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SC sets up Pegasus probe panel

Ex-SC judge to supervise work of 3-member committee of cyber experts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday appointed a three-member panel of cyber experts to probe the alleged use of Israeli spyware Pegasus for surveillance of politicians, journalists, corporates and judges, saying every citizen needs protection against privacy violation and mere invocation of “national security by state” does not render the court a “mute spectator”.

The committee comprising three technical members will be supervised by its retired judge Justice RV Raveendran to be assisted by Alok Joshi, former IPS officer (1976 batch) and Sundeep Oberoi, Chairman, Sub Committee in (International Organisation of Standardisation/International Electro-Technical Commission /Joint Technical Committee).

The three technical members of the committee are: Naveen Kumar Chaudhary Prabakaran P and Ashwin Anil Gumaste. Chaudhary, the first member of the technical panel, is a Professor (Cyber Security



and Digital Forensics) and Dean, National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Prabakaran P is a Professor (School of Engineering), Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amritapuri, Kerala, and has “two decades of experience in computer science and security areas”.

Third member of the technical committee Gumaste is Institute Chair Associate Professor (Computer Science and Engineering), Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Maharashtra.

The apex court rejected the Centre’s plea to allow it to appoint an expert committee to investigate the allegations on the grounds that such a course of action would violate the settled judicial principle against bias. The top court urged its former judge Justice Raveendran to oversee the functioning of the three member panel and sought a report expeditiously from the com-



mittee.

Stating that “justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done,” the bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana and comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli rejected the Centre’s vehement submissions on national security saying, “...This does not mean that the State gets a free pass every time the spectre of ‘national security’ is raised. National security cannot be the bugbear that the judiciary shies away from, by virtue of its mere mentioning. Although this court should be

circumspect in encroaching the domain of national security, no omnibus prohibition can be called for against judicial review.”

The top court said in this world of conflicts it is an extremely uphill task to find and select experts who are free from prejudices, are independent and competent, rather than relying upon any Government agencies or any private entity.

In the 46 page Judgment, the Bench reiterated the need of freedom of press in a democratic society. “Such a scenario might result in self-censorship. This is of particular concern when it relates to the freedom of the press, which is an important pillar of democracy. Such chilling effect on the freedom of speech is an assault on the vital public-watchdog role of the press, which may undermine the ability of the press to provide accurate and reliable information,” said the apex court highlighting freedom of press.

“We make it clear that our effort is to uphold Constitutional aspirations and rule of law, without allowing ourselves to be consumed in political rhetoric,” the bench said, adding that this court has always been conscious of not entering political thicket. “Members of civilised democratic society have reasonable expectation of privacy. Privacy is not singular concern of journalists or social activists,” the bench said.

Terms of Reference

■ The committee is requested to prepare the report after a thorough enquiry and place it expeditiously before the court, it said.

■ The panel would probe what steps/actions have been taken by the Centre after reports were published in 2019 about hacking of WhatsApp accounts of Indian citizens, using the Pegasus suite of spyware

■ Whether any Pegasus suite was acquired by the Union of India, or any state government, or any central or state agency for use against the citizens’

■ Under what law, rule, guideline, protocol or lawful procedure was such deployment made?

MEA flays China for new land border law

India asks China to avoid actions that can impact bilateral pacts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has taken strong exception to China’s decision to have a new land border law and said such “unilateral” legislation will have implications on the existing bilateral pacts regarding the border.

This response from the Ministry of External Affairs here came on Wednesday after reports said the new boundary law will become operational from January 1 next year. The legislation stipulates that “the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People’s Republic of China are sacred and inviolable”.

Enunciating India’s position, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, “We also expect that China will avoid undertaking action under the pretext of this law which could unilaterally alter the situation in the India-China border areas.”

“We have noted that China has passed a new land boundary law on October 23, 2021. The law states among other things that China abides by



In this file photo, an Indian Army convoy moves on the Srinagar-Ladakh highway at Gagangear, northeast of Srinagar AP

treaties concluded with or jointly acceded to by foreign countries on land boundary affairs. It also has provisions to carry out reorganisation of districts in the border areas,” Bagchi said.

India and China have still not resolved the boundary question. Both sides have agreed to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable resolution to the boundary question through consultations on an equal footing.

“We have also concluded several bilateral agreements, protocols and arrangements to maintain peace and tranquility along the LAC in India-China border areas,” Bagchi said.

“In this regard, China’s

unilateral decision to bring about a legislation which can have implication on our existing bilateral arrangements on border management as well as on the boundary question is of concern to us,” he said.

“Such unilateral move will have no bearing on the arrangements that both sides have already reached earlier, whether it is on the boundary question or for maintaining peace and tranquility along the LAC in India-China border areas. We also expect that China will avoid undertaking action under the pretext of this law which could unilaterally alter the situation in the India-China border areas,” Bagchi said.

CAPSULE

10 CONVICTED IN 2013 PATNA BLAST CASE

Patna: A special NIA court on Wednesday convicted 10 people in connection with the 2013 serial blasts that left six dead and scores injured at the venue here of a political rally of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was then the chief minister of Gujarat. Special NIA judge Gurvinder Mehrotra, who passed the order, also acquitted one of the accused for want of evidence.

WAQAR APOLOGISES FOR ‘NAMAZ’ COMMENT

Karachi: Waqar Younis on Wednesday apologised for his communal remarks during a television show following Pakistan’s 10-wicket victory over India in the ongoing T20 World Cup as the former Pakistan pacer was castigated on social media for his “jehadi mindset”.

INDIA TESTS AGNI-V WITH 5,000 KM RANGE

New Delhi: In a major boost to its military might, India on Wednesday successfully test-fired surface-to-surface ballistic missile Agni-5 that can strike targets at ranges up to 5,000 km with a very high degree of accuracy, officials said. The test-firing was carried around 7:50 pm from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha, they said.

Sonia calls up Lalu amid rupture in Bihar alliance

Lalu had rebuked Cong for fielding bypoll candidates

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/PATNA

Amid reports of a rift within the Mahagathbandhan in Bihar, particularly between the Congress and the RJD, Congress president Sonia Gandhi reached out to RJD chief Lalu Prasad, who had rebuked the grand old party over fielding candidates in Bihar bypolls.

Lalu reached Patna after a gap of three years after serving a jail term in a fodder scam case. Talking to the media in Patna ahead of his bypoll campaign, Lalu said the Congress president enquired about his health and whereabouts.

Sonia called Lalu soon after a meeting of the Congress’ State chiefs in which the party’s problems in various States were discussed.

“I spoke to Sonia. She asked me about my well-being



Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad, along with son and party leader Tejashwi Yadav, addresses a by-election campaign rally at Kusheshwar Asthan constituency in Darbhanga on Wednesday PTI

and whereabouts. I told her that the Congress is an all India party and she should get all like-minded people and parties together to form a strong alternative (to the ruling party) and should call a meeting of all people,” said Lalu.

The RJD is one of the oldest allies of the Congress. Both the parties had an alliance in Bihar as well for the Assembly elections. However, in the bypolls for two seats, the RJD

decided to go solo which left the Congress fuming and the grand old party fielded its candidate from both the seats.

When questioned about differences with the Congress over bypolls seat sharing, Lalu made stinging remarks. “What is the alliance with Congress? Should we have left everything to the Congress for a defeat? For forfeiting deposits?” Lalu had said a few days ago.

Small LPG cylinders can soon be bought from ration shops

To be sold at commercial rate

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

You may soon be able to purchase small LPG cylinders at fair price shops at commercial rates. The Centre on Wednesday said it plans to allow the retail sale of small LPG cylinders as well as offer financial services through fair price shops as part of its measures to enhance the financial viability of these outlets.

These issues were discussed in a virtual meeting with State Governments, chaired by Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey.

Representatives from the Ministries of Electronics and IT, Finance, and Petroleum and Natural Gas attended the meeting. Officials from Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) as well as CSC e-Governance Services India Limited (CSC)



too were present.

After the meeting, the Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry in a statement said, “Proactive measures to be taken to enhance the financial viability of FPS. ...Plan of retail selling of small LPG cylinders through FPS in the anvil.” There are 5.26 Lakh ration shops in the country. Sources said that the small cylinders can be bought off the counter by simply producing an ID proof.

Representatives from oil marketing companies (OMCs) appreciated the proposal for

retail selling of small LPG cylinders through fair price shops (FPS), also called ration shops. OMCs said the necessary support would be provided for the same in coordination with interested state/UT Governments, it added.

In the meeting, the food secretary stressed the need for taking proactive measures for enhancing the financial viability of FPSs.

The State Governments said the collaboration with common service centres (CSC) will increase the viability of FPS.

5 tourists from Bengal killed as vehicle plunges down after crash

PNS ■ BAGESHWAR

Five tourists from West Bengal died while ten persons were injured when the Tempo Traveler they were travelling in crashed into another vehicle and fell off the road down the mountain in Bageshwar district on Wednesday. The police reached the site of the mishap and began the rescue operation with the help of locals.

According to officials, the tourists were going towards Munshyari after visiting Bageshwar when the accident took place near Farsali some distance from Kapkot. There were 12 people in the vehicle, out of which five people died on the spot, while seven were injured. Three persons in the other vehicle were also reportedly injured in the mishap. The injured persons were rescued and sent to hospital by ambulance.

The tourists who died in the accident include two men and three women. All the tourists in the group are said to be from Kolkata.

Workshop held for architects for constructing CM Rise Schools

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

One day orientation workshop of selected architects for the construction of fully equipped buildings of CM Rise Schools was held at Jahanuma Retreat. Selected empanelled architects from the country’s Environmental Planning and Coordination Organisation participated in the workshop. Principal Secretary School Education Rashmi Arun Shami urged all the participating architects to prepare the design of all-facilitated and all-resourceful school buildings according to the concept of CM Rise Schools and the vision of Chief Minister Chouhan.

She said that the school buildings should be designed

keeping in mind the concentration and safety of the students. The designs should be futuristic and the school buildings built on the designs should stand strong for the next 50-100 years. These buildings should be helpful in maintaining the concentration during study-teaching as well as suitable from the point of view of safety.

Principal Secretary Tribal Affairs Pallavi Jain Govil said that CM Rise Schools should be designed keeping in mind the geographical features of 89 tribal blocks and remote areas of the state. Tribal art and value design can be incorporated in the school structure to suit the tribal area. Most of the children belonging to the Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes complete their studies by staying in residential schools, so the availability of adequate land for hostel facilities and other facilities should also be kept in mind while designing the school in these areas.

Commissioner Public Instruction Abhay Verma briefed about the concept and desired results of CM Rise Schools. Director State Education Centre Dhanraju S conducted the programme. The architects discussed various issues including the design of the schools, building materials, furniture, quality and rates, classroom demos, drawings and construction timelines. Suggestions were also invited from all the invited architect institutions.

Special discount of 20% on fees in compounding cases till Feb’ 2022

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The State Government is giving a special discount of 20 percent on fees in the compounding cases till February 28, 2022 in urban bodies. The limit for compounding of extra construction beyond building permission and construction without building permission has been increased from 10 to 30 percent by the state government.

Commissioner Urban Administration and Development Nikunj Kumar Srivastava has informed that for compounding of construction without building permission and excess construction against building permission, the online system ABPAS (Automated Building Plan Approval System) is being operated for building permission through Directorate of Urban Administration, Development

and Housing where the facility of online compounding of cases and receiving fee online is available. All the bodies have also been directed that it is mandatory to resolve the cases of compounding through online ABPAS only.

Srivastava has directed all the collectors to ensure compounding of maximum number of cases by running a campaign in all the urban bodies of their district. He has said that it should also be widely publicized in the district. Along with this, the cases of compounding should also be resolved by organizing camps in the urban bodies. With this, more and more citizens will be able to benefit from the exemption given by the state government. Along with this, citizens will also be able to take action to legalize the illegal construction of their building.



An artist gives final touches to the idols of Goddess Laxmi ahead of the Diwali festival in Bhopal on Wednesday Pioneer Photo

‘India should lead global initiative on solar at UN’

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

It is appropriate that the country that brought “Surya Namaskar” to the world should now lead the global initiative on solar energy working with the United Nations. India, which has started the International Solar Alliance (ISA), is now going to ask the United Nations for observer status so that countries can pool in their intellectual and entrepreneurial abilities to harvest solar energy and also create bilateral platforms blending creative solutions with technical and financial mechanisms,” said Ramu Damodaran, a United Nations veteran who has worked in various UN departments for the past 25 years.

Damodaran was addressing school students and teachers at an online session of Muskaan to observe the 76th United Nations Day. The event

was organized by non-profit organisation Education for All Trust in association with Prabha Khaitan Foundation, Kolkata, and supported by Shree Cement. Every year 24th October is observed as the United Nations Day as it marks the anniversary of the day in 1945 when the UN Charter came into force. The UN Day offers the opportunity to amplify our common agenda and reaffirm the purposes and principles of the UN Charter that has guided us for the past 76 years.

Referring to the UN Security Council, Damodaran said to the young audience, “India will certainly become a permanent member of the United Nations and this will happen in your lifetime and the Security Council will be enriched by it.” Damodaran alluded to some of the key ideas that will define the United Nations in the next 25 years.

Bank of Baroda celebrates fourth edition of ‘Baroda Kisan Pakhwada’

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Bank of Baroda, is celebrating the fourth edition of ‘Baroda Kisan Pakhwada’ which is being organised from October 16 to 31, 2021. This event is earmarked to appreciate the spirit and vigour of the farming community for their contribution towards sustaining the economy during the pandemic and for the development of the country.

‘Baroda Kisan Pakhwada’ is a pan-India initiative to encourage farmers to get connected with the services offered by the Government and the Bank. Last year over 12164 farmers were benefitted by various outreach programmes conducted by our bank in Mp & CG. This year the Bank has focused on organizing similar programmes in virtual/ physical mode for the benefit of farmers at large. This year, the Bank will also include promotion of new schemes under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

Bank also launched ‘Centre for Agriculture Marketing and Processing (CAMP)’, its new centralized agri-loans process-



ing units in Bhopal. The CAMP is a dedicated credit delivery model with a focus on financing non-traditional agricultural products and handling agri-marketing activities. The CAMP consists of trained manpower with understanding and exposure to handle high value credit accounts. Bank will also promote collaborations with local organisations for sourcing quality business.

Speaking on the occasion, Girish C Dalakoti, Zonal Head Bhopal, told media persons,

“Bank of Baroda has been organizing Baroda Kisan Pakhwada since 2018 to reach out and lend support to the farmers of our country, in recognition of their immense contribution to India's economic progress through the decades. Another key objective of this initiative is to enhance the financial literacy among the farmers and encourage them to adopt modern technology & best practices, for better productivity.

‘Sound of Happyness’ at TI Mall



PNS ■ INDORE

With the festival of light-Diwali just around the corner, Treasure Island & TI NEXT Mall is all geared up to give everyone in the city a grand experience of the Sound of Happyness décor and celebrate this day with much fun and fervour.

This year at Nexus Malls’ portfolio of malls, patrons can also contribute and add to the Sound of Happyness by purchasing bells and adding to a

noble cause. The proceeds from the contribution will directly go to an NGO aiding the kin of those who lost their battle to COVID over the last 18 months. For the festivities this year, TI & TI NEXT Mall once again has a unique décor named the ‘Sound of Happyness’. Inspired by the majestic bell at temples, through its theme, the mall will bring the feel of spirituality, positivity, and the blessing of Gods & Goddesses. It is believed that deities remain

manifested in temples where bells are rung.

The theme will also highlight the interesting significance of each part of the bell. The sound of the bell is considered auspicious which welcomes divinity and dispels evil. The sound of the bell is said to disengage the mind from ongoing thoughts thus making the mind more receptive. Bell ringing during prayer is said to help in controlling the ever-wandering mind and focusing on the deity.

Mishra lauds Rohini Arora’s works on Chamba Rumal

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

P K Mishra, Director, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sanghralaya, Bhopal while welcoming Rohini Arora said that there are many art techniques in Himachal Pradesh which are indicative of its rich style. But Chamba Rumal has given this state a different identity across the world. Chamba Rumal is a popular embroidered handicraft, this lecture will open a way for new researchers and your work will be known as a reference work.

Introducing the keynote speaker, Dr Surya Kumar Pandey said that Dr Rohini Arora did her PhD in Textile and Apparel Science from Lady Irving College, University of Delhi in the year 2015 on ‘Capacity Building of Artisans for the Sustainability of Traditional Chamba Embroidery’. During her research work, she did impor-

tant work on skill development of traditional artists of Chamba Embroidery especially Chamba Rumal by documenting the traditional dyeing process, techniques, designs and related materials in detail. During this, a large collection of various attractive samples of Chamba embroidery was made.

Delivering the Museum popular lecture, Dr Rohini Arora said that Pahari region is well known for a tradition of illustrious embroidery done by women in their leisure time with great passion. It was originally practiced in various parts of undivided Punjab and Himachal Pradesh. It is primarily known for its spectacular Chamba rumals, pahari cholies and household articles. The most famous form of embroidery is Chamba rumals which are known for their double-sided embroidery and designs.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research conducts ‘cleanliness awareness programme’

PNS ■ INDORE

Commemorating the 75 glorious years of India’s Independence i.e. “Amrit Mahotsav” as well as birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research, Indore today conducted a “Cleanliness Awareness Programme” on 27th October 2021 at Arjun Baroda, village where the institute is promoting its technologies and package of agronomic practices through Mera Gaon, Mera Gaurav (MGMG) Programme.

On this occasion, the committee comprising scientists and technical staff of the ICAR-IISR briefed the villagers on “Agriculture, cleanliness and health in rural India” and urged them not to make use of non-degradable material which is responsible for degradation of natural resources. Dr. Rajkumar Ramteke, Principal Scientist, in his brief address, called upon the

villagers to follow the guidelines issued by the government to keep them safe from the corona as well as other dreaded diseases currently prevalent through maintain the cleanliness in the kitchen, home and village area.

On this occasion, BU Dupare, Principal Scientist motivated the farmer to make use of bio-degradable waste for compost making which can be recycled for increasing the productivity of crops and agricultural commodities. He further requested the farmers to keep their farm neat and clean while paying equal attention for control of yield reducing factors like weed, insect-pests and diseases.

During the programme, Meharban Singh, a progressive farmer of village appreciated the efforts of ICAR-IISR for organizing such programmes for the farming community beside their prime work of development and promotion of improved soybean production technologies.

Pandemic puts much needed spotlight on mental health

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The pandemic has put the much needed spotlight on mental health. It has sparked dialogues globally, leading to the recognition that mental health is critical in helping us deal with the many different crises that the unprecedented times have brought with it- loss of jobs, financial security, health concerns, fears of the future, grief and other issues. The Tokyo Olympics also brought in a sharper focus to this topic. Finally, there is a recognition that the deep-seated stigmas attached to it have to be addressed, to make ourselves and our future generations resilient.

Mental Health in an Unequal World, brings to fore the inequities that exist within the system, in access to healthcare facilities, putting further

spotlight on the associated mental health concerns that some groups face more of. While this is critical, it is equally important that this dialogue on mental health is sustained and we do not wait for crisis situations to hit us.

It’s in fact the everyday issues and the inability to cope with them that causes stress and feeling of living unfulfilled lives that needs equal attention, says Deepa A Agarwal, Author of Hangover of Choices and founder of Re-Link Consulting.

Deepa has over two decades of experience in the Diversity, Inclusion and mental health space. Awarded the title of Exceptional Woman of Excellence, by the Women Economic Forum, she is also recognised by The Centre of Global Inclusion, with whom she is an expert panel member.

Play ‘Madhyantar’ staged online at Tribal Museum

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A Hindi play ‘Madhyantar’, portraying the intense relationship of a husband and wife, was staged online at Madhya Pradesh State Tribal Museum’s Youtube channel. The play was performed on Wednesday, marking the Gamak series.

The play is written by Jayawardhan and was directed by Vibha Shrivastava.

The lead characters of the play are Keshav and Kanika, who are husband and wife. Keshav is a teacher of acting and direction in a private drama school. Their married life was going well until Keshav was disabled in an accident, due to which he was fired from his job.

In such a situation, Kanika has to work to bear the expenses of the house. Apart from

being handicapped in the accident, it is later learned that Keshav can no longer become a father. Due to these issues, Keshav falls into depression and directly affects his married life. Keshav realizes that Kanika is breaking the inner wall of not being a mother.

