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## Vax feat is New India's show: PM

Modi says 100-cr milestone is a befitting reply to those doubting India's capabilities

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday lauded the 100-crore vaccination "milestone" achieved by India and said it is "the answer to every question and doubts raised about India's ability over it".

Addressing the nation on the occasion, Modi said, "100-crore vaccinations are not just a figure, but a reflection of the strength of the country, it is the creation of a new chapter of history. This is a picture of a new India that sets difficult goals and knows how to achieve them."

The Prime Minister's praise for the country reaching a long way in its fight against the pandemic has come against the Congress-led Opposition's criticism of the Modi Government's handling of coronavirus and the large number of deaths taking place due to the shortage of life-saving Oxygen across the country.

He said the speed with which India crossed the 100-crore mark is also being appreciated across the world. However, he pointed out, in this analysis the point of beginning for India is often missed. He said developed countries

had decades of expertise in researching and developing vaccines. India mostly depended on vaccines made by these countries.

He said for "this reason when the biggest pandemic of the century struck, various questions were raised about India's ability to fight the global pandemic. Questions like from where India will get the money to buy so many vaccines from other countries, when India will get the vaccine, whether the people of India will get the vaccine or not, and whether India will be able to vaccinate enough people to stop the pandemic from spreading were all answered by achieving this feat of administering 100 crore vaccinations."

He stressed that India has not only administered 100 crore vaccine doses to its citizens "but has also done that free of cost." He said the acceptance that India enjoys in the world as a pharma hub will be further strengthened.

The Prime Minister said at the beginning of the corona pandemic, people were anxious that it would be very difficult to fight this pandemic in a democracy like India.

He said that the country



has only one mantra that if the disease did not discriminate, then there cannot be any discrimination in the vaccination.

Modi said that was the reason why "it was ensured that the VIP culture of entitlement does not dominate the vaccination campaign."

The Prime Minister said questions were raised that most of the people in India would not go to the vaccination centre to get vaccinated.

"Vaccine hesitancy remains a major challenge even today in many major developed countries of the world. But the people of India have answered it by taking 100 crore vaccine doses," Modi said.

He said a campaign is "everybody's effort" and if

everyone's efforts are synergised, the results are amazing. The Government made public participation the first line of defence in the country's fight against the pandemic.

The Prime Minister said India's "entire vaccination program is born in the womb of science, has grown on scientific grounds and has reached all four directions through scientific methods."

The PM said resources were increased with extraordinary speed and the Cowin platform not only gave convenience to the common people but also made the work of our medical staff easier.

As against the Opposition parties' criticism of the Government for its "mishan-

dling" of the economy during the onslaught of the Covid-19, the Prime Minister said experts and many agencies from home and abroad are very positive about India's economy.

"Today not only are record investments coming in Indian companies but new employment opportunities are also being created for the youth. With record investment in start-ups, unicorns are being made. New energy is also visible in the housing sector", he said.

Modi said many reforms and initiatives taken in the last few months will play a big role in making India's economy grow faster.

In the backdrop of about 10-month-old farmers' agitation and demand for scrapping three farm laws intending to open up the agriculture sector to private traders, Modi said during the pandemic, the agriculture sector kept our economy strong.

"Today Government procurement of food grains is happening at a record level. The money is going directly into the bank accounts of the farmers," he said.

Modi stuck a note of caution against Covid-19 despite 100 crore vaccination saying "we need to be constantly careful no matter how good the cover is, no matter how modern the armour is, even if armour gives a complete guarantee of protection, weapons are not given up while the battle is on."

## Scrap consumer Act if you don't want tribunals, SC tells Centre

Court angry over appointment delay

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The delay in filling vacancies in tribunals again invited the Supreme Court's wrath against the Centre.

Expressing displeasure over delay in appointments in the districts and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions, the apex court on Friday said if the Government did not want the tribunals then it should abolish the Consumer Protection Act.

The bench comprising Justices SK Kaul and MM Sundresh said it is unfortunate that the top court is being called upon to examine and see that vacancies in tribunals are filled up.

"If the Government does not want the tribunals then abolish the act... We are stretching our jurisdiction to see the vacancies are filled in. Normally we should not spend time on this and the posts should be filled. Unfortunately, the judiciary is called upon to see that these posts are manned. This is not a very happy situation," the bench said.

The SC was hearing a suo motu case on the inaction of the Governments in appointing president and members/staff of Districts and State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions and



inadequate infrastructure across India.

The apex court in its order directed that the process of filling up vacancies in the State Consumer Commissions as per its earlier directions must not be impeded by the judgement of the Bombay High Court which had quashed certain Consumer Protection Rules.

As the hearing commenced, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appointed as amicus curiae in the case, apprised the court of the judgement passed by the Bombay High Court at Nagpur Bench quashing certain Consumer Protection Rules.

He said the Centre introduced the Tribunal Reforms Act in violation of the apex court judgement in the Madras Bar Association case. Additional Solicitor General Aman Lekhi, appearing for the Centre, said the Government is in the process of filing an appeal against the Bombay High Court order which quashed certain provisions of Consumer Protection Rules.

He told the bench that the Tribunal Reforms Act intro-

duced by the Centre was not in contravention rather it was in consonance with the Madras Bar Association judgement of the apex court.

The apex court, however, remarked, "It seems that the bench says something and you do something else and some kind of embargo is being created and in this process, the citizens of the country are suffering. These are places for remedy like consumer forums. These are small issues that people deal with and these are not high stake matters."

The very purpose of setting up these tribunals to provide consumer remedy is not being met, the bench remarked.

The apex court also directed the States to submit data in a prescribed form within one week failing which the concerned secretary has to remain present before it.

After the conclusion of the hearing in the case, Justice Sundresh said there is a need to look into the problem from a different perspective and permanent consumer courts should replace consumer commissions which are manned by retired judicial officers on an ad-hoc basis.

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#### MAN FALLS TO DEATH FROM 19TH FLOOR



Mumbai: A 30-year-old security guard fell to death from the balcony of a flat located on the 19th floor of a 61-storey residential building in central Mumbai after a major fire broke out there on Friday, a fire brigade official said.

## Koregaon panel summons 'missing' Mumbai ex-top cop

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

At a time when he has gone "missing" and not responded to warrants issued to him in two important cases, the Koregaon Bhima commission of inquiry on Friday issued summons against Mumbai's former Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh to appear before it as a witness in the ongoing investigations into the manner in which the previous BJP-led Government handled the 2018 Bhima Koregaon-Elgaar Parishad case.

The Commission headed by JN Patel, retired chief justice of Kolkata High Court, and comprising Sumit Mullick, former Maharashtra Chief Secretary, also summoned Pune's former Police Commissioner Rashmi Shukla to appear as a witness in the ongoing proceedings before it.

The summons issued by the commission to both Param Bir and Shukla read thus: "Considering that Param Bir

was ADG (law and order) State of Maharashtra at the relevant time when the incident of violence took place at Bhima Koregaon on January 1, 2018 and sometime prior and after that date in some parts of the State. As such he must have received valuable inputs concerning terms of reference before the commission."

"Under the tenure of Shukla who was the police commissioner for Pune city, some incidents of violence had taken place in and around Pune city. The CP office must have received valuable inputs/information concerning the terms of reference before the commission.

Therefore, the commission deems it expedient to examine Param Bir and Shukla and for production of documents as prayed in the application. Singh and Shukla would be at liberty to file an affidavit, if they desire, hence, the order," Justice (Retd) Patel, who heads the two-member commission, stated.

## Harish replaces Harish! Raj Min named Punjab Congress' incharge

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

After witnessing a colossal transformation in the Congress party's Punjab unit, Uttarakhand's former Chief Minister Harish Rawat was relieved of the charge of the State party affairs' general secretary in-charge on Friday.

Rajasthan's Revenue Minister Harish Chaudhary will be the new Congress in-charge of poll-bound Punjab replacing veteran Congress leader.

The development came after Rawat had requested the party high command to relieve him of the responsibility of Punjab as his home State, Uttarakhand, will also go to polls along with Punjab early next year.

Chaudhary's name was being speculated as Rawat's replacement for some time as Rajasthan MLA was appointed observer to oversee the change of guard in Punjab Congress. "Congress president has



Newly appointed AICC in-charge of Punjab and Chandigarh Harish Chaudhary, during a public meeting at Nimbola Biswa village in Nagaur district on Friday. PTI

appointed Harish Chaudhary as AICC in-charge of Punjab and Chandigarh with immediate effect. Harish Rawat is being relieved from his current responsibility as AICC general secretary in-charge of Punjab and Chandigarh," said AICC general secretary KC Venugopal in a statement.



Members of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo perform on board HMS Defender, a type 45 air-defence destroyer ship, during the Royal Navy and Indian Navy meet in Mumbai on Friday. AP

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## Kheri violence: Minister's son remanded in police custody

PTI ■ LAKHIMPUR KHERI

Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra, arrested for his alleged role in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, was on Friday remanded in police custody for two days.

It was for the second time that he was remanded in police custody Chief Judicial Magistrate Chinta Ram.

Besides, Mishra, CJM Ram also sent three other accused in the case — Ankit Das, Shekhar Bharti and Latif — to police custody, acceding to the prosecution's request for their police remand. The two-day police remand for the four, starting from 5 pm on Friday, will end at the same time on Sunday.

## CBI arrests six for posts against judges, judiciary

Andhra HC Registrar filed FIR against influencers

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI on Friday arrested six more accused persons in an ongoing investigation of a case related to making derogatory posts on social media against judges and the judiciary.

The accused arrested in the case are Sridhar Reddy Avuthu, Jalagam Venkata Satyanarayana, Guda Sridhar Reddy, Sreenath Suswaram, Kishore Kumar Darisa, alias Kishore Reddy Darisa, and Sudduluri Ajay Amruth. The original FIRs were



The agency said the arrested accused will be produced before the competent court.

The CBI had registered a case on November 11 last year against 16 accused and took over the investigation of 12 FIRs from CID of the Andhra Pradesh Police in pursuance of the orders of Andhra Pradesh High Court. The High Court had directed the CBI to probe the matter in response to a writ petition filed in 2020.

The original FIRs were

registered on the complaints from the Registrar General of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

"It was alleged that the key personnel occupying posts of prominence in the State of Andhra Pradesh by intentionally targeting the judiciary, made derogatory posts on social media platform against judges and judiciary following some court verdicts delivered by the judges of High Court of Andhra Pradesh," the agency has said.

## Winter Session of Parl from 4th week of Nov

New Delhi: The Winter Session of Parliament is likely to start in the fourth week of November. The month-long Session, which is likely to have around 20 sittings, would conclude ahead of Christmas.

Though an official decision has not been taken yet, the sources said the session could commence from November 29 and would end around December 23.

In the wake of the pandemic, the Winter Session of Parliament was not held last year and all the subsequent sessions — Budget and Monsoon — were curtailed due to Covid.

The Winter session assumes significance as it will be held just months before the assembly elections in five states, including politically crucial Uttar Pradesh. PNS

# BJP councillors see red on street light installation work

**PNS ■ DEHRADUN**  
Some councillors of Dehradun locked the office of the EESL Company hired by the Municipal Corporation of Dehradun (MCD) on Friday for what they alleged as an improper installation and delay in maintenance work of the street lights in the city. The corporation last year signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with

EESL Company for the installation of 46,000 LED street lights along with the maintenance of damaged lights for the next seven years. However, many councillors have regularly complained against the improper behaviour and work culture of the company to the senior MCD officials.  
The BJP councillor from Salawala, Bhupendra Kathaith said that despite the orders of

the senior officials of the corporation, the company has repeatedly failed in meeting its target of installing and repairing street light lights.  
"There are several areas across the city where the street lights are yet to be installed, especially the rural areas. These areas remain in the dark at night. Several street lights are still damaged in many wards but despite

calling the officials of the company several times a day, they do not respond. Public accuse us of not taking cognisance of their complaints despite being public representatives," stated Kathaith. He informed that after the councillors had complained to mayor Sunil Uniyal 'Gama' last month about the issue, he along with the MCD commissioner held a meeting with the officials of the EESL com-

pany where they assured the installation of the LED street lights and repairing of damaged lights in 10 days.  
He said, "It has been over a month now but the condition is still the same. We actually visited the company's office on Friday to talk to the management about our issues but they fled as soon as they saw us. So we decided to lock the office and handed over the key to deputy munic-

ipal commissioner Rohitash Sharma. We have asked Sharma and the mayor to let the office open only when the councillors will be allowed to interact with the company officials in person." The leader of opposition in the corporation, Bijendra Pal Singh said that they also recently complained to MCD senior officials about the same but they failed to take any concrete decision so far.

# UTC to operate CNG buses from next year

**PNS ■ DEHRADUN**  
The Uttarakhand Transport Corporation (UTC) will convert 600 roadways buses into CNG buses for the fuel-efficient and cost-effective service in the state. This proposal was passed in the board meeting of the corporation. The general manager (operations) of UTC, Deepak Jain

informed that the corporation will soon float tenders to convert 600 roadways buses using CNG kits installation. "The whole procedure of the installation of CNG kits in the buses will take at least three months. We will aim to complete the process in the due time to start the operation of these buses earlier next year," stated Jain.

# 5K beneficiaries asked to reapply for aid

**PNS ■ DEHRADUN**  
About 5,000 people marked by the Uttarakhand transport department in the first phase of the monetary aid programme, will have to apply again to be the beneficiaries due to a technical discrepancy in the department's software.

eficiaries working as drivers, conductors and cleaners across the state in public transport that became eligible to receive the financial aid of Rs 2,000 for the next six months.  
The State Government has already issued over Rs 23 crore to all district magistrates payable to the registered beneficiaries. However, many transactions apparently failed in many districts due to incorrect Indian Financial System Codes (IFSC) provided by the beneficiaries in their application which is a must for a bank transaction. Clarifying the matter, the deputy transport commissioner Sanat Kumar Singh informed that the transaction of about 5,000 people has got affected under the programme but it is not because all have provided the wrong

IFSC codes. He said that many banks have merged in recent times due to which the old IFSC codes became invalid for the online transaction. Since the software being used for approval and rejection of this programme does not have a separate category to keep such applications separate from others, Kumar said that such beneficiaries will have to apply again as the whole scheme is associated with it. He added that the department is also working on the software in order to tackle such a situation during the second phase of the monetary aid programme. He said that such applicants will have to apply by October 31 to be the beneficiaries again and no extension will be provided by the department.



