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India headed for jab milestone

73% population given at least 1 dose, 30% both; 100 cr Covid jab record likely soon

PNS NEW DELHI

India is likely to achieve the ambitious target of administering 100 crore doses of the Covid-19 vaccine within the next few days even as it has allowed export of stocks to other countries, sources in the Union Health Ministry said.

"As on date, 73 per cent of the total population have been given at least a single dose of the vaccine, close to 30 per cent have received both doses, and we are following up with States to increase the vaccine administration. There are 8 crore doses kept ready for use by the States," said the Ministry

On Tuesday, the emergency use of Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine for the 2 to 18 age-group was also approved.

As per the Union Government data, India has administered over 95.89 crore doses of the Covid-19 vaccine.

"There is no shortage of vaccines, it has, however, been noticed worldwide that there tends to be a saturation once 70 per cent of the population are covered. So, efforts are on to cover the remaining population and counter any vaccine hesi-

are of Covishield, 6 crore of Covaxin and 60 lakh of the DNA vaccine," the sources said.

In the meantime, India reported 15,823 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, 10.5 per cent higher than Tuesday when the country saw the lowest daily rise in Covid cases since early March with 14,313 infections. India also reported 226 deaths due to coronavirus.

India's total Covid infection tally has reached 3,40,01,743 while the death count has increased to 4,51,189. A total of 13,25,399 tests were conducted, taking the number of cumulative tests conducted so far to 58,63,63,442.

Meanwhile, news agency

tancy. As for the availability of vaccines, the production for October alone is about 28 crore doses. Of these 22 crore doses

IANS quoted eminent scientist and biochemist Prof G Padmanaban as saying that India may require the third dose of Covid vaccine by the middle of next year as breakthrough cases even after full vaccination have been prevalent, even though mostly mild.

Prof Padmanaban, who is chancellor of Central University of Tamil Nadu and a Padma Bhushan recipient, said that his opinion of a third dose is based on "scientific understanding".

"In an infection by the Delta variant, which is widespread, there is a six-eight fold drop in the potential of antisera from vaccines to neutralise the variant compared to the wild type (used for vaccinationspike or whole virus).
"Nobody still has a clear



answer to how long the protective antibodies will last, it has been variably estimated to be between six months and one

year. If the virus has not weakened by itself, by that time, there is the possibility for a re-

Doctors fear Covid surge in Bengal over protocol violation

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

olkata seems to be failing Where Mumbai succeeded in the rigorous implementation of the corona protocol during Ganesh festival. With lakhs of frenzied pandal hoppers hitting the Kolkata streets amid pandemic times, the doctors of the eastern metro fear a revival of the disease in Bengal soon after the Durga

he administration's lenient The administration of the corona execution of the corona protocol framed by the Calcutta High Court tends to

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many others, including Dr Amartya Sen, who all know

India, to raise it at every time

when it happens, not just raise

it when it suits us because it's

a State where BJP is in power,

one of my cabinet colleague's

son is in probably trouble, and

also assume that it's actually

them who did it and not any-

"India has issues of such

where, is my concern.



Ashish Mishra denied

push up the fear. Dr RK Patra, a senior physician, warned, "If the positivity percentage goes beyond 5 per cent, then the

administration will certainly have to think about re-imposing lockdown in some way or

This even as a senior doctor of the Calcutta Medical College, the oldest such hospital in Asia, said how before Maha Panchami day the infectivity rate in Bengal was in the vicinity of 1.75 per cent which had crossed 2.53 by the end of Maha Saptami day. While the infectibility rate remain more or less static, it is showing upward swing in Kolkata and adjacent North 24 Parganas which forms the part of greater Kolkata, thanks to the increasing crowd of pandal hoppers who have been cramming the sidewalks.

India slams China protest of V-P visit to Arunachal

AP inalienable part of India, says New Delhi

PNS NEW DELHI

India on Wednesday slammed **▲**China for its objection to a recent visit to Arunachal Pradesh by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, asserting that the State is an "integral and inalienable" part of India. External Affairs Ministry

Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said Chinese objections to the visit of Indian leaders to a State of India "does not stand to reason and understanding" of

Indian people.

"We have noted the comments made today by the Chinese official spokesperson. We reject such comments. Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part the India," Spokesperson said.

Bagchi was responding to a question on comments in Beijing by a spokesperson of the Chinese Foreign Ministry objecting to Naidu's visit to Arunachal Pradesh over the weekend.

"Indian leaders routinely travel to the State of Arunachal Pradesh as they do to any other State of India. Objecting to the visit of Indian leaders to a State of India does not stand to reason and understanding of

NIA arrests 9 in J&K



Indian people," he said.

China has been objecting to visits of Indian leaders to Arunachal Pradesh in its bid to use the issue as a bargaining leverage with New Delhi for boundary negotiations. Beijing claims Arunachal Pradesh as a part of South Tibet which is contrary to the ground position.

The fresh war of words between the two sides came three days after the 13th round

of military talks on the 17month eastern Ladakh standoff ended in a stalemate. The 13th round military

talks were held amid pinpricks in Arunachal Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh as also propaganda warfare online by People's Liberation Army (PLA) to demoralise the Indian delegations for the confabulations on Sunday. "Further, as we have mentioned earlier, the current sit-

uation along the Line of Actual Control (LĂC) in the Western Sector of the India-China border areas has been caused by unilateral attempts of the Chinese side to alter the status quo in violation of the bilateral agreements," Bagchi said. Therefore, we expect the Chinese side to work towards

early resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh while fully abiding by bilateral agreements and protocols rather than trying to link unrelated issues, Bagchi said.

On Monday, a day after the 13th round of military talks, Indian Army said the "constructive suggestions" made by it were neither agreeable to the Chinese side nor it could provide any "forward-looking" proposals.

The Chinese PLA's Western Theatre Command, however, said India insisted on "unreasonable and unrealistic demands, adding difficulties to the negotiations.

Lakhimpur Kheri violence 'condemnable' but lopsided attention dangerous: FM

The Lakhimpur Kheri violence, in which four farmcondemnable,' Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said, emphasising that there are issues of such nature happening in other parts of India equally which should be raised "when they happen and not when it suits others" because there is a BJP Government in Uttar Pradesh.

Sitharaman, who is on an official visit to the US, was responding to a question during a conversation at Harvard Kennedy School on Tuesday about the killing of four farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri and the arrest of Ashish Mishra, son of Union Minister of State for

Home Ajay Mishra. She was asked why there is no word on this from the Prime Minister, senior Ministers and why there is a "defensive reaction" when somebody asks questions about

such things. "No, absolutely not... It's nice of you to have picked up

CAPSULE

MANMOHAN SINGH ADMITTED TO AIIMS New Delhi: Former Prime

Minister Manmohan Singh was admitted to the AIIMS here Wednesday evening after he complained of weakness following a fever, sources said



nection with the Lakhimpur violence, while a court here denied bail to Ashish Mishra,

Ankit Das and Latif, alias Kale, who appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT), were taken in custody after questioning and produced in court which sent them in judicial remand for 14 days, official sources said.

With this, the total number of people arrested in connection with the mowing down of four farmers here on October 3 has gone to six.

While the police sought their custody for interrogation, their lawyer opposed it saying no recovery is to be done from them. The court reserved its order on the application for police remand of the two, they said.

Senior prosecution officer SP Yadav told PTI that Ashish Mishra and his alleged accomplice Ashish Pandey moved bail applications on Wednesday but they were rejected by Chief Judicial Magistrate Chinta



Ashish Mishra, who was arrested on October 9 by the special investigation team after 12 hours of questioning, had been sent to three days in police custody from Tuesday.

The court also remanded Shekhar Bharti, arrested on Tuesday, in police custody for three days

Police have now arrested six people — Ashish Mishra, Luvkush, Ashish Pandey, Bharti, Ankit and Kale - in connection with the case.

The investigators had summoned Das and Kale for questioning in connection with the October 3 violence that had left eight people, including four lynched by the protesting farmers.

for terror conspiracy Of those, 5 held during searches

in Srinagar PNS NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday said it has arrested Agency nine persons, including five during the searches conducted in Srinagar, in the Jammu & Kashmir terrorism conspiracy

The five arrested accused persons are Md Haneef Chiralu (Srinagar) Hafeez (Budgam), Owais Dar (Pulwama), Mateen Bhat (Shopian), and Arif Farooq Bhat (Srinagar).

The arrests came close on the heels of searches at 16 locations in Kashmir on Tuesday. The NIA had registered the case on Sunday. During the searches, the agency seized several electronic devices, incriminating jehadi documents, and records of suspicious financial transactions.

The case relates to the conspiracy for conducting vio-



lent terrorist acts in Jammu & Kashmir and other major cities by the cadre of proscribed terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Tayyeba (LeT), Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM), and their affiliates Al Badr, The Resistance Front (TRF), People Against Fascist Forces (PAFF) and Mujahideen Ghazwat-ul Hind (MGH) among others.

The agency had on Tuesday conducted searches at 16 locations in Srinagar, Pulwama, and Shopian districts and arrested four accused persons. The arrested accused are Waseem Ahmed Sofi of Chattabal, Srinagar,

Ahmed Dar Tariq Shergarhi, Srinagar, Bilal Ahmed Mir alias Bilal Fufu of Parimpora, Srinagar, and Tariq

Ahmed Bafanda of Rajauri

Kadal in Srinagar.

The agency was pursuing a case on the intelligence input regarding hatching of conspiracy both physically and in cyberspace for undertaking violent terrorist acts in Jammu & Kashmir and other major cities of India, including New Delhi, by the cadres of proscribed terrorist organisations LeT, JeM, HM, Al Badr and similar other outfits and their affiliates such as the TRF and PAFF among others, the NIA said in a statement.

JeM commander aunned down in encounter with forces in Pulwama

PNS JAMMU

One of the top commanders of Jaish-e-Mohammad (IeM) terrorist outfit was eliminated by the joint team of the Mohalla Waggad area of Tral in South Kashmir's Pulwama dis-

trict on Wednesday. The slain terrorist has been identified as Shamus-ud-Din Sofi, alias ShamSofi. According to police records he was first arrested in 2004 and detained under PSA. He rejoined the ranks of JeM in 2019 and since

then was active in the area. He provided shelter and logistics support to the foreign

terrorists of JeM in the area. According to a police spokesman, "The joint operation was launched in the area after confirming his whereabouts by the Awantipora

police". During the search operation, the terrorist was given repeated opportunities to surrender. Instead of responding, he opened indiscriminate fire on the security forces. In the ensuing encounter he was neutralised by the security

forces.

PM unveils ₹100L cr master plan to give Gati to economy

body else.

Drime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday launched a ₹100 lakh crore national master plan — PM Gati Shakti — for multi-modal connectivity that aims to develop infrastructure to reduce logistic costs and boost the economy.

The plan targets to cut logistic costs, increase cargo handling capacity and reduce the turnaround time, Modi said, adding it would lend more power and speed to projects by connecting all concerned departments on one platform The infrastructure schemes of

various Ministries and States will be designed and executed with a common vision.

Modi said taxpayers' money in the past was "insulted" through a lethargic approach to development work,



there was no coordination on projects. Development, he said, is not possible without quality infrastructure and the Government has now resolved to to agriculture, the PM said.

with departments working in silos and develop it in a holistic manner. Gati Shakti joins different departments for the coordinated development of projects from road to railways, aviation

Humanitarian aid doesn't mean Taliban Govt's recognition: G20

Members of the G-20 meeting in a virtual summit pledged to provide aid to the people of Afghanistan in a bid to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe in the war-torn country, Tolo News reported. The summit was hosted by Italy on Tuesday. Some members of the summit cited that provision of aids didn't indicate recognition of the Taliban" Government.

Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany, said that her country is not ready to recognise the Taliban". According to her, the Taliban have not met the international measures and expectations of the world, the report said. The US said it would provide

tions to the people of Afghanistan

Addressing the summit, US

to provide one million Euro in support of humanitarian donation to donation through aid organisathe country. Canadian Prime Minister Justin

called Daesh group in Afghanistan. The European Union pledged

Trudeau said that the internation-

President Joe Biden also expressed

concerns over the presence of

armed groups such as İSIS-K or so-

particularly the rights of girls and women. The summit was not attended

al community emphasised on

preservation of the human rights,

by the Presidents of China and Russia. This comes as earlier, the UN and humanitarian organisations had warned of triggering a severe humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan.



Kejriwal promises 24-hr power supply to Punjab traders Sowjanya exhorts

Says will eradicate corrupt 'inspector raj', red-tapism, unnecessary laws

am Aadmi Party's (AAP) Anational convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday made 10 promises to the traders and businessmen for the development and upliftment of industry, trade, and commerce while appealing to them to be part of AAP Government to be formed in

Seeking the support of traders, businessmen and industrialists in 'Kejriwal's talk with traders and businessmen' in Jalandhar, AAP supremo said: "You have tried the Congress-Captain and the Badals, now give us a chance. We don't need funds from businessmen, we just need support." Kejriwal interacted with traders and businessmen for the purpose of soliciting suggestions to the problems and difficulties faced by them.

After listening to the problems and solutions of the traders and businessmen, hour uninterrupted power supply for the industry. "At present, there are long power-cuts in Punjab. Without electricity, neither industry nor trade could run smoothly. On formation of AAP government, 24-hour power supply would be provided as done by the AAP in Delhi," he said.

Kejriwal also announced to end red-tapism and 'inspector raj. "Corruption runs in the system because the intentions of the governments were bad. If there is an honest CM and Cabinet at the top, I can challenge that the entire structure below will be alright. We did this in Delhi," he said.

AAP leader said that old laws will be rectified, unnecessary laws will be scrapped, and a system will be built wherein existing industries need not waste time over government and will be able to invest their time in business.

On the problem of VAT refund, Kejriwal promised to

Kejriwal first announced 24- ensure VAT refund between 3 to 6 months and an instalment system will be made for big

Kejriwal also announced to end enhancement process on which continues unabated.

the formation of AAP govern-

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ing to an end the CLU (Change

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hassles at the areas which have

been declared as industrial

zones with an automatic intim-

tion in the form of 'monthly'

AAP chief said that extor-

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icated along with 'goonda tax'

KEJRIWALS' 10 PROMISES

- 24-hour power supply
- Eradicating red-tapism and 'inspector raj'
- Old laws to be rectified, unnecessary laws declared as industrial zones will be scrapped
- ►VAT refund to be ensured between 3-6 months; Instalment system to be introduced for big refunds
- Strengthening of infrastructure, including roads, water and sewerage

Announcing strengthen-

ing of infrastructure, Kejriwal

said that 80 percent of indus-

tries were located outside the

focal point and there were

many problems including

roads, water and sewerage;

which the AAP government

will solve by bringing a bud-

Ending enhancement process

- No CLU, or other such approvals at areas
- Eradicating goonda tax
- Joint body of businessmen-traders with Minister as its head to take decisions
- MSMEs, to generate unemployment

"Goonda tax was collected from every truck as the system had been occupied by the ministers. It is my guarantee to end this system and it will be our responsibility to let the traders work smoothly," he added.

Inviting the traders and businessmen to become partners in the future AAP govern-

businessmen-traders will be formed, which will be headed by a Minister with representatives from each business sector so that it could get geographically and sector-wise representation; and will meet every month. "Decisions will be taken during the same meeting and the government will implement them

immediately," he said. Kejriwal said that more emphasis will be given to small traders and MSMEs so that unemployment will be generated. Taking a promise from the industrialists, businessmen, and traders, Kejriwal assured that he will ensure employment to the unemployed and the AAP government will resolve all their problems.

He claimed that such development will be done so that no one will remain unemployed in Punjab. Kejriwal urged the industrialists, businessmen and traders to make the AAP win all nine seats of

for Teacher Education (NCTE).

Vice Chancellors of Kurukshetra

University and Gurugram

University will grant provisional

affiliation to these two institutes

from the session 2021-22. Director,

State Institute of Advanced Studies

in Teacher Education, Jhajjar will

take necessary action for starting

admission in the courses as per the

admission policy of SIASTE."

youths to register as voters



hief electoral officer Sowjanya interacted with students of Tulas Institute and Shivalik College as part of the youth voter festival on . Wednesday.

Oration competition, quiz and street plays were organised on the occasion. Voter registration desk and signature campaign were also staged as part of the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, Sowjanya informed the youths in detail about the voter registration and election process. She also responded to queries related to election raised by the students. She appealed to all youths of the state who are aged 18 years on or before January 1, 2022 to register as voters.

Punjab CM shoulders mortal remains of Poonch martyr

Accompanies family to lit pyre, Shares grief with bereaved family of Sepoy Gajjan Singh at his native village Pachranda

PNS ■ PACHRANDA (RUPNAGAR)

In what is being seen as a patriotic and humanitarian gesture, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP Singh on Wednesday lend their shoulders to the bier of the Poonch martyr Sepoy Gajjan Singh. They also laid the wreath and participated in the ardas (last prayers) while paying glowing tributes to the martyr, who was cremated at his native village Pachranda, Nurpur Bedi in Rupnagar district, with full military

Channi also accompanied the martyr's nephew and his father to lit the pyre of the brave heart who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty in a gunfight with the terrorists in Poonch sector (Jammu and Kashmir) on October 11 (Monday).

Sharing his heartfelt sympathies with the members of the bereaved family, the Chief Minister said that Gajjan Singh's unprecedented sacrifice would inspire his fellow soldiers to per-



form their duties with utmost dedication and commitment to preserve the country's sovereignty and integrity.

months ago, 26-yearold Sepoy Gajjan Singh was the youngest of four brothers and had joined the army nine

He got married in February and his picture in wedding attire, holding a farmer union flag, was widely circulated on social

The martyr is survived by his wife Harpreet Kaur and parents - Charan Singh and Malkeet Kaur.

MDDA seals telecom tower in Vikasnagar



The Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA) sealed a telecom tower of Airtel company at Vikasnagar in Dehradun dis-trict on Wednesday. The assistant engineer (ÅE) of the authority MK Joshi informed The Pioneer that the telecom tower located at Canal Road was sealed after the recent complaint from the nearby locals. He said that the tower

was erected without the permission of MDDA and the authority had also imposed a penalty on the said company about four months ago. Since the company failed to take cognisance of the matter despite the authority's warning and locals started complaining too, MDDA officials along with police personnel sealed the tower, stated Joshi. He added that further decision on the matter will be taken by the senior officials.

Formalities related to the construction of AllMS in Rewari completed: Haryana CM

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday said that for the expansion of health services in the state, all the formalities related to the construction of the proposed All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) project at village Majra in Rewari district have been com-

A meeting was held here under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister in the presence of the Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Rao ing the project. A delegation of farmers who have provided land for the project also attended the meeting.

While sanctioning a separate budget for the project, Khattar directed the offi-

cers of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department to start the process of disbursing payments to the farmers who have provided land for the said project at the earliest.

Ĥe also asked farmers to start the next process required for doing other works related to the project after assuring mutual consent among them.

The Chief Minister also directed the officers of Town and Country Planning and Development and Panchavats Department to complete all the necessary works and also to expedite the work on ulated time period regarding the project.

Khattar while giving a patient hearing to views shared by farmers' delegation also discussed all the aspects related to the project extensively.

Haryana Govt starts two more teachers' training institutions from current session 2021-22 is awaited from National Council

NISHU MAHAJAN ■ CHANDIGARH

Tn a bid to improve the quality of school education through innovation in teachers' training, Haryana Government has decided to start two more teachers' training institutions from the current session 2021-22 in the state.

An order in this regard has been issued by Director General Higher Education, Haryana.

The State Government has decided to start four-year integrated programmes of B.Sc B.Ed and the premises of DIET (District tion policy (NEP) 2020 which Institute of Education & Training Gurugram) and DIET Kurukshetra. These institutes will be known as the State Institute of Advanced Government has planned to suc-

Studies in Teacher Education.

The courses will be run under the existing State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education (SIASTE) at Jhajjar under the aegis of Department of Higher Education, Haryana.

Notably, the Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had announced plans to open twothree more institutes of advanced studies in teachers' education in the state and had also directed the Department concerned to work in this direction. The teachers' trainrecognises that teachers will require training in high-quality content as well as pedagogy. Haryana

cessfully implement the NEP in the state by the year 2025. An order issued by Director General Higher Education on two new teachers' training institutes stated, "Fresh approval/upgradation of existing D.EI.Ed courses in two DIETs at Gurugram and Kurukshetra

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Place: Dehradun

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DMs to provide compensation from SDRF | CM stresses on swift rehabilitation

Uttarakhand I Government has directed all the district magistrates to provide a compensation of Rs 50,000 to the family of those who have died from Covid-19. The compensation would be given from the State Disaster Relief Fund (SDRF).