One day Keshav asks Kanika to marry his friend. Kanika’s patience breaks down on this matter and she convinces Keshav of the true meaning of relationships. He states that the significance of the relationship between man and woman is in faith and dedication to each other, not in trivial human disorders like selfishness.

Kanika with the mere fantasy of separating from Keshav, explains her with love that there can be ‘madhyantar’ in life, not in relationships.

Noida-based entrepreneur helping marginalised through CSR initiative

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Young inspiring Entrepreneur Imaran Khan of Noida, has been a torch bearer for helping the poor and needy for many years. He runs a company CSS Founder PVT LTD, working with the mission of ‘Website for Everyone’, offers cost-effective websites that suit everyone’s budget irrespective of the size of the business.

Carving a niche in the web development space for three years and growing, Imaran Khan says, “A website is a reflection of a business that has been at the forefront. Imaran has been helping the less privileged people tide over difficult times ever since the organisation’s start. Imaran has been



championing the cause through his CSR initiative of ‘Free Food for Needy Children’ since 2016.

He has been tirelessly working for this cause and has pushed the envelope by even spending days living with people in slum areas or roads of Delhi-NCR. What stands out as a Noble commitment is that he organises these programs continuously every week. The Team sets out every weekend to spread joy and happiness to the

less privileged. Imaran believes that if each of us is fortunate enough to take responsibility for providing food for some children, then there will probably be a time when no child of the country will sleep hungry.

During the pandemic, it turned out to be an issue for every one of the residents to get their proportions; and the majority of the stocks were getting purged. Imaran insight this and settled on the choice of changing from food supply to apportion supply. As proportion supply will help accommodate a more extended time, and many individuals support apportion supply. He was capable to help more than 1000 individuals by giving them proportion.



Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) employees demolish shanties near Rivera town in Bhopal on Wednesday | Pioneer Photo

40-year-old man commits suicide by hanging self

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A 40-year-old man committing suicide by hanging with the ceiling at his house in Bakania under Khajuri Sadak police station area on Tuesday.

Police said that the deceased Geeta Prasad committed suicide at his house. The deceased used to work as farmer. In the initial investigation the family members told police that deceased was heavily addicted to liquor and used to fight with the family members after having liquor.

On Wednesday, the deceased was alone at his house while his son and wife had gone to visit doctor. The two returned and found Geeta hanging and was rushed to hospital where he was declared

dead. Body was sent for the post mortem after the preliminary investigation. The police have registered a case under section 174 of the CrPC and started further investigation.

Police would record statement of the family members which could help in revealing the reason behind the suicide. From the spot police have not found any suicide note and started further investigation.

Meanwhile, a 42-year old man died after being bitten by a snake near Raja Dhaba under Ratibad police station area on Tuesday. According to the police Raja Dangri was bitten by snake and was rushed to hospital. The snake bit Raj and he raised alert after which locals rushed to his help and spotted a snake leaving the spot.



A young woman shops in the market ahead of the Diwali festival in Bhopal on Wednesday

Pioneer Photo

Crime branch nabs drug peddler, recover cannabis

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Crime branch has nabbed a 30-year-old drug peddler at 11 Mill area and recovered Cannabis worth Rs 35000 from his possession; accused used to carry the drug and would sold on commission while man accused went absconding and is still at large.

Police said that acting on a tip-off regarding man carrying drugs was nabbed and when his belonging were checked 4.2 kg of Cannabis was recovered from his possession. The accused was identified as Shivam alias Lucky who was carrying drugs in polythene bag.

Lucky told police that Rahul dropped him at the spot with drugs and asked to

wait for a bike borne man and talk over phone after man arrives.

Police said that the details of procurement and delivery of the drugs would be searched in the further investigation. After the initial investigation police have registered a case under sections 8 and 20 of the NDPS Act.

During the investigation police have found that Lucky was provided commission of Rs 2000 for delivering the drugs. At present Lucky is unemployed.

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Dushyant Museum to give 11 Memorial Awards at annual fest

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Dushyant Museum’s annual festival is announced. National Dushyant Awards will be conferred to the famous lyricist of Moradabad Maheshwar Tiwari, Yatindranath Rahi of Bhopal will be adorned with Sudhirg Sadhana Samman and P.C. Lal Yadav of Chhattisgarh with Zonal Bhasha Samman.

Awards are also given by the museum every year in the memory of the late office bearers of the museum. This years Kameshwar Award to senior litterateur

Laxminarayan Payodhi, Kanhaiyalal Nandan Award to child litterateur Usha Jaiswal, Balkavi Bairagi Award to senior poet Manohar Pateria Madhur, Vitthal Bhai Patel honor to journalist and philanthropist Rajesh Gaba Prince,

ations were announced today by the Dushyant Kumar Memorial Manuscript Museum. Along with Dushyant adornment, Yatindranath Rahi of Bhopal will be adorned with Sudhirg Sadhana Samman and P.C. Lal Yadav of Chhattisgarh with Zonal Bhasha Samman.

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RS Tiwari honor to Shahdol Commissioner Rajeev Sharma (IAS), Rajendra Joshi Award to Sanjeev Gupta of Makhanlal Chaturvedi University, Sushma Tiwari Award to Poetry Meenu Pandey ‘Nayan’, Baburao Gujre Award to Kanta Rai of Short Story Center, Akhilesh Jain Award to Sanjay Lamba of Central Bank, Vijay Shirdhonkar honor will be given to Manoj Kumar, editor of ‘Samagam’ magazine and Brij Bhushan Sharma to writer and social worker Jaya Arya.

Rajurkar Raj told that the memorial ceremony will be held in the last week of November and the national award ceremony ‘Pranam 2021’ will be organized on December 30, the foundation day of the museum.

Day-long seminar on ‘Urdu and other languages’ held

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A day-long seminar on "Urdu and other languages" was organized on Wednesday at the State Museum by the Department of Culture, Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy, Sanskriti Parishad, in which renowned scholars and senior litterateurs of the country participated.

At the beginning of the program, Nusrat Mehdi, Director of the Academy, after welcoming all the guests, while giving information about the seminar, said that this seminar is based on the topic "Urdu and other languages", so for the researchers who are interested in translation, it is for them. It is a golden opportunity for them to take this seminar to know about the tradition and importance of translation. The seminar was based on two sessions. The first session was presided over by Razia Hamid

and Naeem Kausar respective-ly.

Vikas Dave, the chief guest of the programme and director of Sahitya Akademi, said that while translating, translators should also worry about protecting the identity of culture along with the language. To enrich the vocabulary of our language, we should take new words from Indian languages without becoming enamored of foreign languages. Linguists should also be lexicographers so that when the time comes, they can create new words of their own language. Yakub Yawar, a senior litterateur and translator who came from Banaras said that translation is an art and like other arts, it also demands intelligence, hard work and creative output.

Senior litterateur Khaleel ur Rehman, who came from Delhi, said that Urdu language became young by becoming the

Ganga Jamuni language of Indian culture, then every section of the society, every section adopted it with love, that is why in Urdu along with Indo-Islamic literary traditions in every age. It was also involved in the literary and social traditions of ancient and great Hindu culture here. The Hindu philosophy along with Sufism became its ideology. Azra Naqvi, who came from Aligarh, shared her translation experiences and challenges involved in translating directly from other languages. She said that it is necessary to have a thorough knowledge of both the language in which the translation is being done and the language from which the translation is being done.

At the end of the second session, the winners of the speech competition organized under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi were awarded with honor money and certificates.

DU students accuse cops of violence; police deny charge

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police on Wednesday detained 28 students of Delhi University who alleged that they were beaten up by police when they were assembling for their hunger strike inside the campus to demand complete reopening of the university. However, police denied using force.

Members of the Left-affiliated All India Students' Association (AISA) and other student bodies have been on a hunger strike for two days to press their demand of reopening the campus.

In a statement, the students claimed that the Delhi Police unleashed brutal violence upon their peaceful hunger strike as they were assembling for the third day.

"We were beaten, our

comrades Manik and Ayush, who are on hunger strike for more than 48 hours were violently thrashed by the Delhi Police. Several others have been injured," they said.

"We appeal to all friends and comrades to assemble at the Special Cell Office, Maurice Nagar," the statement added. According to a senior police official, the protesters had been staging a hunger strike for two days from October 25 to 26. "Information was received that there was a meeting scheduled by them on October 27 regarding this and they were planning to strengthen their strike," he said.

Sensing the situation, we had deployed a police force and eight women and 20 men who were part of the protest have been detained peacefully as per legal protocol.



Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and BJP State President VD Sharma during an election campaign in support of party candidate Shishupal Yadav for Prithvipur State Assembly bypoll, in Prithvipur, Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday

Police book minor for molesting girl

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Sukhisewania police has booked a minor youth who molested and threatened a 16-year-old girl on her birthday near Sukhisewania railway station on Tuesday; accused used to stalk her for the past few months.

According to the police, the victim was at her house and celebrating birthday when accused entered house without invitation and tried to wish and when victim refused he molested her and when she he threatened her and escaped the spot.

The victim lives near Sukhisewania railway station while accused used to live in the same area and used to follow her and tease her.

After the complaint was lodged, the accused went absconding.

Based on the complaint and after the preliminary investigation, police registered a case of molestation and POCSO Act.

Meanwhile, Bilkharlia police has booked man for assaulting and abusing of caste a minor boy while boy was booked for molesting 12-year-

old girl at Kolua Padaria village on Tuesday.

According to the police, the victim was teased by accused boy and when girl reported to her father he hit boy for molestation.

After the boy was assaulted his family reached police station while girl's family also reached police station to lodged complaint against the boy.

Based on the complaint boy was booked for molestation while girl's father was booked under Prevention of Atrocity of SC/ST Act and assaulting boy.

Delhi may witness air emergency due to rising farm fires

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi may witness an "air emergency" in the next three days with a sudden rise in stubble burning cases in the neighbouring States of Punjab and Haryana. The expected change in air quality has been attributed to two reasons as per the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR): A spike in farm fires and Diwali.

The Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) marked the Capital's air quality as "poor", and said the effective fire count of stubble burning in the northwest region of Delhi was 656. "Its share in Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 is 16 per cent as transport level winds are north-westerly," it said.



"The Air Quality Index (AQI) is likely to deteriorate rapidly and slip to very poor category by October 28 (Thursday). Calm local winds combined with highly favourable transport level

winds (North-north westerly) at 900-950 mb height enhance stubble burning related intrusion. Any increase in fire counts in next three days would increase finer particle levels of Delhi," it said.

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BHOPAL
Water Works Department
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. 26/store/W.W.D./BMC/2021-22
Bhopal Dated: 27.10.2021
Online digitally sealed tenders in 2 envelope system (A & C) are hereby invited from Manufacturer on behalf of Municipal Corporation Bhopal for the following works on Form "B" Item rate tender and same will be received online at <https://mptenders.gov.in> as per key dates.
Corrigendum for this NIT shall not be issued separately in newspapers. Corrigendum regarding correction can be seen on the website. Detailed NIT and other information can be seen on the website <https://mptenders.gov.in>

S. No.	System NIT No.	Details of Work	Estimated Cost In Rupees
1.	2021_UAD_165789_1	Supply of 2200 MT ISI Mark Ferric Alum Grade-4 in loose slabs as per IS 299/2012 with up to date amendment including all duties and Taxes, loading, unloading, stacking and transportation up to different filter plants of Water Works, Municipal Corporation Bhopal.	Rs. 1,53,20,800.00

City Engineer (H)
Municipal Corporation, Bhopal

T.N.762/021/022

बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा Bank of Baroda
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E-mail: forgwa@bankofbaroda.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE 8(1)] FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Whereas, the Undersigned being the Authorised officer of the Bank of Baroda Under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of security interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 of the security interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notice upon the Borrower calling to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, Notice is here by given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charges of Bank of Baroda For an amount as shown below and Interest thereon.

Name & Address of Borrower	Outstanding Amount	Description of the Property
Borrower - MR. RAVINDRA SOOD S/O SATYAPRAKASH SOOD, Add : B-342, New Jiwaji Nagar, Thathpur, Gwalior (M.P.), Co-borrower - Mrs. Bharti Sood W/o Mr. Ravindra Sood Add : B-342, New Jiwaji Nagar, Thathpur, Gwalior (M.P.) Guarantor - Mrs. Vijaya Anand W/o Let Mr. Virendra Kumar Anand, Add : B-342, New Jiwaji Nagar, Thathpur, Gwalior (M.P.)	Rs. 23,66,615.43 + Date :31/03/2021 Interest & other expenses	Property Owner- Mr. Ravindra Sood S/o Satyaprakash Sood- All that part and parcel of the Residential Property situated at- Village Ghosepur, House No. 342, New Jiwaji Nagar, Thathpur, Gwalior. Total admeasuring 1690 Sqft. Boundaries- East: Property other, West: Road 30 Ft., North: Property Sunil Sharma, South: Property Reshma Sharma

Demand Notice Date : 01.07.2021
Possession Date : 25.10.2021

Place: Gwalior, Date: 27.10.2021

Authorised officers, Bank of Baroda

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
A Govt. of India Undertaking
सिस्टिकेज Syndicate

Bhojpur Branch, Bhopal

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR
Sub: Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) Of The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002
That Below mentioned borrowers has availed the following loans/credit facilities from our Bhojpur Branch from time to time:

Name of Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor	Demand Notice Date Nature of Limit / Loan Amount Liability with interest	Description of Property
Borrowers : Late Shri Pranav Jain S/o Shri Uttam Chandra Jain (1) Smt. Nutan Jain W/o Shri Uttam Chandra Jain (2) Shri Uttam Chandra Jain (Legal Heir of Mr. Pranav Jain) Ganpati Chowk, 8, Barkhedi Fatak Ke Andar, Bhopal - 462015 Guarantor - Shri Asheesh Kumar Handa S/o Shri Sudarshan Kumar Handa, B-1, Paras Urban Park, Bawadia Kalan, Bhopal-462039	Demand Notice Date : 06-10-2021 HOUSE LOAN Outstanding as 06.10.2021 ₹ 11,44,929.63 + Interest & other charges Date of NPA - 26.09.2020	EMT of Residential House situated at Village Hinotiya Plot No. 106, part of Khasra Nos. 123/1/1, 123/1/3 Patwari Haika No. 17, Tehsil Goharganj Distt. Raisen (M.P.) Area-525 sq.ft. Boundaries: East- Road, West- Plot No. 137, North-Plot No. 107, South-Plot No. 105, Property Owner-Late Sri. Pranav Jain S/o Sri Uttam Chandra Jain

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on dates mentioned above in the table. Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability mentioned above in the table, with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.

Date : 27/10/2021
Place : Bhopal

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

बैंक ऑफ बड़ोदा Bank of Baroda
e-vijaya Ashta Branch : Ashta

DEMAND NOTICE
Notice issued under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Whereas the undersigned has issued notice on dates mentioned below in table (sent by regd. Post) under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. r.w. Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to you and to repay the dues mentioned therein within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice, which were returned undelivered and I have reason to believe that you are avoiding service of demand notice on you. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to you to repay the banks dues within 60 days from this Notice failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules and we, the secured creditor, shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the rights under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. r.w. Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The content of the notice is as under.
Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of the Secured Assets	Amount Outstanding Demand Notice Date
Borrowers : M/s Gupta Mobile Proprietor : Mr. Rajkumar Gupta (Mr. Rajoo Gupta) (1) Khatni Market, New Bus Stand, Ashta, Dist- Sehore (M.P.) 466116 (2) Marupura, Ashta, Dist- Sehore (M.P.) 466116 (3) Rajoo Gupta S/o Shantilal Gupta, H No 6, Ahirpura, Tehsil-Ashta, Dist-Sehore (M.P.) 466116 (4) Ward No 17, Kachhipura, Tehsil-Ashta, Dist-Sehore (M.P.) 466116 Guarantor: Mrs. Asha Devi W/o Shantiswaroop 1. 16, Ahirpura, Tehsil-Ashta, Dist-Sehore (M.P.) 2. Ward No 17, Kachhipura, Tehsil-Ashta, Dist-Sehore (M.P.) 466116	House bearing Plot Number 373 situated at ward no 17, Kachhipura, Tehsil Ashta, Dist Sehore (M.P.) admeasuring total area of 450 Sqf. Standing in the name of Mrs. Asha Devi W/o Mr. Shanti Swaroop Boundaries: East: House of Kamla Bai, West: House of Tikaram, North: House of Ramesh Chandra Soni, South: Colony road	0/s as on 31.08.21 (Inc. Interest upto 31.08.2021) OD Limit: ₹ 7,05,509 FITL COVID (Demand Loan): ₹ 40121/- FITL2 COVID (Demand Loan): ₹ 38545/- RIRA OTR 2.0 (Demand Loan): ₹ 31104/- Total Outstanding ₹ 815279/- + interest & charges 12.10.2021

Notice is hereby given to public not to transact / enter into any agreement and to mortgagors not to sell/ transfer the above said secured assets without permission of the bank in terms of sec 13(13) of the act.

Date : 27-10-2021, Place : Ashta

Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.
Corporate Office: Unit No. 802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069
Vidisha Branch : Shop No. A, 2nd Floor, Gaurav Complex, Ward No. 11, Sanchi Road, Opp. Satya Sai Soya, Plant, Vidisha 464001, (MP)
Bhopal Branch : 2nd Floor, Alankar Complex, Plot No.-10 & 11, MP Nagar Zone-II Bhopal -462001, (MP).

DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULE 3 (1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd. (AHFL) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to AHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to AHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

S. No.	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Guarantor	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured assets (Immovable property)
1	(App No. 00079245/ Vidisha Branch) Mohan Sharma (Borrower) Anil Sharma (Co-Borrower) Sonu Raghuvanshi (Guarantor)	11-10-2021 ₹ 4,53,202/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, House Of Mohan Prasad Swaroop Nagar, Lal Pathar Mohalla Near Saraswati School Tehsil- Ganj Basoda, Basoda, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-464221
2	(App No. 00181938 & 00239320/ Vidisha Branch) Mohan Sharma (Borrower) Anil Sharma (Co-Borrower)	11-10-2021 ₹ 3,27,942/- ₹ 1,44,833	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Swaroop Nagar, Aaraji No. 475/1, Lal Pathar Mohalla Near Saraswati School, Ganj Basoda, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-464221
3	(App No. 00033340 / Bhopal Branch) Phul Bai (Borrower) Suresh Babu Kushwaha (Co-Borrower) Hiralal Suryawanshi (Guarantor)	07-10-2021 ₹ 2,97,609/-	All that part & parcel of property bearing, Kh. No. 391, 292, P H No. 48, Village Pachma, Tehsil Ganj Basoda Distt-Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-464221

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFL as aforesaid, AHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Place : Bhopal & Vidisha
Date : 28.10.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
For : Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

Fireman injured on duty dies

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 31-year-old Delhi Fire Service (DFS) official, who sustained burn injuries in line of duty, succumbed on Wednesday at a hospital in Delhi where he was undergoing treatment.

The deceased has been identified as Praveen Kumar, a resident of Pakasma village in Rohtak district of Haryana, was posted at DSIDC Narela (Bhorgarh) fire station.

Kumar was injured during a fire-fighting operation at a factory in outer Delhi's Narela. He had joined the Delhi Fire Service after completion of basic training on June 10, 2019.

Kumar was remembered as an excellent and brave fire fighter by the fire department officials."He possessed "extraordinary daredevil spirit" towards saving life and property of citizens. On October 9, Kumar along with three other firemen were injured after a building collapsed due to an explosion during a firefighting operation," said a senior DFS official. According to the fire department, an incident of fire was reported at a factory in outer Delhi's Narela Industrial area around 7.15 am that day.

A total of 33 fire tenders

were rushed to the spot. The fire was started in paper plates and other items that were being manufactured there on the first floor of the building.

"Our fire-fighting team made tremendous efforts to stop the spread of fire and succeeded in controlling the same.

"But during the operation, there was an explosion and the rear portion of the building collapsed," Delhi Fire Services Director Atul Garg said.

"As a result, a fireman got hurt in his leg while three others, including Kumar, Manjeet and Vijender Singh, received severe burn injuries," he said.

The injured firemen were initially taken to Gangaram hospital for treatment but were later shifted to LNJP hospital for further treatment.

