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**Body with hands cut off** found at farm protest site

Nihang surrenders in case of lynching of Punjab labourer at Singhu border

PNS CHANDIGARH

In a gruesome murder, a man was lynched, his hand chopped off and the body was found tied to a barricade at a farmers' protest site at Delhi's Singhu border in Haryana's Sonipat district on Friday morning.

The deceased identified as Lakhbir Singh, a labourer from Chima Khurd village in Punjab's Tarn Taran district, was allegedly killed by a group of Nihangs for desecrating a Sikh holy book.

A Nihang, Saravjeet Singh, surrendered to the police, taking responsibility for killing a man at Singhu border in the evening. An FIR was registered in the case under Sections 302 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at



Samyukt Kisan Morcha leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal addresses the media during a Press conference at Singhu border in New Delhi on Friday

Kundli police station by the Haryana Police. A police spokesman said that investigation in the case is going on to ascertain the allegation of desecration.

As tension prevailed at the farmers' protest site at Singhu border after the murder, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar held a high-level meeting in the evening to review the law and order situation. The Chief Minister also directed DGP PK Agrawal to take strict and prompt action against those responsible for the murder.

After the murder, a few videos from the protest site went viral on social media. In a video clip, the Nihangs were seen standing near a body and were heard in the clip saying the man has been punished for desecrating a holy book of the Sikhs. The Nihangs are a Sikh order, distinguished by their

blue robes and often seen carrying spears.

After the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) blamed the farmers' leaders for the incident, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) claimed that the killing of a man at the protest site was an internal matter of the Nihang Sikhs and had nothing to do with the ongoing farmers' protest against three central farm

The SKM leaders condemned the incident and also demanded a thorough probe into the matter alleging that a religious colour is being given to their movement.

While talking to the mediapersons, SKM leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal said, "When we reached the spot some people were saying that the deceased man, before dying, admitted he was sent by someone and given ₹30,000. I don't have the video proof of it but the Government should probe this matter thoroughly. This is an attempt to give communal colour to the farmers' protest."



An effigy of Ravan burns during the Dussehra celebrations in New Delhi on Friday. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal attended the event organised by 'Lav Kush Ramlila

## Shield generated by other strains not immune to Delta

### **Delhi Covid-19 cases** shot up in April when Alpha was displaced by Delta rise: Study

PNS NEW DELHI

The severe outbreak of The severe outbreak of Covid-19 in Delhi in first quarter of this year when cases shot up from approximately 20,000 (between 31 March and 16 April) showed that not only the Delta variant of SARS-CoV2 is extremely transmissible but that it can also infect individuals previously infected by a different strains of the virus, according to a team of

international scientists. SARS-CoV-2 had spread widely throughout India in the first wave, with initial results from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) finding one in five (21%) adults and one in four (25%) 10 to 17-year-old adolescents had been infected. The figures were much high-

er in Indian megacities like



Delhi where by February 2021, over a half (56%) of individuals were thought to have been infected. Since the first case of Covid-19 was detected in Delhi in March 2020, the city had experienced multiple outbreaks, in June, September and November 2020. After reaching a high of almost 9,000 cases daily in November 2020, new cases steadily declined, with very few new infections between December 2020 and March 2021.

However, the situation reversed dramatically in April 2021 when Delhi reported 20,000 infections every day with huge rise in hospitalisa-

tions and ICU admissions, severely stressing the healthcare system, with daily deaths spiking to levels three-fold

higher than previous waves. The international team of scientists led by the National Centre of Disease Control (NCDC) and the CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, India, with collaborators from the University of Cambridge and Imperial College London, UK, and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark used genomic and epidemiological data, together with mathematical modelling, to study the outbreak.

## **Iran calls Adani Ports'** decision not to handle cargo 'unprofessional'

ran has taken strong excep-Ition to the decision by Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd (APSEZ) not to handle any cargo originating from that country. Iran Embassy here on Friday termed the action as "unprofessional and imbalanced move.

nearly 3,000 kilos of heroin at its Mundra port last month. It said it will not handle any cargo originating from Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Conveying its displeasure to India, Iran said it was praised even by the United Nations for its fight against drug trafficking and that it has again been "targeted unfairly" through denial of trade and banning its consignments while describing the restriction as an "unprofessional and imbalanced move." The Iranian Embassy issued a statement on the matter but did not directly mention the Adani Ports.



The APSEZ, which oper-The Adani Ports took the ates Mundra Port in Gujarat, handle container cargo originating from Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan at all its terminals from November 15. The decision came nearly a month after the seizure of heroin at Mundra Port located in Kutch district of

> Unhappy over the move, Iranian authorities are learnt to have taken up the matter with Indian narcotic drug control authorities.

The Iranian Embassy said the discussion also focused on mutual co-operation in the fight against drug trafficking and that it resulted in some positive outcomes

## 2 jawans martyred in drive to smoke out ultras in J&K

## **Op enters into** fifth day in thickly forested area of Poonch

**MOHIT KANDHARI =** JAMMU

The Indian Army has suffered more losses even as operation entered into its fifth day in the thickly forested area of Mendhar tehsil in

Poonch district on Friday. The traffic remained disrupted on the Jammu-Poonch highway for the second consecutive day even as massive searches were being conducted in the area to track down the footprints of the terrorists.

So far seven Indian soldiers, including one JCO, six other ranks have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Two more Army personnel were killed in an encounter with terrorists in Poonch, officials said on Friday. During the exchange of fire, two Army



Security personnel stand guard at the encounter site in Bhatadurian area of Mendhar in Poonch district on Friday

personnel were critically injured and they later succumbed to their injuries, he said, adding the operation is

still going on. Earlier, the a defence public relation officer (PRO) had said the body of a junior commissioned officer (JCO) is vet to be recovered. However, he later said the body was identified of that of a jawan

and not of the JCO. "In an ongoing counterterrorism operation in the general area of Nar Khas forest in Mendhar sub-division there was an exchange of fire between army troops and terrorists during the evening hours of Thursday," the PRO

A militant involved in the recent civilian killings in Srinagar was gunned down in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama on Friday,

police said.

## **CAPSULE**

**DIP IN RANK IN HUNGER** INDEX 'SHOCKING': GOVT New Delhi: The Centre on Friday said it was shocking that India's rank was lowered on the Global Hunger Index and it termed the methodology used

## 3 SLAUGHTER COWS IN ILLEGAL ABATTOIR, HELD

for rankings "unscientific"

Bengaluru: Three people have heen arrested for allegedly slaughtering many cows in an illegal slaughterhouse here, police said on Friday.

#### 1 DEAD, 20 INJURED AS SUV RAMS DEVOTEES Jashpur: One person was killed and 20 others were injured when an SUV ran into a religious procession at Pathalgaon in Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh on Friday

#### afternoon, police said. **ARYAN SPEAKS TO** PARENTS VIA VIDEO CALL

Mumbai: Arvan Khan, son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, who is lodged in Arthur Road prison, has spoken to his parents through a video call from inside the prison once, an official said on Friday. Aryan also received ₹4.500 though money-order sent by his father

## Eliminate ultras resorting to targeted killings in J&K, prepare NRC: RSS

**Address demographic** imbalance in country, asks Mohan Bhagwat

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

A part from calling for "re-formulation" of the national population policy to address what he called "demographic imbalance" in the country and implement it uniformly to all, RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Friday asked the Government to speed up efforts to "curb and finish off" the activities of terrorists indulging in "targeted killings' of national-minded citizens

in Jammu & Kashmir. He also asked the Government to totally curb "illegal infiltration from across the borders", prepare a National Register of Citizens and prevent "these infiltrators

from acquiring citizenship fare of the Hindu community rights and purchasing lands". Addressing the annual only. Alluding to a resolution Dussehra rally at the RSS passed at the RSS' Akhil only. Alluding to a resolution



Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat addresses RSS volunteers during an event on the occasion of Vijayadashami in Nagpur on Friday

headquarters in Nagpur, Bhagwat demanded that the temples controlled by the Government be returned to the Hindu devotees and the wealth of the Hindu temples should be utilised for the worship of the deities and the wel-

Bharatiya Karyakari Mandal meeting held in Ranchi in 2015, Bhagwat said, "Vast differences in growth rates of different religious groups, infiltration and conversion resulting in religious imbalance of the population ratio, especially in border areas may emerge as a threat to the unity, integrity and cultural identity of the

## Self-reliance to make India world's biggest military power: PM

fter undertaking a major Areform by corporatising the ordnance factories, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday here said the objective is to propel India as the world's biggest military on its own through self-reliance.

He also said there is more transparency, trust and technology-driven approach in India's defence sector now than ever before and major reforms are taking place for the first time since Independence while discarding stagnant policies.

He made these assertions in a virtual address to dedicate seven new defence companies after reorganising the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) on the occasion of Vijayadashmi.

The seven state-run companies were created after dissolving the over 200-year-old OFB. The assets of the OFB, including its 41 ordnance fac-



tories, were transferred to the seven new firms. The new companies started functioning from October 1.

Modi mentioned that the target should be that the companies not only establish expertise in their products but also become global brands. He urged that while competitive cost is India's strength, quality and reliability should be its

He said the world saw the strength of India's ordnance factories at the time of World War I and that they used to have better resources and world-class skills, but the companies were ignored in the post-Independence period, leading to the country's depen-

dence on foreign supplies.



Quicide bombers attacked a Shia mosque packed with worshippers attending Friday prayers in southern Afghanistan, killing at least 32 people and wounding 68, according to a Taliban official.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the carnage at the Fatimiya mosque in Kandahar province. It came a week after a bombing claimed by the local Islamic State affiliate killed 46 people at a Shia mosque in northern Afghanistan.

The sectarian bloodletting has raised fears that ISIS an enemy of both the Taliban and the West expanding its foothold in

Afghanistan. Murtaza, who and like many Afghans goes by one name, said he was inside the mosque during the attack and reported four explosions: two outside and two inside. He said



People inspect the inside of a mosque following a suicide bombers attack in the city of Kandahar on Friday

Friday prayers at the mosque typically draw hundreds of people. Another witness, also named Murtaza, was in charge of security at the mosque and said he saw two bombers.

He said one detonated explosives outside the gate, and the other was already among the worshippers inside the mosque.



### SARVA HARYANA GRAMIN BANK Jhajjar - 124103

ND-995, ND-1000 POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX-IV (For immovable property)

Rule 8 (1) Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 07.07.2020 calling upon the Borrower Smt.Rekha Rani W/O Sh.Ajay Kumar & Smt. Hoshiyari Devi W/O Sh. Attar Singh resident of House no. 1/275 Near Ravinder Chikkara Chowk , Rohtak road Jhajjar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice aggregating to Rs.953438/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight) 2. Borrower Shri Ajay Kumar s/o Sh.Attar Singh and Smt.Hoshiyari Devi W/O Attar singh resident of House no. 1/275 Near Ravinder Chikkara Chowk, Rohtak road Jhajjar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice aggregating to Rs.945980/- (Rupees Nine lakhs fourty five thousand nine hundred eighty Rupees only) and interest thereon w.e.f. 01.09.2018 within 60 (sixty) days from the date of receipt of notice. together with any interest and penal interest, and/or other charges which may fall due thereupon ( Figures are

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in genera that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank has taken Possession of the property as described herein below in exercise of powers conferred upon him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 9 of the said rules on 12.10.2021

The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with such property will be subject to the charge of the Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank, Jhajjar -124103 for an amount of Rs.953438/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight) and Rs.945980/- (Rupees Nine lakhs fourty five thousand nine hundred eighty Rupees only) and interest thereon w.e.f. 01.09.2018, together with any interest and penal interest, and/or other charges which may fall due thereupon of Figures are subject to audit and without prejudice). The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub Sec 8 of Sec 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)	Description of the properties mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount O/S
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Borrower Shri Ajay Kumar s/o Sh.Attar Singh and Smt. Hoshiyari Devi W/O Attar singh resident of House no. 1/275 Near Ravinder Chikkara Chowk, Rohtak road Jhajjar	EM of land and building to the extent of 13/38 share i.e. comprised in khewat no.2397 123 killa no.23/1/1(1-18) situ limit vide Registered sale dec Joint Sub-Registrar,Jhajjar &	Rs.945980/- (Rupees Nine lakhs fourty five thousand nine hundred eighty Rupees only) and interest		

Name of Political Party: Indian National Lokdal

Date :14.10.2021 Place: Jhajjar

Foundation & Ors.

Name of

constituency

46-Ellenabad

Name of State/UT: Haryana

Name of

candidate

Chautala

**Declaration about criminal cases** 

Name of Political Party

Name of Constituency

(A) Pending criminal cases

Name of Court

Sh. Vikash Dhull, Judge,

NA

CBI, Rouse Avenue

No

Name of Election

Name of State/UT

**Authorised Officer** Sarva Haryana Gramin Bank

Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidate set up by the party( As per the judgement dated

25th September 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public interest

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( As per the judgement dated 25th September 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536

: 46 Ellenabad Legislative Assembly

I, Abhay Singh Chautala, a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information

Name and Address of candidate: Abhay Singh Chautala R/o Vill. Teja Khera, Sirsa, Haryana

: Indian National Lokdal

: Bye Election 2021

Status of case(s)

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: Haryana

\*Name of Election: Bye Election to 46-Ellenabad Legislative Assembly 2021

Name of Court, Case No. &

status of the case(s)

Abhay Singh (1) Sh. Vikash Dhull, Judge,

Case No. 10/2009

evidences going on.

**ACJM Gurugram** 

(2) Sh. Manoj Kumar Rana,

Charges not framed yet.

of 2011 (Public interest Foundation & Ors.Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

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10/2009

Case No. and

ComplaintCase No748202014

Delhi,

## **CM Khattar interacts with BJP** cadre, encourages them to work for betterment of society

Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday called upon the youth to stay away from drug abuse and work for betterment of society by channelizing their energy into a positive direction and doing constructive works. The Chief Minister said this while interacting with youth of state during BJP Yuva Samvad programme held through video conferencing. Thousands of youth participated in this dialogue programme. The programme was especially convened to encourage party's youth wing for

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief intensive campaigning in view of bypoll to Ellenabad assembly seat in Sirsa district.Khattar said that today's youth power is important foundation of tomorrow's nation-building, so youth should stay away from negative activities and work for betterment of society. He said that the practice of giving government jobs to youth is now only based on merit while completely eradicating 'Parchi Karchi' trend. Now even children of poor families can get government jobs on merit basis only, without rec-



ommendation, he added. PNS | Sindoor Khela ritual was held at Kali Bari in Chandigarh on Friday at conclusion of Durga Puja festival T Sharma / The Pionee

### न्यायालय सूचना

कार्यालय तहसीलदार बा अख्तयारात सब रजिस्ट्रार साहब कैथल। विषयः प्रार्थना पत्र कराये किये जाने

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No

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No

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(For Political Party to Publish in website, newspapers & TV)

Name of Court

No

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(For candidate to publish in website, newspapers, TV)

Section(s) of Acts concerned and brief description of

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& date(s) of

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NOTICE

I, Ramkaur wife Late Ram
Singh r/o Village Kaul Sub Tehsil Dhand,
District Kaithal, declare that my husband
Ram Singh and my son Narender Kumar
alias Narendra Kumar Dhanda who was
appointed as a Sr. Manager in PNB bank
have died. That Now after the death of my
son who is legally divorced there is no other son who is legally divorced there is no othe legal heir to all the movable and immovabl properties except me. And I am the onli legal heirto all the facilities provided by the bank like FD, RD, bank account and the amount keptinit.

#### Public Notice

It is informed to General Public that Sutan Singh S/ Badan Singh R/o Rohtak is owner of the property i.e. Plot measuring 45 1/2 Sq. Yards Situated in Diar Mohalla Rohtak. In chain of Title One of the Origina Sale deed 5217 dated 14-09-1998 in favour of Ha Ram S/o Mangla Ram had been lost. If anybody ha any Objection than files Booling about the kam s/o Mangla Kam nad been lost. If anybody of ny Objection then files Replies along with the proo ff ownership with in 7 Days before the undersigner kfer Lapsation of Stipulated period no Claim will but ccepted regarding the above said Property Vipu kapoor, Advocate Chamber no. 246 Distt. Cour kontak, Mobile 9896205220 Vipul Kapoor, Advocate

#### **Public Notice**

Madan Pal S/o Rattan Singh R/o Prithvi Vihar Colony, Meerut Road, Karnal (Haryana) inform that I have lost Sale Deed No. 3218/1 Dated 03-08-2000. If anyone finds please contact above address. DDR No 132310512100447 at PSOC Karnal

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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Ramesh Singh S/o Sardar ingh r/o H.No. 2044/12, Gali No. 7, Shanti Nagar, Kurukshetra have disown my son Vivek Balyan and his wife Neha from all my movable, immovable properties, as they are out of my control. Anybody dealing vith them at their own risk.

I, Chhotu Ram S/o Beg Raj R/o village Mohammadpue Sottar, Tehsil Ratia, Distt, Fatehabad disown my out of control son Surender Kumar alias Monu and nis wife Pinky Rani from all my moveable-immoveable property. In future, if anyone deals with them, he/she will be responsible not me and my family

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I, Baljit Kaur W/o Amrik Singh Vpo- Khawaspur, Distt. Tarn Taran declare that on my docoments my name is Baljit Kaur. But i have changed my name from Baljit Kaur to Baljeet Kaur. Now

11-10-2021

I, Mukhtyar Singh S/o Amar Singh R/O village plot no. 2, Garhi Langri, Tehsil Pehowa District Kurukshetra declared that My son gurjit Singh out of My control. We disown him from all my moveable immoveable properties. Anybody deal with him at their own

### **CHANGE OF NAME**

I. Rachna W/o Sh. Rajesh Kumar R/o H.No 126 Avtar Avenue Majitha Road, Amritsar, I have changed my name Rachna to Rachna Chandel W/o Rajesh Kumar Chandel After Marriage, In future I will be called my name of Rachna Chandel.

I, Shagun Kaur D/o S. Ranbir Singh Resident of 508, Darshan Avenue, D-Block, G.T. Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Shagun to Shagun Kaur. All concerned please note.

I, Harjot W/o Gurinder Singh R/o Village Chabal Kalan, Tehsil & District Tarn Taran have changed my name to Harjot Kaur.

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o Vijay Kumar R/o 167/1, O/s Gilwali Gate, NagarNigam Colony, Amritsar have changed my name from Sanjeev to Sanjeev Kumar.

I, Nivedita Shangari W/o Varun Shangari R/o 11-A, Dasonda Singh Road, Near Pushpa Market, Krishna Lane, Lawrance Road, Amritsar have changed my name from Nivedita Kapoor to Nivedita Shangari after marriage.

I, Chaman Singh S/o Mahinder Singh R/o VPO Chawinda Devi, District Amritsar have changed my name From Chiman Singh to Chaman Singh.

I, Paramjit Kaur W/o Chaman Singh R/o VPO Chawinda Devi, District Amritsar have changed my name From Paramjit Kaur W/o Chiman Singh to Paramjit Kaur to Chaman

I Suman Alias Sushma D/o Sh. Shyam Lal R/o Javra Distt Hisar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Suman Alias Sushma to Mahak for all future purposes.

I. Kanta Devi wife of Pardeep residence at H.No. 559/30 Budha Baba Basti Bhiwani Road Near By Pass Jind 126102 declare that i have changed my name from Kanta to Kanta Devi for future purpose.

I no 15333255L rank SPR Pardeep Kumar Mishra s/o Raghubarsaran Mishra unit 21 Engineer have change my daughter name from Rakhi to Rakhi Mishra.

Ranjeet Singh, R/o Gobind Colony Near Gurudwara, Ismailabad, Sub Tehsil Ismailabad, Kurukshetra declare that I have changed my minor daughter name from Jaismeen Gumber to Jaismeen Kaur. Please Concern Note.

I. Dawinder Singh S/O Hardeep Singh Village Darowali Gurdaspur-Pb- 143605 Have Changed My Name To Davinder

I. Manpreet Kaur D/O Parmiit Chand R/O H No.D-3/3308 Ekta Nagar Chowk Chota Haripura Amritsar I Have Changed My Name Mannreet As Given Name And Kaur As Surname All Concern Please Note It.

I, Pooja Rani W/O Narinder Singh R/O H.No F9/2293, Gali No.1, Gopal Nagar, Majitha Road. Near Bablu Karvana Store, Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Pooja. I, Narinder Kumar Uppal

S/o Swaran Lal R/o 589, New Defence Colony, Phase-1, Deep Nagar, Jalandhar, Punjab-144005 have changed my name to Narendra Kumar Uppal.

I, Amit Kumar Marwaha S/c Vishwanath Marwaha R/o #27-A Mithapur Road, Gurmeet Nagar Near UCO Bank, Jalandhar-1 Jalandhar, Punjab-144003 have changed my name to Amit Marwaha.

I, Sawtantar Kumar S/o Dina Nath R/o H.No. 717/8 Mohalla Sarihan, Alawalpur, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Sawtnter Kumar Sawtantar Kumar.

I, Parveen W/o Sawtantan Kumar R/o H.No. 717/8, Mohalla Sarihan, Alawalpur, Jalandhar Have Changed My Name From Parveen Kumari To Parveen.