The Health Minister Dhan Singh Rawat said on Wednesday that the deceased should be a native of the state. He said that the DMs have been asked to complete all the formalities and distribute the compensation. Rawat said that the compensation would be provided to the legal heir of the persons who had died from Covid-19. The family members of the deceased should apply in the office of Tehsildar or the DM concerned for the compensation and the death certificate should be given by officials of the health department. The minister said that the compensation amount would be transferred within 30 days of Covid vaccination drive slackens in U'khand

Only 2, 43,150 lakh doses of vaccines were administered in last 10 days

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The laxity shown by the health department in the last few days has put a spanner in the plans of the state government to vaccinate the entire adult population before December 31. In the last ten days (October 3 to 12 October) only 2, 43,150 Lakh doses of vaccines were administered which has increased the per day target of vaccination. The department would now have to administer 66,266 vaccines in a day to achieve the target of 100 per cent vaccination till December 31.

Releasing the 10th edition the vaccine meter, the founder of Social Development for Communities (SDC) foundation, Anoop Nautiyal said



doses) have been administered

As per the data of state

that the pace of vaccination has slowed down in the last 10 days. He informed that maximum doses of vaccine were administered during August 4 to August 13 when 9,44,518 doses were

Nautiyal said that slackentill October 13 this year. ing of pace of vaccination in recent days means that the health department a total of 80,50,684 people are needed to

for the remaining 80 days of the means that the department has year to complete the target. He a target of 1,61,01,368 vaccine said that a total of 1,08,00,085 doses (74,20,994 people-first dose; 33,79,091 people - both

Giving a comparative account Nautiyal said that on July 14, the department had a per day target of 65,192 doses which reduced to 59,470 on September 23 and now it has increased to 66,266 per day.

of disaster affected families



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The Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has said that the surveys of the villages sensitive for disaster should be regularly done and a list of the villages and families needed to be rehabilitated should be prepared without delay. He was addressing a programme organised on the occasion of International Day for Disaster Risk reduction at his residence on Wednesday. He directed the officials to ensure that proper arrangement of electricity, water and other basic facilities are provided to the rehabilitated families. He said that a list of the rehabilitated villages which are needed to be linked with roads should be prepared and handed over to the state administration. The CM directed that the arrange-

ment of funds for fulfilling basic requirements in the rehabilitated villages should be made from convergence of MNREGA and different funds under the control of district magistrate (DM). Dhami also talked with rehabilitated people belonging to eight villages and listened to their grievances. He said that the state government is committed to provide every possible help to the families affected by disaster. He added that a sum of Rs 50,000 is being given under the disaster head to those who died from Covid-19. It is pertinent to mention here that a total of eight villages and 1,447 families have so far been rehabilitated under the rehabilitation policy for disaster affected, 2011 and a sum of Rs 61.02 crore has been spent for this. Interestingly only two villages and 11 families were rehabilitated before 2017 while 1,436 families of 81 villages have been rehabilitated to safer places after the year 2017. In Chamoli district 279 families of 15 villages have been rehabilitated similarly 205 families of five villages in Uttarkashi district, 429 families of 10 villages of Tehri district, 136 families of 10 villages in Rudraprayag district, 321 families of 31 villages in Pithoragarh, 68 families of nine villages in Bageshwar, one family of one village in Nainital district and eight families of two villages in Almora have been rehabilitated so far.

In the meeting the minister for Disaster Management Dhan Singh Rawat, secretary S Murugeshan and others were present. The DMs of all the districts were linked virtually in

Covid-19: Only six new cases reported in U'khand

receipt of application.

The state health department reported only six new cases of the novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) and 10 recoveries from the disease in Uttarakhand on Wednesday. No death from the disease was reported in the state on the

The cumulative count of Covid-19 patients in the state is now at 3,43,701 while a total

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hours of Wednesday, two

pedestrians died and one got

injured in the Selaqui area of

Dehradun. The police said that

the police personnel deployed

in the Selaqui area informed that a truck going towards the city around 1:40 AM applied the brakes suddenly due to

which another truck hit it from

behind. Due to this, the first

tree that fell down on the road

and the three young men walk-

ing nearby got hit by the trucks

as per the police. The police

said that the three injured

pedestrians were three young

men who were taken to the

nearby hospital but two of

of 33,0032 patients have recovered from the disease so far. In from the remaining 10 districts the state, 7397 people have lost their lives to Covid -19 virus till date. The recovery percentage from the disease is at 96.02 per cent while the sample positivity rate on Wednesday was 0.04 per cent.

The state health department reported three new patients from Dehradun, two from Nainital and one from Pauri on Wednesday. No new

Two pedestrians die

in truck collision

SSP & DM conduct

surprise inspection in Doon

case of Covid-19 was reported on the day.

The state now has 153 active cases of Covid-19. Dehradun with 98 cases is at the top of the table of active cases while Tehri and Champawat have no active cases of the disease now.

In the ongoing vaccination drive 21,840 people were vaccinated in 761 sessions in the state held on Wednesday.

District administration starts registration of shopkeepers

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In view of ensuring food safe-ty in the Dehradun district, the district administration has started the campaign of registering shopkeepers in remote areas of the district. The food safety officer PC Joshi informed that there are about 10,000 shopkeepers across the districts which are registered with the administration. However, he added that the number of registered shops that operate in the small colonies and remote areas is almost negligible considering which, department decided to start the campaign. "Many shopkeepers do not even know that it is mandatory to register

the shops and get a license to operate them. We are coordinating with the respective business associations too to make more shopkeepers aware of the campaign.

This drive will also help in minimising the sale of adulterated food items in the district too," stated Joshi. He also informed that the department has formed teams that have been given weekly targets to conduct inspections and collect food samples to control the food adulteration during the festival season. He said that the department is taking all the steps to ensure food safety in the district and more such measures will be taken in future

Anganwadi workers rally against state Govt

The Anganwadi workers held a protest rally against the state government in Dehradun against its failure to raise the issue of their allowance in the recent cabinet ers said that the government has deceived them once again by not raising their allowance to Rs 18,000 and they will not resume their work across the state till the chief minister

The Anganwadi workers of all districts have started boycotting work after being consistently deceived by the government in the past two years. Many of us were even arrested on Tuesday in our attempt to meet the CM but we are not going to back down this

The Anganwadi workers have started arriving in Dehradun from various parts of the state to raise their voice against the government," stated Rekha Negi, the president of the Anganwadi Workers Association. She said that she why he failed to keep his own words. She stated, "He assured us to keep our demands in the cabinet but he did not do it. We have demanded the government to raise our allowances to Rs 18,000 besides paying us our pending payments. We will keep protesting until the government takes cognisance of

She added that the workers will intensify their protest statewide and boycott the state assembly elections 2021 if no decision is taken on the matter

talks to them.

Congress demands apology from Minister **Arvind Pandey**

The Minister had termed Congress as a platform of corruption

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neacting strongly to the statement of the education minister Arvind Pandey in which he had termed Congress as a platform of corruption, the state Congress party has demanded an apology from the minister. The Congress spokesperson Pratima Singh said that the BJP and its leaders have been in a state of shock ever since the cabinet minister Yashpal Arya left the BJP and joined the Congress party. She said that the shocked leaders of BJP are now giving such statements.

The Congress spokesperson said that the statement of education minister Pandey is against the ethos of the democracy and added that the BJP leaders consider only those who leave the party as

corrupt. She questioned- why the BJP leaders didn't raise questions when the defected leaders were in BJP? Asking the minister to do introspection, Singh said that the BJP talked about Zero tolerance on corruption in 2017 and promised that the office of Lokayukt would be constituted within 100 days of assuming power but the party has now forgotten all its promises. She said that the people of the state were forced to bear the agony of rampant corruption. Corruption prevails from top to the bottom in the government. Singh said that Pandey should seek apology for his utterances.

Reacting to the defection of Yashpal Arya and his son Sanjeev and the statement of former chief minister Harish Rawat in which he had termed the turncoats who conspired against his government in March 2016 as sinners the education minister Arvind Pandey said on Wednesday that the Congress is a platform of corrupt and anti Tanakpur to Bageshwar broad Rajendra Singh informed the

Various aspects of disaster mitigation and management were discussed at a workshop organised by the Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA) to mark the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction here on Wednesday.

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Speaking in the workshop on the subjet of a disaster resilient Uttarakhand, the National Disaster Management

gathering about decisions being taken for disaster management. He also stressed on the importance of community participation in framing of poli-

Various aspects of disaster mngmnt

discussed in workshop by USDMA

Noted activist Anil Prakash Joshi spoke of special steps which need to be taken in Uttarakhand considering the specific conditions here for disaster management policy framing. Information regarding disaster management should be National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) member spread among the public through educational institu-

Earlier, Management additional secretary Anand Srivastav informed the gathering about the work being done in the field by the State government and the USDMA. The USDMA also staged an exhibition on publicity material and items related to State Disaster Relief Force search and rescue on the occasion. Experts from various scientific and other institutions also shared their experiences with the participants in the



Artistes enact the scene of dialogue between lord Hanuman and Ravana as part of a Ram Leela in Nainital on

CM reiterates commitment to welfare on visiting Bageshwar

days in office, more than 320

Arriving in Bageshwar for the first time after assuming charge as the chief minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated and unveiled the foundation stones for 42 schemes costing Rs 9424.23 lakh in Bageshwar. These include 21 schemes costing Rs 5957.47 lakh which were inaugurated and 21 schemes costing Rs 3466.76 lakh for which the foundation stones were unveiled.

On this occasion the CM inaugurated six ICU beds constructed at a cost of 75.33 lakh on the second floor of the Bageshwar district hospital among other development works. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Dhami said that it is a matter of happiness for the people of Bageshwar district that their long-standing demand for train service is being fulfilled with to fill 24,000 vacant posts in the active involvement of the various departments. At the Central government for the time of me completing 103



gauge. The final location surdecisions had been taken by the vey for this rail line has been state government. The govapproved with the required ernment is consistently workbudget also being cleared for the purpose. He said, "Since ing for the welfare of the general public and its doors are always open for the common assuming charge, our governcitizens. Our priority is to ment has been consistently ensure that development taking various decisions in the interests of the public.We are schemes reach even those addressing various important aspects including facilitation of residing in the remote rural areas of the state, making them self-reliant and connecting employment for the youths. Loans are being distributed under Mukhyamantri them to the mainstream of development," said the chief Swarozgar Yojana in every disminister trict to enable self employment while the process is underway

Cabinet Ministers Dhan Singh Rawat, Yatishwaranand, Almora MP Ajay Tamta and various public representatives along with officials were also present on the occasion.

PNS DEHRADUN I^{n} order to prevent traffic jams and overcrowding in public places during the festive season in Dehradun, the senior superintendent of police (SSP) Janmejaya Khanduri has directed the officials concerned to take action against encroachments on roads and marketplaces. He also instructed them to install barriers at the entry points of Paltan Bazaar to restrict the entry of four-wheeler vehicles to control traffic during the festival

On Wednesday, the SSP and district magistrate (DM) R

season. The police officials

concerned have also been

ous locations in the city like Chandan Nagar, Chhe Number Puliya and Paltan Bazaar along with the tax superintendent of the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) Vinay Pratap Singh to inspect arrangements in during the festive season. The officials observed dur-

Rajesh Kumar inspected vari-

died. However, the drivers of injuries as informed by the

the said trucks aged 22 and 24 police. The police said that they

years only sustained minor are looking into the matter.

ing the inspection that many vendors at the wholesale market of fruits and vegetables in Chhe Number Puliya had spread several items on the stretch of the nearby road which was causing traffic congestion in the area.

directed to conduct regular The officials ordered the inspections in marketplaces removal of the items lying on the road and warned the shopkeepers of cancelling the

license if they repeat the offence again. The authorities also removed the encroachment on the roads of Paltan Bazaar and warned the shopkeepers and vendors of action against them in future. During the inspection, the officials found many people including shopkeepers not wearing masks. Many people had also parked their vehicles outside the shops which also caused traffic jams. Considering this, Khanduri directed the officials to run a regular campaign in marketplaces to ensure the implementation of Covid guidelines and take action gainst those violating the rules. He also asked them to take action against those as per the law who fail to park vehicles properly in marketplaces.

Centre to roll out world's | Govt cuts custom duty on edible first DNA Covid vax soon oils to check prices during fests



programme.

was scheduled to be rolled out in the first week of October. On Even as Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for 2-18-year-old being asked about the delay in the vaccine roll out, NITI Ayog children awaits DCGI nod, Member (Health) Dr V.K. Paul the Centre is all set to roll out said last week that Zydus Cadila the world's first DNA vaccine vaccine was not administered ZyCov-D against Covid this using conventional syringes or month. The Government aims needles, but through an applicator, which will be used for the to procure a total of 60 lakh vaccines in October for this. first time in the country.

Paul said, "We are working They said that the on the trainers. The training Government will procure over programmes are being conducted on the use of applicators. We are also sorting out the logistics issues 28 crore vaccines in October. It includes 22 crore Covishield vaccine shots, six crore Covaxin and 60 lakh DNA vaccines. The of the vaccine and soon it will be a part of Covid-19 vaccina-Government is still negotiating the prices of Zydus Cadila vaccine that is being planned to be inducted in the vaccination tion drive."

On Tuesday, the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on The ZyCov-D vaccine was Covid-19 had granted emerapproved by India's regulatory gency use approval to Bharat authority in August 2020. The Biotech's Covaxin for children in the 2-18 years age group. Hyderabad-based Bharat three-dose DNA built vaccine has 66.6 per cent efficacy

Biotech had completed Phaseagainst Covid. Instead of a needle, it uses an applicator to 2 and Phase-3 trials of Covaxin inject the skin with lab-proon children below 18 years of age in September and submitPNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a move to control soaring prices of edible oils and increase availability during the festive season, the Government on Wednesday scrapped basic customs duty and slashed agri cess on crude varieties of palm, soyabean and sunflower oil till March 2022. The high prices of edible oil in the international market have a substantial impact on the domestic edible oil prices. The Government has already imposed stock limits on edible oils and oilseeds for a period upto 31st March,

According to a notification, the duty cuts will be effective from October 14 and will remain in force till March 31, 2022. The notification was issued by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) .The base import tax on crude palm oil has been slashed to 2.5% from 10%, while the tax on crude soyoil and crude sunflower oil has been reduced to 2.5% from 7.5%. The base import tax on refined grades of palm oil, soyoil and sunflower oil cut to 32.5% from 37.5%.

After the cuts, crude palm oil, soyoil and sunflower oil imports will be subject to a 24.75% tax in total, including a 2.5% base import duty and other taxes, while refined grades of palm oil, soyoil and sunflower oil would carry a 35.75% tax in total.

The move comes at a time when edible oil prices are hovering at record levels. According to the latest data available with the ministry,



the all-India daily average retail price of mustard oil reached ₹184.15 per kg , with at least 22 centres, including Mumbai and Lucknow, reporting ₹200 and above. Mustard oil is the costliest of the six edible oils for which the ministry monitors retail and wholesale price data. Retail prices of the other edible oils are ₹182.61 per kg for groundnut oil, ₹136.59/kg (vanaspati), ₹155/kg (soya), ₹ 169.53/kg (sunflower) and ₹132.91/kg (palm).

The country imports palm oil mainly from top producers Indonesia and Malaysia, while other oils, such as soy and sunflower, come from Árgentina, Brazil, Ukraine and Russia.

The Government has slashed import duties on edible oils because of high retail prices in the domestic market and the fesprices tive season," Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) Executive Director B V Mehta

As per the SEA, India's imports of edible oils rose 63 per cent to 16.98 lakh tonnes during September, a monthly record, due to all-time high shipments of palm oil. The total import of vegetable oils, comprising both edible and non-edible oils, increased 66 per cent during September to 7,62,338 tonnes compared to 10,61,944 tonnes in September 2020. "Import of edible oils during September 2021 has set a new record shipment of 16.98 lakh tonnes in a single month. Earlier in October 2015, India had imported 16.51 lakh tonnes. "Palm oil import in

September 2021 at 12.62 lakh tonnes is the highest in any single month since India started importing palm oil in 1996," it said. Non-edible oils imports went up to 63,608 tonnes in September from 17,702 tonnes in the same month last year.

During November 2020

September 2021 (11 months), the imports of vegetable oils increased two per cent to 1,24,70,784 tonnes compared to 1,22,57,837 tonnes in the corresponding period of the previous year. Out of the total vegetable oil imports, edible oil imports rose to 1,20,85,247 tonnes from 1,19,50,501 tonnes. Nonedible oils rose to 3,85,537 tonnes from 3,07,333 tonnes.

Tomato prices soar to ₹72/kg in metros due to unseasonal rain

omato prices in retail mar-L kets of metro cities have shot up to ₹72 per kilogram on tight supply due to unseasonal rains in key producing states like Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Among the metros, the maximum increase in the retail price of tomato was seen in Kolkata where the key kitchen vegetable was ruling as high as ₹72 per kg on October 12 when compared to ₹38 per kg during the month-ago period. Interestingly, India, the world's second largest tomato producer after China, produces around 19.75 million tonnes from an area of 7.89 lakh hectares with an average yield of 25.05 tonnes per hectare. Similarly, onion prices have also been hiked and now, it is around ₹50 per kg which used to be sold earlier at

around ₹35-40 per kg.
In Delhi and Chennai, retail prices of tomato increased to ₹57 per kg from ₹30 per kg and ₹20 per kg, respectively, compared to the month-ago period, according to data compiled by the Consumer Affairs Ministry.

In Mumbai, tomato prices in retail markets rose to ₹53 per kg from ₹15 per kg in the said period, the data showed. The retail prices of tomato vary depending on quality and locality where the commodity was sold.

"Unseasonal rains in producing states like Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have damaged the crop due to which the supply to consuming markets like Delhi has



Tomato crop will be ready for harvest in around 2-3 months after planting and harvesting is done as per the requirement of the market

been affected. This has led to a rise in prices, both in wholesale and retail markets,' Azadpur Tomato Association President Ashok Kaushik said on Wednesday. Azadpur Mandi in the national capital is the Asia's largest wholesale market for fruits and vegeta-Even the crop in hilly

regions like Shimla has been affected due to the unseasonal rains, he said, adding that 60 per cent of the tomato crop has been damaged in producing states that received the unseasonal rains. As a result, tomato prices

in a month have almost doubled to ₹40-60 per kg at Azadpur Mandi as daily arrival of the commodity has halved to 250-300 tonne.

At present, harvesting is underway in key growing states of Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka

Tomato crop will be ready for harvest in around 2-3 months after planting and harvesting is done as per the

Cong leaders meet Prez, seek Min sacking over Lakhimpur violence

ted the trial data to the Drugs

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Adelegation of Congress Aleaders, including former party president Rahul Gandhi and general secretary Priyanka Gandhi, on Wednesday met President Ram Nath Kovind demanding the immediate dismissal of Minister of State for Home Ajay Kumar Mishra over the Lakhimpur Kheri vio-

pened on the following date

BOARD

No. DIPK-10581/21 Dated: 13.10.202

Name of Item/s

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The Zydus Cadila vaccine

lence, and an impartial judicial probe by two sitting judges of the Supreme Court. The delegation of senior Congress leaders also presented a memorandum of facts about the Lakhimpur Kheri incident to the President. The party is all set discuss the crisis and several other issues concerning the nation at its apex decision

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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Short Term Tenders affixed with Rs 5/- revenue stamps are invited for and on beha

of the Governor of U.T of Jammu & Kashmir, from the original Manufactures/Firms registered

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(3.00 p.m.) against the Non-refundable cash amount of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five Hundred

only) for which necessary G.R be collected from the office of the Medical Superintenden

ASYM District Hospital Budgam as cost of tender, which should be enclosed while

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The tender on the prescribed format shall be submitted for each item/s in a single (big size

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lospital Budgam. Email address: medsupdhb@gmail.com & should reach this office by

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eceived after due date shall not be entertained. The tender(s) will be opened as per the

dates given below against each item in presence of intending supplier/any othe authorized representative who may be present. The undersigned reserves the right to accept

The intending tenderer shall have to deposit an amount Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand

Only) for general bidders and Rs. 5,000/= (Rupees five Thousand only) in case of SSI Uni

holders for aforesaid group as token of **refundable** earnest money in the shape of CDR / FDF from any Nationalized / Scheduled Bank preferably Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. pledged to the Medical Superintendent ASYM District Hospital Budgam Officer Srinagar. The tender without earnest money deposit shall out rightly be rejected. In the event of any o

mentioned dates above being declared as holidays/closed day, the Short Term Tenders will be sold /received/opened on the next working day at the scheduled time. The tenders for Drugs/Medicines/Disposables/Lab shall be submitted separately and will be

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or reject any tender or any part of the tender without assigning any reason/s thereof

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Working Committee on Saturday.

Experts say that

Covid-19

vaccination for

children is more

necessary than

ever as schools

have reopened in

many states.

There has also

been a gradual

rise in paediatric

cases across the

country, they said

and Comptroller General of

India (DCGI) at the start of this

month. The company is now

waiting for a final go ahead

vaccination for children is

more necessary than ever as

schools have reopened in many

states. There has also been a

gradual rise in paediatric cases

Experts say that Covid-19

from the DCGI.