DCP Sweta Chauhan inaugurated the women's pink booth in Karolbagh on Friday. Prashakti Beat and Veera Squad were inaugurated. During this, women soldiers did patrolling in the Karol Bagh area in New Delhi on Friday  
Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer Photo

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# Punjab Govt hands over ₹2.50 cr cheques to families of Lakhimpur incident victims

**PNS ■ CHANDIGARH**  
Punjab Government on Friday handed over cheques of ₹ 50 lakh each to the victim families of the farmers and a journalist, who were killed in the tragic incident at Lakhimpur Kheri district in Uttar Pradesh on October 3.  
On the directions of Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, the state Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Randeep

Singh Nabha met these aggrieved families at Lucknow and handed over the cheques.  
Welcoming the suo-motu action taken by the Supreme Court in the Lakhimpur Kheri incident and demanding a time-bound probe to ensure justice to the victims, Nabha said that Punjab Government has always supported the farmers' agitation against black farm laws and ever stood by the farming community.  
"Punjab

Government has already given a government job to one member of each bereaved family of 157 farmers, who died during the ongoing agitation," Nabha.  
Notably, the four farmers - Daljit Singh, Gurwinder Singh, Lovepreet Singh, and Nachatar Singh; besides a journalist Raman Kashyap lost their lives in the tragedy.

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice**  
Sr. DEN/CMB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following Tender Notice, closing date & time are mentioned against each column and will be received online up to 16:00 hrs on same day. Details regarding tender is available on IREPS ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)) website.

Tender No.	100-DRM-MB-21-22 dt. 21.10.2021	101-DRM-MB-21-22 dt. 21.10.2021	102-DRM-MB-21-22 dt. 21.10.2021	103-DRM-MB-21-22 dt. 21.10.2021
Name of work	Manual deep screening of Turnout/plain track under DEN/IV/MB.	Through Turnout Renewal of 52/60 Kg (Switch & Xings) 1:12 = 43 Nos. and 1:8.5 = 6 Nos. (Total-49 Nos.) on MB-GZB Section in the jurisdiction of ADEN/HPU.	TRR(P) UP = 49.409 kms in MB - GZB section and other miscellaneous track related activities in the jurisdiction of ADEN/HPU.	Left over work for regrading of Br. No. 32A on KRJ-MTC section under ADEN-HPU.
Tender Closing Date	18.11.2021	18.11.2021	18.11.2021	18.11.2021
Tender Closing Time	16:00 hrs	16:00 hrs	16:00 hrs	16:00 hrs
Advertised Value (Rs.)	20817318.61	6586027.69	14752468.18	58,45,435.20
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Period of Completion	12 months	12 months	12 months	06 Months
Bidding Start Date	04.11.2021	04.11.2021	04.11.2021	04.11.2021
Tender No. 75/W/2/3/WA/DEN/IV/T. Notice Dt 21.10.2021	2399/2021			

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**Fullerton FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED**  
Corporate Off. : Flr. 5 & 6, B-Wing, Supreme IT Park, Supreme City, Powai, Mumbai-400 076.  
Add. 1 : Shiv Dham Colony, RAC Gate No. 3, Handwar-249 407.  
\* Email : [shila.1968@gmail.com](mailto:shila.1968@gmail.com)

**POSSIBLE NOTICE (APPENDIX IV) RULE 8(1)**  
WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED a Housing Finance Company (Duly registered with National Housing Bank (Fully Owned by RBI), (hereinafter referred to as "FHFC") having its Registered Office at Megh Towers, Floor 3, Old No. 307, New No. 165, Poonamallee High Road, Maduravoyal, Chennai-600 095. and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated mentioned below under Section 13(2) of the said Act calling upon you the Borrowers (Names & Addresses mentioned below) to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers mentioned herein below having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers mentioned herein below and to the Public in General that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrowers mentioned herein are in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with said property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED for an amount as mentioned herein under and interest thereon.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) with Loan Account No.	Demand Notice Date & Amount
1.	LAN : 611607210547536 (1) Shila Devi D/W/o. Lekhraj Agarwal 2) Dheeraj Kumar S/o. Bahadur Singh Add. 1 : Shiv Dham Colony, RAC Gate No. 3, Handwar-249 407. * Email : <a href="mailto:shila.1968@gmail.com">shila.1968@gmail.com</a>	Date : 19.06.2021 & ₹ 14,40,729.05 (Rs. Fourteen Lakh) Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Nine & Five Paise Only) 18.10.2021
2.	LAN : 611607510485558 (1) Tejender Singh S/o. Jarnail Singh 2) Surjit Singh S/o. Jarnail Singh 3) Parmjeet Singh S/o. Jarnail Singh Add. 1 : Khata No. 2466, Khasra No. 1628, GH, Situated Mauza, Ajabpur Add. 1 : Khatana, Pargana Pachwadoon, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248 001. * Email : <a href="mailto:sunmitpwtw33@gmail.com">sunmitpwtw33@gmail.com</a>	Date : 19.06.2021 & ₹ 23,37,956.02 (Rs. Twenty Three Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six & Two Paise Only) 18.10.2021
3.	LAN : 611607210615765 & 611607510634956 (1) Sumit Kumar S/o. Jeet Ram 2) Bimla D/W/o. Pitambar Dutt Add. 1 : Khatana No. 2466, Khasra No. 1628, GH, Situated Mauza, Ajabpur Add. 1 : Khatana, Pargana Pachwadoon, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248 001. * Email : <a href="mailto:sunmitpwtw33@gmail.com">sunmitpwtw33@gmail.com</a>	Date : 19.06.2021 & ₹ 34,07,753.42/- (Rs. Thirty Four Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Three & Forty Two Paise Only) 18.10.2021

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED ASSETS (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) IS AS UNDER :  
1. Residential House measuring East 17 ft. 9 inch, North 36 ft., South 36 ft. Total area 639 Sq. Ft. being its Khasra No. 1643/1 and 1643/2. Situated at Subhash Nagar, Jawalapur, Tehsil & Dist. Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Bounded as : \* East : Property of other person; \* West : Passage 15 Ft.; \* North : Plot of Sifat; \* South : Land of Seller.  
2. Residential House measuring East 17 ft. 9 inch, North 36 ft., South 36 ft. Total area 639 Sq. Ft. being its Khasra No. 1643/1 and 1643/2. Situated at Subhash Nagar, Jawalapur, Tehsil & Dist. Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Bounded as : \* East : Property of other person; \* West : Passage 15 Ft.; \* North : Plot of Sifat; \* South : Land of Seller.  
3. Residential House measuring 88 Sq. Mtrs. Situated Mauza Nawada Pargana Parwa Doon Dist. Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Place : Haridwar / Dehradun, Uttarakhand Date : 23.10.2021 Sd/- Authorized Officer, FULLERTON INDIA HOME FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

**उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड** (उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)  
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल श्रीनगर (गो)  
दूरभाष - 01346-252137 E-mail: dgmstn.upcl@yahoo.com. CIN-UA40109UP2001SG025867/2358

**निविदा सूचना**  
एतद्वारा इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा संख्या 07 / 2021-22 जिसकी प्रक्रिया करने की तिथि दिनांक 25-10-2021 एवं खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 26-10-2021 थी, में जी0एस0टी0 की दरें परिवर्तित होने के कारण निविदा प्राप्त शुल्क रु० 1120.00 (जी0एस0टी0 सहित) के स्थान पर रु० 1180.00 (जी0एस0टी0 सहित) पढ़ा जाय। अन्य नियम व शर्तें यथावत् रहें।  
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल श्रीनगर (गो) पर जायें  
पत्रांक-3336/वि0वि0म0श्री0/टी-9 दिनांक 22/10/2021 अधीक्षण अभियन्ता  
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**Uttarakhand State Council for Science & Technology (UCOST)**  
Department of Information & Science Technology (Govt. of Uttarakhand)  
Vigyan Dham, Jhajra, PO Jhajra Chakrata Road, Dehradun-248015, Uttarakhand, Ph. 0135-2976266 (O). E. : [ucost@ucost.in](mailto:ucost@ucost.in), W. : [www.ucost.in](http://www.ucost.in)

No: UCS&T/16<sup>th</sup> Science Congress/2021-22/19985 Dated: 22.10.2021  
**16<sup>th</sup> Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress 2021-22**  
Uttarakhand State Council for Science and Technology (UCOST) is going to organize the 16<sup>th</sup> Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress 2021-22 (16<sup>th</sup> USSTC 2021-22) in the March 2022 (exact date will be communicated later) in the premises of UCOST, VIGYAN DHAM, Dehradun. Council invites abstracts for Oral and Poster presentations from faculty members, scientists, research fellows, post doctoral fellows and researchers, working in different R&D research institutions, universities, colleges and any recognized, private or autonomous Science and Technology organizations located in the Uttarakhand State in the following disciplines:-

1- Agriculture Science	9- Material Science and Nano Technology
2- Bio-Technology, Bio-Chemistry and Micro Biology	10- Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science
3- Botany	11- Medical Science and Pharmaceutical Science
4- Chemistry	12- Physics
5- Earth Sciences including Geology, Geomorphology, Geophysics, Glaciology and Geography	13- Rural Technology
6- Engineering Science and Technology	14- Science and Society/ Science Communication
7- Environmental Science and Forestry	15- Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry
8- Home Science	16- Zoology

In order to encourage the young researchers of the state, **Young Scientist Awards** for Oral and Poster presentations will be conferred in the above mentioned disciplines. Along with this, one **'Innovator of the Year'** award will also be given in separate Innovator category.  
The registration fee (payable by way of Demand Draft) for the Congress is as follows:  
1. Research Scholar (without scholarship) - Nil  
2. Research Scholar (with scholarship) - INR1000.00  
3. Other in-service researcher - INR 2000.00  
One copy of abstract of the research paper (editable MS word and in the format provided at website along with required DD drawn in favour of Executive Chairman, Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress; should reach to Organizing Secretary, 16<sup>th</sup> Uttarakhand State Science and Technology Congress by post and Email ([usstc-16@ucost.in](mailto:usstc-16@ucost.in)) both till 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 at the above mentioned address. Details of the Congress can be seen at [www.ucost.in](http://www.ucost.in)  
Dr. Rajendra Dobhal, FNASc Director General

# CM continues extensive tour of disaster affected areas

## Visits Chamoli, Pauri on Friday, directs officers to restore facilities, provide health care services to affected families

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Continuing his extensive tour of the State, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami visited disaster affected areas of Chamoli and Pauri districts on Friday. After meeting the affected families in Chamoli district the CM held a meeting with the district level officers at the auditorium of district collectorate. In the meeting he directed the officers to restore the road connections, electricity lines and drinking water lines and provide immediate relief to the affected families. He directed the health department that medical facilities and medicines should reach all the affected areas without any delay.

He said that the arrangement of Air Ambulances was made to save the lives of people in disaster. He directed that the critical burn patients admitted in district hospital Gopeshwar should be shifted to the higher centre by air ambulance. The CM assured that resources would not be any constraint in helping the disaster affected people. On a terse note the CM said that all the roads which are still blocked



should be opened and said that if need arises the JCB Machines and other equipment should be airlifted to ensure that all roads are clear. He said that the availability of food grains should be ensured for the affected families and the use of Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system should be made to restore telecommunication services in affected areas. Dhami directed the officers of the Public Works Department (PWD) that all the roads should be made free from ditches before November 7 and warned that laxity would not be tolerated in this regard. Appreciating the prompt action of the

administration the CM said that everyone worked efficiently during the disaster. Apart from reviewing the relief, rescue and reconstruction works the CM also took information about the Badrinath master plan. He also visited district hospital Gopeshwar and met the admitted patients. The meeting was attended by the minister in charge of Chamoli Satpal Maharaj, disaster management minister Dhan Singh Rawat, district BJP President Raghuvir Bisht, Chairman district cooperative bank Gajendra Singh Rawat and officials of Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

# DISASTER IN SNOWY PEAKS 5 more bodies found in Uttarkashi

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

After finding the corpses of five trekkers from Kinnaur in Himachal Pradesh (HP) on Thursday, the authorities have found five more bodies and a survivor on the trekking route of Harsil in Uttarkashi to Chitkul in HP. However, the disaster management officer of Uttarkashi, Devendra Patwal informed that it is yet to be identified whether the dead people are the missing trekkers. He said, "We have recovered the five bodies which appear to be of the trekkers but it cannot be confirmed yet as we have no means to identify them yet."

He added that the person who was recovered alive is currently under treatment. Moreover, the officer also informed that the district administration has also received information that the authorities in HP have also found two dead bodies. "We cannot say for sure if the dead bodies found there are of the missing trekkers or people accompanying them from Uttarkashi. The search is still on with the help of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and we will continue to look for the missing people on Saturday too," stated Patwal. He added that the authorities have found a total of 10 dead bodies and recovered two people alive in the past three days. If the two bodies found in the HP turn out to be the missing people here, the authorities will be required to look for the remaining two people, stated Patwal.

# Helicopters rescue 23 from Darma valley in Pithoragarh



PNS ■ PITHORAGARH

The authorities are using helicopters to rescue trapped tourists in the Dharchula area of Pithoragarh district. The road connection to the Dharchula has remained blocked after the recent disaster.

On Friday, 23 people were rescued from Darma Valley in Dharchula. Apart from them, a pregnant woman was brought from Dharchula to Pithoragarh. The tourists expressed

their gratitude to the government and the District Magistrate for being rescued with the help of helicopters of the Air Force.

Meanwhile the administration continued the rescue operation in the high Himalayan areas for the second day on Friday. In which a total of 23 people including 21 tourists and two local women were brought to Dharchula in four sorties by Air Force helicopter from Darma Valley.

# Declare U'khand disaster prone State: Joshi

Dehradun: The secretary of Uttarakhand Congress Mahesh Joshi has demanded that the Union Government should declare Uttarakhand as a disaster affected state. Accusing the State Government of hiding the actual number of deaths, Joshi said that more than 100 lives have been lost.

He said that the disaster has proved that the disaster management of the state government is a complete failure as there was no preparation to deal with it even as there was a warning. Joshi said that the people of the state hoped that the union home minister Amit Shah would announce a relief package for the state but he did nothing other than pat the back of chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami. PNS

# Harish Rawat relieved of Punjab responsibility

Dehradun: Accepting the request of former Chief Minister and head of election campaign committee of Congress party Harish Rawat, the Congress high command has relieved him of the responsibility of All India Congress Committee (AICC) in charge of Punjab and Chandigarh. In a letter the General Secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal said that Harish Chauhdary would be the AICC general secretary in charge of Punjab and Chandigarh. Rawat however would continue to remain a member of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the apex decision making committee of Congress party.

