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I'm full-time, hands-on Cong prez, avers Sonia

Rahul hints at taking party helm; Cong prez election in Aug-Sept 2022

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The crucial meeting of the Congress Working Committee on Saturday saw Sonia Gandhi asserting herself as a "full-time and hands on Congress president" and Rahul Gandhi hinting at his return at the helm of the party. The CWC decided to hold the election of Congress president between August 21 and September 20, 2022.

Sonia hit back at critics within the party — the G-23 — who have been pushing for over a year now for an organisational overhaul and a more "visible leadership".

The G-23 is a group of 23 senior leaders, including Ghulam Nabi Azad, Kapil Sibal, Shashi Tharoor, P Chidambaram among others. Since last August, members of the G-23 have been vocal on several party issues, including that of leadership crisis.

"I have always appreciated frankness" and "there is no need to speak to me through



Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi with party leader Rahul Gandhi and others during the Congress Working Committee meeting to discuss the current political situation, upcoming Assembly polls, and organisational elections, at AICC headquarters in New Delhi on Saturday

the media," Sonia said at the first offline CWC meeting post-Covid pandemic. Sources said the organisational elections were discussed amid indications that Rahul could return as the party chief same time around

"I am, if you will allow me to say so, a full-time and hands-on Congress president," Sonia observed

In the past two years, a large number of young colleagues have taken leadership roles in taking party policies and programmes to the people, she asserted.

Addressing the meeting of the party's highest decisionmaking body, Sonia also underscored that the entire organisation wants a revival of the party, but this requires unity and keeping the party's interests paramount.

2 more martyred; LeT top ultra killed in J&K

Total 9 Army jawans dead in op to flush out terrorists

MOHIT KANDHARI I JAMMU

With the recovery of two more bodies from the encounter site in the Nar Khas forest area of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch late on Saturday evening, the death toll of the Indian Army has mounted to nine, including two JCOs and seven other ranks. So far this is the highest toll in any recent counter terrorist operation in Jammu & Kashmir in recent

Meanwhile, in a joint operation with the Central forces, the Jammu & Kashmir Police on Saturday avenged the killing of their two colleagues by successfully eliminating one of the top Lashkar-e-Tayyeba commanders, along with his associate, in the Pampore area of South Kashmir's Pulwama dis-

The LeT commander, identified as Umar Mushtaq Khandey, had figured in the most wanted list of 10 terrorists prepared by the J&K Police.

In the first incident involving the Army, during the



Security personnel stand guard near the site of an encounter with terrorists at the Nar Khas forest area in Poonch on Saturday

search operations and a brief firefight with the terrorists, the Army jawans had received critical injuries late on Thursday evening. Two dead bodies were recovered on Friday, while searches continued as one JCO and another jawan was found missing since October 14.

On October 11, five soldiers, including a Junior Commissioner Officer (JCO), were killed in action during a encounter with the terrorists in a thickly forested area of Dera Ki Gali in Surankote tehsil of frontier Poonch district. Among the martyred soldiers three hailed from Punjab and one each from Uttar Pradesh and Kerala.

Defence PRO Lt-Col Devender Anand in a state-ment said, "Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh of Indian Army were killed in action during search operations being conducted by the Indian Army along with the Jammu & Kashmir Police in densely forested area of Nar Khas forest in Mendhar, Poonch." Lt-Col Anand said, "Subedar Ajay Singh and Naik Harendra Singh were part of search operations launched by the security forces to flush out terrorists hiding in the forested area?

CAPSULE

New Delhi: Some Delhi University colleges released their third cut-off list on Saturday with the required marks to get admissions in undergraduate courses seeing a decline in the range of 0.25 per cent to 1.5 per cent. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College released its third cut-off list with the marks required for B.Sc (Honours) Computer Science going down by 1.5 per cent.

DRAVID ALL SET TO TAKE OVER AS INDIA COACH New Delhi: India's batting stalwart and former captain Rahul Dravid is all set to take over as the national cricket

team's head coach following the

T20 World Cup in the UAE, having agreed to the BCCI's offer after initial reluctance. JAISHANKAR ON ISRAEL VISIT FROM OCT 17-21 New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Israel beginning on Sunday during which he will hold talks with his

Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries. This will be Jaishankar's first visit to the country as External Affairs

GEELANI'S GRANDSON SACKED FROM GOVT JOB **Srinagar:** The grandson of pro-Pakistan separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani was terminated from Government service on Saturday for allegedly aiding

terrorist activities in Jammu &

Kashmir, officials said.

Nihang Sikh surrenders for lynching at Singhu border

PNS CHANDIGARH

Nihang Sikh, Parminder Asingh, on Saturday surpolice in Amarkot village in Jandiala Guru area of Amritsar in connection with the Singhu border lynching incident.

A police team had gone to arrest him. He had announced to surrender after paying obeisance at Akal Takht. Parminder Singh allegedly murdered Lakhbir Singh, a drug addict, who it is alleged had committed sacrilege.

Meanwhile, a court in Sonepat on Saturday remanded Sarabjit Singh, arrested in connection with the lynching of Lakhbir Singh at the farmers' protest site at Singhu border, in police custody for seven days, with the accused pointing to the involvement of a few more people in the gruesome

killing.

The body of Lakhbir
Singh, a labourer from
Punjab's Tarn Taran district, was found on Friday tied to a barricade at the Delhi-Haryana border where the anti-farm law protesters have been camping.

Hindu's body found; B'desh Durga Puja attacks toll rises to 5

The Durga Puja celebrations have concluded in Bangladesh even as another on Saturday amid days of communal unrest and violence unleashed by unidentified Muslim bigots who vandalised temples over alleged blasphemy, leading to the deployment of paramilitary forces in more than half of administrative dis-

With the latest killing, the death toll during the Durga Puja celebrations across the country has reached five.

Authorities overnight imposed a nationwide security vigil while officials said that initial investigations have thrown up crucial evidence against the perpetrators of vio-lence against the minority Hindu community's Durga Puja. The paramilitary Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has expanded the vigil from 22 to 34 out of 64 administrative dis-

The elite anti-crime Rapid Action Battalion said it expects to arrest some of the key perpetrators of the sporadic violence which took place in the

of the world's least developed



Muslims participate in a protest over an alleged insult to Islam, outside the country's main Baitul Mukarram Mosque in Dhaka on Saturday

past three days. Voicing optimism over the investigation, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told reporters that "We expect developments of the investigations in the next one or two days".

The police, meanwhile, said that they have recovered the body of a Hindu devotee from a pond near a temple in southeastern Begumganj subdistrict of Noakhali.

Six people dead, dozen reported missing as rain lashes Kerala

PTI ■ KOTTAYAM/IDUKKI

t least six people died and At least six people used and a dozen others were misspounded south and central Kerala causing flash floods and landslides in many parts, prompting the State Government to seek the assistance of the defence forces for rescue operations.

Several people have been injured and displaced in rain-related incidents in Kerala where dams in many districts are nearing its full capacity and small towns and villages in the hilly areas are totally cut off from the outside world.

Many hilly areas of Kottayam, Idukki and Pathanamthitta are experiencing situation almost similar to that during the time of devastating floods of 2018 and 2019 but authorities said everything was under control and there was no need for any panic.

However, the rescue teams of the State police and fire force could not reach the affected areas due to floods and adverse weather conditions prevailing there.

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2.3 bn vulnerable to Covid across world: UNICEF

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Amid Covid-19 pandemic, hand washing has become a new norm to keep the dead-ly virus at bay, but ironically globally three in 10 people, or 2.3 billion, do not have basic facilities like water and soap available at home, the UNICEF has said, suggesting that the have-nots remain at the risk of getting infected with coron-

The situation is worse in the least developed countries, with over six in 10 people



mated at \$11 billion. hygiene, the UN agency said in a fact sheet on Global Hand Nonetheless, what has washing Day observed on October 15. The cost to provide come as a relief is that some progress has been made since 2015: The global population hand hygiene in all homes in 46

with access to basic hand

from 5 billion to 5.5 billion, or from 67 per cent to 71 per cent. However, if current trends persist, 1.9 billion people will

hygiene at home has increased

still not have access to basic hand hygiene by the end of the decade. According to the latest estimates, two in five schools worldwide do not have basic hygiene services with water and soap, affecting 818 million students, of which 462 million attend schools with no facility at all. In the least developed countries, seven out of 10 schools have no place for children to wash their hands.

One-third of health care facilities worldwide do not have hand hygiene facilities at points of care where the patient, health care worker, and treatment involve contact with the patient.

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HOME THEATRE

Heart in right place

RASHMI ROCKET

*ing: Supriya Pathak, Manoj Joshi, Taapsee Pannu, Priyanshu Painyuli, Abhishek Banerjee, Varun Badola Rated: 5.5/10

here are some films which have a great storyline and the makers choose a fantastic subject. The star cast is strong as well, yet there is something missing that refuse to resonate and make it a movie that is par excellence. Rashmi fits this category.

Directed by Akarsh Khurana and produced by Ronnie Screwvala, Neha Anand and Pranjal Khandhdiya, the film has heart in the right place. However, what is missing is the soul that puts life into a subject that is sensitive and talks about gender testing for women athletes globally - a subject that has been in debate for years.

Taapsee Pannu, who has done movies like Pink, Badla and Thappad, despite remaining the driving force behind Rashmi Rocket looks totally helpless in the second half of the movie. This is a bit strange since she has shown to be a woman who is strong minded and definitely not someone who will bow down to anybody let alone a bunch of women athletes out to get her. Of course, there is a scene where she hits out but that does nothing to give the impression that she is in any ways the girl that

she was at the start of the movie.

And this is where Rashmi Rocket falters. It is strange to see such a U-turn in a character - from a woman who dominates to a woman who is helpless - doesn't fit with her persona and how she was brought up. Then there are other things that don't fit. Take the Bhui earthquake that finds its way in the film. The 2001 earthquake on January 26 killed more than 20,000 people and injured over 1,5 lakh people is shown in a blasé manner. While it has no bearing on the film or the subject, a two second shot of cracked earth takes away the devastation it left.

But not all is lost. There are some parts of the movie that are truly inspiring - Taapsee Pannu's need to fight against the injustice meted out to her. The strong family backing that she has - from her mother played by Supriya Pathak and husband played by Priyanshu Painyuli. Both have done a great job here. Mohan Joshi does his bit too even if his screen presence is for 10 minutes.

It is Abhishek Banerjee who needs a special mention here. He plays a funny part serious lawyer with great aplomb. His blundering, at the start, are endearing like where he addresses the judge as ma'am instead of Your Honor. If you are a Taapsee Pannu fan, you will like this.

- Shalini Saksena



About family ties



THE REUNION **Zoom Studio** *ing: Lillete Dubey, KK Raina, Veer Rajwant Singh, Kashmira Irani, Prabal Panjabi, Devika Vatsa Rated: 4/10

¬he Reunion is about a family that has not met for years but come together at the death of a family member and to carry out her last wishes. The subject and the underlying message that family comes first is great. It is rare to watch a film or a web series on such a subject these days. Definitely a welcome change.

Another plus of this web series is that none of the nine episodes are more than 24 minutes. This makes it easy to watch them at one go. Also, the locale chosen is very nice. Again, a rarity to see so much greenery and pristine beaches. The acting

by the star cast is in the right place. Also, the story ends after nine episodes. So, if the makers want to extend this, it has to be a completely different track but may be with the same cast.

The father-sons relationship has been shown realistically. It is something that one sees often; usually fathers and sons don't share a very good relationship and this has been brought out naturally. Given that people are looking for realistic cinema, this is right up their alley.

However, there are a few no-nos too. The acting by all is stilted; they appear to be just going with the motion of acting rather put in an effort. There is no chemistry between Veer Rajwant Singh and Kashmira Irani who play husband and wife

> Those who are looking for realism, will like this one.

Plan Your Sunday

VIVID SHUFFLE SEASON 5 - LEAGUE QUALIFIERS



REEZER Vivid Shuffle - India's REEZER Vivid Shuffle - India Biggest Hip-Hop League - is back for its 5th year to find the best breakers, poppers, rappers, graffiti artists and showcase crews from across the country and bring home the Voice of the Streets! Shortlisted artists will advance to the 2-day League Qualifiers - 23 and 30 October 2021 - where YOU get to watch them battle and perform

LIVE to earn their spots in the Finale.

The event may have interactive elements and will involve participation from the audience. You may not be able to join the live experience if you are late.

What: Theatre and Arts Where: Online

When: October 23 and 30, 2021 Time: 6 pm

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atya Social is a dance institute based in Mumbai. Our lead choreographers Vinayak Ghoshal and Asifali Bagwan have been conducting workshops in Mumbai and other cities since 2018. You may not be able to attend the live session if you are

You may face interruptions during the course of the live stream due

to internet connectivity issues. Show details and the artist lineup are subject to change as per the artist's discretion. No refunds on purchased tickets are possible, even in case of any

What: Workshop Where: Online When: October 23, 2021 Time: 5 pm to 6 pm

rescheduling

'SHABANA IS OUR FIRST TOGE

The first teaser poster for Indian television's popular couple, Prince Narula and Yuvika Chaudhary starrer Shabana is here! Ullu Originals has managed a casting coup by getting this much-admired couple together on screen for the web-series, titled Shabana.

Along with veteran actor Anil George and the dashing Rahul Dev, the cast have prepped themselves to get into the skin of the character. Ullu has unveiled a fascinating teaser poster for the drama. The teaser poster showcases a stark contrast to what audiences have



seen the star couple as. It reveals Prince and Yuvika as two simple, homely, completely deglamourized and yet look like two young people who are happy just sitting beside each other. The smile on

their faces is captivating as also the characters writ large over their faces that relate to the common man Several shades darker, Prince has a rustic ruggedness on his face and Yuvika complements him beautifully with her innocence and charm.

CEO, Vibhu Agrawal, says, "This series titled *Shabana* is one that our team at Ullu has been painstakingly developing for awhile and we are delighted to share its first look. Right from its story to its casting to its first teaser poster, it's going to create curiosity and make the industry and audiences alike take notice.

RESCUED OR NOT

Rakshanda Khan says "I am very kicked about Tere Bina Jiya Jaye Na as it is starkly different from any show that I've been a part of till date. In fact, we've seen shows having a fairy tale ending, but our show starts with a fairy tale love story and what follows afterwards makes up the rest of the narrative. It has interesting twists and turns, and I am actually excited about playing such a royal character for the very

She adds, "I hope everyone will enjoy seeing me in this imperial avatar. My character of Java Maa is very polished with a royal demeanor and someone who upholds the traditions of the royal family while having a business-oriented mind. She has a lot of layers to her too, so it will be challenging yet fun, and I hope everyone keeps showering their love.

Jaya Laxmi or Jaya Maa, as she is fondly called, is the caretaker of the Royal Family of Ambikapur.

'Daily soaps are all about how you live on a day-to-day basis'

NARENDRA GUPTA who plays Newton Chattopadhyay in &TV's Mauka-E-Vardaat – Operation Vijay talks to SUPRIYA RAMESH about his character, why he agreed to the role and how much work goes into playing a crime genre

■What is Mauka-E-Vardaat – Operation Vijay about?

self defining. A banc of Indian officers detect a crime and try to nab culprits and they do it successfully. I play the role of a scientist, who is the brains and helps the Indian officers. He draws conclusions from the past and present to guide and help the

■ Tell us about your role?

Its a very different role. I play a scientist who lives away from reach. Nobody knows my whereabouts and contact information. But the main character Newton Chattopadhyay knows everything and keeps track of everything. While doing so if something goes south, he appears suddenly and guides people. He is an expert who doesn't get himself involved but is always on standby. He is like a father figure, professor, friend, scientist. He is the amalgamation of everything, every emotion.

■What made you say yes to this role?

I agreed to this role because this character is with them and still not with them. When I'm shooting, I'm at my den and from there itself I'm explaining things to other characters and that too without seeing them. It's a different type of challenge. Most times in acting, there is another artist with whom you give and take dialogues. I react to these dialogues on the fly and it is pretty challenging. There are certain instances where I suddenly appear somewhere and then disappear from there after finishing my dialogue. Very knowledgeable, it is a character that I havent portrayed so I have accepted it and I'm enjoying while finding it interesting. I'm sure.



Shaktiyan' mean here?

Aalokik shaktiya refers to the powers that are beyond our regular scientific reach and understand. "Lok" means people and "lokik" means where people are from. "Aalokik" means something that isn't from where people live. For example, superhuman capabilities. The spiritual powered that aren't discovered yet but loosely based on scientific terms. The main agonist and antagonist keep finding new powers like these. To produce these thoughts realistically, is very challenging because it's beyond our imagination.

The antagonist has these "aalokik shaktiya" but the protagonists use their cunning and the current superior technology to equalize the situation. They don't have the luxury of exemplary powers but they have their courage, Braun and attitude to change the tides.

■You have mostly been a part of the crime genre be it series or a movie. What are the challenges?

Daily soaps are all about how you live on a day to day basis and react accordingly. Whereas in crime shows, you story, crime and genre. You have to showcase your emotions differently and have a realistic approach about the detection of the crime. It's different because of the increase in intuitiveness and overall information.

■We understand that you have also worked in Bollywoood movies. How is the work environment different?

For an actor, working in films or working in television or any media is the same. But there are certain limitations and aspects with acting in every media. If you talk about acting in films, there is no limitation in the sense of time constraint. The same can't be said about acting in television because every episode has one. You have to edit it and telecast it in planned schedules. It's a good challenge as there is less time for relaxation. You're are always shooting on time and procrastinating has no place here no matter what. The channel cannot go blank on that day.

■How was shooting in a pandemic different?

În the pandemic, there are not many people on set that used to be. There are many protocols in place that prohibit the interaction of multiple people together. The workload has increased but as many actors take initiative and do some things themselves. We have to help each other and share responsibilities. There is no crowding and audiences because of these important restrictions. We all are very happy that we are able to work while keeping each other safe by following these rules.

RAKSHANDA KHAN IN ROYAL AVATAR

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&TV ACTORS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Paying attention to mental health is just as important as your physical health. Mental health must be prioritised and therefore it is important to spread awareness about mental illness and eradicate the stigma attached with it.

On this World Mental Health Day, &TV actors Farhana Fatema (Shanti Mishra) of Aur Bhai Kya Chal Raha Hai?, Sonali Nikam (Keerti Kaul) of Mauka-E-Vardaat – Operation Vijay, Kenisha Bhardwaj (Nisha Agarwal) of Ghar Ek Mandir-

Kripa Agrasen Maharaj Ki, Himani Shivpuri (Katori Amma) of Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, and Shubhangi Atre (Angoori Bhabi) of Bhabiji Ghar Par Hai raise awareness about mental health issues and share healthy

Fatema seen as Shanti Mishrasays, "In our fast-paced lives, we often forget that it is imperative to maintain mental wellbeing along with staying fit. By dancing I relieve myself of stress and also stay happy and

lifestyle tips.