Later talking to the media, Rahul said that he conveyed to the President that the MoS Home should resign to ensure an impartial probe in the Lakhimpur violence as his son Ashish is an accused in the matter. Ashish Mishra, who has been named in the FIR and is making body Congress accused of mowing down

Lakhimpur GOVERNMENT OF UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR arrested on Saturday by the Uttar Pradesh Police. Four farmers were among eight people killed in the violence in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3.

farmers in

Rahul demanded that to ensure justice, two sitting Supreme Court judges should probe the incident and those who have committed the murders should be punished

'There cannot

be an impartial inquiry and jus-MoS Home Affairs with the tice cannot be given till the time the MoS Home is sacked.

This is the voice of not just the families of those killed but of all the farmers and this voice is being suppressed," he said. also included A K Antony,

Ghulam Nabi Azad and Mallikarjun Kharge. Asked whether they have received any assurances from the president, Priyanka Gandhi claimed, "he (President) has assured us that he will talk to the

government in this regard today The Congress memorandum said the situation is unlikely to change without any intervention given that BJP leaders, including UP CM Yogi Adityanath, continue to make conciliatory statements towards

Ajay Mishra. "Ajay Mishra's role is also yet to be investigated and the same is unlikely while he continues in office. Furthermore, which police official would dare to fairly investigate the son of Union

father occupying a position of such high influence and who enjoys continued endorsements from both the Central and the State governments. In these difficult circumstances, we call our Constitution and the moral compass to this Government to immediately dismiss Union MoS Home Affairs and to direct an independent judicial investigation by a Commission comprising of two sitting judges of the Supreme Court of India or the high court," the Congress memorandum said.

The party hoped that the President will treat this matter with the urgency it deserves and take appropriate action. "The incident has scarred the soul of India. This deliberate act of murder, in broad daylight followed by the audacious reactions of the State and Central governments, has completely eroded the people's faith in those tasked with bringing these perpetrators to justice," the

90K staffers of ex-Ghani **Govt starving in Af**

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Over 90,000 employees of the erstwhile Abdul Ghani Government in Afghanistan are starving as they have not been paid their salaries for the last three months post-Taliban takeover of Kabul in August.

Even the assistance received by Taliban from foreign donors is being unfairly distributed to the outfit's cadres and the Government employees are left with no resource to The public distribution sys-

tem under the control of Taliban has undertaken rationing amid shortage of essentials like food but the same is being unevenly and arbitrarily distributed the group's cadres in a discriminatory manner, they said. Besides the food crisis, that

country is also staring at water shortage amid a sharp depreciation in value of currency leading to a spiral in food prices which is further leading to the woes of the public there.

While the situation is at the brink of collapse, the terror groups like the Al Qaeda and ISIS are eyeing at milking the donations from foreign donors through shell Non-Governmental Organisations.



the past registered shell NGOs and recruited their cadres to man these social welfare organisations and deputed them to other countries. The terror cadres spotted and recruited people in other countries in lieu of humanitarian relief.

Afghanistan Republican Salvation Front (ARSF) and counter-terrorism analyst of Afghan origin Dr Ajmal Sohail said, "There is a need to do due diligence while apportioning relief materials to the NGOs and assistance should only be given to relief organisations only after background checks."

In the face of the food crisis in Afghanistan, relief materials distribution is expected to attract large footfalls at the offices of the NGOs, a situation which could be exploited by the wrangling terror groups to execute blasts. Such places also need to be monitored, Dr Sohail further said.

India-based counter-terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said, "To add to the woes of the Afghan population staring at

Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and its terror cohorts like the Haqqani Network, Lashkar-e-Tayabba and Jaish-e-**Mohammad could** exploit the crisis situation to further expand the terror base

food crisis, the Taliban's inability to control the ground level cadres is leading to the elimination of doctors and engineers who considered moderate as per the Sharia laws in vogue there. The killing of the doctors, medical engineers and technicians could lead to a healthcare crisis as well for a starving population susceptible to diseases."

Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and its terror cohorts like the Haqqani Network, Lashkar-e-Tayabba and Jaish-e-Mohammad could exploit the crisis situation to further expand the terror base with recruitment of the starying population, including the erstwhile government employees, Dr Mate added.

SC: Some act or omission should be attributed to a person in road accident

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against whom contributory negligence is alleged, the Supreme Court has said. A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta

and V Ramasubramanian made the observation on an appeal filed by a woman and her minor children against the findings of the Karnataka High Court that her deceased husband, who was driving the car which dashed into a lorry, was also guilty of contributory negligence.

The high court had said the woman and her minor children are entitled only to 50 per cent of the amount of compensation as determined.

The apex court held however that the mere failure to avoid the collision by taking some extraordinary precaution does

not in itself constitute negligence. To establish contributory negligence, some act or omission, which materially contributed to the accident or the damage, should be attributed to the person against whom it is alleged," the bench said while reversing the nigh court"s finding.

₹3.25 cr khadi products sold on Gandhi Jayanti in Gujarat

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

This Gandhi Jayanti saw a massive sale of Khadi products in Gujarat, the land of the Mahatma. On 2nd October this year, the overall sale of Khadi products stood at ₹3,25,5000 (₹ 3.25 crore) across all 311 Khadi India outlets in Gujarat.

The sale of Khadi in Gujarat this year has increased by ₹33.12 lakh (11.32%) as compared to the year 2020, when the gross sale of Khadi in the state on 2nd October stood at Rs 2,92,38,000 (₹2.92 crore).

In order to give a special boost to Khadi sales, KVIC set up exhibition- cum-sales outlets at Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and Rajkot railway stations as part of the "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" in which Khadi's sale worth ₹ 5.14 lakh was recorded.



Chief Minister of Gujarat Bhupendra Patel and several other ministers also visited Khadi India outlets to purchase

Khadi products.

KVIC Chairman VK Saxena attributed the massive Khadi sales to the frequent appeals of the Prime Minister to buy and promote Khadi and also the acceptance of Khadi among the masses in Gujarat. "Gujarat is the land where Bapu first spun Khadi.

Therefore, Khadi has always found great support from the people of Gujarat.

The eco-friendly and natural benefits of Khadi have made it the most acceptable brand in not only Gujarat but also the other parts of India. KVIC is constantly adding new products to cater to the larger consumer base while maintaining the highest quality standards despite challenges,"

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MID-SEA DRUG BUST CASE

Aryan Khan played role in procurement: NCB

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Wednesday alleged that Aryan Khan, the accused in the midsea drug bust case, had a role to play in the illicit procurement and distribution of drugs and that he was in touch with some persons linked to an international drug network, even as a Special Court adjourned the hearing on bail pleas of Aryan and others for Thursday after partly hearing the arguments.

On a day when the arguments on the bail pleas of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's eldest son Aryan and other accused in the case remained inconclusive, the NCP upped the ante by making a sensational allegation: "There is material on record to show that Khan was in touch with some persons abroad who appear to be a part of an international drug network for illicit procurement of drugs. The investigation is still in progress".

During the inclusive arguments, Aryan's senior lawyer Amit Desai, Advocate Taraq Sayed, who appeared for Arbaaz Merchantt, lawyer Ali Kashif Khan Deshmukh, who represented Munmun Dhamecha and Advocate Raman, who appeared for

ments, pressing for bail for their clients. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Anil Singh, appearing for NCB, opposed the bail pleas.

The Special court is hearing the bail pleas of Aryan and four others ---Arbaaz Merchant, Mohak Jaswal, Nupur Satija, and Munmun Dhamecha. Special judge under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) VV Patil adjourned the hearing on the bail applianting for 11 arrange. Thursday cations for 11 am on Thursday.

Twenty-three-year-old Aryan and four others --- Arbaaz, Mohak, Nupur and Dhamecha - were among the eight persons arrested by the NCB on October 3, a night after the NCB officials busted a rave party and seized 13 grams of cocaine, 5 grams of MD (Mephedrone), 21 grams of Charas, 22 pills of MDMA (Ecstasy) and Rs 1.33 lakh in cash from Goa-bound cruise ship off the Mumbai coast here.

The total number of arrests in the sensational drug bust case has gone up to 20, with the arrest of a foreign national Okara Quazma and a local person Shivraj Harihan.

Earlier, in its affidavit filed before the court, the bail applications made before Special Judge, the NCB stated:



that the material collected during investigation had primarily revealed that "Khan has played a role in so far as illicit procurement and distribution of contraband is concerned".

Rebutting the contention of Aryan's lawyers that since the offences arraigned against Khan are Sections 8(c), 20(b), 27, 28, 29, 35 of the NDPS Act and that since no Narcotic drugs or psychotropic substance has been recovered from him, the bar against grant of bail under Section 37 of the NDPS Act would not apply, the NCB told the court: "The role of one of the accused cannot be dissected from another. Even if there is no recovery of small substances, the accused are involved in conspiracy".

The NCB also told the court: "Aryan (Khan) and Arbaaz (Merchantt) have been associated in close collaboration with each other which is sufficient to attract offences under Section 29 NDPS act. It is so far apparent that Aachit and Harijan (two

other arrested accused) supplied charas to Khan and Merchantt"

"All ingredients of crime that are preparation, intention, attempt and commission are present for this applicant. The allegation of false implication is untrue and misleading as there is sufficient material in the form of WhatsApp chats, pictures, etc," the NCB affidavit stated.

"A bare perusal of the panchnama clearly reveals that Khan and Merchant were apprehended at the international cruise green gate Mumbai. So the investigation becomes imperative as to how the accused were to enter the cruise without a Classic MV Empress card," the NCB told the court.

Making a strong case for his client, Aryan's lawyer Amit Desai read out from the panchnama and said: (Arbaaz) Merchant admitted that he is consuming charas with (Aryan) Khan. On asking (Aryan) Khan, he also said he consumes charas. The substance was sealed. Then, a combined search was carried out. They found 6 gms of charas from Merchant. The first fact which is relevant is on their own panchnama, there is no recovery of possession. There is no debate on this, it is admitted and undisputed".

Desai went onto tell the court that

the NCB had seized a small quantity from Merchant. "The starting point of information is use, sale and consumption, but there is recovery from three persons so far but no recovery from me (Aryan)".

At one stage of arguments, Desai said: ".... there is an active drug chain, the prosecution) says. We see illicit trafficking in this reply throughout. They dump it all on (Arvan) Khan. And I am sure they know that it is a serious offence. In the NDPS Act, illicit trafficking is a term of law. It is not a casual term.

"The NCB, which knows the NDPS Act inside out, should know what is illicit trafficking. This boy has been charged with illicit trafficking. In SC terms, it is inherently absurd," Desai argued.

"There is no recovery against him, and they are saying there is recovery from Dhamecha and Gomit etc. Nothing from this boy, he was not even on the cruise and they say illicit trafficking!.... They are talking about cultivation, sale, purchase, there is nothing against him! And this is a responsible agency... They are saying illicit trafficking and the only provision which deals with that is Section 27A," Desai told the court.

Maha Cabinet supports reservation in promotions in Govt jobs

Mumbai: The Maharashtra Cabinet on Wednesday decided to support reservation in promotions in government jobs after taking into account a report that has established under representation of SCs, STs and other reserved categories in higher posts.
An official statement said

the cabinet, at its meeting here, decided to support the policy of reservation in promotions for state employees from reserved categories and will put forth the government's stand accordingly before the Supreme Court, where the matter is pending.

An additional affidavit will be submitted by the state government in the Supreme Court which will underscore the state's stand on the reservation in promotions issue, said an

The Cabinet discussed a report prepared by chief secretary Sitaram Kunte on the current representation of SCs,

STs and backward communities in higher posts in public

The report has stated that there is not enough representation of these communities in senior positions in the State cadre and thus the Maharashtra government has decided to support the demand of reservation in promotions, the official said.

The report and its findings will be mentioned in the affidavit that is proposed to be submitted in the apex court, he said. In early May, the General Administration Department issued an interim order removing reservation in promotions for public servants belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Vimukta Jati and Nomadic Tribes and Special Backward Classes cat-

However, following strong protests, the state government later issued a circular staying

Karunakaran's daughter Padmaja alleges betrayal by Cong leader

KOCH: Padmaja Venugopal, daughter of former Chief Minister late K Karunakaran has lambasted T N Prathapan MP for 'backstabbing' her during the 2021 Assembly election from Thrissur.

In a complaint to the Congress High Command, Padmaja, who lost narrowly to P Balachandran of the CPI by a thin margin of 946 votes, has alleged that a group led by Prathapan worked to ensure her defeat in the election as part of rampant groupism in the

party.
"Though I had lost the 2016
from Assembly election from Thrissur, I stayed put in the constituency and worked for the Congress. It was because of the track record the party decided to field me from Thrissur. Many Left supporters had voted for me despite the efforts by a group led by Prathapan who represents Thrissur in the Lok Sabha," Padmaja had said in the com-

Interestingly, the Congress, which has strong presence in Thrissur district lost in 12 out of the 13 Assembly constituencies in the district. Padmaja has named six persons, all local leaders, who plotted against her. "I was denied permission to board the vehicle in which Priyanka Gandhi was holding a road show in my constituency, said Padmaja. All those named by her in the complaint were one-time acolytes of her late father Karunakaran.

Kerala: Covid

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brand new car. The Court had on Monday found the accused guilty of offences under Section 302, 307,328 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). This is the very first case in the entire country where a man has been found guilty of murder using a

Although two similar cases have been reported in the past, both the cases resulted in the acquittal of the accused as their

guilt could not be established. However, in the instant case, the Police had successfully cracked the case using a dummy reptile and recreating the entire crime Manimeghala, mother of Uthara, told reporters that she was unhappy with the verdict as the accused deserved nothing movement. less than capital punishment.

"Let us wait for the full copy of to all thoroughfares across the the verdict. We will definitely State as shopping has piked up press for death penalty because everywhere.

we have to make the lives of our daughters safe and secured," Kerala has been witnessing an unprecedented increase in the number of dowry related deaths over the last few years

President Kovind to celebrate Dussehra with jawans in Drass

New Delhi: Breaking away from the tradition, President Ram Nath Kovind will celebrate Dussehra this year with jawans in Ladakh's Drass area.

Traditionally, the president has been participating in Dussehra celebrations in the national cap-

According to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communiqué issued on Wednesday, the president will visit Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir on October 14 and 15. On Thursday, the president will perform Sindhu Darshan puja at Sindhu Ghat, Leh, the com-

He will also interact with troops at Udhampur (J-K) in the evening.
On October 15, Kovind will pay tributes at the

Kargil War Memorial in Drass and interact with officers and jawans. Dussehra will be celebrated on

SC raps UP Bar Council for no action against lawyers submitting fake insurance claims callousness and insensitiveness on the

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has rapped the Bar Council of Uttar Pradesh for not taking action against advocates who allegedly submitted fake claims under Motor Accident Claims Tribunal and Workmen Compensation Act causing loss in crores of rupees to the insurance companies. It is very unfortunate that in such a serious matter, where the allegations are of filing of fake claim petitions involving advocates, the Bar Council of UP is not giving instructions to them for making submissions, the apex court said.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and A S Bopanna said it shows the

part of the UP Bar Council and asked Chairman of Bar Council and senior advocate Manan Kumar Mishra to into

same. "As such it is the duty of the Bar Council of the State to take action against the advocates who are found to have been indulged in such unethical manner by filing the fake claims under the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal and Workmen Compensation Act. "As observed herein above, it

appears that Bar Council of State is not interested in taking action and, therefore, now the Bar Council of India has to step in and take appropriate action against the erring advocates, who are found to have indulged into filing of such fake claims," the bench said.

The top court also directed a Special Investigation Team (SIT), constituted in compliance of the order dated October 7, 2015 passed by the Allahabad High Court, to submit report with regard to the probe in a sealed cover before it on or before November 15.

The apex court took note of a supplementary affidavit filed on behalf of UP Government stating that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted in compliance of the order dated October 7, 2015 passed by the Allahabad High Court.

Double life term for Sooraj in Uthara case ed to bump her off so that he

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Sooraj, who got his wife Uthara killed by inducing a homicidal snakebite was sentenced by a Kollam Court to double imprisonment and fine of $\overline{\mathsf{f}}$ five lakh . He was also slapped with two more imprisonment terms, 10 years and seven years respectively in two other cases of causing hurt by evidence. The sentences will run consecutively which means that Sooraj would have to remain in prison for the rest of

Additional Sessions Court Judge M Manoj pronounced on Wednesday that he agreed with the contention of the prosecution that it was a rarest of the rare case and the maximum punishment is being awarded to the accused. Public prosecutor G Mohanraj told the media after the sentencing that it was Sooraj's age that saved the accused from the gallows.

The judge concurred with the prosecution's argument that it was the first time in the State wherein a living animal was used to murder a person. Sooraj had married Uthara,

a physically challenged girl after taking hefty dowry and decid-

cases keep on increasing could walk way with the prop-erties worth crores, gold and

rerala Government's claims Kthat the Covid-19 cases in Kerala are coming down suffered a setback on Wednesday as 11, 079 new cases were diagnosed out of 89,995 samples tested during the last 24

The day also saw 123 pandemic which took he death toll to 26, 571 till

Government doctors in Ernakulam said the hike in the number of patients is a matter of concern as the State is in a celebration mood with Navrathri and Vijaya Dashami festivities adding to the fervour. Temples are reporting reasonably good crowds and this has upset the rhythm of peoples

Traffic snarls have returned

Test Positivity Rate also shot up to 12.31 per cent. Needless to say, parents and teachers are worried about the increase in the number of persons tested positive with Covid-



Buddhist monks from Thailand offer prayers on the memorial day of Thailand's late king Bhumibol Adulyadej at Mahabodhi temple, in Bodh Gava on Wednesday

Seven UP districts among 10 best performing aspirational ones Lucknow: In what comes as a shot in the arm Shravasti, Fatehpur, Chitrakoo

to the Yogi Adityanath government, as many as seven districts of Uttar Pradesh made their way into the top 10 best-performing aspirational districts in the 'Delta Ranking' released by government think tank NITI Aayog for August,

A government spokesman said in Lucknow on Wednesday that as many as 112 districts across the country had been included in NITI Aayog's 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts' programme assessed on incremental progress made across 49 key performance indicators (KPIs) under five broad socio-economic themes -- Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development and

Siddharthnagar, Bahraich, Sonbhadra,

Shravasti, Fatehpur, Chitrakoot and Chandauli districts of Uttar Pradesh have been placed among the top-10 districts. The ranking was released by NITI Aayog through its real-time monitoring dashboard http://champi-

onsofchange.gov.in.

The Delta ranking signifies the efforts undertaken by the state government and respective district magistrates to develop and improve under-developed districts.

Working on the set standards of NITI Aayog, Fatehpur achieved second place in development in the entire country, followed by Siddharthnagar third place, Sonbhadra fourth, Chitrakoot fifth, Bahraich seventh, Shravasti eighth and Chandauli ninth.

Among the eight aspirational districts of UP, Chitrakoot and Bahraich have excelled on the standards of NITI Aayog.

Yogi: UP an emerging economy, has best investment opportunities

Gorakhpur (UP): Uttar Pradesh is changing and it is an emerging economy in the country, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday.

the country, UP is number one," he said, and added that the state has the best investment opportunities.

"We all have to work jointly to establish it among the leading economies in the country," Adityanath said after inaugurating the Mahant Avaidyanath Mahavidyalaya in Jungle Kaudia block here.

Uttar Pradesh is changing and it is an emerging economy in the country," the chief minister added.

Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma and Minister of State Neelima Katiyar, along with MPs and MLAs of the area, were present on the occa-

The Chief Minister unveiled a 12-foot bronze statue of Mahant Avaidyanath and also inaugurated the monogram of the college. The environment of secu-

rity in the state "is the best in the country", Adityanath said. "Over the last four years,

30,000 female police personnel are guaranteeing the safety of women and girls in the state," he said. The Chief Minister

claimed that the state has successfully prevented the spread "Earlier during festivals,

the coronavirus spread was at its peak but we successfully prevented its spread," he said. Attacking the opposition Chief Minister said, "During the previous Governments, roads were not wide, power supply was erratic, poor were not getting rations and the guarantee of security to women was not

there. "When work is done with good intention, the result is also good. Earlier, farmers' produce was not purchased but now, farmers are getting the price of their produce at several purchase centres, and the government is sending the payment directly into their

accounts," he added. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Gorakhpur is becoming a hub of education and health services, Adityanath said.

Within a month, the AIIMS will be inaugurated by PM Modi, and in Gorakhpur, Ayush University is being established," he added. *PTI*

DMK MP held in connection with unnatural death of employee

she said.

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■

The ruling DMK in Tamil Nadu despite scoring an impressive win in the local body election held last week is facing an embarrassing situation because of police cases against two Lok Sabha members of the

party.
TRVS Ramesh, representing Cuddalore constituency in the Lok Sabha who is also a leading industrialist, surrendered before the Judicial Magistrate Court in Panruti on Monday in connection with a suspected murder case. Ramesh was on the run from the Police but surrendered as per the diktat of the DMK supremo, Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin, the chief minister.

The MP was sent to judicial custody for two days and he is likely to be questioned by the CB-CID of Tamil Nadu Police.