It is pertinent to mention here that Rawat was consistently requesting the Congress high command from the responsibility of Punjab so that he could focus more on his home state Uttarakhand. Rawat was given charge of the important state of Punjab in September last year. In Punjab, Rawat tried his best to control the factionalism but he could not succeed. The Congress first appointed Navjot Singh Sidhu as Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief and later removed Captain Amarinder Singh from the post of chief minister. Since the

assembly elections in both Punjab and Uttarakhand are slated to be held together in early 2022, Rawat was requesting Congress President Sonia Gandhi to relieve him from the charge of Punjab. After the recent rain triggered disaster in Uttarakhand, Rawat had again requested the party high command which was accepted on Friday.

Expressing happiness at the decision of Congress high command, the vice president of Uttarakhand Congress Dharendra Pratap said since Rawat would devote his full time in Uttarakhand now which is nothing but an alarm bell for the ruling BJP. PNS

# U'khand receives best horticulture State award

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

Uttarakhand has been conferred with the best horticulture State in the country award by the Agriculture True group. The award was presented to the agriculture and horticulture minister of Uttarakhand Subodh Uniyal by union Agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar in New Delhi on Thursday during the 12th Agriculture leadership summit.

Speaking on the occasion Uniyal said that though Uttarakhand is a small state having only 13 districts, it has dedicated itself completely to fulfill the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to double the income of farmers. He said that Uttarakhand



has adopted the model of integrated agriculture to increase the income of the farmers. He said that the state government is promoting 20,000 mushroom growers and has reserved 40 per cent of funds under the district plan for agriculture and horticulture activities due to which poly house construction and high density fruit plan-

tation is getting a fillip in the state. The minister added that the state government is providing an interest free loan of Rs five lakhs and a low interest loan of Rs three lakhs to the agriculturists. Uniyal thanked the government of India for showing magnanimity in providing help to the state and hoped that it would continue.

In Dehradun, Uniyal said that the horticulture sector is having a great potential for the state. He said that the state has focused on high yielding fruit cultivation, encouraged farmers to grow off-season vegetables and has implemented The Nursery act. He said that Uttarakhand is the only state in the country which has made a provision of six month of imprisonment under nursery act. The minister said that the state government has worked in developing a separate brand of 'Uttarakhand Apples' by promoting packaging and marketing. He congratulated the horticulturists and department personnel for the unique achievement.

# COVID-19 Only 6 new cases reported in Uttarakhand

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The state health department reported 12 new cases of the novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) and 14 recoveries from the disease in Uttarakhand on Friday. No death from the disease was reported in the state on the day.

The cumulative count of Covid-19 patients in the state is now at 3,43,799 while a total of 3,30,099 patients have recovered from the disease so far. In the state, 7398 people have lost their lives to Covid-19 virus till date. The recovery percentage from the disease is at 96.02 per cent while the sample positivity rate on Friday was 0.10 per cent.

The state health department reported five new patients from Dehradun, three from Haridwar and one each from Pauri, Nainital, Rudrapur and Tehri on Friday. No new case of Covid-19 was reported from the remaining districts on the day.

The state now has 166 active cases of Covid-19. Dehradun with 101 cases is at the top of the table of active cases while Bageshwar, Tehri and Uttarkashi have no active cases of the disease now. In the ongoing vaccination drive 39,957 people were vaccinated in 990 sessions in the state held on Friday.

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## NORTHERN RAILWAY PENSION ADALAT & UMID CARD CAMP FOR PENSIONERS

**on 15th December 2021**

Pension Adalat and UMID CARD Camp for Pensioners will be held all over Northern Railway i.e., Northern Railways Headquarters office (Baroda House, New Delhi) and all Divisional Headquarters on **15th December 2021**.

**The last date of receiving the application for PENSION ADALAT is 15.11.2021**

**Pensioners -**

- Retired from HQs Office, Northern Railway may send their representations to Dy. CPO/HQ Northern Railway for Pension Adalat.
- Retired from Divisional office and Offices under the control of DRM may send their representations to Sr. DPO of the respective Division for Pension Adalat.
- Retired from Workshops, may send their representation to Sr. DPO of the Division in whose territory the Workshop is located, for Pension Adalat.

The representation for PENSION ADALAT should, however, be addressed to Dy.CPO (HQ)/Sr.DPO/Dy.CPO & SPO (Workshop) as the case may be. The envelope carrying the representation should be super-scribed - **PENSION ADALAT - 2021**

**Addresses of Dy. Chief Personnel officer (HQ) Northern Railway, Head Quarters office and Senior Divisional Personnel Officer of Divisional Head Quarters are mentioned as below.**

<b>Dy. Chief Personnel Officer (HQ)</b> Northern Railway, Headquarters office, Baroda House, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi - 110001	<b>Senior Divisional Personnel Officer,</b> Divisional Railway Manager Office, Northern Railway, Hazrat Ganj Lucknow-226001
<b>Senior Divisional Personnel Officer,</b> Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway Station Road, Firozpur Cantt- 182001	<b>Senior Divisional Personnel Officer,</b> Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Rail Vihar, Ambala Cantt, Ambala-133001
<b>Senior Divisional Personnel Officer,</b> Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway State Entry road, New Delhi - 110055	<b>Senior Divisional Personnel officer</b> Divisional Railway Manager office, Northern Railway, (Near Railway Stadium) Moradabad - 244001

**< UMID CARD Camp for Pensioners on 15.12.2021 >**  
Pensioners should come along with : Latest PPO as per 7th CPC, Latest Pension Slip issued by bank, RELHS Medical Card, Self Signatures, Aadhar Card of Self and dependent family members, PAN Card of Self and dependent family members and Passport Size Photographs of Self and dependent family members

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**Canara Bank** (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

**POSSESSION NOTICE** (For Immovable Property)

Canara Bank, Regional Office-I, IT Park, Plot No. 38, Sahasradhara Road, Dehradun

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act. No. 54 of 2002) 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, Respective Branch** for the amount detailed below and interest together with expenses thereon.

S. No.	Name of the Branch/Borrower/Guarantor	Description of Immovable Property	Date of Demand & Possession Notice	Amount Outstanding
1.	<b>Branch: Bhanjyawala, Dehradun</b> Borrower: M/s Amit Shubham Associates, Partner: (1) Sh. Amit Saini S/o Sh. Gopal Singh Saini, (2) Sh. Shubham Saini S/o Sh. Gopal Singh Saini	One piece of land having Khata Khatoni No 477(fasli year 1411-1416) bearing Khaska No3877 Ka measuring area 0.0770 hectare & Khata Khatoni No 886 (fasli year 1411-1416) bearing new Khaska No 3877 Kha /23/5/4 Mi Ju measuring area 0.0770 hectare total measuring area 0.1540 hectare land in which a tinposh measuring area is constructed 100 sq mt (old Khaska No 1200/23/5/6Mi. Ju. Mauja MAJRI- GRANT, Pargana Parwa Doon, Tehsil Doiwala, Distt- Dehradun. Boundaries: North: Passage 15 feet wide, South: Fabsol Factory, East : 30 feet wide passage, West- Land of Sri Bal Kishan Chandola	Date of Demand Notice 14.08.2021 Date of Possession notice 20.10.2021	Rs. 26,64,854.87 as on 30.06.2021 + future interest w.e.f. 27.06.2021 + expenses - recoveries after 30.06.2021
2.	<b>Branch: Bhanjyawala, Dehradun</b> Borrower: M/s Prabhat Enterprises, Sh. Dinesh Kumar S/o Sh. Nawab Singh	Property 1: All part and parcel of Residential property with area 83.64 sq mtr at: Khata Khatoni No 544 No. 1383 Min, Khaska No 1383 according to Fasli year 1416-1421 Mauja Ranipokhari Grant Pargana Parwadoon, Tehsil Rishikesh Distt- Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Boundaries: North: Aabadi Shri. Dhan Singh Pawar, South: 10 ft wide passage, East : 12ft wide passage, West- Land of Seller, Property 2: All that bhumiidhari khata khatani No 00544 Fasli Year 1416-1421, Khaska No 1384, Rakba 160 sq mtr situated at Mauza Ranipokhari Grant Pargana Parwa Doon Tehsil Doiwala Zila Dehradun. Boundaries: East: 12 ft wide passage, West: Land of Sh. Mohan Bisht, North: Land of Sh. Fateh Singh, South: Land of Sh. Moorari	Date of Demand Notice 14.08.2021 Date of Possession notice 20.10.2021	Rs. 47,24,245.08 as on 17.06.2021 + future interest w.e.f. 01.04.2021 + expenses - recoveries after 01.03.2021 (if any)
3.	<b>Branch: Clock Tower (DP CODE 2162)</b> Borrower: Smt Sunita Butola W/o Shri Sabal Singh Butola, and Sabal Singh Butola S/o Bachan Singh Butola	Land and building in the name of Smt Sunita Butola W/o Shri Sabal Singh Butola and Sri Sabal Singh Butola S/o Bachan Singh Butola, situated at Khaska No 1609, Mauza Raipur, Pargana Parwadoon, Measuring 143.57 Sq. Mtrs. Distt Dehradun. Boundaries: North- Land of others 31 ft., South- Road 15ft, East- Land of Raathan 48.6 ft., West- Land of others 48.6 ft.	Date of Demand Notice 05.08.2021 Date of Possession notice 21.10.2021	Rs. 42,52,909.58 as on 05.08.2021 +Future Interest w.e.f. 05.08.2021 + Expenses - Recoveries After 05.08.2021 (if any)
4.	<b>Branch: Rajpur Road Main, Dehradun</b> Borrower: Sh. Jagjivan Jot Singh S/o Sh. Damodar Singh Anand	All that part and parcel of the property containing Flat No. 102 in Tower T-1 Type D on First Floor having total covered area of 1089 sq.ft. (101.2081 sq. mtrs) in "Golden Manor" situated at Main Mussoorie Road, Opposite DIT University, Dehradun. Boundaries: North : Open space at G.F, South : Corridor, Lift & Staircase, East : Flat No. T1-103, West : Flat of Others T1-101 S1,S2,S3.	Date of Demand Notice 27.07.2021 Date of Possession notice 18.10.2021	Rs. 15,84,803.76 as on 05.07.2021 +Interest w.e.f. 06.07.2021 +Expenses -Recoveries after 05.07.2021 and interest thereon

Date - 22.10.2021 Place: Dehradun Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

**Canara Bank** (A Govt. of India Undertaking)

**E-Auction Notice**

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**SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 6, 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold through e-auction on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd.** through the website [www.indianbankseuction.com](http://www.indianbankseuction.com), through different lots. The details of E-Auction also available [www.canarabank.com](http://www.canarabank.com) Last date for submission of EMD 13.11.2021 till 4.00 PM Date and time of e-auction: 15.11.2021 between 12.30 PM to 3.00 PM (With auto extension of 5 minutes)

Sr. No.	Name & Address of Borrowers /Guarantors/Mortgagor	Brief Description of Property/ies	Liabilities	Reserve Price(Rs.) (B) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. Amount in Multiple Possession Type
Lot No. 1	<b>Borrower:</b> Smt. Gudia W/o Shri Babu Ram, R/o H No. 104/30, Ansari Marg, Machi Bazar, Dehradun, <b>Guarantor:</b> Shri Babu Ram S/o Shri Tej Ram R/o H No. 104 /30 Ansari Marg, Machi Bazar, Dehradun, Distt Dehradun, Uttarakhand.	Secured assets owned by Smt Gudia W/o Shri Babu Ram, Urem of Property At 101/30 AT Ansari Marg, Dehradun, Area 75.27 sq. mtrs. Boundaries: East-Land of seller, West- Land of seller, North-Land of seller, South- Road 13' Wide.	Rs. 25,47,313.27 as on 30.06.2011 + Interest w.e.f. 01.07.2011 + Expenses - Recoveries after 30.06.2011	Rs. 21.14 Lakhs Rs. 2.12 Lakhs Rs. 10,000/- Physical Possession
Lot No. 2	<b>Borrower -</b> Sri Madan Lal S/o Sri Badru Lal Village Kunshi, Tehsil Dund, Distt. Uttarkashi Uttarakhand 249151.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Emt of Land and Building in the name of Sri Madan Lal S/o Sri Badru Lal situated at Fasli Yea 1417-1422, Khata Khatani No 00020, Khaska Plot No 319 Rakba Village Kunshi Tehsil Dunda Uttarkashi having Total Area 0.020 Hect (200 sq mtr). Boundaries: East- Land of Sri Pyare Singh West- Land of Sri Jagat Singh, North- Land of Sri Badru Lal and Road, South- Land of Sri Badru.	Rs. 10,34,919.88 as on 25.07.2019 + interest w.e.f. 27.07.2019 + Expenses - Recoveries after 25.07.2019	Rs. 13.89 Lakhs Rs. 1.39 Lakhs Rs. 10,000/- Symbolic Possession

**Respective EMD amount to be credited to the following account:**  
Account Name- Canara bank Ro Dehradun 1,  
Account No. - 8305295000001,  
IFSC- CNRB0008305

**"Outstanding Dues of Local Self Govt. (Prop. Tax, Water, Sewerage, Electricity, Bills etc.) Not Known to the Bank"**

The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following conditions: A. E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" including encumbrances, if any. There is no encumbrance to the knowledge of the bank. B. Auction / bidding shall only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website [www.indianbankseuction.com](http://www.indianbankseuction.com). Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the E-auction sale proceedings. C. The property can be inspected with prior appointment with Authorized Officer on 13.11.2021 between 10.00 am to 05.00 pm. D. The property will not be sold below reserve price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. E. EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand Draft in favour of Canara Bank Or shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, as mentioned in column 06 on or before 13.11.2021 till 4.00 PM. F. After payment of EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 13.11.2021 till 4.00PM to Canara Bank, RESPECTIVE BRANCH (1) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.(2) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (3) Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id. (4) Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. (5) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them within 2 days of finalization of sale. The EMD shall not carry any interest G. Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service Provider **M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. No. 218, JP Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore, contact No. 9480691777/8880531165/9832952602** or E-mail Id: [eauction@ccsl.co.in](mailto:eauction@ccsl.co.in) Immediately on the same date of payment of the EMD amount the bidders shall approach the said service provider for obtaining digital signature (if not holding a valid digital signature). H. The intending bidders should register their names at portal [www.indianbankseuction.com](http://www.indianbankseuction.com) and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-auction from the service provider **M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. No. 218, JP Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore, contact No. 9480691777/8880531165/9832952602** or E-mail Id: [eauction@ccsl.co.in](mailto:eauction@ccsl.co.in). The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by secured creditor. J. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid) on the same day or not later than next working day on declaring him / her as the successful bidder and the balance on / before 15th day from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period as stated above, the deposit made by him / her shall be forfeited by the Authorized officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put for sale again. K. The successful bidder shall bear the stamp duties, charges including those of sale certificate, registration charges, all statutory dues payable to government, taxes and rates and outgoing both existing and future relating to properties L. Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. M. Authorize Officer/Service Provider will not be responsible for failure of e-auction due to internet power failure or any other technical issue. N. In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating e-auction, they can approach concerned branch or service provider **M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. No. 218, JP Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore, contact No. 9480691777/8880531165/9832952602** or E-mail Id: [eauction@ccsl.co.in](mailto:eauction@ccsl.co.in)

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HIGH-LEVEL MEET FROM MONDAY

# Army Top brass to discuss situation along LAC, LOC

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

Situation at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) facing China and Line of Control (LOC) with Pakistan will figure prominently during the Army Commanders' conference starting here next week. The top brass will review the operational readiness of the force to deal with any threat.

