear reactors

to power its submarines but the

subs will not be nuclear-armed.

It drew mixed reactions in the

region, with Malaysia and

Indonesia expressing concern

it could escalate tensions in

hotspots such as the South

China Sea. China, which claims

most of the disputed sea,

slammed the pact and warned

it would threaten regional sta-

on every Tuesday, Saturday

The pact will provide

submarine capability.

UK Minister for Armed

overhyped

Death toll reaches 88 as rain lashes Nepal, triggers floods, landslides

Kathmandu: Thirty people have gone missing in the incidents so far, according to the latest data published by the ministry's Disaster Management Division.

Panchthar, a district in eastern Nepal, recorded the highest number of deaths at 27, followed by 13 each in Ilam and Doti districts. Fatalities were also reported from 15 other districts, including Kalikot, Baitadi, Dadeldhura, Bajhang, Humla, Solukhumbu, Pyuthan, Dhankuta, Morang, Sunsari and Udayapur. At least 88 people lost their lives in the recent incidents of flood, landslides and inundation that hit different parts of the country, following incessant rains over the past three days, health ministry officials said.

Eleven people were confirmed dead on Thursday morning. As many as 63 people died on Wednesday, while the death toll was 14 on Tuesday, they said.

The natural disaster hit 20 districts of Nepal. In Bajhang district, 21 people have gone missing. However, weather conditions have started improving from Thursday, the officials said. Home Minister Balkrishna Khand has directed the Nepal Police, Armed Police Force, National Investigation Department and Nepal Army to promptly rescue the foreign tourists stranded at Humla dis-

Ukraine hits all-time death record amid vaccine hesitancy

AP ■ KYIV, UKRAINE

Coronavirus infections and deaths in Ukraine surged to all-time highs Thursday amid a laggard pace of vaccination, with overall inoculations among the lowest in Europe. Ukrainian authorities reported 22,415 new confirmed infections and 546 deaths in the past 24 hours, the highest numbers since the start of the pandemic.

Biden's ambassador pick emphasises US strengths in countering China

Washington: US President Joe

Nicholas Burns, a former

foreign policy.

Biden's pick for ambassador to Beijing has told lawmakers considering his nomination that Americans should "have confidence in our strength when dealing with the rise of China, a nation he said the US and its allies could manage.

senior State Department official and diplomat with decades of experience in Washington and overseas, on Wednesday testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at a time when the Biden administration is trying to swing US focus overseas to managing competition with China. The post of China ambassador stands to be one of

the most important for US China's assertiveness mili-

tarily, diplomatically and economically in the region and beyond under its ambitious president, Xi Jinping, increasingly has given rise to warnings of a new Cold War. This includes hawkish talk of an arms race with warnings of China threatening to overtake the US in high tech, trade, mil-

itary technology and other arenas while challenging the US for world influence. In his testimony Wednesday, Burns had a calmer take, framing the US

Office of the Chief General Manager

Construction & Design Services,

(E/M), Nalkoop Wing, U.P. Jal Nigam

(Urban), 5/381, Viram Khand,

Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

relationship with China as manageable.

Government of Maharashtra

Public Works Division No 2, Gadchiroli E-Tender Notice No. 12 /2021-2022

Online percentage rate e-tenders in 'B-1' form are invited by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No 2, Gadchiroli for the following works from registered contractors in appropriate class of

completion (month's) 7 06 Months	IV (A) & Above	(Rs.) 5 1120/-
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06 Months		1120/-
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03 Months	A & Above	560/-
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d 03 Months	A & Above	560/-
	03 Months	03 Months A & Above

- All the Details of Tender are available on portal https://mahatenders.gov.ir Bidders should submit their bid online.
- Payment of Bills will be made as per availability of funds.
- due to any technical / software problems in website, will not be granted.
- Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032 Dt.28.04.2016, E-MB Recording and E-Payment will be implemented in due course. The above condition of E-MB Recording and E-Payment as per circular as above
- Contact Details Executive Engineer, Public Works Division No.2, Gadchiroli, Telephone No. 07132-233381 E-mail: gadchiroli2.ee@mahapwd.com

DGIPR/C2413/21-22

Bidders are advised not to wait for last day of submission of tenders. Extension for date of submission As per Government of Maharashtra, Public Works Department Čircular No.2016/CR-20/Bldg.-2,

will be applicable subject to completion of necessary training of concerned persons. For further clarification bidders should contact on 07132-233381

> **Executive Engineer,** Public Works Division No 2,

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड धमतरी (छ.ग.)

//ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा सूचना//

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ढेकेदारों से प्रपत्र– "ए" में प्रतिशत दर पर जल जीवन मिशन के रेटोफिटिंग / सिंगल विलेज नलजल प्रदाय योजनान्तर्गत निर्माण कार्यो हेत् निम्नलिखित आनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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	सिस्टम टेंडर क्र.		(रु. लाख में)
01	173 / 18.10.2021,85657	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम मोदे+रतावा+अरसीकन्हार+खालगढ़ SVS	198.29
02	174 / 18.10.2021,85660	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम बेलरबहरा+कसलोर+गोथली svs	174.69
03	175 / 18.10.2021,85661	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम मौहाबहरा+गैंदामर्री+पोडीडीह+बोड्रा svs	197.37
04	176 / 18.10.2021,85662	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम पोझागांव+मीषमपुरी+बिरनासिल्ली SVS	174.91
05	177 / 18.10.2021,85663	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम खम्हरिया svs	76.78
06	178 / 18.10.2021,85664	विकाराखंड नगरी के ग्राम संबलपुर+अमाली+लखनपुरी+ब्रम्हनगरीं svs	266.60
07	179 / 18.10.2021,85665	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम निर्राबेडा+गोरेगांव+सगतरा+टेंगना svs	205.28
80	180 / 18.10.2021,85666	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम नवागांव(स)+लिलांज+सांकरा कूप+गहनासियार+भीरागांव SVS	276.01
09	181 / 18.10.2021,85667	567 विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम टेनही+तुमरीबरा+दौड़पंडरीपानी+गताभरी+अर्जुनी+बासीन svs	
10	182 / 18.10.2021,85668	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम सिहावा Retrofitting	299.81
11	183 / 18.10.2021,85669	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम कसपुर Retrofitting	273.63
12	184 / 18.10.2021,85670	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम चिवरी+करगा+चटौद Retrofitting	245.15
13	185 / 18.10.2021,85671	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम कोर्रा+सिलौटी+भोथली+दर्रा Retrofitting	255.33
14	186 / 18.10.2021,85672	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राग तर्रागोंदी Retrofitting	5.63
15	187 / 18.10.2021,85673	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम सेगरा (बी) Retrofitting	123.95
16	188 / 18.10.2021,85674	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम भेण्ड्रा Retrofitting	67.21
17	189 / 18.10.2021,85675	विकासखंड नगरी के ग्राम खपरी (सी) Retrofitting	48.28
_ नो	ट :- उपरोक्त निर्मा	ण कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते धरोहर राशि की वि	स्तत गिविदा

विज्ञापित निविदा, दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल (https://eproc.cgstate,gov,in) से दिनांक-25.10.2021 से देखा जा सकता है एवं दिनांक 08.11.2021 सांय 5:30 बजे तक निविदा में भाग ली जा सकती है हस्ता/-

R.O. No- 64606/11

R.O. Date- 21/10/2021

कार्यपालन अभियंता

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड धमतरी (छ.ग)

SPECIAL TRAIN

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that to meet the demand of extra traffic, Railways have decided to run the following Special Train as under:-

06239/06240 Yesvantpur-Chandigarh-Yesvantpur Express Special (Bi-Weekly) Train No. 06239 Train No. 06240 **STATIONS** ARR. DEP. ARR. DEP.

13:55 **YESVANTPUR** 06:05 15:50 **CHANDIGARH** Days of Run: 06239 Ex. Yesvantpur from 03.11.2021 on every Wednesday, Saturday and 06240 Ex. Chandigarh from 06.06.202

Stoppage: Tumkur, Arsikere, Davangere, Hubballi, Dharwad Belagavi, Miraj Jn., Pune, Manmad, Bhusaval, Bhopal, Jhansi, Hazra Nizamuddin, New Delhi, Panipat & Ambala Cantt. Stations.

Accommodation: 1st AC, 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC, Sleeper and 2nd Seating For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations

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Letter No. 1363/Karya-3/(21)/20 Date.: 18-10-2021 E-Tender Notice Digitally signed e-bids are invited on ehalf of the Chaiman, U.P. Jal Nigam

(Urban) for execution of Works for annual Operation and Maintenance of water supply tube wells, rising mains, distribution mains up to different building including with pumping of different types of pumps as per requirement of site etc. complete in all respect at Government Institute of Medical Science, Greater From eligible, reputed and experienced bidder. Detailed E-bid

documents will be available for download from 23.10.2021 by 10:00 Hrs. onwards submission of e-bid till 29.10.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs. and opening of e-bid on 30/10/2021 at 15:00 Hrs. onwards. EMD required as per details given NIT & E-tender Cost is Rs 5000.00 + GST @ 18% for each tender. Details are also available on U.P. Govt. e-procurement portal http://etender.up.nic.in & UPJN website www.jn.upsdc.gov.in.

Economy to see 10.5% growth: Niti Aayog VC

Indian economy is expected to grow 10.5 per cent or more in the current fiscal, Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar said on Thursday.