RANVEER GIFTS RUNNING SHOES

Bollywood star Ranveer Singh has won hearts with his acting performances, dedication and prodigious fashion style. But on COLORS' The Big Picture, he will win everyone's heart with his generosity in the first episode. Here the viewers will see the first contestant Karishma Toor, a police constable from Haryana, talking about her family and wishing to give them a better life. Midway in the conversation, she will reveal to the actor how she loves running.

Ranveer Singh takes note

and, immediately after the guiz. presents her with a pair of running shoes. He even helps her put on the shoes by going down on his knee.

COLORS' The Big Picture is India's first visual-based quiz show that brings wholesome entertainment to your television's premieres on October 16, every weekend at 8pm. With plenty of fun and excitement, the show promises both contestants and viewers to win big, every week and

FIRST-EVER PSYCHOLOGICAL ROMANCE

Vikram Chatterjee and Smriti Kalra from the Bengali entertainment industry join critically acclaimed actor Vinay Pathak for their upcoming psychological romance. Memory X is a feature that explores the theory of time and mindspace. This exciting plot is crafted by writer director Tathagata Mukherjee, produced by Avinaba Ghosh, and co-produced by Tania Mukherjee, Tathagata Mukherjee, and Debleena Production Creations.

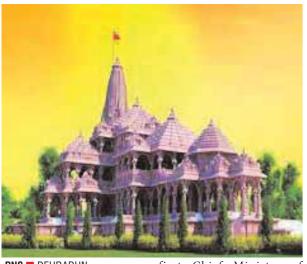
This fascinating story is shot mostly in Sikkim. Vikram



and Smriti will be seen essaying Avinash and Shruti respectively.

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Dengue threat increasing



Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami paid obei-Janmabhoomi and Hanuman Garhi shrines in Ayodhya and prayed for the welfare of Uttarakhand on Saturday.The

Uttarakhand to visit Ram Janma Bhoomi since the way for construction of the shrine in the lord's birthplace was finalised, Dhami also viewed the construction work and sought blessings from the members of the local religious



Dhami is on a two-day visit to Ayodya where he arrived at about 3 PM. He first took care of his political obligations by interacting with local party workers before participating in the Ram Barat to Hanuman Garhi in the evening. From that shrine he

went to the shrine at Ram Janma Bhoomi where he paid

The CM also spoke about the various major developmental works underway in Uttarakhand including the Rishikesh-Karnprayag railway line, Char Dham all weather road, Kedarnath reconstruction project, Badrinath master plan

The spectre of dengue in the provisional State Capital of Uttarakhand is increasing. On Saturday, four new patients of the disease were reported by the state health department in the district. The district now

in Doon valley

The district vector borne diseases officer Subhash Joshi said that two women (35 years each) were found in Sahastradhara road and Vikasnagar while a 12 year old boy of Mothorowala and a 51 year old male of Kedarpuram were found infected with the

has 65 patients with the disease

in this season.

disease on Saturday. Joshi said that apart from source reduction exercises the health department has also undertaken an awareness drive in which people are explained the ways to prevent the menace of dengue. Joshi said that the Aedes Aezypti, the vector of the disease, strikes during the day time and breeds in clear water. "One should wear full sleeved clothes to prevent exposure to the mosquito bite and don't allow water to get collected in their vicinity," he

Dengue is a viral infection spread by the mosquito Aedes Aezypti popularly known as Tiger Mosquito. The symptoms of the disease are persistent high fever, rashes, headache and pain in the

Ways to prevent Dengue

1 Don't allow water to col-

B'day of Mangla Mata: Hans foundation

gifts 14 dialysis units, 13 mobile hospitals

2 Regularly decant fridges, coolers, pots and cans.

3 Spread kerosene or other oils on small water bodies which are effective to destroy the larvae of Aedes mosquito.

4 Inform the district health authorities for fogging to kill mosquitoes.

5 Aedes strikes during day time and flies near ground level so wear full sleeved clothes at work places.

6 Immediately seek medical advice when someone develops fever.

Release white paper on Dehradun Smart City project: Dhasmana

PNS DEHRADUN

The vice President of Uttarakhand Congress Surva Kant Dhasmana has demanded that the state government should come out with a white paper on Dehradun Smart City project. Alleging a major scam in the name of the smart city, the Congress leader told media persons at Congress headquarters located at Rajpur road here on Saturday that the natural beauty and environment of Dehradun have been damaged in the name of the smart

He said that under the project the iconic Parade Ground which used to be the lung and a major groundwater recharge point has been converted into a jungle of concrete. "The government is also tem-

says CM Dhami

'Antyodaya' under which

efforts are being made to provide the benefit of government

schemes to the last person

standing on the social ladder.

He was speaking at the inau-

gural ceremony of 'Pahal 2021'

organised by Úttarakhand Jan

Vikas Samiti at IRTD audito-

government is doing every

possible effort for wholesome

development of the state

which is possible only by

development of every citizen.

He said that during the pandemic of Covid-19, difficulties

were faced by people in dif-

The CM said that the

Dhami said that the state

rium here on Saturday.

PNS DEHRADUN

U'khand Govt working

on principle of Antyodaya,

Chief Minister Pushkar that economic packages were given in health, tourism and

the Uttarakhand government transport sectors and incen-

pering with the historic Paltan ground and Rajpur road which is an unpardonable crime. The Eucalyptus road which con-nects Rajpur road with Subhash Road and EC road has been dug up from the last two and half years," he said.

The Congress leader said that no one has got any benefit from the smart city project but Dehradun has lost its old charm and original character. Attacking the Mayor of Dehradun Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' and state and union government for the disastrous project, Dhasmana claimed that a scam worth Crores of rupees has occurred in the project. He said that a high level inquiry should be ordered to probe the irregularities in the project and demanded that the state government should release a 'white

sectors during the pandemic of Covid-19. He informed

frontline health workers dur-

Uttarakhand Jan Vikas Samiti,

CM said that many initiatives

Appreciating the efforts of

ing the pandemic period.

are being taken by it.

Poonch encounter: Subedar Rautela attains martyrdom

his obeisance ritualistically.

Ealier, while talking to the

local media persons, Dhami

said that he had done his high-

er education from Lucknow. He

said that Uttarakhand is the

land of Mahadev while Uttar

Pradesh is the land of lord

Subedar Ajay Rautela became the third casualty from Uttarakhand in the Poonch encounter of Jammu and Kashmir. On Saturday Rautela was reported dead in the encounter.

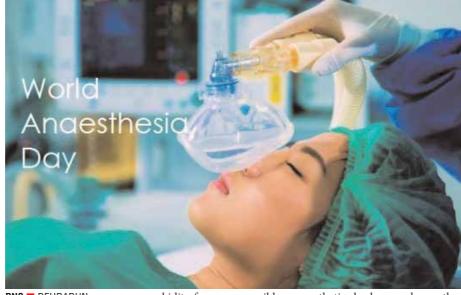
The martyr is a native of Rampur Khedi village of Narendra Nagar block of Tehri district. His family presently resides in Clement town area of

Dehradun. Rautela is survived by his wife and three sons. Two Jawans of Garhwal Rifles, Rifleman Vikram Singh Negi (26 years), a resident of Narendra Nagar Tehri and Rifleman Yogembar Singh (27 years) of Pokhari, Chamoli district were reported dead in Poonch encounter with terrorists on Friday.

The encounter between the security personnel and heavily armed terrorists broke out along the Line of Control (LoC) in Mendhar sub division of Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

The speaker of Uttarakhand assembly Premchand Agarwal has expressed deep sorrow and grief on the martyrdom of Rautela. He said that the Jawans of Uttarakhand have sacrificed their lives for the country and their martyrdom would not be

World Anaesthesia day celebrated at GDMC



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Aprogramme to commem-The CM added that the Prime Minister (PM) world Narendra Modi has given a Anaesthesia day was organised target to make Uttarakhand a at Government Doon Medical College (GDMC) Dehradun leading state in every sector by the year 2025 and the state on Saturday.

government is working in this The Head of Department (HoD) Anaesthesia of GDMC, Dhami said that under Dr Gaurav Chopra welcomed PM Modi, India has got a new identity globally and the all faculty members and residents in the programme. He informed that the safety of Uttarakhand government is getting help from the union anaesthesia has increased over

government in every field.

The president of the Jan Dr Chopra said that now Uttarakhand Government Vikas Samiti, Sanjay Uniyal, provided relief packages for Digvijay Singh and others even newborn and patients who are more than 100 years affected people in different were present on the occasion. old with any type of co-mor-

bidity for every possible pro-cedure can be safely anesthetized. Associate professor, Dr Atul Kumar Singh said that apart from their work anaesthesiologists have been successfully managing intensive care units (ICU) and various interventional pain procedures. He added that during the Covid-19 pandemic the department of anaesthesia of GDMC Dehradun did a commendable

work to manage the patients admitted in the hospital. A special session for the general public was also organised on the occasion in which they were made aware about the importance of pre anaesthetic checkups and anaesthesia. Dr Shobha, Dr Swati, Dr Sakshi, Dr Vandana, Dr Himani and junior residents and technicians also took part

October 16 is observed as World Anaesthesia Day every year to remember the 'first successful use of diethyl ether' in the year 1846. Anaesthesia refers to a state of temporary impairment of awareness or sensation of the whole body or a part of the body so that any painful surgical procedure could be done without the patient having any sensations or knowing about the proce-

Authorities fail, tourists clog Nainital on extended weekend

people. He said that for them

the service of human beings is

the service of god. He said that

the Hans foundation has made

a major contribution in the

health sector on the occasion of

the birthday of Mata Mangla.

Speaking on the occasion, the

Health Minister Dhan Singh

Rawat said that the Hans foun-

dation and its founders have

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In a birthday gift to its founder Mata Mangla, the Hans Foundation dedicated 14

dialysis centres and 13 mobile

hospitals to the service of peo-ple of the state on Saturday. Inaugurating a dialysis centre

at Mokhampur in Dehradun

on Saturday, the Chief Minister

Pushkar Singh Dhami said that

Mata Mangla and Bhole ji

As experienced every year during this period in tourist destinations of Uttarakhand, Nainital experienced major traffic jams on this extended weekend as the preparations of the authorities failed to meet the expected arrivals and resulting situation in the town on Saturday, a day after the festival of Dussehra.

The arrival of tourists in Nainital began in the morning. Many of the tourists were made to park their vehicles at Charkhet and ferried by shuttle to Nainital. However, many tourists had reached Nainital by 10 AM which caused traffic jams at many locations in the town. The experience in



Maharaj have dedicated their entire life to the service of the state in different fields in the

He said that Mata Mangla and Bhole Ji Maharaj have

donated one Lakh text books

for 12 government colleges

Mata Mangla said that if every

person decides to help at least

one person then it would be a

major social achievement.

Speaking on the occasion,

located in remote areas.

Nainital on this extended weekend only went on to substantiate the general allegation that despite all so called preparations, the police and district administrations governing popular tourist destinations within their districts like

Mussoorie and Nainital have utterly failed to even prepare properly. The bookings by tourists were known beforehand and the authorities had an idea of the expected footfall, despite which they failed to do the needful as in past years.

F Salon Academy launched in the academy across India in

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ferent sectors.

International fashion and Llifestyle broadcasting television channel Fashion TV (FTV) launched its F Salon Academy in Dehradun. MLA Vinod Chamoli along with the CEO of F Salon Academy, Prachi Kaushik inaugurated enterprise jointly.

Speaking on the occasion, the owner of FTV Salon Academy, Dehradun, Tushar Pratap Singh, said, "We are proud to announce the launching of F Salon Academy by Fashion TV in Dehradun. We are a group of experts in the fashion industry and look forward to delivering worldclass training, placements, and opportunities to the fashion enthusiasts of this city. Through the F Salon Academy, we aim at achieving the much-required goal of furnishing the fashion industry with its most exceptional quality of professionals."

Adding further, Tushar said, "Training imparted by F



Salon Academy is at par with international standards, and we endeavor to take the responsibility of polishing the

youths of Uttarakhand to match the global standards of the salon enterprise.

Talking about the FTV

Salon Academy, the CEO of F Salon Academy, Prachi Kaushik, said, "We are going to set up 500+ franchises of

the Indian market by creating up to 14 million jobs per year. We are even planning to associ-ate with various govern-mental organi-

which students

more than 100

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limited to producing inter-national stan-

dard profes-sionals but will

also bring the

revolution in

zations and

The academy is not only

NGOs to uplift the weaker section of society, differently-abled people, housewives, etc., by providing

Flaws drive people away from public transport

NIHARIKA MEHRA ■ DEHRADUN

espite various steps being Despite various steps taken by the authorities, the major problem of improper public transportation riddled with various flaws continues to plague the people of Dehradun and fuel the problems being experienced on the roads.

This correspondent interacted with citizens using or avoiding public transport for various reasons. A university student Taranjeet Kaur said, "I would love to use public transport always but it isn't reliable at all. I often get late for college and at times I can't find any public transport at all due to which I have to rely on my friend's two wheeler to reach

places. The Vikram driver doesn't even start driving until it's full of commuters and often waits for long, something which many can't afford." Speaking on electric buses a government primary school teacher Manju Mehra said,"The electric buses are good but what's the use for us if they don't ply on the other routes barring the two they are operation on now presently. Right now I am forced to rely on my

ing on more routes.'

co-workers to go to school and I'm thinking of buying a vehicle for myself. It wouldn't have been the case at all had the e-buses been regular and ply-College student Rishita Raghuvanshi added, "I rarely

vehicles are overcrowded and it's uncomfortable at times.Due to these reasons I choose to walk or use my bicycle to commute. But cycling gets difficult due to dense traffic and the pollution has increased too, making things difficult for cyclists." Another youngster, Aditi Aswal said, "I don't like using

use public transport since the

my own vehicle to travel to places to where public trans-port is available, but I am forced to. Travelling in electric buses seems like a privilege to me owing to the limited number of buses. It's only once that I got to travel in an e-bus and that too after waiting for half an hour. This isn't possible on a regular basis.

Scheme introduced to support startups in Haryana

The "Scheme for **Assistance for** Startups in the State" has been notified by the State Government under the provisions of its Haryana **Enterprises and Employment Policy** 2020

NISHU MAHAJAN ■ CHANDIGARH

The Manohar Lal Khattar Government in Haryana has chalked out a financial assistance scheme to encourage entrepreneurs establish new startups and generate employment opportunities

"Scheme for Assistance for Startups in the State" notified by the State Government under the provisions of its Haryana **Enterprises and Employment**

Policy 2020 offers financial assistance in the form of seed grant of upto Rs 10 lakh, lease rental subsidy upto Rs 5 lakh, 100 percent net SGST reimbursement for seven years among other incentives to promote startups in Haryana.

Under the scheme, the government will provide seed grant of up to Rs 10 lakh per startup for 100 startups in 'A' category blocks, 200 startups for 'B' 300 startups for 'C' category blocks and 400 startups for 'D' category blocks in the state. A five-member committee of State Government Administrative Secretary, Department of Industries and Commerce, Haryana will be the final authority on idea selection

The reimbursement of percent of lease rental subsidy for general and 45 percent for startups with only women founders for a period of one year up to Rs decided that the Director or

5 lakh will also be offered.

The government has also decided to provide interest subsidy of eight percent, maximum upto Rs 20 lakh per year for a period of five years to the startup registered in the state. Financial support of up to Rs 2.5 lakh will also be offered to the startups to attend national acceleration programs and Rs 5 lakh for international acceleration programs.

Among other incentives under the scheme include, 100 percent net SGST reimbursement for seven years with cap of 150 percent FCI (fixed capital investment) and 100 percent reimbursement of expenses incurred for cloud computing or storage on Haryana based Data Centres for up to Rs 1 lakh per startup per annum for a period of three years.

Aiming to further strengthen the ecosystem for promotion of startups in the state, the government has

the applicant has claimed the assistance on the basis of wrong facts, the applicant will besides refunding assistance with compound rate of interest at 12 percent per annum and facing legal action, will be debarred from grant of any incentive or assistance from the State Government. And, if the applicant fails to refund the assistance amount with interest, then the amount shall be recovered as arrear of land revenue. Notably, Haryana **Enterprises and Employment** Policy 2020 launched by the State Government last year aimed at generating five lakh jobs, attracting investments over Rs one lakh crore, doubling the exports to Rs 2 lakh crore and strengthening supply chain facilities and infrastructure across 22 districts. Providing a competitive incentives framework was a key part of the policy for nurturing entrepreneurship and generating employment opportunities in the state.

Punjab Dy CM conducts late night surprise checking at Punjab Police nakas adjoining int'l border

Patting the back of police

personnel who are discharg-

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Dunjab Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on the intervening night of Friday-Saturday conducted surprise checking of the Punjab Police nakas alongside the India-Pakistan International border at Amritsar (Rural), Batala and Gurdaspur Districts.

Randhawa took stock of the ground situation at the Punjab Police nakas at Jagdev Khurd, Gagomahal, Dariya Moosa, Singpura, Ghonewala bridge and Dera Baba Nanak and directed Punjab Police to remain vigilant and made it clear that any laxity with regard to the security and law & order would not be tolerated at any cost and dereliction of duty in this matter would be strictly dealt with and offenders strongly pun-

Randhawa, who is also the Home Minister of the state, was accompanied by IG Border Range Mohnish Chawla, SSP Amritsar (Rural) Rakesh Kaushal and SSP Batala Mukhwinder Singh

ing their duty with devotion, the Home Minister said that during this checking programme chalked out at short notice, he is fully satisfied with Punjab police doing full justice to its duty. The Deputy Chief Minister said that Punjab Police is fully capable of safeguarding the security and Law & Order of the State as well as the sovereignty of the country, adding that the nefarious move by the Union Government to weaken the States' Police Forces by extending the jurisdiction of the BSF to 50 Kms won't be

Sounding a note of caution to the police officers and personnel of the border region, the Deputy Chief Minister added that zero tolerance policy should be adopted in the matter pertaining to the cross border smuggling of drugs and weapons and any carelessness in this regard would be simply intolerable.

allowed to succeed.

Randhawa said that some anti-social elements with their narrow interests are spreading

Large stamp to mark agricultural land

baseless rumours about the law & order situation along the International border of Puniab. He warned such elements and said that Punjab and it's people are fully safe.

Warning those indulging in rumour mongering about danger from Pakistan, Randhawa said Punjab didn't let the wrong designs of such anti-State people to succeed during tough times of the past and now when there is peaceful atmosphere in the State with people professing all the religions living peacefully with each other, the Punjabis know fully well how to give a befitting reply to such rogue forces as it has done always.

Reiterating once again that Punjab is in safe hands, the Deputy Chief Minister said that every sacrifice would be made when the need arises. He said that Punjab is the sword arm of the nation which has always defended it on every front. He also mentioned that the recent decision on BSF is a mere ploy by the Central Government to instill unnecessary fear and such plans would never be allowed

Students qualify for IIT seats in JEE Advanced exam under Haryana Govt's Super-100 programme

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This year, 26 students of Haryana have been successful by getting IIT seats by clearing JEE Advanced exam "Special Programme Super-100" initiated by Haryana Government to provide admission to the meritorious students of the State Government Schools in major higher educational institutions of the country,

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will felicitate such meritorious students at the State Level Function which is scheduled to be held on October 22 in Panchkula.