The four-day meet starting Wednesday will take place at a time when tension prevails at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh and the recently held 13th round of Corps Commander level talks did not yield any result.

Given the stalemate at the stand-off sites, both the countries are readying their troops for winter deployment in the forward areas in Eastern Ladakh. The Commanders will take stock of the preparations made to ensure troops posted there during the harsh winter months are able to perform their duty effectively.

To that effect, logistical back up will also be reviewed, sources said here on Friday.

At present, more than 50,000 troops each from both the sides are deployed in forward areas besides the friction points thereby leading to tension. The conference will review the current status of readiness of these troops, they added. Army Chief General M M Naravane had visited some forward posts in the first week of this month at the LAC in Ladakh and reviewed preparedness for winter months.

In fact, the status of the entire 4,000 km long LAC stretching from Ladakh in the west to Arunachal Pradesh in the east will be reviewed by the commanders.

As regards Pakistan, the ceasefire by both the armies in February this year at the LOC to avoid collateral damage has, so far, managed to hold except



some incidents last month when the Pakistan army violated the pact. The firing was in an apparent attempt to push militants into Jammu and Kashmir from launch pads across the LOC in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK). The commanders conference of all the three Services take place twice a year.

# PM misleading country, only 21% fully vaccinated: Cong

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

As the Government celebrated the 100-crore vaccination mark, the Congress on Friday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi accusing him of misleading the country on the job drive as only 21 per cent of the country's population was fully vaccinated.

The Congress asked the Prime Minister to bring out a white paper on how his Government intends to vaccinate all adults by year-end, a promise made by him earlier.

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh also alleged that the Prime Minister, in his address to the nation, did not talk about issues of inflation and terrorism confronting the country.

He said that instead of offering condolences to the families of 4.53 lakh people who lost their lives due to the coronavirus, the Prime Minister is celebrating.

"The Prime Minister should talk about the issues confronting the nation, but instead he is celebrating

'Mahotsava'. The PM touched issues in a wrong manner and shared wrong data while trying to mislead the country," he told reporters.

Vallabh also alleged that "the PM gave the data which is semi-baked, as half-truth is very dangerous."

He said there are only two countries having more than 50 crore population and the claim that India is the first country to achieve 100-crore plus vaccinations is "false" as China had achieved 216 crore doses of vaccinations in September.

He said China has double vaccinated 80 per cent of its population while India has only vaccinated 20 per cent of the population.

"We would like to ask the prime minister that it would have been nice if he had shared when we are going to start vaccinations for our school-going and college-going students. It would have been good if the PM answered when his promise of the entire population would be fulfilled by December 31, 2021. "Please share a white paper



on how we are going to receive 106 crore vaccines in the next 70 days to vaccinate our entire adult population," Vallabh said.

He said that "we thought he would talk about inflation because from January 1 till date there is a hike in (price of) diesel by 29 per cent and petrol by 27 per cent."

"Is there anybody on this earth except the prime minister's few friends whose income level has increased in last nine months by 29 per cent," he asked.

"We were expecting you to speak on the issue when innocents were killed in Jammu and Kashmir, including 32 persons murdered in the last two weeks and nine soldiers gave supreme sacrifice saving our motherland. But the prime minister does not have time for any of such things.

# Announcement for Haj, online process to start in Nov: Naqvi

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Thursday said the official announcement of Haj 2022 will be made in the first week of November and along with that the process of online application for Haj will also be started.

He said that selection process of Haj pilgrims will be done according to complete vaccination with both the doses and guidelines and criteria to be decided by Indian and Saudi Arabia Governments, keeping in view Corona protocols during the time of Haj 2022.

While chairing Haj Review Meeting here Naqvi said that Digital Health Card, "E-MASIH" health facility and "E-luggage pre-tagging", providing all information regarding accommodation/transportation in Makkah-Madinah, will be provided to all the Haj pilgrims.

He said that preparations for Haj 2022 have been started keeping in mind the health and corona protocol of Saudi Arabia Government and Government of India.

The entire Haj 2022 process in India will be 100 per cent digital. India sends the second largest number of Haj pilgrims after Indonesia.

Naqvi said that arrangements for special training for Haj 2022 regarding Corona protocols and Health and Hygiene are being made in India and Saudi Arabia for the Haj pilgrims. National-international protocol guidelines due to pandemic position will be implemented and followed strictly during Haj 2022.

Haj 2022 process is being chalked out after deliberations among Ministry of Minority Affairs, Ministry of Health, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Haj Committee of India, Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia and India's Consul General in Jeddah and other agencies keeping in view all aspects of the pandemic challenges.

## CAPSULE

### 152 SAKSHAM CENTRES LAUNCHED IN A WEEK

**New Delhi:** As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a total of 152 Centre for Financial Literacy & Service Delivery (SAKSHAM Centres), one stop solutions/single window system for basic financial needs of Self-Help Group across 77 districts of 13 states have been launched under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) of the Ministry of Rural Development during 4-8th October, said a statement here from the Ministry.

### WELLINGTON COLLEGE TO OPEN SCHOOLS IN INDIA

**New Delhi:** After setting up its schools in China and Thailand, international schools' group, Wellington College, is making its foray in India to establish its first educational institute in Pune. In this regard, its subsidiary Wellington College International has joined hands with the Unison Group, a premium education provider in India. The Wellington College, founded under the British Royal Charter in 1853, is a leading UK day and boarding school while Unison Group has four education institutions in Dehradun and Delhi NCR, according to a statement here.

### LUCKNOW UNIVERSITY HOLDS KNOWLEDGE SCIENCE EVENT

**New Delhi:** Four policies formulated by Department of Science and Technology (DST)—on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI), Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR), Liberalised Geospatial Guidelines and Scientific Research Infrastructure, Sharing Maintenance and Networks (SRIMAN) would go a long way in taking benefits of science, technology and innovation to the common man and realise the dreams of Atmanirbhar Bharat, said Dr Akhilesh Gupta, senior adviser, Department of Science & Technology, at a programme organised online by the University of Lucknow.

### ARMY TIES UP WITH AMITY UNIVERSITY

**New Delhi:** The Indian Army on Friday tied up with Amity University to establish a long-term symbiotic relationship for Academic & Research Cooperation. It will be the first of a kind with any private university, towards starting a joint "Centre of Excellence" for Studies in Engineering, Innovation & Technology at AUUP premises.

# Govt expects Indian carriers purchasing more wide-bodied aircraft

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

The Government is looking forward to Indian airlines purchasing and leasing many more wide-bodied aircraft once the Indian aviation sector recuperates from the Covid-induced crisis.

Only two Indian carriers — Air India and Vistara — currently have wide-bodied aircraft, which have bigger fuel tanks that allows them to operate long-haul flights such as on India-US routes.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia while speaking at a conference of Public Affairs Forum of India on Friday, said Air India's successful sale to the Tata group is a testament of the belief of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and this Government that "the private sector has an integral to play in

making sure that service value proposition is there for all customers".

"I think in many ways, this (privatisation) changes the long standing perception of the Government in business," he added. The Centre had announced on October 8 that a Tata group subsidiary made the winning bid for Air India by quoting Rs 18,000 crore. Both Air India and Vistara are owned by the Tata group now.

The minister said: "Our national flagship carrier (Air India), over the last 10 years, due to the policies of the past governments, had really become a drag on the resources of the country." "That divestment process was completed. The hand over is in process. I wish the new owners all success," he mentioned.

Scindia said there is a need to have a level playing field and

break down of all the gatekeepers to allow proliferation of aviation sector players -- not only new players but also existing players that will augment capacity.

Stating that he does not want to put the cart before the horse, Scindia said once the normalisation happens, there should be expansion of capacities. "And the expansion of capacities that I would like to see is not only for domestic traffic but also for international traffic. So, I am looking forward to our domestic airlines purchasing many more and leasing many more wide-bodied aircraft so that they can also travel abroad," he said.

"And these long-haul flights, which will shorten the gap between the RASK and the CASK, the revenue structure and the cost structure of the airline, is something that I am



looking forward to," he stated. RASK stands for revenue per available seat-kilometre and it is calculated by dividing the total revenue earned from a flight with the total number of seats and the distance travelled. Similarly, CASK stands for cost per available seat-kilometre.

The minister said he is looking to the return of normalcy in the domestic aviation sector in the next couple of months. He said he wished his very best to the two airlines -- re-born Jet Airways and new airline Akasa -- that were coming on board.

# SC seeks response from Twitter India ex-MD on UP's plea against Karnataka HC

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday sought response from former Twitter Managing Director Manish Maheshwari on an appeal of the Uttar Pradesh Government against the Karnataka High Court's decision to quash a notice seeking his personal appearance as part of the probe into a communally sensitive video uploaded by a user on the microblogging site.

The bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana took note of the submissions of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the State Government, and issued notice to Maheshwari, who has been transferred to the USA by his employer Twitter Inc in August. "We issue notice. We need to hear the case," said the bench which also comprised justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli.

Earlier, the State Government, which has filed the plea through Senior Superintendent of Police of Ghaziabad, had on September 8 mentioned its appeal for an urgent hearing. The plea challenges the July 23 order of the Karnataka High Court quashing the notice issued to Maheshwari to appear before the police and cooperate in the

probe related to uploading of a communally sensitive video on Twitter. The Karnataka High Court has interfered with the summons issued to the then Twitter Managing Director by the Uttar Pradesh Police, the law officer had said.

Holding the notice as "mala fide", the high court had said the notice under Section 41(A) of the CrPC should be treated as Section under 160 of CrPC, allowing the Ghaziabad Police to question Maheshwari through virtual mode, at his office or his residential address in Bengaluru. Section 41 (A) of the CrPC gives power to police to issue a notice to an accused to appear before it when a complaint is filed and if the accused complies with the notice and cooperates, then he is not required to be arrested.

The Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh) Police had issued a notice under Section 41-A of the CrPC on June 21 asking him to report at the Loni Border police station at 10:30 AM on June 24. Maheshwari then moved the Karnataka High Court as he was at that time staying in Bengaluru in Karnataka. On June 24, the High Court, in an interim order, restrained the Ghaziabad

Police from initiating any coercive action against him.

The Ghaziabad Police on June 15 booked Twitter Inc, Twitter Communications India Pvt Ltd (Twitter India), news website The Wire, journalists Mohammed Zubair and Rana Ayyub, besides Congress leaders Salman Nizami, Maskoor Usmani, Shama Mohamed and

writer Saba Naqvi.

They were booked over the circulation of a video in which an elderly man, Abdul Shamad Saifi, alleged that he was thrashed by some young men, who also asked him to chant 'Jai Shri Ram' on June five. According to police, the video was shared to cause communal unrest.

# SC directs Centre to issue order for grant of PC in seven days to 39 women officers in Army

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

In a relief to some Women Short Service Commission Officers (WSSCO) in the Army, the Supreme Court on Friday directed the Centre to issue orders granting Permanent Commission (PC) to 39 such officers in seven working days and furnish the details of 25 officers with rea-

sons, who were not considered. The Centre informed the top court that after re-examining the case of each 72 women SSC officers, one officer has decided to quit, 39 officers can be considered for PC, seven have been found medically unfit and 25 officers cannot be granted PC as they have adverse ACR report of indiscipline and disobedience and poor operational report.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and BV Nagarathna said that in respect of the officers forming part of the group of 36 WSSCOs who have filed four contempt peti-

tions in the top court and are not found eligible for grant of PC, the Centre shall file statements in a tabulated form giving the reasons for each of the officers not found eligible or are denied PC. "In the above facts, we are of the view that ends of justice would be met, if to begin with, orders for the grant of PC are issued for all the 39 officers, in terms of the statement which have been made before this court by the ASG Sanjay Jain within a period of one seven working days from today. Compliance shall be scrupulously ensured within seven working days", it said.

The Centre has earlier told the top court that all these 72 WSSCOs have been found unfit for grant of permanent commission in the Army.

ASG Jain said that besides the 39 WSSCOs of the 72 officers, one officer has decided to quit while seven officers have been found medically unfit and 25 officers have been denied PC on disciplinary grounds, disobedience, and weak operational report. The apex court listed the matter for further hearing after Diwali vacation.

On October 1, the top court had restrained the Army from discharging the 72

# Defence Ministry signs ₹400-crore contract with US for procurement of arms

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

In an effort to provide more lethal equipment to the Navy to destroy enemy submarines and warships, the Defence ministry has signed a contract with the US worth over ₹400 crores for torpedoes and expendable(chaff and flares).

These weapons will be fitted on the long range P-8 I long range maritime reconnaissance

aircraft now with the Navy. These aircraft are also US made and the Indian Navy has 11 aircraft manufactured by Boeing.

The defence ministry said here the torpedoes deal worth Rs 423 crores is through the Foreign Military Sale route wherein the US stands guarantee for all the contractual clauses and delivery schedule.