Speaking at a virtual conference of PAFI India, he also said that modernisation of the retail sector is very much on the

"India Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for both manufacturing and services have shown a very smart uptick last month. This (Indian economy) will strengthen even further," he said.

"I expect Indian economy to grow 10.5 per cent or higher in FY 22," he noted.

The country's economy grew by a record 20.1 per cent in the April-June quarter, helped by a very weak base of last year and a sharp rebound in the manufacturing and services sectors in spite of the devastating second Covid

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lowered the growth projection for the current financial year to 9.5 per cent from 10.5 per cent estimated

 $M^{
m inister}$ of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev

Chandrasekhar on Thursday

said he hopes that the person-

al data protection law might be

in place in the next few months

and the Joint Parliamentary

Committee may place the Bill

during the upcoming session of

Court has held that privacy is

a fundamental right and the

government is committed to protecting the fundamental

"That is the property of the Joint Parliamentary Committee

and I hope in the next few

months it becomes a law. Once

DATE OF AUCTION : 26-10-2021

before participating in auction.

conditions of the agreement.

from the date of this publication.

Dated: October 22, 2021

other allotment done by the builder.

Date: 21-10-2021

AUCTION VENUE : THROUGH E-AUCTION

AUCTION ADDRESS : https://gold.matexnet.org/

rights of every citizen.

He said the Supreme

the Parliament.

Hope data protection

law is in place in next

few months: MoS IT

With recovery widening, Icra sees Q2 GDP at 7.7 pc

PTI ■ MUMBAI

With half of the 15 high-frequency indicators recovering to the pre-pandemic levels in the second quarter, the economy finally looks nearly out of the pandemic woods, helping the Q2 GDP print at 7.7 per cent, according to a report.

However, the September print was not as good as the quarter, indicating that the recovery remains uneven, it added. While continued base normalisation, emerging supply-side constraints and excess rainfall have damp-

earlier while the IMF has projected a growth of 9.5 per cent in 2021 and 8.5 per cent in the next year.

Replying to a question, Kumar said reasons for the slump in two-wheeler sales might be due to the transition

Forum curtain raiser event.

When asked when the Bill

Chandrasekhar said, "It is

is expected to be tabled in

not in my power. It is with JPC

and I hope they submit it

before the winter session."

REGD. OFFICE: ESAF Bhavan

Mannuthy, Thrissur- 680 651, Kerala.

TIME : 10 AM TO 4 PM

Authorized Signatory

For ICICI Bank Limite

Parliament,

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

ESAF Small Finance Bank and not redeemed by borrowers of branch/s listed below, inspite of

To register as bidder for the e-Auction with terms and conditions and full details of e-Auction

BRANCHES & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBERS

Customers who are interested to release the ornaments by paying total due amount, may do so

Bidders who wish to participate in auction shall produce their KYC documents. GST No. is

mandatory for registered firm/company. Bidders shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000 as EMD

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Builder Cancellation

This is to bring to your notice that SATISH KUMAR/ SUMAN DEVI

(borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number LBGUR00002978905 located at FLAT NO T5 316, 3RD FLOOR,

GRAND IVA, TOWER 5, SEC 103, GURGAON. The borrower/s has

failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and

The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated OCTOBER 11, 2021 informing that JMK HOLDINGS PVT. LTD. has

cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are

Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of th

said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for an

therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 3rd Floor, Plot.

repeated reminders and notices, will be auctioned as per details given below:

NEW DELHI-MAYUR VIHAR: 63210000455128, 63210000483814.

on or before (2 Days before date of auction) at the respective branches

PICICI Bank | Branch Office: IOIOI Balls Etd., 5.61. S. No. 23, Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

NEW DELHI-ROHINI: 63210000420764, 63210000464551.

ened the year-on perfor-mance of most of the 15 second wave has abated, with bettering their pre-pandemic performance, relative to Q1, Icra Rating chief economist Aditi Nayar said in a note on Thursday. The annualised performance of 14 of the 15 high-frequency indicators, except non-food bank credit, have worsened in

better market access".

₹ ends almost flat at 74.87 vs \$

that law is in place and a data protection authority is in place, amid a bearish trend in domesan important architecture - the tic equities and a strong greengovernance architecture - will fall in place," Chandrasekhar He was responding to a query on the Personal Data firm crude prices in the inter-Protection Bill on the sidelines of India Internet Governance He said the data protection at 74.86 against the greenback, law establishes the rule of the internet for data intermediaries. to 74.89 during the session.

PTI | input costs.

four days of fuel stocks on Oct 25 PTI ■ NEW DELHI CEA monitors the coal stock situation of 135 thermal Coal shortage at thermal power plants is lingering power plants with cumulative generation capacity of over on, with 59 non-pit head projects having the dry fuel stocks

As per the data, the number of power plants with zero days of coal has come down to 15 as on Wednesday with cumulative installed generation capacity of 16,280 MW compared to 17 projects with 17,050 MW capacity a week

Coal shortage: 59 thermal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

cial data.

for less than four days as on Wednesday, according to offi-

jects having less than four days

of coal (supercritical stock)

stood at 61 on October 19, the

latest data from the Central

Electricity Authority (CEA)

showed. The count of the plants

having supercritical stocks was

that the coal shortage situation

at 64 on October 13.

is improving slowly.

Sensex

extends

third day

PTI ■ MUMBAI

losses into

ASIAN PAINTS TUMBLES

AFTER Q2 SHOW

Equity benchmarks buckled Lunder selling pressure for the third session on the trot on Thursday as lacklustre corpo-

rate results, negative global

cues and concerns over

stretched valuations triggered

The 30-share BSE Sensex

an unwinding of risky bets.

slumped 336.46 points or 0.55

per cent to finish at 60,923.50

after slipping below the 60,500-

level intra-day. Similarly, the NSE Nifty declined 88.50

points or 0.48 per cent to

18,178.10.Asian Paints was the

top loser in the Sensex pack

tanking 5.21 per cent, after the

company reported a 29 per cent

decline in consolidated net

profit to ₹605.17 crore for the

September quarter on account

of higher expenses, especially

The number of such pro-

power plants have less than

The number of plants with one day of coal stocks came down to 21 with 25,810 MW capacity as on October 20 The latest figures indicate as against 27 projects with 36,140 MW capacity as on October 13.

Subscription to **BRIEFS** sovereign gold bond to open

The next tranche of Sovereign Gold Bonds 2021-22 will be open for subscription for five days from October 25, the Finance Ministry said in a statement on Thursday. The bonds under the 2021-22 series will be issued in four tranches during October 2021-March 2022, taking the total to 10. Under the series, bonds were issued in six tranches from May 2021 to September 2021. The subscription period for 2021-22 Series-VII will be October 25-October 29, and bonds will be issued on November 2, the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

Noida: After successfully indigenizing and delivering the first lot of Corsets for Air Launched BrahMos Cruise Missile, Combustion Research Associates (CRA) recently successfully qualified the Transportation and Storage Corset for the Land Launched Version of

BrahMos Missile. This significant development bolsters the Make-in-India movement and exemplifies the role of MSMEs in showcasing India's engineering and manufacturing capabilities on a global stage. Development of Corsets required significant engineering, indigenization and vendor

TRACTION FOR INVESTMENT IN RAJASTHAN: **ASHUTOSH PEDNEKAR**

TATA MOTORS LAUNCHES GRAHAK SAMVAAD New Delhi: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehic

manufacturer, will celebrate 'National Customer Care Day' on 23rd

October to commemorate the day when the first truck was rolled out

from Tata Motors Jamshedpur plant in 1954. The company will also launch its annual customer-engagement program, the Grahak

Samvaad, from 20th to 28th October 2021. The program aims to

product offerings. Executives from Tata Motors will interact with

educate the customers about the company's innovative service and

customers to collect feedback and understand their expectations, key

pain points and suggestions to further streamline its aftersales service

and improve its product offerings for a hassle-free driving experience.

CRA QUALIFIES INDIGENOUSLY DEVELOPED WEAPON CORSET FOR LAND LAUNCHED VERSION OF BRAHMOS MISSILE

PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter organised "Rajasthan Calling - A Webinan cum Business Meet on investment opportunities" on 21th October 2021 in association with RIICO & Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Rajasthan. Pradeep Multani, President PHDCCI in his address observed that there is tremendous need for huge investment across the sectors in order to achieve the clarion call of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for taking Indian economy to 5 trillion level. This would call for a robust policy framework and conducive eco system for attracting investment from India and Abroad. Rajasthan has emerged as one of the preferred investment destinations owing to the very proactive and aggressive approach of State Government through its robust investor friendly policy framework, a high rank in Ease of Doing Business and implementation of many prestigious projects i.e. DMIC, DFC, PCPIR, Natural Gas Grid etc., Shri Multani added

CORRIGENDUM

This is with reference to a news item titled "Union Min unveils blueprint of the National Digital Livestock Mission" which appeared in

The Pioneer on October 8, 2021. In the first paragraph of the story, the name of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Chairman was mentioned as Varsha Joshi, which is incorrect. The NDDB Chairman is Meenesh Shah. Error is regretted.

