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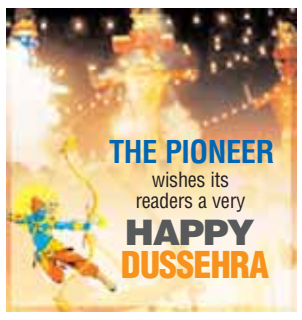

Dear All,
The office of The Pioneer Dehradun edition will remain closed on October 15, 2021 (Friday) on the occasion of Dussehra. Therefore, there will be no issue of The Pioneer Dehradun (Uttarakhand) Edition on October 16, 2021 (Saturday).

CAPSULE

INDIA, US TO BEGIN MILITARY EXERCISE
New Delhi: India and the US will kickstart a 15-day mega military exercise in Alaska from Friday to further deepen bilateral military cooperation.

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More teeth for BSF turn into ache for Congress

Rift widens in Punjab unit, Capt accused of aiding BJP's 'plans'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH/NEW DELHI

The extension of the Border Security Force's (BSF) jurisdiction in States sharing the International Borders (IB) has resulted in turning the intense infighting within the Punjab Congress, uglier. So much so that, on Thursday, one of the State Cabinet Ministers directly accused party stalwart and former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh of being behind the BJP-led Centre's latest move.

"Earlier, when he went to Delhi and met Union Home Minister Amit Shah, paddy procurement was delayed by 10 days and now when he has gone to Delhi again, the BSF's jurisdiction has been increased. What is Captain sahib trying to prove? I always said he is with the BJP," former Olympian and Cabinet Minister in the Charanjit Singh Channi dispensation, Pargat Singh, a known Navjot Singh Sidhu loyalist, told media persons. Pargat said the development reeks of a design to implement Governor's Rule in Punjab by branding it as a disturbed State.

Sulking Sidhu falls in line

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A truce seems to have been struck as a sulking Punjab Congress president Navjot Sidhu on Thursday met the party central leadership and emerged to say that he had expressed his "concerns regarding Punjab and Punjab Congress to the party high-command. I have full faith in Congress president, Priyanka and Rahul. Whatever decision they'll take, it'll be for the betterment of Congress and Punjab," he said. Sidhu had tendered his resignation over differences over some inductions in the Channi Cabinet. "Sidhu will work as Punjab Congress president and set up an organisational structure. An announcement will be made on Friday," Congress' Punjab in-charge Harish Rawat said.

Bid to standardise BSF's role in States along IB

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre's decision to expand the operational jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) from 15 km to 50 km in Assam, Punjab and West Bengal, and reduce it from 80 km to 50 km in Gujarat is aimed at standardising the Central paramilitary's role in the States with International Borders (IB) as also to break the nexus of the local police with the smuggling syndicates patronised by the local politicians. Officials said the move is also expected to lead to fair investigation in smuggling cases, including through drones which have been reported to be dropping arms and narcotics 30-35 km inside the areas from the international boundary. In addition to these, illegal immigration from the bordering countries and their nexus with the terror groups is also a major concern for the Centre. With the latest decision, a BSF officer of the rank corresponding to that of the lowest rank is now empowered under the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC), to exercise and discharge powers and duties without an order from a Magistrate and without a warrant.

Goons attack temples in B'desh during Puja

Paramilitary deployed in 22 districts as 4 killed in riots

PTI ■ DHAKA

Some Hindu temples in Bangladesh were vandalised by unidentified Muslims during Durga Puja celebrations, prompting the Government to deploy paramilitary forces in 22 districts after four people were killed and many others injured in riots, media reports said on Thursday. A Home Ministry spokesperson said that the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) troops have been deployed in 22 districts across the country to stop the spread of violence.

The Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and the armed police were also ordered to be on guard with the BGB in 22 of the 64 administrative districts and elsewhere to contain any violence, he said.

Three people were killed during clashes between Muslims and the police at Hajiganj sub-district in Chandpur, bordering Cumilla while the fourth succumbed to his wounds later. Authorities enforced a ban on rallies in Haziganj where officials confirmed the deaths of four people in gunshots, adding that two others were critically injured in the clashes.

The police said that a couple of their officials were injured as the mob attacked them and vandalised their and local administrators' cars.

In close touch with Dhaka: MEA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) noted on Thursday that the Indian Mission is in close contact with the Bangladeshi authorities over the reported attacks on Durga Puja pandals and temples.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi told the media, "We note that the Government of Bangladesh has reacted promptly to ensure control of the situation, including the deployment of law enforcement machinery. We also understand that the celebrations of Durga Puja continue with the support of Bangladesh Government agencies and majority of the public."

Varun tweets Atal's pro-farmer speech

Wise words from big-hearted leader, writes BJP MP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Continuing with his open defiance of the BJP's official line on the farmers' protest, party's Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha Varun Gandhi on Thursday sought to sent out a "message" to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by posting on social media a 41-year-old speech of the late party patriarch Atal Bihari Vajpayee staunchly backing farmers' demands and saying "oppression of farmers will not be tolerated". Varun tweeted a video of the speech of Vajpayee with an accompanying text "wise words from a big-hearted leader".

In an apparent message to the top BJP leadership, the BJP MP posted the short and sharp clip of former Prime Minister who seeks to warn the Government against intimidating and repressing farmers.

"Daman ke tarike chod dijiye, darane ki koshish mat kijiye...kisan darne wala nahi..", Vajpayee is heard saying in his speech in Hindi as an Opposition leader in 1980.

"I want to warn the Government against intimidating these farmers. Don't try to scare us. These farmers are not going to be scared. We don't want to use the farmers' movements for politics, we support their genuine demands and if the Government will try to scare us, or misuse the laws, or disregard the peaceful movement of farmers, then we will also become a part of this.

Several States hit by power crisis

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh in the northern region, Andhra Pradesh in the southern region, Bihar and Jharkhand in the eastern region and Gujarat in the western region are being adversely affected by the existing power crisis even as the Centre has gone all out to ensure States are not badly hit. There was no outage reported in Delhi, though, on Thursday.

According to the grid regulator, Power System Operation Corporation (POSOCO), which regulates and maintains all India data of electricity demand and supply on a day to day basis, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana are the worst affected, registering considerable supply deficits.

Bihar and Jharkhand too are registering supply deficits of 5.12 mega units and 4.92 mega units respectively and resorting to eight to 10 hours of power cuts these days.

India to shout success of jab drive from rooftops

100-cr mark likely by Oct 19; doses sent to neighbours

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As India inches closer to the ambitious 100-crore Covid-19 vaccination mark, the Government has lined up a series of events including announcements from seaports, railway stations, bus stations, metro stations and airports to mark the massive success of the nationwide inoculation drive that was initiated on January 16.

In the meantime, after a pause of almost six months, India-made Coronavirus vaccines have been sent to Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Iran according to the Government's decision to resume their supplies, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the Government has decided to send the supplies to countries in the neighbourhood initially.

Confident that there is enough stock of vaccines for domestic purposes, the Union Health Ministry expects India to reach the 100-crore milestone by October 19 or 20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi may also address the nation to thank healthcare workers for their immense contribution to India's vaccine drive.

To celebrate the milestone, the BJP has asked its Ministers, MPs, MLAs, and party functionaries to attend events across the country.

The focus of the mega outreach plan would be States that will go to polls next year, including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab.

The mega celebration will involve frontline workers, healthcare staff and Covid warriors, who died of the infection while playing a pivotal role in achieving the target of 100 crore doses.

People at Dadar market on the eve of Dussehra festival, amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Mumbai on Thursday PTI

Allow Chhath in Delhi as Covid under control, Kejriwal urges L-G

Development after protest by Delhi BJP against ban

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday urged Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal to allow Chhath puja celebrations in the national Capital. In his letter to the L-G, Kejriwal asked him to call a meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) as soon as possible to allow Chhath puja celebrations as the Covid-19 situation in the national Capital is under control.

The development comes amid a sharp attack on the Kejriwal Government and protests by the Delhi BJP against the Chhath ban. In the protest outside the CM's house, Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament, (MP) had got injured. Tiwari, popularly known as "Poorvanchali" said when spa, swimming pools can be re-opened then why people cannot perform Chhath puja.

In his letter to the L-G, Kejriwal said the Covid situation in Delhi has been under control for the last three months and he believes that the permission to celebrate Chhath should be given with suitable protocols in view of the pandemic.

SIT takes Min's son to recreate sequence of events in Lakhimpur

Ashish, 3 others arrested in case taken to scene of killings

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Lakhimpur Kheri violence in which eight people, including four farmers, were killed on October 3, recreated the sequence of events on Thursday with the help of four arrested in the case, including Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra, and his friend Ankit Das.

SIT recreate the sequence of events leading to the incident in UP's Tikonia village as part of their ongoing investigation in Lakhimpur Kheri killings on Thursday PTI

The investigators took Ashish, his friend Das, bodyguard Latif and driver Shekhar Bharti to the site of the incident on Tikonia-Banbirpur road under tight security and the entire area was cordoned off. During the exercise, a team of Forensic Science Laboratory, Lucknow, was also present along with the SIT. Personnel of Rapid Action Force (RAF) were also deployed along with the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) jawans on the spot.

The accused were questioned about their presence on the spot even though they knew that the farmers were protesting there. The SIT arranged for three SUVs and also mannequins to recreate how the speeding vehicles mowed down farmers on that fateful day.

Ashish alias 'Monu' was arrested in the case on October 9 after 12 hours of questioning, and a court accepted his police custody from October 12 to 15. Bharti was arrested on October 12, while Das and Latif alias Kale were arrested on October 13.

PIA suspends flights to Af after threat from Taliban

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's national flag carrier on Thursday suspended flight operations to Afghanistan due to what it called "security concerns", hours after the Taliban Government threatened to ban the airline unless it reduced the fare on the Kabul-Islamabad route to previous levels.

A spokesperson for the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) confirmed the development, saying Kabul operations of the airline will remain suspended until further notice.

There are currently two airline carriers — PIA and Afghanistan's Kam Air — which operates chartered flights to Kabul with high fares.

Order on Aryan's bail plea on Oct 20

Consuming drugs for last few years, NCB tells court

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A Special Court under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) on Thursday reserved its order on a bail application filed by Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's eldest son Aryan Khan in the mid-sea drug bust case for October 20, after the prosecution opposed the plea alleging that the prime accused was a regular consumer of drugs for the past few years and that he was part of the conspiracy.

Opposing Aryan's bail application, Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Anil Singh told the special court that the prime accused had admitted that the seized drug was meant for his and friend's consumption and that the latter could not escape liability on the ground that no recovery was made from him.

India gets re-elected to UNHRC

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India was re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council for the 2022-24 term on Thursday and vowed to continue to work for the promotion and protection of Human Rights through "Samman, Samvad and Sahyog."

"India gets re-elected to the @UN_HRC (2022-24) for a 6th term with overwhelming majority. Heartfelt gratitude to the @UN membership for reposing its faith in India.

"We will continue to work for promotion and protection of Human Rights through #Samman #Samvad #Sahyog #Samman #Samvad #Sahyog," India's Permanent Mission to the UN tweeted.

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AAP to announce all 70 candidates by November 30

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced that it will release the list of its candidates for the 70 constituencies in the 2022 state assembly election by November 30. The state in-charge of the party, Dinesh Mohaniya, said that the party does not lack capable candidates and will announce the names of all candidates before Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress.

He said that the party leaders and workers are consistently going among the public and interacting with them to know about their issues, unlike the other political parties. The people of Uttarakhand are fed up with these two political parties which have failed to do any significant development work in the state.

He stated that both the parties generally wait to announce their candidates in the anticipation of who will be the opposition's candidates but AAP will not follow this practice. "We have already announced the names of our chief ministerial candidate Ajay Kothiyal so that people know who our CM candidate is and who they are going to vote for in the assembly election.

We will release the list of all 70 candidates who will participate in the election in order to give the public adequate time to understand the candidates in their respective constituency," added Mohaniya.

GO issued for releasing ₹22.24 crore under PRD

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Continuing the trend of following up on announcements made by chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, the state government has issued a government order regarding approval for Rs 22.24 crore aimed at facilitating self reliance of Yuvak Mangal Dals and Mahila Mangal Dals under the Prantiya Rakshad Dal (PRD) in the state. The amount approved as per the government order will be utilised to provide financial assistance to Yuvak Mangal Dals and Mahila Mangal Dals for a period of six months.

It is pertinent to mention here that the chief minister had announced earlier that considering the appreciable work done by the Yuvak Mangal Dals and Mahila Mangal Dals during the Covid pandemic, financial assistance will be provided to them for a period of six months.

Meanwhile, critics opine that Dhami is simply making announcements, approvind sums and getting orders issued for the same despite the fact that successive state governments continue to rely on taking loans even to provide salaries and pensions to serving and retired public servants apart from meeting other routine expenses.

In what may be called by some as appeasement politics, Dhami has made announcements worth many crores of rupees in little more than three months he has been in office.

Political observers state that while Dhami and the Bharatiya Janata Party may take the credit for making such announcements and approvals, whichever party is elected to form the next government in Uttarakhand will actually decide whether such expenses can be afforded or not at a time when successive state governments have taken thousands of crores of rupees debt to simply pay salaries, pensions and other expenses mostly pertaining to public servants.

Transport department likely to raise fare this month

The transport department has planned to discuss the fares in the meeting of the State Transport Authority scheduled for October 23

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The fares of the public transportation might be raised by the end of this month as the transport department has planned to discuss the fares in the meeting of the State Transport Authority (STA) scheduled for October 23. Various transport associations across the state have been demanding the department to increase the fares of public transports like city buses, Roadways buses, Vikrams, autorickshaws and cabs among others for the past few years. Some unions also approached the department recently to demand an increase in the fare stating that their business was affected during the pandemic and the fuel prices have also increased considerably in the recent months.

Considering this, the department formed a committee headed by the regional transport officer (RTO) Dinesh Chandra Pathoi to draft a proposal for raising the fare of public transportation in the state.

This proposal will be presented in the meeting of STA. The secretary of STA and deputy commissioner of the department, Sanat Kumar Singh informed that the committee will present the proposal on October 23 and the final decision will be taken only after thorough discussion with other officials in the meeting.

Candid Notes

Gajendra Singh Negi

POLITICAL WEATHERCOCK?

By abandoning the saffron camp along with his MLA son who still is a political greenhorn, ahead of the crucial assembly elections the soft-spoken Yashpal Arya has brought smiles on the faces of Congress party sympathisers and has jolted BJP bandwagon in Uttarakhand. In a routine post joining exercise at AICC headquarters on Akbar Road, New Delhi, Arya uttered familiar clichés with keywords 'home coming' and ' was getting stifled' to the media persons. It must be recalled that Arya who was a powerful cabinet minister in Harish Rawat government had left Congress just ahead of assembly elections in 2017 to join BJP and eventually found him in the winning side. He enjoyed the benefit of the cabinet minister to the hilt in the last four and half years and has now again affected a political somersault. A victory of Congress at the hustings in 2022 would catapult Arya to a political meteorologist par excellence in the league of legendary late Ram Vilas Paswan who always correctly gauged the direction in which the winds are blowing.

POWER PREDICAMENT

The ongoing power crisis in the country triggered by a shortfall in the supplies of coal to the thermal power plants is having a bearing on Uttarakhand also. The Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) purchases about four to five million units of electricity daily to meet the demand in the state. This is ironic in itself since the state has a vast potential of hydro electric power that apart from fulfilling local needs can provide surplus power to other states also. However myopic planners in collaboration with overzealous self proclaimed environmental crusaders have ensured that the Himalayan state remains dependent on others to meet its power requirement. Incidentally 32 hydro power projects in various stages of completion have been stalled on orders of the court in the small state with a forest cover of over 70 per cent. Hundreds of Crores of rupees of taxpayers money is lying wasted and getting rusted in these projects which if completed would have changed the power scenario of the state. One hopes that the likes of Kejriwal, Harish Rawat and Harak Singh Rawat who are vying with one another in offering free electricity to the people of state would spare a thought for the ways of tapping the real potential of rivers of Uttarakhand.

CABINET BAIT

The grapevine making rounds in the political circles of the Himalayan state is that one more MLA of BJP was scheduled to ditch the party along with father son duo of Yashpal Arya and Sanjeev Arya and was slated to join the Congress party but he dithered at the last moment. A young leader of the saffron party based in the national capital who has a penchant for seeking credit for everything which is worth for the state on the strength of his friends in the media claimed that he saved the Cow from the jaws of Congress at the last minute. It is believed that the impatient MLA was offered a bait of ministerial berth getting vacant after the defection of Arya to Congress. Interestingly many in the saffron party are throwing their weight to grab the single vacancy in Dhami cabinet so that they can enjoy the cream of power albeit for only three months.

Tomato, onion rates likely to drop in a week in Doon

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

On the skyrocketing prices of highly consumed vegetables tomatoes and onions in Dehradun, the secretary of Niranjanpur Mandi Samiti, Vijay Thapliyal said that the rates will return to normal in one week.

The prices of tomatoes and onions which are the key kitchen vegetables have almost doubled in the past 10 days in both wholesale markets and the retail market. While the price of onion has gone up from Rs 20 to Rs 50 per kilogramme this week, the tomatoes are being sold from Rs 50 to Rs 60 per kilogramme by local vendors in Dehradun compared to the Rs 25 to Rs 30 per kilogramme rates for which they were being sold earlier. The prices of onions usually decrease during Navratri due to its lower consumption but it skyrocketed this time. Talking about this, Thapliyal said that the prices of onions and tomatoes have increased due to unseasonal heavy rainfall in some cities like Bengaluru and Nashik which are among the main suppliers of these vegetables.

He stated, "The prices of onions and tomatoes generally rise during monsoon. It is not raining here anymore but due to recent unseasonal heavy rainfall in main producing cities of some states, the supply was affected which has caused a hike in their prices."

However, he added that the rates of these vegetables will be back to normal once the local supply will restart again in Uttarakhand. "The supply of onions and tomatoes from mountainous regions here almost reduces to zero during the monsoon. However, the supply will resume in the next few days and the prices will automatically get lower in the market," stated Thapliyal.

He said that the situation will also get better in the supplying states and the prices of the said vegetables will return to normal after one week.

The Mandi secretary also informed that he has also formed teams to check unnecessary overpricing of vegetables in the markets by local vendors during the festival season. He said that the teams will start the inspection on Friday.

U'khand to provide wristband trackers to mountaineers

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The Uttarakhand Government has decided to provide wristbands for mountaineers and trekkers so that they can be traced with the help of satellites and other means at the time of disaster or misshapening.

This order was given by the chief secretary SS Sandhu in the review meeting of the tourism department at the state secretariat on Thursday. He said that the wrist bands would help during search operations.

The CS said that all necessary arrangements should be made for the safety of mountaineers and trekkers.

He said that the Char Dham Yatra is seasonal but there is a vast scope for off season tourism in Uttarakhand. Sandhu said that work on connectivity should be done to give an impetus to the tourism and construction work of helipads and heliports should be expedited. He said that such areas which have great potential for tourism related activity but are lagging behind due to lack of connectivity should be focussed primarily.

The CS suggested that facilities of drinking water and toilets should be provided at every 20-30 kilometres for the tourists on the Yatra routes.

He was of the view that facilities for every age group should be developed in the tourist spots. Sandhu said that youth make more use of technology and they need every information on the phone and for them Apps and websites should be developed.

The CS said that the government with the help of Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam (GMVN) and Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN) can develop resorts in the areas which have potential but in absence of facilities they are not getting proper recognition.

He said that such resorts can be sold later once the area is developed and in this manner new tourist destinations get created.

On a terse note the CS said that all projects should be completed on time and weekly and fortnightly monitoring of these projects should be done.

He directed the officers to focus more on marketing and publicity.

The meeting was attended by Tourism secretary Dilip Jawalkar, additional secretary Yugal Kishore Pant and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA) Swati Bhadauriya.

An ophthalmologist checks the eyes of a visiting student at the BD Pandey government hospital in Nainital on the occasion of World Sight Day on Thursday Pioneer photo

Complete drainage work at the earliest in the State, directs Haryana CM

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Thursday directed the officers concerned to ensure drainage of water from the waterlogged areas at the earliest so that farmers can sow the next crop in time.

Presiding over a review meeting held through video conferencing here, the Chief Minister directed the Deputy Commissioners to complete this work within the stipulated time frame.

He also directed the Deputy Commissioners to ensure adequate availability of manure too. Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, JP Dalal were also present in the meeting.

Khattar said that if required, adequate arrangements should be made for more pumps so that water could be drained from the fields in time.

After drainage, the water should be used for recharging purposes instead of wasting it in the drain, this will also improve the water level, he said.

Punjab CM directs chief secy to form panel to simplify land laws

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Thursday called for an immediate systematic change in the archaic land laws to safeguard the proprietary ownership rights of people.

He said this initiative would go a long way to streamline the existing procedure of girdawari, mutation, Jamabandi besides division thus saving the people from sheer exploitation through illegal/fraudulent practices to divest them from their proprietary rights.

Chairing a meeting of all Deputy Commissioners here, Channi directed the Chief Secretary to constitute a committee in consultation with the Financial Commissioner (Revenue) comprising Deputy Commissioner, District Revenue Officer, Tehsildar, Kanoongo and Patwari to suggest reforms in the state land laws so as to simplify them. He also asked the Chief Secretary to bring a detailed proposal to abolish the system of girdawari so as to ensure ownership rights only vests in the legitimate/genuine owner as several states have already done away with this system.

Giving a stern warning to the Deputy Commissioners to stamp out corruption from public life, Channi said that it has to be eradicated without showing any complacency. The Chief Minister also asked the DCs to ensure their punctuality in offices from 9am and even work beyond 5pm to effectively deliver the goods to the satisfaction of the general public. He said no one would be allowed to function from their camp offices, asking the DCs to ensure prompt redressal of public grievances and keep their meetings with field officers after 5 pm so that they could exclusively concentrate on the administrative functioning and reserve any two days in a week for field visits to supervise the ongoing development activities.