Kumar was declared dead due to heart failure by the doctors at around 9.11 am on Wednesday, he said.

Firemen Manjeet and Singh are still under treatment and are recovering well, while the fourth fireman who got hurt in his leg was discharged the same day, he added.

The factory, which had a basement, a ground floor and two floors, didn't have an NOC (Non-Objection Certificate), according to the Fire Department.

AAP begins fogging drive



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

people against dengue."

In view of increasing cases of vector borne diseases in Delhi, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) launched fogging campaigns across the national capital on Wednesday.

Party MLAs, councillors and office bearers participated in the fogging campaign - covering all 70 Assemblies in Delhi. AAP Chief Spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said that each and every corner of the city will be fogged under the campaign.

"The AAP leaders will personally ensure that fogging is done in every gali-mohalla of Delhi within seven days," he said.AAP National Spokesperson and MLA Raghav Chadha said "It is the legal responsibility of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi to make Delhi mosquito-free by fogging, which it has failed to execute.

When the BJP's MCD turned its back on the people of Delhi, the AAP stepped in to save the day and protect the

Bhardwaj launched the fogging campaign in the Greater Kailash Vidhan Sabha along with Councillor Pooja Jakhar, while party national spokesperson and MLA Raghav Chadha took charge for the same in Rajinder Nagar Vidhan Sabha.

During this, Saurabh Bhardwaj said that this mega fogging campaign against dengue has been started inside 70 assemblies of Delhi.

Speaking on the occasion, Raghav Chadha said that the BJP-ruled MCD is responsible for carrying out fogging in Delhi to prevent dengue. "When the BJP turned its back on the people of Delhi, the Kejriwal government stepped in and took this responsibility on itself to right BJP led MCD's wrongs. They have failed to fulfil their legal responsibility, but the municipal corporation is deeply corrupt. The councillors of the BJP are only driven to fill their pockets and commit scams. They have no interest in cleaning the city or making it mosquito-free,"

Modi India’s best admin, says Shah



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the most successful administrator of the country after independence, saying he has taken India into a different trajectory in the spheres of eradication of poverty, economic development, national security and foreign policy.

Shah was addressing a conference on “Delivering Democracy: Reviewing two decades of Narendra Modi as head of Government”, organised by BJP’s training and research centre Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini.

Shah said Modi became Chief Minister of Gujarat two decades ago without having any administrative experience and proved himself as a successful administrator despite

facing a difficult situation at that time. The Home Minister said in 2014 when the Manmohan Singh Government was in power, there was a “policy paralysis everywhere” and every member of the Cabinet thought of himself or herself as the Prime Minister while the “Prime Minister was not considered as Prime Minister.”

“There was no national security policy. India’s honour had been lost. There were scams of ₹12 lakh crore and an impression had been created that Indian democracy will collapse,” he said. But when the Modi Government came to power in 2014, Shah said, people started thinking that “how things would improve, the system would improve”. He said India’s problems are not just of the administration or economic development but its honour has to be protected, the country’s cul-

ture should be preserved and its security should be ensured.

“Even though Narendra Modi considers himself as the ‘pradhan sewak’, I can say with conviction that he is the most successful administrator the country ever had after independence. Because he covered all these points and took India to a different level,” said Shah. Referring to a series of decisions taken by the Modi Government in the last seven years, Shah said when demonetisation was announced in 2016, they knew that there was a risk as the Uttar Pradesh Assembly election was due but people stood behind Modi and supported the decision. The people realised that it was announced to check black money and Modi had no other intentions, he said.

The Home Minister said the law against Triple Talaq, one rank and one pension and creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff were all difficult decisions. With the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, the Home Minister said, Jammu and Kashmir has been completely integrated with the union of India, not a single riot has taken place anywhere in the country and there has been no murmur after the Supreme Court decision on Ram Janmabhoomi.

Health Ministers’ meeting held over ramping up jab drive

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Wednesday met the State Health Ministers to discuss ramping up the Covid-19 vaccination drive in the country among other measures such as ensuring stepping up health services in case infections start rising at a fast pace.

Mandaviya’s meeting with the State Health Ministers assumes significance as the Central Government on October 23 reviewed the status and progress of Covid vaccination with States/UTs. Health Ministers from around 18 States and health secretaries from remaining States had participated in the meeting. Sources said that Health Ministers pointed out people’s complacency towards Covid-19 for poor show on second doses status. So far just 30 per cent have been inoculated a second dose i.e. are fully vaccinated.

In the meantime, Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, reviewed the progress of Covid vaccination with health secretaries and mission directors of National Health Mission (NHM) of states and UTs, through video conference and urged them to increase the pace and coverage



India’s Covid-19 vaccination coverage has crossed 103 crore

of the second dose of Covid vaccines.

This came in the backdrop of the country achieving the milestone of administering 100 crore doses on October 21, 2021.

As per the latest data released by the Union Health Ministry, India’s Covid-19 vaccination coverage has crossed 103 crore landmark milestones (1,03,48,36,594). More than 51 lakh (51,56,054) vaccine doses have been administered till 7 pm on October 26,” the Ministry stated in its release. So far, 41,10,37,440 first doses of Covid-19 vaccines and 13,11,13,078 second doses have been administered in the age group of 18-44 years.

India determined to protect its maritime interests, says Rajnath



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With China increasingly asserting itself in the Indo-Pacific and Indian Ocean region, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said India is determined to protect its maritime interests. At the same time, it supports the maintenance of rule-based maritime systems, he said.

Making these observations, Rajnath said New Delhi backs systems as mandated under UN Convention on the Law of Seas (UNCLOS), 1982. He also noted while the seas offer abundant opportunities for sustenance and growth of the mankind, they pose challenges such as terrorism, piracy, drug trafficking and climate change.

Delivering the key note address at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2021, being held virtually from October 27-29, 2021, he also referred to Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s description of the Indo-Pacific as a natural region, where destinies of entities are interlinked.

Rajnath said the seas are a vital communication link to facilitate transport of goods, exchange of ideas, catalysing



innovations and contributing to bringing the world closer. “Although the Indo-Pacific is characterised by diversity, marked by a multiplicity of cultures, ethnicities, economic models, governance systems and varied aspirations, the oceans remain a common binding link,” he said.

On the issue of terrorism, the minister called for a cooperative response to these challenges which, he said, has considerable trans-national implications.

Sharing his views on the broad theme of IPRD 2021, ‘Evolution in Maritime Strategy during the 21st Century: Imperatives, Challenges and Way Ahead,’ Rajnath said, it dwells upon the region’s past, gauges the present and then arrives at tenets that will form the foundation of maritime strategies for the future.

First conducted in 2018, the IPRD is the apex international annual conference of the Indian Navy and is the

principal manifestation of the Navy’s engagement at the strategic-level.

Addressing the seminar, Navy chief Admiral Karambir Singh said the Indian Navy is working on “tailor-made” solutions to help friendly countries confront pressing challenges in the maritime domain with a broader aim to emerge as a preferred security partner and make a real contribution for an open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

Without naming China, he also talked about some states applying “land-centric” territorial mindsets in the basic idea of global commerce in the Indo-Pacific with an attempt to seek greater domination and control that has created challenges to global rules.

He also said there has been a “day-to-day” competition for influence in the Indo-Pacific that brings with it attendant and evolving challenges, noting that the rules of game are “constantly changing”.

Cong, Left welcome SC move on Pegasus panel

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress and the Left parties on Wednesday welcomed the Supreme Court order of setting up an expert committee on the Pegasus spyware issue and said it has negated alleged attempts of the Government to evade and divert attention in the name of national security.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi said he was happy with the Supreme Court’s decision to order an independent probe into the Pegasus issue and it was a “big step” towards getting to “the truth”. “I hope they (Supreme Court) will do their job and provide justice.

“But this is a deeper problem. If the Prime Minister is using this as a personal tool... if the data is arriving on the Prime Minister’s desk, then it is totally criminal...”

“We will follow it up,” Rahul said, while claiming that the government of Karnataka “was toppled using Pegasus spyware”.

Attacking the Government, the CPM said the “Government had refused to give a categorical answer to the Supreme Court whether any State agency used Pegasus spyware or not.”

Rahul said the Congress

would continue to raise the issue in Parliament seeking answers from the government as tapping of constitutional functionaries and opposition leaders was a “criminal act” and “an illegal action”.

He added that only the Prime Minister or the Home Minister could have authorised tapping of phones using the Pegasus software.

Attacking further on the issue y Rahul said the Congress had been asking the Government three questions—who had authorised the use of Pegasus spyware, who all were targeted, and whether any other country was also in possession of the Pegasus data. But the government has not given a reply.

“Pegasus is an attempt to crush Indian democracy. It is an attempt to make sure that the vibrancy of the democracy, the conversations that take place in a democracy are crushed and people are controlled,” he said.

“There is the institution of Parliament where we will raise this again and we will try to have a debate in Parliament.

“I am pretty sure that the BJP will not like that debate. So, they will make sure that that debate is stalled. But we will try to hold that debate,” he said.

BJP flays Rahul over Pegasus

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hitting-out at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the BJP on Wednesday said that the Supreme Court’s decision to constitute an expert committee to look into the alleged use of the Pegasus software for surveillance is in line with the Government’s affidavit on the matter.

The party lashed-out at Rahul for his attack on the Government following the court’s judgment, saying is using the same vocabulary and repeats himself whatever be the issue to target the BJP Government.

“The Government had categorically said (in court) that we are of the opinion that in order to counter the false narrative of certain vested interest groups it would be fair if we establish a committee of experts to look into the issue. This is what has happened,” BJP spokesperson

Sambit Patra said, welcoming the order.

To a question that the court declined the Government’s submission to allow it to appoint an expert panel, Patra said this is not an issue as “experts are experts”.

The Supreme Court has appointed a three-member panel of cyber experts to probe

the alleged use of the Israeli spyware for surveillance of certain people in India, saying that the state cannot get a “free pass” every time the spectre of national security is raised and it cannot be the “bugbear” that the judiciary shies away from.

Declining the vehement submission of the Central Government to permit it to appoint an expert panel on its own, the court said such a course would violate settled judicial principle against bias as “justice must not only be done, but also be seen to be done”.

Rahul alleged that the suspected use of Pegasus for snooping is an “attempt to crush Indian democracy”, and said it is a “big step that the Supreme Court has said that they are going to look into this matter. I am confident that we will get the truth out of this”.

Hitting back, Patra said, “Rahul Gandhi has a habit of speaking lies and spreading confusion. He has nothing new to offer, uses the same vocabulary and repeats the same thing like ‘democracy is in danger’ or ‘BJP is attacking ‘Constitution’ on everything. Such is his repetition you won’t be able to say which press conference of him was done on which issue.”

Elderly people require spl kind of care: Experts

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Elderly people in the country require a specific kind of care and treatment and they should get that, doctors and lawmakers on Wednesday said as they batted for a policy exclusively for the holistic welfare of the sector.

Dr Anil Jain, Rajya Sabha member promised that he will raise the issue in the next session of the Parliament to ensure that there are better old age homes and health services to ensure a dignified life to the elderly. “A majority of senior citizens don’t have the means to live a quality life and are spending their lives in old age homes. In fact, old age homes are not part of Indian culture,” he said at a national conference on ‘geriatric health care’ organised by DadiDada Foundation here. The organisation is working for the welfare of the senior citizens in the country.

Vijay Sampla, (Chairman, National Commission of Scheduled Castes) touched upon various issues confronting the senior citizens while Gopal Krishna Agarwal, BJP national spokesperson went on to talk about how the government is constantly trying to improve the geriatric health care system in the country. Though it is a slow



process, the government is keeping in mind the issue and moving towards fixing it, he said.

The aim for this National Conference was to raise awareness about the need for a geriatric health care system in a country where a huge population, around 18 crore, comprises the elderly.

The experts felt that with demographic transition underway in India, the elderly population is projected to rise to 12 per cent of the total population by 2025. “The ever-increasing elderly population poses social and financial challenges and puts immense strain on the health system due to a marked shift toward chronic non-communicable diseases,” they said.

“The elderly should be considered and a policy for efficient healthcare for them should be created” Muni Shankar Pandey, Director of Dadidada foundation said. “People of various age groups were being treated the same way, which was not advisable. The elderly require a specific

kind of care and treatment and they should get that,” he added. Health experts at the conference agreed.

Dr. Rahul Bhargava, hematologist from Fortis Hospital in Gurugram said that in India, the elderly people suffer from dual medical problems, i.e. both communicable as well as non-communicable diseases. “Cancer is becoming treatable now and at the same time it is one of the major issues among the elderly specifically. In elderly males, most common cancers are lung, prostate, larynx, oral cavity, and oesophagus. In females, most common cancers are breast, followed by

cervix and ovary,” Dr Bhargava said.

On the other hand, Dr LK Tripathi, nephrologist from Artemis Hospital talked about various metabolic disorders faced during old age and how to strengthen a person’s metabolism while Dr Rabin Chakrabarti, cardiologist, Medical Hospital in Kolkata dwelled in detail about the different forms of cardiovascular diseases and how they can affect the elderly.

Similarly, themes related to depression and anxiety were taken up by Dr Ashwani Kumar, psychiatrist from Max Hospital in Gurugram.

Centre notifies 4-year integrated teacher education programme



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In line with the New Education Policy (NEP), the Centre on Wednesday notified a four-year integrated teacher education programme. Now, the BEd course will be integrated and will be of four-year duration.

As per the Ministry of Education notification, students who pursue a four-year BEd degree will get BA and BEd or BSc and BEd or BCom and BEd degrees together. Usually, it would take students five years to complete these two degrees. The integrated degree would offer both degrees and save a year for students.

Earlier the Education Ministry had announced that the new integrated course will help create teachers who are in sync with the new education policy. As the education policy introduces several changes in the curriculum including teaching in regional language, teaching coding to school kids

among others, the new degrees will prepare teachers accordingly and will have a new curriculum.

The Government aims at making the four-year integrated BEd the minimum degree required for teaching by 2030. National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) under the Ministry of Education has devised the curriculum of this course in such a way that it enables a student-teacher to get a degree in education as well as a specialised discipline such as history, mathematics, science, arts, economics, or commerce.

The commencement of Four Year ITEP will be from the academic session 2022-23. Admission for the same will be carried out by the National Testing Agency (NTA) through the National Common Entrance Test (NCET). This course will be offered by multidisciplinary institutions and will become the minimal degree qualification for school-teachers.

Covid might act differently depending on time of day, claim scientists

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In what could give new insight into how the coronavirus is being tested and treated, a team of scientists have claimed that the virus might act differently depending on the time of day and the body’s circadian rhythms.

In other words, Covid-19 virus shedding—when infected cells release infectious virus particles into the blood and mucus—appears to be more active in the middle of the day due to modulation of the immune system by our biological clock.

Their results also indicate that viral load is lower after 8 p.m. “If people choose to get tested at that time, there could be a higher chance of a false-negative result. False negatives can be harmful to the community and for the patient, who might not seek additional care due to their negative test result,” suggested Carl Johnson, Cornelius Vanderbilt Professor of Biological Sciences who collaborated with Candace McNaughton, former adjunct assistant professor of emer-

gency medicine, and Thomas Lasko, associate professor of biomedical informatics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, to determine if the percentage of people testing positive for Covid-19 varies based on time of day.

They found that the data support the hypothesis that Covid-19 acts differently in the body based on our natural circadian rhythm, which has also been implied by studies of other viral and bacterial infections.

“Taking a Covid-19 test at the optimal time of day improves test sensitivity and will help us to be accurate in diagnosing people who may be infected but asymptomatic,” Johnson said.

A difference in Covid-19 viral shedding throughout the day is important information that may inform how we test for and treat the virus. As Johnson and his co-authors report, the peak shedding in the afternoon, when patients are more likely to interact with others or seek medical care, could play a role in increasing the spread of the virus in hospitals and the wider community.

Air travel set to become easier for divyang

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Air travel is set to become a bit easier for disabled people, if one goes by the draft ‘Accessibility Standards and Guidelines for Civil Aviation’, issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation. The ministry has given three weeks for people to send their comments and suggestions on the draft after which final guidelines will be issued. As per the draft, during the screening of prosthetics, the airport security—which is handled by the CISF at most of the airports—might use X-ray, explosive trace detection devices or visual checks according to their requirement. The move comes after dancer-actor Sudha Chandran posted a video, recounting her ordeal of removing her prosthetic limb every time during a security check at any airport.

In a video that went viral recently, Chandran narrated her ordeal of how she was made to remove her prosthetic limb every time during a security check at any airport and appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for better treatment of differently-abled people at airports. After the incident, the CISF issued an apology on social media.

Increased communication with people marks 4 yrs of Venkaiah in office

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A manifold increase in public communication through media to keep the people aware of the functioning of the Rajya Sabha has marked the four years in office of M.Venkaiah Naidu as the Chairman of the House.

Since the assumption of Office as Chairman of Rajya Sabha in August, 2017 by M.Venkaiah Naidu, 491 Press Releases/Communication Products have been issued on various aspects of the functioning of the House and the Secretariat.

This comes to an unprecedented more than two such releases (2.36) per week. While the Media Unit of the Secretariat put out 263 releases, the Chairman’s Office circulated 228 during the last four years.

This order of communication output per week is four and a half times that of the preceding five years. During 2012-17, a total of 135 media communication products were issued which comes to two releases per week (0.519 per week).

A report in this regard was

submitted to Naidu by the Secretary General Dr.P.P.K. Ramacharyulu further to a review of the communication outreach during the last four years.

The Rajya Sabha secretariat noted during the review that the outreach effort has been intensified in pursuance of the direction of the Chairman to bring the House closer to the people by keeping them informed of various aspects of it’s functioning.

He thanked the media for keen interest shown in amplifying the messages about various aspects of the functioning of the House during the last four years.

A large number of the communication products issued were based on extensive research undertaken in respect of variation in the productivity of the House over time through time series analysis, total volume of legislation since 1952 including the landmark ones, time share of legislation and other items of the business of the House, changed dynamics of the House in terms of the strength of the ruling and opposition parties in the House.

LAKHIMPURI KHERI KILLINGS

SIT invites witnesses to depose without fear



PNS ■ LUCKNOW

To facilitate the eyewitnesses to come forward and record their statements, the Special Investigative Team (SIT) formed to probe the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, on Wednesday, released the contact numbers of its members.

The SIT in a statement also assured protection to the witnesses, saying that details of such people would be kept confidential if they wanted and they would be given adequate security.

“This is to inform that a special investigation team has been constituted by the Uttar Pradesh government in the Lakhimpur Kheri district incident of October 3, 2021, headed by Deputy Inspector General of Police Upendra Kumar Agrawal. Therefore, it is requested to the people that if any eyewitness wants to provide his evidence in relation to this incident, then he can approach the SIT. The SIT will keep the name and address of the witness and eyewitness confidential and will also provide security,” the statement reads.

The SIT has released the mobile numbers of members in the advertisements. Sources said that the above move was made by the SIT after the Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the Uttar Pradesh government to provide protection to the witnesses in the October 3 violence in Lakhimpur Kheri where eight persons, including four farmers, were killed during a farmers’ protest.

While the NCB has launched the vigilance inquiry into Sail’s charges on the basis of a report submitted by its Deputy Director-General, South West Region Mutha Ashok Jain to the bureau’s Director General on October 24, the Mumbai police have begun the probe on the basis of complaints registered with at least four police stations in the metropolis.

Taking cognisance of “several vigilance-related allegations” made by Sail in his notarised affidavit released the media, Jain had said on Sunday: “...As some of the contents of the affidavit relate to the vigilance matters, I am hereby forwarding the affidavit to the Director General of Narcotic Control Bureau and

NCB, Mumbai cops launch separate probes into ₹8 cr bribe charge against Wankhede

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

A vigilance team of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and a Mumbai police team headed by an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACB) on Wednesday launched independent investigations into the allegation of ₹ 8 crore ‘extortion’ attempt and other excesses made by “panch witness” in the mid-sea drug bust case Prabhakar R Sail against the NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede.