AXIS BANK

Retail Asset Centre: Axis Bank Ltd. Himalaya House, K. G Marg Connaught Place Delhi, Axis Bank Ltd. BF-1A,2.3, 1st Floor, Aditya City Centre at A-356, First Floor, Meera Bagh, New Delhi, Retail Asset Centre at K-10, 2nd floor, Sector-18, Noida, Also at: Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, Heser, Sector-128, Noida Expressway, Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301, Corporate Office: 'Axis House', Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Worfi, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006

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POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

he undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower(s) (O-Borrower(s) VG-Borrower(s) VG-Bo The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is ereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) and the public in genera hat the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-

The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Ltd.

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The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of subsection (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Property

1. Date of Demand Notice

Mr. Abhay Kumar S/O Shri Naresh Singh Residential Flat/Dwelling Unit

E-906, 9th Floor Dewberry Tower, Greenarch Plot No.-10a, Sector-Techzone IV Greater Noida-201306, U.P. Consisting of E3 Bed Rooms, +1 Iso At: Abhay Kumar S/O Shri Nares Singh Operational Lead Tech Mahindra Kitich Ltd A-20, Sector-60 Noida-201301, U.P (S), H Mrs. Kirti Raj W/O Mr. Abhay Kumar

C-115, 1st Floor, Sector-51
Gutam Budgh Nagar Noida-201301, U.P
Also At: Mrs. Kirti Raj W/O Mr. Abhay
With Right To Use One Covered Cumar E-906, 9th Floor Dewberry Tower, Greenarch Plot No.-10a, Sector echzone IV Greater Noida-201306, U.F.

en + 2 Toilets And Balco (S), Having A Total Super Area Approximate 1160 Sq. Ft. (107.77

19-April-2021

(Rupees Forty

. 29-June-2021

Rs. 28.27.322/-

Eight Lakh Twent

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One Hundred Fifty

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Hundred Five Only)

Car Parking Space In The "Greenarch", Built On Plot No.Gh-10a, Situated At Sector Techzone-Iv, Greator Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. Unidentified Lease Hold Rights In The Portion On The Said Land Consisting of Sevral Blocks

consisting of several Blocks

Residential Flat No. 703, on 7th

Comprising The Complex, In Proportion of The Super Area Of The Said Flat/Dwelling Unit. Mr. Amit Kumar Rai S/O Sh. Residential Flat/ Dwelling Unit amashisha Rai 3/513. First Floor. bearing No. 238/GC-12 on the 2 Two toilets. One Store and Three

asundhara. Ghaziabad. U.P-201012 Floor in Tower No. "E" consis Also At: Mr. Amit Kumar Rai Village & Post Katura, Gauri Bazar, Deoria, U.P. cum Dining Room, One Kitcher 274202 Also At: Mr. Amit Kumar Rai ricsson India Global Services Pvt. Ltd. balconies, having a total super Knowledge Boulevard, Tower-B, 4th area measuring 1055 Sq. Ft. in Floor, Plot A-84, Sector-62, Noida, U.P- the "GC-12/12th AVENUE" situated at Plot No. GH-03 Sector-16C, Greater Noida Also At: Mr. Amit Kumar Rai Flat No. 238, Block-E, 12th Avenue, District Gautam Budh Naga

Gaur City-2, Gh-03, Sector-16C, Greater (U.P.), along with undivided, Noida, U.P-201301 impartibly, unidentified lease-hold 2. Mrs. Neeta Rai W/O Sh. Amit Kumar rights in the portion of the said

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. Mr. Sumit S/O Mr. Charanji Lal R/O 3291, Gali No. 28, Beadon Pura, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 Feet 78.97 Square Meter, Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005

Also At: Mr. Sumit S/O Mr. Charanji Lal

consisting two Sndhar Insurance Broker Pvt. Ltd. A-125, accommodation in the said Sector-63, Noida, U.P-201301 building known as "Supertech-Also At: Mr. Sumit S/O Mr. Charanji Lal Livingston" Tower E, built on GH

Flat No. 703, 7th Floor, Supertech- Plot No. 6, in the Township vingston, Tower E, Crossing Republik, known as "Crossing Republik haziabad U.P-201016 situated at Village Dundhara

2. Mr. Charanji Lal S/O Sh. Badri Prasad Ghaziabad (U.P). R/O 3291, Gali No. 28, Beadon Pura,Karol Bagh, Delhi-110005 Also At: Mr. Charanji Lal S/O Sh. Badri Prasad Flat No. 703, 7th Floor, Supertech Tower E, Crossing Republik haziabad U.P- 201016

Mr. Virendra Singh, Sh. Hira Singh, All That Piece And Parcel Flat/ R/O-C-1/278 Sector-55, Gb Nagar, Near Dwelling Unit Bearing No-1003 Mother Dairy Noida Up-201301. **Also At:** As Per Sanction Plan 11 Floor Mr.Vrendra Singh, Sh. Hira Singh, R/O- (10 Floor As Per The Sales Plan) A-37 Sector-64, Noida Uttar Pradesh Tower No A-1admeasuring 201301 India Also At: Mr.Virendra Approximated 925 Sqft (85.93

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Singh, Shahira Singh, F-1,278 Sf Sector Sqntr) Super Build Up Area In -3, Near Jain Tempale, Ghaziabd UP The Said Supertech Eco Village -Sitauited At Plot No-Gh 06 Sector

Mrs. Jeeba, W/O- Mr. Virendra Singh, 16 B Greater Noida Pradesh. Mother Dairy Noida Up-201301 Also At: Boundaries As Per Title Deed

Mrs.Jeeba, W/O Mr. Virendra Singh, R/O- F-111,278 Sf Sector 3, Near Jain West: As Per Sale Deed North: As Per Sale Deed South: As Per Sale Deed

The above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) are hereby given a 3t lays' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' from

ne date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interes nt) Rules 2002

Date: 22-10-2021 **Authorized Officer**

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely Beena Singh, W/o Ravi Singh, R/o Sunar Wali Gali, Old Seemapuri, Delhi, Age: 24 years, Height: 4'6", Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Identification mark: Old cut mark on her forehead. Wearing: Yellow Colour Frock Suit and Chappa in her feet has been missing from her home since 27.09.2021. In this regard a DD No. 141A, dated 30.09.2021 has been registered at P.S. Seemapuri, **Delhi**

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641 Fax: 011-24368639 DP/601/SHD/2021

please inform undersigned.

SHO P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi Ph.: 011-22599395, 7065036030

high-frequency indicators in September, the economic recovery has widened in Q2 as the crisis wrought by the a larger number of sectors

September compared to

from internal combustion engine scooters and bikes to electric bikes and scooters.

Noting that exports create jobs, he said, "we need to double our share of global trade.. And for that we might need

 ${\bf Mumbai:} The \ rupee \ settled \ just$ 1 paisa higher at 74.87 against the US dollar on Thursday back overseas.Forex traders said foreign fund outflows, strengthening of the dollar and national market restricted the appreciation bias in the local currency. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened and moved in a range of 74.69

MODI RUBBER LIMITED

CIN: L25199UP1971PLC003392, Registered Office: Modinagar - 201204: Dist. Ghaziabad. (U.P.) Corporate Office: 4-7C, DDA Shopping Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110025; Website: www.modirubberlimited.com Email: investors@modigroup.net; Phone: +91-11-47107398

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Company is processing for issuance of duplicate Share Certificates in pursuance of intimation about the loss of shares certificates having the following particulars:-

S.	Name of the	Folio	No. of	Certificate	Distinctive
No.	Shareholders	No.	Shares	No.	No.
1.	ADITI MODI	A004937	50	20642	3473051-3100
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			50	50611	6501757-6501806
			50	55277	7496064-7496113
			50	69472	5163901-5163950
			50	78353	6274152-6274201
			100	85611-12	4856101-4856200
			50	99147	8271551-8271600
			50	100688	5538751-5538800

Public is cautioned against purchasing or otherwise dealing with the above mentioned share certificates. A Duplicate thereof will be issued to the shareholders, unless any objection is received by the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

For Modi Rubber Limited

(S K Bainai) Place: New Delhi Date : 21.10.2021 **Head-Legal & Company Secretary**

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I DELHI 4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001 Bank of India (Applicant) Versus O.A.No.

To (D-1) Mr. Abbas Ansari S/o Sh. Kashim Ansari, D-30, 3rd Floo Front Side, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Delhi -110025 D-2) Mrs. Noorjahan Khatoon W/o Mr. Abbas Ansari

Abbas Ansari and Ors. (Defendants)

D-30, 3rd Floor Front Side, Shaheen Bagh, Jamia Nagar, Delhi -110025 (D-3) (i) M/s. Rudra Buildwell Homes Pvt. Ltd. Through it's

Directors having it's registered office address: D-53, Okhla Phase -1, New Delhi 110020 (ii) M/s. Rudra Buildwell Homes Pvt. Ltd. Through it's Directors

having it's administrative office address: A-66, Sector - 63, Noida, Uttar Pradesh - 201301 (iii) M/s. Rudra Buildwell Homes Pvt. Ltd. Through it's Directors

having it's project office address: Rudra Aquacasa, Plot No. GH-05A, Sector - 16, Greater Noida (West) - 201303 (U.P.) Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery

of Rs. 37,03,660.68 (Rupees thirty seven lakh three thousand six hundred sixty and sixty eight paisa only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before the Ld. Asst. Registrar on 04.12.2021 at 10:30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.etribunal.gov.in Phone Number: 011-23748473) Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up

through Video Conferencing and for that purpose :- (1) All the advocates/litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application/software; (2) Meeting ID and password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-1/and recovery officer-2 shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT official portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the public notice head. (3) In any exigency qua that, the advocates/litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 29th day of September, 2021 By order of the Tribunal Asst. Registrar, DRT-1, New Delhi

Respondent may contact under mention phone number for further enquiry. : Mr. Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar, DRT-1, New Delhi Phone No. 011-23748473 E mail : drt1delhi-dfs@nic.in Fax: 24368639.