Attributing clean, responsive and transparent administration as the hallmark of his government, Channi asked the Deputy Commissioners to organise Suwidha Camps to clear the backlog of social security pensions including old age, disabled, destitute, and widows besides ashirwad shagan. He also directed them to hold these camps on 20th and 21st besides 29th and 30th October at tehsil, block and district level. Likewise, the next schedule for such Suwidha Camps to be organized would be soon notified by the CMO.

To speed up the ongoing development works and welfare schemes, the Chief Minister also asked the DCs to have meetings with the MLAs to redress their various concerns related to their respective constituencies on priority. He also asked them to depute field staff to get the prescribed forms filled from all the eligible beneficiaries to waive off pending electricity bills having load upto 2 kw by reaching out to them. Likewise, he also underscored the need to ensure timely clearance of driving licenses, birth and death certificates, disabled certificates. Channi also warned the DCs to keep a check over the functioning of their subordinate staff in the districts so as to curb the practice of putting unwarranted objections on the files so as to harass the general public.

On the time bound implementation of Basera Scheme and allotment of 5 marla plots to the houseless, the Chief Minister asked the DCs to complete the entire exercise for the allotment for granting proprietary rights to the slum dwellers occupying state government's land in the slums of urban areas and 5 marla plots to the eligible beneficiaries in the villages in next two weeks so that the property cards (sanads) could be given to them on the auspicious occasion of Diwali by lighting earthen lamps (diyas). He also asked them to develop at least four play grounds in each block with the facilities of Gym and other sports equipment to encourage our youth to go for sports in a big way in order to utilize their unbounded energy in a constructive manner.

Coming down heavily on the prevailing system of corruption especially in the registry offices, he specifically asked the DCs not to allow Tehsildar to undertake registration beyond office hours after 5:00 PM, adding he said to ensure the availability of Revenue Officials in their offices from 9am to 5pm in field and only charge the prescribed fee for the registry. The Chief Minister also told the DCs not to unnecessarily delay the registry on frivolous grounds. The DCs would have to ensure that none from general public is forced to bribe for getting their works done like approval of building plans of their houses, driving and arms licenses from the field offices and asked them to put in place a mechanism to check corruption.

GDMC organises free camp for eye patients

The free camp was organised for eye patients aged over 70 years and those suffering from cataracts, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy.

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The Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) hospital organised a free screening camp for eye patients on the occasion of World Sight Day on Thursday. The free camp was organised in Eye OPD of the hospital for eye patients aged over 70 years and those suffering from cataracts, glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. The dean of GDMC, Dr Asutosh Sayana said that such awareness campaigns can prevent blindness in various eye patients suffering from distinct eye diseases. The unit head of the ophthalmology department and the associate professor of GDMC Dr Sushil Ojha said that the right and timely treatment of glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy can work wonders for patients. The dean also stated that such more camps will raise awareness in the state and will reduce blindness among eye patients.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

SRDEN/I/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders closing date 09/11/2021 16 00. Bidders will be able to submit their original / revised bids upto dosing dale and time only Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money only through online payment modes available on **IREPS** portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Bankers cheque, Deposit receipts. FDR etc are not allowed.

Tender No. Date	95-DRM-MB-21-22 Date - 13.10.2021	96-DRM-MB-21-22 Date- 13.10.2021
Name of Work	Balance work in connection with doubling between LRJ-IKK section in LRJ-DDN section under Sr.DEN-I/MB,	Replacement of Height Gauge at Bridge No 213, 213/A, 71 & 165 on LRJ-DDN section and Bridge No 4, 7 & 12 in RWL-RKSH section under Sr DEN-I/MB,
Tender Closing Date Time	09.11.2021 16:00	09.11.2021 16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	9218995.50	6748208.04
Bidding Start Date	26.10.2021	26.10.2021
validity of offer (Days)	45 Days	45 Days
Period of Completion	6 Months	6 Months

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विज्ञप्ति

सर्वसाधरण को सूचित किया जाता है कि **एम० जी० इण्टर कॉलेज जोशीमठ चमोली** की नवीन प्रबंध समिति के गठन हेतु साधारण सभा का गठन होना है, विद्यालय सेवित क्षेत्र के महानुभावों को सूचित किया जाता है कि सदस्यता शुल्क जोशीमठ के किसी भी राष्ट्रीकृत बैंक से प्रबंधक के पद नाम बैंक ड्राफ्ट लगाकर सदस्यता ग्रहण करने हेतु आवेदन पत्र विद्यालय कार्यालय में दिनांक 31.10.2021 तक अवश्य जमा करवा दें सदस्यता शुल्क निम्नवत है,

1. साधारण सदस्यता शुल्क – ₹ 501.00 (तीन वर्ष के लिए)
2. आजीवन सदस्यता शुल्क – ₹ 5100.00
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सर्व साधारण सूचनार्थ जनहित मे जारी

टाटा कैपिटल हाउसिंग फाइनेंस लिमिटेड द्वारा धोखाधडी करके गैर कानूनी तरीके से संपत्ति बिक्री व गैरकानूनी कृत्यों के सन्दर्भ में –

उक्त कंपनी ने सरफेसी कानून का खुला उलंखन करके षड़यंत्र के तहत अपने कर्जदार के पडोसी की संपत्ति (खसरा नं 1086,1091, व 1092) पर 9 दिसम्बर–2020 को गैर कानूनी रूप से कब्जा लिया व खरीदारों को सस्ती खरीदी का लालच देकर गैर कानूनी बिक्री के लिए प्रस्तुत कर दिया। फरवरी में सम्पत्ति की गलत बयानी की व सम्पत्ति विभाजन दीवार को क्षति पहुंचाई तथा कम्पनी को अतिक्रमण के विरुद्ध नोटिस भेजकर मना करने के बावजूद अतिक्रमण जारी रखा। 6 माह बाद बिक्री में असफल रहने पर अवैधानिक रूप से सम्पत्ति में रास्ता प्रस्तावित करने की कोशिश की। उक्त कंपनी द्वारा रचित विभिन्न षड़यंत्र व धोकाधडी से तृप्त होकर, संपत्ति मालिक ने 26 जुलाई को समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से धोकाधडी की सूचना प्रकाशित करायी जिसमे कम्पनी अधिकारियों द्वारा किए गए षड़यंत्र की जानकारी दी तब जाकर 29 जुलाई को संपत्ति को तालाबंदी से मुक्त किया। जब नोटिस द्वारा संपत्ति के ब्यौरा में कानूनसंगत संसोधन व सम्पत्ति पर हो रहे अतिक्रमण को बंद करने को कहा जिससे कर्जदार की संपत्ति की बिक्री बिना पडोसी की मानसिक परेशानी के हो सके, तो सरफेसी एक्ट का दुरुपयोग व धोकाधडी के सबूत छुपाते हुए,मना कर दिया गया जिससे पड़ोसी परिवार क्षुब्द व आहत है तथा मानसिक परेशानी झेल रहा है। इस धोकाधडी का आत्म विश्लेषण तथा उक्त कंपनी की पोलिसी व प्रेक्टिसेस का अवलोकन से प्राप्त हुए अनुभव आम जनता के हित में प्रस्तुत है

1. संपत्ति मालिक,जिन्होंने अपनी संपत्ति उक्त कंपनी के कर्जदार को किराये पर दी हुई है सतर्क हो जाए क्योंकि उक्त कंपनी बिना कुछ देखे व समझे सरफेसी एक्ट को हथियार की तरह इस्तेमाल करके तालाबंदी करके बेचने के लिए प्रस्तुत कर देती है जिससे आप बेघर हो सकते है। 2. कर्जदार के पडोसी भी सतर्क हो जाये तथा पड़ोस की संपत्ति पर लिए गए लोन की वापसी व रिकवरी नोटिस की जानकारी रखे क्योंकि उक्त कंपनी आपकी संपत्ति को भी बिना कुछ देखे तथा आपको नोटिस दिए बिना, बिक्री के लिए प्रस्तुत कर सकती है 3. यदि कर्जदार के पडोसी या संपत्ति मालिक होने के नाते आप उक्त कम्पनी के गैर कानूनी कृत्यों से प्रभावित व प्रताडित है तो 70 बार नोटिस भेजने के बाद भी उम्मीद न रखे क्योंकि धोकाधडी को अंजाम तक पहुचाना उक्त कंपनी का मुख्य मकसद रहता है तथा गैर कानूनी कृत्य करने में भी संकोच नहीं करती है। 4. जो भी व्यक्ति नीलामी में प्रोपर्टी खरीदना चाहते है संपत्ति की पूरी जानकारी,जमीनी रिकार्ड व मौका मुआयना करके तथा पड़ोसियों से सलाह करके ही खरीदी में भाग ले अन्यथा आपका निवेश बेकार जा सकता है। 5. सभी नए व पुराने कर्जदार, सरफेसी एक्ट व लोन दस्तावेज को ठीक से देख लें क्योंकि लोन डिफॉल्ट होने पर,धोखाधड़ी के लिये इन दोनो दस्तावेजों को साधन व हथियार की तरह इस्तेमाल किया जाता है।

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प्रथम वाहिनी, भा०ति०सी०पु0बल
सार्वजनिक नीलामी सूचना

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से सेनानी प्रथम वाहिनी, भा०ति०सी०पु०बल द्वारा सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रथम वाहिनी, भारत तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस बल, सुनील, जोशीमठ, जिला–चमोली (उत्तराखण्ड) के परेड ग्राउण्ड में निम्नलिखित निरस्त सरकारी भण्डार की सार्वजनिक नीलामी सामान के आगे अंकित तिथियों के अनुसार की जायेगी।

विवरण	नीलामी की तिथि	समय
1. रबर एवं प्लास्टिक वस्तुएं 2. बुड़न एवं फर्नीचर वस्तुएं 3. क्लोदिंग वस्तुएं 4. टेन्टेज एवं तिरपाल वस्तुएं	27.10.2021 (27.10.2021)	1000 बजे से 1300 बजे तक

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My original registry dated 18/09/2018 is Khasra No. 6738 Book No. 1 Volume No. 2929 Page No. 387 to 404 Document No. 6738. In which buyer Jitendra Kumar son Shri Hargyan Singh, seller Sachin Rawat son Shri Mahipal Singh Rawat resident of Attackfarm Tehsil Vikasnagar district is registered in Dehradun. Which is actually lost somewhere. Any use of this lost vendor letter will be treated as normal. Jitendra Kumar son of Shri Hargyan Singh Attackfarm Tehsil Vikasnagar, District Dehradun. Advocate :- Mr Alok Pundir 9412054582

The general public is informed that I have changed my name from Tejaswani to Tejaswani Raj Mehta and in future I should be known as Tejaswani Raj Mehta D/O Rajeev Mehta. Address :- Chitra house, Gambheer Marg, Arya Nagar, Jwalapur, Haridwar, Uttarakhand

Correction deed of residential Flat No D-407, Block-D 4th Floor, super built area 61.03 sqmt situated at Pacific Estate, Vasant Vihar Chowk, Mauja Kanwaly, Dehadun executed by Ashok Grover S/o Manoj Kumard in favour of Jogendra Singh S/o Kishan Singh and duly registered in the office of Sub-Registrar-III, Dehradun vide Book No 1, Jild 774, page 237 to 250 Document No2006 dated 21.04.2015 has been actually lost and not found yet. Its use by any other person shall be illegal. Amarnath Bose S/o T.K.Bose R/o D-407, Mohitnagar, Dist-Dehradun

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Sale notice for sale of Movable/Immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Indian Bank(e-Allahabad bank,Secured creditor), the possession **(physical /constructive / Symbolic)mentioned against each account)** of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of Indian Bank** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on below mentioned dates, for **recovery of under mentioned dues and future interest,charges costs etc as detailed below.The reserve price and EMD amount for each property has been furnished below.**
Details of encumbrances over the properties as known to the Bank:Equitable Mortgage/Hypothecation of Indian Bank

Sr. No.	Name of Branch and Account Name	Name of Borrower and Guarantor and Mortgagor	Details of property	Outstanding dues as per demand notice	Date &Time of E auction / Last date &time of submission of EMD and docuuments	A)Reserve price B)EMD C)BID Multiplier	Contact details
1.	**Branch: Roorkee** A/C- M/S Hargange Food Pvt. Ltd. 44, Baleki, Yusufpur, PO Iqbalpur, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand	**Borrower:** 1- M/S Hargange Food Pvt. Ltd. 44, Baleki, Yusufpur, PO Iqbalpur, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand 2- Mortgagor & Guarantor— Sri Rakumar S/O Sri Bishambhar Singh, Murar Kheri, PO: Nakur, Distt. Saharanpur. 3- Director, Guarantor and Mortgagor—Sri Vikas Chaudhary S/O Sri Vijay Singh, Village Jhabredi Khurd, Post Jhabreda, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand. 4- Director and Guarantor – Sri Vijay Pal S/O Sri Ram Singh, 3888 Sant Nagar I, Nagar Palika Parishad, Sharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. 5- Director and Guarantor – Sri Arun Kumar S/O Sri Surendra Kumar , 44, Baleki, Yusufpur, PO Iqbalpur, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand	Dry land for residential purpose at village Fatehpur Jat, Pargana Saharanpur, tehsil Saharanpur, Distt. Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh . The property is registered in the name of Mr. Raj Kumar S/O Mr. Bishamber Singh . Property is situated at Khasra No. 16 Min., Plot No. 41,42,43 registered in Bahi No. 1, Zild No. 1722, Page No. 109 to 140 in serial no. 5181 on dated 09.11.2009. The total area of land is 259.41 Sqm. Boundaries of the property are as follows: As per sale deed: East: Property of others, West: Rasta 20 ft. wide road, North: Plot no. 44, South: Plot no. 40 As per actual site: East: Property of other, West: 20 ft. wide non-metaled road, North: Property of other, South: Property of other	Rs. 8078748/- as on 15.09.2011 plus interest and other charges from 15.09.2011	29.10.2021 from 11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM with unlimited extention 28.10.2021 till 11.00 am	A)706000/- B)70600/- C)10000/-	Mr. Vipin Pandey, Senior Manager/ Branch Manager Mob: 8279857042
2.	**Branch: Roorkee** A/C-M/S Hargange Food Pvt. Ltd. 44, Baleki, Yusufpur, PO Iqbalpur, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand	**Borrower:** 1- M/S Hargange Food Pvt. Ltd. 44, Baleki, Yusufpur, PO Iqbalpur, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand 2- Mortgagor & Guarantor— Sri Rakumar S/O Sri Bishambhar Singh, Murar Kheri, PO: Nakur, Distt. Saharanpur. 3- Director, Guarantor and Mortgagor—Sri Vikas Chaudhary S/O Sri Vijay Singh, Village Jhabredi Khurd, Post Jhabreda, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand. 4- Director and Guarantor – Sri Vijay Pal S/O Sri Ram Singh, 3888 Sant Nagar I, Nagar Palika Parishad, Sharanpur, Uttar Pradesh. 5- Director and Guarantor – Sri Arun Kumar S/O Sri Surendra Kumar , 44, Baleki, Yusufpur, PO Iqbalpur, Roorkee, Distt. Hardwar, Uttarakhand	Plant, Machinery land and building situated at Village Khata Kheri, Pargana, Bhahwanpur, Tehsil-Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar, Uttarakhand. The property is situated at Khasra No. 150 min. registered at Bahi No. 1, Zild 940, Page 359-388, serial No. 6914 dated 30.09.2009 in the name of Mr. Vikas S/O Mr. Vijay Singh. The total area of land is 2050 Sqm. Boundaries of the property are as follows: As per sale deed: East: Property of other, West: Property of other, North: Chak Road, South: Rasta after that property of other, As per actual site: East: Agricultural land of Mr. Prem Singh, West: Rasta thenafter land of Samay, North: Rasta/Chak Road, South: Agricultural land of Mr. Prem Singh	Rs. 8078748/- as on 15.09.2011 plus interest and other charges from 15.09.2011	29.10.2021 from 11.00 AM TO 2.00 PM with unlimited extention 28.10.2021 till 11.00 am	A)4750000/- B)475000/- C)10000/-	Mr. Vipin Pandey, Senior Manager/ Branch Manager Mob: 8279857042
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LAKHIMPUR KILLINGS

Fair probe not possible till Min sacked: Tikait

Aligarh (UP): Voicing dissatisfaction over the probe into the Lakhimpur violence case after the "red-carpet arrest" of MoS Home Ajay Mishra's son, BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Thursday said a fair investigation is not possible till the minister is removed from his post.

He said the "red-carpet arrest" of Ashish Mishra has fuelled anger among protesting farmers.

Alleging that the investigating agency is going soft on Mishra's interrogation, Tikait termed the probe a 'guldaston wali puch-tach' (investigation where bouquets are being presented).

Ashish Mishra, alleged to be in one of the cars that mowed down the protesters in Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3, was arrested after 12 hours of questioning last week. A court here had granted three-day custody of Ashish to police.

"The red carpet arrest of the minister's son who is the main accused in the incident has fuelled anger among the protesting farmers," the BKU leader told newspersons here.

"The whole world understands that no justice can be given if the minister whose son is being investigated continues to hold his chair. We are completely dissatisfied by the manner in which investigations are being conducted," Tikait said at a function in Tappal town.

He claimed that the minister was influencing the SIT investigation.

The BKU leader reiterated that the protest against the Lakhimpur violence would intensify if Ajay Mishra was not removed from his post.

The farmers' unions have already given a call for burning the effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home minister Amit Shah on Dussehra, a six-hour nationwide 'rail roko' agitation on October 26 and a 'kisan mahapanchayat' in the state capital on October 26.

"Everybody knows that nothing would come out of the 'red-carpet arrest' of the union minister's son. How can anybody expect anything when the police who are questioning Ashish Mishra also present bouquets to the MoS," Tikait said.

When asked about the arrest of Ankit Das, a friend of Ashish Mishra, he claimed, "More false witnesses will be produced and some will even take responsibility on their head under the influence of Ajay Mishra in the region." ***PTI***

Trinamool, Left, Cong in WB oppose Centre's move to expand BSF jurisdiction

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress, Left and Congress have vehemently protested against the Centre's decision to expand the jurisdiction of Border Security Force to 50 kms saying it is a direct infringement of State's rights. The BSF hitherto enjoyed a jurisdiction of 15 km from the international border.

"Law and order is a State subject and that cannot be infringed upon by the Centre … the Constitution is clear on that … this move by the Centre to expand BSF's jurisdiction will amount to meddling in law and order matters of the State which is unacceptable," said senior TMC leader and Bengal minister Firhad Hakim.

The Trinbamool Congress Government strongly opposes this high handed decision taken by the Centre … it is arbitrary and amounts to an infringement on the rights of the state… What was the sudden need to enhance the BSF's jurisdiction without informing the State Government … is it because they want to compensate for their electoral defeat in Bengal?" TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said.

By amending the BSF Act the Centre has provided the BSF with additional teeth to carry out its works unhindered by the police and without the help from the State police. It can undertake search, seizure and arrest suspects within 50 km inside the border in the States of Bengal, Assam and Punjab.

With Bengal sharing a long border with Bangladesh a "territorial expansion" for the BSF can mean a "substantial loss" of jurisdiction for the State Police worth a whopping 110,850 square km. This is exclusive of the border distance shared by Nepal and Bhutan. Bengal-Bangladesh has a di8stance of 2,217 km.

Reacting strongly to the development TMC MP Saugato Roy said that the "State Government is concerned with the development because the Home Ministry under Amit Shah has an unimpressive track record."

Left leaders like Sujan Chakrabarty too opposed the decision attacking the BJP Government for "its expansionist" policies and the Trinamool Congress for "creating a situation where the BJP is feeling encouraged and emboldened to take such actions … this deplorable."

Congress Lok Sabha leader and PCC president Adhir Chowdhury said that the move would fire resentment in days to come.

He tweeted: "The expansion of BSF area of jurisdiction up to 50 km from border of some states amounts to brazen infringement upon the territory of states. HMO India (ministry of home affairs), you should not indulge in any 'Chherkhani' (meddling) else will face the consequences.'

However, the BJP leadership defended the central move saying New Delhi had to take the decision as the State police had failed to block terror transit points and stop arms and drug smuggling.

Anti-drone technology developed, transferred to industries: DRDO chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

DRDO has developed counter-drone technology and transferred it to industries, which have taken orders from the armed forces and security forces of the country, a senior official of the organisation said on Thursday. "DRDO has developed anti-drone technology. It has all the necessary elements required to counter drones, whether it is detection, tracking or surveillance and even a process called software and hardware," Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chief G Satheesh Reddy said.

He was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the DRDO-sponsored Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST) at the Central University of Jammu in Samba. Reddy said the technology has been transferred to multiple industries, which have taken orders from the armed forces and security forces of the country.

"They are providing it to them. They will be delivering it to them (security and armed forces) to tackle the drones that are coming in (from across the border)," he added. Reddy said the capability of the anti-drone system has been demonstrated multiple times, adding, "It was deployed on the Independence Day and the Republic Day also." Earlier, Reddy laid the foundation stone of Kalam Centre for Science and Technology (KCST) at the sprawling campus of Central University of Jammu.

Work on the ambitious project is scheduled to be over in two and a half years.Once completed the centre will emerge as a focussed research centre and prominent work centre in the country.

Speaking on the occasion The Chairman, DRDO Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy emphasised the importance of two verticals in KCST i.e Computational System Security and Sensors in the present scenario.

He also mentioned that the protection of Cyber-Physical System and Data Security during the routing is of utmost importance and emphasized the need for skill development in computational security. Further, he mentioned that sensors developed in this research centre should come as a product with state-of-art technology.