Ramesh has been listed as the prime accused in the unnatural death of K Govindarasu (60), a supervisor working in the cashew nut factory owned by the former

The Police have already arrested five persons in connection with the case. Ramesh alleged that certain political parties were indulging in politics of vendetta and that was why he decided to give in to the Court. "As a sincere functionary

of the DMK and having great regard for my leader, I am surrendering before the court. I will legally prove with evidence that the complaint against me is baseless," Ramesh said in the statement. A Ashvathaman, a

Chennai based lawyer, who is one of the spokespersons of the BJP, who has been pursuing the case told The Pioneer that the death of Govindarasu was a

11 more die of Covid in WB Kolkata: The Covid-19 toll on

Wednesday rose to 18,935 after 11 more people succumbed to the disease, while 771 fresh cases pushed the tally to 15,78,482, a bulletin released by the state health department North 24 Parganas

accounted for four deaths, followed by three in Kolkata. Of the 771 new cases, 203

were recorded in Kolkata and 128 in North 24 Parganas. At least 775 more patients

recuperated from the infection, thus taking the total number of people who recovered from the disease to 15,51,890. West Bengal currently has

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7,657 active cases.



itivity rate stands at 2.74 per People get themselves registered in order to get a dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at a free vaccination camp at Kajupada, in Mumbai on Wednesday

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Bailed out

After its decision to ban Chhath puja, the Delhi Govt writes to the Centre seeking guidelines

olitics, as expected, mars the festival season, more so in Delhi. The ruling Aam Aadmi Party and the Bharatiya Janata Party are locked in a fistfight over people's participation in the Chhath Puja, scheduled for November 10. Both have deliberately dragged the "uttaranchalis" -- people of Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh -- into the imbroglio. In 2020, when the country was under the deathly spell of the COVID-19 pandemic, politics took a back seat as the Union and State Governments banned the public celebration of all festivals. Neither the AAP nor the BJP or any of the fringe religious outfits thought of politicising the festivals. This time around, the pandemic situation has improved, and politics has reared its head once again. It began with the Delhi Pollution Control Committee on September 29 ordering a complete ban on the sale and bursting of firecrackers till January 1, 2022.



Rajasthan and Haryana followed suit though Uttar Pradesh is still silent on the issue this year. As the fireworks issue is directly linked to pollution, parties saw little scope for deriving political mileage. The Supreme Court, too, said it could not endanger people's right to life by allowing the use of crackers containing chemicals.

The Delhi Government followed up the cracker ban with an order that the Chhath Puja will not be allowed in public places, public grounds, riverbanks, and temples. The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) cited the pandemic and advised

the people to celebrate it at home. Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal chaired the DDMA meeting in which, apart from Delhi ministers, AIIMS Delhi, senior officers of NITI Aayog, ICMR, and the NDMA were present. Strangely, the same DDMA lifted restrictions on large gatherings for Ramleela and Durga Puja, though with safety protocols in place. Crowds were allowed at these events if they adhered to social distancing and other COVID appropriate norms. The BJP, which was agreeable to the Delhi Government permitting crowds at Ramleela; however, protested the ban on Chhath Puja. It raised the bogey of "uttaranchali" people of Delhi and lodged several protests. As politics heated up in the national Capital, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, wrote to the Centre asking it to issue Chhath guidelines. Perhaps aware of the political implications of angering the sizeable population of "uttaranchalis" in Delhi, Sisodia recalled that Chhath is a historic festival and sought Central guidelines in order to facilitate these people to celebrate it. Did he forget, conveniently, that his Government had banned the celebrations and that the meeting was attended by the Lt Governor and Central COVID task force members? Or was he obliquely shifting the responsibility to the Centre? In any case, the safety guidelines during festivals have long proved ineffective because they are illogical. There is no way of a crowd maintaining social distancing, for instance.



Devotees at the Sri Govindaraja Swamy temple, in Tirupati

Blood and gore

Kashmiris wake up to ferocity again after two years of silence in the Kashmir Valley

utumn, the golden season of Kashmir that paints the Valley in the shades of chinar's fallen leaves, is turning 'red' this season. The rustling of fallen chinar leaves has been overshadowed by the 'bloodletting' in different parts of Srinagar. Palpable tension is in the air. The targeted killings of members belonging to minority commu-



nities a few days ago, has once again triggered a fresh wave of insecurity among the larger population of Kashmiri migrants and non-locals staying in different parts of the Valley to earn their livelihood. A large number of them have immediately shifted their families to safer locations in Jammu and are waiting for the situation to return to normalcy before rejoining their duties. After the abrogation of Article 370, the overall security scenario in Kashmir Valley seemed to be improving. The Union Territory administration was focusing on hard selling 'Kashmir' as the favorite tourist destination. However, the recent targeted killings in the Valley have raised questions over the safety and security of locals as well as tourists.

It has also triggered outrage from the Opposition leaders who blamed the Centre admin-

istration for not being able to curb such attacks.

The year started with the killing of a famous Punjabi jeweller in the heart of Srinagar. It was followed up with the killing of the son of a Dhaba owner in a high security zone. The trend continued and in response, top commanders of different terrorist outfits were neutralised. Adopting a shift in their strategy, the Pakistan-based terrorist groups are employing 'hybrid terrorists' to disrupt the stability and prosperity in Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the forthcoming Assembly polls. Majority of these hybrid terrorists are not on the radar of the security forces, making their job more difficult to track down their footprints. With the recent killings of Makhan Lal Bindroo, a street vendor from Bihar's Bhagalpur, school teacher Deepak Chand and principal Supinder Kaur in the Valley, the terrorist handlers have attempted to create a communal divide aimed at triggering a fresh round of exodus. We have to fight these beasts. Whether this violence is a statement by the much dreaded Taliban remains to be seen. Meanwhile, the National Investigation Agency has detained over 500 people after civilian deaths in the area. The culprits will eventually be held; however, in the meantime, the Kashmiriyat must speak up for the victims.

Lakhimpur Kheri— Was it avoidable?



A protest must have a specific purpose and an endpoint resolution of conflict. It cannot be an open-ended exercise free of any stipulations

he Lakhimpur Kheri incident in which 8 people lost their lives during the farmer' protest was a colossal tragedy that was avoidable. Paradoxically, it was also a calamity waiting to happen. A political cauldron of noxious ingredients had been brewing for some time. Dogged stubbornness and thoughtless provocative utterances had heightened the tension; the bottled-up frustration of a jaded and over-stretched protest was waiting to explode. A frontal collision was inevitable.

The spark came on October 3 when a cavalcade of Union Home Minister of State Ajay Mishra allegedly ploughed through a group of protesting farmers killing four of them. Angered by the killing it is alleged that the protestors went on a rampage. dragged the BJP members out of cars and mercilessly beat 4 of them to death.

Details of this gruesome incident are murky. As per an FIR lodged by Jagjit Singh, a farm protestor, "We were holding a peaceful protest at Maharaja Agrasen Inter College ground....when the Union MoS for Home Ajay Mishra's son Ashish came in an SUV along with two other four-wheel vehicles, with arms and weapons, at a high speed. Ashish Mishra, while sitting on the left side of the Mahindra Thar car, fired shots and crushed people while moving forward?

This version is contested by Ajay Mishra who claims, "Stones came flying at the vehicle when it was on the way to receive the chief guest, the driver lost balance...and some could have died in that accident. My driver and three BJP workers who were in the vehicle were chased and attacked with rocks, sticks and swords...they were lynched."

He had earlier denied that his son was at the scene of the incident. Which of these two conflicting versions is true is difficult to ascertain at this stage. However, a series of sequential videos that surfaced online suggest that pelting of stones was the nitial trigger for this mayhem.

Nevertheless, a proper enquiry is warranted so that the guilty may be tried and punished

as per the law. Accordingly, CM Yogi Adityanath has announced a judicial inquiry headed by a retired judge to look into the incident.

In parallel with a call for an enquiry, however, a dangerous and mischievous narrative is being played out in certain sections of the media that is disturbing and concerning; a partisan description that tends to favor one side over the other and places a premium on one set of lives in comparison to the other - all with an intent to put the Government in the dock for an offence, the culpability of which is yet to be determined.

A well known newspaper avers: The BJP Government has a playbook...vis a vis popular protest...Let the issue fester, and try to tire out the protesters, while actively seeking to delegitimise them, by labelling them "anti-national" and calling them other names. Then, if matters escalate, bring out the barricades and the force. Treat it like a law-andorder issue in a police state, and don't let leaders of the Opposition come to the site of the protest or the violence, to do what is surely their job as politicians and people's representatives. First to invoke presump-

tuous theories to pre-deter-



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mine guilt in a sensitive case like this devious. Second, by using the phrase, bring out the barricades and the force' to describe the BJP's modus operandi, the editorial has sealed the BJP's guilt without a trial. Such statements uttered without evidence are reckless and misleading.
Additionally,

Government cannot be faulted for keeping opposition leaders away. The intent was to calm the situation and maintain peace. In fact, it was done at the behest of farm leader Rakesh Tikait who

feared that the politicians were there to exploit the situation as indicated by some news reports. Coming to the milliondollar question: Was this incident avoidable? Dissent and protest are an integral part of

democracy. However, one must also realise that protest is only a means to an end and not an end in itself. A protest to be valid must have a specific purpose and an endpoint resolution of conflict. It cannot be an open-ended exercise free of any stipulations. A prolonged directionless protest becomes a fertile ground for frustration, violence and even killings as illustrated by this incident; anti-social elements are also

likely to take advantage of the situation

Justice Khanwilkar of the Supreme Court on October 1, when responding to a farmer's outfit seeking permission to hold a protest in Jantar Mantar rightly posed this question to the farmers "You are saying you want to protest, protest what? The Act has been stayed by the Court. The Centre has said it will not be implemented." Referring to the deaths in Lakhimpur, the honorable judge had also stressed the lack of accountability: "When such events

happen, no one takes responsibility!" And this is not the first time that violence has overtaken the farmer's protest -January 26 is still fresh in our minds. The farmers' protest has outlived its utility. Prolongation inadvertently provided a fertile milieu for this ugly altercation. With a little good sense, it could have been avoided. It is time to call off the protest to prevent more Lakhimpurs. Concomitantly, all those guilty for each of the 8 deaths, whoever they may be, must be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

(The writer is an academic and political commentator. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IT'S ALL FAIR IN POLITICS

ical reasons.

Sir — The old adage 'all is fair in love and war' perhaps should go now with an addition — 'all is fair in love, war and politics' — given that politics after the independence has undergone a sea-change vis-avis its broad objective of leading the country in the right direction, safeguarding its boundaries and serving all its people and their political leanings. Ironically, this comprehensive goal has narrowed down to a mere raison detre of attainment of power be it either by hook or crook — harboured by the political parties who shrink

from doing what is right for various polit-

With the Assembly polls in six States drawing closer, the tempers are higher and the political activities getting more hectic in the most politically significant Uttar Pradesh, in particular, where the ruling regime is busy with the damage limitation exercise following the recent Lakhimpur Kheri violence. The incident could not have come for all the Opposition parties at a more opportune time as they have found a common plea to castigate in unison the Government in a bid to brighten their respective electoral prospects in the upcoming elections. In politics, with scenes changing kaleidoscopically has become a new norm and any prediction

may fall on stony ground.

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

SOFT DRINKS ARE HARD ON HEALTH Sir — Amitabh Bachchan once disclosed at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmadabad about him not advertising for cola drinks after a student drew his attention towards the harmful ingredients in such drinks. Even the cola companies voluntarily stopped selling colas in schools worldwide in view of increasing obesity in school-going children. The Indian Government should not only ban advertisements but also ban the sale of colas. Earlier, too, soft-drink manufacturers were asked to remove an oil from their products which was found to be harmful for health. It is noteworthy that such drinks are prohibited in Parliament canteens.

Vaccine on the way



f the Drugs Controller General of India accepts the recommendation of the Subject Experts Committee (SEC) of the Central Drugs Standards Control OrganiSation (CDSCO) to grant the emergency use authorisation for Covaxin among children in the 2-18 age group, it will mark a new phase in the process of vaccinating the population against COVID-19. Vaccinating the paediatric population will take the ongoing nationwide immuniSation drive one stage further. The green signal which the Drug Controller is currently considering, if (and when) given, will

It is time that the Union Government, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) and soft-drink manufacturers introduce healthier options which not only replace cola-drinks in India, but also dominate global-market by breaking the monopoly of harmful cola drinks in tune with ambitious 'Make in India' vision. Children should also be made aware of healthier drinks like lassi, chhachh, coconut water etc. It may be recalled that almost half a century back, a famous rose-drink manufactured by a private confectionary company registered at Gwalior was a popular drink for persons of all ages

Madhu Agrawal | Delhi

RESPECT IS GREATER THAN WORSHIP Sir — A murderer takes a life, but a rapist destroys a life. "Sexual intercourse done by a man with a woman without her valid consent is rape" as defined under the Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code. Sexual assault is the most heinous crime against womem. The aftermath of rape

make Covaxin the first COVID-19 vaccine anywhere in the world for administering to children as young as 2 years.

Scientific rigour should determine if India's first indigenous Covid-19 vaccine proves to be safe and effective in children as in adults. The clinical trials data must be placed in public domain so as to instil confidence in the general public, especially parents, that children can be inoculated with Covaxin against COVID-19. It is understood that Covaxin now recommended for children and adolescents is the same as the one currently being used among adults. It must be confirmed that Covaxin is equally good for children despite their distinctness in terms of anatomy and physiology by virtue of them being children. Clinical trials data that the vaccine has produced similar results in children and teenagers in the process of growing up and grown-ups must be sound enough to ensure that no risk is taken

G David Milton | *Maruthancode*

drags a woman towards a life of fear, depression, suicidal complex and social stigma. Rapes have increased manifold as per the statistics given by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). According to it, one rape is reported every 15 minutes. Even children are not spared which is such a shame on humanity

There are various reasons behind the increase in such cases. Women are not safe outside and not even inside their own home. The sluggish judiciary is an important reason where many victims and survivors must wait for years for a glimpse of justice. Through education, gender sensitisation and legal awareness is possible, which are indispensable to control crime against women. In a country where we worship goddesses in different avatars, women, too, should be loved, cared,

respected and protected. Swagatika Sahoo | Raghunathpur

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Nevertheless l congratulate Fadnavis. Because him I remembered that I was the CM for

> NCP president -Sharad Pawar



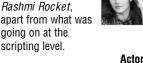
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VT-4 Tank is another symbol of Pakistan-China strategic cooperation and defence collaboration. Its

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Pakistan Chief of Army Staff -Qamar Javed Bajwa

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—Taapsee Pannu My advice to



Rishabh Pant is to play with freedom and have that air of arrogance and

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Former Australia cricketer —Shane Watson

Only two or three per cent of farmers in Punjab are part of the agitation. Most people in Punjab are

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India needs a futuristic approach to trigger innovation at the base of the pyramid



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nnovation in India has always been human centric. We innovate to resolve the problems of mankind, and to create a better life for the common people. Today, the scope of innovation and entrepreneurship spreads across all facets of life. Students, researchers and intellectuals are actively pursuing innovation and entrepreneurship as career options. India should move from coveted innovation to the open innovation model. Open Innovation model is a futuristic approach to instigate the innovation and entrepreneurship at the base of pyramid — at the level of society and educational institutions. The growth of new India can only be achieved by making open innovation pervasive and fuelled by the right kind of training, skill upgradation, reskilling, and apt infrastructural support at school and institutional level. As an interventional initiative, Ministry of Education has established an innovationcell at the All-India Council for Technical Education in 2018. Since then, the Ministry



of Education's Innovation Cell (MIC) has taken multiple policy and program initiative to establish the world's biggest open innovation model at global stage. The Cell works on four pillars of excellence: Policy intervention; handholding of HEIs and schools, faculty andstudents; impact assessment and facilitating national and international platforms for Indian and global students. Initiatives like the Innovation Council in higher educational institutes has been purposed to streamline the ground level ecosystem and handholding of ideas from students.

The beginning of Smart India Hackathon, Toycathon, Singapore-India Hackathon, ASEAN India Hackathon between 11 countries, SAMADHAN Challenge, Ideathon for pandemic, Drug Discovery Hackathon, and Innovation Contest has set the foundation for world's biggest open innovation model and it is scaling at a rate where India could assimilate its new age innovative and aspirational human resource. As India is working relentlessly towards a \$5 trillion economyby 2025, it must look for alternative career opportunities in term of innovation and entrepreneurship. Inculcating the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship in our youth is a challenging job and it cannot be simply achieved by flooding the market with investment opportunities, subsidies and grants. It requires a keenly calibrated system of innovation management, especially championing open innovation management at school and higher education level. For impact assessment, MIC has started Atal Ranking for Institution's on Innovation Achievements to measure the major indicators at the higher educational institute level. At industry and ecosystem level, NITI Aavog has started India Innovation Index on the line of Global Innovation Index by adapting non-traditional approaches for measuring innovation such as patents per million of population, publication in scientific journals, percentage of GDP spending on research. Empirical evidence suggests that innovation enables social welfare. . Health innovations like penicillin use, transplants, and artificial limbs have saved and improved the quality of life of millions. Satellites, television and radio technologies are being used for the welfare of farmers and in disaster management. Modern farming equipment, fertilizers, Grameen Bank, microfinance and crop insurance schemes have raised agricultural productivity, improving food security and freeing up labour which can participate in other industries.

Nothing can progress without innovation and everything of today exists because of yesterday's innovation and invention. We need to innovate to accommodate evolving situations and needs and prepare a wonderful place to live in, not only for us but for our future gener-

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Extending sympathies to the new laureate



Abdulrazak Gurnah has been grappling with his African identity and how it relates to the history of migrations and colonialism in East Africa

he French poet, Rene Proudhomme, who was the first Nobel Literature laureate in 1901, wrote in his famous 'The Broken Vase': Thus often does the hand we love, barely touching the heart, wound it. Then the heart cracks by itself and the flower of its love dies.

He's speaking of a delicate and vulnerable aspect of us, and how easily it can dry up. Literature has always been about sensitivity and sensitization. It nourishes and rekindles the soul to fellow feeling. In the hurly-burly of our daily lives, and competitiveness and ambition, and the pursuit of profit, we are indifferent to the out-come for others, to their sentiments, or even their deprivation. There is an inherent conflict among us as we focus on our goals, and marginalise others whose interests don't hold concern for us.

But there are witnesses compiling every injustice, recording every protest, and kindling people's memories about glory and decline. A few of these observers serve not only to voice the experience of the victims, but give us insights on how humanity at large can live more sensitively. Their words stir us, find their way inside to lash at our conscience, and refocus our thinking on what it is to be essentially human.

Another Frenchman, especially famous for declining the Nobel prize for Literature, Jean Paul Sartre, declared: 'Hell is other people. There is a constant challenge to try to understand and empathise with others, further aggravated by differences in language, custom, and traditional beliefs. It is here that writers often build bridges by establishing commonalities and explaining away differences.

As the celebrated 1950 Literature laureate, Bertrand Russell, said at the Stockholm Concert Hall, "...sympathy is a genuine motive, some people at some times are made somewhat uncomfortable by the sufferings of some other people. It is sympathy that has produced the many humanitarian advances of the last hundred years."

There are many literary prizes, so how is the Nobel Prize for Literature different, apart from perhaps, having the largest bounty? Because it is given out at the same time as awards in sciences — it accords the same prestige and acclaim to novelists, poets, and futurists as is enjoyed by biochemists, astrophysicists and developmental economists.

It also reflects the Nobel Foundation's outlook of recognizing a broader contribution to modern human heritage. Rudyard Kipling was the youngest to win it at 42, but generally the prize recognises much older writers with eight or more books behind them. In terms of sheer number of copies sold, and cultural impact, Harper Lee could have been considered for her 'To Kill A Mockingbird', but that's not how this prize is awarded - for one, that was her only novel, till she



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published a sequel several decades later with nothing in between.

The committee has also not looked towards any trailblazing authors in the sci-fi category despite it being the fastest evolving genre as technology itself has been racing at the speed of Moore's Law. What the jury does seem to endeavour to do is to cast its net far and wide to ensure authors from many corners of the world are considered.

Possibly the most interesting reference to Zanzibar in the world of literature was in 1968, when Brunner wrote an imaginative scifi novel titled, "Stand on Zanzibar". The book's title refers to how large an island could hold the planet's population if everyone had to get just enough standing space. Brunner's speculation was that the Isle of Man (about 600 sq. km) wouldn't suffice in the future and that by 2010, it would take a Zanzibar (about 1600 sq.km) to hold everyone. The theme of his Hugo award-winning novel was overcrowding, which is a common from faraway lands.

Which brings us to this year's Literature laureate, Abdulrazzak Gurnah, born in Zanzibar in 1948. Being on an important trade shipping route in the Indian Ocean, besides Bantus, there are people of Omani, Yemeni, southern Iranian, and even Indian descent. At the same time, it has been known as a hub of the slave trade where Arabs sold natives from Malawi and Mozambique to visiting ships.

When the Zanzibar Revolution of 1964 overthrew the traditional oppressors, Gurnah fled as a teenager and started his life anew in the British Isles. So, he has experienced how complex and burdensome our identities can be.