India smartphone market falls 5% in Q3, Xiaomi maintains lead: Report

IANS I NEW DELHI

As smartphone vendors struggled with supply issues for low-end mobile handsets, the shipments in India fell 5 per cent (on-year) in the third quarter (Q3) this year, a new report showed on

Thursday.
In Q3 2021 (July-September period), 47.5 million units were shipped and the market was one again led by Xiaomi at 24 per cent share (down 2 per cent from the year-

ago quarter), followed by Samsung at 19 per cent (down 1 per cent from the year-ago period) and Vivo at 17 per cent (also down 1 per cent), according to data by market research firm Canalys. The third quarter makes

for a tough year-on-year compare, due to pent-up demand last year. Shipments in Q3 2021 were 47 per cent higher than in Q2 2021, as consumer demand bounced back rapidly owing to the suppression of Covid-19 wave.

MUNICIPAL BOARD, NATHDWARA DIST.- RAJSAMAND **Notice Inviting Bid**

Bids for different works Nit No. 32/2021-22 of Municipal Board Nathdwara are invited from interested bidders upto date 24-11-2021 on 18:00 Hours. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in

http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state govt. UBN No. – DLB2122WSRC17160, DLB2122WSOB17161

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Avdesh S/o Sh. Jai Ram, R/o: Monu Yadav ka Makan, Old Delhi Gurgaon Raod, VPO Kapashera, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 508/2018 dated 12.10.2018 U/s 12, 9, 55 Gambling Act has been registered at P.S. Kapashera, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Avdesh cannot be found and whereas i has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Avdesh has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Avdesh accused of FIR No. 508/2018 dated 12.10.2018 U/s 12, 9, 55 Gambling Act has been registered at P.S. Kapashera, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.11.2021. By Order Apoorva Rana

Metropolitan Magistrate

DP/888/SW/2021

Court Room No. 316 Dwarka Courts, New Delhi PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS (See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that 1. Rahul, S/o Raghubir, 2. Vinod S/o Nathu Ram R/o H.No. T-521. Gali No. 15, Neem wala chowk, Nabi Karim, Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 282/2021, u/s 392/397/34 IPC, P.S. Gandhi Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused 1. Rahul, 2. Vinod cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused 1. Rahul, 2. Vinod have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused 1. Rahul, 2. Vinod FIR No. 282/2021, u/s 392/397/34 IPC, P.S. Gandhi Nagar, Delhi are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 25.11.2021.

Sh. Anshul Mehta Metropolitan Magistrate (East), Court No. 26 DP/603/SHD/2021 Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is here by informed that this person namely Vikash Kumar @ Guddu Kumar S/o Shri Ram Dhani Ram R/o B-13, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi Permanent Address: Gaon New Gangauli, Post & P.S. Dalmiya Nagar, Distt. Rohtash, Bihar-821305, Age: 35 Vikash Kumar @ years, Height: 5'7", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Build:

Guddu Kumar Medium, Identification: Mentally Disturbed, wearing red & blue colour linedar shirt, yellow colour vest, blue colour pant and blue colour hawai chappal in feet, has been missing since 13.10.2021 at about 10:00 A.M. from the area of P.S. Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi. In this regard DD No. 55-A dated 13.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-SHO: P.S. Sarojini Nagar,

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Website: http://cbi.nic.in 24671281, 9310865467

New Delhi Tel. No.: 011-26882346, empale, Ghaziabd UP 201010

Bollywood 'Playing a paratrooper in Bull would be exhilarating and an honour.'

for problems that all of us are facing

To thrive in a holistic way, companies must invest in the human capital that makes their success and survival possible, especially in the current scenario. More than ever before, it is essential that employees feel safe, appreciated and financially protected. Whether it is a dedicated mental health helpline, a network of ambulances and doctors on call, telemedicine consults, medical safety nets like free vaccination and health benefits or leave with-pay to high-risk employees, nothing should be left to chance to help a team through this unprecedented time.

Leveraging young talent

The pandemic may have disrupted businesses and impacted millions of jobs, however, we can gain lost ground. Take India's example, for instance. Young people between 18 and 29 years constitute 22 per cent of India's population and if we leverage this talent through skilling initiatives especially in non-tier one cities, our growth as a nation will be unstoppable.

The key is to not forget the vast talent pool in cities with inadequate corporate infrastructure. Skilling is all about making the most of India's untapped youth potential.

Making the industry more equitable

According to The Gensler Workplace Survey 2020, while workers around the world have developed new needs and expectations because of Covid-19, many of their pre-existent issues have just been exacerbated by the pandemic. Hence, the future belongs to those who want to co-create solutions and build a better world. To do that we must acknowledge existing faults, including a yawning digital divide. When we speak of skilling the young, we also must focus on increasing digital literacy.

Technology must be democratised so that we do not leave anyone behind and the existent financial, social, and professional inequities do not continue to expand among underserved demographics. Businesses must become more equitable, learn to respect nontraditional work experiences, unusual professional backgrounds and ethnicities. Including more people with disabilities is also important in the postpandemic office, now that mobility is not a precondition for working in the tech industry.

(The author is the MD of Visionet Systems (India) and the global head of BFSI Business.)

Making it happen

Actor VIDYUT JAMMWAL can be credited with almost single-handedly putting together his latest film, Sanak: Hope Under Siege

 ${
m V}$ idyut Jammwal is undoubtedly one of the biggest action-stars in Bollywood. His stunts, grit and the constant pursuit for excellence in action sequences are unparalleled. His latest action-thriller, Sanak: Hope *Under Siege* has garnered much love from the audience.

The novel action sequences, edge-of-the-seat narrative, amazing performances and the nerve - wracking experience the movie offers seem to have clicked with the audience. Naturally, Vidyut is thrilled with the amazing response that the film has been receiving across the globe. But, there's

an interesting story behind the making of the film. Generally, a director casts the actors to translate the story on paper into a reel life experience. However, with Sanak, things were a little different. Here, the lead actor got the director to put together the film. Not many people know this, but it was Vidyut who had fixed a meeting between Sanak's director, Kanishk Varma, and the film's producer, Vipul Amrutlal Shah.



Shedding light on the incident, the actor said he has known the Kanishk for quite some time. "Kanishk has been a friend since our Delhi University days. He used to study with my brother. I have known him for more than a decade now," shares Vidyut.

He adds that having known the director for such a long time and having spent time with him, he had complete faith in his capabilities and that's what pushed him to take the matter up with the producer.

Vidyut reveals, "We had been hanging around together and I have always believed that he is supremely talented and when you have people who you can see have talent, why not work with them. So I introduced him to Vipul sir and he eventually came on board for

Also starring Chandan Roy Sanyal, Neha Dhupia and debutant Rukmini Maitra, Sanak: Hope Under Siege is presented by Zee Studios, in association with Sunshine Pictures Pvt Ltd, and is available to stream exclusively on Disney+ Hotstar Multiplex.

AFTER THE STORI

ALOK BANSAL ruminates on some aspects that employers need to bear in mind while coming to terms with a post-pandemic world

constructive change, are not only predictable, but desirable. They mean growth. Taking a new step, uttering a new word, is what people fear the

Personally, this is my favourite take on crisis and was articulated by Fyodor Dostoevsky, the Russian novelist and philosopher behind classics such as Crime And Punishment, The Brothers Karamazov among many others. A more recent opinion that I found interesting was expressed by Judy Smith, an author, television producer and crisis management expert whose work inspired the famous series Scandal but we are digressing. She said that there's always an opportunity within a crisis. Just as it forces an individual to look inside, it forces a company to reexamine its policies and practices. I agree and also subscribe to Dostoevsky's opinion that a crisis helps us confront what we fear the most.

This pandemic, for instance, has put us all in the throes of change that we never saw coming. Covid-19 has drastically ravaged economies across the globe and underscored the urgent need for corporate reinvention. There is an opportunity in this gloom to reinvent the wheel, push ourselves out of our comfort zone and reimagine the post pandemic workplace. There is thirds of the respondents said they were

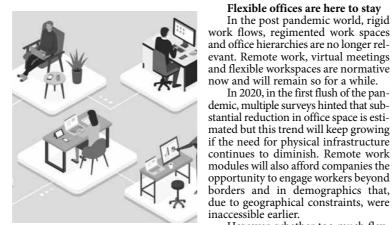
imes of crisis, of disruption or however a lot more ahead of us that we need to process. For instance, a Harvard Business Review report says that postpandemic, the office will only become a secondary place to carry out tasks or for routine meetings. Much of the work will be done from home and yet can we do without tangible human connection when we work? These are some of the questions that I have grappled with, apart from the obvious ones about hybrid offices, flexibility and, the downside of increased digital intensity.