I, Doifode Prakash Dnyanoba (Brother) of No. 15456119W Rank Sep NA Name D.Navnath.D P/o Unite 151 AD Regt (SP) C/o 56 APO have changed my name from Doiphode to Doifode Prakash & DOB 25.07.1995 to 25.07.2003 vide affidavit dated 12.08.2021

I, Amit Kumar S/o Kasturi Lal R/o H.No 168, Ward no 2, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Changed Given Name Amit Surname Kumar.

I, Gurdip kaur w/o Jasbir Singh R/o bhagwanpura Allas khatriwala teh samana District Patiala have changed my name from Gurdip kaur to Gurdeep Kaur.

I, Nikita D/o Kiran Dev R/o Vill: Shian Po. Umarpur Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) changed my name to Nikita Rajput.

I, Baljinder Kaur W/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Vill-Kahanpura Teh-Amloh {Fatehgarh Sahib} changed my name to Kamaljeet

I Raghbir Singh Jaid S/O Shamsher Singh R/O Backside Sadar Thana, Faridkot Have Changed My Name To Raghbin

I Navtaj Singh S/O Ripdamar Singh R/O Village Maur (Faridkot) Have Changed My Name To Navta Singh Maan.

I Devinder Monga S/O Sham Lal Monga R/O House No. A.S. 14/3 Bawian Wala Mohalla Ferozepur City Have Changed My Name To Davinder Monga

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TRANSPORT MINISTER RAJA WARRING MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO PATIALA BUS STAND PRTC WORKSHOP

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Transport Minister Amrinder Singh Raja Warring on Friday morning paid a surprise visit to Patiala bus stand and a workshop of staterun transport service PRTC to know about problems of people working there. He also took direct feedback from passengers on travel facilities in government buses. Warring inspected public facilities and other utilities at bus stand.

Later, talking to reporters, he said that clampdown on those private operators who were plying buses illegally will continue."By going for a clampdown on tax evading operators and impounding buses running without permits, the state has noticed an increase in booking of government buses and daily revenue of PRTC has increased from ₹1.70 crore to ₹1.87 crore," he said. Earlier, while interacting with drivers and conductors of Pepsu Road Transport Corporation (PRTC), the minister said case of regularising services of contract workers is under consideration of the government, adding that state government has already increased wages of contract drivers and conductors by 30 per cent and implemented a five per cent annual increase in their salaries. Warring also honoured a PRTC conductor, Milkha Singh, with a cash reward of ₹5,100 for performing his duty honestly and diligently, an official statement said here.

The minister was accompanied by Patiala Municipal Corporation Mayor Sanjeev Sharma Bittu, General Manager of Patiala bus depot Jatinder Pal others. Reviewing public facilities at Patiala bus stand, Warring took serious note of complaints received on social media about food being sold to people at high rates inshops located inside government bus stands and directed officials concerned to conduct regular inspections in this regard.

### सार्वजनिक सूचना

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### **COURT NOTICE**

(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC) (Succession Case) IN THE COURT OF Monika Lamba Civil Judge Division), Kapurthala CNR NO. PBKP02-000855-2020 Next Date: 01-11-2021

Roop Rani ۷s. General Public
Petition for grant of succession Certificate U/s 372 of the Indina Succession Act 1925 in respect o

amount FDR Account Bearing No 3488003102481019 of Rs 1,14,670/- with Punjab Nationa <u>Bank, Branch Bhandal Bet</u> Kapurthala. Notice to: General Public In above titled case,

is ordered that respondent should counsel on 01-11-2021 at 10:00 a.m. For details logon to https://

respondent could not be served.

highcourtchd.gov.in/?trs: district notice & district= Kapurthala Civil Judge (Senior Division)

Court New Delhi, prosecutiorevidences sources of income. going on. 500 IPC Sh. Manoj Kumar Rana, | ComplaintCase | Charges not framed yet. ACJM Gurugram No. 748202014 Offence relating to defamation (B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences SI. Name of Court & date(s) of description of offence (s) and punishment imposed Maximum punishment imposed No order(s)

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### **SENDS SHOCK WAVES**

## Lynching incident at Singhu border creates divide amongst agitating farmers

Amid the ongoing controversy over blocked highways due to ongoing farmers' agitation against three central farm laws, a young man was found brutally murdered at the Singhu border protest site in Haryana's Sonepat district for allegedly desecrating the Guru Granth Sahib - the holy book of the Sikh community.

The deceased has been identified as Lakhbir Singh, a resident of Chimakhurd village in district Tarn Taran in Punjab.

After a few videos went viral showing Nihangs- a warrior Sikh group, standing around Lakhbir Singh and asking him questions, it has been alleged that the deceased was beaten to death and his left hand and right foot were cut off for allegedly desecrating the Guru Granth Sahib. His body was then tied to a police barricade.A Nihang -Saravjit Singh surrendered to the police on Friday evening, claiming responsibility for the murder, and was arrested. Earlier in the day, an FIR was registered in the case under Sections 302 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) by Haryana Police.

In a video clip that went viral on social media, some Nihangs were seen standing around the injured man with his severed left hand close to his head. The group is heard accusing him of desecrating the Sikh holy book. The post-mortem report of the deceased revealed that he died due to injuries and excessive bleeding.

The Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar chaired a high -level meeting at his residence in the evening over the lynching incident and asked police officials to take strict and prompt action against those responsible for the murder. Home Minister Anil Vij, ACS (Home) Rajeev Arora, Haryana DGP PK Agrawal among oth-

L claimed that the killing of a man at the protest site was an internal matter between the Nihang Sikhs and had nothing to do with the ongoing farmers' movement, which is not a

religious one. Condemning the incident, the SKM also demanded a thorough probe into the matter and said those responsible should be brought to book. They alleged that a religious colour is being given to their movement.SKM leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal told mediapersons, "When we reached spot some people were saying that deceased man, before dying, admitted he

was sent by someone and given Rs 30,000. I don't have the video proof of it. Government should probe this matter thoroughly."Terming the incident a 'conspiracy', SKM alleged that an attempt is being made to give communal colour to the morcha."We want to make it clear that both parties to this incident, the Nihang group and deceased, have no relation with SKM. The Morcha is against sacrilege of any religious text, symbol. The farm-

ers' movement is for the rights

of farmers and against the

three farm laws, the SKM lead-

ers said. In a video message,

Yogendra Yadav also con-

demned incident and said such

SKM denies involvement in murder,

hints at political controversy

incidents cannot be accepted in a civilised society. "A dispute triggered in the night between the Nihangs and the deceased. The deceased was accused of sacrilege (beadbi) of religious He said this is not a reli-

text," Yadav said. gious movement, but it is a farmers' movement and several SKM leaders have asked them (groups of Nihangs) to leave, but despite that they have been staying there (at protest site). Another SKM leader Rakesh Tikait said that incident has nothing to do with farmers' protest. The Police has registered a case and investigation is going on, he

NCSC seeks strict action against those responsible for lynching

The National Commission for Scheduled Castes has asked the Haryana Police to take strict action against those behind lynching a man at a farmers' protest venue at Kundli near the Delhi-Haryana border. NCSC chairperson Vijay Sampla also sought a preliminary report from the Haryana Police within 24 hours.Sampla said the man identified as Lakhbir Singh belonged to the Scheduled Caste community.Condemning the violence, Sampla said the NCSC has sought a preliminary report from the Haryana Police within 24 hours. He also asked the Haryana police to take strict action in the incident.

Singhu border, the Nihangs had hanged and tied a person to a police reached there, the person had died. Some people were standing there. When the police tried to take the body away, the people at the spot protested, the spokesman said.

After some efforts, the body was brought to the civil hospital Sonepat for postmortem, he added.

This is not the first time that a crime incident has been reported at the protest site of farmers' agitation, which has been going on for more than ten months now.

In June, a man identified as Mukesh, a resident of Kasra village in Bahadurgarh in Jhajjar district died after allegedly being set on fire by four men who were part of the farmers' protest at the Tikri border.

In the past, an FIR was registered against six persons in connection with rape of a 25year-old activist associated with the farmers' agitation at the Tikri border. The victim from West Bengal had died of Covid-19 at a hospital in Bahadurgarh

who came to create awareness about Covid-19 and vaccination benefits among the protesting farmers at Tikri had also alleged eve-teasing and sexual harassment.

Notably, the ongoing farmers' agitation remains a major concern for the State Government as the farmers have been protesting against the BJP and JJP leaders across

the state.

The Chief Minister Manohar Lal had recently met Union Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the reopening of national highways that are blocked in Haryana due to ongoing farmers' protest. The Singhu and Tikri border in Sonipat district have been blocked for more than ten months due to the protest

The State Government will file its reply in the Supreme Court on October 20 regarding the ongoing talks with the agitating farmers for opening the blocked highways.

against three central farm laws.

## Political blame game begins after incident

Badal strongly condemned the entire sequence of events at Singhu border and demanded including the brutal murder and allegations of sacrilege of

heinous acts of sacrilege of holy scriptures or for barbaric vio-

of a deep-rooted conspiracy to sabotage the long, peaceful and democratic struggle of the farmers against the three back laws also need a thorough, fair and impartial probe," said Badal in a statement here. Upping the ante against the ongoing farmers' agitation against three central farm laws, BJP national general secretary

some murder of an innocent person at the Singhu border clearly established that criminal elements have overtaken the farmers' agitation. In a statement Chugh said any kind of crime on the place of protest by farmers is an alarming signal and brutal murder indicated that all is not well with the intention of the agitation. Farmer leaders should own up the responsibility of criminal activities on the scene of protest and should make sure that criminals surrender them-

selves, he said. Chugh said Taliban elements should not be allowed to be part of the agitation. Meanwhile, the Congress said it is the government's responsibility to investigate the incident in which body of a man has been found near a farmers' protest site in Haryana, and

ers were present at the meeting. A police spokesman said that FIR has been lodged at

Kundli police station in connection with murder near the protest site at the Singhu bor-

**TERMS EXTENSION OF BSF** 

EX-CM URGES MODI 'NOT TO REPEAT BLUND

der. On October 15, police in Kundli got information that near the protest site at the

barricade and his hand was

be conspiring to use this dras-

tic new step to crush the farmers' movement by blocking it at

the farmers' doorsteps in

The former Chief Minister

Punjab...

to the period when Punjab was under the constitution."Badal declared a disturbed area. "By giving sweeping powers to the BSF, the center has rendered Punjab Police totally irrelevant. "I am afraid we are back into the era of midnight knocks

who is also the patron in chief of the Shiromani Akali Dal said and searches of homes by secuthat his party would not stand rity forces without valid orders on prestige and would gladly or prior notice, and without join or follow any other party any platform to seek relief as that is willing to lead the fight. people can no longer turn to SAD wants no political limelight and would humbly local leaders or officers for the redress of their grievances."

In addition, said Badal, cooperate with all other parties in a collective endeavor to the center has assumed arbisafeguard Punjab's interests. trary powers even to enter and "In fact, safeguarding Punjab's violate the sanctity of the interests is in the best overall most sacred shrines, including interest of the country as we are Shri Harmandar Sahib, the sword arm of the nation," Durgiana Temple, Ram Tirath he aded. Describing the center's Temple. We all know what the outcome of such insensitivity move to place almost half of Punjab under the BSF as a can be. People of Punjab must "dangerous move", Badal said unite to safeguard their own that this would mark a return pride and freedom guaranteed

also appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi not to rub salt into the already deep and festering emotional wounds of Punjabis by humil-iating them through the denial of their basic democratic and federal right to manage their affairs through their own elected representatives instead of being run from Delhi.

For nearly 15 years, the center had kept Punjab under President's rule and even under army boots, with disastrous consequences.

I hope the present rulers in Delhi will learn from history and not repeat the tragic mistakes of the past. I strongly call upon the Prime Minister in the interests of Punjab and the whole country not to allow past tragedy to be repeated," said the Akali stalwart.

Former Punjab Chief Tarun Chugh said the grue-Minister Parkash Singh some murder of an innocent a fair and impartial probe into all angles of the heinous crime, the holy Sikh scripture. "There is no place in a

civilised society either for lence," he said. "Allegations that the entire sequence of events is a part

that law should take its course.

### **JURISDICTION AS DANGEROUS** PNS CHANDIGARH

 $F_{\text{Minister Parkash Singh}}^{\text{ive times Punjab Chief}}$ Badal on Friday called upon all political parties in the state to stop fighting among themselves and wage a united fight against the center's move to turn Punjab into a Union Territory through the back door by handing it over to the central security forces like the BSF. "This move will further weaken the already endangered federal structure of the country and will reduce the state govt to the status of municipality. This will be a

severe blow to the pride and dignity of Punjabis," he said in a statement here.

Badal said, "If don't stop

our mutual fights for petty stakes, the center will merrily take advantage of our weaknesses. Tomorrow, we will all repent, having no powers left to solve the problems of the people. There will be nothing left for then."

The Akali veteran said that it was very unfortunate that the center has been usurping the rights of the states even on subjects which fall on the States List in the Constitution. He said that the center had first legis-

Dunjab Chief Minister

Charanjit Singh Channi on

lated three Black laws on Agriculture which is a state subject. Now, with this move on BSF deployment, they have done the same encroachment on another state subject, Law and Order.

He strongly appealed to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to get both these encroachments rescinded by revoking the three Black Laws on Agriculture and withdrawing the orders on BSF deployment Badal said there is also strong ground to believe that the center might be preparing to rob the state of its legitimate rights on its river waters. "They might

also announced plans to upgrade the animal husbandry dispen-

saries in the rural areas across the

state to ensure better health care

facilities in order to improve the

quality of livestock so as to

boost the income of dairy farm-

ers. Channi also announced a

seweage project for Morinda to

be executed at cost of Rs. 42

based drinking water supply

scheme, which has already been

sanctioned. He also said con-

struction of Rs.114 Crore bridge

already been started to link Bela -Paniali road to national highway 344-A to boost economic development in the area. Later, the Chief Minister also set the effigy of Ravana ablaze to mark Dussehra celebrations. Channi further said that Dussehra reminds us the universal truth of virtue triumphing over darkness munal barriers and provides an opportunity to people to reinforce their bonds of brotherhood, amity and goodwill.He said



belief in inevitability of victory of righteousness over evil which further strengthens spirit of har-

mony, brotherhood and tranquility among various segments



T Sharma / The Pioneer

# soon come up at Morinda. He over river Satluj in region has Vijaydashmi strengthens our

MANY SHADES OF EVIL: Dussehra festival was celebrated with pomp and show in Sector 17 Chandigarh as Ravana T Sharma / The Pioneer symbolising evil went up in flames on Friday symbolising the victory of good over evil

## Ellenabad bypoll: Hry CM, Cabinet Mins, MLAs to start campaign from Oct 20

PNS CHANDIGARH

 $F^{or \ the \ high \ stakes \ triangular \ electoral \ fight \ on}$ Ellenabad assembly seat, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, his Cabinet Colleagues and BJP senior leaders will begin intensive election campaigning after October 20. The bypoll to Ellenabad

assembly constituency in Sirsa district will be held on October 30 while the counting of ballots will be held on November 2.

The Ellenabad seat is witnessing a three-cornered contest among ruling BJP-JJP joint candidate Govind Kanda. Congress candidate Pawan Beniwal and Indian National Lok Dal nominee Abhay Singh Chautala. The ruling BJP, which is facing a tough challenge to wrest the Ellenabad seat in Chautala's citadel, will organize a series of programmes after October 20 in the fifth phase of the party's campaign. Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers,

party MLAs, chairman of Boards and Corporations will take part in various programmes to be held at village level to reach out to the voters in Ellenabad, a rural assembly

symbolising evil went up in flames on Friday symbolising the victory of good over evil

Ellenabad assembly seat has remained a Chautala clan stronghold. In 2009, OP Chautala won from this seat but in 2010, a bypoll was held which his younger son Abhay Chautala contested and won. Abhay Chautala has since then contested on INLD's ticket and won the Ellenabad seat. He had resigned on January 27 from the Ellenabad seat in support of ongoing farmers' agitation against three central farm laws

and necessitated the bypoll. At present, the ruling BJP is undertaking a campaign where each party worker is reaching out to voters known to him in villages and inform about achievements of the current ruling dispensation, Ellenabad assembly con-

stituency has 76 villages. There

are a total of 211 booths in the assembly seat with about 1.86 lakh voters. According to the party spokesman, BJP's candidate Govind Kanda has so far covered 22 villages during campaigning even after the oppo-

sition's protest in the guise of farmers.Govind Kanda is brother of Haryana Lokhit Party (HLP) founder Gopal Kanda. Govind Kanda had unsuccessfully contested the assembly elections in 2014 and 2019 from Rania segment in Sirsa district. His brother, Sirsa MLA Gopal Kanda has been supporting the BJP in the 90member Haryana Vidhan Sabha. Notably, the ruling BJP-

bypoll in November last year despite fielding a heavyweight candidate Olympian wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt. Thus, the BJP is leaving no stone unturned to win the Ellenabad bypoll in the

## EC directs voters to produce EPIC at polling stations

With a view to prevent impersonation of electors during bypolls, Election Commission has directed all electors in all constituencies to produce the Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) for their identification at the polling station before casting their votes. An official spokesperson of the office of Chief Electoral Officer, Haryana said that to make the right of genuine electors to vote in a more effective manner, EPIC are to

be produced at the polling sta-

tions before casting of votes for

identification.For those electors who are unable to produce the EPIC shall produce one of the following alternative photo identity documents like Aadhaar Card, MNREGA Job Card, Passbooks with photograph issued by Bank/Post Office, Health Insurance Smart Card issued under the scheme of Ministry of Labour, Driving License, PAN Card, Smart Card issued by RGI under NPR, Indian Passport, Pension document with photograph, for establishing their identity, Service Identity Cards

Government/PSUs/Public Limited Companies, and Official identity card issued to MPs/MLAs/MLCs, the spokesman said. However, if it is not possible to establish the identity of the elector on account of mismatch of photograph, etc. the elector shall have to produce one of the above mentioned alternative photo documents. Also, the overseas electors who are registered in the electoral roll based on the particulars of

with photograph issued to employees by Central/State identified on the basis of their original passport only (and no other identity document) in the polling station. Besides this, the Election Commission has specified that votes shall be given and recorded by means of EVMs and VVPAT printers in the manner prescribed, under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and the supplementary instructions issued by the Election Commission from time to time on the subject, the spokesman added.

## Parks to come up across State, says Punjab CM

PNS ■ BATHINDA

 $E^{mphasizing\ upon\ the}_{planned\ development\ of}$  the cities as the key to ensure overall progress of the urban infrastructure, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Friday announced that Parks would come up across the entire State as sound health is of paramount importance owing to the fast changing lifestyles in modern era.

He was responding to the demand put forward by the Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal for a park in Bathinda alongside Bathinda branch canal.

The Chief Minister said that urban development is the focus area for him and he has a roadmap for the same which includes robust Sewerage system, spacious market places and parks. "The benefits of all the government schemes must reach down to the last beneficiary in a hassle free manner", added the Chief Minister. Dedicating Shaheed Sepoy Sandeep Singh memorial chowk at Paras Ram Nagar, to the public and paying floral tributes, the Chief Minister said that he feels blessed to meet the parents of the martyr who made supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation in Surankot (J&K) on August 2, 1999. Finance Minister Manpreet Singh Badal paid glowing tributes to five soldiers martyred a few days ago in J&K, saying that although India

is a peace loving country but gives a befitting reply to the enemy who considers it a weak nation. "The Sikh Regiment and Punjab are the crown of the Indian Ármy", said the Finance Minister while expressing deepest gratitude to the parents of the martyred soldiers. He also lauded the gesture of the Chief Minister for waiving off the arrears of electricity bills upto 2 KW load. Earlier, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of canal lining and the renovation work of the Bathinda branch at a cost of Rs.

Besides, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of Balwant Gargi multipurpose auditorium at Rose Garden, Bathinda which would come up in 2 acre area at a cost of Rs. 27.15 crore having inside seating capacity of 928 and open air seating capacity of 120 and equipped with an art and exhibition hall, conference hall, seminar hall, cafeteria, state of the art sound system and picturesque internal design.

Channi while visiting the special dengue ward set up at the meritorious school, enquired after the well being of the patients and expressed satisfaction at the healthcare facilities. He also laid the foundation stone of the new residence of the Finance Minister at Urban Estate Phase-1 and also paid a visit to the residence of the Deputy Speaker Punjab Vidhan Sabha Ajaib Singh

## **UK Carrier Strike Group** enters Bay of Bengal



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m ignaling}$  a strong strategic and defence partnership between the two countries, the United Kingdom's (UK) Carrier Strike Group, led by its largest warship HMS Queen Elizabeth, sailed into the Bay of Bengal on Friday. It was the second such

voyage in the last three months.

The British High
Commission said here the Carrier Strike Group (CSG) will take part in the "most demanding exercise" ever between the UK and India, incorporating elements from all

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With India slipping behind even Nepal, Bangladesh

Hunger Index (GHI) 2021, the

Centre on Friday said the report

is devoid of ground reality and

facts and the methodology used

has slipped to the 101st position

the Global Hunger Report 2021

has lowered the rank of India on

the basis of FAO (UN's Food

and Agriculture Organization)

estimate on proportion of undernourished population, which is found to be devoid of

ground reality and facts and suf-

fers from serious methodolog-

ical issues. The publishing agen-

cies of the Global Hunger

Report, Concern Worldwide

and Welt Hunger Hilfe, have not

done their due diligence before

ernment said in a statement.