Prof. Ashok Aima Vice Chancellor Central University of Jammu thanked Chairman DRDO for this venture which opens up a new chapter in CUJ. He said such collaboration of CUJ with DRDO would unfold in time to come to a new institutional collaboration by synchronizing experience and expertise to create a new pathway for research and innovations in this region.

The Governing Council unanimously sanctioned 3 research projects of Rs. 30 Crore under Computational System Security vertical. Vice-Chancellor congratulated PI's of the projects and Coordinators of Research Verticals Dr. Yashwant Singh, HoD Computer Science & IT, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomical Sciences and Prof. B.S. Bhau Director KCST for this achievement.

The foundation stone laying ceremony was also attended by Hari Babu Srivastava, Director General (TM), Dr. Sudhir Kamath, Director General (MED & CoS), Amit Sharma, Advisor Cyber (Govt. of India), Dr. Shiv Kumar, Director, ER & IPR, Kailash Kumar Pathak, Director, DFTM, U Jeya Santhi, Director, SAG, Rajesh Pillai, Scientist G, SAG, J.S. Rawat, SSPL, Renu Sharma, Scientist F, DFTM, Dipak Gupta, Scientist E, Office of Advisor (Cyber), and other distinguished scientists of DRDO headquarter and SAG and SSPL DRDO Labs.

AIADMK: A golden jubilee sans fervour and enthusiasm

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhakam (AIADMK) which is formed on 17th October 1972 by matinee idol late M G Ramachandran is entering a crucial phase of its history this Sunday. The year 2022 marks the Golden Jubilee of the party that ruled Tamil Nadu for a total of 25 years (1977-1987, 1991-1996, 2001-2006 and 2011- 2016) since its birth in 1972. The AIADMK won all these elections under the leadership of party founder MGR or his chosen heir Jayalalithaa. With the demise of Jayalalithaa in 2016, the AIADM has become like a rudderless ship and was wiped out in the 2019 Lok Sabha election as well as the 2021 Assembly election.

The general view among political commentators in the State is that AIADMK does not have a leader who could match the stature and charisma of MGR or Jayalalithaa. Adding to the woes of the party is the turf war between Leader of the Opposition Edappadi Palaniswami and coordinator of the steering committee O Panneerselvam, sulking over the denial of the post of the LoP to him.

Adding to the woes of the party cadre is V K Sasikala, former aid to Jayalalithaa, who is struggling hard to take control of the party. She is being helped by TTV Dhinakaran, her nephew who had floated the AMMK when he was eased out of the AIADMK. The aunt-nephew duo has taken control of the TV channel Jaya TV and party mouthpiece Namathu MGR through a silent operation.

With Palaniswami, Panneerselvam, Sasikala, and Dhinakaran pulling the party in different directions, skeptics have started doubting whether the AIADMK would remain as a single entity when it is time for the golden jubilee celebration.

That the party does not have any strategists or strategy was proved when it "squandered" two Rajya Sabha seats in 2021 by fielding two sitting members who had more than three years of tenure to complete their term for the Assembly election. Both of them won the assembly election and resigned their Rajya Sabha seats. When the polls to the vacant seats were held the DMK walked away with both the seats. "This itself shows that the party is bereft of quality leaders and ideas," said a senior party leader who had been sidelined by Palaniswamy and Panneerselvam

Chances of Panneerselvam joining hands with Sasikala are not being ruled out by party insiders themselves. In Tamil Nadu what matters most is not ideology but caste. Sasikala and Panneerselvam belong to Thevar sect (a segment of Mukkalathor caste) while Palaniswamy belongs to the Gounder community. Though Jayalalithaa was an Iyengar, she had the total support of the Thevars, a dominant caste in southern Tamil Nadu.

The recent polls to the local bodies in the newly carved out nine districts saw AIADMK getting routed. It will be a tough task for the AIADMK to stage a comeback in time for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

3 NSCN-K YA ultras nabbed near Indo-Myanmar border

New Delhi: Three hardcore militants of the banned NSCN-K (YA) outfit were nabbed from Mon town of Nagaland in an intelligence-led counter-insurgency operation by the Assam Rifles after the ultras crossed over to India from Myanmar, sources in the security establishment said on Thursday.

All the three militants apprehended are residents of Myanmar and they sneaked into the Indian side with the purpose of carrying out a string of attacks, they said.

The militants identified as Yunah Konyak, Tonpho Konyak alias Aton and Songam Konyak were caught by troops of the 35 Assam Rifles in the operation on Monday in the border town with support from local police, the sources said.

While Yunah is a resident of Thela village in Myanmar, Tonpho is from Kamka village and Songam is from the Langkho area of the neighbouring country, they said.

The Indian and Myanmarese security forces have been coordinating with each other in keeping a strict vigil over the India-Myanmar border. In October last year, Army Chief Gen MM Naravane, accompanied by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, paid a crucial visit to Myanmar during which India decided to supply an attack submarine to the Myanmar Navy besides agreeing to further deepen overall military and defence ties.

It is learnt that the overall coordination and cooperation between the India and Myanmarese armies on the management of the Indo-Myanmar border has improved following the visit by the Chief of Army Staff. ***PTI***

Kerala logs 9,246 new Covid cases

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala's see-saw battle with Covid-19 continued on Thursday,a closed holiday in the State on account of Vijaya Dasami as the number of new persons diagnosed with the pandemic came down slightly.

According to Veena George, the State's Health Minister, 9246 persons were diagnosed with Covid-19 out of the 88,733 samples tested during the last 24 hours. With the logging of 96 persons during the last 24 hours, death toll till date in the State reached 26,667.

In yet another setback to the administration, Government doctors will begin their indefinite non-cooperation agitation from Friday demanding better working conditions, liberal rest and recovery period and restoration of risk allowance and pay which were 'drastically' reduced by the Government since the pandemic struck the State in January 2020.

Pune airport to remain shut for 14 days from October 16

New Delhi: The Lohegaon airport in Pune will remain closed for 14 days from October 16 as the Indian Air Force (IAF) has taken the runway for resurfacing work, while a chopper firm will operate sorties to and from Mumbai — the nearest operational airport during this period.

"This is to inform all passengers that as per information received from Indian Air Force (IAF), due to runway resurfacing works, all flights from Pune Airport will not operate for 14 days from 16 October 2021 to 29 October 2021," the airport tweeted on its official handle. All commercial flights operating from the airport will remain suspended from October 16 to 29 due to the closure.

The Lohegaon Airport will have a second shut down within 13 years. The existing airport at Lohegaon is owned by the IAF which had earlier said that shutting down the airstrip was "inescapable", as the runway's condition was rapidly deteriorating and needed recarpeting.

Bihar priest shot dead over 'mobile phone dispute'

Darbhanga (Bihar): A 45-year-old priest was shot dead over a dispute regarding a mobile phone in Bihar's Darbhanga district on Thursday, following which one of the alleged assailants was lynched by locals and two others were arrested by the police.

The incident took place early in the morning when four armed men barged into Kankali temple in the University police station area and shot dead priest Rajeev Kumar Jha and injured a devotee, Station House Officer Satya Prakash Jha said.

The injured devotee, identified as Shambhu Choudhary, has been hospitalised and his condition is stated to be stable, he said.

After the incident, locals chased the alleged assailants and nabbed three of them, while one managed to escape. The trio was brutally thrashed by the locals, as a result of which, one of them – identified as Pulkit Singh – died, while the other two were arrested by the police, the officer said.

"Preliminary investigation suggests that the deceased assailant had some dispute over a mobile phone with the priest's son," he said, adding further investigation is underway.

Locals, however, claimed that the slain priest had lodged a police complaint against the lynched man a few days ago but no further action was taken against him. Police, though, remained tight-lipped over the charge. ***PTI***

Villagers worship Ravana in some parts of UP

PTI ■ ALIGARH

Dushehra is celebrated all over country as a symbol of the victory of good deeds represented by Lord Rama over evils symbolised by Ravana. But in the sasani town of Hathras,Tribal communities of Aligarh and village Bisrikh of Gautam Budh Nagar worship Ravan even today. Entire village is worshipper of Ravana and they have dedicated a temple to Ravana wherein Ravana is deity. They observe this day (Dussehra) in mourning. Bisrikh is located at only 29 Km away from Aligarh Border.

It is being claimed that the village is linked to historic era. Father of Ravana, Vishesarva was born there and the village too derived its name from him. Villagers believe that Ravana was his ancestor, so they observe grief and mourn on Dussehra. Located at 65 km from National Capital , the village Bisrikh comes in limelight during Dushehra every Year.

Sanjay Singh, a resident of Bisrikh told "our village is a historic one. He told that Ravana of the epic era was from here. Thousands of villagers believe that Ravana was their ancestor. Residents of village have constructed a very beautiful temple and Ravana is worshiped in its ritually".

Another resident of Bisrkh, Reeta Devi says that Ravana was most scholorist person of his era. He was ditched by his own brothers who passed his tactics and strategies to Rama otherwise he would not had been killed. She says that Ravana was treasure house of knowledge, we worship him as god of knowledge.

Like Bisrikh, the tribal communities celeberate the Maha Puja of Ravan in several villages in Aligarh like Akrabad, Dhanipur, Utasani and Kutubpur. The tribal population has been worshiping Ravana as its Deity and symbol of intellectual prosperity since ages.

Ramesh, a resident of Akrabad said "Ravana is deity of around 55 Tribal Communities like Gihara , Gond Aharia , Bhilla, bhahaliya, Kanjar and Praja Communities and they have been celebrating Ravan as God. We never celebrate Dushera, we condemn the burning of effige of Ravan on the day of Dushera. Gihara community want that government should take care of their religious feeling."

Ravana is also worshiped by one section of Kanyakubja Braamans in Sasni town and their adjoining villages , which is 16 km from Aligarh. Here also devotees of Ravana mourn the killing of Ravana on Dussehra. Here Ravan is personified as a symbol of prosperity and regarded as a survivor by Kanyakubja Bharamans, a Bharamans sub cast to which Ravan is believed to belong.

NCB making 'selective leaks' to frame people, alleges Nawab Malik

Mumbai: Against the backdrop of various raids conducted by the NCB, including on some high-profile people, Maharashtra minister and NCP spokesperson Nawab Malik on Thursday alleged that the anti-drugs agency has "malafide intentions" and is involved in "selective leaks" to frame people.

Addressing a press conference, Mr Malik also said that his son-in-law Sameer Khan, who was recently granted bail in a drugs case after nine months, will move the high court to seek quashing of charges levelled against him by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

However, when contacted for response on allegations levelled by Malik, NCB's Mumbai zonal director Sameer Wankhede told PTI that the case is before a court.

"We respect the court and we don't talk about the matter which is sub-judice," Mr Wankhede said.

Aryan Khan was arrested by the NCB in January this year in an alleged drug case. He got bail last month.

Apart from the recent drugs bust onboard a cruise liner off the Mumbai coast, that led to the arrest of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan, Wankhede last year investigated a drug case linked to the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput and several other matters related to narcotics involving high-profile people.

Mr Malik last week alleged that the NCB's raid on the cruise ship off the Mumbai coast on October 2 was "fake", and no narcotic drugs were found during it.

Anti-Drugs Agency Making 'Selective Leaks' To Frame People: NCP's Nawab Malik

Nawab Malik also claimed his family faced trauma and stigma due to the NCB. ***PTI***

2 soldiers critically hurt in Poonch

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Two Indian soldiers including a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) received critical injuries in a second major strike in the last four days by the heavily armed terrorists in the general area of Nar Khas forest in Mendhar sub division of Poonch late Thursday evening. Five Indian soldiers were martyred in the Dera ki Gali area of Surankote on October 11.

Following heavy exchange of firing in the area the vehicular movement on the Rajouri-Poonch National Highway has been halted to prevent any loss of life and injury to commuters. Defence PRO Lt-Col Devender Anand in a statement said, "In an ongoing Counter Terrorist operation in the general area Nar Khas Forest, Mendhar Sub Division, District Poonch there has been exchange of fire between army troops and terrorists during evening hours on Thursday. During the ensuing exchange of fire one JCO and one soldier have been critically injured. The operations are under progress".

It is believed a heavily armed group of terrorists are well entrenched in the thickly forested belt and targeting the patrol parties to inflict injuries. On the other hand, the Army jawans have been combing the area without knowing the exact location of the hiding terrorists. It is also learnt, "the terrorists have been surviving inside the forest belt on the basis of support extended to them by a handful of over ground workers and local guides working with the terrorist outfits in the forward area of Poonch".

India, US to begin 15-day military exercise in Alaska from today

New Delhi: India and the US will kickstarta 15-day mega military exercise in Alaska from Friday to further deepen bilateral military cooperation.

The 17th edition of the exercise "Yudh Abhyas" will be conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson in Alaska from October 15 to 29, the Indian Army said on Thursday.

The Indian contingent at the exercise will comprise 350 personnel of an infantry battalion group of the Indian Army.

The previous edition of the exercise took place at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Bikaner in February.

"This exercise is another step in the growing military cooperation between the two countries. The exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between two armies," the Army said.

It said the exercise will focus on "combined arms manoeuvres in cold climatic conditions and is primarily aimed at sharing tactical level drills and learning best practices from each other".

The Indo-US defence ties have been on an upswing in the last few years.

In June 2016, the US had designated India a "Major Defence Partner".

The two countries have also signed key defence and security pacts over the past few years, including the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) in 2016 that allows their militaries to use each other's bases for repair and replenishment of supplies as well as provides for deeper cooperation.

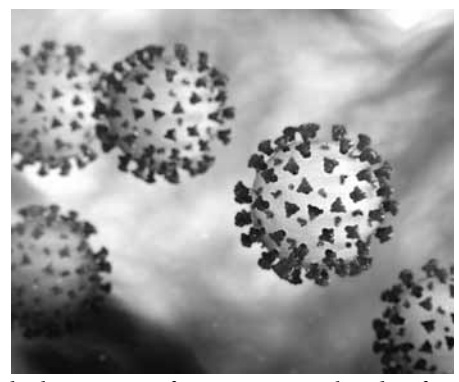
The two sides also signed COMCASA (Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement) in 2018 that provides for interoperability between the two militaries and provides for the sale of high-end technology from the US to India. ***PTI***

Maharashtra reports 2,384 new Covid cases

Mumbai: Maharashtra reported 2,384 new Covid-19 cases on Thursday, up 165 from a day ago, while 35 more patients succumbed to the infection in the state, down from nearly 50 the previous day, said an official from the health department.

With the latest additions, the state's caseload increased to 65,86,280, while death toll rose to 1,39,705, he said. The State has been reporting an upward trend in new cases since Monday. There were 1,736 Covid-19cases on Monday, which increased to 2,069 on Tuesday, while Wednesday saw 2,219 fresh infections. However, fresh deaths reported a drop from 49 on Wednesday to 35 in the last 24 hours. The official said 2,343 patients were discharged from hospitals in the last 24 hours, pushing the count of recovered cases to 64,13,418. Maharashtra now has 29,560 coronavirus patients under treatment. The state has 2,26,249 people in home quarantine and another 1,070 in institutional quarantine, he said.

The official said Maharashtra's Covid-19 recovery rate stands at 97.38 per cent, while the fatality rate is 2.12 per cent. The cumulative number of coronavirus tests conducted in the state climbed to 6,06,83,524 after 1,36,952 samples were examined in the last 24 hours, he said. Among districts, Mumbai reported the



highest new infections at 558 besides five deaths, taking the state capital's cumulative infection figure to 7,50,494 and the toll to 16,172, he said.

Among the eight regions of Maharashtra, the Mumbai region reported the highest 998 new Covid-19 cases, followed by 689 from the Pune region. The Nashik region reported 429 new cases, Kolhapur 153, Latur 64, Aurangabad 36, Nagpur 12 and the Akola region three, he said. According to the official, among the 35 fresh fatalities, the highest 10 were reported from the Mumbai region, followed by seven each from Pune and Nashik regions. ***PTI***

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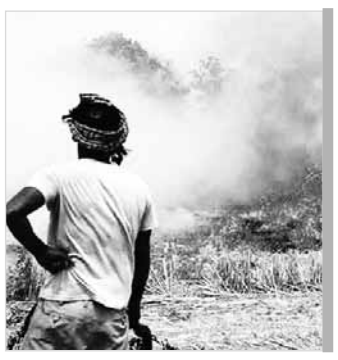
PAPER WITH PASSION

Burning sensation

Innovative ways to deal with stubble burning instead of cash incentives are needed

It is the second week of October and the annual problem of stubble burning has resurfaced around Delhi. The Central Pollution Control Board says the air quality in Delhi has already reduced over the last week. The air quality index (AQI) on October 13 was 171. It falls under the 'moderate' category of 101-200 AQI. The index has jumped from the 'satisfactory' since the last week of September and crossed three digits to 125 on October 7. Between now and the end of November every year, Punjab, Haryana, western Uttar Pradesh record a high number of stubble burnings. This year, however, the burning is delayed; NASA images show a lesser number of fires in Punjab and Haryana. In Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar of UP, however, instances of stubble burning are increasing. The response of the UP administration is simply to lodge an FIR against persons involved in the crop residue burning and impose fines ranging from ₹2,500 to ₹15,000. That hardly deters the farmers who feel their losses will be more if they don't burn the stubble and get the field ready for the next crop in the small window available for doing so. The solution lies not in punitive measures and ordinances and laws but in innovation. Certain steps that Delhi, Punjab and Haryana are taking this year may show the way.



The crux of the problem is that around 20 million tonnes of paddy straw was generated in the monsoon harvest. There is a 55-day window to clear it for the winter wheat crop. The straw cannot be used as fodder and burning it is the easiest and cheapest method. However, that badly pollutes the air, in and around Delhi. Governments have introduced effective machines to remove the stubble but the farmers find them expensive. Innovation has now come into the picture. The Delhi Government has started using the Pusa Decomposer this month. Developed by the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), it is a low-cost microbial bio-enzyme that decomposes crop residues, including stubble. Thousands of farmers in Punjab and Haryana have registered with a firm to use the decomposer. A Bengaluru-based start-up has tied up with the IARI to simplify the use of the decomposer. It provides the mixture in capsule form that can be transformed into a ready-to-use powder that can be mixed with water and sprayed instantly. There are other experiments that States are undertaking. Farmers are being persuaded to diversify into Basmati paddy that can be used as fodder. Scientists are exploring microbial solutions that can dissolve the stubble and convert it into soil nutrients. Trials are underway to generate bio-CNG and bioethanol from the stubble. Paper and sugar mills are being incentivised to install boilers that use stubble as fuel. It is time the innovation leads the anti-stubble war instead of impractical solutions like giving farmers a cash incentive of ₹100 per quintal for not burning stubble.

PICTALK

Street vendors sell effigies by the roadside ahead of Dussehra, in Delhi — Ranjan Dimri | The Pioneer

Not there yet

The TMC has brighter prospects after winning West Bengal, but Delhi is still far away

In July, when after her resounding success in Bengal elections Mamata Banerjee told the media in Delhi that she was a mere cog in the anti-BJP wheel even a nitwit knew she was testing waters. Three months later, the Trinamool Congress mouthpiece *Jago Bangla* projected her as the woman behind the Opposition wheel who could take down Narendra Modi in 2024 general elections — dismissing Rahul Gandhi's claim to it all.

But can she do in Delhi what she did in Kolkata? The TMC has no doubts that with the help of team PK — read Prashant Kishor — she will succeed where Jyoti Basu and Pranab Mukherjee failed. No doubt the TMC think tank is walking on a presumptive trajectory. According to them, in the absence of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, Banerjee has emerged as the undisputed leader of Bengal with 42 parliamentary seats. Bengal is the third largest State after Uttar Pradesh (80) and Maharashtra (48) in terms of the MPs. The TMC is convinced that her thumping success in Bengal and Rahul Gandhi's repetitive failure elsewhere to jack up a decomposing Congress keeps her ahead of the grand old outfit.

However, the proverbial "pros" notwithstanding, the bacterial "cons" may erode Didi's prospects because winning Bengal and grabbing Delhi are different ball games. First of all, she has to offer a viable Bengal Model for PM Modi's Gujarat Model. Industry is her Achilles Heels. Despite her having "convened" yearly global business summits with huge fanfare, the resultant investment is in the vicinity of a regulation zero. Back from one such summit meeting in Kolkata, a mighty big industry captain from Gujarat privately told his board of directors that investing in Bengal was equivalent to putting necks on railway tracks. Didi must be running her ploys in Singur and Nandigram that brought her to power but that remain the cause of her biggest woes as a Chief Minister. Secondly, though Banerjee has blasted Modi for selling out national assets and cutting down Government jobs, her own Government is responsible for eating up more than 5.5 lakh posts. Unlike Jyoti Basu, who commanded respect by his politics, trustworthiness, untainted image and age, the contemporary heartland politicians with their own ambitions and personal ego may not accept Mamata's suzerainty. Hence Delhi is very much visible from Kolkata but it is still far away. *Dilli abhi door hai, Didi!*

Beijing not really the bigger fish

PRAFULL **GORADIA**

The aggressive behaviour of China has antagonised many countries. North Korea and Pakistan apart, it is difficult to think of a Chinese ally

It is true that Xi Jinping's China is by now sufficiently worked up, for whatever reasons. It also is increasingly apparent that China has to be stopped in its tracks, if the world is not to plunge into a devastating war. Had Europe, Britain and France in particular, done likewise in 1936, WWII would have probably been averted. Notwithstanding Germany being bound by the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, forced to downsize its military and remain peaceful, its Fuhrer Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to seize the demilitarised Rhineland — formerly German territory — in 1936, in complete violation of the Treaty. No European power did or even said anything. Germany's generals, who were then reluctant to precipitate another armed conflict, began having faith in their Fuhrer's supposed strategic calibre.