These weapons are the outfit of P-8I Aircraft which is used

for Long range Maritime Surveillance, Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Surface Warfare (ASV).

The first batch of the P-8 I was inducted in 2013 and the latest one joined service earlier this week. In addition to unmatched maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare capabilities, the P-8I has been deployed to assist during disaster relief.

# Covid seasonal infection linked to low temp and humidity: Study

PNs ■ NEW DELHI

Covid-19 is a seasonal infection linked to low temperatures and humidity, much like seasonal influenza, researchers from Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal) have claimed.

The results, published in Nature Computational Science, also support the considerable contribution of airborne SARS-CoV-2 transmission and the need to shift to measures that promote "air hygiene". Researchers worked on a

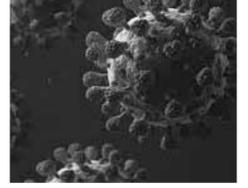
key question regarding SARS-CoV-2 was whether it was behaving, or will behave, as a seasonal virus like influenza, or whether it will be equally transmitted during any time of the year.

"The question of whether Covid-19 is a genuine seasonal disease becomes increasingly central, with implications for determining effective intervention measures," explained Xavier Rodó, director of the Climate and Health programme at ISGlobal and coordinator of the study.

To answer this question, Rodó and his team first analysed the association of temperature and humidity in the initial phase of SARS-CoV-2 spread in 162 countries across five continents, before changes in human behaviour and public health policies were put into place. The results show a negative relationship between the transmission rate (R0) and both temperature and humidity at the global scale: higher transmission rates were associated with lower temperatures and humidity.

The team then analysed how this association between climate and disease evolved over time, and whether it was consistent at different geographical scales. For this, they used a statistical method that was specifically developed to identify similar patterns of variation (i.e. a pattern-recognition tool) at different windows of time.

Again, they found a strong negative association for short time windows between disease (number of cases) and climate (temperature and humid-



ity), with consistent patterns during the first, second and third waves of the pandemic at different spatial scales: worldwide, countries, down to individual regions within highly affected countries (Lombardy,

Thüringen and Catalonia) and even to the city level (Barcelona).

The first epidemic waves waned as temperature and humidity rose, and the second wave rose as temperatures and humidity fell. However, this pattern was broken during summertime in all continents. "This could be explained by several factors, including mass gatherings of young people, tourism, and air conditioning, among others," explains Alejandro Fontal, researcher at ISGlobal and first author of the study.

Finally, using an epidemiological model, the research team showed that incorporating temperature into the transmission rate works better for predicting the rise and fall of the different waves, particularly the first and third ones in Europe. "Altogether, our findings support the view of COVID-19 as a true seasonal low-temperature infection, similar to influenza and to the more benign circulating coronaviruses," says Rodó. This seasonality could con-

tribute importantly to the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, since low humidity conditions have been shown to reduce the size of aerosols, and thereby increase airborne transmission of seasonal viruses such as influenza. "This link warrants an emphasis on 'air hygiene' through improved indoor ventilation as aerosols are capable to persist suspended for longer times," says Rodó, and highlights the need to include meteorological parameters in the evaluation and planning of control measures.

# PDP gives defamation notice to Malik

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday sent a legal notice to former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik, seeking ₹10 crore in damages for making "vexatious, false motivated and incorrect" statement regarding her being a beneficiary of Roshni Act.

Sharing a copy of the legal notice on various social media platforms the twitter handle of Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party stated, "Legal notice served to former J&K Governor Satyapal Malik, of fax machine fiasco fame, for levelling defamatory allegations against PDP President".

The legal notice served by Advocate Anil Sethi also stated, "A video has been circulated in the media where you, while being escorted by the official staff of Raj Bhawan of Meghalaya, are shown as holding a press conference. While recounting your days as Governor in



erstwhile State of J&K, at 0.23 seconds of the said video clip, you have alleged that my client took benefit of the State Land under the J&K State Lands (Vesting of Ownership to the Occupants) Act, 2001 which is popularly known as the Roshni Act and that on verification, you found the above allegation to be correct".

"By conducting yourself as an Ex-Governor of J&K State and making utterances about the benefit being taken by my client under Roshni Act,

which are not only false and incorrect, you have defamed my client and have levelled scandalous and serious allegations against her with the sole objective of tarnishing her otherwise politically neat and clean image."

Advocate Sethi said that it was a fact that "(Mehbooba) has never been beneficiary of State land under Roshni Act and has never taken any land (under the Act) which now stands quashed/ repealed."

"By making such false utterances, you have tarnished the image of my client (Mehbooba) and have defamed her and lowered her reputation in the estimation of public," read the notice, adding, "All the allegations in the video clip are vexatious, false motivated and incorrect and this fact is known to you as well."

He said although no amount of money can compensate her for the loss of reputation and good name which loss has been caused by Satya Pal Malik's

conduct, "yet my client has decided to sue you for claiming compensation / damages for loss of reputation and good name earned by her and for establishing that the allegations levelled you are incorrect and false and have been levelled at a juncture which hints at a political collusion behind, the speech made by you."

"By virtue of this Legal Notice, I, therefore, call upon you to pay compensatory damages to my client (Mehbooba) to the extent of Rs. 10 crores within 30 days of receipt of this Legal Notice. (This amount of damages/ compensation is not supposed to be utilised by my client for her personal gains/ benefits but shall be donated/ utilised for public good)."

Malik has been asked to treat the legal notice in terms of Section 80 CPC. "Further legal consequences shall follow in case of non-compliance of the demand made herein," the notice added.

# Counter-terror op: Fresh firing after 48 hrs in Poonch

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Fresh exchange of firing was reported after a gap of almost 48 hours on the 12th day of the counter terrorist operation going on in the Nar Khas forest area of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch on Friday. After confirming the presence of the highly trained terrorists in the area the security forces exercised extra caution to prevent further loss of lives.

Till date nine Indian soldiers including two JCO's have sacrificed their lives while not a single terrorist, believed to have taken shelter behind natural caves in the forest area, has been neutralised.

The security forces are now expected to adopt a new

strategy to tackle the situation at hand.

As the searches continued during the day the security forces recovered two small boxes, suspected to be the IEDs. The same were destroyed in situ to prevent any grievous injury.

Meanwhile, security has been beefed up across different parts of Kashmir valley ahead of the three day long visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir beginning October 23. Several new check posts and bunkers came up in different parts of Srinagar to prevent targeted killing of civilians and security personnel.

The common citizens were

subjected to frisking in main city centres including Lal Chowk area of Srinagar. Paramilitary forces along with jawans of the Jammu & Kashmir police were seen randomly checking vehicles and verifying papers of two wheeler owners. In the recent strikes on civilians, the terrorists used two wheelers for swift movement in the busy market areas.

In Jammu, a high level security review conference was chaired by the corps commander of Nagrota based 16 corps.

Senior Army, BSF, J&K police and CRPF officers attended the meeting and discussed measures taken to further strengthen the security apparatus in the region.

# Bengal on alert as cases spike

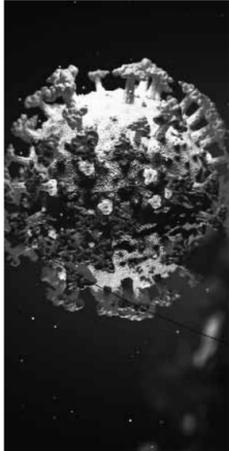
SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Bengal Government has moved into an alert mode following spike in corona cases post the festivities.

The State has witnessed more than 1,000 new cases in the past 48 hours with Capital Kolkata alone witnessing 319 cases between Thursday and Friday, sources said adding the number of cases are likely to go up further.

According to sources in the Kolkata Municipal Corporation sources out of 319 patients about 150 patients had received double doses of vaccine while 15 had received a single dose.

"The question is not that vaccinated people are getting infected because that is not unusual as vaccines generally provide 65-70 percent protection ... the question is the reason why the people are getting infected once again ... it is simply because we had thrown caution to the wind during the Pujas ... the Government too was not cautious enough and



the people were doubly negligent ... this had to happen ... one only hopes that the corona cases do not go up further," said health surgeon Dr Kunal Sarkar.

Another senior doctor from the state of art SSKM Hospital cautioned the Government

against a steep rise in the corona cases if crowds are not controlled during Kali Puja-Diwali and Chhath Puja when people get out of their houses in large numbers.

"We are looking in the face of a third wave if we do not take lessons from the past mistakes ... vaccination is not enough ... it can only limit fatality rates but it cannot provide cent percent guarantee against infection ... so it is necessary for both the Government and the people to exercise utmost caution," he said.

Meanwhile, sources in the KMC Health department said that "in view of rising cases a quarantine centre and two safe homes have once again been created in Kolkata ... if the cases go up there will more such centres."

A senior State Health Department official said that "there is no need to panic at this point of time because there ample number of beds in the hospitals and the Government is keeping a close vigil on the situation."

# Kerala reports 9,361 new Covid cases

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala logged 9,361 new Covid-19 cases and 99 deaths on Friday, pushing the infection count to 48,88,678 and the death toll to 27,765. According to a release, 9,401 people recuperated from the disease today, taking the total cured in the state to 47,88,629.

"Currently there are 80,892 active Covid-19 cases of which only 9.8 per cent are hospitalised," State Health Minister Veena George said in a release. She said 80,393 samples were tested in the last 24 hours and there are 211 wards with a weekly infection population ratio above ten per cent.

Among the districts, Ernakulam reported the highest number of fresh positive cases today--1,552, followed by Thiruvananthapuram with 1,214 and Kollam-1,214.

Of those found infected today, 39 reached the state from outside while 9,012 contracted the disease through their contact. **PTI**

# TMC cries political terrorism as Sushmita Dev attacked

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Friday launched a frontal attack on the BJP for carrying out "political terrorism" in Tripura. This, after the convoy of TMC's charge de affairs in the North-East Sushmita Dev was attacked by alleged BJP miscreants.

With Tripura civic elections just about a month away TMC Rajya Sabha MP Dev was on a "Jana Sanyog Abhiyan" (mass connectivity drive) along with the members of TMC's campaign partner Indian Political Action Committee or I-PAC to drum up support for her party.

Dev's car was damaged and her hand bag was allegedly snatched away by the BJP men, the TMC leadership alleged. Other party men too were injured in the attack. The BJP however denied the allegations.

"Under BJP Biplab's Duare Gunda Raj (goons at the door step), attack on political oppo-

nents is setting new records! Physically manhandling a sitting female Rajya Sabha MP, Sushmita Dev is Beyond Shameful and Political Terrorism by BJP Tripura goons! The time is near. People of Tripura will answer," Banerjee tweeted. Banerjee, is likely to visit Tripura post Diwali.

"People of Tripura will give a befitting response to this Barbaric attack... Police must immediately stop acting as mere spectators. This collapse of law and order is unacceptable. We demand justice," the Tripura wing of the TMC tweeted.

A police complaint lodged by the TMC said "Sushmita Dev along with 10 other party workers of TMC were brutally attacked by workers of the BJP at Amtali Bazar around 1:30 pm. The perpetrators vandalised vehicles, physically assaulted workers of the TMC and outraged the modesty of female party workers." The TMC also alleged "this was accompanied by theft of property including mobile phones

belonging to supporters of the party. We request you to urgently enquire about the matter and bring the perpetrators to justice."

The TMC leadership have been alleging similar attacks over the past several months with leaders from Bengal including junior Banerjee's vehicle getting attacked by alleged BJP cadres.

Incidentally the Opposition Left Front has called such attacks as ploy to provide Trinamool Congress a toe-hold in Tripura. "The BJP afforded the TMC a place in Bengal, the BJP is trying to return the favour in Tripura... but people here have taken the lesson from Bengal and they will not commit the same mistake again," said former Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar.

Dev, who quit the Congress in August to join the Trinamool, has been travelling across Tripura to drum up support for her new party ahead not only of the Assembly but also of the civic polls that are likely to take

place in that State on November 25.

"Our national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee has declared that the TMC will be contesting all the upcoming elections in Tripura and likewise we are preparing to contest the civic body polls. Let the polls be declared then the party will formulate a final strategy," Dev said.

Elsewhere in Goa the second state where the Bengal ruling outfit is trying to find a toe-hold the TMC will start campaigning from October 25, party sources said.

While Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will reach Goa on October 28 to take part in a 2-day programme party leader and senior MP Saugata Roy would start campaigning in that State from October 25, TMC sources in Kolkata said.

Supriyo a former BJP leader and Union Minister who joined the TMC barely two months ago was also being given a great responsibility in Goa. He too would campaign with Roy in that State.



People from Liangmai tribe perform their cultural dance during the 'Go To Hills 2.0' programme, at Konsa Khul village in Kangpokpi district on Friday **PTI**

# Assam CM woos tea tribe of bypoll-bound Mariani with promises of roads, schools, jobs

**Mariani (Assam):** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Friday promised to improve road connectivity, build schools and provide clean tap water at homes for all tea garden workers in Jorhat's by-poll-bound Mariani assembly constituency.

Addressing an election rally here at Hatigarh playground, Sarma also said that his Government is working on a plan to reserve one lakh jobs for youths from tea garden communities.

The CM further said that the BJP-led government was committed to working for the development and welfare of the tea tribe.

"It was with this purpose in mind Congress MLA Rupiyoti Kurmi left his party to join the BJP a few months ago," he stated.

Four-time legislator Kurmi, who was the lone tea tribe MLA of the Congress, quit the grand old party and gave up assembly membership after the BJP won elections and formed government for the second consecutive term, thus necessitating the by-poll.

He has been fielded by the BJP, this time, for Mariani by-elections. Making a host of promises for the development of tea garden areas and its workers, the Chief Minister announced that his Government would sanction Rs 1 crore each for construction of roads inside the constituency's 40 estates. He gave assurance that clean tap water and electricity would be made available at every tea garden worker's household in the area in the next six months.

Sarma further said that 10 composite high schools and a Government college will be set up in the constituency for locals.

He also said mini sports stadiums will be built in the vicinity of the gardens, apart from the ₹12-crore one that has already allotted to the constituency.

"The government is working on a plan to

reserve one lakh jobs for tea tribe youths, under existing Other Backward Classes quota, within a year, in keeping with the promise made by the BJP ahead of the state elections held earlier this year," the CM underlined.

He said that guest houses will be built near each government medical college and hospital in the state for accommodating the attendants of patients from the community.