FAO is unscientific. They have

based their assessment on the

results of a 'four question' opin-

ion poll, which was conducted

telephonically by Gallup. There

is no scientific methodology to

measure undernourishment like

availability of food grains per

capita during the period. The

scientific measurement of

undernourishment would

require measurement of weight

and height, whereas the

methodology involved here is

based on Gallup poll based on

pure telephonic estimate of the

regards government's massive

effort to ensure food security of

the entire population during the

Covid period, verifiable data on

which are available. The opin-

ion poll does not have a single

question on whether the

respondent received any food

support from the government or

"The report completely dis-

population," it said.

'The methodology used by

With a score of 27.5, India

"It is shocking to find that

to calculate is unscientific.

out of 116 countries.

three military services.

HMS Queen Elizabeth and its strike task group had carried out a mega wargame with a number of Indian warships and submarines in the Bay of Bengal in July that featured a

range of complex drills.
"The deployment is a powerful demonstration of the UK's commitment to deepening its diplomatic, economic and security-based ties in the Indo-Pacific region. India is essential in ensuring a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo-Pacific," the High Commission said in a state-

Global Hunger Report 2021 lowers India's

rank, Centre calls it devoid of ground reality

Cenior Congress leader

Kapil Sibal on Friday Sibal

took a dig at the Government over India slipping to 101st position in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021 of 116 countries, from its 2020 position of 94th.

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hunger 3) making India a

global power 4) for our digi-

tal economy 5) .....

Index: 2020: India ranked 94.

2021: India ranks 101," the

attention was diverted from

the Lakhimpur Kheri incident

through the Aryan Khan drug

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Worldwide and German organ-

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tioned the level of hunger in

India as "alarming" with its GHI score decelerating from

38.8 in 2000 to the range of 28.8

27.5 between 2012 and 2021.

Nepal (76), Bangladesh (76),

Myanmar (71) and Pakistan

(92) are also in the 'alarming'

hunger category but have fared

better, added the report.

Neighbouring countries like

The report, prepared joint-

countries," it added.

Sabha

Sibal also alleged that

"Congratulations Modi ji

Sibal takes a dig

at Centre as India

slips to 101st rank

Khan.

A carrier battle group or carrier strike group is a mega naval fleet comprising an aircraft carrier, accompanied by a frigates and other ships. large number of destroyers,

Commissioner to India Alex Ellis said India is an "essential" partner for the UK in the Indo-Pacific region and that the Carrier Strike Group's visit demonstrates the deepening of the bilateral defence and security partnership.
The envoy also referred to

the resolve by Prime Minister

He alleged that a "guilty till proven innocent" tem-

plate was being applied in the

case of Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh

the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on October 3, will

have to remain in jail for some

more days as a court on

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Narendra Modi and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to work towards shared security and prosperity. "This visit will boost the cooperation of our armed forces and show the living bridge connecting our people," he said.

First Sea Lord Admiral Tony Radakin said the CSG's engagement with India showcases the deepening comprehensive strategic partnership.
"Both the Indian and the

Royal Navy are blue-water, multi-carrier navies, which places us in a very exclusive club," he said.

"Our growing interactions are a testimony to the shared commitment to the rulesbased international system, a belief in the values of open trade, and in the importance of the freedom of the high seas a right conveyed on all nations," he added. HNLMS Evertsen, a

Provinciën-class frigate of the Royal Netherlands Navy, is also visiting Mumbai along with the British CSG. Ambassador Netherlands to India Marten van den Berg said the Indian Ocean is a gateway for Europe into the Indo-Pacific and his country definitely recognises India's crucial role in the region.

"The visit to the port of Mumbai by HNLMS Evertsen is a confirmation of our longgenuine. standing strong relationship and a step towards enhancement of the Netherlands and India defence relations," the envoy said.

## ED attaches ₹146.67 cr in bank forgery case

PNS NEW DELHI

Enforcement The Ellioteement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth ₹ 146.67crore of Future Metals Pvt. Ltd. (FMPL) and Future Exim India Pvt. Ltd. (FEIPL) under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in a case connected with fraud committed on banks under the guise of merchant trade.

The attached proceeds of crime are in the form of immovable properties located in Maharashtra, Punjab, New Delhi, Gujarat, Bengaluru and

The ED had initiated investigation on the basis of FIR dated July 18, 2009 registered by Bengaluru Police under Indian Penal Code sections relating to cheating and criminal conspiracy and another FIR dated October 9, 2009 registered by Anti-Corruption Branch, CBÍ, New Delhi for the offences committed by the accused persons relating to cheating, criminal conspiracy and using forged documents as

The accused firms FMPL and FEIPL approached STCL for entering into merchandise trade and requested the latter facilitate the trade. Subsequently, FMPL and

FEIPL entered into tripartite agreements with STCL Ltd., a fully owned subsidiary of the State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (Public Sector Enterprise) along with Overseas buyers and sellers for export and import of copper and nickel.

FMPL and FEIPL had signed the agreements guaranteeing the payment to be made by the overseas buyers.

Money laundering investigation has revealed that FMPL and FEIPL did not honour the tripartite agreements that they had entered with STCL and overseas buyers and sellers.

Chairman of FMPL and FEIPL, Naveen Sriram and Managing Director Sudheer Sriram had executed deed of personal and corporate guarantee in favour of STCL against the latter agreeing to provide finance for the merchandise

trade transactions and this corporate guarantee could be invoked by STCL in the event of any default in repayment of amount due to STCI

STCL established irrevocable Letters of Credit for 90 days towards purchase of goods with a condition that the LCs would not be allowed to devolve under any circumstances as per the undertaking given by FMPL/FEIPL.

However, the LCs were devolved due to non-payment by overseas buyers which was guaranteed by FMPL and FEIPL causing wrongful loss of USD 249.572 million to STCL.

Earlier, in 2018, the ED had provisionally attached assets worth ₹39 crore and a Prosecution Complaint (chargehseet) was filed on December 10, 2018. With the present attachment, total attachments by ED have reached ₹185.67 crore.

IMD predicts clear sky in Delhi



Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted a 'mainly clear sky' in the national capital on Friday with the maximum temperature likely to hover around 34 degrees Celsius and the minimum at

18.6 degrees Celsius. As per the morning update, a temperature of 22.6 degrees Celsius was recorded at 8.30 a.m. with a relative humidity of 68 per cent. The wind was blowing in the southern direction at a speed of 7.5 km per

The city observed sunrise at 6.22 a.m. and the sun is likely to set at 5.52 p.m. In the past 24 hours, the

maximum temperature was recorded at 33.9 degrees Celsius, a notch departure from normal, and the minimum was at 18.6 degrees Celsius.

System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR) said the Air Quality Index (AQI) in the national capital was 190 for PM10 and 77 for PM2.5. As PM10 went over 100, the department has issued a 'moderate' health advisory which means that sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion and heavy outdoor work. The PM2.5 level was also under the

moderate category. Notably, Delhi has 36 monitoring stations that accurately record the levels of both particulate matters. As per the latest update at 9.31 a.m., the other pollutants Nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and ozone (O3) were recorded at 12 and 197, respectively. The data for carbon monoxide (CO) was not

## PL Punia to head Congress' **UP** Campaign

Committee

New Delhi: Congress on Friday announced five committees for Uttar Pradesh elections and appointed General head of the Campaign

Krishnam has been appointed Chairman of the Chargesheet Committee, former Union Minister Salman Khurshid will head the Manifesto Committee, Rajesh Mishra the Planning and Strategy Committee and former state President Nirmal Khatri the Election Coordination Committee.

The Congress has also appointed four new General Secretaries, 12 Vice Presidents and 31 new Secretaries as it seeks to galvanise its state unit ahead of polls.

General Secretary in charge Priyanka Gandhi has been on forefront in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident, as Congress demands the dismissal of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Misra Teni for a free and fair probe into the Lakhimpur Kheri violence that claimed eight lives.

## I-T detects unaccounted income of ₹184 cr after raid on realtors

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department detected unaccounted income of about ₹184 crore after it recently raided two real estate business groups of Mumbai and some family members of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, sources said on Friday.

The searches were launched on October 7 at 70 premises in Mumbai, Pune, Baramati, Goa and Jaipur, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the policy making body for the tax department, said in a statement.
"The evidence gathered

during the search has revealed several prima-facie unaccounted and benami transactions," it said.



"Incriminating documents, evidencing unaccounted income of about Rs 184 crore of the two groups have been found," the statement said without naming the entities involved.

Pawar had told the media on the day of the raids that the tax searches were also carried out at the premises of his three sisters, one living in Kolhapur district and two in Pune district of Maharashtra.

The CBDT said unaccounted cash of Rs 2.13 crore and jewellery of Rs 4.32 crore were seized during the opera-

'The search action has led to identification of transactions by these business groups with a web of companies which, prima facie, appear to be suspicious," it said.

The CBDT claimed that a

"preliminary analysis of the flow of funds indicates that there has been an introduction of unaccounted funds in the group by way of various dubious methods like introduction of bogus share premium, suspicious unsecured loans, receipt of unsubstantiated advance for certain services, collusive arbitration deals out of non-existent disputes, etc".

The statement said the department has "observed that such suspicious flow of funds has taken place with the involvement of an influential family of Maharashtra".

"The funds, so introduced in a dubious manner, have been utilised for acquisition of various assets such as office building at a prime locality in Mumbai, flat in posh locality in Delhi, resort in Goa, agricultural lands in Maharashtra and investments in sugar mills," it

"The book value of these assets aggregates to about Rs. 170 crore," it said.

## Stubble burning cases go down

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The number of stubble-burning events in Punjab, Haryana and the eight NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh has come down significantly this year, with a total of 1,795 such incidents reported this month as against 4,854 in the same period last year, the Union Environment Ministry said on Friday quoting a report by the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM).
The Commission said

according to a report based on the protocol framed by the ISRO, paddy residue-burning events have been reduced by 69.49 per cent in Punjab, 18.28 per cent in Haryana and 47.61

per cent in the eight NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh during a one-month period, as compared to the corresponding period last year.

"Active paddy residueburning events in Punjab, Haryana and eight NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh have come down significantly this year, fewer fire counts reported in 2021 as compared to last

"Total 1,795 fire counts reported for the one-month period till October 14 as against 4,854 instances reported in the corresponding period during 2020. Enforcement agencies have so far inspected 663 of the total reported sites in Puniab. Haryana and NCR districts of Uttar Pradesh," the commission

It said of the 1,795 sites from where stubble burning was reported in Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, 663 fields have been inspected by the enforcement agencies and the officials concerned of the respective states and that an environmental compensation (EC) has been imposed in 252

During the said period in the current year, 1,286 stubble-burning events were reported in Punjab as against 4,216 for the same period last year while Haryana reported 487 such incidents as against 596 for the corresponding year last year.

The total number of stubble-burning incidents reported from the eight NCR districts of

Uttar Pradesh during this period was 22 as against 42 for the corresponding period last year. No stubble-burning incident was reported from Delhi and the two NCR districts of Rajasthan.

In a statement, the CAQM said crop harvesting will be at its peak in the next few weeks and the state governments are taking steps in accordance with the plan of action to improve the efficacy of enforcement and implementation to effectively tackle the problem of stubble burning.

The hotspots of paddy residue-burning in Punjab are Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Patiala and Ludhiana, accounting for 72 per cent of the stubble-burning events in the state.

## Diabetes, obesity, heart-related ailments rising in India at disturbing pace: Survey

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) like diabetes, obesity and heart related ailments are rising in India at a disturbing pace and one way of curbing this may be by mandatory front of package labelling (FoPL) on food products as has been revealed by a national online survey. The survey found that a majority of parents, a significant 80 per cent respondents, favoured a mandatory FOPL to regulate the food industry dishing out high fat, sugar and salt (HFSS) containing packaged food to

The nationwide survey

conducted by IGPP (Institute of Governance, Policies and Politics) and released on the eve of the World Food Day also revealed that almost 60% of parents respondents expressed concern over the increasing presence of the packaged junk food products in the markets and its aggressive unregulated marketing. Similarly, 77% felt that information related to harmful ingredients like salt, sugar and fat, if made mandatory by the government and displayed in a simple, easy to interpret manner, would steer them towards making health-Also, more than 62%

ier choices. showed their readiness to permanently give up the habit of weight gain and high blood

eating HFSS laden food, found the survey titled 'People's Awareness about the Relationship between Food Habits/Ingredients and NCDs/CVDs. It also indicated that parents were keen for mandatory warning labels on the front of pack on all foods so that it can help them explain to their children why they should not buy HFSS food. Dr Madhukar Mittal, Addl. Professor, Dept. Of Endocrinology, AIIMS, Jodhpur said. "majority of packaged foods contain extra

calories – also known as zero

calories because they lack

nutritional value, vitamin and

natural fiber which lead to

sugar. India is already facing the devastating impact of an unhealthy diet. If this eating pattern continues, soon India will be the capital of diabetes and obesity." Dr Vandana Prasad,

Community Pediatrician and member of Nutrition Advocacy in Public Interest (NAPi) noted ...Though study had been done with an urban middle class sample, we see the penetration of junk food to the remotest villages of the country without any attempts at regulation or public information.

"Most attempts to provide FOPL are being diluted by big food companies at the level of Food Safety and Standard

**Global Burden of Diseases Report** 2017, cardiovascular disease (CVD) kills 1.7 million Indians every year

**According to the** 

Authority of India (FSSAI) that does not seem to bother with preventing conflict of interest in favour of the health of the general public. Clearly the consumers will have to force adherence to WHO standards where FOPL is concerned."

Manish Tiwari, Director, IGPP added, "the online survey results clearly reflect growing among concern parents about easy availability of HFSS filled packaged foods causing NCDs also known as 'Silent Killers'. In fact, an

easily understandable, read-

able and acceptable label may

facilitate usage by people to

make healthy food purchases. "The top food regulatory body, FSSAI, and the policy makers should take a cue from such evidence to enact a strong legislation to implement FOPL policies as a viable strategy to reduce obesity and NCDs risk,"

The survey which was primarily concentrated around the urban middle-class nuclear families covering a sample pool of 237 parents was aimed to have an idea about the entrenchment of packaged food items in Indian markets and to test if people would find warning labels on the front of pack useful in guiding them towards healthier food choices.

According to the Global Burden of Diseases Report 2017, cardiovascular disease (CVD) kills 1.7 million Indians every year. Moreover, the premature mortality (years of life lost because of CVD) in India increased to 37 million in 2010 from 23.2 million in 1990 (by 59 per cent).

### Shah on 3-day visit to Andaman & Nicobar Islands to review developmental works New Delhi: Union Home of Police and other senior offi-

Minister Amit Shah will arrive at Port Blair on Friday on a three-day visit to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to review various developmental works initiated with the Centre's assistance.

According to Home Ministry officials, he will visit the Cellular Iail at Port Blair on Friday afternoon and will pay tribute to freedom fighter Veer Savarkar and also visit the Swatantra-Jyoti. He will also deliver a speech

at 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' event and will flag off 'Go-GO tourist buses' to various destinations in Andaman.

Kumar Joshi, Director General

Shah will hold a review meeting tomorrow with the Lieutenant Governor Devendra

cials at Port Blair. During his stay in the

Island, the Home Minister will also embark on an aerial survey of various development works under construction of 'Shaheed Dweep eco-tourism project' and 'Swaraj Dweep Water Aerodrome' in the Union Territory and will be visiting Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island during the day. On Sunday, he will attend

a programme to be organised by the Andaman and Nicobar Police. On Thursday, he laid the

foundation stone for the National Forensic Science University (NFSU) at NFSU at Dharbandora in South Goa and also addressed a public meeting there.

## **Tikait slams 'red carpet'** arrest of Mishra's son

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 $B^{\text{haratiya Kisan Union}}_{(\text{BKU}) \text{ national spokesper-}}$ son Rakesh Tikait came to Tappal of Aligarh in an private event and expressed displeasure over the ongoing investigation into the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case, saying the 'red carpet' arrest of Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra's son has sparked anger among the agitating farmers.

Demanding the dismissal of Ajay Mishra from the post of minister, Tikait said that if the father of the accused continues in the post, then there cannot

Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra was arrested last week after 12 hours of interrogation. It is alleged that Ashish was also riding in one of the cars by which four farmers were killed on October 3 at Lakhimpur Kheri.

The BKU leader told reporters here that the 'red carpet' arrest of the minister's son, who is the prime accused in the incident, has fueled the anger of the protesting farmers. Tikait said at an event in Tappal town that the whole world knows that there can be no jusmain accused is not removed

Expressing dissatisfaction over the ongoing probe in the case, he claimed that the Union minister was influencing the investigation of the SIT. He reiterated that if Ajay Mishra is not removed from his post, then the ongoing protest against Lakhimpur Kheri violence will intensify.

The BKU leader said that there would be a "rail roko" demonstration on October 18. He also said that BKU would organize a huge Kisan Panchayat in Lucknow on

## Security Forces avenge PSI killing, neutralise ultra

A joint team of security forces Friday avenged the killing of a Probationary Sub-Inspector (PSI) Arshid Ahmad by eliminating a terrorist behind his killing in the Khanyar area of Srinagar on September 12.

The terrorist was killed during an encounter in the Bemina area of Srinagar late Friday evening. The identity of the terrorist has not been estab-

Kashmir Zone Police in a tweet said, "Killer of martyr PSI Arshid killed in Bemina

Meanwhile, another terrorist involved in the recent killings in Srinagar was gunned down in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama on

According to a police spokesman, "Security forces received information about the presence of terrorists in the Wahibug area of Pulwama, following which a cordon and search operation was launched there. Police said the search operation turned into an encounter in which one terrorist was killed".

## BJP has neither understood Savarkar nor Gandhi:Uddhav

T N RAGHUNATHA III MUMBAI

Singling out his party's erst-while saffron alliance partner for severe criticism on several counts, Maharashtra chief minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray on Friday made a cryptic comment on Friday that "BJP has understood neither Veer Savarkar nor Mahatma Gandhi".

Uddhav was apparently referring to a recent comment by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh who raked up a controversy through a claim that Gandhi had advised Savarkar, who was languishing at Andaman's Cellular Jail then, to write mercy petitions to the

Addressing the annual Dusshera rally at Shanmukhananda Hall at Sion in north-central Mumbai, Uddhav did not spare RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat either. 'Mohan Bhagwat has said that all our ancestors came from the same planet. Supposing I take his statement to be true, I would like to know from him if the ancestors of the Opposition leaders came from other planets. Did those farmers who were crushed to death in Lakhimpur Kheri also come from some other planet?," the Sena president asked the RSS

"On one hand, you (Mohan Bhagwat) say, the Hindutva does not practise

enmity and jealousy, while on the other, do you accept what happened at Lakhimpur Kheri in broad daylight?," Uddhav asked Bhagwat.

Uddhav also had a dig at the BJP – which "prides itself as the World's largest political party", for fielding a former Shiv Sena candidate in Deglur Assembly by-poll. "See the irony, the world's largest political party has to import candidates even for an assembly bypoll," he said.

As he tore into the BJP on various counts, Uddhav made a stunning claim that had the BJP fulfilled its pre-Assembly poll promise of giving the CM's post to his party, he would have perhaps stepped aside, made Shiv Sainik the chief minister and even retired from politics.

"If the BJP had fulfilled its promise of giving (the first term) of the chief ministership, I would have perhaps stepped aside, made a Shiv Sainik the chief minister and even retired from politics. I am being criticised in politics. This is not my field. I came here to fulfil the responsibility as a son (of late Balasaheb Thackeray). I will not keep quiet till I fulfil my responsibility. It is with this intent that I am here," Uddhav said.

Slamming the BJP for calling the Shiv Sena corrupt after the two parties' alliance ended in 2019, Uddhav dared it to topple his Sena-NCP-Congress coalition government which will complete two years next

"I do not go after anyone. But, if someone targets me, I would not spare them. What is your stature to attack me? If you have some strength in you to take on me directly, please do it. But, do not use CBI, ED and IT to hand over threats to me. If you take on directly, I will retaliate as the Shiv Sena and not as the chief minister. Unlike you, I am not the one to hide behind police or enforcement agencies. I will do whatever I can through my Shiv Sainiks," Uddhav said.

Coming down heavily on the BJP for making a song and dance of the arrest of Bollywood super star Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan and its efforts to defame the Mumbai and Maharashtra police, Uddhav wanted to know as to why was the ruling party at the Centre talking about the seizure of multi-thousand crore worth drugs from Mundra port.

Drugs worth several thousand crores were found at Mundra port in Gujarat. The court has ordered a probe into the whole thing. Why are the BJP leaders not talking about it?. It has launched a campaign that the drugs are freely sold here in Maharashtra. If drugs are found with someone, can he be declared a criminal? Do you make efforts to reform the youngsters so that they can think about their future and not go wayward as they did earlier?," the chief minister asked.

## TMC to go alone in Goa; tie up with GFP likely

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress which is planning to go it alone in 2022 Goa Assembly elections is toying with the idea of striking alliance with relatively lesser parties which have influence in isolated pockets. "It is almost decided that

we are going it alone in Goa," said a senior leader in Bengal the decision would however be taken by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in consultation with the top Goa leaders.