On his part, Wankhede has categorically denied the allegations against him. Talking to media persons, Deputy Director General (DDG) of northern region Gyaneshwar Singh – who is heading the probe – said: “We have started the inquiry... This is a very sensitive investigation, too early to share anything... We shall enquire all aspects and later inform the media of the developments,”

In his sensational affidavit, Sail has among other things said that Wankhede’s colleague had taken his signatures on 10 blank papers. Among other things, Sail

requesting for further action”. Alluding to the affidavit released to the media by Sail, “a witness who has given details of movements and activities on October 2” -- the day the mid-sea bust was registered, Mutha Jain had also said: “As he is a witness in the case and as the case is before the honourable court and sub-judge, he needs to submit his prayer to the honourable court rather than (release it) through social media if he has anything to say. In addition, there are several vigilance related allegations against certain persons in the affidavit which are based on overhearing by Prabhakar”.

Gosavi is one of the nine independent witnesses in the mid-sea drug bust case in which SRK’s eldest son Aryan Khan and seven others were detained on October 2 and formally arrested on October 3. Gosavi is an “absconding accused” booked for allegedly duping a Pune-based man on the pretext of offering a job in Malaysia.

Sali also stated in his affidavit that he had seen Pooja Dadlani (Shah Rukh Khan’s manager) talking to Gosavi. He also claimed that on being told so by Gosavi, he went to a location some time later to collect Rs 50 lakh cash and that he collected “two bags filled with cash”.

Sail claimed that he carried the two bags of cash and delivered them to Sam D’souza near Trident Hotel in south Mumbai. “However, when he (Sam D’souza) counted the case, it was only Rs 38 lacs,” he stated in the affidavit.

She connected very well with the people of the Hills and

Mamata does ‘chai pe charcha’ in Darjeeling, walks to meet people

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

For a change after the grand success in April-May Assembly elections it is the turn of Bengal Chief Minister to embark on Chai pe Charcha (dialogue over the tea cup).

The Chief Minister, who is on a four-day administrative trip of North Bengal, on Wednesday walked 16 km in Himalayan town of Kurseong in Darjeeling district interacting in the process with scores of hill people while during the walk and while sitting at a tea stall for a gossip over tea cup.

“She was quite fit and negotiated the hilly inclines very smoothly,” said one of the officials adding she asked passers by about their well-being,, problems and advised them about corona protocols.”

The Chief Minister who walked 8 km from the circuit house to Mahanadi and back will spend two nights in the hill town before coming down to Siliguri on Thursday. From Siliguri she will visit Goa for a 3-day political programme. Banerjee is being accompanied by her two ministers Indrani Sen and Arup Biswas. “She connected very well with the people of the Hills and



they looked quite happy getting the Chief Minister in the midst of them...no other Chief Minister had done this before to them, they said,” Biswas was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, the Trinamool Congress on Thursday demanded that arrest and questioning of Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari following Supreme Court order on Pegasus issue.

Party spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said that “the court order only vindicates our Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee’s earlier views on the issue,” adding “the way Suwendu Adhikari had said that he had the recordings of all the leaders he should be arrested and questioned regarding the claim he made.”

Trekkers’ bodies arrive in Bengal amid pall of gloom

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A blanket of gloom tended to have descended on parts of Bengal including Kolkata following the death of 11 trekkers who perished in the last week’s inclement weather in Uttarakhand.

While five bodies were flown in on Monday the mortal remains of the remaining victims would soon be brought back to the State, State Government which was in constant touch with the Uttarakhand authorities said.

According to sources some more trekkers were still missing and “we are in touch with the Uttarakhand Government to trace the victims,” said an official adding Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had asked the administration to bring back the victims as early as possible. The 150 tourists who were stuck up in the mountain state would also be brought back at the earliest, they said.

According to sources those who perished while in their expedition to Harsil-Chitkul route were Sadhan Basak (63), Shibayan Das (28), Pritam Roy (22), Sagar De (27), Chandra Sekhar Das (34) and Sarit Sekhar Das (35). They were



from Thakurpukur, Kalighat and other areas around Kolkata.

Shibayan Das from Kalighat had left for Chitkul-Harsil route on October 11. He had called his brother, Subhojit, on October 14 to say he would climb to a higher altitude the next day. “He was to climb with other unknown trekkers and was supposed to return to lower areas by October 22 ... but who knew an avalanche would come and take them away,” he said.

Meanwhile bodies of another five trekkers have been recovered from the higher altitudes of Bageshwar, local district administration said on Tuesday adding the bodies would be sent back to Kolkata after postmortem. Tuesday’s retrieval of bodies take the total number of dead to 16, sources said.

MP bypolls golden opportunity for people to ask BJP about status of tall promises: Sachin Pilot

Khandwa (MP): Though the October 30 bypolls in Madhya Pradesh will not have any bearing on the stability of the State Government but they have presented a golden opportunity to the people to ask BJP about the status of various ‘tall promises’ made by it, especially doubling of the income of farmers, senior Congress leader Sachin Pilot said on Wednesday.

Pilot was addressing a meeting in Barwah town for the Khandwa Lok Sabha byelection where Congress has fielded former MLA Rajnarayan Singh Purni against BJP’s Gyaneshwar Patil. The high-decibel campaign for the bypolls to four constituencies, including one Lok Sabha seat and three Assembly segments, where 55 candidates are in the fray in the straight contest between ruling BJP and opposition Congress, ended on Wednesday evening.

The counting of votes will be taken up on November 2.

“Though these bypolls will neither make nor destabilise the present government, it gives us a golden opportunity to give a message to the nation by asking BJP what has happened to the tall promises made by it? Whether farmers’ income doubled?” Pilot asked the audience.

Farmers have been agitating for the repeal of three farm laws for the last one year (at the borders of Delhi) but the government’s eyes and ears are closed. There is a crisis of power and fertilizers in MP, he alleged.

“The BJP government has a plan to



put a lock on mandis through these black laws,” Pilot, who holds considerable clout in the Gurjar community of Rajasthan, said.

Farmers are the backbone of the economy but the BJP government has no concern for the people.

“People have seen the truth of the Lakhimpur Kheri incident. They (BJP) are hellbent on provoking people in the name of religion and language whereas Congress always believes in uniting people in the name of brotherhood,” the former deputy CM of Rajasthan said.

Pilot also slammed the government over the rising prices of fuel, LPG, vegetables and other essential commodities.

“Inflation is rising but the government is busy doing politics of publishing photos and advertisements,” he alleged.

Pilot said they (BJP) talked about wiping out corruption, “but everybody knows the situation in the country and only a few capitalists are getting benefitted whereas farmers are suffering”.

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Rajbhar announces tie-up with SP, says Akhilesh Yadav will be next CM

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) president Om Prakash Rajbhar announced his party’s alliance with Samajwadi Party and claimed that Akhilesh Yadav would be the next Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.

Rajbhar said in a public meeting in Mau district on Wednesday that Akhilesh Yadav would become the Chief Minister of UP in 2022.

In the presence of SP president, Rajbhar said if SP-SBSP alliance came to power it would waive domestic electricity bills for five years. He said after “khela hobe” in Bengal, “khade-da hobe” (wipe out) in UP as people of the State were waiting for BJP’s farewell.

“If BJP leaders come to ask for votes, then question them about inflation. If the Akhilesh government is formed, the poor will get free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh, police personnel will do duty for eight hours, policemen will be deployed near home districts, old government pension schemes will be restored and government schools will provide facilities like private schools,” he said.

Addressing the public meeting in Haldarpur in Mau district, Rajbhar said, “I have brought the next chief minister Akhilesh Yadav here.”

“The electricity bills of the poor will be waived as soon as our government is formed. The biggest liars

in the world are Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Yogi Adityanath in Uttar Pradesh. Now, Yogi’s departure from Uttar Pradesh is a foregone conclusion.”

Raising the problem of the government employees, Rajbhar said that the anomalies in the pay scales of government employees in the state had to be removed and the duty of police personnel would be for eight hours and one day’s holiday every week.

Attacking the BJP, Rajbhar said, “After tomorrow, the BJP will start spreading rumours that Om Prakash Rajbhar said that now our party SBSP has decided that the next chief minister of Uttar Pradesh will be Akhilesh Yadav. He said that at this time not Hindus but the country, the Constitution, the government property is in danger. We will save it by forming a government with Akhilesh Yadav. PM Narendra Modi used to say that the country will not let it be sold and is slowly selling it,” he said.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said, “The rights of the poor, oppressed, exploited, deprived, Dalits, backward, minorities, workers, farmers, women, youth, teachers, businessmen, employed and professionals would be protected. Against the false and BJP power for defence, Mau’s Haldharpur Maidan will prove to be the Kurukshetra of a political great war”.

Re-enactment of the Indian Army’s landing in Srinagar in 1947 carried out

PNS ■ JAMMU

A re-enactment of the Indian Army’s landing in Srinagar in 1947 following Pakistani tribal raids was carried out at Air Force Station in Srinagar on Wednesday.

The re-enactment of the historic event was organised at Old Air Field, Srinagar to pay obeisance to the brave soldiers and people of Jammu & Kashmir who laid down their lives, and also to honour the next of kin of war heroes who participated in the 1947-48 War.

27 October is celebrated as ‘Infantry Day’ by the Indian Army to commemorate the arrival of the Indian Army at Budgam Airfield to protect Jammu & Kashmir after the ‘Instrument of Accession’ was signed on 26 October 1947 between Maharaja Hari Singh and the Republic of India.

The historic event marking the Infantry day was organised as part of celebration for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and 75th year of Air landed operations of the Indian Army at Budgam Airport.

1st SIKH, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Dewan Ranjit Rai, who later laid down his life at Baramulla, changed the course of the war, wherein people and soldiers of state forces of Jammu & Kashmir and the Indian Army fought alongside valiantly, to evict Pakistani forces, driving them out of most of Jammu & Kashmir till ceasefire on 05 January 1949.

The event was witnessed by the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha, Air Marshal Amit Dev, Air



Officer Commanding-In-Chief, Western Air Command, Lieutenant General Devendra Pratap Pandey, General Officer Commanding 15 Corps along with several other civil and military dignitaries. In addition, the next of kin of war veterans who travelled from across the country to be a part of this mega event were felicitated.

On the occasion, ‘Saviours of Kashmir’ war memorial at ‘Ground Zero’ of 27 October 1947 was also dedicated by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha at Srinagar International Airport.

The memorial commemorates the arrival of Indian Army in Indian Air Force aircrafts at Srinagar Airport in 1947 and

the stellar role played by Major Somnath Sharma, Param Vir Chakra, Brigadier Rajinder Singh, Maha Vir Chakra Maqbool Sherwani, the gallant son of Kashmir, in India’s historic victory in its 1st war after independence.

The memorial has been recently renovated to include the busts of Brigadier Rajinder Singh, Mahavir Chakra and Maqbool Sherwani, alongside the existing bust of Major Somnath Sharma, Param Vir Chakra, as a tribute to the invaluable contribution of the people of Jammu & Kashmir and erstwhile State Forces of Jammu & Kashmir in evicting Pakistani Army and Qabaili invaders.

NIA raids 17 locations in J&K in Jamaat-e-Islami terror funding case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday conducted searches at 17 locations in seven districts of Jammu and Kashmir in Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) Terror Funding Case.

The searches were conducted at 17 locations in Anantnag, Kulgam, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Budgam, Kishtwar and Jammu districts of Jammu and Kashmir, the agency said.

The case was registered by the NIA on February 5, 2021 in connection with the separatist and secessionist activities of JeI, an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act even after its proscription on February 28, 2019.

“The members of the organisation have been collecting funds domestically and abroad which are being used for violent and secessionist activities. JeI has also been motivating impressionable youth of Kashmir and recruiting new members (Rukuns) in J&K to participate in disruptive secessionist activities, the NIA said in a statement.

Searches conducted on Wednesday included the premises of office bearers and members of JeI. During the searches, various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized from the premises of the suspects, it further said, adding investigation in the case continues.

In August, the agency had conducted similar searches at multiple locations in fourteen districts of Jammu and Kashmir in connection with JeI terror funding case.

The searches were conducted in conjunction with the Jammu and Kashmir police and CRPF at 56 locations in Srinagar, Budgam, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Anantnag, Shopian, Pulwama, Kulgam, Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar and Rajouri districts the Valley.

The agency conducted the searches at the premises of office bearers of the proscribed association, its members and also offices of trusts purportedly run by JeI. During the searches, various incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized from the premises of the suspects.

T20 WC: Rajasthan teacher, who celebrated Pak victory against India, arrested

Jaipur: A private school teacher in Rajasthan’s Udaipur was on Wednesday arrested, a day after she was sacked by the school management for allegedly posting a WhatsApp status celebrating Pakistan’s victory over India in a T20 Cricket World Cup match.

Police had registered a case against her on Tuesday.

Nafeesa Attari, a teacher at Neerja Modi School Udaipur, had posted a picture of Pakistani players with the caption, “Jeeet gayeeeee, We wonnn,” after India’s loss to Pakistan.

After screenshots of her WhatsApp status went viral on social media, the school management had on Tuesday terminated her from the job.

“The teacher was arrested today morning,” Amba Mata Station House Officer Narpat Singh said.

He said Attari has been arrested under IPC Section 153 (B) (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national-integration).

Earlier, apologising for her WhatsApp post, Attari had released a video statement saying she did not intend to hurt anyone’s sentiments.

“Someone messaged me asking whether I supported Pakistan. As the message contained emojis and it was a fun environment, I replied, ‘Yes’. However, that doesn’t mean that I support Pakistan. I am an Indian and I love my country. I love India as much as everyone else does,” Attari said in her video message.

“As soon as I realised that I have made a mistake, I deleted the post. I am sorry if I have hurt anybody’s sentiments,” she said.

India lost its first match of the T20 World Cup, against Pakistan, by 10 wickets on Sunday.

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Right to marry

If same-sex couples can live together and adopt children, they can also marry

The Union Government is unlikely to support legal sanctions to same-sex marriages. Its stand in the Delhi High Court hearing a bunch of cases to approve such marriages is consistently against them. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta explained the Government's stand in the Court once again this week. He is clear that marriage is permissible only between a biological man and a biological woman as per the law. For him, a spouse means husband and wife, as in a heterosexual couple. In the same case this February, the Centre said marriage depends on "age-old customs, rituals, practices, cultural ethos and societal values". The Centre put forth four arguments. One, it is for the legislature, not judiciary, to enforce "social morality" based on "Indian ethos" that sanctions marriage. Two, marriage happens between two individuals and does not fall under an individual's domain of privacy. Three, marriage is a public recognition of a relationship and statutory rights and obligations are attached to it. The final argument is clinching: same-sex individuals living together is incomparable with the concept of "Indian family unit" which means husband, wife and child. The Centre insists that the marriage of same-sex individuals can neither be a fundamental right nor can the right to privacy be extended to it.



The Centre's argument draws strength from what the Supreme Court did not say in its landmark 2018 judgment in the Navtej Singh Johar vs Union of India case. The Court struck down section 377of the IPC that criminalised consensual sex between same-sex individuals. It said the Section "prohibits LGBT persons from expressing their sexual orientation and engaging in sexual conduct in private...." The Court decriminalised such consensual sex in 'private' but did not legalise 'public' actions like marriages between such couples. Legalising these marriages is a natural corollary to decriminalising sexual relations between same-sex individuals. Homosexuals, by extending the same logic, cannot be deprived of the reality of falling in love, getting married and living just like heterosexual couples. Denying them the right to marry is to stigmatise their relationships and that is a parochial and conservative approach in a world with fast-evolving social mores. Hitherto, Indian society lived by traditions that defined people's limits, behaviour and duties according to their gender. However, things have changed. The rights and choices of the individual matter more than gender. Glass ceilings are being broken by women and now by members of the LGBT community. Adoption of children is as legal as natural procreation. Live-in relationships may be considered immoral by some but that they are not an offence in the eye of law. If same-sex couples can live-in and adopt children, revolutionising the concept of "family", they can also marry. Society is made up of all kinds of individuals with exclusive rights to none. And no tradition is ever written in stone.

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Grey-headed Swamphens fight at a pond in Ghaziabad

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Good lord!

Kejriwal is going all out to woo Hindu voters ahead of the UP Assembly polls early next year

After heartily wooing the minority community, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is now seeking the blessings of Lord Ram to make a mark, if not win, in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh election. A day after he visited Ayodhya for Ram Lalla *darshan*, the Delhi Government has added Ayodhya as one of the destinations in its popular free pilgrimage scheme, 'Mukhya Mantri Teerth Yatra Yojana'.



By doing so, Kejriwal is taking on the BJP head-on and hopes to beat it in its own game. Under the scheme, the Delhi Government bears the expenses of about 77,000 pilgrims above the age of 60 every year. This scheme was frowned upon by the seculars for playing to and abetting religious sentiments. The Ram Mandir construction and resolution of the temple dispute by the court are likely to be a major poll plank in Uttar Pradesh. Though the AAP has largely kept Hindu-related issues at an arm's distance, this move shows a paradigm shift in its strategy. Even earlier, Kejriwal has been criticised for not honouring his secular credentials. He was often called out for not doing enough in the recent Delhi riots and named the "B-team of the BJP" by his political opponents.

Though UP is still a few months away from elections, the stakes are so high that almost all parties, including the BJP, are not letting up their efforts. The AAP is enthused with its initial success in Punjab and Goa and has made forays into other States, too. Now betting big on UP, it formally kicked off its poll campaign in September this year. Right from the start, the AAP seems to be giving a clear message that it is not against the construction of the Ram temple. By doing so, it wants to reach out to the Hindu voters disgruntled with the BJP. To send a clear message to these voters, senior AAP leaders Manish Sisodia and Sanjay Singh had offered prayers at the Ram Janmabhoomi and Hanumangarhi shrines in the temple town before Kejriwal's visit. The AAP knows well that freebies work. So along with the endorsement for the Ram temple, it is also offering 300 units of electricity free of cost to all domestic consumers and promised to waive outstanding bills of 38 lakh families in UP if it wins the Assembly election. The AAP will contest all 403 seats in UP.

How Air India fell short of the runway

People in Government seldom appreciate that overheads can bring down companies. That made Air India a treasure trove for too many employees



PRAFULL GORADIA



The plight of Air India would not have dipped so low had a 1983 advice given in a national daily been followed. The company might be Government owned but three or four, preferably six or seven or more financial institutions beginning with LIC, Unit Trust, IDBI and nationalised banks should have held Air India through share. They would be entitled to dividends, if any. The company would be a member of the stock exchanges as well as chambers of commerce. Their senior representatives would attend the shareholders' meetings et al.

The premier airline was a business and it should have been run as such and not like a zamindari. The acting zamindar was usually a joint secretary of the Government of India. He might have been a perfect bureaucrat but was likely to be wedded to the correct procedure and not oriented towards profit. He would have worried more about the audit than about results. That is not how a business is run. Companies owned and run by the Government are euphemistically called "public sector" without the realisation that it is an appendix of State capitalism. Where is the public as an owner, either direct or indirect?

The joint secretary, being from a cadre, was obliged to upgrade passengers free of charge. I have once travelled to London business class with my family. Many of the seats in the aircraft were filled at the last minute, before departure, with odd persons with whom I did not enjoy travelling. Mind you, I am not a snob; I have brushed shoulders with all kinds in politics. These appeared to be mostly relatives or friends of trade union leaders who had been obliged so as to maintain industrial peace. In a Government, one had to do so; any effort to solve any case of industrial tension needed the blessings of senior officers, if not the Board of Directors. For officers, it was best to maintain good relations with trade union leaders, if necessary with soft peddling.

To travel with such elements

was irksome enough for us. For European travellers, one can imagine, it would be anathema. If say, 20 per cent shareholding was also sold to the public, it would appear in public perception to be a company like any other. Industrial action would then be easier to take. For years Larsen & Toubro was 54 per cent financial institution held and yet ran like a private company and gave decent returns to its shareholders. It was only when Reliance Industries bought out some shares from some of the financial institutions that the 54 per cent came into public limelight.

Another set of contributors to the sickness of Air India was the VIPs and ministers, whose recommendations had to be implemented. Whether the person was required or not, he or she generally had to be appointed. Whether he was qualified was rarely commented upon. People in Government seldom appreciate that overheads can bring down companies. That has made Air India a treasure house of too many employees, at least four times more than required.