In 1938, just two years after Rhineland, Britain's Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and France's PM Edouard Daladier promptly accepted Hitler's invitation to a conference in Munich to settle the Sudetenland issue. This Czechoslovakian province was substantially German-speaking. The Fuhrer wanted it for the greater glory of his fatherland. The visiting leaders promptly conceded this demand without so much as even consulting the Czechoslovaks. Chamberlain publicly eulogised the success of this conference as having achieved "peace in our time". This conclusively convinced the Germans that their Fuhrer knew what he was doing.

The inevitable happened thereafter. Austria was the next to be gobbled, as part of greater Germany, without a shot. In September next year, Poland was overrun in less than six weeks, with France capitulating in a similar duration in 1940. Had the French and British resisted Nazi Germany, which was militarily less prepared in 1936, Hitler would possibly have lost power or stayed away from such military adventures.

China is much better prepared, economically and militarily. It has progressed leaps and bounds, particularly after Deng Xiao Ping. But how far would it have gone had the American gates for its goods not opened up? China's goods are not products of its own technology, but the result of very diligent copying, politely called 'reverse engineering'. The cheap cost of Chinese goods can be attributed to virtually free grants of land and throwaway interest rates for term loans to local entrepreneurs and of course, low wages to its workers, at least in the early phase of China's meteoric rise.

This is in contrast to Japan's manufactures — automobiles, electronic goods, computers, watches, et al. These are not only original but also largely unsurpassed by other countries. Militarily too, unlike Japan, China does not have a sufficient tradition. Strangely, the People's Liberation Army (PLA; China's armed forces) belongs to the Communist Party of China and *not* to the country. Moreover, China's armed forces are not made up of volunteers but mostly conscripts. It is one thing for anyone to be prepared to give his life for his country; it is difficult to fight with the same spirit for a political party, which can rise and fall, like the Congress in India, for instance. Else, there can be factional feuds too within a party, which partly explains a vast number of Chinese soldiers losing their lives in most skirmishes and small battles they have been involved in, over the last few decades. Also, more crucially, the Chinese armed forces have not been involved in fighting since 1979 when they invaded Vietnam, a war where the yellow giant took a beating.

> STRANGELY, THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY BELONGS TO THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA AND NOT TO THE COUNTRY. AS A SOLDIER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIGHT WITH THE SAME SPIRIT FOR A POLITICAL PARTY

Battle experience is more important than training, in order to be a soldier. A battle hardened soldier is far more dependable than a well-trained recruit. Anyone who has not faced bullets is unpredictable in a combat situation, as to how he would react when the shooting begins. Today's PLA may not have a single soldier who has faced actual combat.

In the meantime, the aggressive behaviour displayed by China's political leadership has antagonised many countries. North Korea and Pakistan apart, it is difficult to think of a Chinese ally. While North Korea's army is large and marches excellently in military parades, it has not felt a bullet since 1953, which is 68 years hence. In contrast, the Indian army was originally founded by the British, who were amongst the best trained armed forces other than the German ones. The country has fought five wars, as well as continual insurgencies in eastern India and Kashmir.

China is presumably militarily as mighty as most people worry. Taiwan is a major issue with the current leadership in Beijing. The South China Sea is another flashpoint. The Himalayas in India's north are potentially the third one. There are Japan and Taiwan, which for their size have excellent air forces. There is Australia further south. All that is necessary is for the USA to open its treasury of advanced weaponry. The rest of the allies are strong enough to halt the yellow giant from going any farther, if not actually force it to take a few steps back in its aggressiveness.

This is also imperative because China's much-hyped rise has already happened. In other words, China is no longer rising but has risen. The window of opportunity to grab global hegemony is closing. And that makes the situation as dangerous as it was in 1914.

(The writer is a well-known columnist, an author and a former Member of the Rajya Sabha. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FIGHTING THE TINY-MIGHTY DEMON

Sir — As the matter stands, we are making a pertinent move to get rid of the COVID-19 pandemic as the number of deaths and the number of cases are reducing day by day. We are taking resolute actions to reduce the caseload and the people's cooperation is needed in this direction. As the COVID-19 hangs over the Dussehra celebrations, we must not fall prey to the eyeing '*rakshasa*' in the form of the virus. Celebrations are a necessary part of social living as they spread an ethos of joy and togetherness. However, reckless celebrations can lead to consequences that we would not want.

We are all waiting for the D-Day with baited breath when the nation will announce the clearance of the outbreak. The Genie will be out of the bottle and Coronavirus will take its place. Once bottled, it will be thrown deep into the sea never to be found again. Until then, we must celebrate the triumph of good over evil in a safe and planned way.

Jayanthy Subramaniam | *Coimbatore*

A BLAST FROM THE ARCHIVES

Sir — Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's claim that Vinayak Damodar Savarkar submitted mercy petitions to the British at Mahatma Gandhi's behest is not corroborated by historical facts. It was a vain attempt at whitewashing Savarkar's reputation as part of the project to rewrite history to present Hindu Right's past in a good light. Rajnath Singh's claim was a distortion of facts; it is demolished by the fact that the mercy petitions submitted by Savarkar in 1911 and 1913 preceded Mahatma Gandhi's return from South Africa and his joining the freedom movement in 1915. The mercy petitions predated Mahatma Gandhi's article.

The words in his petitions were not worthy of being called a freedom fighter. He pledged loyalty to the British crown and appealed to its 'manifold beneficence' to secure his release from the Andaman Cellular Jail. It cannot be helped if the Hindutva brigade suffers from a sense of inferiority due to its non-participation in the freedom struggle and worse, its collaboration with the British colonials in India. At this rate, the BJP may soon project and celebrate Savarkar as India's foremost freedom fighter, relegating the true freedom fighters who refused to cower before the might of the British Empire.

G David Milton | *Maruthancode*

A humble man with wisdom

The nation celebrates the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India who was famously known as the "Missile Man of India, on Oct 15. To acknowledge the efforts of Dr Kalam and the stupendous role he played as a teacher throughout his scientific and political careers, the day is celebrated as 'World Students' Day'. He was a great scientist, a writer, an impeccable teacher, and a man of exceptional qualities. He described education as the means of progress and believed that education alone can remove poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition from our life. He always believed that a strong society can be built only when the students are made proficient in their subjects.

Dr. Kalam, who won the highest civilian award the Bharat Ratna, considered himself a teacher and felt very pleased when he addressed students. He emphasised that students should have an aim in life, grasp knowledge from everywhere, work hard towards their goal and never accept defeat. Dr Kalam's strong commitment to education made him excel in his academics and multifaceted career. He always inspired the youth of the country to think and do new things. His ideas will keep inspiring the youth for generations to come. He will always be remembered as an eminent scientist, an incredible teacher, and a great man who inspired millions through his philosophy of simple living and high thinking.

Krishna K Vepakomma | *Hyderabad*

AN IRRITATING NEIGHBOUR

Sir — Outlandishly, India's contiguous neighbour China's expansionist shenanigans are far from over with as many as 13 rounds of military talks between the two sides coming to naught. Ironically, China comes to the table every time with new conditions for de-escalation on Ladakh borders. As If this was not enough, Beijing, in a bid to dishearten Indian delegations for the confabulations on Sunday, has also taken an irrational exception to a visit by India's Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu to Arunachal Pradesh on Wednesday.

In a reaction, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi has also read the Chinese side the Riot Act, asserting that Arunachal Pradesh is an integral and inalienable part of India and, hence, Indian leaders keep visiting the State at will or when an occasion demands. He further reminded that the unilateral attempts by the Chinese side to alter the status quo on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Western side of India-China border against the bilateral agreements, are responsible for the ongoing imbroglio. Ironically, in a 'pot calling the kettle black' scenario, the Western Command of China's People's Liberation Army's (PLA) has blamed that India insisted on 'unreasonable and unrealistic demands to add difficulties to the negotiations'.

Azhar A Khan | *Rampur*

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We will win Goa in 2022 and Delhi in 2024. Go forward with courage and confidence that victory is ours.

Congress leader
— P Chidambaram

With every passing day and Iran's refusal to engage in good faith, the runway gets short.

US Secretary of State
— Antony Blinken

I gravitate towards stories that trigger conversations. Even as an entertainer, I want my work to get people thinking.

Actor
— Rajkummar Rao

Should've been a lot easier after the start we got...Dew came in and all, but we're in the final and we're delighted.

KKR captain
— Eoin Morgan

The State Government is in constant touch with the Centre to increase the supply of coal so that power generation can run smoothly.

Rajasthan Chief Minister
— Ashok Gehlot

FIRST COLUMN

PLI SCHEMES: NOT A LONG-TERM ANSWER

Straightening out our manufacturing inefficiencies is the key to boost growth

HIMA BINDU **KOTA**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created awareness of the vulnerabilities of supply chains and shortage in essential products not only in India but worldwide. This has led to renewed sense of economic nationalism with Governments pushing domestic companies to produce and employ more. The Union Government's latest ₹26,058 crore package to boost production of automobiles, auto parts and drones is part of the strategy to make India a manufacturing hub. Known as Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, this an element of the much larger Atma Nirbhar Bharat initiative to make India self-reliant in key products across sectors that are critical and important for India's future growth, by reducing its dependency on imports and developing globally as an export hub. Particularly designed to improve manufacturing capacities in both sunrise and strategic sectors, this scheme aims to reduce import bills, enhance cost competitiveness, and generate employment across skill categories. By achieving these objectives, India wants to expand

the contribution of its manufacturing sector to the GDP, from 17 percent to 25 percent. The scheme also intends to encourage foreign investors who may want to inject capital into or establish business relationships with companies that have access to PLI incentives. As many as 13 sectors have been identified as intended beneficiaries of the PLI scheme. Taking the example of mobile manufacturing and electronic components industry, a total of 16 applications worth ₹35,541 crore have been approved so far. Five of them were from the global champions category, another five companies were from the domestic champions category and the remaining six companies were from the electronic components category. These companies together invested approximately ₹1,300 crores under this scheme in the first six months of operation inspite of tough times prevailing at the time, and added upto 22,000 jobs. This, in a way, fulfils the very reason for which the scheme was conceived.

Samsung, Foxconn, Hon Hai, Rising Star, Wistron and Pegatron are some of the global electronics giants who have started their operations under the scheme. As contract manufacturers for Apple iPhones, their presence will enhance the manufacturing base in India immensely. There are high expectations from domestic companies alike. After getting approval under PLI scheme, it is anticipated that Indian companies shall expand significantly by increasing their manufacturing operations and gain recognition as national champion companies in mobile phone production. There is an expectation that there would be high demand for mobile phones in future. This is evident from the latest mobile export figures of ₹4,600 crore for the quarter ending April-June 2021. This was a growth of 250 per cent over the previous period. The imports also nose-dived by 80 percent to ₹600 crore from ₹3,200 crore. These figures would jump immensely when Pegatron commences production this year. In this context, the PLI scheme is anticipated to head to a production of approximately ₹10.5 lakh crore with over 60 per cent of this to be exported. This scheme was extended from FY 2025 to FY 2026 at the request of the industry and allows applicants to pick FY 2022 as the base year. With the additional investment of ₹11,000 crore, over the next five years, direct employment would increase by two lakh and indirect employment by three times. Overall, the PLI Scheme bodes well for the mobile phone industry. However, the same cannot be said about other industries like solar manufacturing. These schemes are at best short-term in nature and cannot be regarded as replacement for straightening out manufacturing inefficiencies and business complexity. Both the industry and the Government should work together during this time period to develop competitiveness and quality.

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India towards the space and beyond

ANIL **PRAKASH**

Opening space programmes to private players is a breakthrough act and the world is watching keenly to see how feasible it will be to set up shop here

With the Government of India opening up 'Space', the private sector is all set for their time under the sun. For over five decades, ISRO has been the mainstay for all space related activities under the Department of Space (DOS) which is directly overseen by the Prime Minister. It has to its credit various successful missions from being the world first space agency to find water on the moon to having the world's largest constellation of remote-sensing satellites and two satellite navigation systems namely, GAGAN and NAVIC.

Currently the Indian Space industry accounts for a mere $7 billion in the rising $360-billion global space market. Despite its huge and undisputed achievements, ISRO, by its own admission, has been falling short in meeting the ever-increasing demands for space-based applications and services within India. Almost every sector starting from agriculture, fishing, transport, weather department, oil and gas, and urban development are dependent on space and satellite technologies for their businesses.

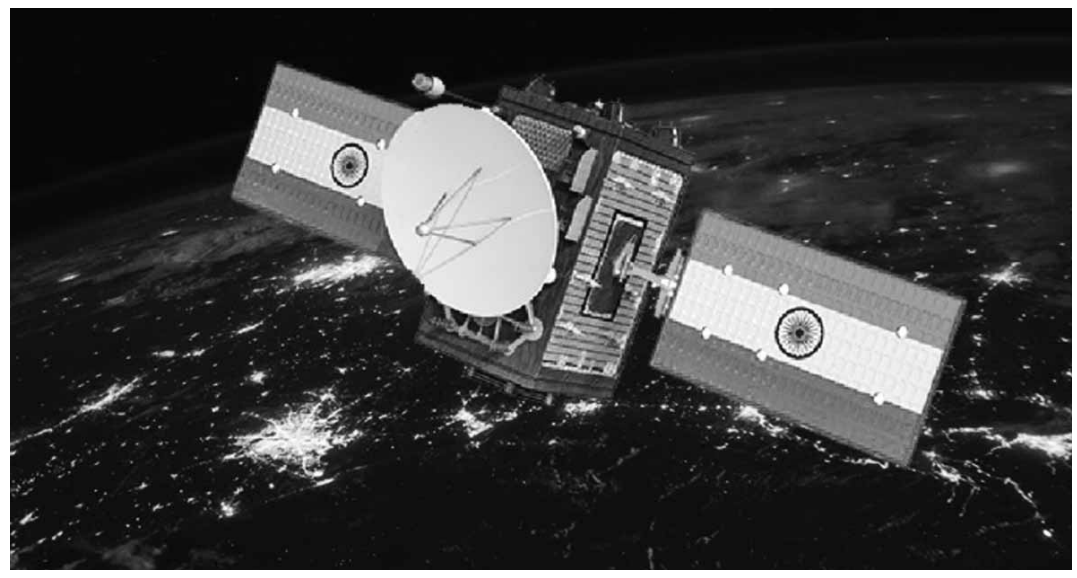
The move to open India's space programmes to private players is a breakthrough act and the world is watching keenly to see how feasible it will be for them to come in with their facilities and services and set up shop here. The private industry, which was unable to compete due to their limited roles earlier, can now participate in the entire gamut of space activitiesnot just as a vendor but as partners. ISRO infrastructure, scientific and technical resources, and even data for space programmes are accessible to the private industry. The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Cente (IN-SPACe) is set to act as a facilitator and a regulator; it will be an interface between ISRO and private players to facilitate the best use of resources.

The space start-up segment in India looks vibrant and is doing extraordinary work in upstream, in-orbit and downstream segments. A multitude of private players and young start-ups encouraged with new age investors having a better risk appetite and patience for projects with long gestation period, are setting up ventures from launch facilities, satellite thrusters, mm Wave and optical communication Links, Satellite manufacturing, earth observation applications, Space Situational Awareness (SSA), Collision detection, Debris mitigation and de-orbiting et cetera.

The entry of large organisations has enabled start-ups and MSMEs to play a critical role in the value chain. Currently, there are around 500 firms directly and indirectly engaged with space technologies and a score of start-ups are engaged with the Government.

As a nation India has immense entrepreneurial spirit which has never been more pronounced than the recent difficult times of pandemic and with youngest sets of founders creating disruptive technology and business models in the field of micro-satellites, advanced rocket propulsion, launch vehicles, AI, Robotics, deep intelligence, etc., this segment is ready to find its wings given the right conditions. However, despite having 60 years of experience and expertise in space missions and satellite communications, India lacks on many fronts.

> THE ENTRY OF LARGE ORGANISATIONS HAS ENABLED THE STARTUPS TO PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE VALUE CHAIN. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE AROUND 500 FIRMS DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY ENGAGED WITH SPACE TECHNOLOGIES AND A SCORE OF STARTUPS ARE ENGAGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT



The start-ups lack resources and technology to handle independent space programmes. And even though the private sector firms can now use ISRO's infrastructure and resources, there is no clarity on the processes involved, the time frame for the sanctions and permissions etc. An easier facilitation center to deal and help the Start-ups in a time bound manner will go a long way in helping in this.

Lack of enabling policies makes the start-ups move to other geographies to set shop -- regulatory and financial barriers create uncertainty for young businesses which is detrimental in this large-investment and slow ROI segment. These barriers force the young entrepreneurs to look for environment that offers easier prospects.

Access to satellite spectrum is a basic issue across the industry and is a critical to the success of this segment. Presently there is no clarity on the availability of satcom spectrum. Without policy level certainty on spectrum allocation the young start-ups will find it very difficult to conduct routine telemetry, telecommand and payload data operations.

There are three distinct authorisations/licenses that are required, viz., GMPCS, VSAT, INSAT MSS and the license categories under the Universal Licensing do notoffer any clarity for satellite services for the business in the upstream and downstream sectors. It is time for India to consider start-up-friendly licensing regime like the short-term experimental licensing by ISRO for their tie ups with the Universities for their Satellite Missions.

The Department of Space's current combined role as licensor, market regulator and satellite operator, is causing a conflict of interest with private satellite builders and satcom service providers. Further there is DOT, DOS, WPC, INSPACE, and NSIL creating multiple layers permissions and asks, hampering the ease of doing business scenario for the sector. A clear delineation of functions is necessary for the commercial units to not seek places elsewhere to start their entity.

The new rules allow foreign companies to set-up facilities in India and enables 100 per cent FDI in the space sector which is a positive move and could give rise to several joint ventures. This paves the way for collaborative development of satellites, huge investment, job creation leading to enhanced GDP growth.

Currently, too many layers of taxes at various levels including GST, revenue share, multiple DOT, DOS charges and withholding tax, etc., has led to almost one third of the entrepreneurs actively looking at relocating out of India to reduce compliance and tax burdens. Countries like Singapore, Hong Kong and Malaysia offer a far more structured and rationalised tax structure than India and it makes more business sense for the entrepreneurs to shift base there.

There are several accelerator programmes run by the Government to promote the start-up ecosystem. India is the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world after the US and China and this is one more chance for the segment to grab their chance at succeeding.

There are challenges ahead, there is no doubt. India has 140 incubators and accelerators compared to China and the US which have over 2,400 and 1,500 incubators and accelerators, respectively. There is an urgent need to simplify regulation around registrations, bankruptcy laws, grants, investments etc to get entrepreneurs back into the system.

ISRO and the Government have a crucial role to play in resolving the policy gaps and loopholes by assuring the star-tups and private sector of a lucrative market for their products and services. A large-scale market opportunity awaits the private players in the upstream sector to engage in the manufacturing design and development of high-tech spacecrafts and in proliferation of the satcom applications in downstream sector. Regulators and relevant authorities need to work closely with emerging start-ups to bring about much needed reforms and incentives that allow industry to operate locally for the country to benefit from their success.

Space is a global phenomenon and India must not allow itself to miss the opportunity to be at the top of this frontier. Policies must be harmonised with the global best practices. Developments and standards need to be on par with the rest of the world.

The industryhas the wherewithal to grow and contribute significantly both in terms of technological development and GDP growth, thus becoming a true partner to the Government on India's journey towards space and beyond.

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POINT COUNTERPOINT

I HAVE URGED THE HON'BLE L-G TO ALLOW CHHATH PUJA IN DELHI AS CORONA IS UNDER CONTROL NOW.
—DELHI CHIEF MINISTER
ARVIND KEJRIWAL

STUBBORNNESS YIELDED TO FAITH. DID YOU NOT KNOW IT WHILE PUTTING A BAN ON CHHATH PUJA, MR CHIEF MINISTER?
—BJP LEADER
MANOJ TIWARI

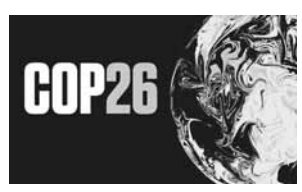
Climate negotiations need an innovative approach

Over the past several decades, key indicators of the climate system are changing at rates unprecedented in at least the last 2,000 years

VK **BAHUGUNA**

The climate change negotiations are held periodically under the banner of United Nations Forum for Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) among participating countries through Conferences of Parties (CoP). The next CoP is the 26th and scheduled to be held in Glasgow in November. Former British Cabinet Minister Alok Sharma, chairperson for CoP 26, has exhorted the countries to agree for ambitious emission reduction targets that will lead to net zero emission by 2050. He had red-flagged the sixth report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPC) report published in 2021. World leaders will arrive in Glasgow like a jamboree and with several thousand negotiators, Government and business representatives in tow for twelve days of talks.

One of the important features of this year's CoP will be taking stock of the Nationally Determined Contributions of the countries they were asked to bring after five years since the Paris agreement. One of the issues will be to see how the countries are going to fare in controlling the rise in atmospheric temperature to 1.5 degree Celsius. The participants in CoP 26 will have to agree to step-up phasing out coal, curtail deforestation, speed up the switch to electric vehicles and encourage investment in renewables. Apart from mobilising finances for climate change adaptations, it will be necessary to build warning systems and resilient infrastructure and agriculture



to avoid loss of homes, livelihoods and even lives.

The sixth report of IPC indicates longer term changes in the Earth's climate. The report clearly proves that during 2015 to 2021 each subsequent year has been hotter than the previous one and 2021 is proving to be the sixth hottest year ever recorded. The report states that global warming has constantly increased during the previous four decades compared to the 80 years before. The report vividly describes the human activities responsible for this rise in temperature and consequent climatic vagaries being notices every year with increasing intensity resulting in acute hardship to the poor and disadvantaged sections of the world population.