"The TMC like all other parties will make its own strategy that suits its interests and ideology and its alliance system will also follow accordingly," the leader known for his proximity to senior leader Derek O' Brien said.

Incidentally the TMC has opened its first party office in Goa, sources at the Trinamool Bhawan in Kolkata said adding the new offices would soon come up in various parts of the State. The party office was opened at Goa capital Panaji.

The party office was inaugurated about a month and a half after former Goa Chief Minister and Congress leader Luizinho Feleiro left that party and joined the TMC along with a former Congress MLA.

The opening of the State office in Goa goes with its plans

in the 2022 Assembly elections, sources said adding though there were no talks of any alliance with the Congress, Aam Aadmi Party or the Shiv Sena the Bengal ruling outfit could go for a tie-up with Goa Forward Party which has considerable support base in some pockets.

Sources said that the TMC's election partner Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC) an organization led by poll strategist Prashant Kishore had held preliminary talks with the GFP. TMC sources in Bengal quoted GFP leader Kiran Kandolkar as saying that his party was approached by Kishore's men following which initial talks had begun.

Kandolkar is known to have shown interest in TMC saying a place of "Shantadurga (peace)" Goa needed the Durga of Bengal "to eliminate the demons." Like Bengal Goa needed a "street fighter" to take on a party of "organized goons like the BJP ... and who better than Mamata Banerjee can do

that," he reportedly said.

The Bengal TMC leader would however not identify the 'demon' from AAP, Congress and Sena, saying "all of them are friends, and we will need them in our fight with BJP in 2024."



## Durga Puja celebrated with fervour, idols immersed on Vijay Dashami

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

 $D_{\text{an end on the Vijay}}^{\text{urga Puja festivities came to}}$ Dashami Day with most of the Puja organizers immersing their idóls on Friday. Vijay Dashami is celebrated both as Mother Goddess Durga's victory over Mahishasura the demon and Lord Rama's victory over demon king Ravana.

Hundreds of royal families --- like those of Cooch Behar, Krishnagar, Sova Bazaar, Burdwan, Vishnupur --- who have been organizing Pujas for centuries too immersed their idols on Friday.With Goddess Durga worshipped as the daughter who comes to her parents'

husband Lord Shiva's abode in Kailash along with her two daughters Laxmi and Saraswati and two sons Ganesha and Kartikeya, for many Dashami tends to become a tearful affair.

Hence on Dashami Day the married women bid a farewell to the Mother Goddess with a heavy heart and appeal her to return quickly next year. And while bidding farewell Durga and her family are treated to sweets and the Mother Goddess along with Laxmi and Saraswati are smeared in vermillion or

After this, the women apply Sindur on each others' foreheads before play with it much like they do during Holi. This is called Sindoor Khela when they smear each other and dance to the rhythm of Dhak (the drum)

while wishing good to all.

Philosophically however
Vijay Dashami is celebrated as the victory of good over evil which connote manifestation of evil and good that make a man --- who experience a sustained battle within between these two qualities with the good winning in the ultimate run.

Meanwhile, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday wished the people of Bengal on the occasion of Vijay Dashami wishing all peace, good health and prosperity.

## Lakhimpur case: Arms recovered from Lucknow flat owned by accused

Lucknow: The special investigation team (SIT) probing the Lakhimpur Kheri violence on Friday brought two accused persons, Ankit Das and Latif alias Kale, to a flat in Hussainganj area of Lucknow and recovered a revolver and a gun from there, police sources said. They said the Hussainganj flat belongs to Das. The revolver licence holder is Das, while

Latif holds the licence of the gun. After the incident on October 3, Das had escaped from the spot and hid the weapons in his apartment. Police will take the arms for a forensic test, so that it could be known whether it was used during the violence.

Sources also said that after the violence in Tikonia village on October 3, Das fled from there and hid himself in a hotel in Lucknow. After recovering the weapons from the flat, police reached the hotel located on Lohia Path,

and took the CCTV footage.

Das is the nephew of late Congress leader and former Union minister Akhilesh Das

The SIT probing the Lakhimpur Kheri violence on Thursday took Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son and three others arrested in the case to recreate the sequence of events leading to the incident in Tikonia village.

Amid tight security, the three accused were taken to the site of the incident on the Tikonia-Banbirpur road, around 60 km from district headquarters of Lakhimpur, police said. Eight people died in the violence and of them, four were farmers, allegedly knocked down by a vehicle carrying BJP workers.

Infuriated farmers then allegedly lynched some people in the vehicles. The other dead included two BJP workers and their driver. In the incident, a journalist was also killed.

Farmers claimed that Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra was in one of the vehicles, an allegation denied by both father and son saying they can produce evidence to prove was at an event at

## Kerala logs 8,867 Covid cases | Swamy decries Indian bureaucrats meddling in Lankan affairs while doctors launch stir

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

rerala on Friday logged 8,867 79,554 samples tested during the last 24 hours. The State recorded 67 deaths taking the fatalities to 26,734 till date.

Doctors belonging to the Kerala Government service launched the second phase of their agitation on Friday demanding better service con-dition and restoration of pay and allowances that were reduced drastically since the pandemic struck the State.

Things took a turn for the worse on Friday as a group of politicians including the panchayath president of Sooranadu



in Kollam district physically assaulted Dr Ganesh, the duty doctor of Sasthamkotta. Sreekumar, the panchayath president and a group of politicians had brough the dead body of a young woman late Thursday night to the hospital and wanted the duty doctor to issue a death certificate. But Dr Ganesh, who was the lone doctor on duty asked them to wait for few minutes as he was , said Dr T N Suresh, general secretary, Kerala Government Medical Officers Association. "Moreover, there are guide-

lines to issue death certificate. The doctor has to check the factors that led to the death. The persons who had accompanied the body refused to bring to the ward and insisted that Dr Ganesh should go to the vehicle to inspect the body. This was a dubious demand," said Dr Suresh. The video of the group attacking the doctor went viral by Friday morning.

One of the major demands raised by the KGMOA is the safety of the duty doctors from the attack of persons accomattending to an emergency case panying the patients.

## KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI Dr Subramanian Swamy, BJP's Rajya Sabha member

said in Colombo that bureaucrats should not be allowed to meddle in the ties between Sri Lanka and India. "The relation between the two countries dates back to centuries and it is a time tested one.

We need matured political leaders and not commissars to preserve the sanctity of these ties," Dr Swamy told The Pioneer over phone from Colombo, after his one hour personal interaction with Gotabaya Rajapaksa, president of Sri Lanka on

Friday.

Dr Swamy was the chief guest during Friday's Vijaya Dashami Pooja held at Temple Tree, the official residence of



Dr Subramanian swamy leading Vijaya Dashami Pooja at Temple Tree Colombo, the official residence of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa

The PM and Shiranti Rajapakse are also seen

Pioneer photo

Mahinda Rajapaksa, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

Dr Swamy, a long-time friend of the island's Prime Minister led the Pooja and

addressed the gathering about the importance of Vijaya Dashami and Navrathri. The BIP MP is in the island nation on the invitation of Mahinda



Dr Swamy with President Gotabaya Rajapakse after Friday's meeting

Pioneer photo

Rajapaksa. On Wednesday, Dr Swamy had addressed the senior army, navy and air force officers of the country at the elite National Defence College in the island nation. The visit of the BJP MP

comes at a time when there are disclosures made in Tamil Nadu about the regrouping in Chennai of former LTTE cadre who are trying to revive the militancy in northern Sri

### PM condoles demise of chairman of Dainik Jagran Group



he Prime Minister, Shri ■ Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the demise of the Chairman of Dainik Jagran Group Yogendra

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said; "Dainik Jagran Samuh ke chairman Mohan Guptaji ke nidhan se atyant dukh hua hai. Unka jana kala, sahitya aur patrakarita jagat ke liye ek apurniye shati hai. Shok ke is ghadi mein unke parijano ke prati main apni sanvedna vayakt karta hun. Om Shanti".

### Adanis take over Thiruvananthapuram int'l airport; Tharoor hopes for best THIRUVANANTHAPURAM PTI here. a positive move". G a positive move", Gopi said

ongress MP Shashi Tharoor on Friday said he was hoping for the best after the Adani Group took over the operation and management of

expectations.

Unfazed by criticism over his stand, he had said privatisation would help tap potential and attract investors. The Congress MP has been drawing flak not only from the

operating from there.

"I go forward hoping for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best," Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor, known for the best, "Tharoor Gopi too welcomed the privatisation of the airport. "It is

Denying the allegations of the airport having been sold to the Group, he said only the administration of the airport was handed over to it.

provided there, such criticisms would end, Gopi told reporters. Last year, the State Assembly

Thiruvananthapuram International Airport is the first of the four airports in the State to be established. It was set up in 1932, was owned and operated by the Airports Authority of India. PTI RRT

### Drugs case: Aryan Khan speaks to parents via video call from jail

Mumbai: Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan, who is lodged in Arthur Road prison in central Mumbai in a case of alleged seizure of drugs from a cruise ship, has spoken to his parents through a video call from inside the prison once, an official said on

though money-order sent by his father, he said. Aryan (23) was arrested by

the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on October 3 from the cruise ship off the Mumbai

jail at least till October 20, as a special court has posted his and two others' bail pleas for orders on that day. He is lodged in the Arthur Road prison along with five others arrested in the case.

## Farmers' body burns effigy of PM Modi, HM Shah

Jaipur: The Samyukt Kisan Morcha burnt a multi-headed Ravana-like effigy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi having faces of Home Minister Amit Shah and others in Jaipur on the occasion of Dussehra on

Apart from the faces of Modi and Shah, the effigy had the faces RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar and businessmen Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani.

The effigy also had lines like 'I am Narendra Damodardas Modi, I am antifarmer' written on it in

Morcha workers assembled

marched towards Shaheed Smarak near a government hostel shouting slogans against PM Modi and others in protest against the Lakhimpur Kheri violence in UP and agriculture laws enacted by the Centre.

effigy while symbolising the BJP, RSS, PM Narendra Modi and others as evil.

has forgotten all democratic values and is working to benefit select businessmen and acting against farmers," Sanjay Madhav, state joint secretary of Samyukt Kisan Morcha

## Three held for slaughter of cows in B'luru **Bengaluru:** Three people have been arrested for allegedly

slaughtering many cows in an illegal slaughterhouse here, police said on Friday. The action was taken on a

complaint by Nandini Matiyani, a volunteer of the Gau Gyan Foundation, an animal rights organisation, said the police.
Those arrested are the owner

of the slaughterhouse, his worker and an autorickshaw driver, who have been booked under the recently promulgated Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Ordinance-2020, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act-1960, Food Safety and Standards Act and the Karnataka Epidemic Diseases

said she got a tip-off that many illegal slaughterhouses were operating in the city. **PTI** 

Mohan Gupta Ji.

tion of airports, told reporters

the Thiruvananthapuram international Airport. The Thiruvananthapuram MP said people would extend support if the group works keeping in mind the develop-

ment of the capital city of Kerala and its surroundings. Noting that developments cannot be implemented through strikes, he said for the progress Thiruvananthapuram, a neat and tidy airport with equipment of the highest standard is

required besides increasing the number of flights and airlines his views supporting privatisa-

A day after the Group announced taking over the management of the international airport, the Congress leader said the private player would get the support of the people if it rises up to their

While the ruling LDF and the opposition Congressled UDF opposed the handing over of the airport to the Adani group, Tharoor stuck to his stand that privatisation would help development of the city and its surrounding areas.

Left parties but even from his

When the airport-users are satisfied with the service

unanimously passed a resolu-tion protesting the privatisation of the airport with the Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan criticising its takeover by the Adani group. Vijayan said such a takeover was not for development but to protect the interest of monopolies.

## Aryan also received Rs 4,500

coast.

He will have to remain in

at Swami Kumaranand Bhawan at Hathroi from where they "Keeping up with the spirit of the festival - victory of good over evil, we burnt the

The central government

He said the effigy was burnt under a national call given by

In a video message, Matiyani operating in the city.

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## **Admission carnival**

The preference for DU across the nation is a sad commentary on the state of higher education

The process of admissions to undergraduate courses in Delhi University (DU) is an annual celebration of cosmopolitan student life in the national capital. Not even the COVID-19 pandemic could dent the fervour last year. Ironically, this year, all it took was a mindless remark by a Delhi University professor to dampen the spirit. The professor, who is of a certain political disposition, claimed a "marks jihad" by the Kerala education board. He contented that the board gave 100 per cent marks to its students to "over admit" those from Kerala to particular courses. The university bosses did not like his insinuation and he was ticked off. Two years ago, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal promised in the Aam Aadmi Party manifesto before the assembly elections that 85 per cent of Delhi University seats would be reserved for the Capital's residents. The Chief Minister, like the physics professor, did not realise that DU is a central university, bound



by the Delhi University Act, and it does not come under the purview of any State Government. It treats all education boards alike and nobody can reserve seats for any demographic grouping. Such parochial outlooks apart, admissions time in DU involves millions of people all over India - students, parents, guardians and counsellors - making it a national event. The cut-offs, including 100 per cent for some courses, the number of applications, the numerous lists, make frontpage news. Of the 70,000 seats up for grabs this year, over 41,000 seats were secured at the end of the first cut-off. Of this number, around 10,000 seats went to students from various State boards, the rest going to CBSE students.

By the end of the admissions process, Delhi would have become a bit more cosmopolitan than last year. In a broader sense, however, the overwhelming preference for DU across the country is a sad commentary on the general health of higher education in the States. Meritorious students leave for Delhi just as after their graduation they will leave India for abroad. Most outstation students come to Delhi because they are dissatisfied with the teaching standards, academic environment and competition back home and Delhi's perceived importance as a stepping stone. Pushing this migration, if it can be called that, is a growing force of senior students and even State Governments. Students' associations of north-eastern and southern States set up help desks in State capitals and Delhi to guide prospective students in selecting courses and colleges, acclimatising themselves in Delhi, or even learning Hindi and getting used to local street food. In the south, the Government-run Telangana Tribal and Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society encourages students from lower castes and classes to get admissions in DU, covering their fees and hostel expenses. What makes the Telangana case unique is the Government's overt push to enable marginalised young people to make the long journey from their remote homes to Delhi University.



An effigy of Ravana burns during the Dussehra celebrations, in Amritsar

## **Cunning edge**

The unprecedented number of young women trafficking drugs in Kerala is disturbing

■riday marked Vijaya Dashami and the conclusion of this year's Navratri Puja. The day is celebrated to mark the victory of good over evil. In Kerala, meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of tiny tots got initiated into the world of letters. Parents and teachers made them write the first letters of the alphabet, a ritual to mark their 'graduation' as students. In Sanskrit, the word Guru is made up of two letters: 'Gu' means



darkness while 'Ru' stands for remover. The one who removes darkness is the Guru. It is the teachers who mould future citizens. No wonder, teachers were accorded the status of God in ancient India. Things have changed a lot and it is foolish to expect that customs and tradition would remain constant though there are some values which should never change. The relation between a teacher and student should remain eternally the same because it is imbibed in Indianness. The trigger to point out these values is the recent arrest of a school teacher at Ernakulam for being a drug trafficker. Susmitha Philip, who has been employed as a

teacher at a high-end public school in the city, was arrested by the police for being an

agent and drug pusher among the young and old alike.

Susmitha was one of the prime sources who supplied narcotics to rave parties, the police say. The investigators are yet to get the details of students who have been converted into addicts by this special "teacher". One of the disturbing trends being seen in the State is the arrest of an unprecedented number of young women in connection with drug trafficking. They are good-looking, fluent in English and Hindi and well-mannered, the mandatory requirements to succeed in Kerala. Nobody would be able to resist when they stride into the hearts with their sweet talk. Narcotic traffickers are employing all tricks in the game of marketing which may baffle even multinational enterprises. Rajasthan-born Rishiraj Singh, a brilliant IPS officer who was the director of the Excise Department, had warned the Government and society about the alarming increase in drug trafficking in the State. Not a single day passes in Kerala without reports of drug seizure and sexual abuses. Deployment of women and drug traffickers is the new modus operandi. Are the authorities listening? Would they care enough this Dussehra to ensure that kids' innocence doesn't lose out to the evil?

# The Taliban 2.0 is no different



The Taliban doubtless said that their governance would be different this time. Developments on the ground, however, tell a different story

hree issues have emerged as being of key concern to the United States and the European Union — whose representatives have recently met those of the Taliban - and members of G-20, in respect of the developments in Afghanistan. These are the humanitarian situation in that country, the danger of its becoming a spawning ground of international Islamist terrorism, as it had become during the earlier Taliban dispensation (1996-2001), and the human rights of all Afghans, particularly women, girls and the minorities. The US, on its part, has the specific issue of evacuating out of Afghanistan its own citizens and people who had sided with it -- and are now in danger. They got left behind given to the utterly hurried and disorganised manner in which they retreated from the country.

The humanitarian situation is doubtless grim with the country facing an economic collapse, rising food prices and unemployment, at a time when hundreds of thousands of people have been rendered internal refugees either fleeing the Taliban or what were, until recently, conflict zones. Understandably, the US and the EU have been deeply concerned and the latter has promised one billion euros (\$ 1.15 billion) as humanitarian aid.

Nor is concern about terrorism surprising considering that Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda, who were behind the attack of twin towers of the World Trade Centre in New York and E-Wing of the Pentagon in Washington DC on September 11, 2001, operated from Afghanistan. It was the Taliban's refusal to hand them over to the US that led to the invasion that to their ouster. Unfortunately, one has the

impression that the issue of human rights of women, girls and the minorities, though on the table, is not receiving the same amount of importance as the first two. It is, therefore, essential to emphasise their importance given the fact that they had virtually ceased to exist during the earlier Taliban dispensation from 1996 to 2001. What happened then? What happened during Taliban rule? Kamal Matinuddin,

a retired lieutenant-general of the Pakistan Army, puts it in a capsule in *The Taliban Phenomenon: Afghanistan* "Girls are being denied

education; women have been prevented from working; if they leave their house, they have to be covered from head to foot with a veil (burga); besides being veiled, women have to be accompanied by a male relative when they venture out in the streets. Shopkeepers have been directed not to sell goods to unveiled women. Rickshaw drivers are not to pick up women passengers unless they are fully covered. Women caught violating these rules are imprisoned, as are the shopkeeper and the rickshaw driver." Ahmed Rashid writes in

Taliban: Islam, Oil and the New Great Game in Central Asia, " that edicts of the Department of Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, headed by Maulana Qalamuddin, "had changed Maulana



WOMEN **EMPLOYEES OF** THE WOUND-UP MINISTRY, WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COME TO WORK, HAVE **BEEN TOLD TO GO HOME** 

the lifestyles of Kabul's once easy-going population and forced Afghan women to disappear from public view." The entire repressive and joyless system rested on terror and ubiquitous espionage. All forms of entertainment were forbidden. Cinema halls were shut and music forbidden. Shaving or trimming of beards forbidden. Administration of justice was

medieval and based on the Taliban's understanding of sharia law. Punishments were savage — such as public hangings and amputation in the case of thefts. The Taliban doubtless said after coming to power in

August that their dispensation would be different this time, that theirs would be an "inclusive Government", women and girls would enjoy rights under Islamic law, and would be able to study and work. Developments on the ground, however, tell a very different story. Women are facing a very Editor, The Pioneer. The views severe shrinkage of their

rights. Nothing is more emblematic of this than there is not a single woman in the interim Government they have formed. Women demonstrating for a place in it have been violently dispersed. Nor can one miss the symbolism of the closure of the Women's Affairs Ministry and the use of the premises to house Ministries of Prayer of Guidance and the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice. Women employees of the wound-up ministry, who have been trying to come to work, have been

told to go home. The Taliban-appointed Chancellor of University, Mohammad Ashraf Ghairat, said on September 27, "As long as a real Islamic environment is not provided for all, women will not be allowed to come to the universities or work." Schools for boys have opened

but nor for girls.
(The author is Consulting expressed are personal.)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **EVERY MOSQUITO BITE IS DANGEROUS**

Sir — The deadly dengue has been spreading its tentacles across the city swiftly and the worst hit are the children. It seems as if COVID-19 has emerged in another form. There is a continuous rise in cases; however, people are not taking care of themselves because of the festive season. People should be aware and should take proper precautions. Every mosquito bite is dangerous and, hence, people should take proper caution as our healthcare is still fragile and cannot deal with a lot of dengue cases. Dengue can be fatal if the patient does not receive treatment on time. Also, since there is no vaccine for dengue, prevention is the cure.

The doctors are on their toes to deal with dengue patients. Spraying of larvicide must be taken up by the municipality as mosquito control measures. The concerned Government bodies must tackle the situation and come up with mosquito control measures. As a citizen, we also should come forward and spread words of awareness to save our city from the clutches of the dengue. Somya Agrawal | Ujjain

### **DELHI NEXT STOP FOR MAMATA?**

Sir — On cloud nine following the hattrick of her chief ministership in West Bengal, the TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee thinking big does not come across as an unthinkable scenario. Actually, her ambitious plan came to the fore when she met at the national capital with several Opposition stalwarts including interim-president of the Congress Sonia Gandhi and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, besides Priyanka Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi in July this year and emphasised the Opposition unity at the Central level with a view to dethroning the BJP in the 2024 Parliamentary Election. But on the way from Kolkata to her cherished destination Delhi, there are many stumbling blocks.