A spokesperson of the Education Department said that in the session 2019-21, training has been completed by 119 students in Rewari and Panchkula centres for the non-medical stream. During the JEE (Main) examination, 54 students have qualified for the advanced test, out of which the result of IEE Advanced has been released by IIT Kharagpur, in which 26 students of the State have confirmed their seats. In this

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SC category have secured their place in IIT and Sushil Kumar from Ambala has an All India rank of 192 in SC category. In the OBC category, 8 students have qualified. At the same time, 8 students of general category have also achieved this position. The spokesperson said that in view of the success of the programme, the Chief Minister, had directed to increase the number of centres of Super-100 programme to four last year, so that maximum students of the State could draw the benefit. Apart from this, for the empowerment of Super-100 programme by the Education Department, Buniyaad programme has also been started with the aim of involving talented students from class IX onwards, in which students are prepared for NTSE, KVPY and other scholarships. But under the Super-100 programme, it will serve as a strong foundation in the preparation of JEE and NEET exams. For this, 22 centres have been set up at the district level. For the admission of these students in IITs, arrangements have also been Panchkula.

(For Immovable Property)

Financial Assets and Enforcement of security interest Act. 2002 (Act. No. 54 of 2002) hereinafter referred to as "the act" and

in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice calling upon the Borrower/Surety/Owner/s as given below to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice. The borrower/Surety/Owner/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is

hereby given to the Borrower/Surety/Owner/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with

Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules. The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets. The Borrower/Surety/ Owner/s in particular and the public in general is

hereby cautioned not to deal with the property, and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the amount detailed below and interest together with expenses thereon.

Description Of Immovable Property

EMT of Industrial Property in the name of Sh

Sanjeev Kumar baring Khasra No. 299, Situated in village Mannakhedi Pargana Manglour

Tehsil Roorkee. Distt. Haridwar having tota

area 0.2050 hectare i.e. 2050 sq. mt.

Boundaries: East- Land of Sh. Ajab Singh,
West- Remaining land of seller & Rajat Kumar,
North- Way 16 feet wide, South: Land of Sh.

Property No. 1: EMT of residential house in

Khasra No.376m, Double storied land measur-

Emt of property in the name of Sh. Sushi

the name of Mohd Aarju S/o Dost Mohammad Demand Notic Khasra No 376m. Double storied land measur-23.07.2021

s, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction o

programme 10 students from made by the department to provide mentors who will provide all possible assistance to the students for admission to new and remote institutes. counselling fees and on reaching support. He said that this is the second successive achievement in the history of Haryana School Education, for which the entire school Education The spokesperson said that in the year 2018, Super 100 programme was started for the meritorious students of Government schools to prepare for the entrance examination of JEE and NEET, in which a test was conducted for the students who passed 10th class with more than 80 percent marks from government schools and Special coaching facilities were made available in Rewari and Panchkula to prepare for JEE and NEET exams through a special screening process. In this, the cost of lodging, food, stationery, transport, mock tests etc. is being borne by the Government. Coaching is being provided by Vikalp Foundation in Rewari and ACE and Allen Tutorials in

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Singhu border lynching: Another person surrenders in Amritsar

The body of Lakhbir Singh, a labourer from Punjab's Tarn Taran district, was found on Friday tied to a barricade at the Delhi-Haryana border where the anti-farm law protesters have been camping with a hand chopped off and multiple wounds caused by sharp-edged weapons

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A Nihang Sikh, Parminder Singh, on Saturday surrendered at a gurdwara before police in Amarkot village in Ĵandiala Guru area of Amritsar in connection with the Singhu border lynching incident.

Director General, Micro,

Enterprises, (competent

authority) shall sanction the

subsidy within 30 days from

the date of completion of the

claim. As per the time limit

set for service delivery, a let-

ter of approval will be given

in 45 days, letter of sanction

in seven days and subsidy

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incentives from the State

Government, the startup

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Registration Certificate

(URC) and Haryana Udhyam

Memorandum (HUM) shall

be eligible under the scheme.

The unit should be in com-

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scheme, except for seed

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A police team had gone to arrest him. He had announced to surrender after paying obeisance at Akal Takht. Parminder Singh allegedly murdered Lakhbir Singh, a drug addict, who it is alleged had committed sacri-

Meanwhile, a court in Sonepat on Saturday remanded Sarabjit Singh, arrested in of Lakhbir Singh at the farmers' protest site at Singhu border, in police custody for seven days, with the accused pointing to the involvement of a few more people in the

gruesome killing.

The body of Lakhbir Singh, a labourer from Punjab's Tarn Taran district, was found on Friday tied to a barricade at the Delhi-Haryana border where the anti-farm law protesters have been camping, with a hand chopped off and multiple wounds caused by sharpedged weapons, a gruesome incident that was blamed on a group of Nihangs.

A senior police official of Sonepat police said while seeking Sarabjit's custody, police submitted before the court that they have to make certain recoveries from the arrested accused. The official said Sarabjit has named four more people during interrogations while pointing to their involvement in the inci-

"We produced Sarabjit before the court. The accused has been remanded in seven days' police custody by the court," Sonepat's Deputy Superintendent of Police, Virender Singh said. "The accused has pointed to the involvement of four more people in the case and taken their names...we are conducting further investigations in this regard. We have to make some recoveries from the arrested accused, including the weapon used in the crime and the clothes he was wearing," he said.

The total number of accused in the crime could be more than five, the DSP said, adding further investigations

Sikh holy book. Other Nihangs had claimed he had "surrendered" to police, while police had later said Sarabjit Singh, who hails from Gurdaspur district, has been arrested in the case.

Earlier on Friday, in a video clip that surfaced on social media, some Nihangs were seen standing around the injured man with his severed left hand close to his head. The group was heard accusing him of desecrating a Sikh holy book. The video showed the Nihang group asking the badly injured man, who is pleading with them in Puniabi, where he had come from and who sent him.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had on Home Minister Anil Vij and senior police officers, directing strict action against those found guilty. Back in his Tarn Taran village, Singh's family was in shock and said he could never desecrate a holy book.

A case of murder was registered at the Kundli police station in Sonipat in connection with the lynching inci-

SINGHU BORDER INCIDENT SHOULD BE PROBED BY SITTING JUDGE, DEMANDS PB DY CM RANDHAWA

Punjab Deputy Chief

Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Saturday demanded an inquiry from the sitting judge to find out the actual causes of the incident which took place at Singhu Border on Friday. Randhawa said, this is very sensitive issue, which related to the religious beliefs of the people and on the other hand associated with the farmers who had been peacefully protesting from almost a year against the draconian farm laws of centre government, adding that, "at this crucial juncture, it was very important to identify anti-social elements inciting religious sentiments and defaming the farmers agitation as these kind of desperate attempts aimed to sabotage this most peaceful and well-disciplined agitation were already being made by some disgruntled elements.'

Being a Home Minister of the state, the Deputy Chief Minister said the Harvana Government as well as Police could not disassociate itself from this incident as the responsibility of maintaining law and order lies with the state government concerned. Stressing upon the need to be vigilant and ensure strict monitoring by Haryana

in urban areas, says Haryana CM PNS ■ CHANDIGARH so that mustard can be sown

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Saturday said that now in urban areas where 7A is applicable, a large stamp will be put up to mark the agricultural land in the revenue records so that it can be easily identified at the time of registration and is not registered as a plot. Khattar was responding

to queries from media persons after presiding over the monthly meeting of District Public Relations and Redressal Grievance Committee in Gurugram. The Chief Minister said

that there is no shortage of manure in the state. There is a slight shortage of DAP but we have advised to use another fertilizer SSP as an alternative. In this regard, directions have been given to the officers of the Agriculture Department that both the above fertilizers should be made available to the farmers at the right time. Khattar said that in

Gurugram, Sector 72A, two cremation grounds of two acres each, three graveyards in which one cemetery would be for the Muslim community and the other for the Christian community and the third burial ground would be built for the children on 15 acres of land. Along with this, there will be a Smriti Van on four acres, in which all the citizens can plant trees in the memory of their departed.

Regarding the killing of a man at Singhu that took place recently, the Chief Minister said that this is very sad and condemnable . He said cognizance has been taken and an FIR has been lodged and police are investigating the same. Whoever is found guilty will not be spared. A person, who has taken responsibility for the murder has surrendered. Whether he has done it or someone else

has done it, it will be known only during the investiga-On the issue of Ellenabad

bye-election, the Chief Minister said that the opposition can say whatever it wants but we only discuss issues. In Haryana, we have done a lot of work in the last 7 years. Through our policy of Ease of Living, we have made the lifestyle of the people very easy. New schemes have been made for the needy. Work has been so as to provide services to them through technology, and that they should get the benefits of the schemes in a more efficient manner. We have made a transfer policy for the employees, various schemes have also been made to increase the income of the farmers. Plans have also been made for the smooth procurement of crops in the mandis. Farmers are being paid at the right time and compensation is being given

Haryana Police Service (Amendment) Rules, 2021 notified

NISHU MAHAJAN ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Government has abolished the prescribed quota in the post of Deputy Superintendent of Police for outstanding sportspersons and have created another category of "out of turn promotion" for Inspectors, who have shown exemplary courage during the discharge of offi-

cial duties. According to the Haryana Police Service (Amendment) Rules, 2021 notified by the State Government, 70 percent (seventy percent) posts of Deputy Superintendent of Police shall be filled up by promotion from the rank of Inspectors, 25 percent (twenty five percent) by direct recruitment and five percent by out of turn promotion under certain criteria.

Earlier, it was in December 2018 when the State Government had added the clause of "out of turn basis promotion" to DSP post for Inspectors, showing extraordinary gallant and indomitable courage during the official duty. The clause of out of turn

promotion was made against the vacancies of direct quota but a separate category was not created for the same. The previous Congress

Government had in June 2008 notified that 70 percent posts of DSPs shall be filled up by promotion from the rank of Inspectors, 27 percent by direct recruitment and 3 percent shall be reserved for outstanding sportspersons of Haryana who win a gold, silver, bronze medal in Olympic games or those sportspersons who bring extraordinary

laurel to the country and the state of Haryana. Later in January 2009, the quota of direct recruitment was reduced to 24 percent and six percent total posts of DSP were reserved for outstanding sportspersons of Haryana.

Following this, several medal-winning sports persons were appointed to the rank of DSP by the State Government.

However, the current BJP-JJP led State Government had earlier this year introduced Harvana Outstanding Sportspersons (Group A, B & C) Service rules, 2021, to appoint outstanding sportspersons in the state Sports Department only and not to coveted posts such as DSP or other senior positions in Civil Administration. What the new Haryana

Police Service (Amendment) Rules, 2021 say? Under the newly notified Haryana Police Service (Amendment) Rules, 2021, for five percent out of turn promotion category, those Inspectors shall be eligible for promotion who (both promoted from subordinate ranks and directly recruited) have got six years regular satisfactory service as Inspector (adhoc service will not be counted for the purpose of experience).

'The promotion to the post of DSP on out of turn basis shall be made by the State Government from amongst the Inspectors for showing extraordinary gallant and indomitable courage during the discharge of official duties by individual act or collective efforts of team and have shown exemplary courage during imminent danger to his life or serious

harm to body while taking

in case of crop damage.

action in encounter with terrorist/militant/desperado/anti-social element/violent mob/hard core criminal or any during a natural calamity or during any difficult operation involving life threatening emergency," the notification stated. The notification further said, "For the cases claiming reward or promotion, FIR should have also been lodged in the concerned matter by the concerned officer or a conclusive report should be there to prove the involvement or bravery of the officer or there should be a considered opinion of the members of the Scrutiny-cum-Selection Committee to be constituted one at the level of Director General of Police and one at the level of the Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana

Apart from this, appropriate weightage shall be given for arresting or encounters of criminals against whom the reward is declared or who are proclaimed offenders involved in heinous crimes.

Home Department."

"The cases of the last three years (preceding three years from December 20, 2019) shall be taken into consideration for such recommendations. The recommendations for out of turn promotion shall be considered year-to year basis only on availability of vacancies meant for out of turn promotion quota and the names shall be invited from all units of Police in the month of March," the notification

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Navy to review its readiness on Mon



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The Navy top echelon will I next week review the readiness of its fleet in the backdrop of China flexing its maritime muscle in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific. The five-day Commanders' conference will commence here from Monday.

Giving details here on Saturday, Navy officials said the conference, held twice a year, serves as a platform for Naval Commanders to discuss important maritime matters at the military-strategic level as well as interact with senior Government officials through an institutionalised forum.

Due to the rapidly changing geostrategic situation of the region, the significance and importance of the Conference is manifold. It is an institutionalised platform to deliberate, direct, devise and decide issues of utmost importance, which will shape future course of the Indian Navy.

During the Conference, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will address and interact with the Naval Commanders on matters pertaining to national security.

Among many issues being discussed, the Chief of the Naval Staff, along with other Naval Commanders, will review major operational, materiel, logistics, human resource development, training and administrative activities undertaken by the Indian Navy in the last few months and deliberate upon future plans for important activities and initia-

The Navy has focused on being Combat Ready, Credible and Cohesive force and despite the Covid-19 pandemic, continues to assiduously execute its mandate. The Indian Navy has witnessed a significant growth in its operational tasking over the years in consonance with

India's rising maritime interests. Indian Naval ships on gy.

Air chief to visit forward areas along LoC to assess operational preparedness

Indian Air Force (IAF) chief VR Chaudhari is visiting forward areas along the Line of Actual Control (LC) in Ladakh to review operational readiness of the armed forces. This is his first visit after assuming the top job earlier this month.

The visit comes at a time when India and China are in a stand-off situation at some locations in Eastern Ladakh since May last year.

The two Commanders have held 13 rounds of talks to ease tension at the LAC and find ways for early disengagement from the

Chaudhari arrived in Leh on Saturday and will visit forward areas. He will also hold talks

with the operational commanders of the IAF and the Army to take a sense of the situation there.

Even though Chaudhari took over as the IAF chief recently, he was handling the LAC flare up and resultant build up to protect the LAC as the Western Air Command chief and then as the Vice-

During the ongoing visit, Chaudhari will visit the forward air bases in the Ladakh besides some region positions where the troops are deployed to thwart any transgressions by the Chinese troops, sources said here on Saturday.



The IAF has also upgraded its facilities in the northern sector where troops have been stationed with the sur face-to-air missiles to counter even slow moving helicopters.

The Air Force has also deployed the Rafale fighter aircraft along with the MiG-29 fighters to guard the LAC. In fact, the IAF has deployed all its front line fighter jets including the SU-30s and Jaguars at the airbases near the 4,000 KM LAC stretching from Ladakh in the north to Arunachal Pradesh in the east since June last year.

At present, more than 50,000 troops each from India and China are deployed along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh since May last year.

The two sides did not retreat in the winter months and are likely to stay put at all the flash points during the coming winter months. Army Chief General M M

Naravane had visited the LAC for two days on October one to take stock of the opera-tional preparedness of his troops.

He reportedly also

reviewed the preparations for deploying troops in the win-

Jaishankar to visit Israel to strengthen bilateral ties



In a move to further strengthen ties between the two countries, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit Israel and hold talks with his counterpart there on the entire gamut of relationship. The three-day visit begins on October 19.

The two countries have robust strategic and defence ties and Jaishankar and his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid will focus to strengthen the strategic partnership. This will be Jaishankar's first visit to the country as External Affairs

The Ministry of External Affairs said here in a statement on Saturday Jaishankar will pay an official visit to Israel at the invitation of Alternate Prime Minister and Foreign

Minister Lapid.

He will hold a bilateral meeting with Lapid and will also call on President Isaac Herzog, Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, and Knesset Speaker Mickey Levy during his visit.

India and Israel elevated bilateral relations to a strategic partnership during the historic visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Israel in July

Since then, the relationship between the two countries has focused on expanding knowl-



Israel has emerged as a major defence partner of India since diplomatic

ties were established in the early 1990s

edge-based partnership, which includes collaboration in innovation and research, including boosting the 'Make in India' initiative, the ministry said.

During his visit, Jaishankar will interact with the Indianorigin Jewish community in Israel, Indologists, Indian students who are currently pursuing their education in Israeli universities, and business people, including from the hitech industries, the statement

The visit will also be an occasion to pay tribute to the valiant Indian soldiers who laid their lives in the region, especially during the First World War, it said. The visit is seen towards cementing diplomatic and political ties between the two countries in the post-Benjamin Netanyahu era.

Israel has emerged as a major defence partner of India since diplomatic ties were established in the early 1990s. Over the years, Israel has supplied technology for the Indian missile programme, sophisticated rifles, Phalcon airborne early warning radar system(AWACS), drones, sensors and other related equipment. The two countries also share close relationship in fighting terrorism through intelligence sharing and counter-terrorism operations. Jaishankar will first visit Dubai

for Israel. In the United Arab Emirates(UAE), the external affairs minister is likely to hold talks with the leadership there on issues like the situation in Afghanistan. Incidentally, the UAE established diplomatic relations with Israel under the Abraham Accord signed on August 13,

Left parties urge Centre

to withdraw extended

jurisdiction of BSF

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on Sunday and will then leave

NSG commandos deployed at Srinagar, Jammu airbases for anti-drone cover

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Units of the National Security Guard (NSG) have been deployed at the Srinagar and Jammu airbases to provide anti-drone cover, paramilitary chief MA Ganapathy said on Saturday. The move comes after

Jammu air station was hit by drone attacks earlier this year. The NSG on Saturday celebrated its 37th raising at its campus in Manesar. Pakistan's Inter-Services

Intelligence (ISI) conspired to execute the first-ever drone attack on June 27 at the Indian Jammu where two unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), which came from across the border, dropped bombs, injuring two airmen and damaging a portion of a building.

The two IAF facilities in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir are located close to the Pakistan border/Line of Control (LoC) respectively and are cat-



egorised as 'sensitive' locations. On the NSG Raising Day on Saturday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah greeted the terming it is a "world-class trained force to tackle all facets of terrorism" and the country is

proud of its troops. The elite striking force, the NSG was established in 1984 after the Union Cabinet decided to create a 'Federal Contingency Force' that was 'well trained to tackle various manifestations of terrorism.

Every year, the Raising Day of the NSG is celebrated on October 16. This year marks the 37th anniversary of the estably known as Black Cats.

Mission Based Deployments

across the Indian Ocean

Region (IOR) have remained

poised for quick response to

any developing situation.

Indian warships deployed in

the Gulf of Aden and the

Persian Gulf continue to pro-

vide security for trade flowing

undertaken multiple Covid

related outreach missions to

provide food and medical aid

to IOR littoral nations and

beyond as part of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's

vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the

and the Chiefs of Indian Army

and Indian Air Force will also

interact with the Naval

Commanders to address con-

vergence of the three Services

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The Chief of Defence Staff,

In 2020-21, warships have

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Region).