The CM, during his speech, highlighted other steps taken by the government for welfare of the tea tribe, including increase in daily wages to ₹ 205, monetary dole for pregnant women, MGNREGA cards for casual garden workers and health insurance cards under central and state government schemes.

"The culture and traditions of all tea garden tribes and sub-tribes will be conserved by the new Indigenous and Tribal Faith and Culture department that our Government has set up," Sarma noted.

Talking about the wild elephant menace in Mariani, which leaves acres of crops in ruins, he said, "As far as possible, we shall put up electric fences to keep them away."

He also affirmed that the Orunudi scheme of the state government will cover additional 6,000 families in Mariani in the next three months, taking the total number of beneficiaries here to 21,000.

"We are also contemplating the idea of increasing the dole from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 or ₹2,500 under the scheme as it will help ease problems of locals to a greater extent," Sarma added.

The chief minister addressed multiple election rallies in Mariani during the day. Mariani, along with Tamulpur, Gossaigaon, Bhabanipur and Thowra constituencies, will go to polls on October 30. Votes will be counted on November 2. **PTI**

# Centre not bothered about people: Gehlot

**Jaipur:** Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Friday hit out at the Union Government over the farmers' agitation and rising inflation, accusing it of adopting an arrogant attitude and saying it is not bothered about people. "Inflation is increasing because prices of petrol and diesel are increasing day by day and the Central Government is not bothered about it. They have no idea that people are under distress," he told reporters in Nagaur's Nimbola Biswa village.

Gehlot visited the village to attend a camp under his government's "Prashasan Gaon ke Sang" programme.

"They should understand sentiments of the countrymen. They feel that there is no reaction among people but the reaction is very much in the mind and heart," he said accusing the Government of being arrogant.

Gehlot also targeted the Union Government on the farmers' stir against central farm laws.

He said farmers have been agitating for a year and no one cares about them. Gehlot said it has never happened in the history of the country and the world that farmers have been agitating for more than a year.

Gehlot said the situation in the country is dangerous. The media is under pressure and the government misuses the CBI, Income Tax Department and Enforcement Directorate, Gehlot said. The Chief Minister also said there was a conspiracy to weaken his Government but the MLAs supported the Government and stayed together for 34 days last year else the Government would have gone. **PTI**

# BJP expels three Udaipur leaders for anti-party activities

**Jaipur:** The Rajasthan BJP on Friday expelled its three Udaipur leaders for six years for alleged anti-party activities. The move has come days before the bypolls to the Vallabhagar Assembly segment in Udaipur.

BJP's State general secretary Bhajan Lal Sharma issued the orders on the directions of state party president Satish Poonia, according to a statement.

Udaail Dangi was expelled for contesting the bypolls as an independent candidate against the party's official candidate, Himmat Singh. Dangi turned rebel after the denial of ticket to him.

Deependra Kunwar and Kalu Lal were expelled for campaigning against the party's official candidate.

Deependra Kunwar had also filed nomination as a Janta Sena candidate when she was denied ticket but later withdrew her papers.

However, she is now campaigning for her husband Randhir Singh Bhandar, who is contesting the bypolls as an independent candidate. Dhariawad (Pratapgarh) and Vallabhagar (Udaipur) Assembly constituencies in Rajasthan are going to the polls on October 30 and the counting will take place on November 2. **PTI**

# MID-SEA DRUG BUST CASE Ananya Pandey grilled by NCB for second day

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

Bollywood actress Ananya Pandey was grilled by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for the second consecutive day on Friday in connection with the ongoing investigations into the mid-sea bust case involving Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's eldest son Aryan Khan and others.

Twenty-three-year-old Ananya Pandey - who is the daughter of Bollywood actor Chunky Pandey and granddaughter of the renowned heart surgeon late Dr Sharad Pandey - was questioned for three hours on the second day, in connection with the ongoing investigations in the mid-sea drug bust case. Ananya's name has allegedly figured in some of Aryan's WhatsApp chats.

Ananya, who had been questioned earlier for two hours on Thursday, has been summoned again on Monday morning for a third round of questioning.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports said that the NCB officials had not found evidence of any "drug-related" messages in her WhatsApp chats with her friend Aryan Khan.

A day after Special Court rejected Aryan Khan's bail application, the Bombay High Court on Thursday

scheduled his bail application for hearing on October 26.

Twenty-three-year-old Aryan and seven others were initially detained on the night of October 2 and later arrested on October 3, after the NCB officials busted a rave party and seized 13 grams of cocaine, 5 grams of MD (Mephedrone), 21 grams of Charas, 22 pills of MDMA (Ecstasy) and ₹1.35 lakh in cash from Goa-bound Cordelia Cruises' Empress ship, off the Mumbai coast.

The total number of arrests in the sensational drug bust case has gone up to 20, with the arrest of a foreign national Okara Quazma and a local person Shivraj Harihan. Aryan and other accused have been booked for offences under Section 8(c), 20(b), 27, 28, 29 and 35 under the NDPS Act.

After his arrest, Aryan was remanded to NCB custody till October 7, which was extended till October 8. On October 8, the Mumbai Esplanade Court rejected the bail pleas of Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan and two others on the grounds of maintainability. Thereafter Aryan and four accused moved a Special NDPS court.

Aryan and other accused are currently in judicial custody.

# A-G: Hindus alone entitled for recruitment in HR&CE institutions

**Chennai:** Hindus alone are entitled for appointment in teaching and non-teaching posts in educational institutions run and funded by the State Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) department, the Tamil Nadu Government informed the Madras High Court on Friday.

Advocate-General R Shunmugasundaram said this when Justice C Saravanan was hearing a writ petition from a Muslim youth challenging the relevant provision today.

The petition from Suhail sought to quash an employment advertisement in a Tamil daily dated October 13, which invit-

ed applications only from Hindus for appointment for teaching and non-teaching posts in the newly started Shri Kapaleeswarar Arts and Science College in Kolathur and consequently direct the authorities to permit him to compete for the post of Office Assistant.

Petitioner contended that the HR&CE has no authority to impose the condition that other religious persons are not eligible to be appointed. Being an Indian citizen and native of Tamil Nadu, he claimed he is entitled for the protection provided under Articles 16(1) and 16(2) of the Constitution, which provide equal opportunity in matters of public employment. **PTI**



Women shop for lanterns and other decorative items ahead of the Diwali festival, in Thane on Friday **PTI**



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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Jab half done

The 1 billion vaccines is a big milestone but our fight against the virus is just half way through

A billion vaccinations are done in India. That is a gigantic achievement. Only two countries in the world can claim the record. The other country is China. It reached the one-billion mark in June and the two-billion mark in September. As India celebrates the billionth dose, there is also the realisation that the job is half done. Just under a billion more doses will ensure that the country's adult population gets fully vaccinated. India's eligible adults need over 1.8 billion doses. Anything less than that is unacceptable. Seventy-five per cent of India's adult population — over 707 million people — has received one dose. Seventy more days remain till December 31. Twelve million doses a day are needed to fully cover the entire adult population in this period. There could also be about 70 million "vulnerable" adults above 45 yet to get even a single dose. Next, come the children. Over 35 per cent of the population is in the group of 0-14 years. Over 41 per cent of the population accounts for children under 18. India needs 26 crore to vaccinate children in the 12-17 age group. A similar number of doses are needed for children below 12.



Amid the celebrations, a note of caution is necessary. The first issue is the supply of vaccines. Most of the billion shots have come in the last two or three months. The vaccine roll-out that began in January did not pick up pace for the first half of the year because of the short supply of vaccines and teething problems with the supply chain. The Government

needs assurance from the vaccine suppliers that the pace of supply will not slacken now. The Government wants to complete the programme by this year-end. That means the speed of vaccination has to be phenomenal. It will be a bigger logistical challenge. The Government has also to counter the usual hitches like vaccine hesitancy and vaccine complacency. Reports still come in about health workers trying to convince people, mostly in the interior rural areas, to take the vaccine. Reports also talk about people, in both urban and rural areas, being careless about taking the jabs. Thousands of people are also missing their second dose because of overcrowded vaccination centres or the centres being far away from their homes. The Government is tackling this problem by reaching vaccines to far-off places via drones. A tougher task that faces the Government is when to vaccinate the children. Emergency use authorisation has been given for some vaccines but peer-reviewed human trial reports are yet to be studied and the vaccines released for use. The biggest worry would be about vaccinated parents in the rural areas visiting the vaccination centres again for their children's sake. Also, the Government has to decide if paediatricians should be allowed to vaccinate children as well. That can speed up the process.

### PICTALK



An Army personnel during a workshop, in Rajouri district

# Kashmir dilemma is deeply rooted



PRAFULL GORADIA

To overcome the gulf in Kashmir, everyone should understand one another so that the Government does not keep going round the mulberry bush

A Kashmiri acquaintance recently described the situation in Kashmir as a continuation of the Indo-Pak conflict by proxy. The soft locals fear that their Valley will soon be filled with outsiders, whereas tougher Kashmiris look at the abolition of Article 370 as an opportunity to prolong the fight.

At least from the time of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan of Aligarh fame, the belief that the British dispossessed Siraj-ud-Daulah of Bengal, Tipu Sultan of Mysore and Wajid Ali Shah of Awadh, has lingered. The feeling also is that when the British Crown left India, it should have the courtesy to "return it to us". Homeland and New Medina was the cause of Partition. This was also MA Jinnah's decoy for British ears in 1946-47.

Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad firmly opposed the partition of India because in a hundred years, India would have had a Muslim majority. In 1983, a Pakistani journalist visited Tehran to interview Iran's religious dictator Ayatollah Khomeini, in connection with the celebrations around Pakistan Day, namely March 23. The interviewer's final question was: What did Khomeini *sahib* think of Qaid-e-Azam Jinnah? The Ayatollah's answer was: He was a brilliant man but could have benefited from vision. He should have been patient and his community would have gotten the whole of India, not merely its crumbs. But then, Jinnah was not a *momin* but a recently minted coin.

It is true that until 1935, Jinnah was widely called "the ambassador of Hindu-Muslim unity", a term coined by Sarojini Naidu. In his presidential address on the eve of proposing the Pakistan Resolution in 1940, Jinnah said, "We know that the history of the last 1,200 years has failed to achieve unity and has witnessed India always divided into Hindu India and Muslim India. Muslim India cannot accept any constitution which must result in a Hindu majority Government; in combination with democracy, it would be a Hindu Raj which Muslims, cannot tolerate."

The Qaid's other contention



was that "Muslims are not a minority. Muslims are a nation according to any definition; they must have their homeland, their territory and their State."

Dr BR Ambedkar wrote in his 1941 reply to Jinnah's resolution: No one has expressed shock at the thought of separating Karnataka from Andhra, what then is there to be shocked in the demand for the separation of Pakistan? If it is disruptive in its effect, it is no more so than the separation of Hindu provinces such as Karnataka from Maharashtra, or Andhra from Madras. Pakistan is merely another manifestation of a cultural unit demanding freedom. There is nothing new about the resolution which merely resuscitates the scheme which was put forth by Mohammad Iqbal in 1930. Mr Rahmat Ali gave it the name Pakistan. After Iqbal, there is nothing new in linking the northwestern provinces.

"Uncannily, there is nothing new in outing together many districts of Bengal and Assam into one province. Viceroy Curzon had done it in 1905. The British or the Anglo-Indian was not a nation; Indians' referred only to the people of India."

"French Orientalist Joseph

Renan has written that a nation is a living soul, a spiritual principle. The Doctor continues: "The Hindus draw their inspiration from the *Ramayana* etc; whereas the Muslims derive their inspiration from the Quran and Hadith". Thus, the things that divide and the things that unite, in Ambedkar's opinion, there is no argument against the claim for partition if they insist upon it.

The Doctor quotes Lord Acton's phrase that Pakistan is a soul wandering in search of a body. Ambedkar went deep into the subject and showed that the Indian army then was dominated in numbers by Muslim Punjabis, but their pay and perks were indirectly paid for by the Hindu provinces. He concluded by writing that in any case it is better to have the enemy outside the borders rather than inside.

To go back to the Kashmir problem, could it be that the Government in Delhi and the Governor in Srinagar are unable to relate to the Kashmiris who are of a different faith? They begin with God, move on to the Prophet and then to the scripture. On the other hand, we do not have a single authoritative book or Prophet, but are believers in karma. Their way

of thinking, in the lingo of logic, is called deductive, which begins with a premise and ends with a logical conclusion, top down. Our faith is inductive and begins with ground realities to move upwards till it reaches a conclusion. A few scholars realise the huge gulf between the two categories of faiths, Abrahamic and Eastern.

The Abrahamic method of approaching the issue would be to shoot and kill, whereas the Eastern way would be to worry about the relationship between the two sides after the bullets and battles. This explains that we are an ancient civilisation and at the same time, have taken nearly 75 years to get down to grappling with the problem.

India and Pakistan were born as independent countries at the same time. Yet look at the difference in the distance covered by the two countries. To overcome the gulf in the Kashmir Valley, everyone should understand one another so that the Government of India does not keep going round and round the mulberry bush.

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COULD IT BE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN DELHI AND THE GOVERNOR IN SRINAGAR ARE UNABLE TO RELATE TO THE KASHMIRIS WHO ARE OF A DIFFERENT FAITH?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BLOCKING ROADS IS NOT THE WAY

Sir — The Constitution gives us the right to protest, but unorganised protests make life of commoners difficult. Roadblocks cause traffic problems and as a result, the public suffers. This also leads to excess fuel consumption and ultimately more pollution. Road is public property. Therefore, it should be used in the same way. The method of agitating the public by blocking the roads is wrong. To get the attention of the Government, roads are blocked. But, the protestors don't care that the public is suffering unnecessarily.

Just like the protesters have questions, the common people also have a question, why are people being harassed by blocking the road through this movement? Delhi is a busy city and the police have to always be on their toes. In such a situation, there is an agitation by blocking the road. This puts a lot of pressure on the police. The public will not have difficulty when protests are staged in a more organised and peaceful way. It is the duty of the protesters to take care of this. Now, the Supreme Court has told the farmers what is right. The apex court said that the farmers have the right to protest but they cannot block the roads and the farmers must abide by the decision.

Jayesh Rane | Mumbai

### TOO EARLY TO CELEBRATE

Sir — It is definitely a milestone that India has administered 100 crore doses so far, but not a moment to celebrate as only 30 per cent of the population is fully vaccinated. Approximately 88 crore additional doses are needed to fully vaccinate the adult population. Even so, India must stand-up and salute all scientists, doctors, frontline workers as well as vaccine manufacturers, in making India proud with vaccine development and administering the same to a billion people. Hats off to all.