Although Mamata Banerjee had made it clear during her five-day visit

## A tempting cricketing format



ith the T20 World cup round the corner, the heat in the shortest form of the game is growing up as the Indian Premier League (IPL) gave the much-needed momentum to an all-important ICC tournament. Tempers are hotting up as the IPL has reached the final stage. The last qualifier game between Kolkata Knight Riders and

Delhi Capitals was a last over thriller which led the KKR to the finals. Many of the matches this season have been last-over thrillers and we missed out hat-tricks or ties in the second leg of the season. The fight between

the bat and the ball is really engrossing. The KKR vs DC match was evenly poised till the last over. Spinner Ashwin was given charge of bowling the crucial last over. Ashwin did well to finish the first four balls for a single and also took two wickets in the process. Ashwin was on a hat-trick. The DC needed six runs off the last two balls and the match reached a cliff hanger stage. However, Tripathi's spectacular sixer saw a limping KKR into the final. Had it been a catch at the boundary line and a hat-trick for Ashwin, then it would have been a different game altogether. But that is what T20 cricket is about. Anyway, it was a tantalising game all the way.

Krishnan Ramanathan Ramani | Coimbatore

to Delhi that the burning question as to 'who will lead the Opposition' will be decided later, yet there's a big difference between saying and doing at the end of the day. Had Jyoti Basu who had been held in the highest esteem across all political spectra for his sturn rectitud been alive there, coming of all like-minded parties under one umbrella would have been simply possible. Above all, whether or not the grand old party likes to play second fiddle to any party or to its leader is a million dollar question.

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

**HUNGER 'STRIKES' IN INDIA** 

Sir — India has slipped to 101st spot out of 116 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021 calculated on four indicators — undernourishment, child wasting, child stunting and child mortality — and earned the tag, 'serious' for the level of hunger it suffers from. Admittedly, hunger has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic all over

the world and not just in India. India's name near the bottom of the GHI has shone the spotlight on the grim reality of mass hunger in our country and if one might add, stripped India's gleaming veneer of economic rise and made the vanity of 'nationalistic surge of triumphalism' more pronounced.

India has the dubious and unpalatable distinction of having the largest concentration of hungry people in the world. We fail to see why many people go hungry if India indeed produces more than enough food to feed all. We have a moral obligation and a patriotic duty to work for the elimination of hunger, a prerequisite for unlocking the country's full potential. Intrinsic to the right to life is the right to food. The Government must make the emergence of a hunger-free country its top riority. With political will, it can do it.

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I have discussed with Yediyurappa regarding the byelections and he will campaign





We will prepare for the next surge in infections by considering the worst-

case scenario.

- Basavaraj Bommai

Japanese Prime Minister — Fumio Kishida

I have always wanted to do the right film at the right time if it was a Hindi film. I think the time is now.



Mahesh Babu

Actor

My experience as a bowler in T20



cricket was that you have to approach it with a defensive

Former Sri Lanka spinner

mindset.

- Muttiah Muralitharan Whatever my

issues were...I have told the party high command. I have faith in its decision.



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**GWYNNE DYER** 

nina's President Xi Jinping promised that "the historical task of the complete reunification of the motherland...will definitely be fulfilled." That was a threat to Taiwan, but a threat without a deadline. The next day, President Tsai Ing-wen replied that "nobody can force Taiwan to take the path China has laid out for us." And the United States, while not directly promising to defend the island at the expense of a war with China, let it be known that there are US special forces and Marines in Taiwan on training missions. Beijing already knew that, of course (Trump sent them there two years ago), but Washington's open confirmation of it was a clear warning to China. So there is a crisis of sorts, although a slow-moving one. As Defence Minister Chiu Kuo-Chen said in Taiwan, Beijing is capable of invading the island even now, but will be fully prepared to do so in three years' time. "By 2025, China will bring the cost and attrition to its lowest. It has the capacity now, but it will not start a war easily, having to take many other things into consideration." What did he mean, exactly, and is it true? In part it's a recognition that China is rapidly accumulating weapons that will make a seaborne invasion across the Taiwan Strait possible, although it is 180 km. wide at its narrowest point. The key Chinese weapon is long-range



rocket artillery that can reach all points in Taiwan with high accuracy, and can be launched in such numbers that Taiwanese antimissile defences would be overwhelmed. Such a weapon exists. It's called the PCL-191, and it's a glorified version of the 'Stalin organ' and other multiple rocket launchers of Second World War vintage. but with a range of 350 km. There are already two brigades of these rocket-launchers stationed on the Chinese coast facing Taiwan, and the number is going up all the time. Soon, if not already, they will give Beijing the power to launch saturation strikes on all of Taiwan's airfields, radar stations, anti-aircraft defences and ports simultaneously. If all the runways and ports in Taiwan are shattered, then its planes and warships cannot stop Chinese assault troops crossing the Strait in ships (ten hours), and nobody else will be close enough to help even if they want to.

Taiwan is at extreme range for fighter aircraft based in Japan, and the US Pacific Fleet is very unlikely to be within reach if the attack is a surprise. So what 'other things' may still deter China from making such an attack even after it has enough rocket launchers on the coast? Just one is enough: the certainty that even if the United States could not intervene militarily in time to save Taiwan, it would certainly institute a complete naval blockade of China immediately afterwards. Ships from China crossing the Pacific must pass between the 'first chain' of islands (Japan, Taiwan, and the Philippines); shipping to the Indian Ocean, the Middle East and Europe has to go through the Strait of Malacca (Malaysia and Indonesia). In practice, there's no way out: China's economy would be strangled within months. Further escalation by either side would be deterred by the fear of nuclear war, and some sort of deal would have to be made. It could be very humiliating for China, perhaps so humiliating that it would even undermine the control of the Communist Party. So Xi Jinping won't ever really risk it. That's the way people steeped in classic strategic thinking see it, and they're probably right. Although you don't get your money back if they're wrong.

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

## **DEADLINE FOR TAIWAN** Beijing can invade the island even now but

## t has been some time since the committee under Ashok Dalwai appointfollowed and action to be taken to double the income of farmers by 2022. We are almost approaching the appointed year but do not seem to be anywhere near the ambitious goal. Even in the state of Uttar

The Dalwai committee report is a very comprehensive document according to which the issue of doubling farmer's income depends upon increasing crop productivity, increasing livestock productivity, bringing about resource use efficiency or saving in cost of production, increasing cropping intensity, diversification to high value crops, increase in real prices to farmer and shift from farm to non-farm occupations. Except for the last one the rest of the suggestions are all related to the agriculture sector. Doubling in real income is possible only with a 10.4% annual growth rate in farm sector. This requires investments "in" agriculture like irrigation, agriculture market and land development and "for" agriculture like roads, power and transport. Gross capital formation has to be stepped up in both

household is 37.7 per cent and that of livestock is 15.48 per cent. The share of income in wages is as high as 40 per cent.

Further, I noticed that in states like UP FPO's are being setup through directives from the top instead of evolving naturally at the ground level leading to a situa-





Evidently, for agricultural productivity and incomes to grow, aggregation of farm holdings in the form of farmer producer organisations is crucial

ed by the Government of India gave its report (2015) on the policies to be Pradesh the current government after coming in had assured that they would double the income of farmers by 2022 but the current reports indicate that UP is far from meeting the assurance.

public and private sector.

The recent release of the decennial NSS 77th round situation assessment of Agriculture households (SAS) provides interesting insights which could be useful for public policy makers. This survey gives the figures for 2018-19 and it would be meaningful to compare with the SAS of 2012-13. Taking the base year as 2011-12 the growth in the income of the farmers in real price terms is six per cent. Even in this, the growth rate is much higher in advanced states like Punjab as compared to UP and Bihar. The share of crop production in the total income of agriculture

Hidden behind this figure is the fact that in poorer states like UP and Bihar the average size of the land holding is continuously becoming smaller and today 90 per cent of the farmers are small and marginal farmers. These small farmsare not viable and so are not able to contribute to growth in income of farmers. They are not efficient in the use of inputs. It is clear that for agriculture productivity and incomes to grow aggregation of farm holdings in the form of farmer producer organizations (FPO) is absolutely essential. NABARD is working in this direction but the pace is

tion where most of these FPO's exist only



**IMPORTANT TO** KEEP IN MIND THAT AGRICULTURE IS A STATE SUBJECT AND THAT POLICY INTERVENTIONS HAVE TO **RESPOND TO** STATE-SPECIFIC ISSUES. IN FACT, STATES LIKE UP HAVE NINE AGRO CLIMATIC ZONES, EACH REQUIRING A DIFFERENT STRATEGY AND **APPROACH** 



Niti Ayog.

The cost of cultivation for the farmers is steadily going up. Fertilizers are costing more and the prices of electricity as well as diesel have gone up substantially. However, as far as the market price is concerned the farmer is still subjected to the volatility of the market. The MSP mechanism is benefitting farmers in an uneven manner covering less than 20 percent of the farmers and mostly those belonging to Punjab, Haryana, MP and western UP. Moreover, this is restricted further to wheat and paddy. Even though the MSP is declared for 23 crops including oil seeds and pulses there is hardly any procurement

need initial financial support also from the Government. This is per-

haps the only way in getting out of

the small holdings trap. Another option could be to adopt the model

land leasing Act formulated by the

There is no MSP either for horticulture crops or milk where the phenomenon of prices crashing is seen more often than not. It is imperative in this situation to develop an ecosystem and institutional mechanism which protects the farmers from the vagaries of the market and enables them to avoid distress sale. This requires the building up a post-harvest

done for them. Very limited mar-

ket intervention is resorted to by

infrastructure including WDRA (warehouse development regulatory authority) compliant warehouses and cold storages where the farmer can store his crop and get bank financing under the warehouse receipt negotiable instrument act. Farmers should be able to choose when to sell and not compelled to sell at throw away prices. The agriculture market typically behaves in a manner that prices fall at the time of harvest but tend to rise in future months and farmers need to be economically empowered to take advantage of this.

I was APC (Agriculture Production Commissioner) in UP for more than three years. This post is unique to UP as it coordinates the functioning of nineteen departments concerned with agriculture. My experience was that one of the most under-rated sectors of the economy is animal husbandry which happens to be a major source of employment and it is my firm belief that this is the critical sector which can bring lent example of a centrally sponabout increase in the income of the farmers. Merely crop production is not sufficient and has to be complimented by animal husbandry. In UP, during my tenure as APC, we started an interest subvention and breed improvement scheme, "Kamdhenu", in the dairy sector which resulted in substantial increase in the income of the

Similarly, we introduced a scheme for large scale poultry development with similar benefi-

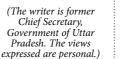
cial results to the farmers. In fact, before the scheme UP used to import 1 crore eggs per day from other states and during my tenure itself this amount was brought down to 60 lakhs. Unfortunately, both these schemes have not been continued by the current government. The SAS clearly shows that income from livestock is showing an increasing trend and has a great potential for the future. The net receipt from crops has declined from 47.9 per cent in 2012-13 to 37.7 per cent in 2018-19 while that from rearing animals has gone up from 4.3 per cent to 15.7 per cent

within the same time frame.

It is also important to keep in mind that agriculture is a State subject and that policy interventions have to respond to state specific issues. In fact, states like UP have nine agro climatic zones each requiring a different strategy and approach.

The RKVY (Rashtriya Krishi Vishist Utpadan Yojna) of the Government of India is an excelsored scheme where sufficient leeway is given to the states to formulate state specific interventions. Agriculture requires many more such policy interventions and finances to create an ecosystem where the income of the farmers keeps on increasing on a regular basis. Doubling of income of the farmers by 2022 does not seem to be within the realm of possibility but substantial improvement can be brought about with

the right kind of interventions.



WITH THE SURGICAL STRIKE, WE SENT OUT A STRONG MESSAGE. THERE IS NO TIME TO HOLD TALKS(WITH PAK), BUT TO RECIPROCATE. —UNION HOME MINISTER **AMIT SHAH** 





AMIT SHAH IS FIRST ADVISED TO TELL US WHEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUSH CHINA BACK FROM INDIAN TERRITORY. —CONGRESS GENERAL SECRETARY RANDEEP SURJEWALA

## Do we need to pay more for quality education?

### Education has been removed from the service sector to the corporate sector. Many private universities address students as consumers

n present-day society, there is a lot of discussion on List a lot of all delivering education in a subsidised manner. Even an illiterate parent feels that only if one pays there would be quality and does not like their children to be taught in government institutions. The quality of education in many government schools and colleges have been badly affected due to over-indulgence of political parties in education. Most of the teachers and professors do not give dedicated service, as they have financial security irrespective of whether they teach properly or not. There is no evaluation system to monitor the quality of

their teaching. Teachers who undertake research projects concentrate less on teaching, as if teaching



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and research are two different domains. Teaching has changed from a service to a workload-based profession. This attitude has badly affected the quality of many public sector institutions.

The attitude of few irresponsible people should not take away the right of meritorious students to pursue their education at subsidised rates. Otherwise, what is the difference between a student who scored high marks by regularly attending classes and an irresponsible student who somehow managed to get through the exams?

Present day bureaucrats, academicians and politicians all see education through commercial corporate eyes. There was a time when a scholarship was deemed to be a symbol of



quality. Old-time school teachers used to advise students that after qualifying 10th standard one should be self-sufficient in meeting the expenses of his or her studies. So, students used to work hard to get admission to prestigious government institutions. Getting admission in a government college or university is considered as a symbol of quality, as only merit prevails in these centres, whereas in private institutions with money you can buy a seat. Students would vie for the National Merit Scholarship Scholarship.

The starting of private deemed universities and autonomous institutions like IITs,IIMs have destroyed the social fabric of education. Even though clearing IIT -JEE and CAT is the most challenging task in the life of a student, studying in IITs and IIMs is the most expensive education in the country. After clearing such tough examinations, a student is expected to get free

Successive governments have removed education from the service sector to the corporate sector. In many private universities students are addressed as consumers in their official communication to teachers. There is an orga-

and University Merit across the country to destroy good institutions under the government sector. Even UGC granting autonomy to every college that has been accredited by NAAC. But all these accreditation processes are not fool-proof. You can see science colleges without basic laboratory infrastructure or libraries getting A Grade and many coming in the list of top 100 in NIRF. Most of the colleges show infrastructure on record, but in reality, it is not accessiole to students. On record, college authorities say that they function from 9 am to 5 pm, but in reality, the timings are from 9.30am to 3.30pm. The rest is shown as tutorial hour, gardening hour, etc.

This is why most students aspire for institutions like cennized effort by vested interests tral universities where educa- versities has changed the

tion is highly subsidized. It is the prize they get for their dedicated learning and hard work. These are the places where students enjoy total freedom to learn. The centres of excellence in higher learning should be made totally free for meritorious students and it should be kept exclusively for them. In earlier times we had fewer higher education centres, so only the best got admission tosuch centres. But over the period of years, the government has created more central universities and autonomous institutions like IISERs and IITs based on their policy of political appeasement. This is eroding the quality of higher education.

Mushrooming of IITs, IIMs, IISERs and central unidemographic diversity earlier observed on these campuses. In some institutions one can see the over dominance of students from the host state, similar to a state university, instead of pan-India representation Today many IITs graduates are finding it difficult to get a job; that wasnot the case two decades back. Instead of starting new

institutions, the focus should be on improving the quality of already established institutions. Every school, college and university funded by public money should rise to the status of an international centre. Then only we would be able to bring academic enlightenment to our students. Giving free hand to private institutions will ultimately make education elusive to the common man.

## British MP stabbed to death at church, suspect held

MP, Sir David Amess, was on Friday repeatedly stabbed by a knife-wielding man at his constituency in Essex, and succumbed to his injuries later. media reports said.

Sir David, who has been an MP since 1983, was stabbed as he was going to hold his "constituency surgery" -- a public meet where voters can meet their MP and discuss their concerns -- at the Belfairs Methodist Church in Leigh-on-Sea, when he was attacked, the BBC reported

He was treated by emergency services, but he died at the scene. Sir David is the second British MP to be killed after Labour's Jo Cox, amid the rising tensions over the Brexit

The BBC quoted the police as saying that a 25-year-old

of murder, a knife was recovered and they are not looking for anyone else in connection with the crime.

Tributes poured in for the backbencher MP from across the political spectrum. Health Secretary Sajid Javid

said he was "a great man, a great friend, and a great MP, killed while fulfilling his demo-

Chancellor Rishi Sunak said: "The worst aspect of violence is its inhumanity. It steals iov from the world and can take from us that which we love the most. "Today it took a father, a husband, and a respected colleague. All my thoughts and prayers are with Sir David's loved ones."

Speaker of the House of Commons Sir Lindsay Hoyle said: "This is an incident that



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will send shockwaves across the parliamentary community and the whole country."

He said he was shocked and deeply distressed by the killing of a "lovely man", and said in the coming days they would need to examine MPs security.

Labour London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he was "deeply, deeply saddened" and described Sir David as "a great public servant". Flags around Parliament and at 10 Downing Street are being flown at half

BRUSSELS: The European Union reiterated on Friday that anti-Semitism "has no place" in the 27-nation bloc after Slovenian Prime minister Janez Jansa posted a message on social media that was criticized by some European law-

makers as anti-Semitic.

Jansa, whose country currently holds the rotating EU Council presidency, accused several members of the European Parliament of being "puppets" of George Soros. The Hungarian-American billionaire investor, who is Jewish, has been the subject of anti-Semitic attacks and conspiracy theories for decades.

Jansa made his comments

on Twitter during a visit to Slovenia by a European Parliament delegation assessing press freedom and the rule of law in the Balkan state.

"Social media should be a space for constructive and respectful debate," said European Commission spokesman for rule of law, Christian Wigand. "It should not be a place for personal attacks, against individuals, be it private or public figures, as was the case with the tweet you

Wigand added that anti-Semitism is not "only a threat to Jewish communities but also to an open and diverse

Jansa was also involved in Twitter clash with Dutch caretaker Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who said he condemned the "tasteless" tweet "in the strongest possible terms," and

that he had conveyed the mes-

sage to the Slovenian ambas-

EU says anti-Semitism has no place in bloc after Jansa tweet

sador in The Hague.
Jansa responded by urging Rutte not to "waste time with ambassadors and media free dom in Slovenia" and instead 'protect your journalists from being killed on the streets. That was an apparent reference to the murder of crime reporter

The EU has repeatedly

Moscow: Russian President

Vladimir Putin said on Friday

there must be no rush in offi-

cially recognising the Taliban as

the new rulers of Afghanistan,

but emphasised the need to

engage in talks with them.
Speaking during a video

call with leaders of other ex-Soviet nations, Putin said that

"the interim government

formed by the Taliban regret-

tably doesn't reflect the entire

spectrum of Afghan society",

but also noted their pledge to

hold elections, and their efforts

to restore the functioning of

"We shouldn't hurry with

state structures

Taliban," he said.

Peter R. de Vries in

media freedom in Slovenia. Jansa has long been under

scrutiny for keeping a stranglehold on the country's only news agency, STA. The head of the agency has recently stepped down over a new public service contract that would dictate the way it is funded.

Sophie in 't Veld, the lawmaker heading the visiting EU delegation, said the STA funding should be "addressed urgently."

Jansa, a nationalist politician with close links to hardline Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, insists that much of Slovenia's media is biased against him, but he said in July that the funding issue would be

Putin: No rush in officially

recognising Taliban's rule

resolved this fall.

Earlier this year. the EU's executive arm condemned Jansa for a series of aggressive comments he made about jour-

Assessing the country's democratic standards, in 't Veld said Slovenia's institutions are working well. She however said the EU delegation was concerned by the harassment and intimidation, as well as the squeezing of budgets being used "in order to weak-

She also urged the country nominate prosecutors to European Public Prosecutor's Office that began

en certain institutions."

## Evacuated over 100 football family members from Afghan after complex negotiations: FIFA

governing body FIFA on Friday said it has evacuated almost 100 members of the "football family", including women players, from Afghanistan after "complex negotiations" and with support from Qatar.

The evacuation, especially of women footballers, was necessitated Taliban's takeover of the strife-

torn country in August this year.
"FIFA can confirm, fol-

lowing complex negotiations, it has, with the support of Qatar, evacuated almost 100 members of the football family from Afghanistan, including female players," stated the world body

"FIFA would like to express its sincere thanks to the government of Qatar for its support facilitating extensive discussions and for ensuring the safe passage of these individuals, deemed to have been at the highest risk," it added.

The evacuees were brought

to Doha aboard a Qatar Airways charter flight from Kabul. Qatar is due to host the men"s World Cup next vear.

in September, members of Afghan women's youth football team had fled to Pakistan but several others were stranded during the turmoil triggered by the Taliban takeover.

The volatile situation was exacerbated by the suicide attacks outside the Hamid Karzai International airport in Kabul that killed several Afghans desperately trying to flee the country.

'The FIFA leadership has been closely coordinating with the government of Qatar since August on the evacuation of the group, and will continue to work closely on the safe evacuation of further members of the sporting family in the future," the statement from FIFA read, promising more such evacuations from the wartorn nation.