"Greetings to our brave NSG personnel on their 37th Raising Day. NSG is a worldclass trained force to tackle all facets of terrorism. This formidable force has left no stone unturned to live up to its motto 'Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha'. India is proud of NSG black cats," the Home Minister tweet-

On the NSG Raising Day on Saturday, Union **Home Minister** Amit Shah greeted the elite counter-terrorism force

NSG is mandated to be deployed in exceptional circumstances only. The task-oriented force comprises two complementary elements in the form of the Special Action Group (SAG).

The 37th Raising Day was Minister Nityanand Rai who presented medals to the NSG personnel who were awarded the President's Medal for Meritorious Service.

NSG DG Ganapthy also addressed the event and dwelt on the evolution of the force and continuous modernisation of the force to deal with the dynamic nature of threats.

Four CRPF jawans injured in accidental fuse box explosion

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m our}$ CRPF jawans were injured when an ammunition fuse box exploded when it was being loaded on a train at the Raipur station on Saturday. The 211 Company of the

Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was in the train when ammunition was being loaded on Saturday morning, the paramilitary said in a statement.

"Boxes of arms and ammunition were being loaded on the train by Head Constable Vikas Lakshman and other jawans. The ammunition fuse box exploded in Lakshman's hand near the toiment," it said.

Due to the fuse box explosion, Lakshman got injured and he was immediately admitted to the Sreenarayana hospital in Raipur. Three other jawans also suffered some injuries and they were given first aid treatment at the station, the statement said.

The CRPF said that "a



case has been filed with the GRP railway station and it has directed to investigate the

The special train was scheduled to carry the CRPF Raipur, Raipur police said in Chattisgarh capital.

"A minor explosion was recorded in a special train of the CRPF at the Raipur railway station around 6.30 am today. The train was heading to Jammu from Jharsuguda (Odisha)," Raipur Superintendent of Police (SP) Prashant Agrawal said.

The spl train was scheduled to carry the CRPF personnel to Jammu from Raipur, Raipur police said in Chattisgarh capital

"The explosion occurred during the shifting of a container carrying detonators and HD cartridges. While shifting the container in train, it accidentally slipped in coach number-9, which led to the blast," the SP added.

The Left parties CPI(M) and CPI on Saturday urged the Central Government to withdraw the extended jurisdiction to Border Security Force (BSF) in States having international borders of Punjab, West Bengal and Assam. CPI general Secretary D

Raja said the Central Government must reconsider this decision and it is an encroachment on State's powers on policing.

"The decision of the Central government to extend the jurisdiction of the Border Security force (BSF) upto 50 tional borders in Punjab, West Bengal and Assam from the earlier 15 kilometers jurisdiction is an encroachment on the rights of the states and the federal principle. The Central government has taken this decision to extend the jurisdiction of the Central police force without consulting the states. Policing and law and order is a state subject and this decision violates féderalism, a basic feature of our Constitution," said CPI(M) polit bureau in a statement.

"The National Secretariat of the Communist Party of India condemns the decision of the central government to extend the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) up to 50 kilometres from the international borders in Punjab, West Bengal and Assam from the existing 15 kilometres. The unilateral decision of the central government is a blatant violation of the federal principle of governance. The Party wants the government to reconsider the decision and consult the concerned state governments before taking such a decision," said CPI in a statement.

BJP slams Congress for 'not offering any comment' on Singhu border killing of dalit

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ashing out at the Congress Lashing out at the Congress for "not offering any comment" on the ghastly killing of a dalit at the Singhu-border, the BJP on Saturday asked the opposition whether it was supporting the 'Talibani thinking' and the anti-social elements which are "misusing" farmers protests to further their own vested interests.

Addressing a press conference here, BJP's National Spokesman Gaurav Bhatia also took to task Bhartiya Kisan Union president Rakesh Tikait who is leading the farm stir, for saying that "organisers have no accountability towards the inci-

dent".

"Have professional protestors no responsibility towards their own citizens?", he asked. Bhatia accused the opposition, particularly the Congress, of keeping a silence for their "petty and cheap votebank politics".

"For petty and cheap votebank politics, the opposition, particularly the Congress, is maintaining a deafening silence..no courage to call a spade a spade as it does not suit their policies of convenience",

On the killing of a dalit on



the Singhu-border, Bhatia wondered whether the Congress is subscribing to the Talibani tra-

BJP leader said the antisocial elements have joined the protest and are firing guns from the shoulders of the agitating farmers.

The BJP spokesperson referred to the statement from Congress Working Committee and said Congress President' Sonia's "silence is dangerous" as the opposition party, he said is otherwise very

quick and regular on raising convenient issues on the farm-

BJP said that "anarchists behind these protests need to be exposed as they are doing a great disservice to the nation".

"The professional protesters who are masking themselves as farmers are doing great disservice to the nation. Those who take the life of an innocent man, rape women and insult the tricolour and justify the killings of citizens as reaction to the action cannot be termed as farmers, " Bhatia

The BJP leader also took pot-shots at Sonia's announce

ment that she is a full-time and hands-on President, saying the Congress has once again moved on with its "all lies and create confusion politics" by brushing aside party's long internal strife andthe subsequent issues raised by G-23 group within it.

"Ît is not CWC but PBWC-'Parivar Bachao working com-

mittee", he quipped BJP's IT Cell in-charge Amit Malviya also blamed Tikait for the Singhu-border incident. He took to Twitter to say that the gory murder would not have occurred if Rakesh Tikait had "not justified the mob lynching in Lakhimpur".

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The Centre on Saturday released a Covid anthem, penned by singer Kailash Kher, in the run up to India crossing the landmark of 100-crore Covid-19 vaccine doses next week. While the anthem is aimed at dispelling the myths and shedding vaccine hesitancy, the Centre cautioned that it was too early to declare victory over the virus that has swept

the world as well as India. Till Saturday evening, as many as "97.23 crore have been administered the first dose of Covid vaccine in the country", said Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya at an event here held to release the anthem.

So far, more than 101 crore Covid-19 vaccine doses have been provided to states and union territories so far while over 11.12 crore balance and unutilised vaccine doses are still available with the states and

The vaccines administered suggest about 70 per cent of the population getting at least one dose and about 30 per cent of the population has got two doses, said the Minister.

"We administered 2.5 crore doses one single day on September 17 and next week we



will reach the 100 crore mark," he said. "This has happened because of the effort put in by

The minister said while it takes 5-10 years to test and develop vaccines, India has researched and developed an inhouse vaccine, and to add to the complex manufacturing, the humongous logistics involving setting up cold chains, airport transfers, delivery to states, local storage and last-mile connec-

tivity were set up in no time. Kher, who has composed and sung the anthem, said it is essential to dispel myths and rumours surrounding vaccines and promote its usage so as to

ensure all get the vaccine. "We will be better equipped

to deal with (a new challenge) both in terms of infrastructure and medical science" but "we should not declare victory yet," Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said adding that vaccination has now become a people's movement despite the negative narrative and falsehood spread

by some in the country.

India has recorded 15,981 Covid-19 cases in a day, taking the infection tally to 3,40,53,573 while 166 more fatalities pushed the death toll to 4,51,980, according to the Union Health Ministry's data on Saturday.

The number of active Covid

the lowest in 218 days. The national recovery rate was at 98.07 per cent, the data updated at 8 am showed. India's COVID-19 tally had

cases has declined to 2,01,632,

crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December India crossed the grim mile-

stone of two crore on May 4 and three crore on June 23.

DIP IN NEW COVID CASES Kathmandu: Nepal reported 136

new COVID-19 cases in the past 24 hours, a record low in

comparison to the last few months, taking the national tally

ISIS claims Shia mosque bombing in Afghanistan

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for a deadly suicide bombing on a Shia mosque in southern Afghanistan that killed 47 people and wounded scores more. Relatives laid the bodies of the victims to rest on Saturday and called on the Taliban to protect them.

ISIS said in a statement posted late on Friday on social media that two of the group's members shot and killed security guards manning the entrance of the Fatimiya mosque in Kandahar province.

One detonated his explosives at the entrance of the mosque and the other inside.

IŜIS's news agency Amaq in a statement gave the names of the attackers as Anas al-Khurasani and Abu Ali al-Baluchi, both Afghan nationals.

The families of the victims Saturday dug their graves and carried the bodies to their final resting place. In total, 63 graves were dug, but the Taliban's chief for the provincial department of culture and information maintained the official death toll was 47.

"There are so many who have lost body parts, and among those in hospital in serious condition, I don't know how many more numbers will

Scotland Yard on Saturday Said the killing of Conservative MP David Amess

is being treated as a terrorist

attack and it was probing a

potential Islamist terrorism

link to the fatal stabbing, an

incident that has shocked the

country and prompted calls for

a review of security measures

for lawmakers engaged in con-

of British Prime Minister Boris

Johnson's ruling Conservative

Party, died after being stabbed

several times on Friday as he

was meeting his constituents

in at Belfairs Methodist Church

believed to be of Somali her-

on suspicion of murder and

remains in custody at a police

station in Essex, south-east

England. Prime Minister Boris

Johnson and Opposition

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer

laid flowers at the scene of the

stabbing, together

Saturday morning.

A 25-year-old British man,

in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Amess, 69 and a member

stituency work.



Relatives carry the body of a victim of Friday's suicide attack during a mass funeral in Kandahar on Saturday

Scotland Yard probes Islamist terror

link to British MP's fatal stabbing

be added to the death toll," said community elder Hajji Farhad. Shiite leader Sayed

Mohammed Agha called on the Taliban Government to take serious measures to protect the Shia minority, "because our enemies will harm our society by any means they can."

The attack came a week after a bombing claimed by the local Islamic State affiliate killed 46 people at a Shia mosque in northern Afghanistan, raising fears that ISIS — an enemy of both the Taliban and the West — is expanding its foothold in Afghanistan.

Friday's attack was the deadliest to strike Afghanistan since the dramatic US exit attacks on other countries.

from the country, which allowed the Taliban to seize control of the Afghan capital. It was also the first major attack by the group in the country's south.

ISIS carries out frequent attacks in its eastern stronghold, but recently has shown signs of expansion, with attacks in the north and Kabul.

The attacks have brought into question the Taliban's ability to counter the growing ISIS threat. The Taliban have pledged to restore peace and security after decades of war and have also given the US assurances that they will not allow the country to be used as a base for launching extremist

Frank McKenzie, head of U.S.

two addresses in the London

alone, and we are not seeking

anyone else in connection with

the incident at this time.

However, enquiries into the cir-

cumstances continue," it added.

"It is believed that he acted

area and these

ongoing," it said.

America vows to pay relatives of Afghans killed in drone strike

Central Command, called the

strike a "tragic mistake" and

said innocent civilians were

During the meeting Thursday, Kwon told Kahl that

Ahmadi had work with NEI for

many years, "providing care and lifesaving assistance for people facing high mortality rates in Afghanistan," according to Kirby.

The U.S. military initially defended the estiles enviring it.

defended the strike, saying it

had targeted an Islamic State

group's "facilitator" and dis-rupted the militants' ability to

carry out attacks during the

chaotic final stage of the with-drawal of US and NATO troops

military's portrayal of the strike

and findings on the ground quickly emerged. *The Associated Press* and other news

organizations reported that the

driver of the targeted vehicle

was a longtime employee at a

US humanitarian organisation.

There were no signs of a large secondary blast, despite the Pentagon's assertion that the

vehicle contained explosives.

a devastating suicide bombing by an Islamic State offshoot that

killed 169 Afghans and 13 US

military personnel at one of the

gates to the Kabul airport in late

The drone strike followed

Discrepancies between the

from Afghanistan.

indeed killed in the attack.

The US Defense Department I said on Friday that it is committed to offering condolence payments to relatives of the 10 people who were killed in an errant US drone strike in

Kabul, Afghanistan, in August. Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said in a statement that the Defense Department was also working with the State Department to help surviving family members relocate to the United States.

Kirby said the matter arose in a meeting Thursday between Dr. Colin Kahl, under secretary of defense for policy, and Dr. Steven Kwon, founder and president of the nonprofit group Nutrition & Education International.

"Dr. Kahl reiterated Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin's commitment to the families, including offering ex gratia condolence payments," Kirby said. He did not say how much money would be offered.

On August 29, a US Hellfire missile struck a car driven by Zemerai Ahmadi, who had just pulled into the driveway of the Ahmadi family compound. In all, 10 members of the family, including seven children, were killed in the strike.

Weeks later, Marine Gen.

UN official: Taliban to announce secondary school for girls

senior UN official said on A senior UN official said on Friday the Taliban told him they will announce "very soon" that all Afghan girls will be allowed to attend secondary schools.

UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Omar Abdi, who visited Kabul last week, told reporters at UN headquarters that five of Afghanistan's 34 provinces — Balkh, Jawzjan and Samangan in the northwest, Kunduz in the northeast and Urozgan in the southwest are already allowing girls to attend secondary school.

He said the Taliban's education minister told him they are working on "a framework" to allow all girls to continue their schooling beyond the sixth grade, which should be published "between a month and two."

"As I speak to you today, millions of girls of secondary school age are missing out on education for the 27th consecutive day," Abdi said. "We are urging them not to wait. Any day that we wait — it's a day lost for those girls that are out of school."

During the Taliban's previous rule of Afghanistan from

1996-2001, they denied girls and women the right to education and barred them from working and public life. Since their August 15 takeover of Afghanistan as US and NATO forces were in the final stages of their chaotic withdrawal from the country after 20 years, the Taliban have come under increasing international pressure to ensure women's rights to education and work.

Abdi said that in every meeting he pressed the Taliban "to let girls resume their learning," calling it "critical for the girls themselves and for the country as a whole."

When the Taliban were ousted from power in 2001 by a US-led coalition for harboring Osama bin Laden who masterminded the 9/11 attacks on the United States, only one million Afghan children were in school at all levels, he said.

Over the past 20 years, that figure rose to almost 10 million children at all levels, including 4 million girls, Abdi said, and in the last decade the number of schools tripled from 6,000 to 18,000.

"Education gains of the past two decades must be strengthened and not rolled back," he said.

to 804,652 cases, the health ministry said on Wednesday. There are 12,598 active Covid cases across the country. During the last 24 hours, 845 people recovered from the disease. Mou with Bhutan to Speed up talks: China **Beijing:** China has said that its MoU with Bhutan firming up a three-step roadmap for expediting the boundary negotiations will make a "meaningful contribution" to

speed up the border talks

ties with Thimphu. The two

Understanding (MoU) for

Expediting the China-Bhutan

and Thimphu via video link.

Boundary Negotiation in Beijing

a Memorandum of

and establishment of diplomatic

countries on October 14 signed

ERDOGAN BIDS FAREWELL TO MERKEL AFTER 16 YRS



chancellor on Saturday saw two of Europe's longest serving leaders pay tribute to one another as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hosted her for farewell talks overlooking the Bosporus. Erdogan had been in office for more than two years when Merkel came to power in 2005. Since then, they have built a relationship based on pragmatism that has weathered

UNDER CALIFORNIA HOME San Francisco (US): Al Wolf is used to clearing one or two snakes from under houses but recently was called by a woman who said she had seen rattlesnakes scurry under her Northern California house and

4 TOURISTS FOUND DEAD AT ALBANIA BEACH RESORT Tirana (Albania): Police say four Russian tourists were found dead at a beach resort in western Albania. Albanian police issued a statement Saturday saying the four were found

90 rattlesnakes getting ready to

11 KIDS DROWNED IN INDONESIAN RIVER Jakarta: Eleven students drowned and 10 others were

the village of Qerret.

ASEAN downgrades Myanmar presence at summit

Myanmar junta MAJOR REBUKE chief excluded

AP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Southeast Asian Foreign Ministers have agreed to downgrade Myanmar's participation in an upcoming summit in their sharpest rebuke yet of its leaders following a February 1 military takeover.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations will invite a non-political representative instead of Myanmar's military leader, Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, the grouping's chair Brunei said on Saturday.

The decision was made at an emergency meeting late Friday after Myanmar refused to cooperate with the bloc's crisis envoy, Erywan Yusof, Foreign Minister.

In a swift response, Myanmar's foreign ministry said it was "extremely disappointed and strongly objected" to the group's decision, which was made without a consensus.

"Linking the matter of Myanmar's representation at



the ASEAN summit with the visit of the special envoy would be counterproductive as it is merely putting pressure on Myanmar," the statement said.

It also claimed that the milment was in line with Myanmar's constitution.

The 10-member bloc has been under intense international pressure to do more to force member state Myanmar to free scores of political figures, including ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi, as

Suu Kyi, and others as he wanted. Myanmar contended Erywan could not meet with people facing legal proceedings such as Suu Kyi and deposed President Win Myint, Brunei said in a statement. Suu Kyi and other top civilian leaders were detained in the army takeover. She faces vari-

well as halt the violence that has

left more than 1,100 civilians

dead. ASEAN's envoy abruptly canceled a trip to Myanmar

this week after he was told he would not be able to meet with

ous charges that her support-ers and independent analysts say are an attempt to legitimize the military action. The statement from Brunei

said the ASEAN ministers were concerned about the impact of the Myanmar crisis on regional security and about the "unity, credibility and centrality of nization." The bloc's envoy must have access to all concerned parties, it said.

Members of the political opposition's National Unity Government, which views itself as a shadow government, have asked to attend the October 26-28 summit, it said.

rescued during a school outing for a river cleanup in Indonesia's West Java Province.

'God have mercy': **Tigray residents** describe life under siege

AP ■ NAIROBI

s food and the means to Abuy it dwindled in a city under siege, the young moth er felt she could do no more. She killed herself, unable to feed her children. In a Catholic church across

town, flour and oil to make communion wafers will soon run out. And the flagship hospital in Mekele, the capital of Ethiopia's Tigray region, wrestles with whether to give patients the expired medications that remain. Its soap and bleach are gone. A year of war and months

of government-enforced deprivation have left the city of a half-million people with rapidly shrinking stocks of food, fuel, medicine and cash. In rural areas, life is even grimmer as thousands of people survive on wild cactus fruit or sell the meager aid they receive. Manmade famine, the world's worst hunger crisis in a decade, has begun. Despite the severing of

almost all communication with the outside world, The Associated Press drew on a dozen interviews with people inside Mekele, along with internal aid documents, for the most detailed picture yet of life under the Ethiopian government's blockade of the Tigray region's 6 million people.

Russia's daily virus deaths top 1,000 for first time

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"Senior

Coordinator for Counter

Terrorism Policing, Deputy

Assistant Commissioner Dean

Haydon formally declared the

incident as terrorism. The early

investigation has revealed a

potential motivation linked to

Islamist extremism," the

ussia's daily death toll from Russias daily death to Land 1,000 for the first time as the country faces a sustained wave of rising infections.

The national coronavirus task force on Saturday reported 1,002 deaths in the previous day, up from 999 on Friday, along with 33,208 new confirmed Covid-19 cases, more than 1,000 higher than the day before.