Here are some of thoughts on how we can ensure that positive change and evolution unfold in the present and the

Adaptability is key

According to the McKinsey Consumer Pulse surveys conducted around the world, roughly three-quarters of people using digital channels for the first time during the pandemic say they will continue using them even when things return to 'normal'. Covid-19 has decisively pushed the world towards digital transformation and the new normal requires us to upskill, adapt, innovate, automate and adopt cutting edge technologies to move for-

In a McKinsey global survey of 800 senior executives in July 2020, two-



increasing investment in automation and AI. All over the world, we are beginning to see an increase in digitisation and technology-driven businesses. There is hence an enormous need for professionals who can work with Artificial Intelligence, machine learning, cryptocurrencies and NLP's (Natural Language Processing). Ecommerce and digital transactions are being embraced extensively and so businesses must adapt to digitisation or will be left behind. As Jared Spataro, corporate VP for Microsoft 365, said, "If we just let the default reign, we'll end up in a worse place than pre-pandemic."

Investing in human capital Thought leaders all over the world

Flexible offices are here to stay

work flows, regimented work spaces

and flexible workspaces are normative

demic, multiple surveys hinted that sub-

opportunity to engage workers beyond

However, whether too much flex-

ibility make us less productive is anoth-

er important question. Jan Rezab,

founder and CEO of productivity ana-

lytics firm, Time Is Ltd, said that if inter-

ruptions keep us from focusing at home, we will just be as unproductive

as we were before.

In 2020, in the first flush of the pan-

In the post pandemic world, rigid

are advocating that the human element must be made central to businesses. Radical tech-interventions alone will not serve us in this ever-evolving digital world. The world will need people who can synergise and create solutions

ove across generations

RAVI MITTAL draws a contrast between the dating preferences of millennials and baby boomers



below the age of 20 would prefer a virtual date. Adding to the surprise element, while 73 per cent of people from both metro cities and small towns favour meeting in person, 27 per cent of them would still go for virtual dating due to the fear of the pandemic.

Ghosting

Undoubtedly, breaking off with someone can never be easy. But at least, baby boomers know how to call it off respectfully, unlike millennials. For them, the breakup paradigm has switched to something cloudier ghosting, as it has come to be

It's basically ceasing communication with the other person without giving proper reasons, and also ignoring any of their further attempts to reach out. This form of emotional stonewalling is arguably worse than the actual breakup itself. Interestingly, there's been no

solid evidence on the increasing frequency of ghosting by millennials. It's just looked at as a symptom of the increasing role social media plays in our lives, particularly in relationships.

As per the same survey, nearly 58 per cent of people in the age group 18-20 would ghost their match if they found someone better. Conversely, 73 per cent baby boomers would rather remain friends and end things on a good note

Casual relationships,

friendships or marriage? It is arguably gen Z's breezy pproach that gave rise to online dating apps and made phrases such as 'hooking up' and 'friends with benefits' part of the lexicon. But when it comes to serious lifelong relationships, they like to take it slow. As the survey states, approximately 45 per cent of people in the age group of 18-30 are looking for friendships on dating

apps as they feel friendships ead to lasting relationships in the future. Almost 44 per cent of baby boomers want to find a partner or companion as they want to have real heartwarming conversations.

The fear of rejection

A pervasive trope maintains that baby boomers have thicker skin than millennials, and one cannot agree more. Earlier, when dating apps didn't exist and peo-ple met physically, baby boomers used to take the risk of getting rejected right then and there. Terrifying prospects like these didn't stop them from expressing their feelings.

Today, millennials, on the other hand, are afraid to start anything serious, just in case everything turns out badly in the end. Hence, they're more open to living in a detached and passive state than putting themselves out there. This is exactly what has led to the increasing demand for online dating apps.

> and CEO of QuackQuack, an online dating platform.)

(The author is the founder

When fame calls

TEAM VIVA looks at five Bollywood actors who will be seen in some major Hollywood projects!

Hollywood has always been an aspirational place for Indian artists. The gaps are finally closing and we will soon witness a lot of our stars making waves in Hollywood. It is a moment of pride for Indian cinema as much as it is another reason to believe that the East and West have a lot to offer one another.

Hrithik Roshan

First of the many is our very own desi Greek God, Hrithik Roshan who is all set to make his debut in an American spy-thriller. All set to play the parallel lead, the news has brought a lot of curiosity and excitement for his fans. He has the Indian audience grooving to his moves already. It is only a matter of time before we see the star make the world swoon to his act.



Bening, Russell Brand, Rose Leslie, Leticia Wright and Emma Mackey among others. Both films are adapted from books penned by renowned

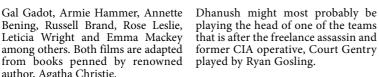
Sikandar Kher Sikandar

Kher is all set to play his part in Patel's directorial debut, Monkey Man. Extremely excited to land project, the Sikandar has been known to play unusual characters that suit his persona. It is only a matter of time before we see what he has to offer us through his role in this project.

Dhanush Next in line is the south Indian superstar, Dhanush who will soon be seen

in The Gray Man. Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo (of *The Avengers* fame) the film is an action thriller based on the debut novel by Mark Greaney. The film also stars Ryan Gosling and Chris Evans

lifestyle at home can go a long way in protecting



Kubbra Sait

Kubbra Sait is all set to star in Apple TV's international mega original series Foundation based on the series of Novels by Isaac Asimov. The series has been created by David S Goyer and Josh Friedman and has Kubbra playing the role of Phara Keaen, a Grand Huntress Planet from Anacreon. The first episodes of the series came out on September The lines are blurring, talents are exploring and the

world is gearing up to witness creative geniuses share screen space from across seven oceans. 🛚 Once upon a

time the meeting of the East and West was a distant dream. Our stars are finally making this dream come true. We wish each one of our much loved homegrown stars make as much noise in Hollywood as they have been doing in Bóllywood.

When it comes to dating today, there's a high probability that it would either involve meeting someone virtually or through an online dating app, more than any other way, especially in the post-pandemic world. Of course, people still meet in

cafes, through mutual friends, or even at work. But lately, dating apps have been witnessing a steep ic shift over the years in people's mindsets. Simply put, even though the feeling of love and romance is something that has remained constant forever, how people connect, including the baby boomers, is ever changing because of the evolving times.

Let's delve deeper to explore the real difference between how baby boomers and millennials prefer dating in the current times.

Virtual vs physical

It's a no-brainer that social media has had a significant impact on not just the way we live, but also how our paths meet with others. Since the medium is overwhelmingly used by millennials today, it has become a new territory to traverse in dating with its own principles and characteristics, which most in the boomer age haven't experienced.

According to a recent survey by a leading dating app, around 83 per cent of the people above 50 years and 72 per cent between the ages of 21-30 would wish to meet their partners in person to make real connections. Baby boomers seem to be uncomfortable when it comes to virtual dating. They wish to keep the experience real.

However, on the contrary, only 46 per cent of youngsters

TREND



'In India, horror films are not really up to speed like other genres because not too many people have worked in this genre. Not many people have explored it. And I feel that not many filmmakers dare to do something new and different in today's times.It is a genre that people have not been able to tap into good aesthetics, but when done well, the audience has sat up and noticed."

dailytalk



'I've always gotten a rush by performing on stage. I'm glad I did *One Mic* Stand 2 since I got to experience a new form of performance that is very different from music. I have seen the last season and it was absolutely fantastic. I loved all of the performances. I thought the guest celebrities had great spirit and did complete justice to their sets.'

GADOT'S THUMBS UP TO BATMAN AND CATWOMAN

Wonder Woman star GAL GADOT has given a thumbs up to actor Robert Pattinson as the new Batman and Zoe Kravitz as Catwoman.

She expressed her admiration during an event at the Academy Museum when she was asked if she had seen the new *The* Batman trailer. "Rob looks amazing, I love his voice and the whole tone of everything. And Zoe looks incredible, she's an extremely talented sweetheart. I'm so happy to have another female as a comrade," was her response.

SPEAKING UP FOR NATURE: TIGER SHROFF The world is sitting on a ticking time bomb and, as members of the human species, we need to act now before the damage becomes irreversible. Recently, actor TIGER SHROFF extended his support to Bhamla Foundation for the cause of urban afforestation. Shroff shares, "Conserving the urban forests and slowing down climate change is the need of the hour if we want to build a sustainable future for us all. Even a small change in your

the environment."

t was some time in the second half of the '90s that on the ■ insistence of a friend (a friend's) boyfriend to be precise) that I gingerly sampled something which did not spell love at first sight. Several white blobs placed on a plate, which tasted somewhat bland and served with a fiery red chutney was certainly not my idea of gourmet food and I refused to dig into a second piece. While the couple parted ways, I gradually developed a great affinity to this snack like the rest of Delhi so much so that I craved for it on days when the in-between meals hunger pangs strike. So, when The Art of Dumpling (TAOD), a fine dining restaurant dedicated to... you guessed it, dumplings, I was raring to dig in.

As the name suggests, the 70 cover restaurant has an extensive dumpling menu with a whopping 149 different kinds. It claims to be the second-largest menu dedicated to this delicacy. For those who want something more, there is an elaborate selection of Japanese, Thai, Chinese and Mughlai dish-

Located in the heart of the city, the wooden interiors, warm lighting, unobtrusive yet attentive service makes the place quite popular among families as well as groups. On the night that I dine there, at various times, the restauWith its spread of 149 varieties, The Art of Dumpling scores not just on quantity but also taste, says Saimi Sattar

rant is almost 90 per cent occu-

Before diving straight into the food, we start with an unusual mocktail, *Sparkling Cranberry*. And did it sparkle? With every swirl of the stirrer, it seems as if

gold dust shimmered within the drink. But not only is it good to look at, its taste too is unique. The non-alcoholic drink is fruity, sweet and refreshing while the underlying tartness of cranberries lingered on your tongue has us smacking

our lips and anticipating the food that is in store.