VVIPs climbed even higher heights. As soon as UPA-I



YES, INDIA HAS A LARGE TRADING CLASS AND SMALL TO MEDIUM INDUSTRY RUNNERS. BUT FOR THE SIZE OF ITS ECONOMY AND THE DIMENSION OF ITS NEEDS, THERE ARE NOT MANY CANDIDATES AROUND

came to power in 2004, a minister took off to Europe and bought a large number of aircraft. He repeated his performance soon thereafter by flying to the USA to acquire Boeing aircraft for Air India. The earlier lot of Airbus planes were for Indian Airlines. To top up his exploits, he had both the airlines amalgamated. No questions were really asked nor answered. The cost of borrowing drove the final nail on the coffin.

The bitter Air India experience need not forever condemn public money being invested in industry. For a simple reason, India does not have a sizable and sufficient number of industrialists to industrialise the economy. Any old trader is not a potential industrialist. Yes, India has a large trading class and small to medium industry runners. But setting up a large industry requires a longer vision, a modicum of integrity, the ability to build the project rapidly before inflation overruns the cost, and ultimately the ability to manage a large industry.

For the size of our economy and the dimension of India's needs, there are not many candidates around. In

the liberal days of Indira Gandhi onwards, it was easy to borrow money from the bigger banks. Quite a few big, impressive houses, apparently successful, owe more they own. That is alright when a substantial part of the debt is from one's own shareholders and not from bankers. Hence, let the Government play its part as an indirect shareholder in a reputable house. Additionally, invite, induce and attract foreign houses but not in consumer products.

Let the foreign company suggest what they would like to manufacture. Thereafter, the Government can verify whether the particular product is required in India. If it is, let the foreign firm decide how much and what percentage it wishes to invest. Then a public issue could be launched. What does not get subscribed can be filled up by the institution or banks. If the foreign firms, to feel secure, request the institution to fill the gap between 51 per cent and what it invests, say 15 or 17 per cent, it should be done.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A FAIR PROBE INTO THE PEGASUS ISSUE

Sir — The apex court setting up an independent probe panel with a retired Supreme Court judge at the helm, to investigate into the Pegasus snooping affair in India is welcome. With this decision, it has apparently given utmost importance to the protection of fundamental rights of the individual, as the ultimate custodian of the Constitution. The Union Government has not come clear, when asked by the Court on the issue of Pegasus — an Israeli snooping software that was allegedly used to spy on political rivals. In this snooping affair, under the guise of threat to national security, the fundamental right to privacy of the citizen and right to freedom of the press are being seemingly subverted by the State or by some private entities, which is a dangerous sign for a healthy democracy.

The Government has every right and duty to snoop into the activities of suspected terrorists or their supporters in a legally sanctioned manner. But it has no right to infringe upon the fundamental rights of citizens; overtly or covertly at its whims and fancies. Now the apex Court has settled the issue by reconfirming the primacy of fundamental rights and their place at high pedestal on the ladder of democracy.

DVG Sankararao | Vizianagaram

BIGOTRY DISGUISED AS SENTIMENTS

Sir — The celebrated filmmaker Prakash Jha had to face the wrath of the self righteous group the Bajrang Dal, over the making of web series Ashram in Madhya Pradesh. This is not a healthy precedent to any civilised society and the nation. The attacks on film directors and writers over petty issues isn't a new phenomenon but a new trend in our country taken up by the pseudo champion of moral policing. The self righteous group Bajrang Dal should have first registered the complaint to the administration over the objectionable materials and raised complaints on Ashram nomenclature per se, instead of resorting to hooliganism to grab the attention for a wrong reason.

The Captain wants a payback



Captain Amarinder Singh has declared that he is going to form a new political party and the Election Commission will soon clear its name and symbol. The Captain has announced that his party will contest on all the Assembly seats and will have seat adjustment with other like-minded parties. He is likely to meet Amit Shah on Thursday on the issue of farmers' agitation. He also informed that he has not met any farm leader and also confirmed that talks

are already going on between farm leaders and the Government and is hopeful of some concrete solution on the issue very soon. The former Punjab Chief Minister has been successful in conveying the message that he was deeply humiliated by the Congress high command; challenging that the grand old party will have to pay for it.

In UP, 40 per cent seats will be allotted to women (as per Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi) and today, Harish Rawat declared that the same formula may be adopted in Uttarakhand. Apparently, it can not be denied that the same formula may be applied in Punjab also. Punjab has become a ground for personal and sentimental politics. Earlier, Navjot Singh Sidhu was acting like an 'unguided missile' and now the Captain appears to be a wounded and desperate lion who is moving ahead on the lines of revenge and payback.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

It is meaningless they are now trying to object and interfere in the making of web series when it has already completed two seasons successfully. The veteran film director was caught in a bind of political fury and discourse for trying to mirror the true image of our society through his film. All this unnecessary ruckus created by the Bajrang Dal including the Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra, over nomenclature of fictional film is a dire attempt to look at the piece of an art with a parochial mindset and for a political mileage.

Janga Bahadur Sunuwar | Bagrakote

SHOWING SOLIDARITY THROUGH SPORTS

Sir — South Africa opener Quinton de Kock has triggered a needless controversy by refusing to take a "knee" before the start of the T20 World Cup game against West Indies. If De Kock's stance is an objection to the directive issued by Cricket South Africa (CSA), it could mean the end of his participation in the

World Cup, and possibly cost him his international career. Taking a knee has become a popular symbol to show solidarity with the 'Black Lives Matter' movement which gained momentum following the brutal killing of the African-American George Floyd by a white Minneapolis police officer.

It is part of a long history of players and athletes using sport as a platform to draw attention to the racial inequalities that communities experience. Systemic racism exists across the world and cricket is not immune to the scourge, as it commits itself to bring changes amid the BLM Foundation, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy. Meanwhile, the situation which has now exploded at a World Cup, is an indictment of the leadership of CSA, which was racked by management issues over the last couple of years.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

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SOUNDBITE

I was fortunate that I got the chance to bow before Ram Lalla and I wish everyone must get this chance.



Delhi Chief Minister
— Arvind Kejriwal



It isn't enough just to invest in our physical infrastructure — we also have to invest in our people.

US President
— Joe Biden

While working on *Toofaan*, I realised there are no short-cuts when you want to portray a character like Aziz.



Actor
— Farhan Akhtar



I've heard a lot of good things about the Pakistan Premier League from other players. It's something to consider in the future.

New Zealand skipper
— Kane Williamson

We have decided to become the voice of youth and will organise the biggest rally of the country against unemployment.



RJD leader
— Tejashwi Yadav



FIRST COLUMN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND SKILL FRAMEWORK

Vocational courses and community colleges are a viable alternative to tertiary education



BRIJENDER SINGH PANWAR

India does not have enough higher educational institutions to accommodate even half of its young population. When it comes to vocational training, only 10 per cent of the workforce in India is formally trained, compared to 96 per cent in Korea, 80 per cent in Japan and 68 per cent in the United Kingdom. There are two important issues which need to be addressed. First, there are not enough vocational education providers. Secondly, the current public perception of vocational courses is problematic; such courses are often seen as a refuge for those who have failed to make a mark in mainstream education. We have to change this perception by creating awareness about vocational education and providing career counseling at an early age in schools. India has an ambitious goal to train 500 million of its citizens by 2022 with skills and competencies for participation in the present and future labour market. Therefore, the viable alternative to formal tertiary education is Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Community Colleges which will directly contribute to skilled workforce and the nation's economy. We have to give due emphasis to the role of Community Colleges in implementing the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, through National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF). Although the concept of Community college has not been accepted by the educational system of India as such, it has created its own his-



tory in the last two decades. At present, there are more than 500 community colleges in the country. How are Indian Community colleges different from the two existing vocational systems — the two-year Industrial Technical Institutes and the three year Polytechnics? Both these programmes are skill and job-oriented and supply trained personnel to industries. Community colleges should have a clear mandate and agenda of its own which is to prepare the youth for the workforce in a year or two by giving them skill-oriented education alone with some life skills.

There has to be some other motivating factor to attract students to Community Colleges. It is the responsibility of Community Colleges to identify such factors and project them as their Unique Selling Points. The difference lies in the fact that the collegiate level vocational education offers only apprenticeship training and vocationalization of first-degree level whereas Community colleges offer a range of multi-focused programmes in occupational and technical and in continuing education. The courses offered by the colleges are designed to meet the workforce needs of the regions in which the colleges are located. Another purpose of Community colleges is to offer "bridge" courses to complete higher certifications, ensure employability and competency of the individual trained, teach life skills and communication in English and provide training in personal, social, language, communication and creative skills. The role of Community Colleges in implementing NVEQF is crucial for the development of vocational education and skill development. NVEQF is a descriptive framework that organizes qualifications according to a series of levels of knowledge along with the skills. These levels are defined in terms of learning outcomes or competencies the learner must possess regardless of whether they were acquired through formal, non-formal or informal education and training. Given the framework of the NEP, having a strong emphasis on skill-based vocational education, the role of Community Colleges in implementing NSQF would be significant as it will follow a modular, credit-based system that keeps abreast of technological and other workforce changes.

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Taliban: Sanctions and recognition

Given the reach and lethality of ISIS, the Taliban may not withstand pressure from the international terror group in the long run unless Al-Qaeda is roped in for countermeasure



RAKESH K SINGH

The Taliban's outreach to the international community is driven mainly by the existential crisis the outfit is facing back home due to both the presence and lethality of the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP) that holds the potential to challenge and overthrow the current regime in Kabul essentially supplanted by Pakistan's covert agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

The Taliban is seeking to first get the Interim Cabinet members' designated terrorist tag removed. At least 14 members of the Interim Cabinet are designated terrorists of the UN as well as the US sanctions lists. With such a designation, Taliban cabinet representatives cannot move around freely amid apprehension of fatal drone strikes against them. The Taliban is also vying for international recognition from the global community or at least as many countries as possible in the region and beyond.

Once recognized by the international community, the Taliban will be able to put across its viewpoints at various forums of the UN as also seeking funding assistance for its messed-up economy from the IMF and WB.

The Taliban will then also be able to negotiate military assistance from the UN member-states in the name of counter-terroring terrorism on Afghan soil by anti-Taliban groups like ISKP.

The Taliban is habituated to survive on illicit financing through extortion and garnering proceeds from sale of narcotics. The recognition of its regime will help Taliban in transforming the black economy into white money channels.

These factors have compelled the Taliban to pitch in for international recognition and portray itself as Taliban 2.0, radically dissimilar from the outfit's regime that ruled the roost in Afghanistan till 2001.

Notwithstanding the Taliban propaganda ruling out any threat from ISIS, the fact is that ISKP is a profound and dangerous competitor to Al Qaeda to whom the Taliban owes allegiance.

The Taliban is essentially a local terror group with influence being limited to Afghanistan and completely unlike the ISIS that has a cadre and funding base from multiple ethnicities and geographies.

In a worrying fact, the ISIS has some significant presence on the ground and has been able to inflict four major terror attacks on the Afghan soil post-takeover of Kabul by Taliban on August 15, including the deadly Kabul airport hit amid the then ongoing US troops' withdrawal and fatal attacks on Shia mosques in Kunduz and Kandahar.

With active connivance and assistance from the ISI, the Taliban has been able to deceive the international community in seizing power in Afghanistan in a swift advance and without any resistance either from the erstwhile Afghan National Defence Force or any militia.

But the Taliban cannot deal with the



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situation at the international level on its own after it has grabbed power in Kabul.

By engaging in multilateral meets like the Moscow format, the Taliban is buying time to gain international recognition and keep the anti-Taliban forces at a relative bay by participating in such overtures.

Taliban has been mainly trained in perpetrating insurgency but tackling insurgency is an altogether different ball game. The ISI masterminds have deliberately kept the outfit away from gaining such craft.

The Taliban apprehends that if ISIS continues with its bombing spree and spreads traction among the Afghan society and enlarges the area of influence, all the other anti-Taliban forces will rally under it to overthrow the current regime in Kabul.

Given the reach and lethality of ISIS, the Taliban may not withstand the pressure from the international terror group in the long run unless Al Qaeda is roped in for the countermeasure.

In this backdrop, the Taliban is left with two broad choices for survival—one to get recognition for its regime in Kabul and subsequently get military assistance to counter ISIS or ally with Al Qaeda which can pool in its fighters from various countries to check ISIS or its Afghan affiliate ISKP.

In its bid to seek international recognition, the Taliban is also portraying that it does not want Al Qaeda fighters and this is the reason why it is seeking sanctity from the global comity of nations for its regime in Kabul.

For its international recogni-

tion project, the Taliban has fielded Anas Haqqani, the Home Minister of the interim government and Amir Khan Muttaqi, the Foreign Minister, for addressing the internal and external dimensions of the Afghan challenge.

While Haqqani is seeking to update the international community on the need to check dissidence in the Afghan society as well in the pockets on the Afghanistan-Pakistan region dominated by a large population of the Pakhtun ethnicity who could come in handy for taking refuge in the event of the international community or a group of countries deciding to decimate the Taliban to protect their own sovereign interests.

Haqqani is also tasked with the onus to keep Baloch insurgents in check so as to deny foreign agencies like the Mossad and Research and Analysis Wing the opportunity to carry out anti-terror action in Pakistan from Afghan soil.

Muttaqi is tasked to ensure external security by checking Iran from attacking Afghanistan through the ISIS or bombings by the Russians who see the turmoil in the war-ravaged country as a threat to their respective sovereign interests.

The Taliban leadership is also clear that it has reached the stage of forming an interim government with ISI help but is also aware of the need to balance between the ISI and the international community.

Taliban is further aware that despite being helped by the ISI to control Kabul, it cannot be seen as a puppet of Pakistan beyond a point as international recognition eludes the regime.

Despite its overtures and

pledge to form an inclusive government in line with the desire of the international community, Taliban has so far been getting help exclusively from China because of its strategic location and Pakistan's back-channel support in roping in Beijing to rescue the Taliban from the plethora of mess it is facing.

Now, the Taliban is aiming to have a direct communication with China to maximize the cooperation it is getting from Beijing and simultaneously sideline Pakistan to shed its image as an ISI puppet.

Fully aware of the Pakistani machinations in both Kabul and within Taliban, Russia did not invite the Pakistani pointsman Gulbuddin Hekmatyar heading the Hizb-e-Islami faction of Taliban for the Moscow format dialogue underway in the Russian capital. Hekmatyar has issued a statement that Moscow talks would fail as all sections of Afghan society have not been represented in the talks.

While 10 countries including India and China participated in the Moscow talks, none of the countries, not even China, is willing to grant recognition to the Taliban.

The Taliban was initially buoyant over the vast number of American equipment left behind by the allied forces but now it is realizing that these machines could threaten its existence if ISIS gets hold of them. The Taliban cannot use American weapons due to lack of training.

The complexity of the Afghan problem makes the situation in Afghanistan pregnant with all possibilities including bombing by the Russians or an onset of a Shia insurgency.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

I WILL BE FORMING A NEW PARTY. THE NAME AND THE SYMBOL WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE THE ELECTION COMMISSION CLEARS IT.
—FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER
CAPT AMARINDER SINGH



THE LAST TIME YOU FORMED YOUR OWN PARTY, YOU GARNERED ONLY 856 VOTES. THE PEOPLE OF PUNJAB ARE WAITING TO PUNISH YOU AGAIN.
—PUNJAB CONGRESS CHIEF
NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU

The need today: Localising solutions

An inclusive process of planning and programme deployment is the only way to ensure that the most vulnerable have access to benefits

When we met Rama Krishna, our heart was broken. His wife was in the hospital and he needed money for her treatment. Krishna and his family were enrolled for health benefits under the Building and Other Construction Workers (regulation of employment and conditions of service) Act, 1996. However, the paperwork he needed to avail the benefits was too cumbersome. He needed his Aadhaar card, hospital bills, proof of work, marriage certificate, details of any dependents and so much more. Finally, he could not convince his union leader to give him proof of his last salary slip. And thus, he could not avail the benefits. He needed the money immedi-



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ately for treatment. While we were able to help him out then, we wondered how many more Krishnas were out there. Krishna's situation pointed to a systemic issue where the willingness to want to deliver basic services remains but a top-down program design is becoming a hindrance in accessing these programs.

From loan waivers to scholarship for marginalized communities, there is no dearth of programs that serve vulnerable populations. However, with the programs being designed by those sitting in the State and national Capitals often means a disconnect to reality. The result is that these programs become hard to operationalize and ultimately do not yield intended benefits. Therefore, it is



critical to work with communities to develop solutions, provide local talent who can help design and deliver on problems and create a culture of bottom-up planning.

An inclusive process of planning and program deployment is the only way to ensure that the most vulnerable have access to benefits.

Consider for example the District Minerals Trust Fund that uses the cess of mining companies in to address com-

munity needs. Districts who have been adversely affected by mining have complete discretion on how they want to use resources for hyperlocal needs. In Ramgarh and Chattra, the administration conducted Gram Sabhas and local stakeholder meetings and recognized the need for more sustainable and high paying jobs than those offered by the mining industry.

Thus, rather than look for jobs with skills that might not be easily available, these districts brought in green and renewable opportunities like solarization of agriculture sector and created related jobs. The result is higher paying local jobs with sustainability. A culture of identifying local needs with the flexibility of using funds has allowed these

districts to create hyperlocal solutions. Rather than routing funding through schemes, there is significant merit in providing discretionary funds for districts as well.

Resources are often not enough. It is important to match them with personnel on the ground who can provide feedback about community condition. Andhra has designed the village volunteer program with similar intentions in mind. Every 100-200 households have a young person helping them with access to programs and benefits. When lockdown was affecting most of the country with no one being able to access banks, government offices, etc. village volunteers accessed this pressing gap and were mobilized to withdraw the cash and deliver

er the amount to each household. The money became the lifeline for most families who continue to remain dependent on pensions and social welfare to ensure a functioning household. It is critical to have people within communities who can identify errors and work with the government to help overcome them. While in some situations local NGOs are stepping in to provide needed support, there needs to be systems and human capital to do so.

Finally, in order to ensure such a model comes into play, it is important to have a culture of appreciating the local opinion. The second wave of the covid pandemic highlighted the importance of letting communities decide the most appropriate response. In

the process, models emerged of how districts were able to mobilize resources and talent to bridge this gap. We saw districts with a strong agricultural belt being willing to keep mandis open over the week-end. Whereas others choosing to go in to complete lockdown. The diversity within India demands for each community to adopt to local needs. There needs to be a strategic shift toward providing much assistance and insights to districts.

Only when we empower our local administrations with the resources to take independent decisions can we design and implement effective solutions. Otherwise, the stories of more Rama Krishnas will continue to emerge, plagued by systemic issues.

GLOBE TROTTER

SUDAN ARRESTS 3 CRITICS AS PRESSURE MOUNTS
Cairo: Sudanese security forces detained three prominent pro-democracy figures overnight, their relatives and other activists said on Wednesday, as pressure mounted on the country's military following its coup.

EGYPTIAN FLIGHT RETURNS AFTER THREAT MESSAGE
Cairo: A Moscow-bound EgyptAir flight returned to the Egyptian capital shortly after takeoff Wednesday after a threatening message was found onboard, authorities said.

US ISSUES ITS PASSPORT WITH 'X' GENDER MARKER
Denver: The United States has issued its first passport with an "X" gender designation—a milestone in the recognition of the rights of people who don't identify as male or female — and expects to be able to offer the option more broadly.

NATO's Afghan mission hit by 'mission creep,' official says

AP ■ BRUSSELS

NATO's security operation in Afghanistan became a victim of "mission creep" as the military organisation allowed itself to be dragged into helping rebuild the impoverished, conflict-torn country, the official leading a process of drawing lessons from the mission said on Wednesday.

Assistant Secretary-General for Operations John Manza and NATO's 30 deputy national envoys are compiling a report on almost two decades of work in Afghanistan. They were tasked with the job after the Afghan president fled and the NATO-trained Afghan army collapsed when President Joe Biden announced that he

was pulling U.S. troops out, paving the way for the Taliban to seize power.

Manza told European Union lawmakers that of the big lessons being discussed by his team – which also includes input from military and political experts, including from Afghanistan – "the most obvious one is mission creep."

NATO took over the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan in 2003, almost two years after a U.S.-led coalition invaded the country to oust the Taliban for harboring Osama bin Laden, the deceased al-Qaeda leader.

Manza explained that it initially had around 5,000 troops based mostly in and around the

capital Kabul, but that within 3 years its focus shifted to "tackling the root causes of terrorism" by helping to rebuild a landlocked country riven by ethnic and tribal divisions and with a poorly educated population.