Russian authorities have

vaccinations with lotteries, bonuses and other incentives, but widespread vaccine skepticism and conflicting signals from officials stymied the efforts. The Government said this week that about 43 million Russians, or about 29% of the country's nearly 146 million eople, are fully vaccinated.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Leader of the Labour Party Keir Starmer, second from left, carry flowers as they

Metropolitan Police said

was arrested at the scene on

suspicion of murder. He is

currently in custody at a police

station in Essex. As part of the

investigation, officers are cur-

rently carrying out searches at

"A 25-year-old British man

arrive at the scene where a member of Parliament was stabbed Friday, in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, England on Saturday

Despite the mounting toll, the Kremlin has ruled out a new nationwide lockdown like the one early on in the pandemic that badly hurt the economy, eroding President tried to speed up the pace of Vladimir Putin's popularity.



An Indonesian soldier walks past houses damaged by an earthquake-triggered landslide in Bangli, on the island of Bali Indonesia on Saturday. A few people were killed and another several were injured when a moderately strong earthquake and an aftershock hit the island early on Saturday

UN extends Haiti political mission after US-China dispute

United Nations: The UN Security Council voted unanimously Friday evening to extend the UN political mission in Haiti after a dispute between China which has no diplomatic relations with Latin America's poorest country and many other members who stressed the importance of the long-term presence of the United Nations in the crisis-wracked nation.

In a compromise just hours before the mission's mandate ends at midnight Friday, the United States and Mexico, who drafted the council resolution,

reached agreement with China to extend it for nine months less than the year Washington wanted and more than the six

months Beijing was seeking. That averted a threatened Chinese veto of the resolution and led to the 15-0 vote approving the measure, diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because negotiations were private.

Diplomats said the reason behind China's down-to-thewire action is Beijing's anger at Haiti for maintaining diplomatic relations with Taiwan. AP

NASA's asteroid hunter Lucy soars into sky with diamonds

AP CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

NASA spacecraft named Lucy rocketed into the sky with diamonds Saturday morning on a 12-year quest to explore eight asteroids. Seven of the mysterious

space rocks are among swarms of asteroids sharing Jupiter's orbit, thought to be the pristine leftovers of planetary forma-

An Atlas V rocket blasted off before dawn, sending Lucy on a roundabout journey spanning nearly 4 billion miles (6.3 billion kilometers). Researchers grew emotional describing the successful launch — lead sci-



entist Hal Levison said it was like witnessing the birth of a child. "Go Lucy!" he urged.

Lucy is named after the 3.2

million-year-old skeletal remains of a human ancestor found in Ethiopia nearly a

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My client Smt. Manjeet Kaur W/o Late S Surject Singh R/o G-18A, Backside, Vija Surject Singin (N. 01-16A), Backstude, Vijay, Nagar, Delhi and her family has severed their relations from her Son S. Kulwant Singh and his wife Smt. Manpreet Kaur, from today and disowned /disinherited them from her all movable and immovable properties, as relations, attitude and behavior of Smt. Manprect Katur with my client is not good and torturous and if any person deals with them shall be doing so at his/her own risk and responsibilities and my client shall not be responsible for the same.

Sarika Jain (Advocate) Ch. No. 307, Lawyers Chamber, Rohini Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

Busara Parveen W/o Umarshad Khan R/o Flat No 78B Block U-3, Dhawalgiri Apartment, Sec-11, Noida, Distt G.B. Nagar, (U.P). In Future will be Known as Busara Parveen. For all purpose.

-Busara Parveen

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

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	Manorama Devi/ Rakesh Kumar/ (27300000358 & QZDWA00005021560)	Dda Janta Flat No- 198, 3rd Floor Pocket- 7, Phase-1 Nasir Pur, Dwarka Delhi/ October 12, 2021	June 03, 2021 Rs. 12,65,589/-	Delhi/ NCR	
ne above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else					

the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Cars with lower running costs likely to gain higher traction among buyers: Report

going up by 35 per cent over the past 15 months thereby impacting overall vehicle running costs, cars that have higher fuel efficiency and lower maintenance costs are expected to gain higher traction among buyers in India, specially in the sub-Rs 10 lakh category, according to a report. Considering the fact that

70 per cent of the passenger vehicles market in India is still accounted for by vehicles costing less than Rs 10 lakh, the development augurs well for market leader Maruti Suzuki India Ltd (MSIL), said the report by HSBC Global Research.



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'Over the past 15 months, running costs...Our channel interactions suggest that cusrise in fuel prices," it said.

Citing the example of Maruti Suzuki's Swift petrol, the report said for a compact passenger vehicle fuel now accounts for around 40 per cent of the vehicle's life-time cost compared with 30 per cent in mid-2020.

"In the current environment, we believe cars that have higher fuel efficiency and lower maintenance costs should gain relatively higher traction among buyers, especially in the less than Rs 10 lakh category, which is still 70 per cent of the market in India," it said.

Stating that MSIL continues to score well in that regard,

"In our analysis, both in absolute terms and relative to competition, MSIL remains the market leader in fuel efficiency and total cost of ownership (COO)."

MSIL's competitive positioning should remain compelling given the fact that it has around 65 per cent market share in the less-than-Rs 10 lakh price category, it added.

The report also pointed out that MSIL's fuel efficiency has improved by 15-30 per cent in the past 10 years, citing the examples of fuel efficiency of Swift/Swift Dzire, which was 18 km per litre (kmpl) nearly 10 years back to 23.3 kmpl. PTI

IMF hails India's 'swift and substantial' response to Covid crisis

Indian government's response to the Covid-19 situation as "swift and substantial", the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said the country continued with labour reforms and privatisation despite the pandemic.

The IMF in its report based on "consultations" among members, however, sounded a note of caution saying that the economic outlook remains "clouded" due to pandemicrelated uncertainties, contributing to both downside and upside risks.

 $\bar{\text{In}}$ its "Article IV" consultations report, it further said that a persistent negative impact of COVID-19 on investment and other growth drivers could prolong the eco-

On the Indian government's handling of the pan-demic, the multilateral agency

tial...Has included fiscal support, including scaled-up support to vulnerable groups, monetary policy easing, liq-uidity provision, and accommodative financial sector and

regulatory policies". "Despite the pandemic, the authorities have continued to introduce structural reforms, including labour reforms and a privatisation plan," the report said. The IMF has projected India's economic growth at 9.5 per cent in FY2021-22 and 8.5 per cent in 2022-23. Headline inflation is projected at 5.6 per cent in 2021-22, amid elevated price pressures.

The economic outlook remains clouded due to pandemic-related uncertainties contributing to both downside and upside risks. A persistent negative impact of COVID-19 on investment, human capital, and other growth drivers could

impact medium-term growth," the IMF said.

It further said that while India benefits from favourable demographics, disruption to access to education and training due to the pandemic could weigh on improvements in human capital.

At the same time, the recovery could also be faster than expected, it said adding that faster vaccination and better therapeutics could help contain the spread and limit the impact of the pandemic.

In addition, successful implementation of the announced wide-ranging structural reforms could increase India's growth potential, the IMF noted.

Under Article IV of the IMF's Articles of Agreement, the IMF holds bilateral discussions with members, usually

Tatas plan to pilot synergy between airlines, post SPA

New Delhi: Conglomerate Tata Group plans to pilot synergy between all its airlines to compete in various market segments.

Post the SPA transaction, Tatas will have two full-service carriers — Vistara and Air India — along with two lowcost airlines — Air India Express and AirAsia India -and a ground and cargo handling company, AISATS.

Accordingly, plans are afoot to run all these brands as independent entities under one vertical for sometime after the SPA. Nonetheless, the group intends to drive-in major synergies between the airlines in terms of fleet management route deployment, flight timings and airport slot planning.

In terms of USPs, Vistara is expected to retain the premium services tag, while Air India will predominantly focus on key international and metro routes. The domestic feeder traffic is expected to be driven by AirAsia İndia which may get few aircraft from Air India's fleet. Furthermore, mergers will depend on profitability, performance and market situation apart from each airline's unique culture and suitability

UP's Purvanchal emerging as hub of vegetable export

region of Uttar Pradesh is emerging as the export hub for

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, huge consignments of fresh green vegetables were flown from Purvanchal to the Gulf countries, for the second time in less than two years, benefitting farmers substantially in terms of income.

According to a state government spokesperson, an Air India Express' aircraft carrying two metric tonnes of vegetables from Prayagraj, Bhadohi and Varanasi took off from Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport to reach Dubai and Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Regional in-charge of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), C.B. Singh, said: The vegetables being exported include okra, sweet gourd, pointed gourd, ivy gourd and

elephant foot yam (jimikand). "Last year, three metric tonnes of langda mangoes were flown to London from Varanasi in April and over one metric

Lucknow: The Purvanchal tonnes in June. We also exported nearly three metric tonnes of green chili to Dubai in May and black salt rice to the UK,

Qatar and the UAE.' Furthermore, exporters also purchased 80 metric tonnes of black salt rice from farmers of Chandauli district, popularly known as the 'rice bowl' of Úttar Pradesh, with the help of APEDA in June 2020.

Around Rs 68 lakhs raised from the export of the rice was directly transferred to the bank accounts of 152 farmers.

Besides, 532 metric tonnes of regional rice, including 12 metric tonnes of the famous black salt rice of Chandauli was exported to Qatar in December

Oman's Global Logistics Group also visited Varanasi in order to boost exports.

Farmers are now exporting food items directly without the involvement of middlemen which is bringing them more financial benefits while ensuring transparency in the system. They are exporting their farm produce through the Farmer Producer Organization

HDFC Bank's Q2FY22 YoY net profit up 17.6%

Mumbai: Lender HDFC Bank on Saturday reported a year-on-year rise of 17.6 per cent in its net profit for Q2FY22.
The bank's net profit

increased to Rs 8,834.3 crore during the period under review over the quarter ended September 30, 2020.

Besides, the bank's net interest income (income earned less interest expended) rose 12.1 per cent from Rs 15,776.4 crore to Rs 17,684.4 crore for the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal.

The lender's revenues (net interest income plus other income) increased 14.7 per cent, from Rs 21,868.8 crore to Rs 25,085.2 crore for the quarter ended September 30, 2020.

"Advances grew at 15.5 per cent reaching new heights driven through relationship management, digital offering and breadth of products. Core net interest margin was at 4.1 per cent. New liability relationships added during the quarter were at an all time high," HDFC Bank said in a statement.

Public Notice
This is to inform general public that Mrs. Mithlesh Devi is owners of Property bearing No. C-5/4A. One Shop on Ground Floor (without roof rights) area measuring 110 sq. yds. (on road side) and another one Shop on Ground Floor (without roof rights) area measuring 41.66 sq. yds. (eperate entry from Gali No. 1) and First Floor (without roof rights) area measuring 200 sq. yds. out of Khasra No. 391/1 situated at Village Ghonda, Gujran Khadar, Block-C, Bhajan Pura, Illaga Shahdara, Delhi vide Relinquishment Deed dated 20/03/201Document no. 471, executed by Mr. Karan Chaudhary and Mrs. Shalu Bansal and Now, Mrs. Mithlesh Devi is mortgaging the above said property/floor with Fullerton India Credit Company Limited& in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to

roller on India Credit Company Limiteds in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Verltas, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-ITL Tower, (8-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (M).

India's forex reserves rise by over \$2 bn

Mumbai: India's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$2.039 billion during the week ended October 8.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) forex reserves rose to \$639.516 billion from \$637.477 billion reported for the week ended October 1.

India's forex reserves comprise foreign currency assets (FCAs), gold reserves, SDRs, and the country's reserve position with the IMF.

On a weekly basis, FCAs, the largest component of the forex reserves, edged higher by \$1.550 billion to \$577.001 billion. Similarly, the value of the country's gold reserves rose by \$464 million to \$38.022 billion.

However, SDR value fell by \$28 million to \$19.268 billion. The country's reserve position with the IMF also fell by \$3 million to \$5.225 billion.

Cement demand recovery continues post second wave: Report

New Delhi: Cement prices are expected to rise during H2FY22, as cost inflation firms up unabatedly, said a report by HDFC Securities.

Cement demand has picked up from June 2021 onwards, as the Covid impact started to recede.

According to the report, cement demand is recovering well and has supported limited price correction during the monsoon period. "We expect cement prices

to rise during H2FY22, as cost inflation is firming up unabated and has impacted the whole industry. Good demand and increased consolidation should support the industry's cost pass through ability," the report fuel and diesel prices will further inflate the operating costs of the producers.

"While pet coke prices have surged another 20 per cent QoQ (double YoY), imported thermal coal prices have also spiked up by 33 per cent QoQ. Rising crude prices have pushed up diesel prices by 7 per cent QoQ. Thus, we have built in Rs 80-100 per MT input cost inflation and RS 20-40 per MT freight cost increase QoQ for our coverage universe," it The brokerage house

expects aggregate revenue from its coverage universe to rise 14 per cent YoY on higher volumes in 2QFY22E.

Keen to offer solutions to UAE: K'taka Minister

Bengaluru: Karnataka being a hub of startups in India is keen to offer ground-breaking solutions to private companies and Government organisations of UAE in various sec-IANS | tors ranging from logistics to

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Sharma and Mr. Sandeep Mittal are owners of Firs

Sharma and Mr. Sandeep Mittal are owners of Hrs. Floor (Back side Portion) of Property bearing Nr. R2-94 built on Plot No. 94 area measuring 100 st. yds. out of Khasra No. 333, situated at Villag Nasirpur, Delhi State Delhi, West Sagarpur, Nev Delhi vide Sale Deed dated17.11 2020/Documen. or. 7651, executed by Mrs. Trishla Sharma throug

no. 7651, executed by Mrs. Trishia Sharma through her GPA Mr. Naresh Kumar Gupta, Mr. Ashra Arora, Mr. Naresh Sharma and Mr. Sandeep Mitta and Now, Mr. Naresh Kumar Gupta through GPA Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Mr. Ashwari Arora, Mr. Naresh Sharma and Mr. Sandeep Mittal are intending to sell the above said property/floor with Fullerton India Home Kumar and Mrs. Punam who are mortgaging the above said property/floor with Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Muneesh Dhawani Mr. Sudhir Jani (Advocates), Law Verlias, Unit no 907.

infrastructure, oil-and-gas to environment and waste management to healthcare C.N. Ashwath Narayan, the Minister for IT/Bt and Science Technology said in Dubai on Saturday. Addressing

Inauguration Ceremony of 3 days event 'World Dubai Expo 2020', he said that some of the sectors in the UAE that are witnessing the massive presence of based start-ups and tech

"Karnakata government which is playing the role of a facilitator has been undertaking all tech-focused initiatives in line with achieving the vision set by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India reach the 5 trillion dollar economy by 2025. Shared economic visions and geopolitical outlooks have spurred the two sides (Karnataka and UAE) to

seek to expand cooperation across multiple domains including in investment, technology, and the knowledge economy", Minister Narayan explained.

Karnataka is one of the prosperous states in India with an estimated GSDP of \$220 billion and has been a leader in sectors of Information Technology, I-T enabled services, Electronics, Machine Biotechnology, he pointed out.

Further, the Minister added, "Karnataka has a robust Startup which includes MNCs/GCCs, incubators, and accelerators. Besides the State is home to premier higher education institutions such as Indian Institute of Science (IISc), the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), and several others.

SCO meet: India calls for special working group on start-ups

New Delhi: India has proposed creation of a new Special Working Group on Start-ups and Innovation at the SCO.

The proposal was made by Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel, in her intervention, at the 20th meeting of the SCO Ministers.

Stressing on the need for effective cooperation between the member states for a balanced and equitable growth in trade and commerce, Patel proposed the creation of a new Special Working Group on Start-ups and Innovation and for setting up a new Expert Working Group on Cooperation in Traditional Medicine.

"She also stated that cooperation in the field of start-ups and innovation can be a focal point in reviving our economies from the consequences of the pandemic," the Ministry of Commerce &

Industry said in a statement.
She highlighted that there is "a significant gap in digital technologies between developed ang developing countries which needs to be narrowed down by building digi-

tal capacities". On the environment issues, the minister welcomed the need for environment protec-

effects of climate change. She also stressed that the climate agenda should not introduce measures which becomes unnecessary barriers

In her concluding remarks, Patel emphasised that SCO members must prepare, act and stand in solidarity with each other and pursue an agenda that is equitable and inclusive and development oriented.

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Mukesh Tiwari/ Punit Tiwari/ LBDEL00001900929	11C, 2nd Floor Block- WP, Category- LIG, Pitam Pura Delhi Delhi Delhi/ October 12, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 11,37,670/-	Delhi. NCR
Richa Jha/ Prabhu Chandra Mishra/ LBGUR00002928099	Flat No-69, Block No-B, Floor-2 Plot/ Appartment No-35, Kallol Apartment, IP Extn Patparganj, Delhi/ October 12, 2021	May 29, 2021 Rs. 75,83,211/-	Delhi. NCR
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To be intimated later

Project Manager

Uttarakhand Peyjal Sansadhan Vikas Evam Nirman Nigam, Haldwani

Date of Financial Bid Opening

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1	Construction of Proposed Laboratory for Govt. Inter College at Devipura Ramnagar Nainital	61.52 Lakh	12 Month		
2	Construction of Proposed Laboratory for Govt. Inter College at Karanpur Ramnagar Nainital	61.52 Lakh	12 Month		
3	Construction of Proposed Laboratory for Govt. Inter College at Kotabagh Ramnagar Nainital	61.33 Lakh	12 Month		
4	Construction of Proposed Laboratory for Govt. Inter College at Lamachaur Haldwani Nainital	60.93 Lakh	12 Month		
5	Construction of Proposed Laboratory for Govt. Inter College at Patkot Ramnagar Nainital	61.53 Lakh	12 Month		
6	Construction of Proposed Storage Hall for Rajkiya Ayurvedic Hospital at Halduchaur Haldwani Nainital	43.67 Lakh	12 Month		
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1	Date of Online Publication on E- Portal	18.10.2021	, 17:00 hrs		
2	Document Download from E- Portal : Start Date	18.10.2021	, 17:00 hrs		
3	Pre Bid Meeting	23.10.2021	, 11:00 hrs		
4	Online Bid Submission : Start Date	28.10.2021	, 10:00 hrs		
5	Online Bid Submission : End Date	08.11.2021,	17:00 hrs		
6	Offline submission of original copy of document : End Date	09.11.2021,	17:00 hrs		
7	Date of Technical Bid Opening	11.11.2021,	12:00 hrs		

Details of subsequent addendum/ corrigendum /cancellation etc. may be

obtained from the website :- Further details can be seen from the e-procurement

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male Age: Approx 25-30 years, Complexion: Shallow, Height: 5'5", Face: Long. Built: Normal, was wearing Blue Shirt and Blue Pant, was found dead due to accident at Lahori Gate Chowk,

Delhi. In this regard a FIR No. 572/21 U/s 279/304A IPC, dated 14.10.2021 has been registered at P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi.

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

DP/1603/N/2021

P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23953776, 23958234

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 40 years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: White Linedar Shirt, and Grey Colour Lower, who was found at Nityanand Marg Bus stop near Metro Gate No.3, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this



regard a case FIR No/DD No. 24-A U/s 174 CrPC dated 08.10.2021 has been registered at P. S. Kashmeri Any person having any information or clue about the

above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned

on the following address or telephone nos. Sd/- SHO P. S: Kashmere Gate, Delhi DP/1600/N/2021 Tel. No 011-23967889

Turkish lira hits record low after central bank

policymakers sacked Ankara: The Turkish lira has

hit a new record low against the US dollar after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan dismissed three central bank members. The lira dropped nearly 1.2

per cent to 9.18 against \$1 on Thursday after the currency had already weakened as much as 19 per cent this year, reports Xinhua news agency. Erdogan removed two

deputy governors, Semih Tumen and Ugur Namik Kucuk, along with the member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Abdullah Yavas, according to a decision published in the official gazette on early Thursday.