In the early pages of his novel 'Desertion', he says about a character, Hassanali: "He could not disguise his anxiety and people who had known him all his life knew this about him, and made a joke out of it. They said it was something to do with his jinsi, his ancestry. Indian people are cowardly, they said, hopping about like nervous butterflies. His father was not timid. He had been a hothead in his youth, who sang and danced and raced the streets with anyone, and he was the Indian in his jinsi. It was God who made him like this, nothing to do with jinsi, and who was he to argue."

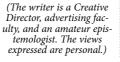
Gurnah has been grappling with his African identity - as a Tanzanian (Zanzibar opted to merge with Tanzania after the Revolution) -- and how it relates arrival. to the history of migrations and colonialism in East Africa. He has taught in Nigeria, which also has ethnic as well as acute communal strife. And he's known since his mid-teens what it is to adapt to life in a European culture.

As the last few years have caused waves of migrants out of West Asia and North Africa, and very recently, Afghanistan - the travails of the uprooted and the kinds of baggage they bring into their new places of residence will be in the spotlight.

Exiles who had to flee from their native lands are already distrustful of fate, and suffer to some extent from PTSD. Their attention is split between what's still going on in the places they have departed from, and the challenges in their new environment. They haven't the preparation that a graduate student has had before he or she lands up overseas on a good campus. Such exiles find themselves usually in less friendly locations than a university. Gurnah has been lucky in

that regard. The expatriate experience is very different depending on one's age at arrival, line of work whether a specialist in demand or unskilled, level of affluence, and aptitude for networking. Openness towards the way of life in the adopted country does help in integrating better, and gaining acceptance. An exile could have a sense of betrayal of their native culture when they move closer to a sense of belonging in their land of

In the future, we might think differently about the elements of identity, given the limitations that our instinctive ones about language, ethnicity, creed, and district have. We'll then identify Literature laureates less by language of writing or nationality and instead emphasise their literary genre and individuality more. We'd then also be narrowing the 'gulf between cultures and continents' that the Nobel citation refers to in 2021.



LIES WERE SPREAD ABOUT SAVARKAR. IT WAS MAHATMA GANDHI WHO ASKED HIM TO FILE MERCY PETITIONS. —UNION DEFENCE MINISTER **RAJNATH SINGH**





THE BJP IS PRESENTING DISTORTED HISTORY. IF THIS CONTINUES, THEY WILL MAKE SAVARKAR THE FATHER OF THE NATION.

—AIMIM CHIEF **ASADUDDIN OWAISI**

Healthcare infrastructure needs a check-up

Data passing through the hospital systems and databases must be digitised and harmonised to truly transform the healthcare infrastructure

Reports of shortages of hospital beds, ventilators, medical equipment and doctors and nurses to cope with growing cases of COVID-19 infections have thrown into sharp focus the need to accelerate digital transformation of healthcare infrastructure

worldwide. Modern medicine has been enriched by genomics, telemedicine, virtual reality for surgery and many biopharmaceutical advances. But behind the many medical advancements, true digital transformation of health infrastructure — hospitals, blood and vaccine banks, centres for dialysis, ambulatory surgery, imaging and radiolo-

- is slow. Unlike for other sectors, digital transformation to



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enable Internet of Things (IoT), 5G connectivity, and artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) is much more complex for

Healthcare infrastructure innovation has been and remains curtailed by three main issues: firstly, compliance with regulatory standards at national and international levels; secondly, multiple forms of medical data, from patient records to X-rays, CT scans and other analogue or digital data; and thirdly, reluctance to change which prevents a clear digital dashboard to allow administrators to respond,

plan and predict in real time. Many hospitals with sophisticated equipment have yet to fully capture and update medical records to enable clin-



ical decision support and realtime hospital workflow, let alone combine them seamlessly with long-term care and disease management.

How can planners and administrators improve information technology (IT) infrastructure to prepare for a true digital transformation for the healthcare sector? Several key steps can kick-start or accelerate the process. The first is to build or enable real-time data

capture at every touchpoint of healthcare hardware. This means installing sensors, and embedding IoT and highcommunication throughout each facility down to the last piece of equipment. The second is to break

down information silos once and for all. Data passing through the hospital systems and databases must be digitised, harmonised and shared, from patient records, X-rays and CT scans to data on the functioning of each piece of equipment and machinery within the infrastructure.

This roadblock has eluded decades of effort by IT consultants and systems integrators. A protocol of "golden data" in a common format will enable visibility of the entire healthcare enterprise.

Third, the same visibility can facilitate interoperability of different healthcare systems electronic patient health records can be analysed alongside COVID-19 infection trends and the demand for vaccines and the cold-chain infrastructure needed to store

or deliver them. Fourth, healthcare assets, be it CT scanners, operating rooms or ventilators, have to be tracked on usage and location levels. This can help predict breakdowns, plan for maintenance and help the next shift

of medical staff to locate them. Fifth, such tracking will support more vital C-suite decisions such as scenario planning which can calibrate potential equipment shortage,

availability of spares, and ser-

suppliers with hospital manpower planning. By standard-ising protocols for maintenance - helped by cloudenabled real-time data - productivity will improve.

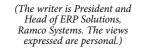
Sixth, there are lessons to be drawn from a concept known as inventory technical management practised by MRO service providers. Those who are more digitally enabled have upscaled to the next level flexible pooling of inventory to prevent duplication and to share hardware more intelligently.

Finally, the guardians of healthcare hardware can take tentative steps in AI/ML without sacrificing medical outcomes. These include sensors that can monitor health data of each patient more frequently vice-level agreements with than checks by nurses, and the

use of chatbots to allow nurses or junior doctors to ask questions when certain patient symptoms occur or to check when a piece of equipment needs to be sent for servicing.

Through AI/ML, healthcare hardware can be "trained" to self-correct. It can learn prescriptive maintenance through protocols that can predict failures and recommend actions to take. Over time, each major piece of equipment can instruct itself on when to prepare for maintenance, the possible risks, and the pre-emptive measures it should take.

Covid-19 has triggered a once-in-decades shift in the thinking behind healthcare administration. It is time for the hospital to get out of the sick bed and embrace digital transformation.



Jaishankar proposes Chabahar Port be included in North-South Transport Corridor

nectivity, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday proposed that the strategic Chabahar Port in Iran be included in the North-South Transport Corridor that has the potential to bridge connectivity barriers, as he agreed on a roadmap for future course of cooperation and exchanges during his meetings with Armenia's top leadership.

Jaishankar, who arrived here on Tuesday on the last leg of his three-nation tour to Central Asia with an aim to further expand bilateral ties and discuss key regional issues including the developments in Afghanistan, is the first-ever External Affairs Minister to visit Armenia

Nikol Pashinyan and conveyed greetings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to him.

"Thank @NikolPashinyan of Armenia for receiving me today. Conveyed greetings of PM @narendramodi. Meeting brought out the many convergences and shared outlook of our two countries. We agreed to develop a broad agenda of practical cooperation that is to our mutual benefit," he tweet-

Earlier, Jaishankar held bilateral talks with his Armenian counterpart Ararat Mirzoyan and addressed a joint press meet with him.

"Both India and Armenia

which has the potential to bridge the connectivity barrier. So Minister Mirzoyan and I discussed the interest which Armenia has shown in utilisation of the Chabahar Port in Iran and being developed by India," Jaishankar said in his

"We also proposed the Chabahar Port be included in the International North-South Transport Corridor; we welcome the use of the Chabahar Port and any other initiative that will encourage regional connectivity," he said.

remarks.

The Chabahar port in the Sistan-Balochistan province in the energy-rich nation's southern coast is easily accessible from India's western coast and ed at a distance of around 80km from Chabahar.

The first phase of the Chabahar port was inaugurated in December 2017 by then Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, opening a new strategic route connecting Iran, India and Afghanistan bypassing The Chabahar port is being

considered as a gateway to golden opportunities for trade by India, Iran and Afghanistan with Central Asian countries, besides ramping up trade among the three countries in the wake of Pakistan denying transit access to New Delhi.

On asked about India's interest in developing the Chabahar Port, Jaishankar said,

then connectivity from those ports to northwards of Iran, it opens up more trade routes which are land-based, which are more efficient than these sea-based routes.

"So the key today to economic progress is to be more competitive in terms of movement of goods and that is why this is important and, at least, I mentioned Chabahar to the minister because it is a port in Iran which India is developing and for us it opens up a pathway at least one side to the Caucasus (intersection of Europe and Asia), opens up a different pathway to Central Asia and it is an initiative that we are working with the Russians very closely." *PTI*

New chapter opened in Af, world relations: Taliban FM

The Taliban-led Government in Afghanistan has "opened a new chapter" in relations with the international community by sending a message of good ties to the world, said Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi.

He made the remarks while addressing an event on Monday organised by the Centre for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, TOLO News reported.

"Afghanistan has sent the message of positive relationship with the whole world. We do not want to interfere in any country's internal affairs, and we expect the same from other

Minister is part of an Afghan Taliban delegation which carried out a two-day meeting with US officials over the weekend in the Qatari capital. In his address, Muttaqi further said that the full implementation of the US-Taliban 2020 Doha agreement can address any problem between the two countries, adding that the Taliban wants a political system in Afghanistan that can

respond to domestic needs. "What we want in Afghanistan is a political structure as such that responds to our country's needs and at the same time is able to fulfil its responsibility at the international level," TOLO News quot-

ed the Minister as saying.
When asked about reforms, women's education Muttaqi said the world should not put pressure the Taliban and instead, it should cooper-

ate in bringing reforms. 'You should not seek your demands through putting pressure... The previous govern-ment had international support. Now you are asking for all the reforms in two months.

"Schools for boys and girls were closed before us because of Covivd. When Kabul fell to our hands, all schools were closed already. Schools in provinces were closed already. We have started reopening the

schools," Muttaqi said. The Minister claimed that under the Taliban Government, the Covid situation in the country has been controlled "very well", surprising doctors,

3 employees killed in shooting at postal facility in Memphis

AP ■ MEMPHIS

¬wo US Postal Service work-1 ers were fatally shot on Tuesday at a postal facility in Memphis and a third employee identified as the shooter died from a self-inflicted gunshot, authorities said.

It was the third high-profile shooting in or near that west Tennessee city in weeks.

US Postal Inspector Susan Link said that three postal workers were found dead after the shooting at the East Lamar Carrier Annex in a neighbourhood southeast of down-

FBI spokeswoman Lisa-Anne Culp said at a news briefing with Link and others that the shooting was carried out by a third postal service worker. But no identities or possible motive were immediately released.

The street leading to the post office was blocked by police for hours afterward. A white four-door car was towed from the scene, but it was not clear who it belonged to.

"The Postal Service is saddened at the events that took place today in Memphis," USPS said in a statement.

Harvard moves Chinese language programme from Beijing to Taipei Beijing: In a snub to China, Liu said in recent years, the

Harvard University is moving its Chinese language programme from Beijing to Taipei, the capital of Taiwan, from next vear after complaining of an "unwelcoming environment" from the host institution here.

The programme decided to move to Taipei due to a perceived lack of friendliness from the host institution, Beijing Language and Culture University" (BLCU), Jennifer Liu, director of the Harvard Beijing Academy summer study abroad programme, told student newspaper The Harvard Crimson.

The shifting of the programme by the Ivy league American University to Taiwan is regarded as a snub to China which considers the estranged island as part of the mainland.

Harvard programme began to have difficulties accessing the needed classrooms and dorms.

For instance, the BLCU did not provide a single dorm for all the students, instead requiring the programme to split the students into two different dorms of different quality, or to find a hotel that could keep their students together, The Harvard Crimson report said.

"Given the condition they provided, we really couldn't run the programme with the quality that we are hoping to deliver to our students," Liu said. "Liu suspects that the

unwelcoming environment may be a product of a subtle shift in the Chinese government's attitudes towards US institutions, one precipitated by (President) Xi Jinping's rise to

In past years, the programme would typically host a small party to celebrate the Independence Day of the United States on the Fourth of July, during which students and faculty would eat pizza and sing the national anthem.

However, in 2019, BLCU notified the programme that it could no longer hold this holiday party. "We were told that our students we're not allowed to sing, to celebrate," Liu said.

However, William Kirby, a professor of China Studies and chairman of the Harvard Centre Shanghai, said the switch was made for purely logistical reasons, and collaborations between the Ivy League university and Chinese academics were continuing.

Imran Khan wants ISI chief Faiz Hameed to continue amid differences with Pak Army

Minister Imran Khan informed the federal cabinet that he had told Pakistan Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) Gen. Oamar Javed Bajwa that he wanted Lt. Gen. Faiz Hameed to continue as Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) director general for some time due to the critical situation in neighbouring Afghanistan, Dawn

Reports about lack of consensus between the civil and military leadership over the matter had been making rounds on social media for the last few days, but after it appeared on regular media on Tuesday, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry was compelled to clarify the government's point of view.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) chief whip in the Dogar said Prime Minister Khan and Gen Bajwa held a detailed meeting late Monday night on the matter.

The meeting was also confirmed by Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry during his presser after the cabinet meeting, stating that the issue of appointment of new ISI DG Lt. Gen. Nadeem Ahmed Anjum had been resolved and that the PM enjoyed the authority to appoint the chief of the country's premier spy agency in accordance with law and Constitution.

Also sharing details of the meeting, Pak PM's aide on political affairs Amir Dogar said the premier wanted Lt. Gen. Hameed to stay as DG ISI in view of the situation in Afghanistan, adding that Prime Minister Khan and Gen. Bajwa

enjoyed relation of respect and dignity, the report said.

Khan was of the opinion that the government wanted to take all institutions on board, Dogar said. "The body lan-guage of the prime minister was quite positive and he seemed confident," he added.

The PTI's chief whip said the prime minister had told the

prime minister and chief executive of the country.

"The prime minister has the authority to appoint the DG ISI and he held a detailed meeting with Chief of the Army Staff Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa in this regard, Chaudhry told the press con-ference IANS

Process to appoint new ISI chief underway: Pak Minister

ernment on Wednesday said the process to appoint the new chief of spy agency ISI was underway, amid widespread speculation that Prime Minister Imran Khan and the powerful Army Chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa were not on the same page over the key

Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry, in a tweet, announced that the consultation between the Civilian and Military leadership over the appointment of Director General of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has been completed.

consultations 'The between the Prime Minister and the Chief of Army Staff on the appointment of a new DG IŜÎ have been completed and the process for a new said. Chaudhry tried to play the ISI chief in consultation

civil-military leadership has once again proven that all institutions are united for the country's stability, integrity and progress," he said in another tweet.

The Pakistan Army last week announced that Lt Gen Nadeem Ahmed Anjum was appointed as the new Director General of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) in place of Lt Gen Faiz Hameed, who was appointed as Peshawar Corps ommander.

However, the notification of Anjum's appointment has not been issued by the office of Prime Minister Khan, giving credence to rumours about differences between the civilian government and the army over the key appointment. According to law, the Prime Minister has the legal right

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keep the residents out of their homes for months. City officials told the South

Florida SunSentinel that residents were ordered out of the Crane Crest Apartments in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea on Friday after authorities said electrical problems increased the risk of fire and electrocution.. Jim Hook, the homeident, told the SunSentinel that a temporary fix for the electrical equipment could happen as quickly as two weeks, but anticipated supply chain issues for the specialized equipment

could last months. The nine-story, 107-unit complex has only a few dozen residents in the off-season, but more in the winter when residents from the northeast and international and Canadian snowbirds come down.

Hook said they realized there was a problem when air conditioners stopped working. Water was found to have spread under the building, and was gushing in the mechanical area. Electrical conduits under the building were rotted away. AP

Turkey: Russia, US failed to restrain Syrian Kurdish militia

Ankara: Turkey's Foreign Minister on Wednesday accused Russia and the United States of failing to keep to their promise to restrain Syrian Kurdish militia from attacking Turkey. He said Ankara is forced to act to eliminate the Mevlut Cavusoglu's com-

ments come days after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey was losing patience after a series of attacks from Syria targeting his country. He suggested Turkey could carry out a new military foray into Syria.

Turkey has previously carried out numerous military offensives in Syria to drive Kurdish militia away from its border.

Turkey has blamed a series of recent attacks on Turkish targets in Syria on the militia of the U.S.-backed Kurdish People"s Protection Units, or YPG. Turkey views the YPG as the Syrian offshoot of out-

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lawed Kurdish militants fighting government forces in Turkey. The group was also the US"s main ally in the fight against the Islamic State group.

"Russia and the United States bear responsibility for the recent attacks against civilians because they didn"t keep to their word," Cavusoglu said during a joint news conference with his visiting Nicaraguan counterpart.

He was referring to separate agreements that Turkey reached with the United States and Russia in 2019 for the YPG militia"s withdrawal from areas in Syria close to the border with Turkey.

"We will do whatever it takes to clear these terrorists from these areas," Cavusoglu said. On Sunday, two Turkish police officers were killed in a guided missile attack in Aleppo that has been blamed on the YPG. The U.S. condemned the assault.

140 migrants saved from boats on way to Canary Islands Madrid: Over 140 migrants

were saved by Spanish rescuers on the perilous seaborne route from Africa to the Canary Islands, Spanish authorities said Wednesday.

Emergency services for the Canary Islands said rescuers sub-Sahara Africa and 43 from northern Africa — from two boats intercepted near the island of Gran Canaria. Another 55 migrants — all

from sub-Saharan countries - were attended by emergency services after being pulled from a boat in waters island of near the Fuerteventura. Gran Canaria and Fuerteventura belong to Spain"s Canary Islands archipelago in the eastern Atlantic Ocean, which at its nearest point is only 100 kilometers (60 miles) from Morocco.

Spain's Interior Ministry reported 13,118 arrivals of migrants to the islands this year up to Sept. 30, over double the arrivals during the same period last year.

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down the reported differences with the Army chief. NZ climate chief to aim higher at UN talks

Wellington: The coronavirus pandemic has shown that humans are very good at responding to an immediate crisis, says New Zealand's Climate Change Minister James Shaw. But when it comes to dealing with a slower-moving threat like climate change, he says, we're "terribly bad."

Shaw spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday ahead of a key climate summit that starts in Glasgow, Scotland, on Oct. 31. Many environmentalists say the U.N. summit, known as COP26, represents the world's final chance to avert a climate catastrophe.

Shaw said that at Glasgow, he intends to announce a more ambitious target for New Zealand's emissions reductions over the coming decade, and he hopes many other countries also aim

He said a top priority will be to ensure that a promise made by wealthier nations to provide \$100 billion a year to help poorer countries switch to cleaner energy is fulfilled.

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Inflation rises 5.4% from year ago

MATCHING 13-YEAR HIGH

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

onsumer prices rose 0.4 per cent last month, slightly higher than August's gain and pushing annual inflation back to the highest increase in 13

The consumer price index rose 5.4per cent in September from a year ago, the Labor Department said Wednesday, up slightly from August's gain of 5.3per cent and matching the increases in June and July, which were the highest since

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core inflation rose 0.2per cent in September and 4per cent compared with a year ago. Core prices hit a three-decade high of 4.5per cent in June.

The unexpected burst of inflation this year reflects sharply higher prices for food and energy, but also new and used cars, hotel rooms, clothing, and furniture, among other goods and services.

Covid-19 has shut down factories in Asia and slowed U.S. Port operations, leaving container ships anchored at sea and consumers and businesses paying more for goods that don't arrive for months.

Higher prices are also outstripping the pay gains many workers are able to obtain from businesses, who are having to pay more to attract employees. Average hourly wages rose 4.6per cent in September from a year earlier, a healthy increase, but not enough to keep up with infla-

Gas prices jumped 1.2per cent last month and have

soared more than 42per cent compared with a year ago. Electricity prices rose 0.8per cent in September from August.

Supply chain disruptions continue to drive new car prices higher, which rose 1.3per cent last month and are up 8.7per cent from a year

ago, the largest 12-month increase since 1980. A shortage of semiconductors has restrained vehicle production and left fewer cars on dealer

The rapid price increases have raised pressure on the Federal Reserve, which has pegged its benchmark interest rate at nearly zero to spur more borrowing and spending. Yet inflation is far above its target of 2 per cent. Chair Jerome Powell has repeatedly said that the price gains should "abate' next year, bringing inflation closer to the target.

Market on a roll: Indices capture new peaks; log 5th straight gains

PTI ■ MUMBAI

 $E_{\rm Nifty}^{\rm quity~gauges~Sensex~and} \\ {\rm Climbed~to~new~record~highs,}$ stretching their winning run to the fifth consecutive session, as investors continued to lap up auto, power and infra shares.

After scaling a lifetime intraday high of 60,836.63 during the session, the 30-share Sensex settled 452.74 points or 0.75 per cent higher at 60,737.05 - its all-time closing

Similarly, the Nifty rallied 169.80 points or 0.94 per cent to a new closing peak of 18,161.75. It also touched an intra-day record of 18,197.80. M&M was the top gainer

over 5 per cent, followed by PowerGrid, ITC, L&T, Tech Mahindra, Tata Steel and Titan. On the other hand, Maruti Suzuki, HUL, Nestle India,

Axis Bankand SBI were among

in the Sensex pack, zooming

Sectorally, BSE auto, utilities, momentum, industrials and power indices rallied up to 3.46 per cent, while realty index ended in the red.