### **ASEAN Ministers** mull censuring Myanmar for hindering envoy

Kuala Lumpur: Southeast Asia's top diplomats will discuss in an emergency meeting Friday whether to allow Myanmar's military leader to attend an annual summit after a crisis envoy was barred from meeting ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations had appointed Brunei Second Foreign Minister Erywan Yusof in August as its special envoy to mediate an end to the Myanmar crisis. However, he abruptly cancelled his trip to the violence-wrecked nation this week after being informed by his hosts that he would not be able to meet Suu Kyi and others as he wanted.

Myanmar officials have said Érywan couldn't meet with Suu Kyi because of criminal charges against her. The foreign ministry said in a statement Thursday it hoped Erywan would will seek to build trust instead of putting politically motivated pressure **PTI** on Myanmar.

## France pays tribute to teacher beheaded by radical Islamist

Paris: French schools on Friday were paying tribute to a teacher beheaded by a radical Islamist last year after he showed caricatures of the prophet of Islam to his class.

Samuel Paty, a history and geography teacher, was murdered on Oct. 16 last year near his school in a northwest Paris suburb by an 18-year-old of Chechen origin who had become radicalised.

The attacker was in turn shot dead by police.

The two-day national homage includes a minute of silence to be held in schools on Friday, with teachers to organise a discussion in classes with students around the memory of

A ceremony will take place on Saturday at the Ministry of Education, where plaque honoring Paty will be unveiled.

His family will also meet with President Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister

New Delhi: For more than seven decades, China and

Taiwan have avoided coming to

military face-offs.

Jean Castex, and a gathering will be organised near the teacher"s school.

The killing led French authorities to reaffirm France's cherished rights of expression and secularism.

Paty"s name was disclosed on social media after a class debate on free expression during which he showed caricatures published by the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, which triggered a newsroom massacre by extremists in January 2015.

Authorities have identified Paty's killer as Abdoullakh Anzorov, a Moscow-born Chechen refugee. Anzorov claimed responsibility in a text accompanied by a photograph of the victim found on his

Sixteen people have since been charged in the case, most of them for "complicity in a terrorist murder" or "criminal

Why China did not attack Taiwan

We understand that we need to interact with them, but

the official recognition of the

together."

there shouldn't be any hurry and we shall discuss that At the same time, Putin

mentioned Moscow's intention to host another round of talks between Afghan parties next week and underlined the need to restart consultations on

Afghanistan between Russia, the United States, China and Pakistan. "We need to support the

process of inter-Afghan settlement and try to help normalise the situation in the country," he said. Russia is set to host the Taliban and other Afghan fac-

tions for talks Wednesday in a move that reflects Moscow's efforts to expand its clout. Zamir Kabulov, the

Kremlin envoy on Afghanistan, said Friday that the Taliban confirmed they will attend the so-called "Moscow format" talks in the Russian capital. Diplomats from Russia,

the US, China and Pakistan are also set to meet in Moscow for talks on Afghanistan this Soviet Union fought a 10-

year war in Afghanistan that ended with its troops withdrawing in 1989.

Since then, Moscow has made a diplomatic comeback as an influential power broker in international talks on

Afghanistan, hosting the Taliban representatives and members of other factions for a series of bilateral and multilateral meetings. Unlike many other coun-

tries, Russia hasn't evacuated its

embassy in Kabul and its ambassador quickly met with the Taliban after they took over the capital. The Taliban were added to

the Russian list of terrorist organisations in 2003, and Moscow has not yet moved to remove the group from the list.

Any contact with such groups is punishable under Russian law, but the Foreign Ministry has shrugged off questions about the seeming contradiction by emphasising the need to engage the Taliban to help stabilise Afghanistan.

Putin on Friday emphasised the security challenges posed by the Islamic State group and other militants based in northern Afghanistan, and noted that drug trafficking from Afghanistan will continue to present a challenge. AP

### Biden nominates Indian-American aerospace and defence expert to key position in Pentagon **Washington:** US President Joe ment's website.

to nominate Indian-American House has said. A former US Air Force

officer and pilot, Chaudhary was on Thursday nominated for the position of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Energy and the Environment.

He needs to be confirmed by the United States Senate before he can be sworn in for this key Pentagon position.

The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations, and Environment (SAF/IE) is a civilian office in the United States Department of the Air Force.

The office has overall responsibility for installations strategy and strategic basing processes; built and natural infrastructure; facility, process and operational energy; environment, safety and occupational health; and to ensure the sustainability and operational readiness of the Department of the Air Force, according to the information on the depart-

**New Delhi:** Apple has taken down one of the world's most

popular Quran apps in China

after a request from Chinese

across the world on the App Store, and has nearly 150,000

However, Apple removed the app at the request of

Chinese officials, allegedly for hosting illegal religious texts,

has not responded to a request

first noticed by Apple

Censorship - a website that

The Chinese government

The deletion of the app was

the company said.

for comment.

Quran Majeed is available

officials, the BBC reported.

served as a senior executive at Personnel Recovery Center, aerospace and defence expert the US Department of Multi-National Corps, Iraq. Ravi Chaudhary to a key posi- Transportation where he was Programs and Innovation, Office of Commercial Space, at Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), according to his bio released by the In this role, Chaudhary

was responsible for the execution of advanced development and research programs in support of the FAA's Commercial ace Transportation mission.

While at the Department of Transportation, he also served as the executive director, Regions and Centre Operations, where he was responsible for the integration and support of aviation operations in nine regions located nationwide.

On active duty from 1993 to 2015 in the US Air Force, he completed a variety of operational, engineering, and senior staff assignments in the Air Force, the White House said.

As a C-17 pilot, he conducted global flight operations, including numerous combat missions in Afghanistan and

China after request from officials

Party officially recognises Islam

accused of human rights vio-

lation, and even genocide,

against the mostly Muslim

Uyghur ethnic group in

app has broken in China. Quran Majeed says it is "trust-

ed by over 35 million Muslims

It is not clear what rules the

However, China has been

as a religion in the country.

Apple removes Quran app in

Iraq, as well as a ground Chaudhary previously deployment as Director of the

> As a flight test engineer, he tification of military avionics and hardware for Air Force modernisation programmes supporting flight safety and mishap prevention.

> Earlier in his career, he supported space launch operations for the Global Positioning System (GPS) and led third stage and flight safety activities to ensure the full operational capability of the first GPS constellation, the White House said.

> As a systems engineer, he poorted NASA''s supported International Space Station protection activities to ensure the safety of NASA Astronauts.

He also served as a member of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders during the Obama Administration.

In this role, he advised the President on executive branch efforts to improve veterans support for the AAPI commu-

Last month, both Apple

and Google had removed a tac-

tical voting app devised by

jailed Russian opposition leader

Alexei Navalny.
Russian authorities had

threatened to fine the two companies if they refused to

drop the app, which told users who could unseat ruling party

China is one of Apple's biggest markets, and the com-

pany's supply chain is heavily reliant on Chinese manufac-

candidates.

quiet about China.

Taiwan considers itself a sovereign state. China, however, views Taiwan as a breakaway province, and has always maintained that the island should at some point be reclaimed. It has not ruled out the possible use

of force to achieve unification. Tensions with China are at their worst in 40 years, Taiwan's Defence Minister said, warning of the risk of an accidental strike between the two. China scrambled Taiwan's defence zone with a record number of fighter jets for four consecutive days earlier this month, triggering massive jitters of war-

mongering messaging.
The Taiwanese Defence

Minister also warned that China would be capable of mounting a full-scale invasion of the island by 2025 while Revolution of 1911. The two entities have been speaking at the parliamentary separated since 1949 following committee in Taipei, considerdefence spending bill to build missiles and warships.

Lately, Beijing is becoming increasingly concerned that Taiwan's government is moving the island towards a formal declaration of independence and wants to deter its President Tsai Ing-wen from taking any steps in that direction. However, US President Joe Biden has said that his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping had agreed to abide by the "Taiwan agreement".

On October 12, the People's Liberation Army Daily published an article titled 'The historical task of the complete reunification of the Motherland

must be realised', based on Xi's speech to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the

reunification of the motherland and national rejuvenation. 'The historical task of the complete reunification of the

Motherland must be realised and will certainly be realised." It is an inevitable require-

ment for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation in the new era and the sacred mission of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

The Chinese PLA has firm will, full confidence, and sufficient ability to thwart all external forces interference and separatist acts of "Taiwan independence", and resolutely defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity, the

Recently, the Communist party media released a military drill video revealing prepara-The article stated that tions towards going into war President Xi's speech revealed with Taiwan. Is CCP intensively Taiwan ahead of the schedule?

Revealing the true intention of the Chinese design, on 12 October, Epoch Times published an exclusive internal document of the Chinese Communist Party, which is closely related to the recent tension on the Taiwan issue.

According to the report, the document was issued by the National Defense Mobilization Committee of Hui'an County, Quanzhou, Fujian Province, on January 2, 2020, informing the party offices and government departments to survey the local national defence mobilisation potential.

## PIA official was held at gunpoint for hours by Taliban commanders

New Delhi: The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) suspended its flights to Kabul after what it called "heavy handed" interference by Taliban authorities, including arbitrary rule changes and intimidation of staff, The News reported.

The Pakistan The International Airlines said that ever since the new Taliban Government was formed, its staff in Kabul had faced lastminute changes in regulations and flight permissions along with "highly intimidating behaviour" by Taliban commanders.

It said its country representative had been held at gunpoint for hours at one point and was only freed after the Pakistan Embassy in Kabul intervened, the report said.

Apple Chief Executive Tim The suspension of flight Cook has been accused of operations came as the Taliban hypocrisy by politicians in the government ordered the airline, the only international compafor speaking out about American politics, but staying quiet about China. *IANS* ny operating regularly out of Kabul, to cut ticket prices to

levels seen before the fall of the Western-backed Afghan gov ernment in August. A PIA spokesman told Geo

News that operations have been suspended for an "unspecified period" and that the decision was taken in the backdrop of "inappropriate behaviour" demonstrated by the Afghan authorities. Undesirable conditions for

the operation of international flights in Kabul and the Taliban government's "last minute changes in decisions" are also part of the reason PIA made the move, the spokesman said. The PIA said it has decid-

ed that no aircraft will go to Kabul without insurance, the report said. Earlier, the Taliban had

warned the PIA and Afghan carrier Kam Air that their Afghan operations risked being blocked unless they agreed to cut ticket prices, which have reached levels increasingly out of reach for most Afghans.

## Iran urges 'practical' steps, 'tangible' results in nuke talks steps with "tangible" outcomes

should be the purpose of the apcoming nuclear talks between Iran and the remaining parties to the 2015 nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), said Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri.

The Iranian official made the remarks at the meeting with visiting Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service Enrique Mora in the capital Tehran, reports Xinhua news agency.

During the meeting, Bagheri said Iran had always proved a responsible player in the international affairs, while the behaviour of the other side, the US, showed that it was far from being a responsible

He added that the side showing more responsibility was closer to the negotiating

"Achieving tangible results

is important for Iran, as Tehran is always ready for serious negotiations that result in a practical agreement and not merely a paper agreement," he was quoted as saying. Meanwhile, he cast "serious

doubts" on the real intention of the US to fulfil its obligations. Bagheri also criticized what

he called "inaction" of the European parties in meeting their commitments under the JCPOA, stressing the need for them to "act responsibly".

For his part, Mora announced his readiness as the EU coordinator to cooperate with Iran and other parties at negotiations to reach acceptable results for all sides, according to a press release by the Iranian Foreign Ministry. As for the relations

between Iran and the EU, the Africa more than 25 years ago. two officials emphasized the promotion of cooperation in a range of regional and international areas and agreed to continue consultations in the coming days in Brussels.

### S Korea seeks Interpol notice for two cyber gang leaders

Seoul: South African police said Friday they have arrested 56 people who will likely face charges of kidnapping after two government Cabinet ministers and a deputy minister were held hostage for three hours when a meeting with military veterans of the fight against apartheid ended in disagreement.

Police were called to a hotel in the Centurion area near the capital Pretoria on Thursday night to rescue Defence and Military Veterans Minister Thandi Modise, her deputy minister Thabang Makwetla, and Minister in the Presidency Mondli Gungubele, who had been meeting with veterans of various groups that were part of the armed strug-gle which started in the 1960s against the apartheid regime in South Africa

The meeting broke down quickly and the three government officials were prevented from leaving the room by some of the veterans, Gungubele Police tried to negotiate

with the hostage-takers and

when that failed they resorted

to a tactical approach and suc-

cessfully rescued the hostages, the South African Police Services said. Police said no shots were fired in the operation, denying

allegations by some veterans that they were shot at. Three of the people who were arrested were sent for medical checkups, police said. Of the 56 arrested, seven

Gungubele said the meeting was an attempt to address the grievances of the veterans' groups, who want, among other things, cash payouts and housing and medical benefits for their service during the fight for democracy in South

were women.

The veterans' latest demand is that they should each be paid the equivalent of \$270,000 and receive other benefits.

### monitors apps on Apple's App Store globally, the report said. The Chinese Communist

## **Coal ministry to augment fuel supply** to power sector from captive mines

on Friday said it has taken various measures, including diverting the output from captive coal mines, to augment fuel

supply to the power sector.

The development assumes significance in the wake of country's power plants grappling with coal shortages.

"The ministry of coal has taken all efforts to augment

taken all efforts to augment coal supplies to the power sector and decided to divert and augment the supplies to power sector from captive coal blocks," the coal ministry said in statement. mines are those that produce

use by the company that owns The ministry offered coal supply from NLC India's Talabira II & III mines in

coal or mineral for exclusive

Odisha to NTPC. In this connection, both the companies worked together to commence the supply of coal from Talabira II & III open cast project (OCP) to NTPC (Darlipali & Lara Power

With timely support and necessary coal delivery permits from the department of mines, Government of Odisha, the coal delivery to the Darlipali power station has been commenced, within 24 hours from the directives from the Ministry of

NLC India Limited, a

## Coal India to refrain from conducting any e-auction till situation stabilises

position at the electricity generating plants, state-owned CIL has asked its subsidiaries to refrain from conducting any further eauction of coal, except special forward e-auction for the power sector, till the situation stabilis-

The development assumes significance as the supply of coal is being prioritised to the power sector to replenish the dwindling stock in the wake of reports of an electricity crisis looming large. 'In view of the current low

stock position at the powerhouse end, supply of coal is being prioritised to the power sector to replenish the dwindling stock...Coal companies are advised to refrain from conducting of any further e-auctions of coal with the exception of special forward e-auction for the power sector, till the situation sta-bilises," Coal India said in a recent letter to its arms, including. Eastern Coalfields Ltd

navratna company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal is operating

**New Delhi:** Amid the low stock position at the electricity gener- (ECL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd (BCCL), Central Coalfields Ltd

In case, any coal company finds it necessary to liquidate any slow-moving stock through the e-auction route without affecting despatch to the power sector, the same may be communicated to Coal India along with proper justification before any such auction is planned, the letter said.

This is only a temporary prioritisation, in the interest of the nation, to tide over the low coal stock situation at the stressed power plants and scale-up supplies to them. It does not mean stoppage of e-auction format," Coal India said.

The company said it is augmenting its production and offtake steadily. Once the situation stabilises, expectedly within a short time, and stock at coal-fired plants attains comfort level, other sectors will be brought back to their regular supply norm, the public sector firm said. *PTI* 

having annual capacity of 20 million tonnes in in Odisha.

Talabira II& III OCP has Talabira II & III coal mines commenced production from this week said it is making

### **Aluminium plants grappling** with critically low level of coal stock: AAI

New Delhi: Aluminium plants in the country are grappling with critically low level of coal stocks and if the fuel supply is not restored immediately it would lead to irrevocable collateral damage, industry body AAI warned on Friday.

The statement comes at a time when the supply of coal by CIL to non-power sectors has been kept suspended temporarily amid electricity generating plants in the country facing fuel shortages.

"Today also, aluminium industry has not received any relief with respect to the ongoing coal supply crisis. Indian aluminium plants are grappling with critically low levels of coal stock, with no recourse or alternative means to meet their power needs and keep the plants operational," Aluminium Association of India (AAI) said.

It further warned that if coal supply is not restored immediately, it would lead to an irrevocable collateral dam-

financial 2020-21.

State-owned NLC India

age of these national assets.

"Any power outage in aluminium plants will lead to catastrophic impact & complete shutdown which will take minimum 12 months of recovery, resulting in job loss of more than 8 lakh people. Banks will have debt exposure of over Rs 1 lakh crore and additional national forex loss of Rs 90,000 crore," it warned it a statement.

"Aluminium production is a 24x7, 365 days continuous process industry. There is no provision to switch off and switch on. It is highly power intensive industry, just to illustrate one tonne of aluminium requires 14,500 units of continuous power which is 15 times in comparison to steel...And 145 times as that for cement," it explained.

It further said that Coal India should immediately resume continuous coal supply to the aluminium industry to prevent closure of the plants, it

efforts to ramp up coal output from one of its mines in Odisha to up to 10 million tonnes per Shedding the mouest price change policy, state-owned fuel

## Petrol, diesel prices rally to highest ever levels

prices on Friday rallied to their highest ever levels across the country, as fuel rates were

hiked again by 35 paise a litre.

The price of petrol in
Delhi rose to its highest-ever
level of Rs 105.14 a litre and Rs
111.09 per litre in Mumbai, according to a price notification of state-owned fuel retail-

In Mumbai, diesel now comes for Rs 101.78 a litre; while in Delhi, it costs Rs

This is the second straight day of 35 paise per litre increase in petrol and diesel prices. There was no change in rates on October 12 and 13. Since the ending of a three-

week-long hiatus in rate revision in the last week of September, this is the 14th increase in petrol price and the 17th time that diesel rates have While petrol price in most

of the country is already above Rs 100-a-litre mark, diesel rates have crossed that level in a dozen states, including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Kerala, Karnataka and Leh.

Prices differ from state to state depending on the incidence of local taxes.

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retailers have since October 6 started passing on the larger incidence of cost to consumers.

This is because the international benchmark Brent crude is trading at USD 84.61 per barrel for the first time in seven years.

A'month back, Brent was trading at USD 73.51.

Being a net importer of oil, India prices petrol and diesel at rates equivalent to international prices.

The surge in international oil prices ended a three-week hiatus in rates on September 28 for petrol and September 24 for

Since then, diesel rates have gone up by Rs 5.25 per litre and petrol price has increased by Rs 4.25.Before that, the petrol price was increased by Rs 11.44 a litre between May 4 and July 17. Diesel rate had gone up by Rs 9.14 during this period. *PTI*  on diagnostic kits, reagents removed New Delhi: With COVID-19 cases coming down in the country, the government on Friday removed export curbs on all

**Export curbs** 

diagnostic kits and reagents including instruments, which are used in detection of coronavirus infections. India logged 16,862 new coronavirus infections, taking the total tally of COVID-19 cases to 3,40,37,592, while the active cases declined to 2,03,678, the lowest in 216 days, according to the Union Health

The death toll climbed to 4,51,814 with 379 fresh fatalities. The daily rise in new coronavirus infections has been below 30,000 for 21 straight days and less than 50,000 daily new cases have been reported for 110

Ministry data updated on Friday.

consecutive days now. "The export policy of all diagnostic kits and reagents (including instruments /apparatus) ... Is being made free with immediate effect," the directorate general of foreign trade

The DGFT is an arm of the commerce ministry which deals with export and import related

(DGFT) said in a notification.

The export restrictions on these products were imposed in June last year and August 16, 2021 on account of increasing COVID-19 cases. An exporter has to seek licence or permission from the government for exports of goods which are under a restricted category.

## India most cost-effective globally in rooftop solar power: Report

cost-effective country for generating rooftop solar energy at USD 66 per megawatt-hour, while the cost in China is marginally higher at USD 68 per megawatt-hour.

Due to the lower cost, rooftop solar photovoltaics (RTSPV) technology, such as roof-mounted solar panels used in homes, and commercial and industrial buildings, is currently the fastest deployable energy generation technology. This, according to this global study, is projected to fulfil up to 49 per cent of the global electricity demand by 2050.

Over the past decade, the massive drop in deployment initiatives has led to a rapid uptake of RTSPV globally. Between 2006 and 2018, the installed capacity of the RTSPV has grown from 2.5 gigawatts (GW) to 213 GW.

With an additional capacity installation of 41 GW, RTSPV currently accounts for 40 per cent of the global cumulative installed capacity of the solar energy and nearly onefourth of the total renewable capacity additions since 2018, which is more than the combined new installed capacities

technology has shown a steep decline in deployment cost, which ranged between USD 63 and USD 265 megawatt-hour in 2019. It is a reduction of 42-79 per cent over 2010 value. Rooftop solar photo-

voltaics account for 40 per cent of the global solar photovoltaics installed capacity and one-fourth of the total renewable capacity additions. According to the study,

India has a significant solar rooftop potential of 1.7 petawatt-hour per year. This is against the country's current electricity demand of 1.3 petawatt-hour per annum, it

tricity generation potential of RTSPV globally and its associated costs, the study mapped 130 million square km of the global land surface area to identify 0.2 million sq km of rooftop area using a machine learning algorithm.

This rooftop area was then analysed to document the global electricity generation potential of RTSPV and together represent 27 petawatt-hour per year of electricity generation potential for cost between USD 40 and USD 280 per megawatt-

The cost of attaining the potential is the lowest in India at USD 66 per megawatthour) and China at USD 68, while the same is at USD 238 per megawatt-hour in the US, and USD 251 per megawatt-hour in England, said the study.