He appointed two new members, Taha Cakmak as a deputy governor, and Yusuf Tuna as an Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) member. Erdogan has fired three

last two and a half years over policy disagreements. Last month, the central bank cut its policy rate to 18

per cent from 19 per cent. Local media reported that deputy governor Kucuk had opposed the decision to cut the main interest rate.

raised demands of GST along

Court order to affect working capital of companies filing GST appeals

New Delhi: In what may affect the working capital of taxpayers looking at filing appeals against GST claims, it had now been held that anyone seeking remedy against indirect tax decision would have to make pre-deposit amount in cash and not by debiting electronic credit ledger.

Recently, the Division

Bench of the Orissa High Court held that pre-deposit at the time of filing an appeal under section 107(6) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (CGST Act) cannot be made by debiting the Electronic Credit Ledger (ECRL). The payment of predeposit should be made by debiting the Electronic Cash Ledger (ECL) in accordance with section 49(3) of the CGST Act read with Rule 85(4) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Rules, 2017 (CGST Rules).

What this order in effect does is that it puts the burden on taxpayers to pay the precentral bank governors in the deposit (ie 10 per cent of disputed tax) amount in cash by transferring money from electronic cash ledger (ECL) for any tax dispute raised by them. This would mean more cash outflows leaving little for work-

ing capital needs.

In case that went to the Orissa High Court, the revenue

with interest on the petitioners, who were engaged in execution of works contract. The petitioner filed an appeal and made payment towards predeposit (i.e. 10 per cent of disputed tax) for filing an appeal, by utilising the balance in the ECRL. The revenue dismissed the appeal and considered it to be defective, emphasising that the liability of pre- deposit can be discharged only by debiting

The petitioner's contention was that any payment towards output tax can be made through ECRL. Since predeposit can be construed as a percentage of output tax, it can be paid by debiting ECRL. Revenue department con-

tended that the CGST Act specifically provides that ECRL can be utilised towards payment of output tax. However, pre-deposit required to be made cannot be equated with output tax payable. Input tax credit can be utilised only to discharge 'self-assessed output tax as per the return'.

The High Court's accepted this contention and observed that the pre-deposit cannot be equated with 'output tax' and that the restriction under proviso to section 41(2) of the CGST Act, limits the usage of the credit ledger for making pre-deposit.

DRAVID ALL SET TO TAKE OVER AS INDIA COACH

ndia's batting stalwart and former captain Rahul ▲ Dravid is all set to take over as the national cricket team's head coach following the T20 World Cup in the UAE, having agreed to the BCCI's offer after initial reluctance.

The 48-year-old Dravid, one of the greatest ever to have played for India, has been in charge of the national 'A' and U-19 set-up for the past six years and a lot of players such as Rishabh Pant,

Avesh Khan, Prithvi Shaw, Vihari, and Hanuma Shubman Gill have come through the system prepared

He currently heads the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru and was in Dubai

to meet his former teammate and BCCI President Sourav Ganguly and Board secretary Jay Shah for an elaborate dis-

"Yes, Rahul has agreed to coach the Indian team till 2023 World Cup. Initially, he was reluctant but it is understood that president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah had a meeting with Rahul on the sidelines of the IPL final where they were able to convince him," a BCCI official told PTI on conditions

of anonymity.
"It won't be an interim

role," he added. In Dubai when he was asked about the development ahead of the T20 World Cup, India captain Virat Kohli said he has "no idea exactly what's

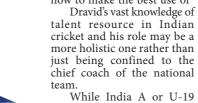
"No idea exactly what's happening on that front. No detailed discussion with anyone yet," Kohli said on Saturday when asked about Dravid's appointment.

Dravid's trusted lieutenant Paras Mhambrey is expected to be the bowling coach while Vikram Rathour is likely to continue as batting coach.

However, it is understood that the BCCI will nonetheless give an advertisement for the position to ensure that due process is followed.

The Board has to form a Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC), which would be mandated to complete the process as prescribed by the Lodha reforms.

The Board mandarins are mulling on



teams would have their respective coaches, the BCCI could well make Dravid,

the head of all coaches, to whom all the cricketing departments, along with the NCA staff, report. When Ganguly

took charge of BČCÍ, he had spoken to the media about the synergy he wanted between the national team, age-group team as well as NCA which is the centre of

Ravi Shastri achieve a lot of success, the BCCI was always keen on appointing an Indian coach but there were only a few of stature. Shastri's tenure ends with the T20 World Cup.

One former Indian captain and stalwart had refused to become the coach in the current team set-up as Virat Kohli still remains the Test and ODI captain.

It is learnt that bigger names were wary of coaching a team where Kohli had mostly called the shots till the Australia tour earlier this year.

The dynamics have changed ever since as the team out-maneuvered a stronger Australia in the absence of Kohli, who was on paternity leave at that time.

Shastri was in charge of the side at a fee of Rs 8.5 crore

BCCI is offering Dravid a significant hike, which will be more than his NCA remuneration as well as Shastri's cur-

rent pay cheque. Also Dravid, who had in earlier years said no because of his young family, is expect-

ed to contribute in a broader

Dravid's elder son Samit has made a name for himself as a batter in the Karnataka's

manner.

age-group circle.
The basic idea behind having the Dravid-Mhambrey combination in the Indian team set-up is to ensure that in another two years, when the transition in the current team happens, the changing of nucleus is smooth.

"Rohit will be 35 next year, Virat is days away from his 33rd birthday. Apart from

Ishant Sharma, Cheteshwar Pujara, and Ajinkya Rahane are all fantastic players but at some point during next two years, they will be phased

"The players who are set to come in are mostly from the U-19 set-up.

So it's imperative that Dravid is appointed," the source said. Also the fact that BCCI always wanted someone

of real stature. There culd have been none better than India's second highest run-getter in Test cricket (13,288 runs), who also has nearly 11,000 (10,889) runs in ODI cricket.It is expected that BCCI will complete the formalities of his appointment before the start of the New Zealand series in India from November 17.

T20 RANKING

3 New Zealand

5 South Africa

7 Afghanistan

9 West Indies

10 Bangladesh

17 Netherlands

13 Ireland

16 PNG

18 Oman

19 Namibia

14 Scotland

1 England

4 Pakistan

6 Australia

8 Sri Lanka

2 India

CAPTAIN SPEAK

No idea: Kohli on **Dravid's appointment** as head coach PTI DUBAI

Indian captain Virat Kohli on Saturday said he has "no idea exactly what's happening" when asked about the legendary Rahul Dravid being in line to be the team's head coach after the T20 World Cup. Batting great and former captain Dravid is all set to take over as the national cricket team's head coach following the T20 World Cup, having agreed to the BCCI's offer after initial reluctance to succeed incum-

bent Ravi Shastri. "No idea exactly what's happening on that front. No detailed discussion with anyone yet," Kohli said when asked about Dravid's appointment. The India skipper was speaking during a captains' media session ahead of the T20 World Cup that begins in the UAE and Oman with the first round

matches on Sunday. The 48-year-old Dravid, one of the greatest ever to have played for India, has been in charge of the national 'A' and U-19 set-up for the past six years and a lot of players such as

Avesh Khan, Prithvi Shaw, Hanuma Vihari, and Shubman Gill have come through the system prepared by him.

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His presence will

increase our

confidence: Kohli on team mentor Dhoni Dubai: His mere presence

aside, Indian team mentor Mahendra Singh Dhoni's "eye for intricate details" and "practical advice" will help in enhancing the confidence of the squad in the T20 World Cup here, captain Virat Kohli said on Saturday.

Iconic former captain Dhoni was last month brought in as mentor of India's 15member T20 World Cup squad by the BCCI, a move that took

everyone by surprise. During a pre-tournament media interaction organised by the ICC, Kohli, who is still chasing a world title as skipper of the Indian team, expressed his delight at Dhoni's appointment. "He has got massive experience. He is quite excited himself to be back in that environment. He has always been a mentor for all of us when we were starting our careers through till the time he was with the team," Kohli said



Barring hype over ticket sales. India vs Pak is just another game for us: Kohli

PTI DUBAI

ndia captain Virat Kohli Lon Saturday played down the "hype" surrounding the high-profile upcoming T20 World Cup game against Pakistan, saying it's "just another match for us" despite the ridiculously high

demand for tickets. India have never lost to their arch-rivals in either ODI or T20 World Cup games and Pakistan skipper Babar Azam has said that they are confident of beating their neighbours on October 24. Kohli however, when asked about the match, didn't take the bait to make tall claims. "I honestly never felt so," Kohli said when asked if it feels different whenever India meets its neighbouring

"I have just approached this game as another game of cricket and I know there is a lot of hype around this game, more so with ticket sales and demands of tickets," the Indian captain, who has had some great perfor-mances against Pakistan added.

On a lighter note, Kohli said that he has refused a lot of friends who have asked for tickets.

Indian team needs to show maturity to win T20 WC: Ganguly

PTI DUBAI

 $B^{\text{CCI President and former}}_{\text{captain Sourav Ganguly on}}$ Saturday said the Indian cricket team under Virat Kohli has all the talent to be considered a legitimate contender for the T20 World Cup and it only needs to show a bit of maturity to claim the trophy.

India will open their T20 World Cup campaign against arch-rivals Pakistan on

October 24. "So, you don't become champions easily and you just don't become champions just by stepping into a tournament, so they have to get through the process, they have to show maturity," Ganguly said when asked what India needs to do

to win the title. ...They all have the talent, they all have the skill to score runs and take wickets at this level. They just have to be mentally in good space to win the World Cup," the flamboy-ant former left-handed batter quipped.

Ganguly said the side should focus on winning every game instead of targetting the title straight up.

"...(the) title is only won when the finals are finished. So, you have a lot of cricket to be played before that and I think India should focus (on) every game, India should focus on winning every game and just



taking it from there and not think about the title at the start," he said.

"They (India) will always be contenders in whatever competition they play in and the challenge for them is to be at peace with themselves, focus on the process rather than the results because the most toughest thing and the most wrong thing to do is when you take guard and you think I am here to win the World Cup.

...What is important is to play the next ball which is coming out of the hand and keep doing that till you get to the finals," he added.

The former skipper was speaking after Games24x7, a multi-game platform launched a new campaign -- titled 'Game Ke Deewane' -- for the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup, on its fantasy sports platform, 'My11Circle'.

ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021

Group A • Sri Lanka • Ireland • Netherlands • Namibia

Group B = Bangladesh = Scotland = Papua New Guinea (PNG) = Oman

	Oct 17	Oman vs PNG	Bangladesh vs Scotland		
ľ	Oct 18	Ireland vs Netherlands	Sri Lanka vs Namibia		
Ī	Oct 19	Scotland vs PNG	Oman vs Bangladesh		
	Oct 20	Namibia vs Netherlands	Sri Lanka vs Ireland		
ĺ	Oct 21	Bangladesh vs PNG	Oman vs Scotland		
ĺ	Oct 22	Namibia vs Ireland	Sri Lanka vs Netherlands		

Super 12

Group 1 = England = Australia = South Africa = West Indies

■ Winner of Group A (A1) ■ Runner-up of Group B (B2)

Group 2 • India • Pakistan • New Zealand • Afghanistan

■ Runner-up of Group A (A2) ■ Winner of Group B (B1)

Oct 23 Australia vs South Africa England vs West Indies A1 vs B2 Oct 24 India vs Pakistan Oct 25 Afghanistan vs B1 Oct 26 South Africa vs West Indies Pakistan vs New Zealand England vs B2 Oct 28 Australia vs A1 Oct 29 Afghanistan vs Pakistan West Indies vs B2 Oct 30 South Africa vs A1 England vs Australia India vs New Zealand Afghanistan vs A2 Nov 1 England vs A1 Nov 2 South Africa vs B2 Pakistan vs A2

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India vs A2

First Semifinal Nov 10

Mahendra Singh Dhoni in his inimitable style kept

questions on his IPL retirement

open-ended but did admit that

a lot of things will depend on

the kind of retention policy that

BCCI puts in place for the big

Super Kings will be playing. When asked if he was

roud to have left a legacy

behind in the 12 seasons for

CSK, Dhoni assured his million

fans with a wide grin, "Still I

decided how he would fit into

the retention scheme of things.

depends on BCCI. With two

new teams coming in.....We

have to decide what is good for

CSK," the skipper said after his

team won the fourth IPL title

But he said that he hasn't

"Again I've said it before, it

haven't left behind.

Dhoni, who is set to join the Indian team as 'Mentor' for the T20 World Cup, spoke about how he would like to create a roadmap for the next 10 years of IPĹ that Chennai

auction next year.

Venues

Winner of Group 1 vs Runner-up of Group 2

Second Semifinal Nov 11 Winner of Group 2 vs Runner-up of Group 1

Proud to leave legacy behind? Still,

I haven't left behind, says Dhoni

Final

■ Dubai International Stadium, Dubai ■ Sharjah Stadium, Sharjah ■ Al Amerat Cricket Stadium, Muscat ■ Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi Timings (GT): 7:30 pm on single match day; 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm on days having two matches

The 14th edition of Indian Premier League started slowly in terms of run-scoring, but by the end it picked up sufficiently so that the overall numbers are pretty similar to what was achieved in the last year.

The six count went down from 734 to 687 — a decrease of 47 while there were 34 less fours this time. As many as 1548 fours were hit in 14th edition while 1582 were smashed last year. The 872 sixes by 93 batsmen in

120 innings of 60 matches in 2018 was the most sixes in a single edition of IPL. A total number of 78 batsmen hit 734 sixes in last edition □As many as 97 batsmen hit 687

sixes in this edition with Punjab Kings' Lokesh Rahul topped the list with 30 sixes in 13 innings. Royal Challengers Bangalore's Glenn Maxwell is on second spot

with 21 sixes in 12 innings. Chennai Super Kings' Faf du Plessis and Ruturaj Gaikwad shared the second spot with 23

□Chennai Super Kings batsmen hit the highest number of sixes in this IPL. Their 10 batsmen hit 115 sixes in 16 innings of as many In this edition, 111 batsman hit

1648 fours in 120 innings of 60 matches. 99 batsmen hit 1582 fours in 120 innings of 60 matches last year. The record of most fours in a single edition was set in 2013 when 125 batsmen hit 2051 fours in 76 matches.

□Chennai Super Kings' Ruturai Gaikwad topped the lost with 64 fours in 16 innings of as many matches, Delhi Capitals' Shikhar Dhawan is second with 63 fours in 16 innings of as many

taking the stats into consider-

IANS MUMBAI

 $F^{\rm ormer\ India\ all-rounder}_{\rm Ajit\ Agarkar\ believes\ that}$ stakes are always high when India and Pakistan play together in a World Cup. He also said that Pakistan may not pose much of a challenge, taking into consideration the form of the Indian team and statistics.

"The stakes are always high when India and Pakistan play together but going by Team India's current form and

ation, I don't think Pakistan will pose that much of a challenge. Having said that, I don't think we should take our neighbours lightly because cricket is a funny game, and things can change at any moment, especially in the T20 format," Agarkar told on 'Class of 2007' show on Star Sports.

Talking about the 2007 World Cup, which India won after defeating Pakistan by five runs in the final, Agarkar said, "The entire tournament (2007 T20 World Cup) was a dream tour for us. We never thought a bunch of youngsters could achieve such a feat, that too against Pakistan. I think the India-Pakistan rivalry always brings a tidal wave of emotions and is one the most anticipated clashes in the World Cup."

Meanwhile, former pacer Irfan Pathan recalled why the bowl-out match, which India won in the group stage against Pakistan in Durban, is his most memorable match from the tournament.

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Chennai Super Kings

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Rajasthan Royals

Runner-up Kolkata Knight Riders Delhi Capitals Chennai Super Kings Sunrisers Hyderabad Rising Pune Supergiants

Royal Challengers Bangalore Chennai Super Kings Kings XI Punjab Chennai Super Kings

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Chennai Super Kings

Chennai Super Kings

by beating Kolkata Knight Riders in the final. "It's not about me being there in top-three or four. It's about making a strong core to

ensure the franchise doesn't suffer. The core group, we have to have a hard look to see who can contribute for the next 10 years," he added. Dhoni was happy that a lot

of individual match-winners have got CSK to their fourth

"We had match winners coming game after game and doing really well. Every final is special, if you look at stats, we may say we're the most consistent team to lose the final too. I feel it's important to come back strong, especially in the knockouts," he said.

Dhoni also made it clear that he is not very much into team meetings as the average attention span during these meetings are 20 minutes. "Frankly no chats, we

don't talk a lot (meetings). It's more one-on-one, our practice sessions are meeting sessions. The moment you get into a team room, it brings about different pressure. Our practice sessions have been good."

The 'Thala' had a message

for the CSK fans. "I would love to thank the fans, wherever we've played, even when we were in

had a good number of CSK fans. That is what you crave for. Thanks to all of them, it feels like we're playing in Chennai. Hopefully we'll be back in Chennai for the fans." He also at the start praised KKR for a fine show

South Africa, we've always

as they came back from two points in seven games to reach the final which is an achievement in itself. "Before I start talking

about CSK, need to talk about KKR. Difficult to come back and do what they have, if any team deserved to win the IPL, it's KKR. Huge credit to the coaches, team and support staff. The break really

SIXES BY EACH TEAM IN INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE-14:						
Team	M	Sixes	Players	Most Sixes		
Chennai Super Kings	16	115	10	Faf du Plessis/Ruturaj Gaikwad (23 sixes each)		
Kolkata Knight Riders	17	98	12	Nitish Rana (17 sixes)		
Punjab Kings	14	93	13	Lokesh Rahul (30 sixes)		
Rajasthan Royals	14	90	16	Sanju Samson (17 sixes)		
Royal Challengers	15	79	10	Glenn Maxwell (21 sixes)		
Mumbai Indians	14	76	12	Kieron Pollard (16 sixes		
Sunrisers Hyderabad	14	70	15	Jonny Bairstow (15 sixes)		
Delhi Capitals	16	66	9	Prithvi Shaw (18 sixes)		
Total	60	687		Lokesh Rahul (30 sixes)		

FOURS BY EACH TEAM IN INDIAN PREMIER LEAGUE-14:

Team	M	Fours Players	Most Fours	
Delhi Capitals	16	233	16	Shikhar Dhawan (63 fours)
Chennai Super Kings	16	231	10	Ruturaj Gaikwad (64 fours)
Kolkata Knight Riders	17	220	12	Shubman Gill(50 fours)
Royal Challengers	15	190	12	Glenn Maxwell (48 fours)
Rajasthan Royals	14	187	15	Sanju Samson (45 fours)
Mumbai Indians	14	181	13	Suriykumar Yadav (40 fours)
Punjab Kings	14	155	14	Lokesh Rahul (48 fours)
Sunrisers Hyderabad	14	151	19	Kane Williamson (29 fours)
Total	60	1548	111	Ruturaj Gaikwad (64 fours)
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Stakes always high when India, Pak play together: Agarkar



Weight loss is a journey that must be traversed with patience, over time. This festive season, when you are most likely to eat out, keeping a few things in mind while selecting the dishes should do the trick, writes author **KAVITA DEVGAN** in her new book *The Don't-Diet Plan*, An edited excerpt:

ating out is a part of life, be it for leisure or due to travel. However, the more frequently you eat out, the more calories you ingest, getting heavier in the bargain. You don't need me to tell you that, you know it already.