First up is the Gondi soup where ball-shaped dumplings are stuffed with chicken that has been seasoned with herbs. While the broth is delicately flavoured, it is the taste of the succulent balls that seem to explode in the mouth and elevate a simple soup to the next

The Oromo, where Tzatziki king oyster mushrooms are rolled into a beautifully tender, almost transparent cover had a clean flavour. The chicken dumplings, where the spices are a little more pronounced, have us asking for

Rangoon, a crispy, fried dumpling with all the crunch minus the sticky oil has a crab filling and Burmese flavours. The creamy filling contrasts and complements the crispy exterior while ensuring that a mental note is made of... to be ordered the next time we are here.

The platter that is put up for us next looked more like round

koftas or kebabs. Called Rissolps dumpling, it is a soft, melt-in-themouth variety. And the flavours, a tad more intense than what we

had earlier. While the restaurant specialises in an extensive dumpling menu, it also has an extensive Indian menu on offer. We had the Chef's special chicken tikka, which is the only dish that strikes a slightly discordant note in the otherwise perfect meal. Though cooked to perfection, the flavours are a little too strong.

All too soon, we are digging into the main course. The Khao pad rice, a vegetarian offering with Asian flavours, can be eaten without a side dish. The rice, with a slight bite, has the sauces and vegetables in a perfect balance.

We team it with Fish in maha-lak sauce which is tender. The umami flavours are heightened by the spring onions and mushrooms that add a slight bite to balance the succulent fish.

What comes up next is a surprise. It looks like noodles or spaghetti but rather than pale white, it is greyish black in colour. However, it is only when you dip your spoon in do you realise that it slips right through the Auric black spaghetti which begins to melt a little. It is ice cream! The flavour is minty. It cleanses my palate-instead of adding another heavy note of flavour—leaving me satiated, happy and content.

Cuisine without borders

The newly relaunched Pickwick by Claridges takes KHUSHBU KIRTI back in time to the Victorian era





passed bellpepper, Fukashiya

bread with Oregano Fukashiya.

powder, and tasted of lentils,

carrots, apples and delicious

coconut milk was next on the

list. The dish was served with

a little rice and beaten pop-

padom. The soup was of a

bright sunny yellow colour

and was warm and soothing as

it trickled through the throat,

calming the insides. It,

undoubtedly, made for an

how continental food was his

passion and how he observed

that customers would always

looked aesthetic with miniscule

slices of palatable tuna, fresh

jalapeno and avocado. It was

cold and extremey flavourful

due to the presence of truffle aioli, garnished with 24K gold.

meat tortillini comprised well-

cooked lamb, ring shaped pasta

that looked like dumplings,

butter and pepper jus. It had a

slight savoury taste which was

only complemented by what

was served next - the

Shepherd's pie. With the base of

thoroughly cooked meat-pie

and the surface of a crust of

it creamy, the pie was, in every

way, delectable. It was filling

and the taste lingered. It had

become my favourite on the

received was the Fish and chips.

The beer batter river sole fish

was crunchy and juicy at the

same time, and served with

mushy peas, and lemony tartar

sauce. The taste was only aug-

mented with the sides of fries

my belly was completely full

and satisfied, the classic British dessert of 24K gold English bread butter pudding, garnished

with a gold leaf, was presented.

I was more impressed by its

appearance. This signature dish

was made of brios bread, lus-

cious sugar syrup, it had the

goodness of vanilla and blue-

Towards the end, while

and malt vinegar with it.

Another English dish we

very first bite.

Further, the Homemade

Chef Rajesh explicated

The Japanese Tuna pizza

excellent appetiser.

return for the sizzlers.

The Mulligatawny soup

While my experience at Dhaba, Claridges, was extremely pleasant, I didn't my already high expectations but I was wrong. Not only was the ambience of the posh place elegant, with a Victorian setting, but also was the food highly commendable.

Its name, of course you guessed it right, comes from Charles Dickens' novel The Pickwick Papers. The Pickwick club depicted the adventures and the travel experiences of those who visted it

The aforementioned club was fundamentally a society set for the gathering of intellectuals, sharing scientific facts and knowledge. Dickens' popular character Thomas Gradgrind and his obsession with facts is what comes to my mind here.

What caught my eye first in the all-day luxurious dining area was the huge world map drawn on the entire ceiling. Sukirti Singhal, the marcom manager, acquainted me with the concept behind the same. The map was actually of how the world looked around the 18th century. Jazz music was being played in the background which only enhanced the environment.

Their themed menu of 'cuisine without borders' entailed European, American, Indian and Japanese dining mixed with innovative cooking techniques. An exclusive Sushi bar was displayed with panache, taken care of by a Japanese chef to maintain the authenticity. They also served colourfully decorated Omakase sushi, prepared especially by the chef. The bar of classy wines and cocktails, too, dazzled the spectators. What was aberrant about the restaurant was that they had a cosy little corner especially to prepare pizzas. The sushis at the sushi bar, as explained by Ashish, one of the servers there, could be customised to the needs of the

Already amazed by the atmosphere, I couldn't wait to eat out the food. We were served with a bread basket in the beginning, that encomMaintaining a healthy diet is crucial during the wedding season. Even the tiniest mistake might result in unaccounted fat, which can contribute to cardiovascular health issues and other problems. While exercises might assist you and help avoid gaining weight, eating a nutritious diet can help your body perform at its best. Here are a few tips on maintain-ing a healthy diet during the wedding

Drink more water

Drinking two to three litres of water will help your skin to glow and keep you hydrated. It is always best to have a sipper or a water bottle with you. In order to stay hydrated, you can drink lemon water without sugar, coconut water, fruits with higher water content, and vegetable juice. The benefit of staying hydrated is that it aids in the removal of toxins from the body, resulting in perfect skin, attractive nails, and lustrous hair, as well as

Keep the portion size in mind Another effective strategy to keep

a healthy diet is to choose proper meals and eat small portions instead of choosing one favourite dish. There

Wedding feast done right

An effective strategy to follow a healthy diet, during the marriage season, is to choose proper meals and eat small portions, says Shikha Mahajan

is no harm in trying a variety of meals, but it is best to do so in small portions.

□Don't skip meals

Less intake of calories will make you feel hungrier, and you will most likely end up over-eating. Ideally, you should consume meals at regular intervals and pile your plate high with veggies, lean protein, and plenty of water. To save space, forgo the bread with the salad, the fries with the sandwich, and so on.

Bring a nutritious snack with you. Plain greek yoghurt with a tablespoon of ground flax, which adds satisfying fibre, is a good option. A boiled egg or some fruit could also be used.

□Avoid fried food

Wedding season can put you in an all-or-nothing mindset. Simple delectable meals aren't always fried. Steamed, grilled, and sautéed meats, and seafood are excellent choices.



Salads are another option, but keep in mind that fried finger snacks and heavy dips are high in calories.

□Detoxification

It is the natural process through

contaminants and when the body is free of all dangerous and toxic sub-stances, it looks and feels younger. No exterior beauty therapy can match what detoxification does to your body and skin from the inside, as everybody who has heard of it or done

which the body gets rid of dangerous

¬Start exercising

It's natural to skip a few exercises or lose sight of your fitness goals during this season. Instead of hesitating or getting disheartened once the weddings are over, you should resume your workout regimen, since it will feel great to burn off the excess calories you gained over the holidays. Start with gentle exercises and work your way up to more difficult ones. To get back in shape, you can do something simple like jogging or cycling, or something more difficult like running

□Stay hydrated

Your cells become clogged, your skin can't cleanse, and your bladder and kidneys can't function correctly if you don't drink enough water. You'll be weary and eat more as a result. So, drinking water at regular intervals might help your body drain fluids and meals more quickly. If you're bloated from too much sodium, drinking water will help flush the salt out of your system faster.

☐Eat green vegetables

Cabbage, broccoli, kale, spinach, other green leafy, and cruciferous vegetables are high in antioxidants and can assist the body combat inflammation. These vegetable aid in bloating reduction and gastrointestinal system cleansing. Two cups of spinach, together with tulsi or curry leaves, can be boiled or steamed. You can eat this mixture by seasoning it with salt and pepper, or you can drain it and

All these tips will help you to grow healthy while maintaining a strong and fit body during this festive season.

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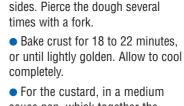
FRESH FRUIT TART WHAT YOU NEED

- Vanilla glaze cold: 25 gm Kiwi: 10 gm
- Muskmelon: 20 gm
- Strawberry: 10 gm
- Grapes: 10 gm Tonned milk: 40 ml
- Low fat butter: 35 gm Icing sugar: 20 gm
- Flour: 45 gm
- Custard powder: 05 gm
- Almond powder: 05 gm
- Dragon fruit: 30 gm

• Cake base (six inchs): 1

- Make dough. In a blender, pulse together the flour, sugar, salt and butter until butter pieces are pea
- Add the egg and pulse until dough starts to clump together. Add milk as needed to help the dough come together. Shape into a disc and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- Preheat oven to 350° F and grease a six inch tart pan. Roll the

dough out on a floured surface, so that its size is slightly bigger than the tart pan and is about 1/4 inch thick. Then press dough onto bottom of pan and form up the



sauce pan, whisk together the eggs, sugar, cornstarch and salt until well combined and no lumps remain. Then whisk in the milk until well combined. Heat the mixture over medium-high heat for two to four minutes, or until thickened. Remove from heat and

whisk in the vanilla.