The study has been coauthored by Priyadarshi Shukla, a professor at Ahmedabad University and director of its global centre for environment and energy; Shivika Mittal from the Imperial College, London; and James Glynn from Columbia University. The team was led by Siddharth Joshi, researcher at Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine in University

The global potential of RTSPV is 27 petawatt-hour per year and the global average megawatt-hour cost for this varies in the range of USD 40-280 per megawatt-hour with the greatest energy generation potential in Asia.

The global potential is predominantly spread between Asia (47 per cent), North America (20 per cent) and Europe (13 per cent), accord-

The second cheapest market for this method is China where it is pegged at USD 68 per megawatt-hour -- USD 2 higher than the potential Indian rate, while England and the US are among the costliest. Maharashtra, with 181 ter-

Pradesh with 168.07 terawatthour per year have the highest solar rooftop potential in the country now. The average cost of obtaining solar rooftop potential in India will be between USD 60

awatt-hour per year and Uttar

and USD 65 per megawatt-hour, with Gujarat and Rajasthan offering the lowest rates, according to the study. The findings have an tainable development and cli-

mate change mitigation

The International Solar Alliance, a joint initiative launched by India and France, is planning to mobilise USD 1 trillion in investments by 2030 to increase penetration of solar

This means that from powering the Nasa's Vanguard satellites in 1958 to lighting homes in the sub-Saharan Africa, solar photovoltaics technology has come a long way.

### Forex reserves rise by USD 2.039 bln to USD 639.516 bln

Mumbai: The country's foreign exchange reserves rose by UŠD 2.039 billion to USĎ 639.516 billion in the week ended October 8, according to RBI data.

In the previous week ended October 1, the reserves had dipped by USD 1.169 billion to USD 637.477 billion. The reserves had surged by USD 8.895 billion to a life time high of USD 642.453 billion in the week ended September 3. During the reporting week

reserves was on account of an increase in the Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs), Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly data released on Friday showed. FCA rose by USD 1.55 bil-

ended October 8, the rise in the

the reporting week, as per the Expressed in dollar terms,

FCA include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. reserves were up by USD 464 million to USD 38.022 billion in the reporting week. The Special Drawing Rights

(SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose by USD 28 million to USD 19.268

**Mumbai:** Even as the motor insurance segment, which had a massive decline in FY21, is returning to the growth path, public sector general insurers have been steadily losing ground to the private insurers overall and more so in the bread and butter motor seg-

sector has improved their market pie to 67.4 per cent in the reporting month from 63.4 per cent in the same period last vear, shows an analysis of the

for the public sector players is share number when they held 46.5 per cent of the total motor segment premia, while private players had only 53.5 per cent

share declined to 40.7 per cent for the public sector while jumped to 59.3 per cent for the private players. The share of public sector players declined to 36.8 per cent in FY20 and further dropped to 34.2 per cent in FY21 while that of private players rose to 63.2 per cent in FY20 and further accelerated to 65.8 per cent in FY21. according to Care report.

Similarly, in FY18, the pub-

## Public sector GIs losing motor segment share very fast - lost 30% biz since FY18

ment, with pie crimping to 32.6 per cent in August, down from 36.6 per cent a year ago.
As against this, the private

monthly data by Care Ratings. That the decline is so stark

Come FY19, the respective

## lic sector had a market share of 37.5 per cent of the motor OD

(own damage) market, and the private players had it 62.5 per cent, which declined and increased respectively to 32.5 per cent and 67.5 per cent in FY19 and further to 28.3 per cent and 71.7 per cent, respectively in FY20. In FY 21 the respective shares were 25.5 per cent and

74.5 per cent. In August 2020 the pie was 27.8 per cent and 72.2 per cent and which further declined to 24.3 per cent and 75.7 per cent respectively. Its only in motor TP (thirdparty) segment that the public

sector have some leeway as they had a market share of 52.7 per 46.3 per cent in FY18, but within a year they lost that In FY19 it declined to 46.5

er cent and to 42.2 per cent in FY20 while for private players the pie increased to 53.5 per cent in FY19 and to 57.8 per cent in FY20. In the last fiscal, the share

of public players was at 39.7 per cent and private players at 60.3 per cent. In August 2021, this is at a low of 38.3 per cent for the public sector, down from 42.3 per cent in August 2020, as against private players' 61.7

ularly important for the public sector player as the motor TP segment has emerged as the larger segment driving the

According to industry data, there were over 23.12 crore vehicles on road in the country as of March 2019, of which 57 per cent were uninsured vehicles. Two-wheelers were the largest component of the uninsured vehicles with over 60 per cent of them being uninsured, whereas uninsured cars were only 10 per cent, showing massive potential for growth.

This is also in line with the international market, where health is significantly larger than the motor segment. Motor TP segment has continued to grow faster than the Motor OD

Amongst the states, ness for insurers.

## India notifies 8,424 tonnes of raw sugar exports to US under TRQ

New Delhi: The government on Friday permitted export of sugar under tariff-rate quota (TRQ) to the US, which enables shipments to enjoy relatively low tariff.

TRQ is a quota for a volume of exports that enter the US at relatively low tariffs. After the quota is reached, a higher tariff applies on additional imports.

"The quantity of 8,424 tonnes of sugar (raw and/or white sugar) to be exported to the US under TRQ scheme from October 1 to September 30, 2022, has been notified," the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a public

India enjoys duty-free sugar exports to the US for up to 10,000 tonnes annually under the preferential quota arrangement. India, the world's second

biggest producer and the largest

consumer of sugar, has a pref-

erential quota arrangement for

a volume of exports that enter the US at relatively low tariffs sugar export with the European

TRQ is a quota for

Union as well.

The country's sugar export rose 20 per cent to an all-time high of 7.1 million tonnes in the 2020-21 marketing year ended last month, on the back of better demand and financial assistance from the govern-Sugar exports stood at 5.9

million tonnes in the marketing year 2019-20. According to ISMA, the sugar production is estimated

to remain flat at 31 million tonnes in the marketing year 2021-22. The total availability of

sugar is estimated to touch 39.5 million tonnes, including an opening stock of 8.5 million

## Gold **futures** fall on low demand



501 to Rs 47,381 per 10 grams in the futures trade on Friday, as speculators reduced their positions amid low demand. On the Multi Commodity

Exchange, gold contracts for December traded lower by Rs 501, or 1.05 per cent, to Rs 47,381 per 10 grams in a business turnover of 12,889 lots. Analysts attributed the fall

in gold prices to trimming of positions by participants. Globally, gold traded 0.95 per cent lower to USD 1,780.80

an ounce in New York. PTI

### for Chennai households during festive season: LocalCircles Chennai: Budget and safety

Budget and safety top criteria

seems to be the top criteria for households in Chennai during the coming festive season, a study conducted by a leading community social media platform LocalCircles has revealed. Sixty per cent of the house-

holds have opted for "budget and value" while shopping during the festive season while 40 per cent backed 'safety', the More than 24,000 respons-

es were received from over 9,000 households across the city. As many as 40 per cent of the residents have said that they

would like to visit the stores physically to buy, while 30 per cent responded saying that they would like to have stores have their catalogue online to order for delivery. According to the study, 60 per cent of Chennai households

will shop this festive season and are likely to do so by ordering online and via local stores for home delivery. Smartphones and consumer electronics emerged among the big ticket purchase, with 48 per cent of the house-

holds opting for the two cate-

gories, while 26 per cent pre-

ferred white goods and appli-

Nearly 33 per cent of the respondents said they would buy groceries and fruits, while 22 per cent said they would buy dry fruits, traditional sweets, bakery items, the study said.

About 39 per cent of the people have said they would buy apparel or clothes, while 20 per cent preferred for cosmetics and fragrances. Nearly 19 per cent said they would spend on shoes, bags.

## **WESTERN RAILWAY**

tised Tender Notice No.WTR/ 17/2021/09 dated 14.08.2021 for ender on E Procurement mode nvited by Chief Engineer (Track Supply), Head Quarter Office, Old Building, 2nd floor, Churchgate, Mumbai: 400 020 for supply of the No.: 216023 Short Description: 6 mm thick GRSP to RDSO Drg. No. T-4218 Quantity: 10149 Set Date of Opening: 23.11.2021 Sr. No.: 2 Tender No.: 216025 Short Description: Various types of Bolts & Nuts Quantity: 999.63 MT Date of Opening: 24.11.2021. For detailed tender conditions Corrigendum if any please visit www.ireps.gov.in and

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per cent and 57.7 per cent. This downtrend is partic-

overall motor insurance

had declined after the pandemic but retained the top spot which it has ceded in FY22

to the health segment.

segment. Maharashtra continues to occupy the top spot followed by Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh in motor busi-

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G.T Road, Batala, District Gurdaspur-143505 Email: batalacsm@rediffmail.com Website: www.smbatala.com **GLOBAL E-TENDER NOTICE** 

Ref. No. BCSM/SUGAREXPORT/2021-22 Dated:- 15.10.2021 The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) Govt. of India vide its notification F.No. 1(6)/2020-SP-1 dated 29th December, 2020 and subsequent order F.No. 1(6)2020-SP-1 dated 18th August, 2021 has decided to allow export of all grades of sugar namely raw, plantation white as well as refined sugar under MAEQ (Maximum Admissible

Batala Cooperative Sugar Mills on behalf of all nine Cooperative Sugar Mills of Punjab invites e-Tender for export of approx. 35979 MT sugar lying in nine Cooperative Sugar Mills of Punjab under MAEQ from experienced overseas buyers/Export Houses/ Merchandisers and Govt./ Cooperative Institutions (in which State Govt./Central Govt. has/have invested share capital) having valid Import Export code and experience of sugar export to purchase the aforesaid quantity of sugar from all Cooperative Sugar Mills of Punjab and arrange its export as per above mentioned notificat under MAEQ under stipulated norms on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS". DFIA (Duty free import authorization) holder may also participate in this tender as their sugar purchase will be treated as deemed export as per Govt. of India notification vide F. No. 1(6)/2020-SP-1 dated 31st March, 2021 ssued regarding clarification of ISMA: M/s Indian Biscuits Manufacturer's Association (IBMA), Food Ingredients Importer/Exporter Welfare Association (FIIEWA), and Star Oxachem Pvt. Ltd. The documents can be downloaded from the e-Procurement website

portal http://eproc.punjab.gov.in or from the Batala Sugar Mill's website vww.smbatala.com. Online tender will have to be submitted in two bid system i.e. Technical Bid and Financial Bid on or before 17.11.2021 at 11:00 AM on the e-tender portal http://eproc.punjab.gov.in along with EMD and other documents. Other details (e-Bid document) fo submission of e-bids along with eligibility criteria, date & time of submission of e-Bids, opening of Technical Bids/ Financial Bids, amount of EMD. experience and other terms & conditions will be available on e Procurement website portal as mentioned above from the date 16.10.2021 onwards. The Bidders will have to deposit e-tender document fee (Non Refundable) of Rs. 1000/-+18% GST= Rs. 1180/- in the accoun as shown on e-Procurement website portal http://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Tender without e-tender document fee and EMD will not be accepted. The Govt/Cooperative Institutions are exempted from deposit of EMD. The stipulated norms for export and other terms and conditions are annexed along with the t-Tender form.

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#### **SAPNA THAKUR**

'Ever since I came to Mumbai, I haven't been able to experience Dussehra in its grandest form. In Chandigarh, the festival is celebrated in a pretty glorious manner. In fact, 20 days before the main festival, we celebrate Ram-Leela with our relatives. I have a number of warm memories associated



SHORTCIRCUITS

We have worked over three years to bring our web-show, Dhindora, to life. I'm grateful to each and every person who has supported us in this journey. Each of my characters is inspired by real life and I am glad to receive so much love



#### **SIKANDER KHER**

'OTT has resulted in the democratisation of our film industry and we have seen some brilliant content and actors coming to the limelight. I have spent almost a decade in the industry and have faced the ups and downs. Such platforms have helped many filmmakers."

#### **NATALIE PORTMAN**

'At school, I was known for having my hands covered in white gloves and being present in all the dorky classes. You were not willing to give up your education to remain an actress or be in a job that was worth the risk. To step aside and seek out education at Harvard. I have so much respect for that.'



# **Eco-fashion evolution**

Gaurav Gupta's showstopper at the Lakmé Fashion Week, KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN, feels that it is a good time to take to the ramp to promote sustainability. By KHUSHBU KIRTI

t is no surprise that Kareena Kapoor Khan had dazzled the audience, in Gaurav Gupta's grand finale, at Lakmé Fashion Week (LFW) 2021. Lakmé x Fashion Design Council of India presented the fashion show which ended on October 10. As she shone brilliantly in a white

one-shoulder, body hugging gown, not one would have guessed that the extravagant gown was created with wrappers of biscuits and crisps, plastic water bottles and plastic wrappers of other consumables that polluted the oceans and landfills. In an exclusive interac-

tion with her, she opens up about the importance of making conscious fashion choices. Read on for certain excerpts from the same:

TYou were the showstopper for Amit Aggarwal's LFW grand finale showcase last year, and have returned for Gaurav Gupta's showcase. How does it feel to be back?

It feels amazing. This time around, the fundamental theme is sustainability. We're talking about making conscious fashion choices and we're encouraging people to make smart choices. So, I think, it's a good time to take the ramp, with such a concept. I've been doing it time and again for Lakmé and I'm always going to walk the ramp for

□The theme is 'define to redefine'. What is your interpretation of

the same? I think the idea is that we want to encourage people to consume what the designer supplies, so if the designer supplies with sustainable conscious fashion, the consumer takes that.



The idea is that when you have stars and celebrities walking the ramp, with big designer names coming out with their remarkable collections, you want them to talk about sustainability. It reaches the masses. The idea is that all — the designer, as well as the celebrity, along with the consumer — should take responsible decisions. That is how I interpret it.

□We are aware Gauray has used upcycled ocean plastic collected from aquatic water bodies, thus, making complete use of sustainable and eco-

Talk to us about his collection.

Well, Gaurav is known for his diva looks, his OTT outfits, cocktail cuts, and so much more. People love wearing his designs, and I, personally, love wearing his clothes, too. The fact that you can look amazing, look sexy, and still use recycled material — that is a huge statement coming from a designer, you know. It is very commendable. He is a designer who is used to dressing celebrities and getting them ready them for big functions, whether it is weddings or



cocktail parties or engagements. It kind of makes you feel inspired, and, in turn, dress sensibly, make conscious choices, and yet look look beautiful and stylish. That is the whole idea of his collection.

☐Are you incorporating slow fashion and sustainability in your personal wardrobe? And how?

I completely support it. I live in my kaftaans which are recycled. I am all for the Indian artisans and for wearing conscious clothing. The pandemic has taught you that there is nothing more responsible than that. It has made you question a lot of choices we previously made, whether that is in terms of fashion or in terms of life, in general. People decided to face these questions during Covid, so, I definitely promote it.

LFW is the Lakmé lip precision paint pots. What is your go-to make-up

My go-to make-up look is mostly the bold lip, which is the lip paint they've come up with. I'm wearing it now (giggles a bit). I think they have a colour for everyone, whether it's cherry, or a statement red, or pink. Lakmé has always come up with colours that are there for everyone. However, with this collection, they've hit it out of the park. It is absolutely brilliant.

## A funky avatar

Bollywood

Actor, SONAKSHI SINHA, is pleased about her new look in the recently launched music video, Mil Mahiya, where she is playing two characters



S onakshi Sinha returned on screen in a party anthem, S *Mil Mahiya*, that was released on September 30. In the music video sung by Raashi Sood, the actor was seen grooving in a different avatar, dressed in a hip-hop bomber jacket and a gorgeous look.

Sharing her enthusiasm for being part of the music video, Mil Mahiya, she expressed that she was looking forward to being a part of a music video for a long time.

"I am looking forward to doing a music video because it has been a long time. I've appeared in a film-song that features the singing and dancing style that I'm known for," said Sonakshi, who was last seen in the film, Bhuj: The

She continued, "So when Big Bang Music approached me and made me hear a few songs, I selected Mil Mahiya because the song just got me grooving to the beat instantly. It was the kind of song that I would love to listen to just by myself or with my friends or at a party. The vibe of the song is so young and cool."

"The shooting was fun, as Amith Krishnan directed the video and Enjoy Enjaami shot it. I love that the music video is so vividly new-age and visually appealing. I knew that he would do a fantastic job with Mil Mahiya. It was a party on set and we had a blast shooting the video. I really started grooving to it, and my foot started tapping automatically while listening to the beat. In fact, everyone, who was present in the room, fell in love with the song instantly. It is a great mix of some nice and different stuff, which I wanted to explore, and Raashi sang it so beautifully." she added.

Sonakshi is seen in two different looks in the video. She spoke about the same, explaining, "There are two very distinct looks in the video, one look is athleisure, and the

other one is super glam."
She continued, "My stylist, Mohit Rai, put together these distinct looks, one is dressed in a bomber jacket super glam sequin pantsuits, so I had a blast donning looks. It is very important to be comfortable with what I am wearing so that I can perform well. I am glad to be

a part of the wonderful song."

Speaking of working with Sonakshi, Sood said, "I couldn't really believe that she was performing in the song. With Sonakshi, it has been such a pleasant experience. She is a very gentle person and made me feel comfort-

able throughout. The best moment was when she actually said that Mil Mahiya was her kind of song." The song, Mil Mahiya, was recently released on Big

Bang Music's YouTube channel.

## One voice, many women

TV producer and director, EKTA KAPOOR, will soon launch her first female-centric audio-show, *Darmiyaan*, that will explore emotional upheavals in the protagonist's life

Ekta Kapoor, a household name for television soaps, shares details about her audio-show, Darmiyaan, starring Sriti Jha and Shabir Ahluwalia. She discusses her experience of producing women-centric content and also talks about the response of the audience.

She "Conceptualising audio entertainment content has been a fantastic experience, as it has helped me to push my creative envelope further. With the audio medium, you do not have the support of visuals to communicate your thoughts, which makes the process challenging and pushes you to innovate some ways to express your ideas. My first audio show, Dármiyaan, has everything, like love, scandals, shocking twists, and much more. I'm sure that the listeners are going to love it and become audiophiles for life."

Ekta has produced numerous of shows and collaborated with a number of well-known television personalities. While elaborating the reasons behind her choice for Shabir Ahluwalia and Sriti Jha as the lead actors in the audio-show, she explains, "The duo has an exceptional-

ly powerful chemistry, and I know that they will bring the characters of Sakshi and Ridhaan to life. Sriti has such a depth in her voice, and Shabir is a quintessential manchild, brazen, bold, and love-

Darmiyaan is a story of a couple — Sakshi and Ridhaan. Sakshi's beautiful married life undergoes a sudden upheaval when her husband's explosive sex-tape is leaked online. She loses all her hopes until Ridhaan, a charming young

man, comes into her life. Ekta feels that this story

resonates well with the lives of

women in our society. She shares, Darmiyaan cuts across gender, class, and strafocuses on the emotional

ta; it is the story of many women's lives. My listeners will be able to relate to Sakshi's character. The show is highly relatable since it journey of a woman's struggle. It takes you through the vast array of emotions that any woman genuinely feels during challenging circumstances against what she is supposed to feel or act."

We are frequently perplexed about why we are terrified of old age, which is the as natural as it gets. This fear is what has led to frustration and, in turn, numerous skin surgeries by people who try to 'look young'. Many women, on the other hand, have chosen to live a healthy lifestyle by practising yoga and adhering to a particular skin-care regime. Sushma Seth, a veteran actress, trained in Hindustani classical music and drama, is 85 years old, and a person who has decided to enjoy ageing. She began her career in the 1950s, working with legends like Roshan Seth, Rati Bartholomew, Kusum Haider, and so on. Her performance as a mother and grandmother in several well-known Bollywood films has earned her recognition for both, humorous and malicious, roles.

In the book, Mantras For Positive Ageing, the actor has explicitly described that learning and gaining experience shape our opinions and thoughtprocesses in life. She believes that the idea of ageing is distress-ing because of the gradual decline of mental and physical faculties. Edited by Dr V Mohini Giri and Meera Khanna and with a foreword by HH Dalai Lama, the book presents a collection of positive affirmations and healthy habits adopted by 50 renowned personalities time and again, including exemplars like Sunderlal Bahuguna, Kamala Bhasin, Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, Tahir Mahmood,

Aruna Dalmia, Dr Uma Tuli,

## OSITIVE AGEING

Veteran actor, SUSHMA SETH, in a conversation with Tanmaya Das, shares insights on developing a healthy relationship between mind and body



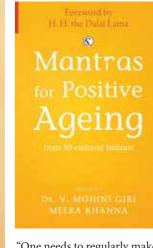
among others.

We have seen people in their late adulthood get fatigued quickly and struggle with social, physical, emotional, and cognitive issues. It is essential to develop a positive relationship with our bodies as we age phys-

ically and mentally. "Most of us or the people, in general, are afraid of old age because of the decline of vitali-

ty and energy. Many elderly lose their composure, get emotionally and physically dependent, thus, leading to this certain fear of old age," she expressed.