Besides, every time you eat out, you ruin your happiness guessing, wishing you knew everything you were wolfing down-fat, calories, sodium, etc. and wondering if you had made a wrong choice and sabotaged your heart's health yet again.

Faced with an extensive tempting menu, it's easy to get carried away and forget all about healthy eating, but making healthier choices need not be a nightmare. Let me show you

GET CUISINE WISE

Here is a brief 'eating out manual' to help you navigate these four very popular cuisines when you go out to enjoy them the next time.

Italian

Here the basics are trim and healthy but the offenders to look out for are surplus oil, cream and butter (which are poured freely into most dishes).

Are you wondering what to pick then? Learn to differentiate between Northern and Southern Italian cuisines. Southern Italy traditionally follows a Mediterranean diet, which is rich in grains, fruits and vegetables, contains very little meat and uses olive oil in place of butter. Northern Italian cuisine, on the other hand, is heavy on the beef, butter and cream. Start with plain Italian bread rather than buttered garlic bread. Be careful of fresh Italian bread soaked with deliciously flavoured olive oil too. Salads can be a good starter and filler but make sure that you ask for the dressing and vinegar on the side. An all-vegetable antipasto, insalata-green salad, Panzanella, a tomato and mozzarella salad and fish in cartoccio are some good options. Do you want to eat pasta? Then skip cheese-filled ones in favour of those with red clam sauce or meat sauce. Classic pasta with marinara sauce is a lean choice. And if you want to have a heavier entrée like lasagne, then have only half of it. At the end of the meal, skip the dessert, resist the cannoli or cream-filled pastry and have a decaf cappuccino, made with low fat milk or have fresh fruit.

Mexican

In Mexican cuisine, the common offenders to look out for are enchiladas (tortillas fried in oil) and tacos (deep-fried tortillas), chimichangas, chilli rellenos, tostadas and flautas-all of them are deep fried. Cheese and sour cream toppings add extra fat and calories, so

do the side-dishes like chips and nachos.

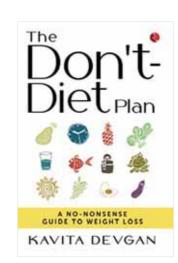
Are you wondering what to pick then? Take your cue from the names of the menu items. Foods that are prepared 'asada' are grilled, which is a non-fat cooking process.
'Fajitas' are made up of grilled meat or chicken. Use salsa on your main course instead of sour cream and cheese, as 'salsa' made with tomato, onion, chillies and herbs is virtually fat-free and bursting with vitamins A and C. Be extremely careful of the portion size. Choose the dessert carefully-a fruit plate of mangoes, guavas and papaya tastes as good and is far less calorie-dense than sopapillas (deep-fried sweet pastries) or fried ice cream.

Greek food is super healthy and comprises of grains, fruits and vegetables, olive oil and very little meat. Sauces are based on wine, stocks, tomato and yoghurt, rather than milk or cream. Lentils, beans and vegetables are commonly used in soups, appetizers and main courses. So far so good, but still, you can't be careful enough.

Are you wondering what to pick? The signature of a Greek salad, the 'Greek' olives and feta cheese, are very high in sodium, so go easy. You can even ask to have the feta rinsed before it is served to limit your sodium intake. Be wary of taramasalata, a delicious, though calorie-rich, cream-based dip. Instead, have pita bread spread with a yoghurt-based dip like tzatziki, made with yoghurt, garlic and cucumber. Breadsticks dipped in hummus (sesame paste and chickpeas) or baba ghanoush (eggplant and olive oil) are other good options. For soup, skip the better-known avgolemono soup, which has a lemon and egg base and go for torato, chilled eggplant, peppers and yoghurt soup as this has more fibre and less cholesterol. If you're watching your fat and cholesterol numbers, then pass up moussaka and pastitsio casseroles made from eggs and cheese, and opt for grilled or broiled meat, poultry or seafood.

Some more good options are fish in 'plaki' sauce (broiled with tomato sauce and garlic), souvlaki (lamb marinated in lemon juice, olive oil and herbs, and then skewered and grilled) and dolmas (grape leaves stuffed with ground meat, rice and pine nuts). These are all steamed or baked dishes. And if you will simply perish without baklava for dessert, remember that the usual single portion size can serve two or three people more than adequately. Therefore, order accordingly.

Chinese food has its share of offendershefty sodium content, high fat and big portion sizes, usually due to the Indianization of the



FACED WITH AN EXTENSIVE TEMPTING MENU, IT'S EASY TO **GET CARRIED AWAY** AND FORGET ALL **ABOUT HEALTHY** EATING, BUT MAKING HEALTHIER CHOICES NEED NOT BE A **NIGHTMARE**





Are you diabetic?

Look for high fibre, low-fat dishes. A few great choices are beans, peas and lentils, and dark green vegetables like broccoli, cabbage, spinach and kale. Choose whole grain foods like brown rice, whole wheat bread and pasta and opt for fruits. Everyone, including people with diabetes, should eat three servings of fruit a day.

Are you watching your heart? Skip foods high in saturated fat-foods that are fried or have a crispy coating, creambased soups and salad dressings, and creamy cheese sauces and gravies. Don't add extra salt anything.

Are you watching your waist? All the above rules apply. Also watch your portions, skip the desserts and go slow on carbs (breads). Load up on fibre (salad and grains) and protein (lean cuts).

Do you have a long day ahead?

Add nuts to your salad and an olive oilbased dressing; have a decent-sized helping of whole wheat bread or brown rice and substantial amounts of grilled chicken or fish.

Chinese recipes-the so-called 'Indian Chinese food' (because traditional Chinese cooking is rather light and healthy).

Are you wondering what to pick? Oyster, black bean and soy sauces are full of sodium and monosodium glutamate (MSG). Look out for these words on the menu card and don't hesitate to ask the chef about the ingredients before ordering anything. Deep fat frying is very common, especially in the appetizers, so go easy on fried wontons and egg or spring rolls. Instead, try steamed egg or spring rolls. Order steamed white rice or plain noodles instead of the fried versions (steamed Chinese brown rice is tasty and filling). Be wary of the word 'crispy' as this indicates that the dish is usually deep-fried, as is most of the meat in any dish labelled 'sweet and sour'. Instead, choose a roasted or grilled meat with the sweet and sour sauce on the side (always order sauce on the side and just drizzle some on top).

Eat the way the Chinese really do to stay healthy for the long haul-eat a lot of vegetables. Besides, nowhere else do vegetables taste as delicious as they do in Chinese dishes. Always start with a soup, especially a vegetable base one and round off with a cup of Chinese tea to help wash all the food down.

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF RAM

To relive the glory of bhanja Ram, Chhattisgarh Tourism launches a new religious tourism circuit, titled Ram Van Gaman Paripath, covering the spots touched by Lord Ram, Mata Sita and brother Lakshman during their exile in the state. NAVNEET MENDIRATTA shares the story of the grand launch of the trail

here is a quaint little village near Raipur in Chhattisgarh that is said to be the parental home of Mata Kaushalya, Raja Dashrath's wife and mother of Lord Ram. In the village is the only temple in the world that is dedicated to her. The region was said to be a part of Dakshin Kaushal or Kaushal raaj, where Mata Kaushalya

Taking pride in being his maternal home, people of the state see Ram as the nephew of the land (bhanja in Hindi). It is said that Ram spent 10 out of 14 years of his exile in the forests of

The people of the region, in fact, have unique tradition binds the mama and bhanja together in a deeper and reverent way. In honour of Lord Ram, even today, the people put the nephew on a pedestal and, irrespective of the age, the uncle (mama) pays obeisance to the nephew (bhanja) instead of the other way around.

And now for the very first time, the Chhattisgarh government has taken it upon itself to mark the trail and promote it as a tourism circuit. Called Ram Van Gaman Paripath (RGVP), this circuit will cover nine spots along the forested route taken by Lord Ram, before he entered Maharashtra.

Covering a length of 3,000 kms, the Chhattisgarh section of the path starts from Koria district in the north to Sukma in the southern-most part of the state. The nine sites that make a part of the first phase include: Sitamarhi-Harchowka, Ramgarh, Shivrinarayan, Turturiya, Chandkhuri, Rajim, Sihawa, Jagdalpur and Ramaram.

It is believed Lord Ram entered Chhattisgarh from Sitamarhi-Harchauka area in Koriya district. Located on the banks of Mawai River, the Seetamadhi-Harchauka's cave houses 17 chambers in it. A structure marked Sita ki rasoi is indicative of their stay here, believe the locals. People also believe that Ram worshipped the Shivling during his stay in

Moving onward with his journey, Ram left Ghaghra and arrived at Kotadol, crossing the Ramgarh hills in Sarguja district. Ramgarh is known for Sita Bengra and Jogimara caves. The locals believe Lord Ram spent a few days of his exile along with Mata Sita and brother Lakshman in these caves. The caves also find a mention in Kalidasa's famous piece of literary art Meghdootam. Ramgarh is also renowned for one of the oldest 'natyashala' (amphitheatre) where Meghdootam was composed.

The next location is where Lord Ram is said to have accepted the berries offered by Shabari. It is said that Sharbari (a tribal woman) had tasted the berries one by one to ensure that she fed only the sweetest ones to Ram. Called Shivrinarayan, the location is a now small town located at the Triveni Sangam (the intersection of 3



CHHATTISGARH TOURISM BOARD HELD A GRAND LAUNCH OF A **NEW CIRCUIT, TITLED** THE RAM VAN GAMAN PARIPATH, ON THE FIRST DAY OF NAVRATRAS. A 51-FEET HIGH STATUE OF RAM SET AGAINST THE **ANCIENT MATA** KAUSHALYA TEMPLE WAS ALSO UNVEILED

The village of Turturiya is where Rishi Valmiki had his *ashram*. The ashram is said to be where Sita gave birth to the twins, Luv and Kush. This place is of great religious and cultural significance as it here where Maharishi Valmiki is said to written his epic work, Ramayana, that brought the legend of Ram to the world.

Chandkhuri sits in the middle of the trail. As you move south, you come to Rajim, where Lord Ram is said to have spent some time of his exile in the ashram of Rishi Lomash. Rajim is located at the confluence of the Mahanadi, Sondhur and Pairi rivers and is also known as the Prayag of Chhattisgarh. The Shivling, believed to have been established by Mata Sita, is now housed inside the famous Kuleshwar Mahadev temple. It is said that even today during the floods, the Shivling does not get submerged.

Sihawa, the revered place of Sapt rishis (seven sages) is the place of origin of the divine Mahanadi River. According to a folklore, Lord Ram spent a significant amount of his time at this place meeting and consulting the seven great sages — namely Shringi Rishi, Muchkund Rishi, Agastya Rishi, Angira Rishi, Kankar Rishi, Sharabhang Rishi and Gautama Rishi.

In Jagdalpur are situated the historic Kutumsar Caves, where Lord Ram

is said to have spent considerable time. Located in the famous Bastar district, Jagdalpur was the capital of the erstwhile princely state of Bastar. Even today, a 500-year-old festival, 'Bastar Dussehra', is held that runs for 75 days

The ninth destination in the trail is Ramaram in the Sukma district. This is where Lord Ram is said to have worshipped Bhoomi Devi, a Hindu deity representing the earth. It is believed that you can see the footprints of Lord Ram even today.

The entire trail can be covered over

a period of 10 days, shared Anbalagan P, Secretary Tourism, Chhattisgarh. According to him, these are only nine of the 75 locations on the trail that the

state plans to develop over time.

The state is also looking at hosting several festivals to push tourism in the state over the next few years, shared the State Chief Minis, Bhupesh Baghel. We want the tourists to experience the state hospitality and view it as a religious, cultural and ethnic tourist destination," he said.

It was with this objective that the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board held a

of Ram set against the ancient Mata Kaushalya temple was unveiled. The temple complex wears a grand look following the beautification drive undertaken by the government.

The grand event, curated by Yasmin Kidwai of Springbox Films laong with Brandwidth Events, saw a musical opening dedicated to Lord Ram. Local as well as famous national artistes, such as Shankar Mahadevan, Indian Ocean, Kabir Café, Sukriti Sen and V.Unbeatable, participated in the event that was heavily attended by the locals. Noted actor Ashish Vidyarthi played the emcee of the evening. A 3-D film showcasing Ram's story and connect with Chhattisgarh was also showcased. The tourism board also released a special song written by Indian Ocean's Himanshu Joshi that evokes the glory of Lord Ram and speaks of his relevance through the ages. This, in fact, is the first of the many

tourism campaigns that the state is planning to launch. Chhattisgarh is looking at hosting traditional as well contemporary festivals and events to create an inclusive tourism strategy. For a state that has been able to settle internal unrest, there is a lot to showcase to the world. The state is also working on creating a Buddhist circuit and connecting it the existing one. There is a lot that the travellers can expect from Chhattisgarh.



HOW FORMIDABLE IS ISIS FOR TALIBAN

 W^{ith} the Taliban in power in Afghanistan, there's a new enemy ascending. The Islamic State (ISIS) group threatens to usher in another violent phase. Except this time the former insurgents, the Taliban, play the role of the state, now that the US troops and their allied Afghan Government are gone.

The Taliban promised the United States to keep the extremist group in check during successive rounds of peace talks. Under the 2020 US-Taliban accord, the Taliban guaranteed that Afghanistan would not become a haven for terrorist groups threatening the US or its allies. But it is unclear if they can keep their pledge, with a sudden uptick in ISIS attacks since the Taliban takeover on August 15.

The ISIS has claimed the responsibility for a deadly suicide bombing on a Shia mosque in southern Afghanistan that killed 47 people and wounded scores more on October 15.

"Historically, the majority of IS attacks have targeted the state... Now that the US and the international presence is mostly gone, they need to go after the state — and the state is the Taliban," said Andrew Mines, research fellow at Program on Extremism at George Washington University.

LONG RIVALRY

Both the Taliban and the ISIS advocate rule by their radical interpretations of Islamic law. But there are key ideological differences that fuel their hatred of each other. The Taliban say they are creating an Islamic state in Afghanistan, within the borders of that country. The ISIS says it is the Islamic State, a global caliphate that it insists all Muslims must support. It is contemptuous of the Taliban's nationalist goals and doesn't recognise them as a pure Islamic movement. For similar reasons, the ISIS has long been a staunch enemy of ·Qaida.

Both the Taliban and the ISIS advocate particularly harsh versions of Islamic Shariah law and have used tactics like suicide bombers. But when it ruled territory in Syria and Iraq, the ISIS was even more brutal and carried out more horrific punishments than the Taliban did.

The ISIS emerged in Afghanistan in 2015 with the name Islamic State in Khorasan Province, at a time when the group was at its peak, controlling much of Iraq and Syria. It drew members from Afghan and Pakistani militants, including a wave of Taliban defectors. The group initially found support among Afghanistan's small Salafist movement in eastern Kunar and Nangarhar provinces. The Salafis had largely been marginalised by the Taliban, and by connecting with the rising ISIS, the Salafist movement found a means to establish military strength.

However, ISİS' brutal ways have since led some Salafi cler-



Relatives carry the body of victims of October 15 suicide attack during a mass funeral in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Saturday. The ISIS claimed responsibility for a deadly suicide bombing on a Shia mosque that killed at least 47 people and wounded

years after its emergence, the ISIS was badly hurt by military setbacks at the hands of the Taliban and by US airstrikes, before surging again the past year. The Taliban downplay ISIS' capabilities and dismiss them as a fringe group with no

mainstream appeal. "They have no roots here," influential Taliban figure Sheikh Abdul-Hameed Hamasi

ics to voice opposition. In the told *The Associated Press*.

END GAME

Still, the potency of the ISIS threat is undeniable. Two deadly bombings have hit Kabul, including one outside the airport at the height of evacuations before the US exit that killed 169 Afghans and 13 US service members. Smaller scale attacks are also on the rise. "The intensity and breadth of

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attacks... show the capacity and level of national reach which has caught the Taliban by surprise," said Ibraheem Bahiss, a consultant with the International Crisis Group. The ISIS "is no short-term

It could be a while until the ISIS has the capability to hold territory again. Its immediate aim is to destabilise the Taliban and shatter the group's image as

a guardian of security. For now, its strategy is slow and methodical. It is reaching out to tribes and other groups to recruit from their ranks while stamping out dissent among moderate Salafis and carrying out jailbreaks, assassinations, and attacks on Taliban personnel. "Package all of that together, that is an entire method of insurgency the Taliban is not equipped to handle," said Mines.

Bill Roggio of the Long War Journal, produced by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies think tank, offered a different view, saying he believes the Taliban can uproot the ISIS on their own, even without the backup of US airstrikes that nearly eliminated the ISIS. Roggio said the Taliban have shown themselves capable of rooting out some ISIS cells, using their vast local intelligence-gathering networks. He noted that the ISIS — unlike the Taliban during their insurgency — don't have access to safe havens in Pakistan and Iran.

The Taliban have rejected cooperating with the US against the ISIS, ahead of the two sides' direct talks last weekend. The ISIS' future trajectory in Afghanistan will depend largely on its ability to recruit more members and win over large segments of the population.

Since their inception, they have been poaching Taliban members. In 2015, former Taliban commander Abdul

Rauf Khadim was appointed deputy of the ISIS in Afghanistan and reportedly offered financial incentives to other fighters to join the group.

In 2020, when the ISIS re-

emerged in Afghanistan, it was under a new leader drawn from the Haqqani Network, currently a faction of the Taliban. Hard-line members of the Taliban could join the ISIS as the Taliban leadership, now in power, has to make compromises whether at home or abroad. The Taliban have promised a more inclusive government, though the temporary administration they set up is entirely made up of Taliban members.

The more the Taliban cooperate with international states, the more they run against the image of the mujahedeen resistance fighter. "That is a key identity the Taliban will lose," Mines said.

TREATMENT OF MINORITIES

As the Taliban shift from insurgency to governance, one key test will be whether they act to protect minority groups that their fighters once tyrannised, such as the Shia Hazaras. The Hazaras have endured multiple campaigns of persecution and displacement throughout Afghanistan's history. When the Taliban were first in power in the 1990s, they carried out massacres against the community, in some cases in retaliation for massacres of ethnic Pashtuns.

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OUTLOOK _____

Safe passages for animals

As India keeps on develop-ing new expressways, demand for the green passages is also growing. Environmentalists claim that the speedy vehicles are killing a number of wild animals everyday, as there are a few or no provisions for their safe passage across the roads. This is clearly a denial of basic right to wildlife.