NATO troop numbers increased to around 60,000 by 2006, with military-civilian teams spread around the largely lawless country trying to foster economic growth and better governance in almost every province.

"This really substantial increase did not have the desired effects," Manza said. "The insurgency was still gaining strength. The nation was still suffering greatly from corruption and governmental performance was not improving."

Saudi to provide \$4.2 bn to Pak; Imran thanks MBS

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Saudi Arabia has agreed to provide \$4.2 billion worth of assistance to cash-strapped Pakistan to support its economy, it emerged on Wednesday after Prime Minister Imran Khan held talks with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman in Riyadh this week.

Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry took to Twitter to announce the assistance which came just two days after Khan paid a three-day visit to the Gulf kingdom.

"Saudi Arabia's announcement supports Pakistan with 3 billion US dollars as deposit in Pakistan central bank and also financing refined petroleum



products with 1.2 billion US dollars during the year," he said in a tweet.

Prime Minister Khan thanked Crown Prince Salman for the generous aid when Pakistan's economy was facing difficulties.

Nepal's Chief Justice refuses to step down

Kathmandu: Nepal Supreme Court Chief Justice Cholenra Shumsher Rana has refused to resign from his post amidst allegations that he helped his brother-in-law secure a berth in the Sher Bahadur Deuba-led Cabinet, triggering an unusual judicial crisis.

A section of the Supreme Court justices has demanded Chief Justice Rana's resignation while some lawyers have decided to boycott the apex court.

During a meeting with 15 apex court justices, Rana said that he is not going to step down just because voices were raised in the streets and in the media for him to quit the top post. **PTI**

Blast in Myanmar city highlights escalating violence

Bangkok: Midday bombings near a busy government office injured at least nine people in Myanmar's second biggest city on Wednesday, in what appeared to be the latest high-profile attack by militants opposed to the country's military rulers.

Other attacks by foes of the government were also reported on social media sympathetic to the opposition.

Shootings and bombings in Myanmar's cities and armed clashes in the countryside are daily occurrences, and UN officials and other observers have warned that unrest triggered by the military's seizure of power in February is spinning toward civil war. **AP**

Watchdog: 30 recent cases of violence to Afghan journalists

Islamabad: More than 30 instances of violence and threats of violence against Afghan journalists were recorded in the last two months, with nearly 90% committed by the Taliban, a

media watchdog said. More than 40% of the cases recorded by The Afghanistan National Journalists Union were physical beatings and another 40% were verbal threats of violence. **AP**



Lava flows from a volcano as it continues to erupt on the Canary island of La Palma, Spain on Wednesday **AP**

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निदेशक प्राविधिक शिक्षा, उत्तराखण्ड

जनसंपर्क संचालनालय छत्तीसगढ़ शासन

क्रमांक / 4082 / जनसं / वि.अ.प्र. / 2021 फोन- 0771-2221616 नवा रामपुर, दिनांक : 26/10/2021

गणतंत्र दिवस परेड 2020 के अवसर पर नई दिल्ली में व्यनित होने पर प्रदर्शित की जाने वाली छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य की झांकी निर्माण के लिए अल्पकालिक द्वितीय निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

जनसंपर्क संचालनालय, छत्तीसगढ़ शासन, नवा रामपुर की ओर से नई दिल्ली में आयोजित होने वाली गणतंत्र दिवस 2022 की राष्ट्रीय परेड में चयन होने पर प्रदर्शित होने वाली झांकी की डिजाईन/मॉडल प्रस्तुत करने तथा अनुमोदन प्रस्ताव तथा खा मंत्रालय के निर्देशानुसार फेब्रिकेशन आदि कार्य कर झांकी तैयार करने हेतु टर्न-की आधार पर अनुभवी झांकी/टेब्ल्यू निर्माताओं / फर्मों से गृहबंद अल्पकालिक द्वितीय निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

इच्छुक (झांकी) टेब्ल्यू नर्माता / फर्म जनसंपर्क विभाग की वेबसाइट www.dprcg.gov.in & www.cg.nic.in/dpr से निविदा प्रारूप,नियम-शर्तें डाउनलोड कर निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क राशि रु. 2,000/- (दो हजार रुपए मात्र) (वापसी योग्य नहीं) का "संचालक, जनसंपर्क संचालनालय/रामपुर" के नाम से रामपुर में देय डिमाण्ड ड्रॉफ्ट टैक्निकल विड लिफाफा के साथ जमा करना अनिवार्य है। उक्त निविदा में किसी प्रकार परिवर्तन अथवा संशोधन होने पर जानकारी उक्त वेबसाइट में प्रदर्शित की जायेगी। संशोधन सूचना समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदाकर्ता जिन्होंने पूर्वे में प्रथम निविदा भरा है, उनके निविदा प्रपत्र ग्राह्य होंगे।

(1) पूर्णतः भरे प्रपत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 08/11/2021 दोपहर 2 बजे तक।

(2) तकनीकी प्रस्ताव प्रपत्र खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 08/11/2021 सायं 3 बजे से।

आयुक्त जनसंपर्क संचालनालय छत्तीसगढ़ शासन

R.o.No. 64748/3
R.o.Date. 26/10/2021

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

Letter No. : 7829/ Nivida-01/2021 Dated : 27/10/2021

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

The superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, Public Works Department, Almora invites tender through E-Tendering (Single Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 01/11/2021 & onwards on website <http://www.uktenders.gov.in>

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering
1	Construction of Road from Kanda- Saniudiyar Motor Road to Bhadora- Bajiroad under State Sector in District Bageshwar (Phase- 2 Stage- I) Length - 5.00 Km.	Rs. 4000.00 + 18% GST	1.42 Lakh	120 Days	12 Months	Category "D" & above (Road Works)
2	Construction of Khadlek-Bhanar- Dana- Tikta Motor Road in Kapkot Constituency Distt- Bageshwar Under State Sector Length - 4.00 Km. (Phase- 2 Stage- I)	Rs. 3000.00 + 18% GST	0.81 Lakh	120 Days	9 Months	Category "D" & above (Road Works)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	M/s Shivam Jewellers/ Narmada Devi/ Krishan Kumar Verman/ A/c No. 629205027350/ 629260003833	Residential Property Of Krishan Kumar Verman and Narmada Devi Situated at House No- 65, SF, Block AH, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi- 110088/ October 26, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 36,52,642/-	Delhi

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

Date : October 28, 2021 Place: Delhi/ Ncr

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

DIVERSION OF SPECIAL TRAINS

In order to upgrade the Rail Infrastructure, Railways have decided to undertake the Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work at Hindupur and Devarapalle stations for doubling of Yelahanka and Pendukonda section from 15.11.2021 to 20.11.2021. To execute this work following trains will be diverted as per the details given below:

Train No. & Name	Diverted Via	Skipping Stoppage	Date (from the Originating Station)
06078 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Coimbatore Jn. SF Festival Special	Via - Gooty, Kadapa, Renigunta Jn., Jolarpettai Jn. & Salem Jn.	Anantapur, Dharmavaram Jn., Hindupur, Yelahanka Jn., Krishnarajapuram	17.11.2021
02684 Lucknow - Yesvantpur Jn. Festival Express Special	Via -Dhone Jn., Pendekallu Jn., Guntakal Jn., Bellari Jn., Chikijaur Jn., Tumakur & Yesvantpur Jn.	Gooty, Anantapur, Dharmavaram Jn., Hindupur & Yelahanka Jn.	18.11.2021

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table of stations enroute and composition 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, may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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24/10/2021

RailMadad Helpline No. 139

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QUOTATION NOTICE

Quotations are invited affixing court fee stamp of Rs. 8.25 from the manufacturer/dealer for supply of the following verification equipments indicating rates as per specification below for the year 2022. The quotation will be received by the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam, Guwahati-7 up to 2 PM of the 16th Nov'2021 and will be opened on the same day at 4 PM in presence of the Quotationer or their representatives.

Item	Particulars	Font Size
A. (i) Year Punch, 2022	(I)Size	1. length = 9.5 cm. 2. length = 9.0 cm. 3. length = 10.5 cm. 4. length = 12.0 cm.
4 nos in a set. (Size 1,2,3 & 4)		
(ii) Year Plier dies, 2022	(II) Size-	12 mm diameter.
4 nos in a set. (Size A,B,C & D)		

General Condition.

- The verification equipments should be made of best Steel and well tempered. If any defect is found in the aforesaid item within six month from the date of use then the replacement will have to be made free of cost.
- The Quotationer should deliver the articles in good conditions at the office of the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam, Guwahati within 30 days on receipt of the formal supply order at their own cost.
- The rates should be valid up to 12 months from the date of acceptance of the quotation.
- The rates and taxes payable should be indicated against each item separately and should be F.O.R. destination.
- The Quotationer must furnish attested copy of the income tax clearance certificate (Pan Card) and GST Certificate along with their quotation.
- The Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam is not bound to accept the lowest or any other quotation.
- The decision of the Controller of Legal Metrology, Assam will be final in all respect.

Sd/- (S. N. Baishya)
Controller of Legal Metrology (I/C),
Assam : Guwahati.

Jansanyog/C/7158/21

US, China sparring over Taiwan heats up anew

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The United States and China are stepping up their war of words over Taiwan in a long-simmering dispute that has significant implications for the power dynamic in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

Amid a surge in Chinese military activity near the island that China regards as a renegade province and has vowed to reclaim by force if necessary, Washington and Beijing have launched new campaigns for global support for their respective positions, each using the stern and lofty language of sovereignty and international precedent. And neither is backing down.

While the disagreement over Taiwan isn't new and has long vexed relations between the countries, recent developments suggest the two are coming closer to confrontation. Last week, President Joe Biden

set off alarm bells in Beijing by saying the U.S. has a firm commitment to help Taiwan defend itself in the event of a Chinese attack.

China protested and the Biden administration sought to play down the comments. White House, State Department and Pentagon officials all said the president did not mean to imply any changes in the U.S. "one-China policy," which recognizes Beijing but allows informal relations and defense ties with Taipei.

The officials took pains to say that America's commitment to Taiwan remains steadfast but continues to be guided by a policy of "strategic ambiguity" over military-related specifics that falls short of a treaty-enshrined mutual defense pact. Since then, however, the administration has upped the ante on the diplomatic front.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of Rail Pasengers that Railways have decided to restore the stoppage to the following trains at Getor Jagatpura Railway station from the dates shown as under:

Train No. & Name	Additional Stoppage	Arr.	Dep.	Effective from
04311 Bareilly- Bhuj Express Special	At Getor	17:18	17:20	From 28.10.2021
04321 Bareilly- Bhuj Special	Jagatpura station	17:18	17:20	From 29.10.2021

For any kind of information such as detailed Time -Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General public that Mrs. Sunita Devi is owner of Property bearing No. N-130, New No. 14-130/A, area measuring 49 sq., Ydg. off of Rect. No. 21, Kila No. 23, Situated in the area of Village Khayla, Delhi State Delhi colony known as Vishnu Garden, North Block Gali No. 7, New Delhi, vide a registered Gift Deed dated 18.01.2021, registration No. 640, executed by Mr. Ramend Kumar. All persons are hereby informed that, above mentioned owner want to sell the said property to Mr. Aale Raaz Khan who is taking a Loan from Fullerton India Home Finance company Ltd. for purchase of the said property, if anybody has any objection/s upon the owner ship of Mrs. Sunita Devi in respect of the said property is sale (Mortgage/Litigation, and any kind of dispute, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days of the present.

Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 201, 2nd Floor, 23 Shivaji Marg, Mohi Nagar, N. Delhi-110028. Ph. 011-4112527-28. kumarsates.advocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients Radhey Shyam Paharia S/o Shiv Singh & his wife Seema W/o Radhey Shyam Paharia R/o M-298, 1st floor, Guru Harkishan Nagar, Paschim Vihar,ND-87 have debarred & disowned their Son Joginder Paharia & his wife Aarti from their movable and immovable properties due to their misbehavior to my clients. My Clients have also severed all their relation with them. If anybody deals with them in any manner they do so at their own risk.

Ramesh Chander Anand (Adv.) C1-56, Western Wing, Tis Hazari

ADMISSION NOTICE

Applications are invited for **DPSE (2021-23) under Management Quota for Affiliated Institutes of SCERT (Govt. of Delhi)**

For further details, please contact: **Satyam International Polytechnic** GD Block, Near Pitampura Metro Station, Pitampura, Delhi-110088 Ph: 27317069

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Bin Bahadur Thapa S/o. Gang Bahadur Thapa R/o. B-104, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi-110049 since 1992 do hereby declares that I have applied for Indian Citizenship & before that reside at Pandara Road, New Delhi, India since 1984 to 1992. Kindly Provide the Citizenship of India.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE
(Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location	Improvement work of MOZ, THJ, NGL and TPZ stations of Delhi Division.
App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 42,04,534/- only
Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3 rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055.
Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender	Tender uploading / closing date & time - 17.11.2021 up to 15.00 hrs.
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.	See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3 rd Floor, DRM Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-M-Tender-1367 Dated: 26.10.2021. 2438/21

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BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No. E-33/2021-22 E-TENDERS Dated: 23.10.2021

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the president of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have class III Digital Signature and registrations on **IREPS** The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No., Tender No.(Due Date), Description and Quantity. (1) 10211290, (18.11.2021) Bearing Asm. Part No. 16080609, 339 Nos. (2) 10211282, (24.11.2021) Seal Ring Assembly Part No. 16080567, 922 Nos. (3) 10211293, (24.11.2021) Bearing Spherical Seal Thrust Part No. 16150442, 437 Nos. (4) 10211282, (24.11.2021) Bearing Part No. 16150430, 1784 Nos. (5) 10211210B, (16.11.2021) 0240A, 0241A/0453 to PL No. 29176204 QTY. 569 Nos. (16) 0211046 (25.11.2021) E-Type Coupler, P L No. 29130037, 453 Nos. (17) 03211045 (25.11.2021) High Capacity Draft Gear, P L No. 29130049, 478 Nos. (18) 03211007A (19.11.2021) Brake Control System, P L No. 29180016, 290 Set. Note: For Complete details of EMD and downloading of tender documents and Hindi Version also available at www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum Notice - Date: 25.10.2021, Bid No.: E-29, Tender No. 09210123 FL LAMP CORROR LIGHTING PL No. 2961010, Revision-1, Details of Corrigendum- The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 12.11.2021 instead of 03.11.2021 Note: All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders.

P.R.O./BLW-S-38 PCMM

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10% power outage likely due to coal shortage: Crisil

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Crisil Rating on Wednesday warned that despite the respite from a temporary fall in power demand, a tenth of the thermal capacity is still vulnerable to the outage as it sees coal-stock remaining in single-digit days through the rest of the year.

Recently, the agency had said that the ongoing coal shortage could debilitate corporate India if it lingers on for long.

About 10 per cent of the 209 gw, to be precise 20 gw capacity of coal-based private power stations remain vulnerable to outage amid surging coal demand. Despite the recent dip in demand (10 per cent over October 16 and 17) due to heavy rains, coal shortage persists as their inventory is only for 5 days, the report said.

Over half of these capacities do not have fuel supply

'MoRTH giving enormous thrust on improving nation's logistics'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) is giving enormous thrust on improving Logistics in the country and taking steps to bring efficiency into logistics management.

Delivering a talk on “Improving Operational Efficiency in Logistics Infrastructure; Multimodal Integrated Logistics Parks; Technologies...” at ‘Smart Mobility Conference 2021’ at Pragati Maidan in the Capital, Joint Secretary (Logistics), Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Suman Prasad Singh, said: “Our present focus to have integrated planning of transport network development. We should not develop it in silos, That’s why the “GatiShakti” portal has already come.” “So far as infrastructure of MoRTH is concerned, our basic purpose is to reduce the travel time.

There are instances near ports, when a distance of 10 km, sometimes takes more than 24 hours to cover. The reason is not the distance but many other factors like traffic restrictions,” he said.

agreements, which increase their reliance on coal, either through imports or through e-auction where prices remain elevated, both these may force these plants to shutter operations for a few days as their operating cost may outweigh revenue.

Coal shortage is acute despite domestic supply rising 16 per cent in Q2FY22 over the same period in the pre-pandemic FY20, partly due to substitute non-coking coal imports falling over 20 per cent and depleted coal stock at the plants.

Another problem is the erratic domestic supplies due to seasonal rains impacting mining. Overall coal supply grew around 8 per cent.

Meanwhile, domestic e-auction premia have jumped over 130 per cent over the Coal India notified rate in September, from 80 per cent in September 2019 due to the supply shortage.

Skilling varsity venture to create 3,000 jobs

New Delhi: With an aim to create 3,000 jobs within next 36 months by creating a pool of qualified job-ready skilled resources in the diagnostic sector, Healthians in collaboration with Shri Vishwakarma Skill University (SVSU) has announced the launch of the on-the-job training programme of selected youth candidates. “With an initiative like this, we intend to create a robust training platform for aspiring healthcare professionals,” said Deepak Sahni, founder and CEO, Healthians. The SVSU CV said the collaboration will provide opportunities for sharing and emulating best practices and learning from each other, to address public health challenges.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Abir Thapa S/o. Bin Bahadur Thapa R/o. B-104, Gulmohar Park, New Delhi-110049 do hereby declares that I have applied for Indian Citizenship & residing at the above mentioned address as born and brought up here in, since 2001. Kindly Provide the Citizenship of India.

FORM NO. 5
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
600/1, University Road,
Near Hanuman Setu Mandir,
Lucknow- 226007
(Area of Jurisdiction- Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Summons For Filing Reply & Appearance By Publication
O. A. No. 455/2021
Date: 14/10/2021

Summons to defendant under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

Original Application
No. 455/2021
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
Versus
MR. SACHIN KUMAR KAUSHAL & OTHERS ...Defendants
To,
1.MR. SACHIN KUMAR KAUSHAL
C-517, NRI CITY, Greater Noida-- 201308, U.P
Also At: Flat No-004, Floor No. 0, Avion Rose wood, Tower B4, Village Khanpur Tehsil Tizara City, Bhiwadi 301019.
Also at: Yatharth Wellness Hospital N H 32, Sector- Omega 1st Gr. Noida, Noida-201308.
2. MRS. SWATI GUPTA
C-517, NRI CITY, Greater Noida- 201308, U.P
Also At: Flat No-004, Floor No. 0, Avion Rose wood, Tower B4, Village Khanpur Tehsil Tizara City, Bhiwadi 301019.
3. AVALON PROJECTS PVT. LTD.
Registered Office: 64, Scindia House, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001
Corporate Office: 9th Floor, SAS Tower, Near Medicity, Sector- 38, Gurgaon-122001

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on **24.11.2021 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Lucknow

LPG price may be hiked next week

PETROL, DIESEL RATES UP AGAIN

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Cooking gas LPG prices may be hiked next week after under-recovery on the fuel widened to over ₹100 per cylinder, sources said insisting that the rate hike, including the quantum of increase, is dependent on Government permission.

If allowed, this will be the fifth increase in cooking gas rates across all categories — households using subsidised gas for cooking and heating purposes, non-subsidised fuel and industrial-sized gas.

LPG rates were last hiked by ₹15 per cylinder on October 6, taking the total increase in rates since July to ₹90 per 14.2-kg cylinder.

Sources with direct knowledge of the matter said state-owned oil marketing companies have not been allowed to align retail selling price with the cost, and no government subsidy has so far been approved to bridge the gap.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This if for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of AAM AADMI PARIVARTAN PARTY The office of the party is located at SATYA SAI COLONY, PREET VIHAR, NEAR SUMERVILLE SCHOOL, CHHAPRAULA, GAUTAM BUDD NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH- 201009 This party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951. Name/address of the office-bearers of the party are as follows:-

President/ MANOJ KUMAR DAHIYA
Chairman: S/O SHRI RAGHVI R SINGH DAHIYA, VILLA LAKHAN MAJARA, DIST-ROHTAK, HARYANA-124512

General SAGAR SHUKLA S/O SHRI
Secretary/ AJAY SHUKLA, H.NO.29/63,
Secretary: CHHUPI TOLA, THANA, RAKABGANJ, TEHSIL- AGRA, DIST- AGRA, UTTAR PRADESH- 282003.