One must acknowledge the importance of self-love in addition to improving one's selfesteem. We feel more confident and realise our worth when we have higher self-esteem. Sharing some self-love tips, she explains,



"One needs to regularly make a conscious effort to build selflove. It is crucial to get engaged in some activities that will help you excel at or have a passion for something that will bring joy and satisfaction to others as well as yourself. So, one needs to take care of one's emotional, physical and material requirements and must not indulge in any unhealthy habits."

However, despite the best efforts to reconsider our worth and engage in healthy practises, we fail to stick to our resolutions, owing to a variety of distractions. As a result of such interruptions, we become more agi-

of purpose in life. So, in order to achieve our objectives, we must examine our behaviours and surroundings. Yoga soothes our minds and fills our spirits with pleasant energy. Sharing her thoughts on ashtanga yoga, she states, "I have realised the benefits of ashtanga yoga of sage Patanjali that influences us on various levels, including physical, mental, intellectual, and spiritual. I prioritise and incorporate several asanas, such as pranayama, meditation, and other niyama, into my daily routine. It provides me the energy, helps me to be emotionally strong, and aids me in building a positive attitude in my life."

During her elementary

tated and lose our clear sense

school, her love for Gone With The Wind didn't fade for a while, but now she has added to her favourites — books like Vedanta Treatise by Swami A Parthasarthy, and currently, she is fascinated with Mantra For Positive Ageing.
She feels most productive in

the morning as the rehearsals, performances and shootings require working round the clock. She also advises youth to find their talent and work towards honing it, while encouraging always pursuing a career and studying the area of interest. To build a better tomorrow, she concludes, "It is important to take care of yourself and live with harmony, tolerance and kindness towards all living beings and the envi-



Thile traditionally doc-

in India, with commercial cin-

ema ruling the roost, one can

see how the winds of change are

being actualised in the past sev-

eral years, with the pandemic

edition of the All Living Things

Festival at Stuttgart in July

Shridhar Sudhir, Moving

Upstream: Ganga, depicts

Directed by Patna-born

playing a part in the same. This week, with the second

umentary films do

not have many takers





NATURE WALK 60

Documentary filmmaker SHRIDHAR SUDHIR's feature, Moving Upstream: Ganga, addresses the issue of humans disassociating from nature at ALT EFF. By Christy Varghese

Environmental Film Festival Siddharth Agarwal's, who also happens to be the prooducer of (ALT EFF) underway, we have to keep you posted on what has the feature-documentary, walk been going on at this one of a kind film festival. Among the 44 from Ganga Sagar in West films, there were some notewor-Bengal (where the river Ganga thy Indian names. One of them being Moving Upstream: flows into the Bay of Bengal) to Gangotri in Uttarakhand (the Ganga.
A finalist in ALT EFF's source of the river). The thought behind the film was to capture 'Indian Features' award categoa very personal narrative of the ry, the film was screened at the Ganga as well as stories of the festival after making its way people who affect and are affectthrough numerous accolades. It ed by it. "The idea was concepwas awarded the 'Cinema of tualised by my friend Siddharth, Resistance' award at SIGNS who I met on the banks of Film Festival at Kerala earlier Ganga. He was on his mission this year. Additionally, the film to walk to the source of the river, was curated to be part of the when we bumped into each South Asia Foreground other. When he shared what he Showcase on Labocine and was up to, I couldn't help but feel happened to be an official selecthat it was a very nice idea and tion at the 18th Indian Film expressed my desire to join him.

And on the last leg of his

almost 3,000 kilometre walk, I

tagged along for 500 kilometres,

shooting the entire film. The

initial idea was not of a film that



was going to be made in collaboration, but the walk itself. However, after spending so much time together, over a span of 40-45 days, I realised that it's much bigger than the walk and that we had to share

this experience," recalled Sudhir, during our telephonic conver-

He revealed that it took Siddharth six months to cover the distance. He further shared that the protagonist was slowed down by a ligament injury while covering Bengal, which is why the last 500 kilometres took 45 days.

'The first month Siddharth had a crew with him, travelling in a car. He would walk the entire day and post-sunset he would

join the crew, who were carrying the equipment and help him with food, water and other essentials. After that month, the crew could not commit to the project and left, leaving Siddharth to trudge on by himself. When I joined him for the last 500 kms, we carried everything we needed on our backs because we couldn't help it. I was carrying my camera on a monopod with a mic on top of it, the entire way. I learnt from Siddharth that during his time by himself, he had to

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rely on the goodwill of passersby to help with the shoot," recounted Sudhir.

So, what did he learn during his time walking alongside

So, I come from an urban space. For me, the real takeaway was actually understanding India from a place that I had not seen before. The basic rules of human interaction is very different in urban vs rural spaces. The gratitude of folks in a rural setup is overwhelming. Every evening we would walk from sunrise to sunset and every day at sunset we would either reach a temple or a village. We would ask people with folded hands whether they could give us some food, since we were walking across the river and they would oblige us. They would give us a place to sleep and insist that we stay with them for a week. Can you

imagine anyone in an urban space extending such hospitality? It is not a paradigm within which we urban-dwellers function. That was my major takeaway with respect to their perspective. Another major realisation that dawned upon me was how disassociated we are from trees," concluded Sudhir with a nature in urban spaces. Let me

share an example, right off the top of my head. If you visit a rural space, generally they know what trees grow around them and ways to utilise different parts of the tree. And most of us who reside in an urban setup won't even know the name of

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A workshop on "Paddy procurement and CMR receipt for Kharif Marketing Season 2021-22" was held in Karnal on 14.10.2021 under the chairmanship of Sh. Pradeep Singh, DGM (QC), FCI Haryana alongwith other dignitaries attended the workshop. While addressing field officers of FCI, Karnal& Faridabad, emphasized on speedy payment to the farmers directly in their accounts for their produce brought in the mandis as per MSP declared by GOI. He also stressed upon to take all out efforts to ensure quick lifting of the purchased paddy for smooth functioning of mandi operations and to avoid any distress sale by the farmers.

1) E-AUCTION DATE: 10.11.2021

## Tales from the jungle

Kenyan-Mexican actress LUPITA NYONG'O, the voice behind Serengeti 2, the wildlife docuseries, shares the journey of Bakari, the babboon, one of the protagonists from the first season. By TEAM VIVA

When we mention the name Lupita Nyong'o, you might recall her role in the Marvel film, Black Panther. However, did you know that she was the narrator behind the stories featured in the popular wildlife docuseries, Serengeti?

She is back, at her animated best for the second season of the show. The Serengeti, a rich Tanzania, is known for its vast grasslands and prancing zebras. The first season of Serengeti grabbed eye-balls with the breath-taking stories from the wild. Lupita shares that season two will feature some new characters, fresh rivalries and tender moments that punctuate the lives of some of nature's most captivating characters.

Read on for excerpts of the interview:

□You've been fortunate to visit the Serengeti since the first series. How did you find the experience?

It was an extraordinary privilege to see the animals featured in Serengeti in real life, in the place where they were actually filmed. Growing up in Kenya, I was lucky enough to go on safari to our national parks often and it helped give me the passion I have for animals to this day. Being involved in the Serengeti series has been a great experience for me and has given me real insights into their family lives. Seeing them living out the dramas of their daily lives, amidst the beauty of the Serengeti, was quite a moving experience for me.

□The story of Bakari was a particular favourite of yours in series one. What is next for

him? Everyone loves Bakari! In the last series he became leader of the troop and gained the admiration and loyalty of all the baboons. But peace never lasts long: this time there is dissent in the ranks and a whole new set of natural problems to deal with, while still trying to do his best for Cheka and their new baby.

□Tell us about some of the new characters and stories you think audiences will particularly resonate with this time around?

There are quite a few new characters to fall in love with. Two adorable leopard cubs, Mzuri and Duma, who get up



to all sorts of adventures that bring a smile to your face. There's also Gnu, a wildebeest calf who has to face incredible challenges just to survive. The cheeky jackals, Shavu and Shaba, are also great fun to watch. They are new parents with some very cute pups, and they survive by stealing food from under the noses of the most dangerous animals in the savannah.

□Did any animal behaviours you witnessed surprise you/ challenge your perceptions? There were so many. The

elephants rescuing their babies in the flooded river was incredibly emotional to watch and it made clear how intelligent and loving their families are. The wildebeest were a surprise as their whole lives seem to be a succession of almost impossible challenges. How they managed to survive jumping off these huge vertical cliffs to reach the river below was confusing. I also loved the scene where the baboon, Bakari, was trapped by lions in a tree and had to sneak down to escape without waking them up; it was

very funny. Another great

moment was when Bakari's troop was trapped by a flood and had to make death-defying leaps to survive.

 $\square$  How did you approach your narration - what is the process? Is there anything you learned from narrating Series 1 that you did differently/or did more of, for this new series?

When I narrated the first series the director suggested I use my natural Kenyan accent. as he felt its East-African tones were apt for the programme, and also loved how the musical lilt of the accent worked with both picture and music. Having lived in so many different places, my accent does vary quite a bit, so it was sometimes hard to record in New York and find my natural Kenyan voice. This time it was so much easier as I had just spent four months back home in Kenya, reconnecting with my family and culture, so the accent came more naturally to

□Serengeti is hugely popular with a family audience, were vou interested in nature-series growing up?

I did enjoy a few nature documentaries growing up. loved learning about animals on other continents like Australia, South America and The Arctic. It has always been fascinating to witness the distinctions in nature depending on where you live.

(Serengeti 2 premieres on October 18 at 9 pm, on Sony BBC Earth.)

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The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Carnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Demand Draft/PAY ORDER drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Commercial Bank in favor of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ LUDHIANA or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021: MICR CODE: MICR500240002: Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD: on or before date and time mentioned above (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above) and register their name at https://www.bankeauctions.com and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded {1. Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan/DD copy/ Pay order; 2.Copy of PAN card and 3.Copy of proof of address (Passport, Driving License, Voter's I-Card or Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement)) on the website before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentioned in the table above and also submit hardcopy thereof at the Branch mentioned hereinabove.

Bid must be accompanied with EMD (Equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price) by way of Demand Draft/ Pay order in favour of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ Chandigarh or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above.

Bids that are not filled up or Bids received beyond last date will be considered as invalid Bid and shall be summarily rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. Once the bid is submitted by the Bidder, same cannot be withdrawn. If the bidder does not participate in the bid process, EMD deposited by the Bidder shall be forfeited without further recourse. However, EMD deposited by the

insuccessful bidder shall be refunded without interest. The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price alongwith increment value of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and the bidder shall further improve their offer in multiple of

Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only). The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price set by the Authorised Officer.

The successful bidder is required to deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately but not later than next working day by Demand Draft drawn in favour of of "HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PAR/ CHANDIGARH or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR300240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD and the balance amount of sale price shall be paid by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Company. The EMD as well as Sale Price paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The deposit of EMD or 10% of sale price, whatever may be the case shall be forfeited by the

Company, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale or commits any default.

On compliance of terms of Sale, Authorised officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration charges, conveyance, TDS etc. to be

borne by the purchaser. Company does not take any responsibility to procure permission / NOC from any authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues i.e. outstanding

water/electricity dues, property tax or other charges, if any. 10) The successful bidder shall bear all expenses including pending dues of any Development Authority, if any/ taxes/ utility bills etc. to the Municipal Corporation or any other authority/ agency and

fees payable for stamp duty /registration fees etc. for registration of the Sale Certificate. (11) The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale

without any prior notice. The immoveable property shall be sold to the highest bidder. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding, if deemed

12) To the best of its knowledge and information, the Company is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the Company. However, interested bidders should make their own assessment of the property to their satisfaction. The Company does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, properly tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the aforesai

13) Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. is due and payable till its actual realization.

14) The notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyer/purchasers for purchasing the immoveable property as described hereinabove, as per the particulars of the Terms and conditions of sale. (15) Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along-with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website <a href="https://www.bankeauctions.com">https://www.bankeauctions.com</a> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website <a href="https://www.bankeauctions.com">https://www.bankeauctions.com</a> or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of HDB Financial Services Limited. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to Concerned Manager Mr. Naval Kishore;

Mobile No: 7696442530; at HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, ADDRESS - : SCO 277, 2nd Floor, Sector 32 - D, Chandigarh - 160030 on or before date and time m

Please refer to the details mentioned in table above).

16) The property shall be sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards encumbrance, charge and statutor outstanding on the property of any authority besides the Company's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges and encumbrances over the property or any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid and at any stage thereafter. The Company shall not be responsible for anything whatsoever including damages or eviction proceeding, etc. The intending bidder shall indemnify the tenants as well as the Company in this regard. The purchaser shall take necessary action for eviction of tenant / settlement of tenant only in accordance with the Law. The Company presses into service the principle of

7) This publication is also a 15' (Fifteen) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 6(2), 8(6) and Rule 9 of Security Int (Enforcement) Rules 2002, to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above alongwith upto date interest and expenses within 15' (Fifteen) days' notice from the date of this notice failing which the Secured asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of Sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the

borrower/mortgagors pays the amount due to the Company, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED Mr. NAVAL KISHORE Mobile No. 7696442530.

AUTHORISED OFFICER, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED Place: Chandigarh, Date: 12/10/2021

# CHENNAI IS SUPER KING

ahendra Singh Dhoni played his part to perextraordinary script as he led Chennai Super Kings to their

fourth Indian Premier League title, outwitting Kolkata Knight Riders by 27 runs in a one-sided final on Friday.

As the final delivery was bowled, the old 'Band Master' had that lingering smile at the far corner of his lips having orchestrated his 'Men', who knows may be one

Unarguably, the most loved and revered Indian captain of all time led a team of old warhorses with oodles of experience as they first posted a formidable target of 192 for 3 and then squeezed Knights for only 165 for 9 despite a promising opening stand of 91 between Shubman Gill (51 off 43 balls) and Venkatesh Iyer (50 off 32

It was canny captaincy that ensured 91 for no loss turned into 125 for 8 and before one realised, it seemed there was only one team on the park.

Josh Hazlewood (2/29 in 4 overs), Ravindra Jadeja (2/37 in 4 overs), Shardul Thakur (3/38 in 4 overs) got the wickets at regular intervals but it was the wily old Dwayne Bravo (1/29 in 4 overs), whose first two overs for eight runs with five dots which actually

became a game-changer. Dhoni and Bravo go

back a long way. The skipper knows what his 'Go To Man' is capable of and the 'Champion' knew that he had to deliver.

Not many words were exchanged between the General and his loyal soldier as they had their blueprint ready.

Benson & Hedges World Championship of Cricket, Sunil Gavaskar, Mohinder Amarnath, Madan Lal, all then on the wrong side of 30s, used to congratulate each other after every dismissal calling "Well Done OT" which meant 'Over Thirty'.

That class of 85 was a very experienced bunch that won a big

trophy and one could see similar traits in Dhoni's brigade, which since its comeback in 2018, has been called the 'Dad's Army'.

And it was indeed a 'Daddies' Day Out' as 37-year-old Faf Du Plessis smashed 86 off 59 while Robin Uthappa, now at 35, did what he used to as a cocky 21-yearold nearly decade-and-half back. He smashed 31 off 15 balls with three sixes.

Then it was left to the recently-retired Test cricketer, the 34year-old Moeen Ali (37 off 20 balls), who found gaps with ease to give the perfect finishing touch.

When it came to bowling and fielding, the main job was done by 38-year-old Bravo and 32 year-old Jadeja. The only aberration was 'Orange Cap' winner Ruturaj Gaikwad (635 runs), who prob-

ably would be synonymous with the franchise for years to come.

These are players who decided they would make this 'Charge of the Old Brigade' a reality and show that T20 is a

format where experience worth its weight in gold way more



important than mere youthful exuberance and brilliance of talent.

IPL success requires game awareness, an attribute which the 'Man from Jharkhand' possesses abundantly.

When KKR chased, Dhoni took some time to gauge that the pitch was slowing down and once Bravo operated post Powerplay, it

was CSK's game to win and they did it in style reaffirming that Dhoni in retirement remains the 'Captain of Captains' even when there is another world champion skipper at the other end.

CSK needed a slice of luck at the start and former Proteas skipper du Plessis got that reprieve in the third over when Dinesh Karthik

bungled an easy stumping chance.

He then made full use by

smashing seven fours and three sixes and also finished as the second highest run-getter behind Gaikwad.

All standout shots came off Lockie Ferguson and there was a cracking over drive and two sixes over the long-off region. Ferguson (0/56 in 4 overs) had a forgettable

An opening stand of 61 in eight overs with 'flavour of the season' Gaikwad (32 off 27 balls) set the tone and then Uthappa, who had decided to roll back the years, hit his signature pick-up sixes over the deep mid-wicket region.

The 63 runs added in only 5.2 overs did derail KKR's bowling

with only Sunil Narine (2/26 in 4 overs) getting his length and variations in pace right.

If that wasn't enough, another veteran Moeen joined the party as suddenly du Plessis played the second fiddle letting the England international go hammer and tongs at the KKR bowling. They added 68 in 6.3 overs. He first snuffed out Gaikwad,

who was caught in the deep, and then bowled a straight one which Uthappa missed the line trying to go for the reverse sweep.

The reason why KKR lost the

plot during the first 10 overs was Shakib (0/33 in 3 overs) losing his confidence after Karthik's missed stumping and in the process the length going all awry. Adding insult to the injury was

Ferguson, whose express pace which had been the difference during the UAE leg, became his undoing from the moment Gaikwad sliced him between cover and point.

Du Plessis then transformed using the pace for big hits into art form with an able hand in Moeen. who found the gaps on both sides of the wickets with finesse while lofting the maximums with effort-



## MS Dhoni becomes first to captain in 300 T20 games

**PTI** ■ DUBAI

Chennai Super Kings skip-per Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Friday became the first player in world cricket to captain a team in 300 T20 games across various competisummit clash against Kolkata Kight Riders here.

The 40-year-old former India captain, playing his 10th IPL final (ninth for CSK as captain), has led the 'Yellow Brigade' in 214 games across 12 editions that they have taken part out of the 14 IPL seasons. He has also led Rising Pune Supergiants during one IPL season apart from leading India in six T20 World Cups.

His crowning glory would

certainly be leading India to T20 World Cup title in South

Before that tournament, India had played only one T20I in 2006 in South Africa of which Dhoni was a part.

Africa back in 2007.

"It's been a long time. We and most of the games have been franchise cricket and in the last five years there have been a lot of T20 games in international cricket as well," Dhoni said at the toss.

In fact, second in the list is Darren Sammy, who has led a team in 208 games for West Indies and various franchises. Interestingly, both Dhoni

and rival captain Eoin Morgan are playing their 347th T20 game.

**PTI** ■ MALE

around, seven-time champions India will start title favourites when they take on first-time finalists Nepal in the summit clash of the SAFF Championships here on Saturday

The final will be the 12th

A win against Nepal will

India drew against Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in their first two matches which had put them in danger of missing the final but the win against Nepal brought them back in the reckoning.

## India seek eighth SAFF C'ships title Having endured a topsy-turvy beginning to their campaign before a fine turn-

for India in 13 editions which shows the domination of the Blue Tigers in this regional tournament. The third-place finish in 2003 was the worst performance for them.

also be head coach Igor Stimac's of the Indian team in 2019. Should the team come good, he will become the sixth coach to win the SAFF Championships title and third foreigner after Jiri Pesek (1993) and Stephen Constantine (2015).

## The joy is back for Neymar in World Cup qualifying

**SAO PAULO**: Neymar started the week facing criticism after a poor performance in a World Cup qualifying match and his suggestion that the next tournament in Qatar might be his last.

But the striker helped erase many of those thoughts by providing key elements in all of the Brazil goals in Thursday's 4-1 win against

The 29-year-old Neymar, who had a disappointing performance in Sunday's 0-0 draw at Colombia in the previous round. Arrived in the northwest Brazilian city of Manaus on Monday with dozens of fans in front of the team's hotel. That would be the usual, were it not for a wave of criticism he has faced at home for months.

Neymar scored the opening goal against Uruguay after dribbling past goalkeeper Fernando Muslera. He then took the shot that allowed Raphinha to add the second. And then he provided two assists; one in a through pass to Raphinha and a cross that landed on the head of Gabriel Barbosa.

Midfielder Fred, who assisted Neymar on his goal, said Brazil players felt the difference in atmosphere since they arrived in Manaus. And that includes the team's star. "These fans gave us support every day in the stadium, in the hotel. They bought all the tickets and it was an extra strength for us," he said, referring to the attendance of 12,500, the maximum allowed by COVID-19 pro-

Money doesn't buy success: Klopp warns Newcastle

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LKlopp has warned Newcastle that money does iverpool manager Jurgen not buy success as the Magpies dream of joining the European elite after their Saudi-led takeover.

Struggling Newcastle are the talk of the Premier League following the £305 million takeover as the new owners prepare to start their reign against Tottenham on Sunday.

Newcastle hope to emulate the sustained success enjoyed by Premier League champions Manchester City under their Abu Dhabi-based backers

.Klopp expects Newcastle to fulfil their ambitions eventually, but he suggested it might



be a rocky road to the top because money alone cannot guarantee success ."What will it mean for football? A few months we had an issue with clubs building a Super League, and rightly so. But this is build-

places in the Champions League in a few years," Klopp told reporters on Friday. "Newcastle fans will love it,

but money doesn't buy success. They have money to make mistakes, but they will be where ing a super team, guaranteed they want eventually.'



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