Broader midcap and smallcap indices surged up to 1.56 per cent.

"Auto stocks led by Tata Motors propelled the Nifty to new highs of 18200 with good support from infra and metal stocks on the launch of the Master Plan for Infrastructure Development and Multi-Modal Connectivity," S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP securities, said.

As the street awaits earnings today from big IT names, Tata Group stocks hogged the limelight despite profit-taking in late afternoon trade, he

Sustained rebound in financials and Reliance Industries supported broader

Rupee recovers 15 paise to 75.37 on weak dollar, lower crude prices

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Wednesday rebounded by 15 paise to close at 75.37 against the US dollar following a rally in domestic equities and weak American currency in the overseas markets.

In addition, lower crude prices and a benign retail inflation in September also supported the rupee sentiment, forex dealers said. At the interbank forex

market, the rupee opened strong at 75.29 against the greenback. During the session, the

domestic unit swung between 75.19 and 75.51. On Tuesday, the rupee had

closed at 75.52 against the dollar.Retail inflation fell to a fivemonth low of 4.35 per cent in September from 7.27 per cent in the year-ago period as prices of vegetables and other items

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PETROL, DIESEL PRICES RISE ON HOLD

New Delhi: Petrol and diesel price rise remained paused again on Wednesday much to the relief of consumers faced with an unprecedented increase in auto fuel prices for the past one month that has taken retail rates to record high levels across the country. Accordingly, in the national capital, petrol continues to be sold at ₹104.44 per litre and diesel at ₹93.17 per litre, the same levels as

RELIANCE BOOSTS GREEN ENERGY PUSH New Delhi: Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance

Industries will buy a German maker of photovoltaic solar wafers and signed a deal with a Danish firm to manufacture hydrogen electrolysers as the oil-to-retail conglomerate acquired end-to-end technology for its multi-billion-dollar clean energy portfolio. Reliance New Energy Solar Ltd (RNESL), a unit of the nation's most valuable company, will acquire NexWafe GmbH for 25 millioneuros (Rs 218 crore), Reliance said in a late stock exchange filing on Tuesday. It will also license Stiesdal A/S's technology for the hydrolysers, it said in a separate statement.

TAKE FUEL WIN CAR CAMPAIGN

New Delhi: Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd has launched "HPCL Aao Car Le Jao" Campaign for customers to have the opportunity to win car, bikes, laptops, LED TVs, smart phones, fuel vouchers on fueling from over 30 petrol pumps of HPCL in East Delhi, South Delhi and New Delhi. The campaign started on Wednesday will continue till until first week of January 2022.

TIE-UP TO FACILITATE LARGER REACH FOR HOMEBUYERS

New Delhi: Online real estate company Housing.com has announced a tie-up with the country's largest community management app MyGate to enable users of MyGate Homes to simultaneously list their properties on Housing.com and at the same time, it would help Housing.com to expand its customer base.

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T major Wipro on Wednesday reported 18.86

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Gati Shakti to mark paradigm shift in governance: KM Birla

Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla on Wednesday said that PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for infrastructure "embodies and combines" some unique features that mark a paradigm shift in

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday unveiled ₹100 lakh crore Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multi-Modal connectivity that aims to develop infrastructure to reduce logistic costs and boost

"To me, Gati Shakti embodies and combines some unique features that mark a paradigm shift in governance," Birla said while participating at

Using the most modern technology, Gati Shakti brings all stakeholders on one platform, he added. "Such breaking of silos within the government is indeed a dream come true for all of Industry," he said, adding that the platform approach also increases transparency all around and helps resolve bottlenecks quickly.

Centre for Trauma Studies and Innovation PNS ■ NEW DELHI

IDFC FIRST Bank on Wednesday announced the launch of India's first Centre for Trauma Studies and Innovation (CTSI), in association with Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health (BALM).

The initiative, that was launched on World Mental Health Day, aims to address the need to look at mental health from a trauma lens, besides also creating awareness about mental wellbeing. Through this initiative, the Centre for Trauma will create curriculums and facilitate traumarelated courses for healthcare professionals at both urban and grassroot levels.

UN, World Bank, IMF in need of urgent reforms: FM

Boston:Institutions such as United Nations, World Bank and International Monetary Fund need to be urgently reformed as they no longer speak for countries whose issues have remained unattended to for decades, Nirmala Sitharaman said.All these organistions will have to look at reforming themselves, she said here at Harvard Kennedy School on Tuesday. During the conversation with Professor at Harvard University Sitharaman said "while reforms in countries are happening in different stages, these global institutions have remained the way they have been for the last

Fertiliser subsidy of ₹8,655 cr in rabi season to benefit farmers, industry: ICRA

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rating agency ICRA has termed the Government's decision to provide a special one-time package for extra subsidy on DAP fertiliser as positive for farmers as well as the industry, and said the availability of key nutrients will improve in the coming months.

On Tuesday, the government announced a net subsidy of ₹28,655 crore on Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilisers for the October-March period of this fiscal to ensure that farmers get nutrients at affordable prices during the rabi sowing season.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for P&K fertilisers for October 2021 to March 2022. In a statement, the rating agency said the Centre has approved a special one-time package for pay-out of additional subsidy for DAP and three most consumed NPK

The subsidy rates under the NBS scheme have been kept unchanged from the announcement made in May 2021. However, an additional pay out of ₹438/bag (₹ 8,760 per tonne) for DAP and ₹100 per bag (₹2,000 per tonne) for the three most consumed NPK grades has been approved, it

"The step is positive for the farmers and the industry as it will ensure farmers get access to fertilisers at a reasonable retail price and the industry also does not face losses on account of the elevated international prices of fertilisers and key inputs," ICRA said. The additional subsidy

has been approved only for four ing the period under review grades of fertilisers out of the from ₹2,465.6 crore during 24 fertilisers covered under the corresponding period of the the NBS scheme and has last fiscal. become effective from October Its revenue increased 30.12

per cent during Q2FY22 to ₹ 19,667.4 crore from ₹15,114.5 crore from the like quarter of Managing Director and CEO Thierry Delaporte said:

'The Q2 results demonstrate that our business strategy is working well."
"We grew at over 4.5 per cent organic sequential growth

for a second quarter in a row, resulting in a 28 per cent YoY growth in the first half of this financial vear."

Besides, the company gave a positive outlook for the quarter ending December 31, 2021.

In addition, the company's earnings per share for the quarter rose to ₹5.36 (\$0.071), an

Govt scraps basic customs duty on crude palm, soya, sunflower oil to cool down cooking oil prices

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The Government on Wednesday scrapped basic customs duty on crude varieties of palm, sunflower and sovabean oils as well as cut duties on refined edible oils to ease retail prices of cooking oils and provide relief to consumers

Edible oil industry body SEA said the retail prices of cooking oils, which are ruling at a very high level, could now come down by up to Rs 15 per

The cut in import duty and cess, effective from October 14, will remain in force till March

31, 2022, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said in two separate notifications.

Agri infrastructure development cess (AIDC) has also been reduced on crude palm oil, crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil.

Crude palm oil will now while the cess will be 5 per cent each for crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil. Earlier, the cess was 20 per cent, while basic customs duty was 2.5 per cent.Post reduction, the effective customs duty on crude palm oil will be 8.25 per cent. The effective duty on crude

soyabean oil and crude sun-flower oil will be 5.5 per cent. Earlier, the effective duty on these three crude items was 24.75 per cent each.

The basic customs duty on refined varieties of sunflower, soyabean, palmolein and palm oil too has been slashed to 17.5 per cent each from 32.5 per attract AIDC.Commenting on the development, Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) Executive Director B V Mehta said: "The government has slashed import duties on edible oils because of high retail prices in the domestic market and the festive season."

Coal dispatches to power plants being enhanced: Joshi

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

oal Minister Pralhad Joshi on Wednesday said cumulative coal supplies to thermal power plants crossed 2 million patch of the dry fuel is being enhanced to the plants.

Various power plants are grappling with fuel shortages and efforts are being made to increase fuel supplies.

"Happy to share that cumulative coal supplies to thermal power plants from all

@CoalIndiaHQ recorded more than 2 million tonnes vesterday. We are increasing coal dispatch to power plants further to ensure sufficient coal stocks at ower plants," Joshi said in a

According to a Coal India official, supplies to power stations have already touched 1.62 million tonne a day in the past two days, with total offtake rising to 1.88 million tonne per day, compared with the month's average of 1.75 million tonne.

Infosys Q2 Net up 11.9%, raises revenue outlook on strong deal pipeline PTI ■ NEW DELHI ceding June quarter, came on

Infosys Ltd, India's second-largest IT services company, on Wednesday reported betterthan-expected 12 per cent rise in its second-quarter net profit on more contracts from also led to it raising its annual revenue outlook.Net profit in July-September at ₹5,421 crore, or ₹12.88 a share, was 11.9 per cent higher than ₹4,845 crore (or ₹11.42 a share) net profit in the same period a year back.

The net profit, which is 4.4 per cent higher than the pre-

the back of broad-based growth across verticals and geographies, strong revenue contribution from the Daimler deal and higher adoption of digital transformation by clients.

The firm raised its forecast 16.5 per cent to 17.5 per cent in the fiscal year to March 2022, from 14 per cent to 16 per cent growth predicted in July. This is on the back of expectations of winning more contracts from global businesses expanding their digital offerings during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The company expects rev-

to be in the range of \$2,631 million to \$2,683 million, translating into a sequential growth of 2 to 4 per cent.

increase of 23.8 per cent YoY.

R.O. No. 761 <u>Tender Notice</u> Dt. 13.10.202
Office of the Executive Engineer (M&G) Dhalipur Power House, invite Dt. 13.10.2021 sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender i given below: Tender No.: 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25/EE/M&G/DLR/2021-22

Name of work (i) Annual Maintenance of Hydro-Mechanical Part o Unit-A. (ii) Annual Maintenance of Hydro-Generator of Unit-A iii) Repairing and Over hauling of Various size Gate valves of Unit-(iv) Repair and overhauling of Thrust bearing oil cooler and Rebabbiting of LGB of Unit A (v) Replacement of Guide Vanes Bearing housing

G.M. bushes of Unit-A Rs. 12,88,400/-; Rs. 6,45,400/-; Rs. 4,61,100/-Rs. 13,72,960/-; Rs. 7,13,880/- (GST Extra).

Date of availability of bid document on website: 14.10.2021 Last date for submission of tender: 08.11.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs. For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tende documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website 'www.ujvnl.com

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity" Executive Engineer (M&G) Sale Notice The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues

I	ası	as per court orders, in the following cases:-					
I	S. No	Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price	EMD Amount		
	1.	ICICI BANK Ltd VS ARCHANA RAJ, CM (M) 573/2020	Vehicle No. UP14ET7203 Make and Model: CHEVROLET ENJOY LT, Manufacturing year 2015	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 5,000/-		
	2.	JITENDRA	Vehicle No. UP14FT7814 Make and Model: CHEVROLET SAIL UVA LT, Manufacturing year 2016	Rs. 60,000/-	Rs. 6,000/-		

Auction Date: 25-October-2021 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No:166/1, Near AtulKataria Chock, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram- 122022 Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/Jitendra Kumar

Terms of Sale

The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at site with original KYC proofs to participate in the auction and also original DD of EMD.

Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited. The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower, Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085. for etails and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicl

Flat No. 8 C, 2nd Floor, Pocket No. C

ector-3 Dwarka, Delhi-110075

ent) Rules 2002.

Date : 14-10-2021 Place : Delhi & NCI

Retail Asset Centre: Axis Bank Ltd SCO 12, Sector-14, Gurgaon Haryana, Asset Centre at A-356, First Floor, Meera Bagh, New Delhi Also at: Axis Bank Ltd., Axis House, Tower T-2, 2nd Floor, I-14, Sector

128 Noida Expressway. Jaypee Greens Wishtown, Noida (U.P.)-201301 Corporate Office: Axis House, Block-B, Bombay Dyeing Mills Compound, Pandurang Budhkar Marg. Worli, Mumbai-400025, Registered Office: 'Trishul', 3rd floor, opposite Samartheswar Temple, Law POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

nder section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued deman otice upon the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) mentioned below, to repay the nount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is tereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) and the public in genera that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power

he undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Axis Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation, Reconstruction o

nancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred

nferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the bel The Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general an and the public in general are property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the large of Axis Bank Ltd.

he Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) attention is invited to provisions of sub

section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.				
Name of Borrower / Co-borrower	Description of Property		Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession	
 Mr. Hari Singh Rajora S/O Dayal Rajora B- 30, CGHS, Park Veiw Appartment Paschim Vihar. Sunder Vihar West Delhi. Delhi- 	Society Built-UP Freehold MIG Flat Bearing No. B- 30, On 2nd Floor, In The		Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	
What, Surder Wine West Delin, Delin, 10087 Also At: Mr. Hari Singh Rajora S/O Dayal Rajora Proprietor of Swastik Plastic Plot NoB-51, PVL Bazar Tikri Kalan West Delhi-110041 2. Mrs. Manju Rajora, W/O Mr. Hari Singh Rajora B-30, CGHS, Park Veiw Appartment Paschim Vihar, Sunder Vihar West Delhi, Delhi-110087	Lay Out Plan of Liberal Co-Operative Group Housing Society Ltd., Known As Liberal Apartments, Zone G-17, Situated At Rotak Road, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087.	1. 2. 3.	19-April-2021 08-10-2021 Rs.70,52,812/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Only)	
1.Mrs. Roshni W/O Sh. Beg Raj House No. 35, 3rd Floor, Sector-2, Pocket-7,	All That Piece And Parcel of Flat No. 02 (LIG	1. 2.	20-May-2021 08.10.2021	

Rohini Near Gopalji Chole Bhature, Delhi-110058 <u>Also At:</u> Mata Chanan Devi Hospital C-1, Janakpuri, Near C-1 Red Light The Layout Plan of Rs. 12,58,000/-Lakh Fifty Eight New Delhi-1100058 Housing Estate At Pkt-5 . Mr. Deepak S/O Sh. Ram Darshan House No. 35, 3rd Floor, Sector-2, Pocket-Rohini Near Gopalji Chole Bhature, Delhi-110058 <u>Also At:</u> C/O Rakesh Kumar achdeva BC-14, Mianwali Nagar, Paschin ihar, Delhi-110087 Mr. Sunil Kumar Baxla S/O Mr. Michael Flat No. 8 C, 2nd Floor Pocket No. C, Sector- 3 Baxla House No. A-4, C/138, Janakpuri, 08.10.2021 Delhi-110058 AlsoAt: Panposh (Part)
Panposh Rajganpur, Sundargarh, Orisa-770034 Also At: Steel Structure Design & Rs. 5.76.258/ (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy Six etailing Pvt. Ltd. Wz-10, 2nd Floor, salatpur, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058 <u>Also At:</u> Hundred Fifty Eight

e above-mentioned Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s) are hereby given a 30

lays' Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days' fron

Authorized Officer

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

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 20-25 Years Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Built: Medium Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, ID Mark: Earing in Right ear and bracelet in Right hand was found dead in Yamuna River Near Old Wazirabad Bridge Barrier,

Wazirabad, Delhi on 02.10.2021. In this regard a DD No. 24-A, Dated 02.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following. SHO

P.S. Wazirabad, Delhi

DP/1588/N/2021(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23810076, 8750870131

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found on 04.10.2021 at Mor Sarai Road, Near Kudedhan, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 86 A dated 04.10.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Kotwali

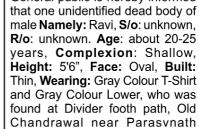
Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is Name: Unknown, Age: About 30-35 Years, Height: 5'7"

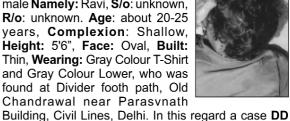
Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Wearing: Camel (Matmela) T-Shirt and Black Track Suit If anyone have any information or clue about this male

deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

Police Station Kotwali, Delh DP/1579/N/2021 (UIDB) Ph.: 011-23977100, 8750870121

General public is hereby informed





No. 45A, Dt. 08.10.2021 has been registered at P. S. Civil Lines, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about the

above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos. Sd/- SHO

> P. S: Civil Lines, Delhi Tel. No. 011-23815444

DP/1592/N/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 35 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Built: Normal, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Wearing: Blue Sando & Grey Colour Jeans, was found dead in Yamuna River

Near Ghat No. 12, Jamna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 01.10.2021. In this regard a DD No. 35-A, U/s 174 Cr.PC Dated

01.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi DP/1583/N/2021(UIDB) Ph.: 011-23967889, 8750870123

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION General public is hereby informed that an

EXPLORING HERITAGE AND FOLK MUSIC

SPIC MACAY has been giving a glimpse into the rich cultural legacy and art forms over the years. Tanmaya Das finds out the true essence of Indian culture by exploring what has changed in the post-pandemic world

appreciate the charm of Indian history and culture. To gain some insights on Indian values, I attended an online series of programs, organised by SPIC MACAY, ANUB-HAV-3, where more than 14,000 students have participated in several workshops globally. The seven-day online sessions and workshops are helping people to understand the core values of rich classical music and Indian heritage. The event will continue till October 15.

◆First day

The first day of the event started with the line-up of yoga and meditation sessions on nada yoga or meditation on sound. After shramdaan (donation of labour) as a part of selfless service to society, the screening of Oscar-winning film Gandhi by Richard Attenborough was shown, followed by a discussion on the movie with Professor Gita Dharampal of Heidelberg University. In the afternoon, a holistic lunch was organised where participants were advised to eat sattvic food. Then, an orientation programme was held, in order to brief the students on the cultural extravaganza. In the evening, the early holistic dinner was prepared to help the students to wake up early the next day. The first day concluded with the two classical music concerts by Indian vocalists Sheik Mahboob Subhani, Kaleeshabi Mahaboob (nadaswaram) and Begum Parveen Sultana.

The second day marked the beginning of five-day classical dance, music and craft workshops by eminent Gurus, for selected students.

Tn today's fast-moving world, stress Land anxiety due to work have become quite a normal phenomenon for employees. Whether it's WFH — the new normal — as they

back-to-back coordination with col-

together have contributed to the ever-so-increasing pressure and

stress in employees, thus, affecting

their mental health and overall

data from Optum, a provider of employee assistance programmes to

corporates states that 46 per cent of

the work-force in Indian organisa-

tions suffers from different types of

stressors. The pandemic and its toll

have added to it. But it is important to keep in mind that overcoming

drawbacks is a pre-requisite to

building resilience. Instead of letting

these emotions take over your self-

confidence, you should go all out

and face it with a smile and change

these stressors into accomplish-

can turn your work-related stress

Below mentioned are ways you

aving your day started with mesmerising folk music and traditions may help you to the traditions may help you to session on naad yoga by Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar, who descends from a 20 generation-long line of dhrupad musicians from the Dagar gharana. In tranquil succession, the session of hatha yoga began under the guidance of Amit Shamnani, which began with the visualisation of the ultimate source of energy to boost the concentration power, which was followed by the Surya namaskar session.

After the yoga sessions, participants were asked to perform shramdaan. The students were urged to do household chores and cleaning before having a holistic and sattvic breakfast from 7 to 8:45 am. After the holistic breakfast, the first intensive was to give an unparalleled platform to the participants to deeply inquire into art-forms of their interest, visa-vis with maestros and legends of their respective fields. The yoga series was followed by 150 workshops conducted simultaneously by eminent artists, spanning art-forms of classical music, dance, painting, and crafts where more than 15,000 students across the globe attended 150 workshops. More than 750 schools and colleges from India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Japan, S Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, UAE, are participating. Students will attend Carnatic and Hindustani classical music, all eight classical dances, folk music and dance, traditional paintings, theatre led by established artists. Next followed the nidra session, where the students were instructed to stay in the yogic posture of rest and calm down their senses and minds, listening to the soothing voices and instructions. For 15 minutes, the participants were guided into a relaxed state of mind, post which they were



rejuvenated, full of energy and mindfulness. The afternoon session saw a wonderful performance by acclaimed folk singer Shri Prahlad Singh Tipaniya, a performer of Kabir bhajans in *malavi* folk tradition (Madhya Pradesh). Along with his entourage of proficiently adroit instrumental-

Next in schedule was the thought-provoking theatre performances that proffered a vivid reflection of society, which was brilliantly exemplified by Padma Shri awardee, Dr Neelam Mansingh. Commemorating the interim of events in the evening, participants were dismissed to consume their holistic dinner of sattvic food in preparation for the closing events of

the evening.
Later, the Indian instrumentalist Bhajan Sopori ran his dexterous fingers all across the century of delicately suspended strings of santoor. The euphonious reverberations of ragas marwa and puriya kalyan pierced into the hearts of every listener, evoking an array of emotions by the sleight of each swar's rhapsod-

The second day was concluded with a sattriya dance performance of Ganakanta Bora, who gracefully took centre stage, as he mesmerised



the audience with his inescapably masterful expressional emittances, conveying a plethora of abstract emotions without a word escaping

The third day started with a blissful nada yoga session by Padma Shri awardee, Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar (dhrupad vocalist), who taught the students to master mandra, saptak, and kharaj through raag bhairav. This was followed by the traditional hatha yoga sessions by Amit Shamnani from Bihar School of Yoga, to instil vitality. It started with mantra ucharan and ended with pranayama, nadi shodhan and

At 6 am, a meditation session started to calm down the restless senses. Later, the audience was

Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple). The next session was Shramdaan and after breakfast, the students joined more than 150 intensive/workshops by various master craftspersons, masters, Gurus of classical music, dance and other forms of art from all over India.