It would be interesting to quote the sixth assessment report of the IPC for larger public demonstration and stern warning to the policy makers. It says: "Observed changes in the atmosphere, oceans, cryosphere and biosphere provide unequivocal evidence of a world that has warmed. Over the past several decades, key indicators of the climate system are increasingly at levels unseen in centuries to millennia, and are changing at rates unprecedented in at least the last 2,000 years."

Specifically, global mean surface temperature has increased by 1.09 C between the pre-industrial baseline period 1850-1900 and the most recent decade of 2011-20. This was more likely than not the warmest in roughly 125,000 years. Similarly, the rainfall pattern will change to extremities in volume and intensity resulting in excessive rainfall within few days and then prolong draughts in all over the world. As for sea ice, between the decades of 1979-88 and 2010-19, the average monthly August-October Arctic sea ice area shrunk by around one quarter with a loss of around two million square kilometres of ice.

In a nutshell, this assessment of IPC is a grim reminder for the world leaders to have a time-bound action plan for the next five to 10 years to achieve the targets set by the Paris agreement for 2030. In this regard, the United States after returning to the negotiating table, must shoulder the responsibility to lead the developed world.

The negotiators must draw lessons from 'Carbix' a company co-founded by an Indian, Vinit Dighe, and J. Sammy in Quincy, Massachusetts, USA. They develop reactors to harness carbon dioxide from emission streams generated by waste to energy plants, geo-thermal plants, water desalination and natural gas plants. They target cement manufacturing which alone contribute to eight percent carbon emission. They use the emissions to produce minerals like calcium carbonate and limestone while at the same time remaining carbon negative.

It is like catching the emissions and converting them into valuable minerals. There is a huge scope for a permanent carbon sequestration market. It would be appropriate if Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav invites the Indian innovator who is breaking new ground on climate change mitigation to have a tie-up with Indian industries to produce minerals out of emissions. India could then be a world leader not only in climate change innovation but also effectively control pollutants and use pollution as a raw material for mineral production.

(The writer is Chairman, Centre for Resource Management and Environment. The views expressed are personal.)

China warns against 'manipulation' of WHO virus probe

Beijing: China's Foreign Ministry on Thursday warned against what it called possible "political manipulation" of a renewed probe by the World Health Organization into the origins of the coronavirus, while saying it would support the international body's efforts.

The WHO on Wednesday released a proposed list of 25 experts to advise it on next steps in the search for the virus's origins after its earlier efforts were attacked for going too easy on China, where the first human cases were detected in late 2019.

Beijing was accused of withholding raw data on early cases during a visit by a WHO team in February and has since resisted calls for further investigation, saying the US and others were politicising the matter.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said China would "continue to support and participate in global scientific tracing and firmly oppose any forms of political manipulation."

"We hope that all parties concerned, including the WHO secretariat and the advisory group, will effectively uphold an objective and responsible scientific attitude," Zhao told reporters at a daily briefing.

The experts proposed by the UN health agency include some who were on the original team that went to the central Chinese city of Wuhan to investigate the origins of Covid-19.

The findings of the original WHO-led team were inconclusive, and the experts released a report concluding it was "extremely unlikely" that the coronavirus leaked from a Wuhan lab, prompting criticism from outside scientists that the theory had not been properly vetted. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus later acknowledged it had been "premature" to dismiss the lab theory.

Beijing has repeatedly questioned whether the virus did indeed originate in China, and has called for investigations into US military laboratories without providing any solid evidence.

China has largely stamped out cases of local transmission of Covid-19 infections through mask wearing, quarantining and electronic case tracing, along with sometimes draconian measures including lockdowns and mandatory mass testing. ***AP***

US, Israel exploring 'Plan B' for Iran

Washington: The United States and Israel said on Wednesday they are exploring a "Plan B" for dealing with Iran if the Islamic Republic does not return in good faith to negotiations to salvage the languishing landmark 2015 nuclear deal.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid said discussions between their two countries have begun on "other options" should Iran reject an offer to come back into compliance with the agreement if the U.S. rejoins it.

They did not elaborate on what those options might be, but there are a wide range of non-diplomatic options that could be considered, ranging from stepped up sanctions to covert or military actions. A Biden administration priority has been to revive the deal and abandoning that goal would be a blow to its foreign policy objectives.

The remarks were a rare acknowledgment by the U.S. that it is looking at what to do in the event diplomacy with Iran fails. Israel has never been a party to the nuclear deal, which former President Donald Trump withdrew from in 2018, and its former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was a vocal opponent of the agreement negotiated by the Obama administration.

Blinken and Lapid made the remarks at a joint news conference at the State Department with the foreign minister of the United Arab Emirates at which all three agreed to try to expand on the so-called "Abraham Accords," the Trump-era agreements that normalized relations between Israel and the UAE and other Arab States. Their comments came as Iran has hinted it"s ready to return to indirect negotiations with the U.S. in Vienna but has not committed to a date. Iran has also continued to blow through limits on it nuclear activities that had been constrained by the deal.

Blinken reiterated that the window for Iran to return to the agreement is closing but again declined to give a date at which it would be too late. "Time is running short," he said.

At UN court, Armenia accuses Azerbaijan of ethnic hatred

The Hague: Armenia accused neighbouring Azerbaijan of systematically promoting ethnic hatred against Armenia citizens, as the two nations that fought a six-week war last year faced off at a UN court on Thursday.

Armenian representative Yeghishe Kirakosyan made the accusation as a hearing opened at the International Court of Justice into a request by Armenia for judges to impose urgent interim measures to prevent Azerbaijan breaching an international convention to stamp out ethnic discrimination.

The case stems from long-standing enmity that boiled over into last year"s war over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh that left more than 6,600 people dead. The region is within Azerbaijan but had been under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since the end of a separatist war in 1994.

Kirakosyan said Armenia wasn"t asking the court to rule on the root causes of the war, but "seeks to prevent and remedy the cycle of violence and hatred perpetrated against ethnic Armenians."

Lawyers representing Azerbaijan were scheduled to address the court later Thursday.

Azerbaijan also has filed a similar case alleging discrimination against its citizens by Armenia and also has requested the world court to impose interim measures. Hearings in the Azerbaijan case are scheduled to start next Monday. Rulings on both requests will likely be issued in coming weeks.

Both nations" cases alleging breaches of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will likely take years to reach their conclusion at the Hague-based court.

Last year"s conflict ended when Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan signed a Russia-brokered ceasefire agreement that granted Azerbaijan control over parts of Nagorno-Karabakh as well as adjacent territories occupied by Armenians.

Armenia says more than 3,700 Armenians and Nagorno-Karabakh residents died in the war. Azerbaijan said it lost 2,900 people.

Kirakosyan told the court that despite the deal that ended last year"s conflict, "Azerbaijan continues to espouse and actively promote ethnic hatred against Armenians."

He said that Azerbaijan has "captured, tortured, and arbitrarily detained numerous members of Armenian armed forces and civilians of ethnic Armenian origin" and "continues to destroy Armenian cultural heritage and religious sites or negate the Armenian character, and the territory"s economic controls." ***AP***

John Kerry says UN climate talks may miss target

Washington: Crucial UN climate talks next month likely will end short of the global target for cutting coal, gas and oil emissions, US climate envoy John Kerry says, after nearly a year of climate diplomacy that helped win deeper cuts from allies but has so far failed to move some of the world"s biggest polluters to act fast enough.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Kerry credited the United States, the European Union, Japan and others that over the past year have pledged bigger, faster cuts in climate-wrecking fossil fuel emissions ahead of the talks in Glasgow, Scotland, under nudging from Kerry and the Biden administration.

He expressed hope enough nations would join in over the next couple of years. "By the time Glasgow"s over, we"re going to know who is doing their fair share, and who isn"t," he said.

Kerry also spoke of the impact if the US Congress — under a slim Democratic majority — fails to pass legislation for significant action on climate by the United States itself, as the Biden administration aims to regain leadership on climate action.

"It would be like President Trump pulling out of the Paris agreement, again," Kerry said.

Kerry spoke to the AP on Wednesday in a conference room down the hall from his office at the State Department, its upper corridors still eerily shy of people in the coronavirus pandemic.

Kerry"s comments came after nine months of intensive climate diplomacy by plane, phone and computer screen aimed at nailing down the most global commitments of action on climate possible ahead of the UN climate summit, which opens October 31 in Scotland. ***AP***

China launches its first solar exploration satellite

Beijing: China on Thursday sent its first solar exploration satellite into space from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in northern Shanxi Province.

The satellite was launched aboard a Long March-2D rocket and entered its planned orbit successfully.

Ten small satellites including an orbital atmospheric density detection experimental satellite and a commercial meteorological detection constellation experimental satellite were also sent into space using the same carrier rocket, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. It was the 391st flight mission of the Long March carrier rocket series. ***PTI***

China set to send 3 astronauts on longest crewed mission yet

AP ■ BEIJING

China is preparing to send three astronauts to live on its space station for six months — a new milestone for a program that has advanced rapidly in recent years.

It will be China's longest-ever crewed space mission and set a record for the most time spent in space by Chinese astronauts. The Shenzhou-13 spaceship is expected to be launched into space on a Long March-2F rocket early Saturday morning from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center on the edge of the Gobi Desert in northwestern China.

The first crew who served a 90-day mission aboard the main Tianhe core module of the space station returned in mid-September.

The new crew has two veterans of space travel. Pilot Zhai Zhigang, 55, performed China's first spacewalk. Wang Yaping, 41 and the only woman on the mission, carried out experiments and led a science class in real-time while traveling on one of China"s earlier experimental space stations. Ye Guangfu, 41, will be traveling into space for the first time.

The mission is expected to continue the work of the initial crew, who conducted two spacewalks, deployed a 10-meter (33-foot) mechanical arm, and held a video call with Chinese leader Xi Jinping.

China Manned Space Agency Deputy Director Lin Xiqiang said the rocket was fueled and ready to fly. "All systems conducting the Shenzhou-13 mission have undergone a comprehensive rehearsal. The flight crew is in good condition and our pre-launch preparations are in order," Lin said at a Thursday briefing.

The crew"s scheduled activities include up to three spacewalks to install equipment in preparation for expanding the station, verifying living conditions in the module and conducting experiments in space medicine and other areas, Lin said.

Lanka Navy arrests 23 Indian fishermen

Colombo: The Sri Lankan Navy has arrested 23 Indian fishermen and seized two trawlers for allegedly poaching in the country's territorial waters, an official statement said on Thursday.

The Navy arrested the fishermen off the coast of Vettilaikeni in the northern province's point Pedro area.

"Taking into account the impact of foreign fishermen poaching in Sri Lankan waters on the local fishing community and the sustainability of fishery resources of Sri Lanka, the Navy is conducting regular patrols as well as operations to curb illegal fishing activities in island waters," the Navy said in a statement.

The operation also led to the seizure of fishing gear from those vessels, used for illegal fishing practise known as 'bottom trawling', and a stock of fish caught by the same fishing method. In March, the Navy seized five fishing vessels and 54 Indian nationals for poaching in Sri Lankan waters. The Navy said, due to the Covid, the seizure of foreign fishing vessels became limited and the arrestees were repatriated. ***PTI***

5 killed in Beirut during protest over judge in blast probe

Beirut: Lebanon's interior minister says five people have been killed in armed clashes in Beirut that erupted Thursday during protests against the lead investigator into last year's massive blast at the city's port.

Bassam Mawlawi told reporters Thursday that many of those injured were shot by snipers from buildings. He called the events, "a very dangerous sign." The protest was organized by the militant Shiite group Hezbollah and its ally, the Shiite Amal Movement. ***AP***

Syrian allies vow response to Israeli strike, also blame US

Damascus: Syria's defense ministry said on Thursday that one of its soldiers has been killed and three injured in an overnight Israeli airstrike on a telecommunication tower in the central province of Homs.

A military official said the strike shortly before midnight in the Palmyra region hit the tower and some posts around it. The official did not identify the targets further. Syrian air defenses were activated to respond to the incoming missiles, which the defense ministry said originated from the Tanf region in southeast Syria.

In a rare acknowledgement their bases had been struck, Iran-backed groups in Syria vowed retaliation. The groups said they will "have a harsh response" to the Israeli strikes in Palmyra.

The groups also blamed the United States for the strikes, which originated from Tanf, where the U.S. has a small outpost in the area that straddles the Baghdad-Damascus highway.

The groups said the strikes hit service and youth centers, causing a number of causalities, between dead and wounded. ***AP***

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer/Cord, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites sealed open electronic-tenders for the under noted works :-

S. No.	Name of work	Approximate Cost of work	Completion period	Date of opening
1.	Hiring of GPS trackers for monitoring of track inspection/patrolling over Delhi division for a period of two years. (Cost is exclusive of GST)	Rs. 71,44,564.07/-	24 Months	09.11.2021

Note :- 1. The e-tender is to be submit through railway website **'http:ireps.gov.in'**. The tenders can be submit on website **Up to 15:00 hrs. on 09.11.2021** and shall be opened there after. **No. 128-W/Sr.DEN C/NIT No. 4/21-22/WC Dt. 14.10.2021** **2352/2021**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Last page of original sale deed duly registered vide Registration No. 10,639, Book No. 1, Volume No. 3071, at Pages 37 to 47, Registered on 22.10.2007, in the office of Sub- Registrar VIII, New Delhi in respect of Property Bearing No. 179, Ground Floor, Jagriti Enclave, Delhi-110092 executed in favour of Smt. Meenu Jain belonging to Mr. Pawan Jain S/o Padam Chand Jain, R/o 29, Rishabh Vihar, Karkardooma, East Delhi-110092 got lost on 15.09.2021. NCR has been lodged vide LR no. 766769/2021, in Crime Branch, Delhi dated 29.09.2021. Whosoever finds the same within 07 days from the date of publication shall communicate to Mr. Pawan Jain S/o Padam Chand Jain R/o 29, Rishabh Vihar, Karkardooma, East Delhi-110092. Contact no. : 9810200459.

WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM NO. 3 TO TENDERS NOTICE NO. WTR/17/2021/08 DT.30.08.2021

Tender No.	Item description
WTR/17/2021/6017	6.2 mm thick CGRSP to RDSO drg. T-6618
WTR/17/2021/6018	CMS Crossing 1 in 12, 52 Kg, to RDSO drg T-4734
WTR/17/2021/6019	CMS Crossing 60 Kg, 1 in 8.5 to RDSO drg T-4967
WTR/17/2021/6020	CMS Crossing 52 Kg,1 in 8.5 to RDSO drg T-4867
WTR/17/2021/6022	6.2 mm thickCGRSP to RDSO drg. T-8327
Item to be modified	Tender document Section- B
From	Existing
To	Revised Section-B Para-14.9 - Statutory Variation,16.1 & 16.2 -(Other Taxes/Duties)

Note: Above corrigendum uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Somya Jain (Borrower) LBNOD00002007549	C-3/125, Tower- C3, 12th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area-1555 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 69,70,108/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs. 36,00, 000/- / Rs. 3,60, 000/-	October 22 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 11. 00 AM Onwards
2.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower)/ Sumita Singh (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002029333	C-4/121, Tower- 12th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1548 sq. Ft.	Rs. 66,83,838/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.25,00, 000/- / Rs.2,50, 000/-	October 22 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 11.30 AM Onwards
3.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower) / Sumita Singh (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002030018	D-5/134, Tower - D5, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area - 1207 sq. Ft.	Rs. 59,76,138/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.28,00, 000/- / Rs.2,80, 000/-	October 22, 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 12:00 Noon Onwards
4.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower) / Anamika Jain (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002011506	D-2/134, Tower- D2, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area-1207 Sq. Ft	Rs. 53,16,335/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.19,00, 000/- / Rs.1,90, 000/-	October 22, 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 12:30 PM Onwards
5.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower)/ Anamika Jain (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002029715	D-2/131, Tower - D2, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1207 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 51,81,418/- as on October 5, 2021.	Rs.28,00, 000/- / Rs.2,80, 000/-	October 22, 2021 From 12 Noon to 3.00 PM	November 08, 2021 From 12:30 PM Onwards

The online auction will be conducted on website (**URL Link-https://disposalhub.com**) of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited.** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **November 06, 2021** before **05:00 P.M.** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005.** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **November 06, 2021** before **05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **November 06, 2021** before **05:00 P.M.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Delhi**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **8657476284** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** on **9710029933/ 9810029926/ 01244233933**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd.** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

Date: October 14, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

UJVN Limited

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Telephone: 0135- 2763808 & Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN No U40101UR2001SGC025866
Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्रांक: 758 **e-Tender Notice (NCB)** दिनांक: 13.10.2021

Office of the Executive Engineer (E&M), Asan Barrage, Jal Shakti Bhawan, Dhakrani, Dehradun invites online bid from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

1. Tender No.: - NCB/04/EE (E&M)/Asan : Barrage/2021-22 Upgradation of SCADA system
2. Tender No.: - NCB/05/EE (E&M)/Asan Barrage/2021-22 : Protective coating on spillway gates & HR gates

Estimated cost: Rs. 13.07 Lakh +GST & 159.43 Lakh +GST respectively

Date of availability of bid document on website: 16.10.2021

Last date for submission of bids on website: 17.11.2021 upto 1700 Hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in"

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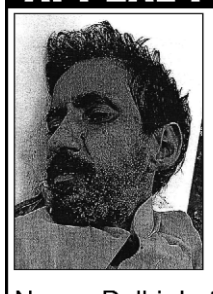

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** Approx 45 years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'4", **Built:** Normal, was wearing Light Blue colour Shirt and Dark Blue colour Pant, **ID Mark:** Mole at face, was found in DDU Complex, Hari Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a **DD No. 37A, dated 11.09.2021, has been registered at P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Hari Nagar, Delhi
DP/586/WD/2021 **Ph.: 011-28125719, 8750871128**

Public Notice

Be it known to all that My Clients **Mr. Omvir Shokeen** S/o Sh. Desram and **Mrs. Rajwanti** W/o Sh. Omvir Shokeen R/o H.No. 1, Main Road Nilothi, Delhi-41, has disowned their son **Deepanshu Shokeen** & daughter in law **Shreya** W/o Deepanshu Shokeen from all their movable/ immovable properties and severed all their relations both legal & social with his due to disrespectful behavior. Any person dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk, and my clients shall not be responsible for the same.

Advocate : Sanjeev Dwivedi : 48, Gajanand Block, Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi-54

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORK

Srl. No. (1) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-108-21-22. Date : 06.10.2021
Work : Provision of bituminous road from BK-52 to Bridge No. 87 between NIQ-JTI, Toilet with water supply in CSM/ Sm's panel room at BHTK, Cover shed over LHS at BK-11 in KLTR - KGB section and one room with attached toilet for lady RPF staff in PND under the jurisdiction of ADEN/ Pendra of Bilaspur Division.
Tender Value : ₹ 1,44,93,501.91/-.
Completion Period : 12 Months.

Srl. No. (2) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-109-21-22. Date : 06.10.2021
Work : Creation of siding facilities for working of heavy duty rail Grinding Machine (RGM) at Khongsara and Harri stations and Provision of RCC drain in yards under the jurisdiction of ADEN/ Pendra of Bilaspur division.
Tender Value : ₹ 2,62,62,886.29/-.
Completion Period : 12 Months.

Srl. No. (3) E-Tender No. DRM-ENGG-BSP-T-110-21-22. Date : 06.10.2021
Work : Provision of Bridge protection work of bridge no. 45 (5x40' UP and 3x40' ARCH DN) at km 792/3-9 between Khongsara - Bhanwartank station under the jurisdiction of ADEN/ Pendra of Bilaspur Division.
Tender Value : ₹ 1,68,61,708.79/-.
Completion Period : 12 Months.

Start Date of Submission of Tender: From **11.00** hours. on **01-11-2021. Last Date of Submission of Tender:** Upto **11.00** hours. on **15-11-2021.**

The complete information of above e-Tender Notices is available over website **https://www.ireps.gov.in**. Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders.

Divl. Railway Manager (Engg.)
CPR/10/205 S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Kishan Mishra

General Public is hereby informed that one person namely **Kishan Mishra S/o Ashok Mishra, R/o** H. No. 2088/1-D, Gali No. 19, Prem Nagar, Anand Parbat, Delhi has been missing since 05.10.2021 at 11:30 AM from his house. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 02-A** dated **06.10.2021** has been Lodged at PS. Anand Parbat, Delhi.

The description of missing person is as under : **Age** : 27 yrs., **Built:** Medium, **Height** : 5'6", **Face** : Long, **Complexion** : Fair, **Wearing** : Yellow colour T-Shirt and light blue colour pant, black shoes in feet and not mentally fit.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform to the following:-

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax : 011-24368639
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/1041/CD/2021

SHO
P.S., Anand Parbat, Delhi
Ph : 011-28762468
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SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person **Namely:** Dharampal, **S/o** Lal Mal, **R/o** H. No. 1757, Gali Khatikan, Himmat Garh, Delhi, **Age:** 40 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Face:** Long, **Built:** thin, **Complexion:** Fair **Wearing:** White Shirt, Black Pant and Plastic slippers in his feet, has been missing since 29.08.2021 from the area of P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No.83A, dated 29.09.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Hauz Qazi, New 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 kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi
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DP/1024/CD/2021

Petrol, diesel prices hiked again; touch record levels

IANS ■ NEW DELHI

Petrol and diesel prices rose again on Thursday after a two-day break, taking its retail rates to record high levels across the country.

Accordingly, in the national capital, petrol and diesel prices increased by 35 paise per litre to ₹ 104.79 per litre and ₹ 93.53 per litre respectively.

In India's financial capital, Mumbai, petrol became costlier by 34 paise per litre to ₹110.75 a litre on Thursday, the highest across all the four metro cities. Diesel also costs Rs 101.40 for one litre in Mumbai.

The price increase on Thursday has come after fuel prices remained static for the past couple of days.