Treasurer: REKHA W/O MANOJ KUMAR DAHIYA VILL-LAKHAN MAJARA, DIST-ROHTAK, HARYANA-124512

If any one has any objection to the registration of AAM AADMI PARIVARTAN PARTY they may send their objection with reasons thereof, to the secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi -110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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MR. VAIBHAV RAMASHANKAR SHARMA & OTHERS ...Defendants
To,
1. MR VAIBHAV RAMASHANKAR SHARMA (Borrower),
Flat No. 906, 9th floor
Meghdutam Encore- Tower A Sport, Sector- Adjoining Techzone- IV, Plot no. GH-05, Greater Noida- 201307
Also At: E-4 1405, Rutu Towers, Patli Pada, Ghod bundar Road, Thane- 400607
2. MRS. PUJA SHARMA (Co-Borrower),
Flat No. 906, 9th floor
Meghdutam Encore- Tower A Sport, Sector- Adjoining Techzone- IV, Plot no. GH-05, Greater Noida- 201307.
Also At: Flat No. 10A, Tower B Viceroy Park, Thakur Village, Kandiwali, Mumbai Kannad- 431103
3. PALM DEVELOPERS PVT LTD.
Registered Office at : 304 Sitaram Mansion, 718/21 Joshi road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005. Corporate Office at : 6th Floor, Matrix Tower, B-4, Sec-132, Expressway, Noida- 201301, U.P.

In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in paper book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any) personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on **22.11.2021 at 10:30 A.M.** failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal,
Lucknow

1.5 bn Indians to be connected to internet in 2 yrs; country's AI tech to lead globally: MoS IT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India is expected to almost double its internet user base in the next two years with the BharatNet project connecting more homes across rural India, Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said on Wednesday.

He said India, not China, is the world's largest connected nation on the internet in the world as China has more intranet connectivity and they have walled off their internet.

"India is going to be one of the largest connected nations in the world. I already think India is the largest connected country in the world because China is not connected because it has an intranet, walled off island that pretends to be the internet. "Even if you believe for a

minute that they are on the internet, we are going to be one of the largest nations in the world," Chandrasekhar said at an ASSOCHAM conference.

He added that the country has around 800 million people on the internet at present.

"As the rural broadband internet connectivity programme of the BharatNet starts kicking in and lighting up homes in the villages, we will have 1.5 billion Indians being connected to the internet over the next two years," Chandrasekhar said.

He said internet connectivity is going to drive the artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem in the country and will get preference globally as it will be developed with ethics under the guidance of data privacy rules.

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CIN: U24232RJ2011SGC035067 E-mail: edprmsc@nic.in

Ref. No.: F.02 (338)/RMSC/PROCUREMENT/DRUGNIB-27/2021/11658 Dated:- 22/10/2021

Notice Inviting E-Bid

E-bids are invited upto 06.00 PM of 11.11.2021 for E-BID FOR RATE CONTRACT CUM SUPPLY AND EMPANELMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES. Details of NIB may be seen in the Bidding Documents at our office or at the website of State Public procurement Portal <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> (UBN: MSC2122GLOB000099) www.dipronline.org, <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://rmsc.health.rajasthan.gov.in> and may be downloaded from there.

Executive Director (Procurement) RMSC/

Raj.Samwad/C/7650/2021-22

UJVN LIMITED
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)
H. O. "UJJWAL", MAHARANI BAGH, CMS ROAD, DEHRADUN -248006, CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC023896
Toll: 0135-2763508, 2763808, Fax: 0135-2763507, website: www.ujvnl.com

Tender Notice Date : 27.10.2021

No. 795

Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation) Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No. -05/EE(G-MB-I)/2021-22 & 06/EE(G-MB-I)/2021-22

Name of work: (1)Gardening Plantation & other associated miscellaneous work at Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi for the period of one year. (2)Testing of Transformer Oil of various Transformers installed at Tiloth Power House, Uttarkashi.

Estimated cost: ₹ 665395.00 (Taxes Extra) & ₹ 99550.00 (Taxes Extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website : 28.10.2021 at 16:00 hrs.

Last date of submission of tender : 18.11.2021 at 16:00 hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com".

Executive Engineer (Generation)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one male **Namely: Sanjay Rai, S/o Ram Singh Rai, R/o:** H.No.- 2003, Street No. 57, Block-B, Sant Nagar, Burari, New Delhi has been missing since **18.10.2021** at 06:00 pm. from A-59, Naraina Industrial Area, Phase-I, New Delhi from the area of P.S. Naraina, New Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 42A dated 19.10.2021** has been registered at P.S. Naraina, New Delhi. The description of the missing male is as under- **Age:** 50 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'11", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** Green colour shirt, black colour pant and brown colour shoes in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph. 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/600/WD/2021 **Tel.No. 011-25891181, 8750871122**

SHO
P.S. Naraina, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Namely:** Amrita Kumari D/o Shri Awdesh Pashwan R/o H.No. B-129, Jawahar Camp, Kirti Nagar, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 16.10.2021 from the area of P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No 462/21 U/s 363 IPC dated 17.10.2021 has been registered at Police Station Kirti Nagar, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Age: 14 Years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Hair:** Long & Black, **Wearing:** White & Grey Colour Suit & Salwar and Black Colour Shoes (School dress).

Any person having any information/ Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Kirti Nagar, Delhi at E-mail ld-cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone: **SHO**
011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011-24368639
DP/598/WD/2021 **P.S. Kirti Nagar, Delhi**
West Distt., Delhi
Ph. No. 011-25438719, 25190462

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person **Namely :** Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown **Age :** about 30-35 years, **Height :** 5'6", **Complexion :** Shallow **Face :** Oval, **Identification :** A Tattoo of "ॐ" on right hand **Wearing :** Hospital dress has been found dead at AIIMS Trauma Center Hospital, Delhi on 21.10.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 18A dated 21.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved at Subzi Mandi, Mortuary, Delhi

Any person having any information or clue about this dead person may kindly inform to the following:- **SHO :**
P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin
Railway Station, Delhi
Tel. No. 011-24356743, 8750871311

DP/358/RL/Y/2021

Air India asks Govt depts to clear dues

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As Air India stopped the credit facility for buying of air tickets after sale, the Department of Expenditure has issued an order directing all ministries and departments to clear its dues immediately. The department has also ordered that air tickets from Air India may be purchased in cash till further instructions. "Recently, the Government of India has decided to disinvest Air India, the process of disinvestment of Air India and Air India Express is ongoing. Air India has

stopped extending credit facility on account of purchase of air tickets. Therefore, all ministries and departments are directed to clear Air India's dues immediately. Air tickets from Air India may be purchased in cash till further instructions," the department said in an office memorandum on Wednesday. The department has further directed ministries and departments to brought out these instructions to the notice of their subordinate offices/institutes, under the administrative control for further compliance.

Rising tea imports cause of concern: Planters' body

Kolkata: A body of tea planters on Wednesday expressed concern over rising imports of the commodity and said a minimum price should be fixed for shipments arriving from overseas to protect the domestic units.

Indian Tea Association said imports in 2020 increased by 47 per cent as compared to 2019, and by 176 per cent in the first six months of the current calendar year as against the corresponding period.

BSES Yamuna Power Limited, New Delhi
... A joint venture with Govt. of NCT of Delhi

NOTICE INVITING TENDER **Date: 28.10.2021**

Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following jobs:

NIT No.	Brief Work Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BY/21-22/RS/SV/29	SUPPLY,INSTALLATION,TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF 11 KV DRY TYPE PACKAGE SUB-STATION OF 1.6 AND 2 MVA DT RATING	5.50 crore	5,50,000	20.11.2021, 15:00 HRS	22.11.2021, 15:00 HRS
CMC/BY/21-22/RS/SV/32	SUPPLY OF SINGLE PHASE OIL FILLED COMPLETELY SELF PROTECTED (CSP) TRANSFORMER OF RATING 25KVA 6.35/0.240KV	2.55 crore	5,10,000	20.11.2021, 15:00 HRS	22.11.2021, 16:00 HRS

For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submiton of tender documents, corrigendum etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com --> **BSES YAMUNA POWER LTD --> Tender --> Open Tenders.**

Head (Contracts & Materials)

Regd.Off- BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 | CIN: U40109DL2001PLC111525
TEL: 011-41247111 | Fax:011-4124 7787 | Website: www.bsesdelhi.com

ICICI Bank

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

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/w Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old L&N & ICICI New L&N)	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Sunil Gupta/ Suman Gupta/ (196000443393 & QZGRN00005014029)	Plot No-11, Second Floor, Block- A, Jhilmil Colony, Shahdra, New Delhi/ October 22, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 24,08,025/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Zahir Mohd/ Tabassum Begam (19000001856 & QZDEL00005042813)	WZ- 166 2nd Flr Rear Portion Building Khasra No. 94, Khewat No. 54/52 Lal Dora Abadi Vill Shadipur Ranjit Nagar Delhi/ October 22, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 19,78,443/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Devender Singh/ Dimpal Kushwah (19600044085 & QZGRN00005009725)	House No. 1447-C/13,1st Floor Rear LHS Khasra No. 600/93, Gali No. 3 Govindpuri Kalkaji New Delhi/ October 25, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 11,14,116/-	Delhi/ Ncr
4.	Durga Prasad Tiwari / Shobha Devi (13100001977 & QZNOD00005016405)	Property No. C-8A, 2nd Floor Rear Side Without Roof Right, Block- C, Khasra No. 333, Village Bindapur, Subhash Park,uttam Nagar, Delhi/ October 25, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 16,29,654/-	Delhi/ Ncr
5.	Sachin Kumar Sharma/ Navin Kumar Sharma (19800041483 & QZPTU00005013043)	Plot No. B-195, Upper Ground Floor Back Side, Kh No. 10/16-23 Gali No. 5 Sainik Nagar, Village Matiala Uttam Nagar, New Delhi/ October 25, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 30,57,842/-	Delhi/ Ncr

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

Date : October 28, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR **Authorized Officer**
ICICI Bank Limited

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Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai-600 001
Branch Office: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.

POSSESSION NOTICE - Under Rule 8 (1)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been included in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column[E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges & expenses before notification of sale.

SR. NO	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/ S & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF SYMBOLIC POSSESSION
A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001131137 & X0HEDHE00002033747 1. RAJESH SHARMA - 65-A F/F Kishan Kunj Extn Part-I Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi - 110092 2. RAJNI SHARMA - 65-A Kishan Kunj Extn Part-1, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi - 110092 3. M/S J M D DIESEL - D-9208A Ground Floor Laxmi Nagar Delhi, New Delhi - 110092	10.06.2021	Rs. 384,50,30,55/- as on 10.06.2021	All that piece and parcel of the property in First Floor Flat area 100 sq. yds. built on Property No. 65-A, out of Rect.No. 54, Killa No. 02, situated in village Khureji Khas, in Gali No. 2, Krishan Kunj Extn. Part-I, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi	22-10-2021
2.	Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00000236835 1. RAVINDER KUMAR NO 527/A/3B JAWALA NAGAR SHAHDARA NEW DELHI, NEW DELHI - 110032 2. ANITA DEVI NO 527/A/3B Jawala Nagar Shahdara New Delhi, New Delhi - 110032	12.06.2021	Rs. 8806803.38 as on 09-06-2021	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.544 (New) Old property No. 527-A/3/B measuring 145 sq.yds falling in Khasra No.3137/2568/704, Village Chandrawali alias Shahdara, Jwala Nagar, Illaqua Shahdara, Delhi.	22-10-2021
3.	Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00000922571 1. RAM AVTER CHAUDHAREY 2. MALTI DEVI All residing at : 110377 Lalita Park Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi - 110092	12.06.2021	Rs. 2600121.47 as on 09-06-2021	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing entire Flst Floor without roof rights of admeasuring 37 Sq.yds built on property no. 10/377, L Type, out of Khasra No.18, situated at Lalita Park Laxmi Nagar, Village Shakarpur Khas, Shahdra, Delhi.	22-10-2021
4.	Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001306365 1. ANUJ KUMAR VARSENEY 2. VINAY KUMAR, 3. MRS. MANJU All residing at: Flat No. 55B, Pkt A-DDA Flats Mayur Vihar - II, New Delhi - 110092 4. GYAN CHANDRA, 5. DAYA VATI Both residing at: 317 B Nai Basti Ward 5 Chandausa Moradabad, Moradabad - 244001	12.06.2021	Rs. 30,46,399.81 as on 09-06-2021	All that piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.55-8, on Ground Floor, Category -I/G, in Pocket-A-1 situated in the layout plan of Housing Estate at Kondli Gharoli Phase-II known as Mayur Vihar Phase-III, Delhi	22-10-2021
5.	Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001355028 1. SHYAM SUNDER SHARMA 2. VIMMY SHARMA Both residing at: A-53/1 CHANDER LOK SHAHDARA MANDOLI ROAD, NEW DELHI - 110093	10.06.2021	Rs. 36,84,749.67 as on 09-06-2021	Built up Second Floor without roof rights of property bearing No.15, Old No.49-B, measuring 100 Sq.yards, out of Khasra No. 533, situated at village Sikdarpur, in the abadi of Chanderkol Colony, Shahdra Delhi.	21-10-2021
6.	Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001394681 1. SATYA VEER JAIN 2. SARITA JAIN, 3. RAHUL JAIN Both residing at: V-549 GALI NO-18 VIJAY PARK MAU				

CISF COMMEMORATES ITS BRAVEHEARTS AT NATIONAL POLICE MEMORIAL

To celebrate 75 years of the India's Independence as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and to commemorate the martyrs of Police and CAPFs, a 10 days long commemorative event is being organised at National Police Memorial (NPM), Chanakyapuri, New Delhi from October 22-30, 2021 for paying tributes to the martyrs of police and CAPF personnel and to felicitate their families.

On October 26, CISF commemorated the supreme sacrifice made by its valiant bravehearts by organising a day-long grand ceremony at the National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri and CISF HQs, New Delhi. 126 martyrs of CISF who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty, and 52 frontline Covid warriors who lost their lives in the line of duty during the pandemic were commemorated on the occasion.

In the morning session, family members of the CISF martyrs, senior officers and personnel of CISF paid homage to the martyrs by offering flower petals at the Central Sculpture, NPM, and the martyrs' families also visited the 'Wall of Valour' where the names



of all the martyrs of CAPF and police, who made supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation are engraved in stone.

The families were then given a tour of the Police Museum and were shown the short video films that were prepared by the CISF as a tribute to martyrs and on the diverse role of CISF on national security. Later the families of the CISF martyrs were felicitated by the senior officers.

In the afternoon session, M

A Ganapathy, DG of CISF felicitated the families of CISF Martyrs in a function organised at Lawn's of CISF HQs, New Delhi. In his address, Ganapathy remembered the courage and valour of CISF Martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

In the evening session, Ganapathy visited NPM, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi and laid a wreath at the Central Sculpture and paid tributes to the



martyrs. Open air display of movies on freedom struggle, valour and sacrifice of CAPF personnel, and the invaluable contributions of CAPF and Police Bravehearts in the service of the nation were showcased. A retreat ceremony was also organised on the occasion and an attractive display was performed by CISF's band team. Senior officers, personnel and families of CISF of Delhi-NCR based units were present on the occasion.

Innovation at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

Satish Kumar Kashyup, CLW's GM, has launched Interactive Electronic Technical Manual (IETM) for WAG-9 & WAP-5 locomotives under the "Centre of Excellence" project on October 26.

IETM is a digital technical manual that is crafted to suit a specific electronic medium, Viz. PDF, web, HTML, e-book etc. In this era of digitisation, IETM will take over traditional paper-based technical manuals by easing the accessibility, maintenance and improving interactivity.

IETM allows the user to locate required information faster and more easily than is possible with a paper manual. Powerful interactive maintenance procedures, not possible with paper technical manuals, can be made available using the intelligent features of the IETM display.

- Advantages of IETM are provided below:
- *3D/2D CAD reusability
 - *User friendly and powerful interactive maintenance procedures
 - *Time to learn and understand is reduced
 - *Timely availability of accurate knowledge.
 - *Accessibility of information from anywhere
 - *Reduced need for expensive trained manpower
 - *Easy to retrieve and digitally managed
 - *End user/learner-centered



Vigilance awareness week at NDMC

To mark the beginning of Vigilance Awareness Week, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Chairman - Shri Dharmendra administered the integrity pledge to the Heads of all the departments in NDMC to fight against corruption and bring transparency in their working at Council Room in Headquarter - Palika Kendra, New Delhi on October 26.

In the Vigilance Awareness Week, NDMC is organizing seminars on experience sharing on the best practices and innovation in transparency with integrity to delivering civic services to the citizens. The seminar will be included lecture by Director, Central Vigilance Commission and Independent External Monitors.



Northern Railways celebrates Vigilance Awareness Week 2021

The Vigilance Awareness Week for the year 2021 was launched by Northern Railway at its headquarters, Baroda House, New Delhi on October 26. The week is observed by all government bodies and seeks to spread awareness about the necessity of probity and uprightness. The theme of the week this year is 'Independence India at 75 — self-reliance with integrity'. The oath of integrity was administered by Ashutosh Gangal, the GM of Northern Railways, to senior officers and a large number of railway officials.



Vigilance Awareness Week at Kolkata Metro

Metro Railway, Kolkata is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from October 26 to November, 2021. As part of this programme, Manoj Joshi, Metro Railway's GM administered the integrity pledge to the officers and staff of Metro Railway at Metro Rail Bhavan on October 26, in order to maintain probity and rule of law in all walks of life.



Vigilance Awareness Week at CLW

Vigilance Awareness Week is being observed at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) from October 26 to November 1 under the theme of 'Independent India at 75 — self reliance with integrity'. Satish Kumar Kashyup, the GM of CLW administered the vigilance pledge in the Administrative Office foyer on October 26. RYadav, the chief vigilance officer & SDGM, M K Chatterjee, deputy chief vigilance officer along with other departmental heads, officers and staff were present on this oath-taking ceremony, keeping in mind all Covid protocols. A week-long various in-house and outreach programmes and a seminar/webinar on November 1 are planned as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2021.



Loan promotion programme by the Bank of India

During a loan promotion programme, Bank of India's Ghaziabad zonal manager, Manoj Kumar and deputy zonal manager, Om Prakash Lal participated in a customer outreach programmes. Bank officials presented detailed information about retail loan, MSME loan and deposit products to the customers. On this occasion, Bank of India sanctioned a loan of 35 crores out of which 20 crores was financed in the agriculture sector.



GGISP University distributes about two lakh German Masks to campus schools and around 115 affiliated colleges as a part of precautionary measures to mitigate the risk of Covid-19.



Rakesh Sharma has won the election in legal service sector and has been elevated to the Central Governing Council of Service Export Promotion Council. Sharma, who has rich experience of over 30 years as an advocate, has been a member of the American Bar Association and the Bar Council of Delhi

Sensitisation of scholarships for the disabled

As a part of activities under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (India @75), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on 27th October, 2021 organised a virtual conference with the principal secretaries of States and Union Territories dealing with empowerment of persons with disabilities and state nodal officers to sensitise them about the Scholarship Schemes being implemented by the Department for educational empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Dr Prabodh Seth, joint secretary (Scholarship) emphasised the need to disseminate information about the Scholarship Schemes and publicise through advertisements at local level to widen outreach. Since Aadhaar is mandatory for availing the benefit under central sector schemes, he urged the States/UTs to ensure that aadhaar number of beneficiaries are captured at the application time. Further it is incumbent that each educational institutions update their KYC status on the NSP, else the institutes would not be able to ver-



ify the applications.

Dr Virender Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, through his video message reiterated visions of the PM for building an inclusive society and empowering divyangjan, thus realising the mantra "Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas".

The director of Department of School Education & Literacy said that the district collectors have a pivotal role in creating mass awareness about these Scholarship Schemes at district level.

CM reviews preparations for 'Invest Rajasthan-2022' summit

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot previewed the preparations for the State Investor Summit "Invest Rajasthan 2022" to be organised by the State Government at the Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC) in Sitapura, Jaipur in the month of January in a meeting held at the Chief Minister's residence on Monday.

In the meeting, the secretary of Industries Department, Ashutosh AT Pendnekar informed that the summit will include Agriculture Processing, Automobile and Electric Vehicle, Chemical and Petrochemical, IT, Medical and Health, Mines and Minerals, Renewable Energy, Textile, Tourism and ESDM as the thrust sectors, has been included in.