Post lunch, a *yog nidra* session was conducted by the founder of SPIC MACAY, Dr Kiran Seth, who guided the students to lay in the vogic posture of rest (savaasana), to relax and meditate on their senses and calm down their minds, listening to his soothing voice and instructions.

The afternoon session opened up with legendary puppeteer, Dadi Pudumjee. He is the founder of Ishara Puppet Theatre Trust and president of UNIMA. The theme revolved around introducing and educating the students about the nuances of puppetry. An interesting part of the discussion was about how puppets are known in the world

The afternoon session concluded on a calm and serene note with an enlightening talk by Sister Shivani of the Brahma Kumaris movement. Her pearl knit words revolved around the need to kill the Ravana within us, reflecting on the habits and thoughts of humans.

The evening session commenced with a Bharatanatyam recital by the most graceful Padmashri Malavika Sarukkai. The wisdom in her words about her ideology and passion for her art captured the audience. Later on, the beauty of auspicious veena played by Suma Sudindra's, who is the recipient of Karnataka's highest civilian award, Rajyotsava Award, along with Charulatha Ramanujan on violin, Anoor Ananthkrishna on Mridangam and SN Narayanamurthy on Ghatam, set a mystical aura for the last concert of the day.

◆Fourth day

The fourth day again began with a meditation session at Brahma muhurta followed by shramdaan, holistic breakfast, workshops, lunch and yoga nidra. The afternoon was followed by several lectures around whirling dervishes (Turkey), gregorian chants (France) and Gurbani.

The evening sessions featured live concerts by Umayalpuram K Sivaraman (Mridangam) and Abhishek Raghuram (Carnatic Vocal), along with the symphonies of Abhishek Raghuram with K Sivaraman, the awardee of Madras Music Academy's Sangeetha Kalanidhi on Mridangam. The audience was enthralled by the enriching aalaaps paired with the soulful violin by HN Bhaskar and Kanjira by Sundar Kumar. It was followed by a live concert by the Dhrupad and torchbearer tradition of Rudra Veena instrument, Ustad Bahauddin Dagar, who is the recipient of the Sangeet Natak Akademi award.

After Brahma muhurta followed by meditation and yoga, the participants had candid discussions with gurus, and together they delved deep into the aspects of life and learning the art-forms.

In the afternoon, the music brought peace in the environment with whirling dervishes, which is a part of sema ceremony and the participants are properly known as semazens. The physiological goal of the whirling is for the dervish to 'empty' himself of all distractions. The session was insightful with the talks of Mr Fahri Özçakil, the dervishes' spiritual leader, who spoke about its significance. The Indian Ambassador to Turkey Mr Sanjay Panda also spoke on the occasion about similarities in Sufi traditions in India and Turkey.

Next on the list was the Gregorian chant, which is the central tradition monophonic, an unaccompanied sacred song in Latin of the Roman Catholic Church. Professor Iegor Reznikoff, a well-known specialist in ancient music/early Christian chant, shared some insights. Finally, a Gurbani session by Bhai Gurdev Singh, a hazoori ragis from Harminder Sahab (Golden Temple), enthralled the afternoon.

The evening sessions were graced with live concerts by Padmabhushan Dr L Subramaniam, followed by a Koodiyattam presentation, a traditional performing art-form in Kerela, by the very learned Kapila Venu.

♦Sixth day

After the regular yoga, gurbani, shramdan, workshop sessions, the evening will be followed by mesmerising presentations of Hindustani and classical music. Musicians, such as Ashwini Bhide Deshpande (Hindustani vocal), T V Sankaranarayanan (Carnatic vocal), Sudha Ragunathan (Carnatic Vocal), Prabhakar Karekar (Hindustani vocal) and Ritwik Sanyal (dhrupad).

♦Seventh day

On the last day, after breakfast, interactions with sculptors about the art installation, and lunch, there will be a virtual heritage tour of the Taj Mahal by the historian Ram Narayanan. The next on the list will be a holistic dinner followed by some western classical music.

During the sessions, the students have been kept away from the usual distractions of the world that is bombarded with too much knowledge and information. Participants are advised to go on a social media and TV fast' and slow down to savour, understand, and introspect, to derive their outlook of Indian heritage and

Adjusting with the new normal

KANCHAN RAI suggests ways to turn your work-related stress and say, or being physically present in the office. The unlimited virtual meets, anxiety into accomplishments leagues over calls, long office hours



and anxiety into accomplishments: ***Build positivity** When we're feeling anxious, it

becomes difficult to communicate and share our feelings with our colleagues. But it is better to have someone with whom you can speak your heart out and rely on, rather than suffer in silence. Hence, it is advised to start building positive relations with your co-workers and keep it transparent.

*****Be realistic

Always being available for a new task with a positive outlook is a good gesture, but most of the time this tendency can add to one's stress and work pressure. Battling this is relatively easy when one knows and accommodates their additional task efficiently. Employees should keep in mind that saying a no is not the problem, but over-committing and not being able to deliver might create a bad image and affect their overall performance.

*****Talk it out

Venting out what you feel is important. There would be times when you feel a certain way, and letting it out will only help you get clarity. It eases you out and helps elimkeeps a check on their to-do and inate the feeling of isolation.

*****Let's bond

problem half-solved".

To know more about whom you work with and spend almost nine hours of your day with them, it is important to initiate a conversation with your colleagues during lunch or tea-breaks. The topic of conversation need not be related to work, but just a casual talk to break the ice can do the charm. This forms a

Socialising also helps reduce physical and mental exhaustion. As it is

rightly said, "A problem shared is a

sense of comfort and ease amongst the co-workers and also helps to create a friendly working environ-

Simple hacks like making to-do lists will help you understand the amount of work you have and need to accomplish. The list should be in the order of priority, so all the tasks can be completed on time with utmost efficiency. This can help to be more organised and enjoy the work instead of stressing over the

*****Take appropriate breaks

One should take enough breaks during their work hours. A break as simple as a brisk walk can do wonders as it releases natural moodboosting painkillers called endorphins. It keeps the mind fresh and helps to be more focussed during work. Breaks not only assist in destressing and relaxing your mind but also monitors stress-levels. It increases productivity and recharges you for the rest of the work-

All these mental health ailments have a deeply-rooted seating in your mind. Though these simple practices might not completely eradicate them, they can surely make you feel comfortable and improve your mood. By imbibing these effective measures, one can convert their stressors into accomplishments successfully.

The author is the founder of Let Us Talk and a mental and emotional well-being coach.)

THE BIG PICTURE

Actor RANVEER SINGH is excited about following the route of many actors he idolises as he makes his TV debut

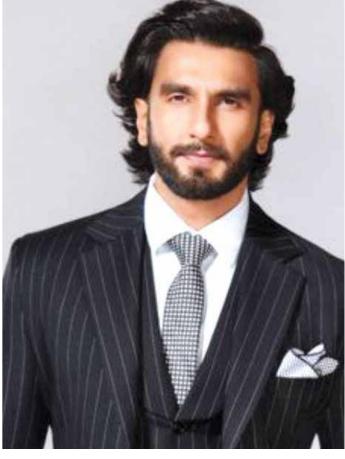
Bollywood actor, Ranveer Singh, who is all set for his big television debut as the host of a unique visual quiz show, The Big Picture, talks about taking inspiration from

Ranveer expressed, "I've idolised Amitabh Bachchan, Shah Rukh Khan, Salman Khan and Akshay Kumar since childhood!" The quiz show will release soon on October 16 on Colours TV.

The versatile actor reveals that while growing up, he was mesmerised by on-screen titans, who have all successfully hosted big TV shows and entertained India. He said that he was humbled and glad by the opportunity.
"I'm thrilled to be hosting my

first television show, The Big Picture! I'm enthused about entertaining the nation with a uniquely fresh format introduced by the ace squad at Colours TV. Iconic mainstream Hindi film heroes have all connected with and captivated the nation through their television shows. I've been inspired by them since childhood and closely followed their journey," said Ranveer.

Notably, all the popular nonfiction game shows on TV have been a bastion of superstars down the generations given their pan India mass appeal and incredible fan-following. Being a bonafide superstar of today's time, he feels his debut on television will help him connect with a larger audience. As an entertainer and a showman, he is looking forward to this oppor-



"I always recognise the fact that they garnered an immense amount of love from people for their charismatic turns on the television screen. I have a great opportunity here with The Big Picture to connect with the youth of India, as well

as the entire Indian family audience. I hope I can continue the grand legacy of the mainstream men of Hindi cinema on national television! I can't wait for people to watch The Big Picture!" the actor

TREND:

'WOMEN SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT'

Actress MALAIKA ARORA is going to be in the judge-panel along with Terence Lewis and Geeta Kapur in the upcoming dance reality show, India's Best Dancer.

The fitness enthusiast expressed, "I believe independence is the core of my being. I am very happy and fortunate to meet people who give me the right backing and the right push to do something."

"I am very headstrong like that. And, I think all women should be emotionally and financially independent," she added.



'The way I'm living my life right now is my happily ever after. I have people that I care about and who reciprocate. We can express love and appreciation for each other. I train whenever I want. I travel, spend time with people I love, create projects that I care about and be a part of those that fulfill me creatively, which I think is the best thing in the world."



'TV shows cater to a different segment of audience. It eventually makes you a household name, whereas OTT projects have a good scope in experimenting with great content and storylines. In OTT, as an artist, one has freedom when it comes to acting, story or direction. TV is the toughest sector. A lot of hard work is involved to be a success.'

EX-SUPERMAN IS NOT IMPRESSED

Actor DEAN CAIN, who played Superman in Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman, from 1993 to 1997, is unimpressed by the news that the superhero Clark Kent's son, Jon Kent, will be bisexual. He shared, "They say it's a new direction,

I say they're bandwagoning. Robin came out as bi. The new Captain America is gay. My

daughter in *Supergirl* was gay."

"If they had done this 20 years ago, perhaps, that would be bold or brave. Brave would be having Superman fighting for the rights of gay people in Iran where they'll throw you off a building for the offense of being gay," the ex-Superman added.







Officers and councillors of the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh Demonstration of the Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC)





An improvised water park for children at

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV AT CHANDIGA

o mark the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements, Government of India announced the initiation of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India. It will also focus on India's vision, aspiration of India's youth and what India will be in the next

This celebration is steadfast to the people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but also hold within them the power and potential to enable Prime Minister Modi's vision of enabling new India, fuelled by the spirit of an Atmanirbhar Bharat.

□Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Chandigarh

In accordance with the nation-wide celebrations for the Mahotsav, the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh conceived a week-long urban campaign from September 28 to October 3, 2021 under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations at Chandigarh focussed on citizen participation and engagement, for transformation into a Janandolan, a citizens' movement, where small changes, at the community level will translate into significant changes at city level and consequently enlarging gains on the national canvas.

The week-long event showcased the accomplishments and ongoing development activities under the auspices of various urban missions including Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Transformation (AMRUT), Smart Cities Mission (SCM), Swachh Bharat (Urban) Mission, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) by mobilising support from various stakeholders such as civil society organisations, youth,

women, social activists, urban and environment crusaders, resident and market welfare associations and other government agencies. Public sector undertakings including banks and corporations came forward with their kind and budgetary support under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to rejoice the spirit and essence of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, thereby promoting JanBhagidari and mass

citizen engagement.

During the week-long celebration, the programmes and activities which were conceived by the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh under the vibrant and vivacious mentorship of Anindita Mitra, commissioner of the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh were:

□Inaugural of 22 cities & 75 Hours Placemaking Implementathon

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign was inaugurated and opened to the public by Dharam Pal, adviser to the administrator of UT of Chandigarh on September 28, 2021 in the presence of Ravi Kant Sharma, the Mayor of Chandigarh, Nitin Kumar Yadav (IAS), home secre-

Administration, Vijay Namdeo Zade (IAS), finance secretary of Chandigarh Administration and Anindita Mitra (IAS), the commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh at Community Park, New Indira Colony, Manimajra, Sector -13, Chandigarh.

The physical transformation involved construction of a public toilet, painting of the water body into an interactive play area for kids, connecting neighbouring school with the park through a tabletop crossing, repair and painting of planters among others. To ensure public participation, events like morning yoga session for locals, a game of kabaddi for men and women, a drawing competition among school-going children, plantation drive at Herbal Garden, tug of war for children, officers and councillors, a magic show and puppet show for children, various quizzes, antakshari and camel ride were organised.

The Implementathon witnessed participation of more than 10,000 people from the vicinity. The key aim behind choosing New Indira Colony for the event was to promote urban vivacity to areas on the outskirts of the city which inhabited the marginalised and economically weaker section communi-

□Kachra Alag Karo Amrit

Kale Ram, a safai karamchari was appointed as the brand ambassador of Swachhta Mission and sensitisation activities through skits and *nukkad-natak* on waste segregation at source were organised on September 29, 2021. Colour coded waste collection compostable bags were distributed to citizens at Maloya, Ram Darbar and Maulijagran.

□Saarvjanik Shauchalaya Safai Jan Bhagidari Amrit Utsav

Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh, in a special maintenance drive during this period, revamped 26 public toilets throughout the city which were handed over to Resident Welfare/Market Associations and other operating agencies by the respective area councillors in their wards in the presence of municipal officials on September 30, 2021. A new toilet block in Sector-17 was inaugurated by the Mayor of Chandigarh.

Keeping in mind the input from citizens, a QR code for getting feedback from the public on amenities were also affixed to the revamped toilets.

□Cycle2Work

The Cycle2Work campaign aims at getting people out of their cars and convincing them to shift their daily habits in favour of a more sustainable and healthier

Leading by example, the officers and employees of Chandigarh Smart City Limited and Municipal Corporation of Chandigarh cycled to their workplaces on October 1, 2021. Badges were affixed to encourage the employees and a selfie frame

es to create a buzz around the

□Felicitation of waste entrepreneurs and Waste-To-Art exhibi-

A Waste-To-Art exhibition was also organised on October 1, 2021 at Sector 17, Plaza by inviting local civil society organisations, self help groups (SHGs), school going students, corporates. In the exhibition, Rock Garden, Kala Sagar, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, NULM women SHGs have displayed various articles and models prepared by them using waste, which has demonstrated RRR - Reuse, Recycle and Reduce strategy of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

A special event was also conceived to felicitate city based waste entrepreneurs who have demonstrated state of the art models prepared out of waste by the Mayor of Chandigarh.

☐Showcasing of Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC)

To empower citizens with knowledge about the 'smart' initiatives being taken up in the city, the Chandigarh Smart City Ltd team demonstrated the ICCC platform with integrated traffic control system, e-challan system and live monitoring by surveillance cameras to the public.

A live demonstration on the functioning of ICCC was given to councillors, media representatives and students on October 1, 2021 and a video presentation on

ICCC and other initiatives of CSCL was given to citizens on October 2 and 3, 2021, at Municipal Corporation premises and Sector 17 Plaza respec-

□Safaimitra Amrit Samman

While commemorating the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and his vision for sanitation, this event was held on October 2 and 3.

During this event, 5150 safaimitras were felicitated. On October 2, the Mayor of Chandigarh felicitated the safaimitras and in the closing ceremony, felicitation was done by Banwari Lal Purohit, Punjab's Governor and Chandigarh's administrator.

□Freedom to cycle — cycle rally on October 3

A 7.5 km long bicycle rally was organised to wrap up the celebrations of the 75 glorious years of India's independence. The rally was flagged off by Banwari Lal Purohit at Sukhna Lake. The rally witnessed massive participation from the cycling enthusiasts of the city. The highlight of the event was the sheer diversity of the participants in terms of gender and age-groups. The rally ended at Shanti Kunj, Sector-16 where the 'junior bicycling champions' were felicitated by Anindita Mitra, commissioner of the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh and CEO of Chandigarh Smart City

POWERGRID, a Maharatna PSU under Ministry of Power, Government of Region-I undertook a project for the supply and installation of PSA Type 2x50 Nm3/hr oxygen generation plant with



bottling facility at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Sector-38, Gurugram,

On October 7, 2021, Madhu Azad, the Mayor of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram, inaugurated the facility in the presence of A K Mishra, the executive director of NR1, Bodhiraj Sikri, the deputy chairman of Haryana's CSR trust, Dr Yash Garg, the district commissioner and Vishram Kumar



Rahul Mithal took over as the chairman and MD of RITES Ltd. (NSE: RITES, BSE: 541556), the leading transport infrastructure consultancy and engineering firm, on October 7, 2021. Pictured above, V G Suresh Kumar, the director of Projects at

RITES felicitates Mithal, who has over 31 years of experience in the Railway sector. He has worked at various key positions in Indian Railways and Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR)

Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, R K Singh congratulating PFC on being accorded the 'Maharatna' status by Government of India in the presence of Alok Kumar, the secretary of Power, R S Dhillon, CMD of PFC and senior MOP and PFC officials



Dr Sudhir Mishra, distinguished scientist and director general of BrahMos at DRDO and the CEO & MD of BrahMos Aerospace was conferred the honorary degree of 'Doctor of Science' by Shri Ramswaroop Memorial

University at the varsity's first convocation ceremony on 11th October 2021, held at Lucknow-Deva Road (Barabanki, Uttar

He has 36 years of R&D experience in the area of missiles technology, production technology, technology management and defence diplomacy and has contributed immensely in India's quest to achieve excellence in missile technologies by developing several breakthrough-technologies. His technical expertise and contribution has resulted in the realisation of several DRDO Missile Programmes.

Gurdeep Singh, CMD, NTPC presents 1,560.93 crore, the final dividend of 3,054.45 crores for FY 2020-21 for the Government of India, to R K Singh, Minister of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable

Energy in the presence of Alok Kumar, the secretary of Power, Vivek Kumar Dewangan, additional secretary and Ashish Upadhyaya, additional secretary & FA from Ministry of Power, A K Gautam, the Finance Director, Dillip Kumar Patel, the director of Human Resources, Ramesh Babu V, the director of Operations and Chandan Kumar Mondol, the Commercial director were also present on

POWERGRID assists RAJASTHAN Solar Energy zone

 $P_{\text{Transmission System Ltd.}}^{\text{OWERGRID}} \xrightarrow{\text{Khetri}}$ (PKTSL), a fully owned subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, has commissioned the Transmission System associated with Rajasthan Solar Energy Zone (SEZ) Part-C on 4th October

The Directorate of Tourism, Jammu, in collaboration with

the district administration of

Reasi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi

Shrine Board Katra celebrated

Ground Katra on October 12.

PRAGATI MAIDAN.

projects established in the state of Rajasthan.
The Transmission Project

involves a new 765 kV Sub-station at Khetri (Rajasthan) and connects the capital of the country at Jhatikara (Delhi) through a 765 kV Double Circuit Transmission line and also connects Sikar

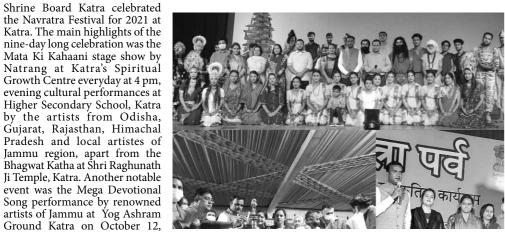
Inter State Tariff Based Double Circuit Transmission line.
Competitive Bidding (TBCB) The commissioning of The commissioning of

PKTSL system will facilitate transfer of Renewable Power from Rajasthan to various parts of the country. It will benefit industries, households and businesses, boosting the economic development of Rajasthan and the country in totality. It will augment the transmission infrastructure to evacu-

reducing dependency on fossil fuels, in line with Government of India's vision of achieving 450 GW renewable energy target by 2030.

Charging of this important transmission project will enhance ease of living as well as provide GatiShakti to infrastructure development activities, through supply of quality & reliable green power

Navratra festival at Katra



2021. The event was inaugurated by Vivekanand Rai (IRS), the Tourism director of Jammu Director Tourism, Jammu and was also witnessed by Amit Bhasin, ASP of Katra, Abhishek Sharma, SDM of Katra, Ambika Bali, assistant director of Tourism in Katra, Manik Singh Rathore, under-secretary of the Transport department, Ranjeet Kaur, the state's taxation officer and other officers of the Tourism depart-

The festival will culminate on October 15,2021 with Shobha Yatra and Mata Ki Kahaani

SCHOOL WARRIORS

aunching an ambitious national master plan for Launching an ambitious national master print a multi-model connectivity, 'PM GatiShakti', the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated New Exhibition Complex (Halls 2,3,4 & 5) of Warriors contest for creating awareness International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) against air pollution amongst stuat Pragati Maidan, New Delhi today i.e. October 13, 2021. dents and the school community,

While dedicating the New Exhibition complex to the nation, he hoped that the new world class exhibition infrastructure at Pragati Maidan would be immensely significant in showcasing India's brand excellence globally and providing fresh impetus to promote exports from MSMEs.