On any fine morning, a travel on NH9 from Delhi towards Moradabad may turn unpleasant as you will find at least a squirrel, jackal or a fox killed on the highway by the speeding vehicles. The NH9 passing through Hastinapur Wildlife sanctuary is spread over 2,073 square kilometre intersects and Garhmukteshwar (Hapur) and Gairaula (Amroha). Also, a rail track passes through this sanctuary as well as State highway 51 and some local roads. The speedy traffic on these roads has posed a regular threat to the wildlife and the conservators.

Speeding vehicles aren't killing the wildlife only on this stretch. The Delhi-based Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI) claims that the road and train accidents have killed at least 83 leopards around the country last year, the highest (22) in Maharashtra. Also, thousands of mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles are losing their lives in similar conditions.

Though, the Government has different claims. Union Minister of Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari in July 2021 informed the Lok Sabha that no incident of animal death in road accident happened during the last three vears. Environmentalists may have the different opinion, but one thing is clear, we don't have safe passages for our animals, even in reserved areas.

However, NH-44 is an exception where after the intervention by the Bombay High Court, the National Highways Authority of India constructed nine underpasses. These underpasses or the wildlife crossings were constructed between Kanha & Pench tiger reserves. On rail track there are several corridors identified across India for passage of eleconstruct safe crossings

safe passages aren't a new concept. Around the globe roads are often designed to provide cave-like, concrete underpasses, overpasses, ducts, amphibian tunnels, culverts and the green roofs. These options are provided after taking into consideration the type of animals, birds, or the flies inhabiting the region. Often the underpasses are fitted with CCTV cameras, so that the movement of animals can be monitored. Wildlife crossings were first envisioned in European countries and in the 1950s the first animal bridge was built in France. It is considered a first infrastructure solution to ensure safe passage to wild animals. Nowadays such crossings are hugely popular in countries like Germany, Netherlands Canada, and the USA.

In our neighbourhood, Nepal has started building such corridors for the road safety and conservation of its

Why do we need safe passages?

The idea of wildlife crossings is not only to avoid the human-animal conflict, but also to conserve wildlife. Their demand is on the rise as the human-made barriers like canals, electric power lines, roads and railroads continue to penetrate and divide wildlife habitats. With human population growing, pressure is increasing on jungles and the wildlife. Though, there is no exact data regarding the animals killed in road accidents in India, the figures mentioned in various reports are alarming. Data from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, suggest, that 186 elephants were killed on rail tracks across India dur-

ing the last ten years. Similarly, WPSI says leopard deaths in train and road accidents have increased over the past 10 years. There has been around 278 per cent rise in such accidents from 2010 to 2019. News reports suggest that during 2021, at least 3

phants and efforts are on to tigers were killed in road accidents. We can only say the developmental activities on What are wildlife crossings? either side of roads/rail tracks have increased the problem for Wildlife crossings or the bio-conservators.

The technical issue

India has the second Wildlife crossings were largest road network in the world and it is growing at a fast pace. Our roads are being upgraded and we are adding more and more lanes Sometimes, there are eight to ten lanes which makes impossible for the animals to cross the roads without a collision with vehicles. It is sad that we are not only depriving our wild with safe passages, but also building railings and dividers on our highways/expressways to make their movement difficult. These railings and dividers result in a trap, creating the chances of more accidents. This is not only dangerous for the wild animals but also for the commuters. Along with the wild, menace of stray animals left by their owners is a big threat for road safety.

Viability of wildlife corridors in India

Studies suggest the wildlife crossings not only save wild animals but also make the roads safer for human beings, though, they make the roads little costlier. Sometimes, dried up brooks, drains and rivers provide respite but they aren't available everywhere. In the recent times when all the roads are turned into a paid facility through tolls, this investment should be worthwhile. In recent days, there have been a lot of talks regarding the wildlife corridors on Indian roads. Though the demands, claims and the announcements have not brought a big change in the situation as we may have so many excuses for not bringing forth change, in reality, these passages are eventually need of the hour not only for our wildlife but also for the safety of commuters. We should learn to live with our wild and should also learn to honour their rights.

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PERSPECTIVE ———

POSHAN MAAH FOR

people stand to gain. Under the Nutrition Month, observed in September — an important tradition put in place since 2018 to further conversations on health and nutrition services in the country — can be considered a timely reaffirmation of the country's priorities as citizens, especially the most vulnerable, navigate the stark impact of the pandemic on their lives and livelihoods. With our extensive work in the domain of nutrition and tuberculosis, we can really appreciate the centrality of such initiatives when it comes to creating positive disruption.

Thus, it has been highly encouraging to see healthnutrition being foregrounded by the Government within the national development narrative. This is also an occasion to understand why such focus must be sustained on a warfooting for some areas which are strongly linked with and fall under the ambit of undernutrition and infectious diseases. Tuberculosis or TB is an apt case study against this backdrop. Because the issue lies at the intersection of something both of us have strived hard to address over decades, we feel personally and professionally invested in any mitigation mechanism that can alleviate

the people's suffering. According to India TB Report 2021, over 23 lakh new TB cases were reported in India and approximately 89,000 people succumbed to it in 2019. Now, let's consider how malnutrition and TB essentially have a bidirectional relationship, which becomes more pronounced in the Indian context. In fact, undernutrition at the population level, according to the Health Ministry's 2017 guidance document on nutrition, contributed to an estimated 55 per cent of annual TB incidence in India.

From our experiences, we have seen how undernutrition also compromises the body's

 $W^{\rm hen}$ vision and political immunity and can lead to the initial BMI screening espewill come together, the progression of latent infection cially for more at-risk cateto active TB; this worsens present dispensation, certain undernutrition, which again, in flagship programmes certain- turn, increases the severity of ly display vision as well as polit- the disease creating a vicious ical will. For instance, the cycle. The Government has Government initiatives such as been proactive in recognising Poshan Maah or National this problem and initiating schemes such as the NPY which provides ₹500 a month to TB patients as nutritional support. It is important to build on this success to drive a holistic discussion on nutrition and its integral role within the TB treatment narrative. What can be the contours of such a discussion and what are the critical points to consider?

Any strategy for nutrition and TB must factor in the importance of recording an individual's BMI, which informs the trajectory of the treatment regimen. Data show how undernourishment doubles fatalities linked with TB. The undernourished elderly with a low BMI of less than 18.5 are also overwhelmingly affected by severe forms of TB. Patients with low BMI are ill-equipped to handle the stress of TB infection and anti-TB drugs. Therefore, it's essential to work towards a model of consistent nutritional assessments and counselling that can be integrated within the TB treatment cycle; clearer understanding of nutritional details is crucial to the success of the rigorous drug regimen for

We must also understand how, in India, TB affects the poor disproportionately; the 2017 Health Ministry's guidance document also notes a 4fold higher prevalence in those with a low standard of living index compared to those with a higher standard of living. In this light, it may be useful to have local nutrition counsellors readily accessible to patients who can clarify for them beyond dietary supervision what holistic nutrition entails as part of TB treatment. The emphasis must be on ensuring nutritional evaluation before, during and even after the treatment regimen is complete. We must remember that below the desired BMI levels, efficacy of certain drugs may not be optimal, if not at all. To start

with, we can try to incorporate

gories such as children and elderly at the point when patients are being screened for suspected TB.

There do exist modalities in some States to provide enhanced ration to patients through PDS linkages, and even supplementary nutrition through food baskets. A 2018 report by the Health Ministry on Patient Support Systems for TB Elimination has several recommendations in this regard that could be revisited and explored by the States for further implementation. Within the larger architecture of such recommendations, States can design targeted food baskets considering local preferences as well as infrastructure available for supply chain management. It will also be useful to have a prioritised beneficiary list comprising the most vulnerable sections of society so the nutritional resources can be allocated to those who need it

Finally, the research community, which we are also a part of, does play a critical role in keeping the conversation on TB services alive. However, efforts to mitigate TB can only be amplified by increased intersectoral collaboration, considering the magnitude of the crisis. Multiple determinants of TB like poverty, malnutrition, urbanisation, indoor air pollution, sanitation, migration, etc, remain outside the purview of the health department. They may fall under different departments, but they share the commonality of being important factors in the TB narrative. For this reason, the TB programme's initiative to create an inter-Ministerial committee is welcome. It is crucial to foster convergence between different departments to ensure TB-Mukt Bharat. Such unity of purpose can only help the Jan Andolan against TB and ensure the disease is eliminated by 2025.

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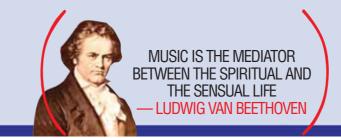


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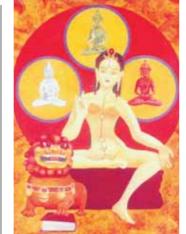




this week. You feel energetic, creative, and versatile. There is a sense of purpose in life. You may consider activities like yoga, pranayama and meditation to keep yourself fit and rejuvenated. Spirituality will help you restore your confidence and add meaning to life. On the career front, you may find things going much better, almost out of the blue. A powerful person is likely to support you. This is a good time to ask for a raise or to seek employment that pays more if you are so inclined. Overall, your career front is looking up. In the context of love, it's important to remember that no relationship can stand up to constant analysis. Try to give your beloved some space.

Your efforts for being in good health will pay you well

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Off-White Lucky day Monday



LEO July 23-Aug 22

The week starts with never-ending activities like meeting, attending to guests etc. This will give you no time for yourself. You are working hard. There are chances may hurt yourself. Stay focused while you drive and use all safety measures to avoid any unpleasant situation. On the work front, you feel at ease as things are going in your favour. Great things come in a small package, and this is what will happen to you. There will be new opportunities in a job, and those who are unemployed will get that job in their desired field. On the personal front, your partner may put things in some challenging situations and give you excuses for not accepting your relationships.

Lucky number 16 Lucky colour White Lucky day Sunday



SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21

Despite the challenges you are facing, you will feel on top of the world. Appreciation for a job well done on the domestic front will be encouraging. You have the blessings of elders, and it radiates in your personality. You have inner satisfaction, with positive energy after easing a difficult situation. On the career front, a good message is on the cards. Some of you will be promoted and assigned an important task that will give a boost to your career. You might attend a virtual seminar or training session to enhance your skills. The stars are with you, and you enjoy the results of your hard work. In love, you may not be lucky this week. If you like someone goes ahead and express yourself. Avoid the loose talk as it may affect your relationship.

Lucky number 9 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Tuesday



TAURUS April 20-May 20

This week you will feel a surge of energy. You will be filled with confidence and be in the best of your health. Your health efforts will bear fruit. Do consider alternative ways to deal with health challenges Professionally, the way your career graph is going, you need a break and professional counselling. Seek advice from a senior. To maintain control over your domain, guidelines from an expert will help you get that boost in your career. Join a virtual professional course/seminar or workshop to increase your skills. On the love front, there will be tension. You may face rejection or break-up. The singletons will remain single. This is the time to make thoughtful bonding whether in love or marriage.

Lucky number 1 Lucky colour Indigo **Lucky day** Friday



VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Avert anger and aggression. Listen to your body and treat it well. Seek the advice of an elderly in the family, maybe your mother or aunt. Her homemade remedies will bring you relief from your current health problems. Workwise, you are filled with the guts and try your level best to achieve what you want in life. Those who are waiting for the final verdict in court in legal hassle will be pleased to get the case in their favour. Those in media, opposition, and justice etc fields will do well this week. On the personal front, love is not happening, neither you have time to think about matters of the heart. The existing relationships too may suffer due to the lack of understanding and busy schedule.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Golden **Lucky day** Sunday



CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week positive energy flows in your veins. You must use this energy in some creative pursuits. This can be a very creative time for you, and a good time for you to dream, play and be inventive as a child. On the professional front, things are likely to go your way. This seems to be an excellent time career-wise. A raise or promotion is certain for those who work in the private sector. Stay focused and the approach of a senior official will help make your work easy. On the relationship front, you need to talk to your partner one on one to sort out the confusion which has been created intentionally or unintentionally between you two. Take out some time and plan a romantic endeavour to boost up your love

Lucky number 8 Lucky colour Camel Brown Lucky day Friday



GEMINI May 21-June 20

This week you need to let go of the past to move forward. You must look within yourself to analyse the areas of fear, trying to hold onto things. Nonattachment with anyone or anything will give you the independence to decide things. Learn about the energy centres in the body and meditate on how you are functioning. Be open to changes as it is the only constant in life. This week professionally, the need of the hour is to give your time and attention to your work. You need to be sure that your work balance is where it needs to be. Do justice to your work. Avoid confrontations and conflicts with the people in the work area as that will only tarnish your image. You find success in love and rejoice this week.

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour Yellow Lucky day Wednesday



LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Health looks promising this week. Some of you may gradually regain your health and feel a new spark of creativity. This is a great time to try a new health care approach, especially preventative care. Exercise, eating well, and making sure that you get enough sleep are all common approaches that you can consider. On the work front, there is a change of place — relocation, posting or transfer, is indicated. You are filled with new hopes and aspirations as it is your desired post, one for which you have been aspiring for a long time. The new avenues of progress will be opened, and you get a chance to prove your worth & potentials. On the personal front, you are demanding and very strict in your relationships, and this attitude will not go in married couples' favour.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Pastel Blue Lucky day Thursday



AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18

This week you are confused and pondering a change in your life's direction. Health is fluctuating and affecting the quality of life. You need guidelines, a session of counselling to gain the results of your past behaviour. It is never too late to improve. Sow the seeds today for a better tomorrow. On the work front, there will be challenges. With your determination and willpower, you are likely to take hold of the situations and emerge out as a winner. Some technical aspects may create problems and take most of your time. On the personal front, this week is likely to bring love to the centre stage of your life. This is either a new relationship or a powerful re-bonding of an old one. You share your joy with those around you who need it.

Lucky number 7 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Thursday



CANCER June 21-July 22

This is a great week for creativity and optimism, and you believe that everything will turn out in your favour. You are generous and willing to share. You have learnt to accept your flaws and to accommodate others. It gives you the strength to be what you want to be. Health will be fine, and you enjoy it. On the work front, the feel-good factor will bring a smile to your face. This week you find the support of colleagues and seniors, and there is a chance that your name may be recommended for promotion. Make the best use of this time. On the love front, you may have your eye on someone who you feel is not treating you the way they should. It may be that you need to stop dreaming about this person completely.

Lucky number 17 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Saturday



SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

This week some challenges are foreseen on the health front. Different problems may come up together and make you restless. Gastric issues, BP and depression might affect you. Your emotions and sensitivity is affected. You should spend more time relaxing. On the career front, your work graph will take a new turn this week, as your potentials will be duly recognised. The finance part will also improve. You will feel the positive vibrations at the workplace. This is a week of attainment, accumulation and finding inner satisfaction. On the personal front, be cautious in your relationships. You may be marked as arrogant or incompatible. Married couples may not be in harmony and want their own space to escape any conflict and tension.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Rose Gold Lucky day Tuesday



PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week you will be balancing five elements in life for harmony between body, mind, and soul. Those with ongoing health issue may benefit from undertaking alternative therapy like nutritional counselling, massage, dietary restriction etc. Professionally, you need caree counselling at this stage to sharpen your skills. Attending short courses, workshops, or lectures etc will help you in your goals. Work should be going very well if you can be organised and work as per the rules. Relationship wise you are lucky as the people around you hear you with respect and value your ideas. Professional and personal both the fronts you live life king size. In love, you make impression on your partner with your positive and honest approach.

Lucky number 3 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Saturday

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ASTROTURF BHARAT BHUSHAN PADMADEO

Worship in celebratory mode

ndia has a tradition of worshipping in celebratory mode. When you offer prayers in a festive mode, you enjoy doing it spiritedly. You then involve your body and mind as a whole into prayers. Evidently then, you can expect desired result. The purpose of most of the festivities is not just pursuance of some age old arbitrary beliefs. The intent is to be geared up from within to encash the opportunities arising in emerging productive cycle. Also, combat and overcome all challenges coming in the way in

all strength and with ease and comfort. Even the timing is important. The festive season begins with the onset of Durga Puja on the first lunar day of waxing phase of Ashvin month. It is marked with a particular phase of nature during its annular course, when its energy orchestra is about to strike its lowest. For, the Sun, nature's prime energy provider operating from the front, begins to move towards to the farthest end, from the part of the globe we are situated.

During its southerly course, the Sun would be closing up with the western horizon, where as we are situated towards the eastern horizon in the northern hemisphere. The weather cycle also

remains in a state of flux at this point of time — from Autumn to Winters which is often disease prone. Accordingly, we need to be invoke our shakti from within to bear with the callings of changing weather.

During Navaratra, which has just concluded, we begin with offering prayers to Durga. Nothing moves in this dynamic world without shakti. Physical efforts apart, even mind process is a play of shakti. The irony, however, is that shakti is a double edged weapon. It can be used productively, and if misused knowingly or unmindfully, could prove self-defeating, as shakti doesn't have a drive of its own. The way you apply is how it will act.

Focus on the imagery of the Goddess Durga, shows us the way to direct our shakti rightfully towards productive application. That is why all forms of shakti — physical, aspirational or intelligence — are epitomised in motherly forms. For, mother pulls in all resources in hand, to bear with and then selflessly nurse the child. Durga is mounted on a lion. When it goes for a kill, moves carefully and intelligently without wasting its energy, till the prey would be within



reach. It then evokes all its energies and promptly strike. It, however, won't go for its next kill, till it becomes hungry once again. So, even the killing is need based, not greed based. Armouries in her 10 hands are there to combat challenges coming from all directions, from within or beyond.

The particular focus is on the inconsistencies of our 10 sensory organs, which, with its monkey like flirtatious tendencies, could prove more devilish than external forces. Lotus flower associated with mother symbolises being devoid of any sense of ego, and unattached lends support in equal proportion to all. Though lotus grows out of mud in a pond, its leaves and petals won't hold even a trace of muck or water droplets.

During its nine day sojourn, the first three days are exclusively dedicated to Durga, the epitome of physical power. During the following three days, Goddess Laxmi identified with our creative urges and aspirations is also worshipped. Last three days of worship, involves Saraswati identified with wisdom and intelligence. The purpose is to use the three modes of shakti in a coordinated way, so as to derive maximum

benefit out of our initiatives. Shakti is to be directed towards fulfilment of our creative urges and aspirations. Intelligence, in the first place, helps weigh all options in hand, overcome our greed, and prioritise need based application. Second, it helps articulate our actions and responses in a measured way. Third, it helps combat emerging challenges with prudence and patience.

Durga Puja is followed by Diwali, when we encounter the darkest night, as both the luminaries, the Sun and Moon are bang on the western horizon. On this day, Goddess Laxmi is worshipped once again, and in Bengal, Goddess Kali. The purpose obviously is to be geared up afresh to negotiate the callings of emerging productive cycle. The festive season concludes with Chattha, celebrated in Bihar and eastern part of UP, which of late with migration, has been spreading to the other parts of the nation. On this occasion, as the Sun begins gaining ground, we offer our prayers to thee to further gain strength.

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