Diesel prices have now increased 16 out of the last 20 days taking up its retail price by Rs 4.90 per litre in Delhi. The price of diesel has increased between 20-30 paise per litre so far, but, since Wednesday last week it has been increasing by 35 paise per litre.

With diesel prices rising sharply, the fuel is now available at over Rs 100 a litre in several parts of the country. This dubious distinction was earlier available to petrol that had crossed Rs 100 a litre-mark across the country a few months earlier.

Petrol prices had maintained stability since September 5 but oil companies finally raised the pump prices last week and this week given a spurt in the product prices lately. Petrol prices have also risen on 13 of the previous 16 days taking up the pump price by Rs 3.60 per litre.

OMCs had preferred to maintain their watch prices on global oil situation before making any revision in prices. This is the reason why petrol prices were not revised for the last three weeks. But extreme volatility in global oil price movement has now pushed OMCs to effect the increase.

Economic pickup will support borrowers, says Moody's

Covid risks will remain high

Mumbai: Over the next three to six months, auto loan delinquency rates will stay elevated, though broadly stable from current levels, Moody's Investors Service said in its comment on auto loans.

Indian auto loan asset backed securities (ABS) delinquency rates have improved alongside the easing of coronavirus restrictions over recent months, but remain elevated.

Delinquency rates will stabilise at high levels as coronavirus restrictions ease, Moody's said, citing that Indian auto ABS delinquency and collection rates improved in June and July as economic activity picked up after coronavirus restrictions eased.

"While economic conditions have improved, this year's virus outbreak has eroded borrowers' financial reserves. Over the next three to six months, we expect delinquency rates will stay elevated at around current levels as many borrowers continue to deal with the pandemic's economic after effects," the ratings agency said.

"The Indian auto ABS we rate benefit from non-amortizing cash reserves and substantial excess spread," Moody's said, adding that these features mitigate risks from elevated delinquency rates for Indian auto ABS, because they provide deals with liquidity and buffers against losses.

Auto ABS performance improved because the pickup in economic activity over recent months raised demand and rates for goods transportation. Improving conditions for goods transportation are positive for the Indian auto ABS sector, because deals mostly securitise loans to commercial vehicle operators who earn income by moving freight.

IANS

Punit Goenka questions Invesco's silence on merger proposal with Reliance

Mumbai: In the ongoing Zee-Invesco tussle, the company's Managing Director and CEO Punit Goenka has now broken his silence charging the company's largest shareholder with hiding facts that prevented it from bringing facts about a merger proposal earlier.

"...on a personal note, I have some questions as well. Why didn't Invesco make its plans public earlier? Does good corporate governance only apply to corporates and not their institutional investors?" Goenka asked in a statement issued by his office.

The statement talks about a merger proposal brought forward by Invesco in February involving Reliance Industries, which was rejected by him as it would have resulted in loss of shareholder value to the tune of Rs 10,000 crore.

"During my briefing to the Board, I emphasised on the points pertaining to the proposal from Invesco. My attention was on the imbalance observed in the valuation and how it was not in the best interest of our shareholders. The only reason I did not agree to the proposal was because the shareholder value was getting compromised," Goenka said in his statement.

IANS

Sensex, Nifty continue record spree on upbeat macro data

Mumbai: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty raced to fresh record highs by notching their sixth straight session of gains on Thursday as participants cheered improving macroeconomic data and positive global cues.

Going past the 61,000-mark for the first time ever, the BSE Sensex soared 568.90 points or 0.94 per cent to finish at a new closing peak of 61,305.95. The index also marked its fresh intraday record of 61,353.25 during the day's trade.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty surged 176.80 points or 0.97 per cent to a new lifetime closing high of 18,338.55. *PTI*

WPI inflation at 6-month low of 10.66% in Sep; food prices ease

New Delhi: The wholesale price-based inflation eased to a six-month low of 10.66 per cent in September, helped by moderating food prices even as crude petroleum witnessed a spike.

"The high rate of inflation in September 2021 is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, non-food articles, food products, crude petroleum & natural gas, chemicals and chemical products etc. As compared to the corresponding month of the previous year," the Commerce and Industry Ministry said in a statement. *PTI*

USIBC meets FM Sitharaman; praises India's reform trajectory

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Members of the influential US India Business Council in their meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Wednesday praised India's reform trajectory and exuded confidence in the growing Indian economy.

"We praised her reform trajectory and discussed new opportunities to strengthen commercial ties between the US and India," USIBC said after they along with CII hosted the visiting finance minister for an interactive session.

NLCIL's Talabira project commences supply of coal to NTPC

New Delhi: NLC India Limited, A Navratna Company, Government of India Enterprise under administrative control of Ministry of Coal is operating Talabira II&III OCP (20.00 MTPA capacity) in Odisha State.

Talabira II&III OCP has commenced the coal production from FY 2020-21 and supplying coal to its End Use plant, NTPL, Tuticorin, T.N. Further to fulfill the requirement of country`s coal supply, the excess coal quantity after fulfilling the requirement of end use plant selling the coal to open market through E-auction with due permission from MOC.

HUDCO makes final dividend payout

New Delhi: Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, Hardeep Singh Puri was presented the final dividend cheque of ₹174.23 crore at the rate of 14.25% for the year 2020-21, by Kamran Rizvi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Chairman & Managing Director, HUDCO in the presence of Shri DS Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA, M Nagaraj, Director (Corporate Planning), HUDCO, D Guhan, Director (Finance), HUDCO. *PNS*

Producing States told to bring down prices of edible oils

PNS ■ NEW DELHI:

After slashing the import duty, the Department of Food and Public Distribution has asked all major oil producing states to take appropriate and immediate action to bring down the prices of edible oils in line with the import duty reductions. This would also help in bringing down the prices of edible oils by ₹15-20 per kg in the retail markets. The Department has written to Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

The direction states that the state government has to now ensure that full benefit of duty reduction made by the Centre is passed on to the consumers in order to provide immediate relief from the prevailing high prices of edible oils, especially during the ensuing festival season.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No. PAY AND USE-MTJ-2021-4 Date:- 05-10-2021

FIRST CORRIGENDUM

E-Tender for Awarding of Normal Pay & Use Toilet complex between PF 01 & 07 in front of GRP Thana & Third Entry Circulating Area New Toilet Complex at Mathura Jn. Railway Station on Operation and Maintenance (O&M) basis with E-Tender No. **PAY AND USE-MTJ-2021-4 Date:- 05.10.2021.** The Earnest Money Deposit **Rs. 9,88,206/-** was published in National and Local Newspaper. It should be read and understood as Rs. 98,900/-

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North Central Railways @CPRONCR

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Pritam Singh S/o Late Sh. Charan Singh and his wife Gagan Jeet Kaur both R/o WZ-46/3A, Mukherjee Park, Chaukhandi Road, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018 have severed all their relation with their son Mr. Manmeet Singh (unmarried) due to his unacceptable behaviour and conducts. Both of my clients have also disowned & debarred their said son from all their movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Mr. Manmeet Singh will do so and have done so at his/her/their own risk and responsibilities and my clients and their properties will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing including financial dealing done by Mr. Manmeet Singh.

Santosh Kumar (Advocate)
WZ-64A, Mukhrjee Park, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that Park Industries Pvt. Ltd. is absolute owner of property having Khewat No. 161, Khatoni No. 181, Khasra No.1420/2/2(3-0), 1648/1(4-5), 1649/2(2-16) in Village-Begumpur, Tehsil-Ghrounda, Karnal, Haryana ('Said Property') purchased vide Registered Sale Deed having Vasika No.338 dated 01.05.2019 from Park Non Woven Pvt. Ltd. ('Seller') Back Chain title deed of Said Property having Vasika no. 711 dt. 15-7-2010 in name of Seller is lost and report for lost/FIR for same lodged on dated 25.08.2021. If any person found/ claims to have the said original deed Vasika No.711 dt. 15-7-2010 or has any right, title, interest or claim in said Property, is required to notify to us at the address given hereunder in writing with the proof within 10 (Ten) days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)
200, IInd Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, N. Delhi-15
Ph : 011-41112527-28 kumarassociates.advocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that M/s Radha Govind Samiti is the owner and in possession of Property bearing No. A-2, area measuring 75 sq. yds., Shankar Garden, New Delhi. "Said property". Further, Original Sale Deed dated 30.03.1966 executed by Mr. Jit Ram in favour of Mrs. Mohinder Kaur in respect of the said property is lost. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner intends to sell the said property to a buyer/customer who intends to take a loan from our client i.e. ICICI Bank by mortgaging the said property to our client, if any body has any objection/s upon said property / its ownership & Title/ its Sale and Mortgage, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days of the present.

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कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड सूरजपुर जिला (छ.ग.)
ई – प्रोक्युरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत द्वारा निविदा प्रपत्र ''अ'' में जल जीवन मिशन हर घर नल से जल अंतर्गत एकल ग्राम में रोट्रोफिटिंग योजना के कार्य हेतु आनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित्र की जाती है:–

निविदा सूचना क्रमांक / दिनांक	टेन्डर सिस्टम नम्बर	ग्राम का नाम	अनुमति लागत (रू. लाख में)
41 / 10.10.2021	85329	जल जीवन मिशन हर घर नल से जल अंतर्गत जल अतर्गत एकल ग्राम लटोरी विकासखण्ड सूरजपुर में रोट्रोफिटिंग योजना का कार्य	रू. 259.40 लाख

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यो की निविदा दिनांक – **30.10.2021** तक आंमत्रित की जाती है। निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज एवं अन्य जानकारी ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल **https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

हस्ता / –
कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड
सूरजपुर

R.O. No. 64488/8
R.O. Date. 13/10/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING BOYS

General public is hereby informed that three boys **(1) Namely:** Piyush, **S/o** Ram Kumar, **Age:** 17 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **ID Mark:** Mark on forehead and has difficulty in Speaking, **Wearing:** White shirt, Blue Trouser and Slippers in fit **(2) Namely:** Mohammed Mehtab, **S/o** Haider, **Age:**16 Years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face**: Round, **Built**: Medium, **Height:** 5'7", **Wearing**: Sky Blue T-shirt, Black Pants and Slippers in feet **(3) Namely:** Nazru, **S/o** Sukur Miyan, **Age:**17 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face**: Long, **Built**: Medium, **Wearing**: Black Colour T-shirt, Red Pants and Slippers in feet has been missing since 03.08.2021 from Bal Sahyog Connaught Circus, Opposite L Block Market, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

In this regard a FIR No. 99/2021 dated 07.08.2021 has been registered at P.S. Barakhamba Road, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about these boys but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about these boys kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S. Barakhamba Road, New Delhi
Ph. 011-23413800, 8750870527
DP/341/NDD/2021

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER , CONSTRUCTION WING,
Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Haldwani
DURGAPAL GARDEN NEAR SINTHIYA SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL , PILIKOTHI ROAD, BARI MUKHANI HALDWANI, DISTT.- NAINITAL(PIN 263139)

Letter No. Camp/Haldwani/01 **Date : 14.10.2021**

E-Tender Notice

1. Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED MULTISTOREY PARKING AT NAGAR PALIKA TANAKPUR , DISTT CHAMPAWAT.
2. Estimated Cost: - Rs. 263.40 Lakh
3. Period of Completion:- 12 Month
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 14.10.2021 (17.00 hrs)
5. Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal:- 08.11.2021 (17.00 hrs)
6. Date & Time of Technical bid Opening :- 11.11.2021 (11.00hrs)
7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: - General Manager (Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Laxmi Niwas, Durgapal Garden, Pilikothi, Haldwani.
8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:- 25.10.2021 (11.00 hrs) Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Lohaghat (Champawat).
9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal **www.uktenders.gov.in**

GENERAL MANAGER

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Riya, **D/o:** Bunty, **R/o:** B-5, Double Story, Raghubir Nagar, Vishal Enclave, Delhi, **Age:** 16 Years, **Height:** 5'4", **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Strong, **Face:** Round, **ID Marks:** A scar on forehead, **Wearing:** Purple Colour Top and Black Colour Lower & Slipper in feet has been missing since 05.10.2021 from H.No. 10218/23, Bhagat Singh Nagar, Manakpura, Karol Bagh, Delhi. In this regard **FIR No. 414/21, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 06.10.2021,** has been registered at **P.S. DBG Road, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform to the following:-

Web-site : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-23011334
DP/1037/CD/2021

SHO
P.S. DBG Road, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23613252, 23537374

SUPERIOR FINLEASE LIMITED
CIN : L74899DL1994PLC061995
Regd. Off: NS-92, Khasra No-33/21, Ranaji Enclave, Najafgarh, Near Arjun Park Bus Stand, New Delhi -110043
Email id : superiorfinlease@gmail.com; Website : www.superiorfinlease.com
Extract of Statement of Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2021
(Rupees in lacs)

Sl No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Half Year ended		Year ended
		30-09-21 Unaudited	30-06-21 Unaudited	30-09-20 Unaudited	30-09-21 Unaudited	30-09-20 Unaudited	31-03-21 Audited
1	Total Income from operations	32.12	17.16	57.51	49.28	80.61	404.40
2	Net Profit for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00	29.88
3	Net Profit for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00	29.88
4	Net Profit for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00	22.14
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	25.75	11.13	45.24	36.88	61.00	-24.35
6	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	0.86	0.37	1.51	1.23	2.03	0.74
	(b) Diluted (in Rs.)	0.86	0.37	1.51	1.23	2.03	0.74

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Half Yearly Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Results are available on the Stock Exchange Website (www.msei.in and www.bseindia.com) and Company's website www.superiorfinlease.com.

For Superior Finlease Limited
Sd/-
Sd/-
Rajneesh Kumar
Director
DIN: 02463693

Date : 14.10.2021
Place : New Delhi

The Project Manager Construction Unit
Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Ranikhet (Almora) 263645

Letter No. 2074 / NIVIDA / 125 Date: 06-10-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

The Project Manager Construction Unit Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Ranikhet (Almora) 263645, on behalf of Chairman Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam invites sealed item rate tender on e- Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. http://www.uktenders.gov.in, for the following works-

Sl No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender (Rs. in lacs)
1	REPAIRING OF NON RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS OF BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT KHUMAD SULT, DISTRICT – ALMORA.	74.44 lacs
2	CONSTRUCTION OF MINI STADIUM AT TARIKHET DISTRICT - ALMORA.	71.14 lacs

The tender form can be downloaded from e-Government Procurement System (e-GPS) portal i.e. http://www.uktenders.gov.in from 13.10.2021 at 13:00 hrs. to 28.10.2021 at 17:00 hrs. Other information can be seen in tender form or office notice board or obtained from office or phone no. 05966 220690 of office of tender inviting authority.

PROJECT MANAGER

AXIS BANK LIMITED
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION OF PLEDGED ASSETS BEING GOLD ORNAMENTS

THE BORROWERS, IN SPECIFIC AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ARE HERE BUY NOTIFIED THAT PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE GOLD ORNAMENTS PLEDGE IN THE BELOW ACCOUNTS IS PROPOSED TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE AXIS BANK AT THE BELOW MENTIONED BRANCH.
THE BELOW MENTIONED BORROWERS HAS AVAILED THE CREDIT FACILITY FROM THE AXIS BANK LIMITED AGAINST THE PLEDGE OF GOLD ORNAMENTS ("GOLD LOAN FACILITY") IN FAVOUR OF THE BANK TOWARDS THE SECURITY. THE DEMAND NOTICES WERE ISSUED TO THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS CALLING UP THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS TO PAY THEIR OUTSTANDING AMOUNT TOWARDS THE GOLD LOAN FACILITY AVAILED. AS THE BORROWERS/GUARANTORS HAVE FAILED TO REPAY THE OUTSTANDING LOAN AMOUNT, THE BANK IS CONSTRAINED TO INVOKE THE PLEDGE AND PROPOSED TO CONDUCT AN E-AUCTION SALE OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY HEREUNDER ON **25.10.2021** AT **12.30 PM TO 3.30 PM** ON "AS IN WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS". DETAILS OF BORROWERS AND OUTSTANDING AMOUNT

SR. NO.	BRANCH NAME	CUSTOMER NAME	LOAN A/C NO.	AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	DATE OF RECALL	GROSS WEIGHT
	BRANCH NAME: ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]					
1.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	TARUN KUMAR	920060052313982	562411	12-Aug-21	193.2
2.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	TARUN KUMAR	920060052314901	550105	12-Aug-21	183.3
3.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	URMILA	920060001911050	532422	22-Jun-21	135
4.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	KUMAIL ABBAS	920060050026820	476819	20-May-21	152.9
5.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	URMILA	920060049644693	426100	22-Jun-21	32.3
6.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	KUMAIL ABBAS	920060050704805	244931	20-May-21	81.1
7.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAJESH	921060052668014	137494	16-Aug-21	40.2
8.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAJESH	921060053724713	79250	16-Aug-21	51.5
9.	ASHOK VIHAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAGHAVENDRA CHAUBEY	919060060899427	28400	25-Mar-21	16
	BRANCH NAME: DARYAGANJ, DELHI [DL]					
10.	DARYAGANJ, DELHI [DL]	ANIL KUMAR	920060051243941	81897	Recall Linked NPA-27-Jul-21	29
	BRANCH NAME: FARIDABAD [HR]					
11.	FARIDABAD [HR]	POOJA RANI	920060047959047	296187	26-Dec-20	107.5
12.	FARIDABAD [HR]	LOKESH	920060052094270	256344	7-May-21	85.7
13.	FARIDABAD [HR]	LOKESH	920060050786629	148921	7-May-21	47.8
14.	FARIDABAD [HR]	VIKAS SHARMA	920060050236111	149706	25-Mar-21	44.9
15.	FARIDABAD [HR]	SANTOSH SHARMA	919060069952165	115948	7-May-21	69.9
16.	FARIDABAD [HR]	UDAY KUMAR	921060051397294	117800	7-Jun-21	46.2
17.	FARIDABAD [HR]	AMAR JEET	920060052725657	90173	22-Jun-21	9.2
	BRANCH NAME: KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]					
18.	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	RAJVANT SINGH	920060053681101	211430	22-Jun-21	44.2
19.	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	GAUTAM CHANDRA DAS	920060053089026	205702	18-Jan-21	77.7
20.	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	MOHD FAHAD SALIM	920060013241374	145524	25-Mar-21	67.5
21.	KALKAJI, NEW DELHI [DL]	SUNDER SINGH	920060052064994	148996	27-May-21	52.7
	BRANCH NAME: LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]					
22.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	JAI PRAKASH ADVANI	920060050274359	214425	30-Apr-21	75.3
23.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	VIJAY SINGH	920060016337913	179560	19-Jul-21	96.3
24.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW D ELHI [DL]	JAI PRAKASH ADVANI	921060050876923	135079	30-Apr-21	44.8
25.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	JAI PRAKASH ADVANI	921060050932261	107557	30-Apr-21	39.7
26.	LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI [DL]	SHIVNATH SINGH	920060037121601	517956	20-May-21	202.2
	BRANCH NAME: NAZAFGARH, NEW DELHI [DL]					
27.	NAZAFGARH, NEW DELHI [DL]	RICHH PAL SINGH	920060050656214	35082	16-Apr-21	11.5
	BRANCH NAME: NEW FRIENDS COLONY,NEW DELHI [					
28.	NEW FRIENDS COLONY,NEW DELHI	MURLY KUMAR JHA	921060054228746	141247	16-Aug-21	52.7
	BRANCH NAME: NOIDA [UP]					
29.	NOIDA [UP]	USHA .	920060048530432	1083572	15-Mar-21	421.8
30.	NOIDA [UP]	PREETI BALA	921060050983397	112845	22-Jun-21	4.8
31.	NOIDA [UP]	NEETU	920060050010728	100041	30-Apr-21	33.6
32.	NOIDA [UP]	NEETU	920060050004095	86444	30-Apr-21	29.4
	BRANCH NAME: ROHINI, DELHI [DL]					
33.	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	VISHVADEV	920060051595190	1381833	20-May-21	79
34.	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	AMIT MEHRA	920060049864185	455470	15-Mar-21	39.9
35.	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	AMRESH KUMAR SINGH	920060050591670	203024	12-Aug-21	18.3
36.	ROHINI, DELHI [DL]	SANDEEP KUMAR	920060050994134	260734	7-Aug-21	81.4
	BRANCH NAME: SECTOR 10A,GURGAON [HR]					
37.	SECTOR 10A,GURGAON [HR]	NEERU RANI SARASWAT	920060050085382	27739	25-Mar-21	2.87
	BRANCH NAME: SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]					
38.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	RAJU SINHA	920060053340774	156443	16-Aug-21	58.5
39.	SECTOR 14, GURGAON [HR]	RAJU SINHA	921060054372021	140496	16-Sep-21	64.3
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Bollywood
'Farah Khan and I have worked together on many shows and we share a great bond.'
—Anu Malik
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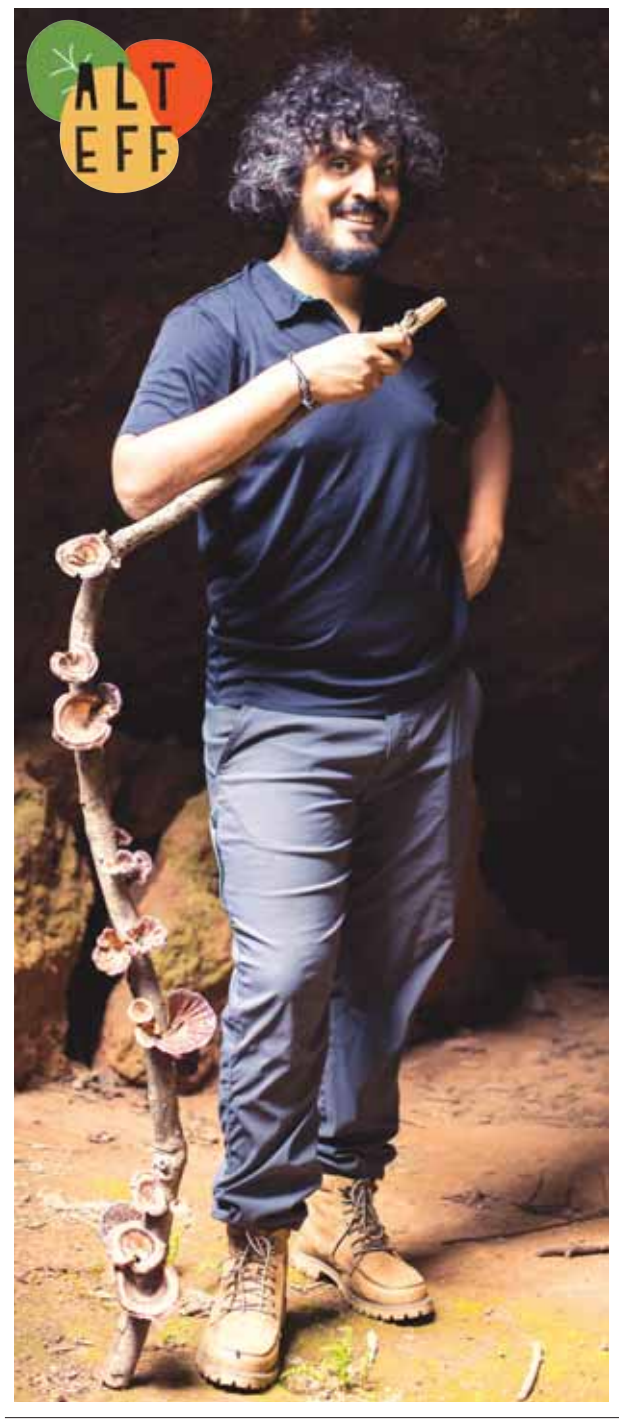

GIVE NATURE A CHANCE

In a conversation with Christy Varghese, KUNAL KHANNA, the founder of ALT EFF, shares that we still have time to reverse the damage we have done to our environment

India, a country where conventional cinema has ruled the entertainment game for decades, has a negligible, but growing, interest in documentary films. A fact that most of us are familiar with, without having to turn to surveys or studies on the same. However, a lot has changed in the past several years.