PM MODI Launches NEW

EXHIBITION COMPLEX' AT

Earlier, Hon'ble PM was welcomed by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry along with senior government officials and he was briefed about IECC project by Shri L.C. Goyal, CMD, ITPO. Hon'ble PM also visited an exhibition and reviewed the model of the New Exhibition Complex at Pragati Maidan, before launching the GatiShakti plan with the press of a remote button. The ambitious plan of PM GatiShakti envisages a centralised portal to unite the infrastructural initiatives planned and initiated by as many as 16 central ministries and departments. Speaking at the event, Shri Modi also said that PM GatiShakti targets to cut logistic costs, increase cargo handling capacity and reduce the turnaround time. The plan envisioned by the Hon'ble PM, is a campaign to lend more speed (Gati) and power (Shakti) to projects by connecting all concerned departments on one platform.

2.0 CONTEST BY GAIL Under its clean air initiative Hawa Badlo, GAIL (India) Limited has launched the second edition of School

including parents and teachers.

The School Warriors 2.0 contest aims at connecting with school students who are currently at health risks due to constant rise in pollutants in the air. Through the online Hawa Badlo School Warriors 2.0 contest, the students will be given a chance to showcase their creative views on air pollution by uploading short videos, art forms, essays with ideas and their corrective suggestions against air pollution which can be submitted digitally on the School Warriors 2.0 microsite. (http://schoolwarrior2.changetheair.or

The participants can also plant saplings and upload pictures of them taking care of the plants. The entries can be uploaded till November 20, 2021 and the best entries will win prizes in various categories



The first edition of School Warriors contest had more than five million reach on digital platforms. The contest got around 3,000 entries from across India. The Hawa Badlo initiative is in

line with the environmental responsibility of GAIL which is an integral part of its vision statement. It aims at improving the air quality with collective societal effort to bring substantial change in the quality of air for better environment and better

NORTHERN RAILWAYS GM HOLDS SAFETY/PERFORMANCE REVIEW MEETING

Ashutosh Gangal, General Manager Northern Railway held a review meeting with the departmental heads and DRMs of Railway. Northern keeping focus on passenger increase of level of platforms, washable aprons, provision of 2nd entry, foot over bridges, Escalators, lifts facilities for Divayangjans, improvement of station building including façade etc. He also reviews the progress of mobility enhancement, developmental infrastructure works, Freight loading and safety on tracks.

He also informed that 82 different stations over Northern railway have been selected for construction of toilets in circulating area through CSR funds.

He instructed to maintained good record of punc-

tuality of trains and expedites the works related with mobility enhancement and conducting drives to check the progress. He reviewed the work done over the zone in Deliberations were held on improving the maintenance standard of track, welds and amenities at stations like removal of scrap lying near stock of the tree cutting activity and removal of vegetation alongside the tracks.

Sh. Gangal emphasized upon minimizing the human failure in train operation, extensive monitoring of rail fractures and rail welds and said no error should be left. He asked the officers should enhance their inspection to assess the progress of works as well as train operations.

He also informed that, loading of food grains & other items have steadily increased with every passing month. Northern Railway is committed to provide safe, smooth and efficient services to its customers.

POWERGRID Rated 'Excellent' for FY 2019-20 in MoU with Ministry of Power

Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POW-ERGRID), a 'Maharatna' Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under Ministry of Power, Government of India has been rated 'Excellent' (Score 96.29) in Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for FY 2019-20 signed with Ministry of Power (MoP). MoU Score and Rating for FY 2019-20 of CPSEs have been recently released by the

POWERGRID's score under MoU FY 2019-20 is highest among CPSEs under administrative control of MoP. The MoU included targets related to various parameters such as Financial, Physical, Human Resource Management, Project Execution, etc. Apart from this, special emphasis had also been given to targets related to Technology Upgradation, Innovation and programs for Leadership Development of Women Employees.

PÓWERGRID has been consistently rated 'Excellent' under MoU since first MoU for FY

As on September 30, 2021, POWERGRID has 262 Sub-stations and about 1,70,700 ckm and 4,51,350 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain average transmission system availability >99%.

Fino Payments Bank signs actor Pankaj Tripathi as brand ambassador

 $F_{\left(\text{FPBL}\right),\ a\ \text{fintech}}^{\text{ino Payments Bank Limited}}$ India customers will now work with actor Pankaj Tripathias its brand ambassador.

During the two-year engagement effective 1st September 2021, Pankaj Tripathi will be the face of Fino Payments Bank's marketing campaigns across various platforms. He will work with the brand in promoting its products and services representing through Fino's ever present and friendly neighbourhood local banker -Hamesha available!

"This is Fino's first ever opportunity to have a brand ambassador, a milestone in itself", said Darpan Anand, Sr. Divisional Head Fino Payments Bank. "We are extremely pleasedto have Pankaj Tripathi, a celebrated artist, as our brand ambassador. Pankaj's personality resonates our brand values and we believe the association will goa long way in not only achieving the desired top of the mind brand recall but also in bringing about a paradigm shift in consumer behaviour towards the adoption of digital banking.'

Sharing his thoughts on associating with Fino Payments Bank, Pankaj Tripathi said, Pankaj Tripathi_FPB1 "When I heard about Fino's

'Fi-kar No-t'approachI was instantly connected to it as that is how I have lived my life. I owe my success perhaps to this way of thinking and that's why I immediately agreed to associate with the brand. I want to thank Fino Payments Bank and the agency for choosing me as the face of Fino brand that I could so relate to. I wish them the best of future?

"The most important step on who would personify the brand, is the match between the brand's attributes and those of the celebrity", said Anand Bhatia, CMO, Fino Payments Bank. "Pankaj Tripathi brings to the table a pan Índia connect and an appeal that is in sync with Fino Payments Bank's values of being grounded, real, sincere, honest, competent and hardworking.His clear focus on creating social awareness through his endorsements connects well with Fino's socially inclusive business, making him a perfect brand fit. He is a self-made man, just like our self-made bank."

Pankaj Tripathi will be the face

especially confidence issues associated with the banking process. Fino believes its customers should not have any 'Fikar' or worry when doing banking. In fact 'FI-kar NO-t is in its name

of Fino's first 'Fikar Not' campaign conceptualised to allay the fears,

Bridging India and Bharat brand connect

Pankaj Tripathi's success story of a small town guy making it big on his own blends well with the aspirations of Fino's target group. FPBL's target segment, the emerg-

ing India customeris someone who has low levels of financial literacy, technology use, lacks financial inclusion and typically does not have access to basic banking services. Fino's merchants serve the bank-

ing and financial needs of this segment by offering assisted services through the phygital delivery model. They not only address the pain points of the customers but also help them migrate from offline activity to online activity.

On this front, Pankaj's rich repertoire of rustic, familiar and relatable characters across Hindi and regional films ring a bell!

DC set 136-run target for KKR in 2nd IPL Qualifier



PTI SHARJAH

olkata Knight Riders, led by mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy, produced a clinirestrict Delhi Capitals to 135 for 5 in Opener Shikhar Dhawan top-scored their IPL Qualifier 2 here on

Sent in to bat, DC batters struggled on a sluggish pitch with the KKR cal bowling display on a slow pitch to bowlers bowling a tight line and length.

with a 39-ball 36 while Shreyas Iyer remained not out on 30 off 27 balls.

Chakravarthy took two wickets for 26 runs while Lockie Ferguson and Shivam Mavi got one each.

overs, DC took 12 runs from the third with Shaw hoisting Shakib Al Hasan for a big six.

Dhawan joined the party in the fourth over, smacking two consecutive sixes off Sunil Narine as DC amassed 14 runs from the veteran West Indian.

Chakravarthy broke the dangerouslooking partnership by having Shaw LBW with his first delivery of the day with the batter playing a wrong line to

Ferguson was impressive as he conceded just nine runs from his first two overs as DC reached 38 for 1 at the end of Power Play overs.

After a quiet period during which Mavi, Narine and Chakravarthy bowled a tight line and length, Dhawan got a boundary in the 10th over to reach 65 for 1 at the halfway mark.

With odd ball skidding low, it was getting difficult to get runs and DC were dealt a blow when Mavi, who was bowling beautifully, got rid of Marcus Stoinis who was playing only his second match in the UAE leg.

With pressure building on the DC batters, Dhawan fell in the 15th over while going for a big shot. He could only get an outside edge off a Chakravarthy delivery for Shakib Al Hasan to take a diving catch at backward point.

DC were 83 for 3 in the 15th over when captain Rishabh Pant (6) came in and he disappointed in a crucial match as he went for a big shot the next over only to balloon a Ferguson delivery for Rahul Tripathi to take a regulation

There was no lack of drama as Shimron Hetmyer was caught by Shubman Gill off Chakravarthy in the 17th over but it turned out to be a no

DC managed to score 36 runs in the last three overs to put up a decent total

Shardul Thakur replaces Axar Patel in India's main squad for T20 World Cup



PTI NEW DELHI

 $F_{ ext{Shardul}}^{ ext{ast bowling all-rounder}}$ Wednesday replaced Axar Patel in India's squad for the T20 World Cup to be held in the UAE and Oman from October

The 29-year-old Thakur has impressed with his 18 wickets in the ongoing IPL for Chennai Super Kings. With this, India completed the announcement of its final squad for the marquee tournament. Teams are allowed time till October 15 to finalise changes.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee after a discussion with the team management has added Shardul Thakur to the main squad. All-rounder Axar Patel, who was part of the 15-member squad will now be on the list of stand-by players," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said in a state-

With pace all-rounder Hardik Pandya not bowling during the IPL because of fitness issues, the selectors wanted a cover for him. The Mumbai Indians star's workload management is a major concern for the team manage-

"The selectors felt that they were one pacer short and also with Hardik Pandya not bowling, they needed an all-rounder in the main squad," a source close to the selection committee told PTI.

"Axar remains in stand by and if Ravindra Jadeja gets injured, he will again be back in main team. Till Jaddu (Jadeja) plays, Axar won't be required?

As reported by PTI, the selectors also included Harshal Patel among the net bowlers for the Indian team.

'The following cricketers will join the team bubble in Dubai and assist Team India in

their preparations: Avesh Khan, Umran Malik, Harshal Patel, Lukman Meriwala, Venkatesh Iyer, Karn Sharma, Shahbaz Áhmed and K. Gowtham," the statement said.

Among the stand-by players, Railways leg-spinner Karn Sharma, who is part of the CSK right now, was a surprise inclu-

Considered a close confidante of Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who has been roped in as mentor of the national side for the World Cup, Sharma is retained year after year by CSK without playing too many matches as it is believed that he has been the franchise's "Lucky Mascot'

Leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal could not find a place despite an impressive IPL with Royal Challengers Bangalore. He claimed 18 wickets in 15 matches. India will open their campaign on October 24 against Pakistan.

BCCI extends date for buying T for new IPL teams



IANS MUMBAI

Amandeep

leads 10th leg

of Hero WPGT

Amandeep leads the combined

Hero Order of Merit for 2020-21 despite missing out on the last few legs of the Tour because

of busy schedule in Europe.

Both Amandeep and Avani

had a bogey-free 3-under 33 each on the back nine. They

also had a birdie each on the

front nine, but Avani also dropped a shot on the

ninth, while Amandeep stayed

third leg and runner-up in the

seventh leg in 2021. Amandeep

is yet to taste a win in 2021,

though she had two in 2020.

She was runner-up to Avani in

the third leg, so she has a score

Bakshi also carded under par

rounds of 1-under 71 each to be

Tied-third. Seher and Jahanvi

had contrasting rounds produc-

ing similar scores.

Seher Atwal and Jahanvi

to settle with the youngster.

Avani was the winner of the

error-free

The Board of Control for Cricket in ■ India (BCCI) has further extend the date for purchasing the 'Invitation to Tender' (ITT) document for the two new Indian Premier League (IPL) teams -- which will be added from the 2022 season -- to October 20, 2021.

A BCCI statement said that interested parties can purchase the ITT document on receipt of payment of the 'non-refundable tender fee of Rs 10 lakh plus any applicable Goods and Services Tax". All other terms contained in the Invitation document shall be applicable, said the BCCI. The IPL Governing Council had on August 31

this year announced the release of tender to "own and operate" two new IPL teams, which will compete in the 2022 edition of the lucrative tournament.

Subsequently, the date was extended to October 10 and now the date has been further extended by 10 days.

"Interested parties are requested to email at ittipl2021@bcci.tv to get further details for purchasing the ITT. The email requesting the ITT should have the subject line 'ITT for the Right to Own and Operate One of Two Proposed New IPL Teams," said a

"Any interested party wishing to submit a bid is required to purchase the ITT. However, only those satisfying the eligibility criteria set out in the ITT and subject to the other terms and conditions set out therein, shall be eligible to bid. It is clarified that merely purchasing this ITT does not entitle any person to bid," the statement added.

Fan-inspired Team India jersey for T20 World Cup unveiled



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Undian cricket team's jersey for the upcoming T20 World Cup was unveiled on Wednesday, days before the country opens its campaign with a much-awaited clash against arch-rivals Pakistan in Dubai.

The tournament will be held from October 17 to November 14 in the UAE and Oman. The new shirt, called the 'Billion Cheers Jersey', has been inspired by

fans and was unveiled by MPL Sports, the official kit sponsor of the Indian men's, women's, and Under-19 teams.

'This is the first time in the history of Indian cricket that fans have been memorialised on a jersey. It carries their chants and cheers from iconic past matches, transformed into unique soundwave patterns," stated a release from ML Sports

The jersey comes in shades of prussian blue and royal blue.

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly said, "The Indian cricket team enjoys support not just in India but around the world, and there's no better way to celebrate their jersey. "This will undoubtedly provide the team with the much-needed enthusiastic support in their quest to emerge as the T20 champions of the world.

We are also pleased to see that MPL Sports continues to deliver merchandise that is widely affordable and accessible."

The board's secretary Jay Shah echoed

Golfers Aditi, Tvesa and Diksha to play

NEYMAR'S TEAM URGE HIM TO PLAY WOUP

Sao Paulo: Neymar's Brazil teammates are still hoping the 29-year-old striker will remain with the national team after next year's World Cup, despite saying the tournament in Qatar could be his last.Neymar said in an interview aired this week that he doesn't know whether he will be able "mentally to endure" more international soccer after the 2022 World Cup and that he's approaching the tournament as if it is his last. His teammates rallied around the Paris Saint-Germain player on Tuesday, saying they understand the pressure Neymar faces as Brazil's biggest star. "We want him to stay with us for many years," midfielder Fred said. "But it is hard to talk about someone else's head. Sometimes people face a huge

FIFA ASSESS PUNISHMENT FOR CROWD UNREST Zurich: FIFA is analyzing the crowd unrest and

assessing punishments after condemning disorder involving Hungary and Albania fans in separate World Cup qualifiers. At Wembley Stadium in London, Hungary supporters fought with police in the stands just after kickoff on Tuesday as officers sought to arrest a spectator on suspicion of racially abusing a steward. Hungary drew 1-1 with England. Another Group I game in Tirana was suspended for around 20 minutes. Karol Swiderski had just scored for Poland in the 77th minute when he was apparently struck by a bottle thrown from the Albania fans. Poland's players walked off but returned to the field and held on to win 1-0. .

HIMA DAS TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID -19

Ace Indian sprinter Hima Das, who is making a comeback from a hamstring injury, on Wednesday revealed that she has tested positive for COVID-19 but is stable in isolation. Das, 21, reported to the national camp at National Institute of Sport (NIS) in Patiala recently. "I would like to inform everyone that I have been tested positive for Covid-19. I am stable and at the moment in isolation. I look forward to utilising this time to recover and come back stronger than before," Das tweeted."A gentle reminder for everyone to stay safe and wear mask." Das could not make the cut for the Tokyo Olympics after missing the 200m qualification mark of 22.80s as she clocked 23.21s in the Federation Cup in March this year.

INDIA REACH THOMAS CUP QUARTERS

Aarhus (Denmark): The Indian men's badminton team hammered Tahiti 5-0 to enter the quarterfinals of the Thomas Cup for the first time since 2010 but the women's team suffered a crushing 0-5 defeat against a strong Thailand in its last group match here. It was the first defeat for Indian women after beating Spain (3-2) and Scotland (4-1). The women's team has already reached the quarterfinals. The men's team, on Tuesday, recorded its second straight 5-0 win, having beaten the Netherlands with an identical

AIFF NAMES 28 INDIA PROBABLES

New Delhi: The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Wednesday announced 28 probables, including Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem and Aniket Jadhav, for the national team's qualifying campaign for next year's AFC U-23 Asian Cup. India have been drawn alongside Oman, Kyrgyz Republic, and hosts UAE in Group E of the Qualifiers, with the matches set to be played between October 25 to 31 at the Fujairah Stadium in Fujairah, UAE. The AFC U-23 Asian Cup is scheduled to be held in Uzbekistan. The Blue Colts are set to assemble in Bengaluru on October 17, before leaving for the UAE on October 20 for their matches.

Narine won't be added to West Indies World Cup squad: Pollard

West Indies skipper Kieron Pollard says they will resist PTI ■ CHANDIGARH the temptation of adding Sunil Narine to their T20 World Cup A mandeep Drall lived up to her top billing with a flaw-less 4-under 68 that put her on squad despite the spinner's subtop of the leaderboard at the end lime form in the ongoing IPL, where he played a key role in of the first round in the 10th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Kolkata Knight Riders reaching the Qualifier-2. The 33-year-old Tour here on Wednesday. After day one at the Chandigarh Golf Club, Narine reminded the fans of his vintage past with his four-wick-Amandeep was one shot ahead of the highly rated amateur et haul and impact batting in the eliminator against Royal Avani Prashanth (69), who had Challengers Bangalore on four birdies against one bogey. Monday. He has taken 11 wick-Kapurthala ets in eight IPL matches since the



He went wicket-less against Rajasthan Royals and Sunrisers league's resumption in the UAE. Hyderabad and in an earlier

match against RCB but took three wickets in the team's twowicket defeat to Chennai Super Kings. However, he has not played any international cricket since August 2019, forcing defending champions West Indies to ignore him while announcing their World Cup squad on grounds of fitness.

The ICC deadline to make changes in the squad ends on Friday. "If I add my two cents or my words on how his non-inclusion came about, then it could be spun - just like how he's bowling on these Sharjah wickets - in all different directions," Pollard

in New York leg of Aramco Series

IANS NEW YORK

Tndian golfers Aditi Ashok, Tvesa Malik and Diksha Dagar will compete at the third leg of the Aramco Series in New York beginning this week.Only Tvesa has played both earlier legs in London and in Spain, while Diksha was in the winning team in London and missed the event in Spain.

Aditi, fourth at the Olympics, will be playing the Aramco Series for the first time this season. Tvesa has had numerous solid finishes this season, but Aramco Series events have not given her a good finish. Diksha Dagar was part of the winning team in London and was

T-12 in the individual standings. A stellar field includes Olympic champion Nelly Korda with her sister Jessica, Lexi Thompson, Lizette Salas, Angel Yin, Alison Lee and Lindsey Weaver. Others including Danielle Kang, Cheyenne Woods and Natalie Gulbis will be getting a

The top Europeans are Catriona Matthew Emily Kristine Pedersen, Charley Hull, Anna Nordqvist, Sophia Popov. Bronte Law, Caroline Masson and Anne Van Dam.The two individual winners from London (Marianne Skarpnord) and from Sotogrande, Spain (American Alison Lee) are

taste of the Series for the first time.

Ronaldo scores hat trick, Denmark qualifies for World Cup

Another hat trick for Cristiano Ronaldo, another win — and qualification for the World Cup - for Denmark

And yet more crowd trouble in a game between England and Hungary.

There was a sense of familiarity to the World Cup qualifiers in Europe on Tuesday, not least in Faro where Ronaldo extended his men's record tally of international goals to 115 by scoring the 58th hat trick of his career for club and country in Portugal's 5-0 win over

Luxembourg. Denmark became the second European nation to qualify for next year's tournament in Qatar, after Germany on Monday, by securing an eighth straight



win in group play by beating Austria 1-0.

The decisive win — sealed by Joakim Maehle's second-half goal — came at the Parken Stadium in Copenhagen where star playmaker Christian Eriksen collapsed in June during a European Championship game. It is still unclear if Eriksen can resume his career to play at the World Cup in 13 months' time.

England is likely to be there, but was made to wait before booking its place after being held to a 1-1 draw by Hungary at Wembley Stadium.

Events on the field were overshadowed by clashes between police officers and Hungary supporters at the start of the match, sparked — according to police by a visiting fan making "racially aggravated" comments toward a steward