 Add in each piece of butter separately, whisk it until completely melted before adding the next piece. Pour the hot mixture on top of your cooled tart crust and place a layer of plastic wrap directly on top. Refrigerate for two hours. Assemble fresh fruits on the top, Refrigerate until ready to eat.

Courtesy: Gunjan Batra, the founder and baker of Bakehouse Comfort by Café Delhi

TARTE À L'OIGNON

WHAT YOU NEED

- Puff base: 800 gm Flour: 400 gm
- Salt: 20 gm
- Butter: 200
- Water: 1 ltr Caramelised onion: 1,000
- Fresh thyme: 15 gm
- Milk: 30 gm

- Take a bowl and mix flour, salt, butter, and water.
- Make a dough. mashed potatoes which made
 - Add 1,700 gm butter and roll seven
 - Then cut in a round shape for onion
 - Spread the puff base on a baking tray with lines silpat.
 - Apply milk on the tart base evenly with Put the ring cutter over the tart (make
 - sure to leave one centimetre border around the mixture) Spread the caramelised onion evenly
 - inside the ring cutter area. Bake the tart in oven for 30 minutes at 180° C Increase the temperature to 200° C and bake for 10 more minutes or until the
 - tart turns to golden brown colour. Remove the tart from the oven and rest to cool.
 - Sprinkle fresh thyme leaves in the end. Courtesy: Amit Kumar, chef at L'Opéra

FAVOURITE BRIE CHEESE AND GARLIC WHAT YOU NEED

Brie: 62.5 gm

- Phyllo sheet: 1 gm
- Salt: 2 gm
- Pepper: 1 gm
- Thyme: 2 gm • Garlic flakes: 5 gm
- Prunes: 5 gm
- Butter: 10 gm Raw papaya: 50 gm
- Red chilly (whole): 2 gm
- Cumin seed (whole): 2 gm • Fennel seeds: 2 gm
- Kalonji seeds: 2 gm Fenugreek seeds: 2 gm
- Sugar: 5 gm
- Synthetic vinegar: 20 ml
- Raisins: 5 gm
- Rucola : 20 gm Red chilly (fresh): 2 gm Cherry tomatoes: 5
- Sesame oil: 3 tsp

METHOD

- Line the phylo sheets with butter and stick two sheets of phyllo sheets.
- Marinate the brie with garlic, salt, pepper, and sliced fresh red chilly
- Stuff the phyllo sheets with the marinated brie and diced prunes with a cube of butter

and fold it into a money bag

 Bake the phyllo sheet in the pizza oven covering the top with silver foil to avoid burning the sheet.

form.

 Crackle fennel, cumin, fenugreek seeds, and

whole red chilly in sesame oil.

Add papaya cubes to the oil

- with the above ingredients and saute. Add the vinegar, water and
- sugar to the mixture and cook until two strings consistency is formed.
- Cool and keep aside.
- Use the papaya chutney as the base to hold the phyllo
- tomato
- Courtesy: Executive chef Anirban Dasgupta at Hyatt Regency

- Add in rucola tossed in french dressing and cherry
- Assemble as shown in the picture and present neatly.

SABUDANA KHICHADI - UPVAS **SPECIAL**

WHAT YOU NEED • Sabudana/sago: 1

- cup
- Peanuts: ½ cup Boiled potatoes
- (medium): 2
- Ginger: 1 inch Green chillies: 2
- Lemon: 1
- Vegetable ghee: 1

Jaggery powder: 1

- Few curry leaves
- Pinch of pink salt
- WHAT YOU NEED Milk (whole): 550 ml Heavy cream: 80 ml

Dark chocolate (finely

RICH CHOCOLATE PUDDING

- Corn starch : 15 gm
- Salt: 2 gm
- Vanilla extract: 5 gm Sugar: 100 gm

METHOD

Combine sugar, cocoa, corn-



METHOD

hours.

Strain well.

soak for 30 minutes.

soak in fresh cup of

water for four to five

Drain the water and

Heights

Heat ghee and add cumin seeds, curry leaves, ginger, and

Roast peanuts for

eight to 10 minutes.

- Cumin seeds: 1 tsp green chilies. Organic plant Fry boiled potatoes.
- protein: 1 tsp Add pink salt (as per taste), organic plant protein and sabudana. Rinse sabudana /
- Mix gently and let it sago pearls thoroughly. cook for one to two Use one cup water to minutes.
 - Garnish with lemon juice and coriander leaves

Courtesy: Subiya Baiganpalli and Shikha Dwivedi, Inhouse nutritionists at OZiva

starch, salt and rice flour in a medium saucepan. Gradually add milk and whisk until it is well

combined. Place over medium heat. Keep stirring constantly, until bubbles emerge from the pudding and it starts to thicken. Stir

in the chopped chocolate and heavy cream. After the chocolate melts,

temperature and then refrigerate

turn off the heat, add vanilla and whisk until it is blended well. Let cool at room

until ready to serve. Courtesy: Chef Rajnish Dubey

chopped): 100 gm Rice flour: 10 gm Cocoa powder: 15



PTI ■ ODENSE (DENMARK)

 $\mathbf{I}^{\mathrm{ndia's}}$ double Olympic medallist superstar PV Sindhu reached the quarter-finals of the Denmark Open Super 1000 tournament here on Thursday after three hard-fought games against her opponent from Thailand.

Sindhu won after a struggle against Busanan Ongbamrungphan 21-16, 12-21, 21-15 in 67 minutes in her last 16 match.

This is Sindhu's first tournament since win-

ning the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics in August. One of India's greatest Olympians, Sindhu had taken a break to rejuvenate before making a comeback in this tournament.

The big names from India included London Olympic bronze medallist Saina Nehwal and former men's world No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth.

Later in the day, Lakshya Sen will be pitted against world No. 2 Viktor Axelsen in the round of 16, while Sameer Verma will meet Anders Antonsen from the host country.

Indian dominating Aussie batters huge positive: Mandhana

¬he series was lost but star opener Smriti Mandhana feels the Indian women's cricket team gained quite a lot from its recent tour of Australia, the biggest positive being the visiting bowlers' lion-hearted performance in the multi-format

India lost the series 5-11 after going down in the white-ball leg and drawing the lone

Test.
"We had a lot of positives. Everyone did well, especially the bowling. It was one department where we were way better than the Aussies which is a huge thing for the Indian team," Mandhana said during a Clubhouse session on 10 years of Red Bull Campus Cricket during which its first ever women's edition was announced.

"To come to Australia and outplay their bowlers and outplay their pacers was so amazing to watch, the way Jhulan di (Goswami) bowled,

Pooja (Vastrakar) bowled and Renuka (Singh) and

Shikha di (Pandey) bowled in "It was amazing to watch

our bowlers dominating the Australian batters, that was the biggest positive." Mandhana added.

The stylish southpaw, who had one of her best away series where she scored 86 in an ODI followed by a majestic 127, her first ton in Tests, and then a 52 in the final women's T20I, added that had rain not played

spoilsport, the series could have gone India's way.

"If results would have gone differently it would have been even more better for India. "Rain played spoiltsport in the

Test match and the first T20

which we were in a very good position to win.

"Not blaming the rain but things would have maybe been different had the rain not happened but there were so many positives from the series," said Mandhana, who is currently playing for Sydney Thunderin

the Women's Big Bash here. The 25-year-old said the Indian team is working on improving its batting depth and the recent performances by the lower middle order is testament to the efforts being put in.

'That's a conscious effort to have good batting depth specially in T20 and ODI format because in white-ball cricket we might lose a few wickets and it shouldn't always be top heavy. We should have a lot of contributors.

"Our lower middle order is contributing a lot and have done amazingly in the recent series. Jhulan di finished the match for us in the third ODI, it showed we are all working very hard on batting and getting our number 7,8 9 to bat," she added. The limited overs vice-captain backed the idea of multi-format series.

Shakib takes Bangladesh to Super 12s

All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan deci-mated minnows Papua New Guinea with a superb all-round performance as Bangladesh qualified for the 'Super 12s' of the T20 World Cup with a crushing 84-run victory on Thursday. Bangladesh, with a net run rate of

+1.733 and four points in the kitty, ensured a place among the elite teams after a shocking opening game defeat against Scotland.

The 'Tigers' first posted an imposing 181/7, as they rode on skipper Mahmudullah's blazing 50

Shakib then showed why he is Bangladesh's greatest ever cricketer with a brilliant spell of 4/9 in his fourover spell as Papua New Guinea were all-out for 97 in 19.3 overs.

"Obviously, it was a setback, the first game (vs Scotland), but in the T20 format the team that is better on the day wins. But now the pressure is off and we can play expressively," Shakib, who was adjudged 'Player of the Match', said after the game.

"It's not an easy format to get back into form, but luckily I'm getting more chance to bat up the order. A little tired, I've been playing non-stop cricket for the last five-six months, it's been a long season for me. But hopeoff 28 balls and Shakib's aggressive 46 off 37 balls.