While we are talking about the shift in consciousness that has become increasingly visible and loud, we have to admit that the pandemic brought matters to the fore. A month into the nation-wide lockdown, pollution levels in cities were down to bearable levels; with factories not functioning, and not pumping waste material into the rivers, the colour of the water in these rivers also changed. Such observable changes led us to scratch our chins and wonder, would the environment be better off if we were not around?

Roughly a year and a half post the first lockdown, we have lowered our masks and we are back at it. It appears we humans forget quite easily. However, it is a stroke of luck that there still are some individuals among us who can't help but remember something they have realised.

Meet Kunal Khanna, the founder of the All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF), India's first environmental film festival. Born in Mumbai, and raised in Panchgani, Khanna gained his sense of independence through an adulthood in Australia. After returning to his roots in India, back in 2018, Khanna started running a permaculture farm and realising our dependency on nature, he developed ALT EFF to become a catalyst for environmental change in India.

While ALT EFF was launched virtually in 2020, against the backdrop of the pandemic, Khanna reveals that the film festival was originally conceptualised as a physical festival back in 2019, full of experiences, gatherings and a lively sustainability market. However, working on the virtual model was a blessing in disguise as they were able to engage viewers from across the world. With 33 films, and over 4,500 viewers, the maiden ALT EFF criss-crossed countries, habitats and some serious issues.

Khanna expresses, "Our motive at ALT EFF is to bring forth stories of hope while inspiring more people to look at the important issues of our time. We are trying to create awareness and through the awareness generate some change in the way we lead our lives."

This time around, their presence was bound to grow with 44 films being screened from October 9-17. Read on for excerpts from the interview, for a peek into Khanna's mind.

❒Was there any single incident which acted as an epiphany, of sorts, for you to switch careers and come back to India?

It was not a moment but many things over a couple of years.

I trained as an economist for my undergraduate studies and later went on to work at the state treasury of Victoria. And I could not help but be concerned by the way classic economic theory had us looking at the world. Essentially, we could be doing a lot of damage, the way we go about producing things and living our life, but as long as a 'profit' is being generated, we dont need to worry about the rest of the details — and this was very fundamental in economic theory.

I was practising economics for about three years and I could not digest that information any more because the world around us was changing and we could see the environmental impact, the damage that was being inflicted upon nature, unfolding before our very eyes. That is when I started questioning the system we live in and the economic model upon which our system is based. At that time I decided to go and do a master's in environment with the intention of devoting my life to that subject. During my 13 years in Australia, I observed the power of films and how it could cause change and that is what led to the India's first environmental film festival.

❒Is it a bit too late to raise our voice for the environment?

As per recent studies and reports, and considering the way how things are going, one might feel that things have gotten out of hand. However, the fact that so many of us are working towards the conservation of our environment, in varying capacities, is based on the ideology that it is never too late. And I believe so because I have seen up close how if we give nature a chance to do what it does best, it won't take too long to regain its past glory.

We as humans have created a solution for every problem that we have encountered for aeons and hopefully, this is just another such instance, even though it is a big one, admittedly. The entire premise of the environmental film festival is to bring about that hope.

I feel that we, who are in India, have limited exposure to what is going on around the world. Our exposure, in terms of news and the people that we follow on social media and/or interact with, is actually very limited. Which is why we bring stories from across the globe — out of 44 films that are being screened this time around, 31 are from 31 different countries.

They really open our eyes to what all is happening; are you aware that at this moment there are waves of numerous individuals who are standing up and raising their voices to attract our attention to this serious problem? We hope to inspire more and more people with time and create a tsunami of change.

❒What did your role as the innovations lead city of Melbourne entail? Did you try to incorporate some changes keeping in mind environmental factors as well?

Yes, of course! My role over there was to consider innovations and creative ways to ensure that Melbourne continues to be one of the most liveable cities in the world. The role required me to diversify my skills, and taught me a lot, as I had to work on multiple aspects such as developing interfaces to make life a little more convenient for the people of the city and also what we can do to address environmental issues, such as introducing green spaces in the urban areas, or how we can manage organic food waste.

I would work with a very wide range of ideas and concepts. but my role was to use the innovations that the people of Melbourne had to offer. Every major city across the world welcomes innovations that can help its citizens and India too has a lot of potential in that regard, with some very capable people doing some incredible work. However, governments often fail to capitalise on that

Melbourne, which has been featuring in the top 10 liveable cities in the world for quite some time now, takes such steps very seriously. We transformed how we were managing the waste systems, while I was the innovations lead.

While we are familiar with the two dustbin system, one for biodegradable waste and the other for non-biodegradable waste, we introduced a third bin — for food waste. We turned that into compost, to be used as organic fertiliser by people growing their own food.

We transformed a liability to a resource. I also remember open innovation competition, which I have led in the past, where we invited new ideas centred around the concept of circularity. Essentially, this means designing ways where waste is essentially non-existent, where it is turned into something useful and this this system goes round and round. Our goal was to ensure circularity as a city, while reducing the environmental footprint.

❒Documentary films do not have many takers in India. What are your expectations from the second edition of ALT EFF?

The reason why documentary films are not given enough attention is because there aren't enough platforms in India. Lack of funding is another reason. When there are more film festivals that celebrate documentaries and lesser-known stories, it will translate into more people picking up this format of filmmaking.

This year we want to inspire the youth to cover environmental topics. It would be ideal if fictional films would also highlight this important aspect, but let's see how that goes.

Currently we aspire to obtain more traction in the form of funding which would help us fund students and other aspiring film makers to go out and cover important topics. To view the films being screened and to know more about ALT EFF, visit alteff.in.

Best foot forward

Traditional footwear, especially *juttis,* presents a lot of potential on the style-front, says Shilpa Agarwalla, while offering advice on how to pair them

It is no secret that Indian culture has an expansive range of diversity and makes a statement that grabs attention and isn't overwhelming. Conventional footwear can easily be styled and is very comfortable. Traditional footwear, especially *juttis*, presents a lot of potential on the style-front.

Every ethnic footwear is stereotyped a certain way. However, *juttis* have come a long way with multiple colours, prints, shapes, and patterns. They can complement any outfit with utmost ease.

❒Comfort without compromising style

Juttis are an invention that make you look chic while never compromising on accessibility or comfort. These are the pair of shoes that your feet won't hate at the end of the day. The triple cushioning and leather padding prevent your feet from blisters, adding comfort for long hours. They are easy to glide in and out, so it makes the best option to put on while running errands, too.

❒Variety at its best

If you are new to the enchanting world of *juttis*, take your first steps with primary colours like tan, black, beige, navy blue. Start by pairing this with a basic white shirt and blue denims, and add the pair to give an ethnic touch without being overwhelming. You can also wear them to your workplace and still look formal. Replace the belle shoes by pairing *juttis* with casual dresses and skirts. Try the embellished *juttis* with beads and sequences to add that bling to your outfit if you like to jazz things up.

❒A *jutti* for every occasion

Juttis and weddings are like best friends forever; opt for the hand-embroidered or hand-painted *juttis* in bright and vibrant colours to make them pop. From solid colours to hand embroidery and hand-painted ones, there's one for every occasion.

Along with *juttis*, another very traditional shoe is the *kolhapuri*, which is known for their unique shape and leather. The *kolhapuri* gives a distinct individuality, making it look elegant yet traditional when worn with sarees; they are equally beautiful with pant style suits and indo-western outfits. A *kolhapuri* features a flattering silhouette that eliminates complicated shoes and heels.

Overall, it is possible to pair ethnic footwear with contemporary silhouettes, *juttis*, and *kolhapuris* to stylise seamlessly.

(The author is the founder of Shilpsutra, a brand that makes handcrafted juttis.)

Life as a musical project

Rudra veena player, USTAAD BAHAUDDIN DAGAR, focusses on setting high standards which is the only way to extend a musician's life. By Tanmaya Das

Today, the young generation are often inclined to western songs, hence, leaving less space for developing a taste or adoration for Indian classical music. I had the recent opportunity to talk to one of the finest maestros in the industry and thoroughly enjoyed the conversation, making me look at Indian music in a newer light.

Ustaad Bahauddin Dagar is an acclaimed rudra veena player and the son of the renowned north Indian musician, Ustad Zia Mohiuddin Dagar. He represents the 20th generation of the Dagar lineage, which dates back, to Nayak Haridas Dagar, to the 16th century.

In an exclusive interview, he shares his journey and comments on how the rise of social media platforms has changed the perspective of the audience in recent times.

Read on for some excerpts from the interview:

❖When did you start your journey of music?

I have been raised in a family where almost everyone is into music, thus, the journey of learning music began during my childhood. We were always surrounded by a motivating atmosphere when it came to music, art, and poetry. Musicians and students used to be gathered at our house in order to learn and grow together. When you are nurtured in such a manner, you get inclined towards art. I also used to listen to rock, pop, jazz, along with several forms of Indian classical music. So, by the time I was 16, I had planned to be a musician, and I asked my father if he could teach me, and that was how my first venture into this enigmatic world happened.

❖Who is your inspiration?

I have always been inspired by my father, Ustad Zia Mohiuddin Dagar, and my uncle, Ustad Zia Fariduddin Dagar Music. For me, music is a way of expressing emotion. I was inspired by the good works of musicians like Kishori Amonkar. The concept of contemporary music is also unique. Music is ever dynamic and every musician has contributed something, in their own manner, thus, achieving success in the process.

❖Did you learn any instrument apart from Rudra veena?

At the age of seven, I had started learning sitar, but I dropped it as my only desire was to learn and get to know the rudra veena.

❖How is rudra veena different from saraswati veena?

Saraswati veena is popular in the south, and it is made up of one piece of wood. It is designed to suit the Carnatic style of music.

Rudra veena is basically a stringed instrument designed for north Indian music, like *khayal* and *dhrupad*. Rudra veena is also considered as a yantra or a compass as it measures the notes, microtones to their exactness and helps the singers understand how the notes are placed.

❖Apart from music, what are your other areas of interest?

Apart from music, I like to go to museums, observe beautiful paintings displayed at art exhibitions, spend time with nature, visit wildlife sanctuaries, and so on.

❖What is your favourite genre of music?

Currently, I am working with *dhrupad*, and the last 30 years have proved to be extremely enriching. It has helped rearranging my music clearly, and it has kept me occupied throughout. I hardly get any time to listen to any other music. Once in a while, I get time to explore western music or other forms of music like qawwali, ghazal, and so forth.

❖What is that one flavour that you miss in today's music?

I think that the music has become more polished and refined in the present times. Also, I miss long hours at concerts that used to be the norm of our day. Nowadays, concerts have a tight schedule. When we had short concerts, one singer used to sing for two to three hours so the singers and the audience had time to warm up, but things have changed now. Today's concerts are more like a performance, which is not the idea of Indian classical music, where one has to keep on rediscovering new ideas. I miss lengthier concerts that felt like like four to five journeys, where the musicians would share their **journey** with you.

❖You have a long legacy. Does it work in your favour or do you need to raise your bar?

The legacy favours us because we follow our particular *sanskar* at home. However, sometimes we need to work twice as much as people are looking up to us all the time. You need to raise your bar all the time else your time will be over.

❖How has your audience changed over the years?

I think the audience has changed due to platforms like YouTube and other social media platforms, which have promoted so many genres and increased the reach significantly. The perspective of the audience has changed. I remember the times when the musicians had a lesser audience to entertain. With the rise of social media platforms, a new generation of the audience has come up. Today, every recording is available online, so if you don't play well enough, you will get criticised.

❖What has changed for the artists and the audience amidst the pandemic?

The audience is missing out on the fun of live performances and concerts, while artists have suffered economically. Many musicians' careers have ended and some have taken up odd jobs.

At the same time, I also feel that musicians had time, during the pandemic, to reflect on who they are as human beings and how their work has progressed. Both good and bad things happened.

❖What are your upcoming projects?

Once you get into this kind of role, your entire life becomes a project. There are some concerts lined up. On October 23, I am playing in Jaipur at Jawahar Kala Kendra; then next year, I am supposed to go to Paris for a concert.

TRENDBLAZER

'GOOD FILMS NEED FINE ACTORS'

Actor **NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI**, who has been nominated in the Best Actor category at the International Emmy Awards for the Netflix film *Serious Men*, says that good actors are needed for making amazing content.

"A lot of content is being made, but it will not come out if the directors and actors don't perform well. So, no matter how good the content is, if the actor, or the director, is not fine enough, there is no meaning to the content. For making a good film, good people are needed," he expressed.

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'I don't think that I can pick any favourite sportsperson because I am amazed by these sportspeople. They are the real heroes for me. I follow them more than I follow any other profession, and I don't think I can consider any other profession as heroic as representing the country. Some sportsperson commented that I looked like a real athlete.'

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'Both, my wife and I, have been watching a lot of content in the lockdown and we think we have cracked what would be great for a web-release. My producer, Suuraj, and I have known each other for a long time. We discussed and realised that we have the same vision and immediately decided to collaborate to make digital content.'

WILLIAM SHATNER RETURNS TO EARTH

Star Trek actor **William Shatner**, 90, who has become the world's oldest astronaut, broke down in tears as he came back from the space trip. Shatner is now the oldest person to have been to space and has broken the record of aviation pioneer Wally Funk, aged 83.

"I'm so filled with emotion about what has just happened. It is an extraordinary experience, and I do hope that I can maintain this entry throughout. It is larger than life," he shared.

HEALTH V/S TASTE BUDS

RAUNAK KHOSLA advocates substituting conventional coffee with coffee honey to live a healthier life

I can't start my morning without a strong cup of coffee!" is what most people of the current generation wallow about, first thing in the morning.

It's fairly common to find people sipping hot coffee, cold coffee, latte, or any other variety of coffee beverages and revelling in its bitter-sweet taste. However, it is also common to find the same people complaining of exhaustion and dehydration.

According to experts, more than four cups of coffee a day can cause headaches, anxiety, irregular heartbeats, and even chest pain. However, despite knowing that even a moderate amount of coffee can be detrimental to health, the caffeine addiction is real and compels people to never give up on this savory brew.

The question is, in the age-long war between health and taste buds, who will emerge victorious? However, no one should be forced to make such a decision when both health and taste buds can co-exist together, right? This is where coffee honey is revolutionising the world for coffee lovers.

The goodness of honey and mental alertness of coffee

Along with relishing the taste and resinous aroma of coffee and sweetness of honey, a coffee honey drink is perfect for triggering psych activity in the morning, afternoon, or evening, but without the side effects of a cup of coffee. Coffee honey doesn't mean that it's simply coffee with honey instead of white or brown sugar. No, it's something more magical than that.

To be precise, honeybees are naturally attracted to coffee flowers. These flowers contain caffeine in the nectar part, which attracts honeybees instinctively. However, it is quite challenging to harvest as the pollination period of coffee flowers is extremely limited. Nevertheless, the bees skillfully draw out the sugar-rich liquid from coffee plants, and a flavorful dark, rich coffee bean color honey is extracted.

Like most coffee, coffee honey efficiently relieves mental and physical fatigue, alerts the brain, and keeps consumers perked up throughout the day. It also stimulates the central nervous system, boosts immunity, and controls insulin levels to elevate the overall wellbeing and productivity of the consumer. Having said that, it doesn't bring the negative baggage of conventional coffee beans. In fact, coffee honey consists of high volumes of antioxidants and can be highly beneficial in regulating the common cold and cough.

Furthermore, it has endless health benefits for humans and the caffeine nectar of coffee plants is incredibly beneficial for honeybees. It activates their memory process and enables bees to return to the same flower and collect more nectar.

Moving forward

On a daily basis, more than one billion people worldwide drink coffee. Imagine how many cups of coffee everyone must be consuming. Although, it's the most widely consumed beverage in the world, it's still not everyone's cup of coffee. Honey coffee, on the other hand, not only soothes consumers' hectic nerves but also aids in weight loss.

The conventional charm of honey coupled with new-age innovations has opened doors for several ventures diving deeper into the world of nectar and organic honey. Honey-based products like coffee honey are usually free of sugar, additives, and artificial flavors. The latest food technology is specially designed for such alternatives that keep the original taste intact while enhancing the healthy attributes of natural products. And coffee honey is an apt example under this category.

The aforementioned data clearly states that because caffeine addiction has become an integral part of most people's lifestyle, it is crucial to opt for healthy, sustainable, and nutritious options. Coffee honey fits the bill perfectly.

So, when are you switching to 100 per cent organic coffee honey?

(The author is the founder of Bee My Boo, an online store for natural products.)

To eat less or enough?

With diet culture leading to eating disorders, mood swings, guilt and anxiety, PALLAVI MOULICK suggests ways to heal your relationship with food by attaining balance

The most ironic fact about intuitive eating, is that it is not very intuitive for most of us. It takes intentional effort to get to that point.

80 per cent of women in the US alone are dissatisfied with their bodies. Moreover, longing for a thin and ideal body has an international demand.

The impact of diet culture has some rippling effects. But here are some of the top ones to consider:

- Certain groups of food are heavily demonised.
- Makes you feel unworthy of enjoying the good moments of life.
- Pressure on every woman, especially brides and new mothers, to lose weight is immense.
- Excessive emotional eating behaviours — if your weight does not reduce in the timeline you have set.

Now, the list is endless. The by-products of the impacts are feelings of lethargy, eating disorders, mood swings, guilt, shame and anxiety.

Chronic dieters know that they will always gain the weight back. Dieting has a negative connotation to it, even while thinking about it. Now that the supposed villain is floating around everywhere in the world, it is time to find the main protagonist.

Unfortunately, like a hero in a film, science and the human body is not black and white. There are multiple perspectives that come into play when considering intuitive eating.

The basic principle is to put weight loss on the back burner and pay more attention to the cues of hunger. It shows you the path to heal your relationship with food. It encourages tapping into your inner wisdom of what your body needs. It also leads to acceptance of your ancestral form of eating. It values fullness over starvation. It nudges you to respect your body.

But the reality is, as of now, that most focus is on just losing weight. So how do we find a common ground between intuitive eating and weight loss?

The best way to look at diet culture vs intuitive eating is by asking the right questions —

- How many kgs did I lose vs am I feeling stronger every day?
- How can I avoid carbs in this meal vs am I feeling satisfied with my meal?
- What will others think when they see my body vs am I feeling healthy in my body?
- Am I eating a 1,200 calorie diet vs am I eating according to what my body and mind need to function properly?

The thought of losing weight is weighing on pretty much every woman's mind. There are deeper roots of the diet mentality than what may seem on the surface. To a certain extent, it stems from the patriarchal viewpoint of seeing beauty in thin bodies. The body does its best to conform to massive changes in life and protect itself. But if the main source of fuel is heavily restricted, the body responds back in the same non-loving manner.

Good things take time. There is a reason this statement has proved to be true time and again. So let's make small shifts in our eating mindset, daily movements for optimised health, and make nutrition and fitness a lifestyle instead of a short-term weight loss goal.

(The author is the founder of HFA and a holistic health coach for women.)

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Shed those extra festive pounds

RAGHAV GUPTA shares five ways to turn oat bran into your go-to kitchen ingredient for weight loss

Want to get rid of the hassle of multiple ingredients to lose weight? We've got just the right choice for you! Yes, you guessed it right, it's the mighty oats! More specifically, oat bran.

Oat bran is the outer layer of the oat groat or seed. In order to make oat bran, the outer shell of the whole oat groat is removed and separated from the endosperm during the processing phase.