He said that as part of the preparations for the summit, potential investors from within the country and outside the country are being contacted. Investor connect programmes have been organised in Chennai, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Delhi to invite new investors. Programmes will also be held in Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kolkata this month.



Pendnekar informed that the investor connect event will be held in Dubai during the Dubai Expo in November. Apart from this, road shows will also be organized in London, Paris, South Korea, Tokyo, New York, Berlin and Singapore. In these programs, along with inviting investors to invest in Rajasthan, Rajasthan will be presented as an investment destination.

The Chief Minister said that the preparations for the summit should be good and for its successful conduct, the Indian embassies located in different countries should be contacted.

Gehlot said that with the objective of accelerating the economy affected by the adverse conditions of Covid and increasing investment and employment, organising the

"Invest Rajasthan" summit can play an important role. He directed that all the departments should work with full cooperation and co-ordination in this investment which should come to the ground. The Chief Minister said that the State Government has made several important policy changes in the direction of ease of doing business. Due to which a positive environment has been created for investing in Rajasthan. The benefits of this initiative of the government should be found in the summit.

Industries Minister, Parsadi Lal Meena, chief secretary Niranjana Arya, principal secretary of Finance, Akhil Arora, the commissioner of BIP, Archana Singh and other officers were present in the meeting.

ITBP Referral Hospital has a new blood bank

Sanjay Arora, the DG of SITBP inaugurated a blood bank at ITBP Referral Hospital, Greater Noida on October 25. This is the first blood centre at the hospital which is dedicated for the treatment of serving and retired CAPF personnel and their family members. It is a 200-bed hospital with all primary specialist's facilities. Since, it is a multispecialty hospital, requirement of blood and blood products was felt on a frequent basis and till it's own blood bank was inaugurated, the hospital was getting it from the nearby hospitals.

It is a step in direction



of self-reliance since the hospital has its own operation theatre, labour room etc and high dependency unit and casualty wards which are working regularly at the hospital required the blood bank facility.

This newly inaugurated blood bank can store more than 300 blood units at a time.

The Referral Hospital has been credited with treating thousands of serving and retired CAPFs and CPOs personnel and family members during pandemic times when ITBP declared it a fully dedicated Covid hospital for 2020 and 2021.



POWERGRID celebrates its 32nd Raising Day

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) celebrated its 32nd Raising Day in virtual mode on October 23, 2021 at all its establishments spread across the country. The chief guest on this occasion was the Union Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy, R K Singh and the guest of honour was Secretary (Power) Government of India, Alok Kumar.

During the programme, R K Singh bestowed awards to employees under the Pratiplal scheme of POWERGRID for Best Regions, Sub-stations, Innovative Ideas et al. An inter-regional cultural event was also conducted in which employees from various regions displayed their artistic cultural prowess.

HUDCO provides ambulances under CSR

Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri handed over the keys and flagged off five high-tech ambulances, under HUDCO's CSR grant to Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital on October 22. The keys were handed over to Dr Rana AK Singh, the director and medical superintendent of ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, and Dr SV Arya, medical superintendent of VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital.

The ambulances were handed over in the presence of Kamran Rizvi, the chairman of HUDCO and senior officials of MOHUA, HUDCO and both the hospitals.

The state-of-the-art ambulances, provided at a cost of ₹ 42.13 lakh per vehicle, are fitted with critical life supporting equipment. HUDCO has sanctioned five ambulances with ACLS to New Delhi Hospitals — three to



ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, and two to VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital. Medical equipment in the Ambulance include auto loading stretcher, wheel chair cum stair chair, transport ventilator, syringe infusion pump, multi parameter monitor with EtCO2 (USFDA Certified), fully automated external defibrillator, vacuum splint, portable oxygen cylinder with regulator, emergency kits, rescue tools et al. HUDCO has already provided 10 ambulances to

various states and has supported medical infrastructure projects.

Speaking on the occasion, Puri said that handing over of the five ambulances to hospitals by HUDCO reflects the best in the CSR. He said that under the leadership of the PM Narendra Modi, we have achieved the target of 100 million jobs to contain the Coronavirus. This is a matter of immense pride not only for India but also the whole world is appreciating it. He thanked the frontline health workers and all those involved in the

health sector for this great feat.

Puri said that the corporate sector is also pitching in, and nicely discharging its responsibilities. He said that recently the PM inaugurated the PSA Oxygen Plants under the PM Cares Fund, and the companies from oil and gas sector also provided similar plants.

Congratulations the joint efforts in strengthening the health sector in the country, he said this is the work in progress and efforts towards this will continue.

NSTFDC commemorates tribal entrepreneurs

To boost entrepreneurial ventures of aspiring scheduled tribes in the NorthEast, a grand one-day event was conducted by the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), an apex organisation for the economic development of Scheduled Tribes under Ministry of Tribal Affairs, of India on October 21 at Hotel Japfu, Kohima, Nagaland.

This event was designed to give a boost to the lending schemes of NSTFDC and to spur collaborative arrangement with KVIC, and facilitate implementation of the flagship scheme of the Central Government, Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

As part of celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence, NSTFDC felicitated successful tribal entrepreneurs from the states of Northeast for their excellence in various entrepreneurial ventures. The Minister of Tribal Affairs and Higher Education, Nagaland was the chief guest of the event. The Minister spoke on the simplicity of tribal way of life and enormous scope of entrepreneurship in Nagaland. He appreciated the efforts of Ministry of Tribal Affairs and NSTFDC in organizing such a programme and emphasised that such types of programmes would boost and motivate budding youth entrepreneurs to take up innovative livelihood activities. He also suggested that more awareness camps should be organised to disseminate the various schemes of the government among the target group and to simplify the rules and procedure for availing benefits under such schemes.

On the occasion, the CMD of NSTFDC emphasised on taking up sustainable livelihood



ventures, thereby motivating youth to be job givers rather than job seekers. CMD, thanked the Minister for gracing the occasion and motivating the youth entrepreneurs. NSTFDC board members, Yatinder Prasad, joint secretary and financial advisor, Anupam Trivedi, the executive director of TRIFED and Deepika Kispotta, the DGM of IDBI were also present on the occasion and felicitated the entrepreneurs.

Dr Sukamal Deb, deputy CEO of KVIC's Northeast Zonal Office presented detailed information about the implementation of PMEGP scheme and MoU signed between NSTFDC and KVIC for implementation of the same for the development of tribals.

The chairman of Mizoram Rural Bank and MDs of Meghalaya Co-operative Apex Bank and Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation were also present and shared their views.

Fifty three tribal entrepreneurs who have been successful in establishing business units in various sectors from the state of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura were felicitated during the programme.

ENGLAND CRUSH BANGLADESH BY EIGHT WICKETS

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

England dished out a thoroughly clinical display with both the bat and the ball to steamroll Bangladesh by eight wickets in a Super 12 match of the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

Explosive opener Jason Roy anchored the paltry 125-run chase, with a 38-ball 61 (5x4, 3x6) to make his 50th T20I appearance memorable as England cantered home in just 14.1 overs to give their net run rate a huge boost.

Dawid Malan remained unbeaten on 28, while Jonny Bairstow (8 not out) finished off the chase, pulling Shoriful Islam for a boundary.

With two wins in a row, England now lead Group 1 table with four points.

Defending a below-par total, Bangladesh never showed any aggressive intent and their bowlers lacked discipline.

On a two-paced pitch, their pacers, led by Mustafizur Rahman, were guilty of bowling short as the England opening duo of Roy and Jos Buttler (18) never had any trouble, cruising to 37 for no loss in four overs.

Left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed



gave the much needed breakthrough by dismissing Buttler but Roy kept up the rampage as England cruised to 90/1 at the halfway mark -- needing

just 35 off 60 balls.

Roy was in full control of the innings and reached to his fifty -- his second in T20 World Cup -- off just

33 balls, hammering Nasum Ahmed over the rope.

Shoriful dismissed Roy in the 13th over but by that time the explosive opener had made the equation completely in favour of his side as England needed 11 runs from 43 balls.

Earlier, England bowlers capitalised on a fine start given by off-spinner Moeen Ali to restrict Bangladesh to a paltry 124 for 9.

Opting to bat, Bangladesh were sloppy and failed to apply themselves as they lost wickets at regular intervals.

Moeen took two wickets in two balls inside the powerplay en route to another fine outing (2/18 from 3 overs) with the ball.

Pacer Chris Woakes was also on the job inside the powerplay as he dismissed star all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan, reducing Bangladesh to 27/3 in first six overs.

On a day leg-spinner Adil Rashid -- fresh from his match winning figures of 4/2 against the West Indies -- returned wicketless and was their most expensive bowler, utility spinner Liam Livingstone did the job in the middle middle overs by taking 2/15.

Pacer Tymal Mills later wreaked havoc at the death with figures of 3/27 as Bangladesh could never recover.

Livingstone, who is capable of bowling both leg and off-spin, grabbed the crucial wickets of Bangladesh top-scorer Mushfiquir Rahim (29) and skipper Mahmudullah (19).

Livingstone trapped Rahim with a successful use of DRS.

It particularly hurt Bangladesh in the middle overs as Mushfiquir and Mahmudullah were looking to rebuild their innings with a 37-run partnership from 32 balls.

But Livingstone had Rahim plumb in front of wicket with his leg spin to break the partnership.

Ahif Hossain departed after a comical run out for the addition of 10 runs to leave Bangladesh tottering at 83/6 with five overs to go.

Earlier, Liton Das, who looked ultra aggressive by smashing Moeen for two boundaries, took a top edge in the England off-spinner's second over.

Moeen then grabbed a second with Mohammad Naim falling tamely with a mis-hit to once again take two wickets inside the powerplay.

Woakes claimed the prized scalp of Bangladesh ace all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan with Adil Rashid taking a brilliant catch running backwards.

► Scoreboard

BANGLADESH (BATTING)	ENGLAND (BOWLING)
Mushfiquir Rahim (29)	Tymal Mills 4 (27, 3wkt)
Nasum Ahmed (19)	Liam Livingstone 3 (15, 2wkt)
Mahmudullah (19)	Moeen Ali 3 (18, 2wkt)
Total 124 (9 wickets, 20 overs)	

ENGLAND (BATTING)	BANGLADESH (BOWLING)
Jason Roy (61)	Shoriful Islam 3.1 (26, 1wkt)
Dawid Malan (28)	Nasum Ahmed 3 (26, 1wkt)
Jos Buttler (18)	Mahedi Hasan 2 (21, 0wkt)
Total 126 (2 wickets, 14.1 overs)	

► Scoreboard

SCOTLAND (BATTING)	NAMIBIA (BOWLING)
M.Leask (44)	R. Truempelmann 4 (17,3wkt)
C.Greaves (25)	J. Frylinck 4 (10, 2wkt)
M.Cross (19)	JJ Smit 4 (20, 1wkt)
Total 109 (8 wickets, 20 overs)	

NAMIBIA (BATTING)	SCOTLAND (BOWLING)
In Progress..	

Total

► points table

Group A	Team	Matches	NRR	Points
	England	2	+3.614	4
	Sri Lanka	1	+0.583	2
	Australia	1	+0.253	2
	South Africa	2	+0.179	2
	Bangladesh	2	-1.655	0
	West Indies	2	-2.550	0

Group B	Team	Matches	NRR	Points
	Pakistan	2	+0.738	4
	Afghanistan	1	+6.500	2
	Namibia	0	+0.000	0
	New Zealand	1	-0.532	0
	India	1	-0.973	0
	Scotland	1	-6.500	0

Kohli, KL Rahul slipped slots in ICC T20 batter rankings

PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Virat Kohli dropped one place to fifth despite his half century against Pakistan for a lost cause in the ongoing T20 World Cup while team-mate KL Rahul slipped two slots to eighth in the ICC men's T20I Player Rankings issued on Wednesday.

Kohli (725 rating points) had hit 57 off 49 balls, while Rahul (684) scored 3 runs in India's total of 151 for 7 which Pakistan chased down with 13 balls to spare for a 10-wicket win in the blockbuster Super 12 match here on Sunday.

Pakistan opener Mohammad Rizwan is three places up to fourth -- his career best ranking -- following his match-winning 79 not out against India and 33 in their second win against New Zealand on Tuesday.

South Africa batter Aiden Markram, who struck 40 and 51 not out against Australia and the West Indies respectively, also attained his career-best ranking. He gained eight slots to reach third position, only behind Dawid Malan (831) of England



and Paksitan captain Babar Azam (820).

Markram's previous best was ninth place last month and he now averages nearly 40 with a strike rate of 147.29 in his career.

Afghanistan's Rahmanullah Gurbaz rose nine places to a career-best 12th position after notching up 46 against Scotland, while Bangladesh opener Mohammad Naim has moved up 11 places to a career-best 13th position after his 52-ball 62 against Sri Lanka.

Pakistan fast bowler Shaheen Afridi with a haul of three for 31, is up 11 places to 12th position.

Waqar Younis apologises for 'Namaz in front of Hindus' comment

PTI ■ KARACHI

Waqar Younis on Wednesday apologised for his communal remarks during a television show following Pakistan's 10-wicket victory over India in the ongoing T20 World Cup as the former Pakistan pacer was castigated on social media for his 'jihadi mindset'.

Appearing on the A Sports channel, Younis had spoken about not just the blockbuster match but also how opener Muhammad Rizwan had taken time out during a break in the Pakistan innings to offer prayers on the ground.

"What I liked the most was what Rizwan did. 'Usne Hindoon ke beech mein khade ho ke Namaz padhi (He stood in the middle of the ground and offered prayer in front of Hindus). That was something very very special for me," Younis had said.

Waqar's comments evoked a strong reaction in both the countries with former India pacer Venkatesh Prasad berating him for his remarks.



"Takes jihadi mindset of another level to say this in a sport.

What a shameless man," Prasad tweeted. Realising his blunder, Younis came out with an apology.

"In the heat of the moment, I said something which I did not mean which has hurt the sentiments of many. I apologise for this, this was not intended at all, genuine mistake. Sports unites people regardless of race, colour or religion," he tweeted.

He also apologised on the same channel.

"Commenting on religious

matters is something I never do as I respect every one's religion. I got caught up in the moment and I didn't mean to hurt the sentiments of Hindus in Pakistan, India and anywhere in the world.

"I was very excited after Pakistan's win and those words came out in the heat of the moment. I apologise for it," he added.

Noted cricket analyst Harsha Bhogle too expressed his disappointment.

"For a person of Waqar Younis' stature to say that watching Rizwan offering namaz in front of Hindus was very special to him, is one of the most disappointing things I have heard. A lot of us try hard to play such things down and talk up sport and to hear this is terrible," Bhogle tweeted.

"I really hope that a lot of genuine sports lovers in Pakistan are able to see the dangerous side to this statement and join in my disappointment. It makes it very difficult for sports lovers like us to try and tell people it is just sport, just a cricket match."

Martin Gupthill suffers toe injury, doubtful for India clash

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Experienced opener Martin Gupthill has been rendered a doubtful starter for New Zealand's Super 12 match against India on Sunday after he suffered a toe injury during their clash against Pakistan in the ongoing T20 World Cup.

Gupthill hurt his toe after being hit by a Haris Rauf delivery during his side's five-wicket loss to Pakistan here on Tuesday night.

New Zealand head coach Gary Stead said Gupthill, who scored 17 runs from 20 balls before being cleaned up by Rauf, was not

feeling comfortable after the match.

"Gupthill was looking in a little bit of discomfort at the end of the match and the next 24 to 48 hours will be decisive," Stead told reporters after the match.

"We'll see how he scrubs up overnight. He looked in a little bit of discomfort at the end of the game and it might take 24 to 48 hours to see how he goes."

If Gupthill is ruled out of the India clash, it will be a big blow for the Kiwis, who had lost their pace spearhead Lockie Ferguson before the Pakistan match due to a calf muscle injury.

Rodrigues, Mandhana slam fifties in WBBL

PTI ■ LAUNCESTON

Jemimah Rodrigues stole the thunder from her Indian teammate Smriti Mandhana as Melbourne Renegades defeated Sydney Thunder by nine runs in the Women's Big Bash league here on Wednesday.

The 21-year-old



Rodrigues, a top-order batter for the Indian women's team,

slammed nine fours during her 56-ball 75 to power Melbourne to 142 for five.

Chasing the total, Mandhana, who opens the innings for India, smashed a 44-ball 64, studded with four hits to the fence and one maximum but it went in vain as Sydney were limited to 133 for 8 in their 20 overs.

Match 22: ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021			
Oct 28, 7:30 pm IST			
Australia vs Sri Lanka			
Dubai International Stadium			
ICC Rank 6	ICC T20I Rank 6	ICC Rank 9	ICC T20I Rank 9
Head-to-Head in T20s			
AUSTRALIA	16 Played	16 Won	8 Sri Lanka
AUSTRALIA	8 Won	8 Lost	8 Sri Lanka
263/3 Highest Total 198/3			
In T20 World Cup			
AUSTRALIA	3 Played	3 Won	1 Sri Lanka
AUSTRALIA	2 Won	1 Lost	2 Sri Lanka
168/5 Highest Total 160/4			
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OTHER SPORTS

Srikanth's fight ends at French Open

PTI ■ PARIS

Kidambi Srikanth suffered a heart-breaking defeat against top seed Kento Momota to make a second round exit but India's mixed doubles team of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini

Ponnappa advanced at the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament, here on Wednesday.

The Rio quarterfinalist played his heart out to match the Japanese and also held two-point lead towards the end of the decider but ended up losing the men's singles second round in 79-minute match.

Srikanth had lost to Momota last week also at Denmark Open but he produced a much better display here and came agonisingly close to outwitting the two-



time world champion only to fall short in the end.

Rankireddy and Ponappa, the world number 24 pair beat Denmark's Mathias Thyrrri and Mai Suroow in 37 minutes.

They are likely to face second seeded Indonesian pair of Praveen Jordan and Melati Daeva Oktavianti next.Srikanth ran up a 4-0 lead but Momota clawed back to level the score.

He again moved to a 8-5 advantage only to see the Japanese eke out a slender 11-10 lead at the break.

Milan beats Torino 1-0

AP ■ MILAN

AC Milan again struggled in a 1-0 win that saw it move three points clear at the top of Serie A.

Olivier Giroud scored the only goal of the match in the 14th minute to help Milan move clear of second-place Napoli, which hosts Bologna on Thursday.

"We take the three points, that's the most important," Giroud said.

"We play every three days and it's very difficult for the body. Everything was not perfect, but we are very pleased with the win tonight. Torino is a tough team to play against."

The Rossoneri were still dealing with an injury crisis, but defender Theo Hernández was fit for a place on the bench after recovering from the coronavirus.

Milan was the only team in the top six in Serie A to win over the weekend but only narrowly avoided embarrassment as two late goals helped it beat nine-man Bologna 4-2.

It seemed as if matters had improved when Milan took the lead after Rade Krunic nodded on a corner for Giroud to tap in from a couple of yards.

However, the Rossoneri barely had another sight of a goal in a mediocre match.

11 athletes recommended for Khel Ratna

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who became only the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold at the Tokyo Olympics, and silver medal-winning wrestler Ravi Dahiya were on Wednesday recommended for the Khel Ratna as an unprecedented 11 athletes were selected for the country's highest sporting honour.

Boxer Lovlina Borgohain, who won a bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, seasoned hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh and woman cricket Test skipper

Mithali Raj were also recommended for the Major Dhyanchand Khel Ratna by the selection committee.



Iconic Sunil Chhetri also became the country's first footballer to be selected for the honour.

Last year, five athletes were picked for the award while four were selected after the 2016 Rio Games.

The announcement of the national sports awards was delayed in order to consider the performance of the para-athletes in the Tokyo Paralympics (August 24 to September 5).

Indian boxers continue unbeaten run

PTI ■ BELGRADE

Debutant Nishant Dev (71kg) became the seventh Indian boxer to enter the second round of the AIBA men's World Championships with a confident 5-0 triumph over Hungary's Laszlo Kozak here on Wednesday.

Dev will next fight Mauritian Mervyn Clair, who got a bye in the first round, and his victory maintained the unbeaten run of the country's pugilists at the ongoing showpiece.

Dev's win was a perfect start to the day for the country after Sumit (75kg) and Narender Berwal (+92kg) advanced to the second round of their respective categories with fine victories late last night.