> Skipper Mahmudullah, who himself played a captain's knock was

visit by Real Sociedad to Atlético

Madrid. The Basque Country side

with its sleek attacking style leads

the league, while the titleholder

boasts the deepest attack in the

close a three-game home stretch

for Barcelona that coach Ronald

Koeman called crucial to getting

his team back on the winning

path after a poor start to the sea-

The visit by Madrid will

competition.



AP ■ TEXAS

happy to see the intent of his players convincingly. "I think it was much-

play, the intent was there from the batters. Having said that I think the wicket was better in comparison, so the bat-ters did well to get 180," Mahmudullah said at the post-match presentation cer-

Mahmudullah however feels that Powerplay batting is still a concern for Bangladesh.

"I think the two things we've been concerned about are the first six overs with bat and ball. If we get a good start, we can capitalise, so I think we need to improve on that.

Î've said it before — we're much more skilled hitters than big hitters. So we need to find the bowlers we can take on on that particular day and we need to figure that out and communicate with the others as experienced batters," the skipper said.

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LEADERSHIP IS THE KEY IN INDO PAK CLASH: HAYDEN

Karachi: Former Australia opener Matthew Hayden says leadership will be key in the much anticipated India-Pakistan T20 World Cup clash in "dogfight conditions" in Dubai on Sunday. Terming the match a real dogfight, Hayden who is working with the Pakistan team as batting consultant, margin for error will be very little in the big match so leadership will be the key to the outcome of the match.

INDIA HAS SOME SERIOUS MATCH WINNERS: SMITH

Melbourne: Seasoned Australia batter Steve Smith says a "terrific" Indian team is packed with some serious match winners going into the T20 World Cup, alluding that Virat Kohli's side will be one of the favourites to lift the title. India thumped Australia by eight wickets in a warm-up game with Rohit Sharma (60), K L Rahul (39) and Suryakumar Yadav (38) all getting some runs under their belts. Kohli did not lead the side but came out to bowl as India were still figuring out their sixth-bowling option. "They're a terrific side, they have got all bases covered and some serious match winners in there," Smith was quoted as saying by 'Sydney

Barcelona hosts Madrid



AP BARCELONA

 $B_{\text{its post-Messi era when Real}}$ Madrid visits Camp Nou on an action-packed Sunday that also features a clash between the Spanish league leader and its defending champion.

The first clásico since Lionel Messi left for Paris will inevitably overshadow an equally enticing

sure. Koeman's side started the week beating Valencia 3-1 in the league. It followed that by beating Dynamo Kyiv 1-0 on Wednesday that boosted Barcelona's chances of avoiding elimination from the Champions League's group stage for the first time in 20 years. But Koeman was critical of

son left him under intense pres-

convincing against a timid Dynamo. Defender Gerard Pique scored Barcelona's only goal in three Champions League matchtinues to sputter. Messi and Antoine

his players for not being more

Griezmann, which the cashstrapped Barcelona loaned back to Atlético this summer to save his salary, combined for 58 of Barcelona's 122 goals last season.

Newcomer Memphis Depay leads Barcelona this season with four goals, but no other player has scored more than twice. Compare that to Madrid, which has got 11 goals from Karim Benzema and seven more from Vinícius Júnior.

in the last two games which they won needed. The way that we wanted to Low-key Verstappen heads to Texas atop F1

The lineups were set in advance: Red Bull teammates Max Verstappen and Sergio Perez vs. Stewart-Haas Racing teammates Kevin Harvick and Aric Almirola in a pit stop competition at the ExxonMobil headquarters.

When it came time to loosen and then tighten a set firmed his calling was inside a

"I think I realised I am not a good guy for the pit box," Verstappen said.

"It is better if I drive

Verstappen and Perez, like most of the F1 drivers in the paddock, have been on a whirlwind tour of the country ahead of this weekend's U.Ś. Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas.

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The globetrotting series is back in North America for the first time since 2019 because

the pandemic canceled stops last year in Austin, Mexico City and Montreal.

Now back in Texas for a ninth time, F1 has a new championship leader in Verstappen who may be somewhat unknown to the American fanbase.

The 24-year-old son of former F1 driver Jos Verstappen is at last having a breakout season — he has a career-high seven wins so far - and is pushing Lewis seven-time champion has been challenged in quite some time.

Verstappen has a six-point lead over Hamilton with six races remaining in a tense title fight that has tilted back and forth all season.

Hamilton, winner of four consecutive titles, last faced a proper challenge in 2016 when Nico Rosberg won the season finale to win the championship by five points over his Mercedes teammate.

Bayern beats Benfica without sick coach

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Bayern Munich kept up its winning start to the Champions League as Leroy Sané scored twice in a 4-0 win over Benfica, but coach Julian Nagelsmann wasn't there

Bayern didn't open the scoring until the 70th minute after two disallowed goals, but once Sané had put Bayern in front, Benfica

The win puts Bayern five points clear of Benfica at the top of Group E with 12 goals scored and none conceded, and helps thirdplace Barcelona, which is now just one point off a qualifying spot following its 1-0 victory over Dynamo Kyiv earlier Wednesday.

Just over an hour before kickoff, Bayern said Nagelsmann had "a flu-like infection," leaving assistants Dino Toppmöller and Xaver Zembrod to oversee the game and implement instructions sent by Nagelsmann from his hotel room.

Nagelsmann's absence didn't seem to affect Bayern's creativity but at least to begin with there wasn't the usual precise finishing, as shots went wide or were saved by goalkeeper Odysseas Vlachodimos.

Bayern's players twice celebrated taking the lead, only for video reviews to disallow both goals. The first was Robert Lewandowski's effort which on replay went in off his upper arm, the second a well-worked move finished by Thomas Müller but only after an offside in the buildup.

Just when the Bayern players started to think it wasn't their night, Sané stepped up to take a direct free kick outside the penalty area and blazed the ball over the wall and into the net with such power than Vlachodimos couldn't get there in time to stop it.



"We had to play our game and to be

patient," Sané said.

Bayern went 2-0 up in the 80th with an own-goal by Benfica as Serge Gnabry's cross bounced off winger Everton's head and in. Two minutes later, it was 3-0 when Sané turned defender Nicolas Otamendi and laid the ball off for Lewandowski to score. Sané added the fourth in the 85th off

an assist from substitute Josip Stanisic.

Benfica had chances to earn a first-ever win over Bayern and extend its nine-game unbeaten run at home in European games. Bayern goalkeeper Manuel Neuer twice produced fine reaction saves to deny Darwin Nuñez and Diogo Gonçalves in what was Neuer's 100th Champions League game for the club.

Ronaldo saves Man U again

ristiano Ronaldo fell to his knees at the final whistle and Clooked to the sky as Manchester United's fans sang his name. The Portugal star had saved his team again in the Champions League.

The greatest scorer in the competition's history soared to head in an 81st-minute winner as United erased a two-goal halftime deficit to beat Atalanta 3-2 in a wild match at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

"That's just what he does," United manager Ole Gunnar

Ronaldo's record-extending 138th goal in the Champions League came three weeks after he scored in the fifth minute of stoppage time to snatch a victory over Villarreal in the second round of games.

This time, the goal came earlier — and was a trademark header with hang time and unerring accuracy after meeting a cross from Luke Shaw that was whipped in from deep on the left.

"His leap, his timing — it was the perfect header," United captain Harry Maguire said.

"He has come up with a massive goal again in the Champions League." United keeps doing it the

hard way in this season's competition. There was the surprising loss to Young Boys in the first game, after Aaron Wan-Bissaka's first-half red card. Then a come-frombehind 2-1 win against Villarreal after being outplayed for large parts at Old Trafford. Now this comeback against Atalanta, which moved United into first place in Group F — two points above the Italian side and Villarreal.

BAYERN COACH TESTS POSITIVE

Munich: Bayern Munich coach Julian Nagelsmann has tested positive for the coronavirus. Nagelsmann missed Bayern's 4-0 win over Benfica in the Champions League on Wednesday after showing signs of what the club said at the time was a "flulike infection," but sent instructions to his assistants remotely. "Julian Nagelsmann has tested positive for Coronavirus despite being fully vaccinated. He will fly back to Munich separately from the team in a medical plane and isolate back there," Bayern said in a statement on social media on Thursday.

HIMA DAS TESTS NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19

New Delhi: Star Indian sprinter Hima Das on Thursday announced that she has tested negative for COVID-19, a week after contracting the virus. The 21-year-old had tested positive for COVID-19 on her return to the national camp at Patiala last week. One of the most exciting talents in Indian athletics, Das, who is making a comeback from a hamstring injury, took to Twitter to announce the development. "I am pleased to tell everyone that I have tested negative for Covid-19. Thank you all for the loving messages. Can't wait to get back on track. Hope everyone is safe and healthy.

COMMODORE PK GARG AS NEW TOPS CEO New Delhi: The Sports Authority of India (SAI) on

Thursday appointed Commodore PK Garg as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of its Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS). The appointment was officially ratified at SAI's Mission Olympic Cell meeting. Garg will be assuming office on October 25, replacing Commander Rajesh Rajagopalan, who held the post from 2018 till the Tokyo Olympics. Commodore Garg was a High-Performance Director with SAI till June 2021 and is an Arjuna Awardee recipient (1990) in sailing and Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna awardee in 1993-94. He joined Indian Navy in 1984 and handled var-

ious important and prestigious assignments over 34