Oat bran offers a number of health benefits, including its ability to reduce cholesterol levels, inflammation of the arteries and risk of coronary heart disease. Having said that, oat bran's biggest attribute perhaps is its soluble fibre content. This promotes its ability to benefit digestion, heart health, weight management and cholesterol levels. In addition, the outer layer of the oat seed is also an excellent source of plant-based protein and micronutrients.

Including ample fibre-rich foods in your diet, such as oat bran, can be exactly what you need. Oats are widely known as one of the healthiest grains out there, as they're packed with many crucial vitamins, minerals, and fibre. Although oat groats and steel-cut oats naturally contain bran, oat bran is also sold as an individual product. Fibre has several benefits for weight loss, including increased satiety, appetite control and blood sugar regulation. Combine a regular intake of oat bran with a healthy diet and some regular exercise and you are successfully on the path to weight loss

From the moment it is consumed, the fibre in the oat bran firstly absorbs the saliva, eventually expanding in the stomach. It then, absorb fluids, twenty-five times its volume. This brings about a feeling of fullness that lasts longer, thus helping us to avoid unnecessary snack breaks in-between meals.

Oat bran is easily available in many health food outlets and online stores. It typically comes ground, and can be prepared on a stove, in the microwave or a slow cooker. Keep reading for five quick ways to include oat bran in your diet—

- Add to your smoothies

Is your morning smoothie too light, making you go hungry even before your lunchtime? Then you may want to consider adding some oat bran to your smoothie jar.

Take half a cup of oat bran and grind it before adding the rest of your smoothie ingredients and blend until combined well. The resulting mixture is thicker, giving you a more filling smoothie, which is sure to keep you full, well until your lunchtime.

- Use it as a thickening agent

If you want to increase the thickness, or add a boost of nutrition to your soup or a sauce, oat bran is the answer.

Ditch that corn starch and get yourself some oat bran, a healthy thickening agent. But before you toss the oat bran into your soup, make sure to grind it into a fine powder to avoid that lumpy consistency.

- Substitute oat bran for breadcrumbs when cooking.

You can replace breadcrumbs, that are used as binding agents, with oat bran.

For instance, instead of using dry or fresh breadcrumbs for coating your burgers and fish fingers, use an equal portion of oat bran instead.

You can also swap out oat bran for breadcrumbs to make a crunchy topping for your casserole.

Combine half a cup of oat bran with salt, pepper, garlic powder, and grated parmesan cheese. Coat chicken tenders or fillets of fish such as salmon or basa with the oat bran coating.

- Sprinkle some into omelettes, yoghurt, or cottage cheese

While oat bran is usually cooked, you can also add it raw into some dishes. Stir one or two tablespoons into your omelette, plain or flavoured yoghurt, cottage cheese or some tofu. This will add a slightly nutty flavour and increase the fibre in your snack.

Snacking on handfuls of bran all through the day can aid in feeling fuller for longer periods of time and curb future snacking habits.

- Use them in cakes and cookies

Using oat bran to bake your cakes and cookies not only adds a healthy quotient to your favourite desserts but also give you that crunchy texture. So go ahead and whip away your almond date biscotti, date bran muffins or even date squares, adding oat bran provides a soft, chewy texture to these scrumptious baked goods.

So,cut off the hassle of buying multiple ingredients to make your favourite dishes and make that nutritious switch to oat bran!

(The author is the founder and MD of Oateo Oats, a brand which strives to make every oatmeal an exciting affair.)

RECIPES

ORANGE ICED COFFEE

WHAT YOU NEED

- Brewed coffee (French press/Chemex): 150 ml
- Orange (medium-sized): 1
- Sugar syrup: 20 ml
- Ice cubes 6-8

METHOD

- Brew your coffee, strain it and cool it down.
- Extract juice from the orange and pour into your glass.
- Fill the glass with ice cubes and pour brewed coffee over it.
- Add sugar syrup and stir before you sip.

Courtesy: Head trainer Abdul Sahid Khan at Lavazza India

PEPPERMINT GIN & TONIC

WHAT YOU NEED

- Bombay Sapphire: 50 ml
- Peppermint tea: 40 ml
- Premium tonic water: 60 ml
- Mint sprig
- Star anise

METHOD

- Fill a balloon glass with ice.
- Add Bombay Sapphire and the peppermint tea.
- Top the glass with the premium tonic water.
- Garnish with a mint sprig and a star anise.

Courtesy: Bombay Sapphire

CHANDANI CHOWK KI MOONG DAL KACHORI

WHAT YOU NEED

For the kachori:

- Whole wheat flour: 30 gm
- Jowar atta: 30 gm
- Salt as per taste
- Baking soda: ¼ tsp
- Oleev's olive pomace oil: 1.5 tsp

For the filling:

- Yellow *moong* dal: 30 gm
- Ginger: 1-inch clove
- Green chili: 1
- Pinch of asafoetida

- Coriander powder: 1 tsp
- Cumin powder: ½ tsp
- Red chili powder: ½ tsp
- Fennel seeds: ¼ tsp
- Lime juice: 1 tsp
- Salt as per taste

METHOD

For the kachori's dough:

- Sieve whole wheat flour, jowar atta, salt, baking soda and add the Oleev's olive pomace oil.
- Knead into a soft dough using water as desired and keep it aside covered with muslin cloth.

For the filling:

- Soak the *moong* dal for about an hour. Drain and coarsely grind along with ginger and green chilli.
- Heat some oil in a pan and add coarse dal, ginger, chili, asafoetida, coriander powder, cumin seeds, red chili powder and fennel seeds.
- Cook until the moisture has dried up, add lemon juice and mix well.
- Roll out small puris of dough and stuff *moong* dal filling and flatten slightly using palms.
- Bake/air fry the prepared kachoris and serve hot with mint chutney.

Courtesy: Nutritionist Nmami Agarwal

JAGGERY TAPIOCA PUDDING WITH CANDIED PUMPKIN SEED PRALINE

WHAT YOU NEED

- Tapioca pearls (*sabudana*): ½ cup
- Coconut milk: 2.5 cups
- Jaggery: ¾ cup
- Del Monte pumpkin seeds: ½ cup
- Coconut sugar: ¾ cup
- Water: ¼ cup
- Rose petals to garnish

METHOD

- Soak tapioca pearls in coconut milk for an hour to soften and bloom.

- In a saucepan, add the soaked tapioca pearls, remaining coconut milk and jaggery and heat over medium heat till it reaches a simmer. Then reduce the heat and let it cook for 15 minutes until the pearls are cooked through and it has all thickened. Keep stirring occasionally to prevent the tapioca from sticking to the bottom. If you wish to have it much thinner, add another cup of coconut milk. Pour into bowls or ramekins to the top and let cool in the refrigerator.
- Toast the pumpkin seeds on a pan for three-four minutes and place on a silicon mat.
- Cook water and coconut sugar in a saucepan over medium heat, stirring slowly with a metal fork, until melted and golden. Cook caramel without stirring, until deep golden.
- Immediately stir it over pumpkin seeds placed on the silicon mat, spreading it all over so it hardens. Let it cool down and set at room temperature for about 15 minutes. Then break shards of the praline and add that over the tapioca pudding. Garnish with rose petals.

Courtesy: Del Monte

The final showdown!

IANS ■ DUBAI

MS Dhoni's experienced Chennai Super Kings will lock horns with resurgent Kolkata Knight Riders, led by Eoin Morgan, in the high-octane grand finale of IPL 2021 at Dubai International Stadium, here on Friday.

It will be a record ninth final appearance in 12 editions for Chennai, who have won three titles in 2010, 2011, and 2018 while KKR, who have won the trophy in 2012 and 2014 under the captaincy of Gautam Gambhir, will play their third final. It will also be a repeat of the 2012 IPL final, where both teams faced each other.

CSK beat Delhi Capitals by four wickets in Qualifier 1 in Dubai and became the first team to reach IPL 2021 final and Kolkata also defeated the same team by three wickets in Qualifier 2 on Wednesday to set up the blockbuster final showdown against MS Dhoni's team.

The summit clash on Friday will also be a battle between the two best white-ball captains MS Dhoni and Eoin Morgan, who might be short of runs but have been smart in their tactics on the field.

Openers Faf du Plessis and Ruturaj Gaikwad along with Moeen Ali, Ravindra Jadeja have done exceedingly well with the bat for CSK. But, how they deal with the 12 quality overs 'rom KKR's spin trio of Varun Chakravarthy, Shakib Al Hasan, and Sunil Narine, can decide the outcome of the final.

However, the final match will be played on a better pitch in Dubai in comparison to a slow and sluggish tack of Sharjah. And the likes of Ambati Rayudu, Robin Uthappa and MS dhoni in middle overs can heave a sigh of relief.

Deepak Chahar, Shardul Thakur, Dwayne Bravo, and Josh Hazlewood have been good with the ball for CSK. But they have also crumbled under pressure especially while defending the target. The experience of playing in Dubai in the last couple of games may help CSK bowlers to acclimatise well with angles of ground and pitch.

On the other hand, Eoin Morgan-led KKR have been on a fairytale ride since the UAE leg of the tournament began. A bulk of Kolkata's success in the UAE leg has been due to the fearless approach by their youngsters. Openers Shubman Gill and Venkatesh Iyer have given them fantastic starts and Rahul Tripathi and Nitish Rana have also chipped in with useful inn'ngs.

Shakib's all-round abilities have provided more balance to KKR in absence of Andre Russell, who sustained a hamstring injury. It will be interesting to see whether Russell becomes fit to play in the final or not. Their pacers Lockie Ferguson, Shivam Mavi have picked wickets at regular intervals while spinners Varun Chakravarthy, and Sunil Narine have stifled opposition batsmen with disciplined bowling.

However, the big concern for the McCullum-coached side going into the final will be the form of Dinesh Karthik and Eoin Morgan, both of whom registered ducks in the Qualifier 2 against DC on Wednesday and continue to have a poor season with the bat.

Squads:

Kolkata Knight Riders: Eoin Morgan (C), Andre Russell, Dinesh Karthik (W), Kamlesh Nagarkoti, Kuldeep Yadav, Lockie Ferguson, Nitish Rana, Pat Cummins, Prasidh Krishna, Rahul Tripathi, Sandeep Warrier, Shivam Mavi, Shubman Gill, Sunil Narine, Tim Seifert, Varun Chakravarthy, Shakib Al Hasan, Sheldon Jackson, Vaibhav Arora, Karun Nair, Harbhajan Singh, Ben Cutting, Venkatesh Iyer, Pawan Negi, Gurkeerat Mann Singh, Tim Southee

Chennai Super Kings: Mahendra Singh Dhoni (captain), Suresh Raina, Ambati Rayudu, KM Asif, Deepak Chahar, Dwayne Bravo, Faf du Plessis, Imran Tahir, N Jagadeesan, Karn Sharma, Lungi Ngidi, Mitchell Santner, Ravindra Jadeja, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Shardul Thakur, R Sai Kishore, Moeen Ali, K Gowtham, Cheteshwar Pujara, Harishankar Reddy, Bhagath Varma, C Hari Nishaanth.

HEAD TO HEAD (CSK VS KKR)

Matches:	24
Chennai Super Kings won:	16
Kolkata Knight Riders won:	8

THIS SEASON'S MATCHES

- Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 18 runs at Mumbai
- Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 2 wickets at Abu Dhabi

FOR THE RECORD

- Kolkata Knight Riders never loss a final match in IPL. They reached finals on two previous occasions, and won the title both times. They beat Chennai Super Kings in the final in 2012 and defeated Punjab Kings in the 2014 final.
- Chennai Super Kings have won three times in eight previous finals. Their last title came in 2018.
- Chennai Super Kings have won four and lost one in last five matches played against Kolkata Knight Riders.

ROAD TO THE FINAL: CHENNAI SUPER KINGS:

- Lost to Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets at Mumbai
- Beat Punjab Kings by 6 wickets at Mumbai
- Beat Rajasthan Royals by 45 runs at Mumbai
- Beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 18 runs at Mumbai
- Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 69 runs at Mumbai
- Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 7 wickets at Delhi
- Lost to Mumbai Indians by 4 wickets at Delhi
- Beat Mumbai Indians by 20 runs at Dubai
- Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 6 wickets at Sharjah
- Beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 2 wickets at Abu Dhabi
- Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 6 wickets at Sharjah
- Lost to Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets at Abu Dhabi
- Lost to Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at Dubai
- Lost t o Punjab Kings by 6 wickets at Dubai
- Beat Delhi Capitals by 4 wickets at Dubai (Qualifier 1)

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS

- Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 10 runs at Chennai
- Lost to Mumbai Indians by 10 runs at Chennai
- Lost to Royal Challengers Bangalore by 38 runs at Chennai
- Lost to Chennai Super Kings by 18 runs at Mumbai
- Lost to Rajasthan Royals by 6 wickets at Mumbai
- Beat Punjab Kings by 5 wickets at Ahmedabad
- Lost to Delhi Capitals by 7 wickets at Ahmedabad
- Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 9 wickets at Abu Dhabi
- Beat Mumbai Indians by 7 wickets at Abu Dhabi
- Lost to Chennai Super Kings by 2 wickets at Abu Dhabi
- Beat Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at Sharjah
- Lost to Punjab Kings by 5 wickets at Dubai
- Beat Sunrisers Hyderabad by 6 wickets at Dubai
- Beat Rajasthan Royals by 86 runs at Sharjah
- Beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by 4 wickets at Sharjah (Eliminator)
- Beat Delhi Capitals by 3 wickets at Sharjah (Qualifier 2)

FAISEL FEATURES

Indian team's new jersey showcased at Burj Khalifa

IANS ■ DUBAI

A couple of hours after its launch, the new jersey of the Indian cricket team was showcased in a scintillating light show on Burj Khalifa, the worlds tallest building, in Dubai. MPL Sports, the official kit sponsor for the Indian cricket team, posted the video of the light show at the Burj Khalifa with the new jersey late on Wednesday night.

"For the first time ever, a Team India Jersey lit up the @BurjKhalifa. The #BillionCheersJersey inspired by the cheers of a billion fans reached new heights, quite literally.

Are you ready to #ShowYourGame and back Team India?" tweeted the MPL Sports on Thursday.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also shared the video on its Twitter handle, reading as "The Team India World Cup jersey unveil gets bigger and better with a projection on the iconic Burj Khalifa. Watch the historic moment here!"

The new jersey, unveiled ahead of the men's T20 World Cup in the UAE and Oman, features soundwaves designs inspired from the cheers of the fans. During the show, larger-than-life renditions of captain Virat Kohli, vice-captain Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah in the new jersey.

India will kick off their men's T20 World Cup campaign against Pakistan in a Group 2 match of Super 12 on October 24 in the Dubai International Stadium.

Shafali makes quiet WBBL debut

PTI ■ HOBART

Young Indian batter Shafali Verma endured an underwhelming Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) debut in her team Sydney Sixers' six-wicket win over Melbourne Stars on the opening day of the competition at the Bellerive Oval here on Thursday.

Chasing 100 runs to win in 11 overs in the rain-hit match, the 17-year-old right-handed opener fell for 8 (10 balls, 1 four) in the fourth over.

Her first-wicket partnership with Alyssa Healy, who hit a superb 57 (27 balls, 11 fours), yielded 40 runs before Shafali was bowled by Annabel Sutherland attempting a big heave.

The Sixers appeared to be on their way to a comfortable win before losing three wickets including that of Healy. But Nicole Bolton (7 not out) and Angela Reakes (3 not out) steered them home.

Earlier, sent in to bat by Sixers captain Ellyse Perry, the Melbourne Stars rode on a quick-fire 54 not out (31 balls, 5 fours, 1 six) by Elyse Villani to make 99 for 1 in 11 overs.

Skipper Meg Lanning contributed 23 (17 balls, 4 fours). Shafali helped break the Stars' opening partnership by running out Annabel Sutherland (14). Another Indian in the Sixers' line-up, left-arm spinner Radha Yadav, went wickeless in her two overs and did not get an opportunity to bat.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEN/C/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following Tender Notice, closing date & time are mentioned against each coloumn and will be received online up to **16.00 hrs** on same day. Details regarding tender is available on IREPS (**www.ireps.gov.in**) website.

Tender No.	92-DRM-MB-21-22 dt :- 08.10.2021	98-DRM-MB-21-22 dt :- 13.01.2021
Name of Work	Shifting of Cabins of 10 level crossing gates out of 16 Nos. level crossing gates (LKO-MB-263, 268, 272, 312, 329, 348, MB-SRE 438, 487, 498, 508, MB-GZB 38, 91, 96, BE-CH-22, 23 & MB-CH-16)	(Zone no. 2 HPU) All Residential and service buildings in between GMS-MB (Excluding GMS and Excluding MB) including wood, steel and road work under ADEN/HPU.
Tender Closing Date	09.11.2021	09.11.2021
Tender Closing Time	16.00 hrs.	16.00 hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	48,40,517.19	65,87,159.71
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Nil	Nil
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Nil	Nil
Period of Completion	12 months	Up to 30.06.2022
Bidding Start Date	26.10.2021	26.10.2021

No.: 75-W/2/3/WA/DEN/IV/T. Notice Dated: 13.10.2021. 2349/2021

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2.	BAZPUR [UT]	SATKARTAR SINGH	918060019792893	59846	25-Nov-19	NO GDR
3.	BAZPUR [UT]	ASHRAF ALI	919060004277982	151944	26-Feb-20	49.7
BRANCH NAME: BHAISIA, UTTARAK RUD UT						
4.	BHAISIA,UTTARAK RUD UT	SUMIT SARNA	920060050190536	63300	Recall Linked NPA-6-Apr-21	22.64
BRANCH NAME: GANGOOWALA,UDHA JSP UT						
5.	GANGOOWALA,UDHA JSP UT	AJAY KUMAR	920060049638821	198800	Recall Linked NPA-6-Apr-21	75.3
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6.	KASHIPUR [UT]	BHIM SHEN	918060068850942	59694	25-Nov-19	13.8
BRANCH NAME: PANDRI [UT]						
7.	PANDRI [UT]	SATNAM SINGH	919060007317065	60745	6-Mar-20	21.5
BRANCH NAME: RUDRAPUR [UT]						
8.	RUDRAPUR [UT]	MANOJ KUMAR	919060074248516	81977	Recall Linked NPA-14 Dec 20	33.2

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S. No.	Description	Amount Put to Tender, Tender Fee	Date of release of tender in E-Procurement Solution)	Last date/time of receipt of Tender Trough E-Procurement Solution
1.	Replacement of existing old/damaged water line to avoid the frequent contamination at J-2 block DDA Flats Kalkaji under EE(South)-III(AC-50)	Rs. 28,24,692/- Rs. 500/-	13.10.2021 Tender I.D.No. 2021_DJB_209612_1	27.10.2021 At 2.00 P.M.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Auction Notice

Auction of **Lot No. 1,KM.1361/22-24 TO 1374/33-1375/01, 133 Nos trees, Lot No. 2, KM.1284/0 TO 1296/15-17, 284 Nos trees, Lot No. 3, KM.1343/01-3 TO 1360/3-7, 246 Nos trees, Lot No.4,KM.1298/18-20 TO 1320/18-20, 113 Nos trees & Lot No.5,KM.1296/22-24 to 1323/4-6, 141 Nos** dangerous trees under **Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway Bareilly** will be auctioned in the office of **Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway Bareilly.** All the interested bidders are invited to participate in this auction.

Auction place: - Office of the **Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway / Bareilly** on date :- **09.11.2021** at **11:00 AM**

1.	All the bidders will deposit cash Rs 100/- (for the lot, interested by bidder) in the office of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway/ **Bareilly** which will not be refunded and shall also deposit Rs 8000/- (for the lot, interested by bidder) in favor of Sr. Divisional Finance Manager Northern Railway Moradabad as a Demand Draft of SBI or Other Nationalized Bank.
2.	All the bidders who will take part in auction will also have proper knowledge of Auction rules and others allowances.
3.	Successful bidders will deposit the Demand Draft of SBI or Other Nationalized Bank in favour of Sr. DFM/MB or station earning in cash on same day with following rate:- (for the lot, interested by bidder)
a	10% amount of selling price or minimum amount Rs 25,000/- whichever is maximum on purchase of more than Rs 1,00,000/-
b	Balance amount will be deposited within **10 days** including the date of auction.
c	GST @ 18% will be deposited on total within **10 days** including the date of auction.
4.	The work should be completed within **60 days** including the date of auction.
5.	Railway has right to close the work any time. In this situation the balance amount will be returned without interest.
6.	Complete Details of tree with locations will be available in the Divisional Office Moradabad.
7.	Bidders are requested to quote their rates according to the tree locations.
8.	Trees will be delivered and handed over in the presence of SSE/works, ISA and RPF.
9.	If the balance amount is not deposited within **10 days** including the date of auction, then initial deposited amount will be forfeited.
10.	Bidders will not make any Kutcha/Pakka construction in the land of Railway.
11.	Bid will not be quoted below the base price.
12.	Demand draft will be deposited in the office of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Northern Railway/ **Bareilly** from 09:00 am to 10:30 AM. After that no demand draft will be accepted.
13.	The approval of tree cutting must be taken from the Forest Department by the buyer. Tree cutting charges will have to be borne by he buyer himself only as per the charges given below. Tree cutting approval will be given by this office after the submission of receipt fee paid to Forest Department to the Division. **Lot No.1,KM.1361/22-24 TO 1374/33-1375/01, Rate of cutting charges Rs. 17290/-, of Total trees = 133 Nos.** **Lot No.2,KM.1343/01-3 TO 1360/3-7, Rate of cutting charges Rs. 31980/-, of Total trees = 246 Nos** **Lot No.3,KM.1284/0 TO 1296/15-17, Rate of cutting charges Rs. 45540/-, of Total trees = 284 Nos** **Lot No.4,KM.1296/22-24 TO 1323/04-06, Rate of cutting charges Rs. 22660/-, of Total trees = 141 Nos**

Note:- Each lot will be auctioned separately.

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