But, how a publicity lover, power hungry Government, will not take the credit for it as the Assembly polls are coming closer? As a second country after China, India crossed the billion vaccines mark, but the way India used its resources

## Remembering Shammi



The trilogy of legendary actors Shammi-Joy-Biswajit not only carved a niche for itself in the Indian cinema, but also ruled the roost in the very presence of the firmly established Dilip-Raj-Dev triumvirate in the 1960s-70s. October 21 was the birth anniversary of a tall, handsome and energetic Shammi Kapoor who rose from the ashes of 18 flops shouting a skyhigh 'yahoo' in 1960's blockbuster *Jungle*, that went to become his trademark and the heartbeat of thousands of his fans. Thereafter, Shammi Kapoor never looked behind and had to his credit numer-

ous hits and superhits like — *Jaanwar*, *Bad Tameez*, *Bluff Master*, *Prince*, *Rajkumar*, *Professor* and *Brahmachari*, *Pagla Kahin Ka*, *Latt Sahib* and dozens more. Even the songs picturised on Shammi Kapoor were largely sung by Rafi Sahib in Shammi Kapoor's signature style.

Shammi Kapoor was awarded thrice by the Filmfare — twice as Best Actor for *Brahmachari* and *Vidhata* (supporting), besides the Lifetime Achievement Award. Born as Shamsheer Bahadur Singh, Shammi Kapoor was born on October 21 in 1931 and left for his heavenly abode in August, 2011. Ironically, this iconic star, besides another departed taller and handsome Joy Mukerji and by God's grace living legend Biswajit, is still awaiting, though posthumously, an official acknowledgement of his unmatched acting flair! His younger brother Shashi Kapoor was conferred with the Padma Bhushan and Dadasaheb Phalke Awards in 2011 and 2015 respectively.

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

to drain for upgrading or boosting the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not worth it. Israel, which has a record of administering double dose to the entire population, has never drained its resources to boost the image of their political leader. The truth is that we could have been here in July; only if the Government had been proactive. By not vaccinating sooner, it has hurt India's economy too.

Bidyut K Chatterjee | Faridabad

### KASHMIR SITUATION CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Sir — Is the situation in Kashmir snowballing into a major national problem? Otherwise, how would one explain the former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik's contention that everything was normal during his tenure and things have changed drastically overnight. Is the abrogation of Article 370 slowly repulsing with renewed vigour from the natives or is it a ploy from neighbouring country, not to speak of new developments in

Afghanistan, or is it a spontaneous revolt from among Kashmiris to assert their rights or combination of all the three that is pushing the Indian Government to a corner?

It is during such a time of crisis that an acute need arises for cooperation of all political parties to douse the embers of communal disharmony and friction between locals and non-locals as India is a free country where people can live as they wish without any feeling of alienation. Only a multi pronged approach of following a democratic process of listening to all and acting thereupon, duly protecting human rights of the people may lead to a semblance of return to peace. More all party meetings where *'doodh ka doodh aur paani ka paani'* should be discussed threadbare with a give and take approach to reach a viable solution.

D Nagarjuna | Hyderabad

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## Rivals meet

Cricket fans are in for a treat as India, Pakistan come face-to-face-after 2019

Cricket between India and Pakistan is a different ballgame altogether, especially if it's a World Cup game. The stakes are high, the spirit is fierced and, of course, a sense of rivalry prevails during the game. Having said that, the ICC T20 World Cup 2021 is already off the mark and the two sides will go head-to-head come Sunday, at the Dubai International Stadium, the UAE. Though both the teams have already played one warm-up match each, the real heat will come out when they collide on October, 24. This comes as hope for the Pakistan Cricket Board which earlier took jolts when New Zealand in September pulled out of a limited overs game just minutes before it was set to start off. The New Zealand Cricket said they were abandoning their tour of Pakistan following a Government "security alert". A few days later, England, too, cancelled their men's and women's teams white-ball series in Pakistan, citing security concerns. The setbacks were disheartening for the Pakistani cricket fans too. Therefore, the T20 World Cup seems to be the only platform for



Pakistan to represent itself, after its whining about India at the UN General Assembly 2021.

Pakistan has never tasted success against India in the T20 or ODI World Cup and it would certainly look forward to changing that. The two teams have not faced each other since the 2019 ODI World Cup. The Pakistan captain Babar Azam is often compared with his Indian counterpart Virat Kohli and how they stand against each other would be worth the watch. However, ahead of the match, there was strong uproar against the India-Pak match in view of the terrorist attack on Indian Army personnel in the Poonch sector of Jammu and Kashmir on October 11. Several politicians including Union Minister Union Minister Ramdas Athawale, AAP leader Atishi Marlena and former Olympian Pargat Singh strongly called for the cancellation of the match against Pakistan. AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi targeting the Government said, "Our nine soldiers died in J&K, and on October 24 India-Pakistan T20 match will happen". But apparently, the match cannot be called off under the International Cricket Council's (ICC) commitments. If the idea is to send a "strong message" to Pakistan or Pakistan-based terrorist groups, pulling out of a match will not help. Rather, the leaders should build pressure on the Government to wipe out the terrorist hideouts. That would send a strong message. That would be the solidarity the martyrs deserve.

## SOUNDBITE

Nitish Kumar is afraid of facing the people of the State. That is why he travels in helicopters to campaign in the election.



RJD leader — Tejashwi Yadav

The countries that were fighting there (in Afghanistan) for 20 years bear primary responsibility for what is happening there.



Russian President — Vladimir Putin

Being an athlete and playing sports has played a tremendous role in shaping my personality.



Actor — Deepika Padukone

I'm obviously backing Team India to win the match but personally, I believe no team should be taken lightly.



India cricketer — Ajinkya Rahane

When you buy petrol and diesel, remember that the Modi Government has earned Rs 23 lakh crore through tax.



Congress general secretary — Priyanka Gandhi

## FIRST COLUMN THE BREXIT IS NOT A 'FANTASTIC DEAL'

A new crisis is bubbling up as the Northern Ireland part of the Brexit deal is falling apart



GWYNNE DYER

International treaties are serious business. A lot of time and effort goes into negotiating them, and they become part of international law. It's very rare for a politician to say, only a couple of years after negotiating a treaty, that his country always felt it was "a little bit provisional and open to review." That was Lord David Frost, who is still described as Britain's chief Brexit negotiator two years after Brexit happened. (That's because he is still trying to renegotiate it.) At the time he called the Brexit treaty an "excellent deal" and Prime Minister Boris Johnson hailed it as a "fantastic deal", but that was before the 2019 election. A new crisis is bubbling up now because the Northern Ireland part of the deal is falling apart. It could trigger a British trade war with the European Union and a return to real war in Northern Ireland, but the deal is falling apart mainly because the Conservative-led British government was lying when it agreed to it in 2019. Boris Johnson was new in office in 2019 and desperately needed to 'get Brexit done'. Only then could he call an election and hope to win a majority in Parliament. So, he made an agreement with the EU on post-Brexit trade relations, especially regarding Northern Ireland, that fell far short of what his government actually wanted. Dominic Cummings, who was Johnson's right-hand man until he lost an internal power struggle a year ago, explained



last week why he and a few allies got Johnson to sign a document they had no intention of honouring. "We wriggled [through the negotiations with the EU] with the best option we could," Cummings said, "and intended to get Johnson to ditch the bits we didn't like after whacking (Labour Party leader Jeremy) Corbyn" in an early election. And so, it came to pass.

The Conservatives buried Corbyn in a landslide in the December 2019 election, and the United Kingdom finally left the EU in January 2020 — or rather, most of it did. The 'bits we didn't like' mostly had to do with Northern Ireland, which for customs purposes remained in the European Union. Why? When the agreement was signed both the UK and the Irish Republic were members of the EU, so the border between them could be opened: no check-points, no movement controls, no customs duties. That allowed Nationalists to come and go as they wished and think of themselves as Irish citizens, while Loyalists could go on believing they lived in the United Kingdom. Now, there would continue to be complete freedom of movement for people and goods throughout Ireland, while goods coming into Northern Ireland from the rest of the UK would go through EU customs checks at the Northern Irish ports. Which brings us to the present. There have been serious delays in the way the customs controls work in the Northern Irish ports, and the EU has just offered to exempt about half the affected food and medicines from all checks. That was an olive branch, but Johnson just raised a new demand: that the European Court of Justice no longer have jurisdiction over possible violations of the treaty. And Lord Frost has threatened to 'suspend' the treaty entirely if the EU does not give in. EU authorities suspect that Johnson is seeking an excuse to blow up the treaty so that he can scapegoat the Europeans for the ensuing trade war and renewed war in Northern Ireland. Matters are getting worse in the UK on a number of fronts, and he needs a distraction. Would he really do that? He probably doesn't know yet himself.

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

# Germany expects new Chancellor by Xmas

Despite being hailed as winner of this election, Scholz faces a difficult situation as he has to negotiate with two more parties to form a Government



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Germany's federal elections have delivered the suspense promised by the polls: a close race between the two grand old parties (the Union, i.e., CDU & CSU combined and the Social Democrats, SPD) and a fractured mandate in which none of the political parties represented in the German Parliament (Bundestag) can form the government on their own. Although the winner of the elections, SPD, is currently an ally in Angela Merkel's "Grand Coalition", it has been traditionally as well as ideologically an arch political rival of the conservative "Union" — the party alliance of CDU (now commonly known as "Merkel's Party") and CSU which together stand as the second winner.

The SPD beat the Union by a slim margin of less than one per cent (25.7 per cent vs 24.1 per cent). Yet the difference feels monumental to Germany's national political landscape: for the first time in almost 20 years, the SPD ended the race ahead of the Union.

The main reason for the result may be found in the loss of the "Merkel factor". Her immense popularity among the vast spectra of voters from moderate to left led to the Union's successive electoral victories. But with her departure as Federal Chancellor, this unifying factor vanished. And with it a certain cohesion within the party. Merkel herself did little to build a second line of leadership and empower a successor to lead the Union and win the upcoming elections. Her only endorsement went unsuccessful when Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer succeeded her as head of party (CDU) in 2018 but did not stand up to the party's expectations. She had to make way in early 2021 for the current chancellor candidate Armin Laschet.

The unclear mandate throws up three possible scenarios for government formation: A renewal of the incumbent Grand Coalition finds no friends within the parties nor the public and has since been ruled out. This leaves Union or SPD only the option of taking on board two of the smaller parties to form a governing majority in the German Bundestag. Any coalition with the right-wing populist party AfD had been ruled out beforehand by all four.

Both Union and SPD derive the equal claim to form the next government. It is not the 0.8 percent lead that gives the SPD the advantage in taking the reins. In the past days, the Union found itself increasingly engaged in negative debates about consequences from the historically bad election results while the SPD managed to reinforce its public perception of a winner. Their light improvement — still their third-worst result in the history of Germany's post-war elections — lets the party and their chancellor-to-be Olaf Scholz shine.

Despite being hailed as winner of this election, Scholz faces a difficult situation as he has to negotiate with two more parties to form a majority government in the Bundestag.



GERMANY IS A LEADER IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND SEES ITS FUTURE AT THE HEART OF IT. ACCORDINGLY, OTHER EU MEMBER STATES ARE EAGERLY AWAITING THE IMMINENT OUTCOME OF THE COALITION TALKS. LARGER DECISIONS SUCH AS THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL THEN

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The two parties that find themselves in a position as unusual as convenient are the Green Party and the FDP (Germany's Liberal Party). The Greens emerged with their best ever result of a Federal Election, largely fuelled by their political stance on climate change. Conversely, the Liberals (FDP) openly favour the Union for a government as they see more ideological overlap with their economy-focused politics. It is this divergent ideological positioning, which led to FDP and Greens meeting first for initial talks to iron out differences and explore common grounds. There can be no Government without the support of these two smaller parties. All in all, Germany is readying up for a new era of three-party coalition.

Now the country witnesses that the CDU - stately centre of power for 50 years in the past -- finds itself discussing internal consequences of their election result. Despite gaining almost the same number of seats as that of the SPD, the party faces calls from within that the disappointing result would not suffice as mandate to form a government and too, criticism of the common chancellor candidate, Armin Laschet. The party is sledging its own (elected) candidate while he is engaged in coalition talks with the Greens and Liberals. With the impaired bargaining position, the Union would find it challenging to deliver sufficient arguments to convince Greens and FDP to join a so-called Union-led "Jamaica Coalition" (dubbed for its colour combination of the black,

green and yellow parties). Instead, the country is preparing for a so-called "traffic light" coalition of Red (SPD), Yellow (FDP) and Green.

On last Sunday, both SPD and Green Party received the blessing from their respective party committees to go ahead with negotiations to form the next German Federal Government. The FDP is expected to follow suit. Seen as the "odd man out" earlier in the three-way-coalition, their charismatic leader Christian Lindner was quick to preempt doubts about the party's agreement to go ahead with the talks. This is seen as the main obstacle removed. The unanimity among the three new partners is not perceived without scepticism: in 2017, the FDP withdrew from three-way-talks (on a "Jamaica coalition" with CDU/CSU and Greens) at an advanced stage. This time, however, the Union of CDU and CSU does not seem to pose an attractive alternative anymore.

The ensued discussion initially centred around personnel: Public polls (before the election) displayed a considerably higher popularity of the CSU party head and Chief Minister of the Free State of Bavaria — Markus Söder — as compared to Laschet. Söder's candidacy was rejected by the CSU's much larger sister party CDU (of which Laschet is a member). While many in the party expect Söder to run for Chancellor in 2025, the main focus is now on reconciliation, renewal and display of unity. At a party summit of the Union's youth organisation, a new path was already declared before the new government

is formed: Merkel's party will accept the unusual role in opposition rather than risk the "experiment" of heading a potentially unstable three-party-government under a weakened leader. It would not befit the self-concept of a party whose roots of success lie in stability. It has now four years to shed off the weight of the Merkel persona. Sacrificing its top candidate Laschet, who is incumbent Chief Minister of Germany's most populous state North Rhine-Westphalia, is a price the Union seems to be willing to pay.

The rift within CDU and CSU is an unwelcome damper for the Liberals' hope to form a conservative-liberal government again after the Merkel II cabinet (2009-2013). It leaves the FDP with little hope to play a larger role in the upcoming government. Having scored 11.5 percent in the elections, the traditional role of providing the Deputy Federal Chancellor and Foreign Minister will fall to the Green Party — regardless of which party will lead the government.

Germany is a leader in the European Union (EU) and sees its future at the heart of it. Accordingly, other EU member states are eagerly awaiting the imminent outcome of the coalition talks. Larger decisions such as Free Trade Agreement negotiations may be postponed until then. Additionally, it might take months (as it did in 2017) for the parties to come to an agreement. With a general understanding among all three parties underway, Germany could have a new government and Federal Chancellor by Christmas.

## POINTCOUNTERPOINT

ONLY A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE TRAVEL IN FOUR-WHEELERS AND USE PETROL. AT PRESENT, 95 PER CENT PEOPLE DON'T NEED PETROL.

— BJP LEADER UPENDRA TIWARI



THE MINISTER SAID THAT PEOPLE DO NOT NEED PETROL. THE TRUTH IS THAT 95 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE DO NOT NEED THE BJP.

— SAMAJWADI PARTY PRESIDENT AKHILESH YADAV

# Private players crucial in defence manufacturing

The corporatisation of the Ordnance Factory Board has to be seen in the overall context of improving India's military industry capability

India has to make its armed forces self-reliant — 'Aatmanirbhar'. The Army accounts for more than half of the total defence budget of India, with most of the expenditure going into the maintenance of cantonments, salaries and pensions, instead of critical arms and ammunition.

On February 1, 2020, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman earmarked ₹4,71,378 crore for the Ministry of Defence (MoD). Of the total allocation, ₹3,23,053 crore was provided for the Defence Services Estimates (DSE) and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The balance allocation is distributed between defence pensions and MoD (Civil). Representing a growth of 9.4 per cent,



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MoD's overall allocation translates into an increase of ₹40,367 crore. This raises the question, how would this increase affect India's defence and modernisation in particular?

This budget is just 1.7 per cent of the GDP, which is just not sufficient for the modernisation of defence forces keeping in view the threat perception from China and Pakistan.

India emerged as the second-largest importer of arms transferred between 2016-20, with a share of 9.5 per cent of global arms imports. To make India self-reliant, the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has been split into seven government-owned corporate entities to help improve self-reliance in defence preparedness. Business in the



seven new entities started from October 1, 2021. These new companies are: Troop Comforts Limited (TCL); Yantra India Limited (YIL); Gliders India Limited (GIL); India Optel Limited (IOL); Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWE India); and Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVANI).

The companies now have an order book of ₹65,000 crore. These orders were already in the pipeline and

were just shifted to the new entities. These companies have complete functional autonomy and the interests of the employees are fully protected.

According to Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh, "It is to transform the Ordnance Factories to improve expertise in product range; profitable and productive assets; ensure self-reliance; enhance cost effectiveness and improve quality and increase competitiveness."

The Centre, in May 2020, had announced increasing the FDI limit from 49 per cent to 74 per cent under the automatic route in the defence sector. The government has been emphasising boosting indigenous defence manufacturing. The Ministry has set a goal of a turnover of ₹1.75 lakh crore

in defence manufacturing by 2025 that included an export target of ₹35,000 crore worth of military hardware.

Despite these initiatives, India's military industry capability shows a sorry picture and the private sector is still not being treated as a partner in India's quest for higher self-reliance. A GE 404 engine from the US powers the much-hyped indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), while the radar is sourced from Israel. The Kaveri engine development by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) has been an unmitigated disaster. German MTU engines power the Main Battle Tank (MBT), the showpiece indigenous tank. Despite the hike in FDI, the inflow has only been \$300

million from April to September 2020; largely due to the number of caveats for allowing 76 per cent FDI.

The Kalam Committee assessed our Self Reliance Index (SRI) in 1993 as 30 per cent, with a road map to increase it to 70 per cent in a decade's time. The committee had identified a number of critical subsystems like the focal plane array, passive seekers, stealth, AESA radar, RLG and carbon fibres where India's design and development quality needs to be ramped up. Weapons, propulsion and sensors remain the main bugbears of India's design capability in the DRDO and India's SRI has not inched forward.

Technology transfer has been India's major policy mosaic to build major systems

and platforms since 1963 (in the aftermath of the MiG-21 aircraft). HAL has been producing Sukhoi Su-30 on the basis of technology transfer documents from Russia. Similar is the story of the T90 produced in the Avadi tank factory.

The major problem afflicting the OFB is not the lack of autonomy or accountability but the wherewithal to improve capability. Its corporatisation has to be seen in the overall context of improving India's military industry capability, self-reliance quotient, design capability in critical systems and quality, time and cost-effectiveness and involvement of private players in defence manufacturing as partners in tandem with OEMs and design houses.

# Key suspect behind B'desh violence held

**PTI ■ DHAKA**  
A 35-year-old Bangladeshi man, the key suspect who was arrested overnight in connection with a slew of violence against Hindus and mob attacks on temples in the country during Durga Puja festivities, would be interrogated by security agencies, police said on Friday.  
Iqbal Hossain was arrested from Cox's Bazar sea beach area on Thursday night after a massive hunt and is suspected to be the one who placed a copy of the Quran at a Durga Puja venue in Cumilla, some 100 km southeast of Dhaka.  
Attacks on Hindu temples have been reported in Bangladesh since last Wednesday after an alleged blasphemous post surfaced on social media during the Durga Puja celebrations.  
On late Sunday night, a mob damaged 66 houses and set on fire at least 20 homes of Hindus in Bangladesh.  
"We have arrested (eastern) Cumilla's Iqbal Hossain, who is the key suspect of the one week's of widespread communal unrest from the Cox's Bazar beach," a police headquarters spokesman said.  
He added that police and

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other security and intelligence agencies would now interrogate Hossain, whom the police earlier described as a "vagabond".  
TV footage showed Hossain was brought under heavy security escorts from Cox's Bazar to Cumilla by road while officials said after initial interrogation he would be produced before a court seeking him to be placed under police remand for next several days.  
"We expect the court to order him to be remanded in our custody when several other security and intelligence agencies would interrogate him as well," another police officer in Cumilla said.  
The violence erupted on October 13 after a copy of Islam's holy book of Quran was

found at the feet of a Hindu goddess in Cumilla ahead of the Hindu community's Durga Puja. Bangladesh Hindu-Buddhist-Christian Unity Council said over 70 temples, makeshift puja pavilions and many Hindu households were burnt or damaged across Bangladesh in subsequent violence which drew sharp international concern.  
Social media was widely used to spread the unrest, forcing authorities to briefly suspend Facebook and internet connectivity to contain the violence.  
Police said they had launched a massive manhunt for Hossain based on the clue from the security camera footage at the Cumilla's puja pavilion.  
Their initial investigations indicated he was a vagabond while family members claimed he was a mentally imbalanced person. However, police said even if the claim was true some vested quarters could have used him to instigate the violence.  
"This could not be mere a task of a vagabond; somebody is definitely there behind the incident to instigate the attacks," Hindu rights activist Rana Dasgupta said.

# Woman from India among 2 foreigners killed in shootout in Mexico's Tulum resort

**AP ■ MEXICO CITY**  
Two foreigners, including one from India, were killed and three wounded in a shooting at a restaurant in the Mexican Caribbean resort town of Tulum, authorities said on Thursday.  
Authorities said one of the dead women was from Germany and the other from India. The three wounded included two Germans and a tourist from the Netherlands.  
The shooting broke out Wednesday night at a street-side eatery that has some outdoor tables, right off Tulum's main strip.  
The fight was between two groups that operate street-level drug sales in the area, the Quintana Roo state prosecutor's office said in a statement. The tourists were apparently dining at the restaurant and may have been caught in the crossfire.  
One woman died at a hospital. One of the aggressors, who was also wounded, was subsequently arrested. There was no immediate word on the condition of the wounded tourists.  
Tulum has experienced growing pains moving from laid back beach retreat to major international destination. It had long been spared the violence seen sporadically in larger Cancun and Playa del Carmen further up the coast.  
But in June, two men were shot to death on the beach in Tulum and a third was wounded. The administration of President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has pinned its hopes on Tulum, where it has announced plans to build an international airport and a stop for the Maya train, which will run in a loop around the Yucatan peninsula.  
But Quintana Roo state, where beach resorts like Tulum, Playa del Carmen and Cancun are located, has been plagued by both violence and corruption.

# From exile, female former Afghan leader keeps fighting

**AP ■ NEW YORK**  
Two months after the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan, one of the country's once-prominent female leaders — a former parliament member, candidate for president and a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize — is visiting the United Nations, not as a representative of her government but as a woman in exile.  
In an interview with *The Associated Press*, Fawzia Koofi called for humanitarian aid sent to Afghanistan to be contingent on the participation of women in its distribution, as well as free and safe travel for Afghans into and out of the country.  
Aid "should not be politicized. ... Women should be involved in every stage of it and they should be listened to. Women should not be only the recipients," said Koofi, part of a delegation of Afghan women visiting the UN to urge member states not to compromise on inclusion and equal rights.  
Since fleeing Kabul in August, Koofi has been living in



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hotel rooms in Europe. She described the pain of separation from her country, of two decades of hopes dashed and of searching for permanent residence for herself and her two daughters.  
"This is not an Afghanistan I fought for," she told the AP. "The Afghanistan that I was hoping for was (that) women should not suffer as much as I suffered during my childhood, during the time that I was a teenager, when (the) Taliban took over."  
"I wanted other girls to

enjoy at least the freedom of choosing which school they should go. But now, their choice is limited to which room in their houses they should spend during the day. This is heartbreaking."  
Koofi, a former deputy speaker of parliament, was one of only four women in talks to reach a power-sharing deal with the Taliban, which ultimately failed. She described watching the Taliban's commitment to negotiations change after they signed a peace agreement with the United States in February 2020.  
"After they signed the agreement, they were more extreme and they were more into buying time, preferring a military strategy," she said.  
Taliban fighters pursued that strategy in the summer, seizing province after province until they reached Kabul in August. When then-President Ashraf Ghani fled, the Taliban entered the capital, sparking panic among many who had opposed their rule and feared for their lives and futures.

# China vows no concessions on Taiwan after Biden comments

**AP ■ BEIJING**  
China on Friday said there is "no room" for compromise or concessions over the issue of Taiwan, following a comment by US President Joe Biden that the US is committed to defending the island if it is attacked.  
Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin reasserted China's longstanding claim that the island is its territory at a daily briefing after Biden made his comment a day before at a forum hosted by CNN.  
China has recently upped its threat to bring Taiwan under its control by force if necessary

by flying warplanes near the island and rehearsing beach landings.  
"When it comes to issues related to China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and other core interests, there is no room for China to compromise or make concessions, and no one should underestimate the strong determination, firm will and strong ability of the Chinese people to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity," Wang said.  
"Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The Taiwan issue is purely an internal affair of China that

allows no foreign intervention," Wang said.  
Biden's comments on Thursday were viewed as stretching the "strategic ambiguity" Washington has maintained over how it would respond to an assault on the self-governing island republic.  
The US should "be cautious with its words and actions on the Taiwan issue, and not send any wrong signals to the separatist forces of Taiwan independence, so as not to seriously damage China-US relations and peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," Wang said.

# Russia's Covid deaths soar to another record

**AP ■ MOSCOW**  
Coronavirus infections and deaths in Russia climbed on Friday to another pandemic record, putting a growing strain on the country's health care system.  
The government coronavirus task force reported 37,141 new infections and 1,064 deaths in the past 24 hours. That brought Russia's death toll to 228,453, Europe's highest by far.  
Russian President Vladimir

Putin has responded to the worsening situation by ordering Russians to stay off work from Oct. 30 to Nov. 7, when the country is already observing an extended holiday.  
Russian authorities expect the order to help limit the spread of the virus by keeping them out of offices and off public transportation, where mask mandates have been widely ignored. The government also urged local authorities to tighten their own restrictions during the period.

# Myanmar junta re-arrests over 100 released in amnesty: Report

**Bangkok:** Myanmar's junta has re-arrested more than 100 anti-coup protesters freed in a recent amnesty, according to a local monitoring group that tracks detentions and killings.  
The Southeast Asian nation has been in chaos since the February coup, with more than 1,100 killed in a crackdown on dissent and over 8,000 arrested, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP).  
On Monday, the military announced it would free more than 5,000 people over the three-day Buddhist Thadingyut festival, sending anxious families rushing to jails in the hope of being reunited with their loved ones. **AFP**

# IRMAN TO ATTEND GREEN SUMMIT IN SAUDI ARABIA

**Islamabad:** Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will visit Saudi Arabia from October 23 to 25 to attend the launch ceremony of the Middle East Green Initiative (MGI) summit in Riyadh and hold talks with the Saudi leadership. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman invited the premier for the visit.  
**EU SUMMIT GIVES MERKEL BIG SENDOFF**  
**Brussels:** Angela Merkel is still German Chancellor and might be still when EU leaders meet again, yet they gave her a farewell party at Friday's EU summit. Attending her 107th summit, she was feted by friend and foe alike in an informal ceremony behind closed doors early Friday, where they called her anything from a "compromise machine" to the EU's Eiffel Tower.

# US concerned over China's hypersonic missiles: Biden

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**  
The US is concerned about the Chinese hypersonic missiles, President Joe Biden has said, days after a media report claimed that China recently tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that caught America's intelligence by surprise.  
Asked at the White House on Thursday if the US is concerned about the latest hypersonic missile tests by China, Biden told reporters, "Yes".

# Pressure mounts on China to respect Uyghur rights

**AFP ■ BEIJING**  
Forty-three countries have called on China to "ensure full respect for the rule of law" for the Muslim Uyghur community in Xinjiang, in a statement read at the United Nations on Thursday that sparked outrage from Beijing.  
The declaration, signed by the United States as well as several European and Asian member states and others, accused China of a litany of human rights violations against the Uyghurs, including torture, forced sterilisation and forced disappearances.  
"We call on China to allow immediate, meaningful and unfettered access to Xinjiang for independent observers, including the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and her office," the countries said in a joint statement, read at the United Nations by France.  
"We are particularly concerned about the situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region," the statement continued, citing "credible" reports that "indicate the existence of a large network of 'political reeducation' camps where over a million people have been arbitrarily detained."

# 16 KILLED IN RUSSIAN FACTORY BLAST

**Moscow:** An explosion and fire at a gunpowder factory in Russia on Friday killed 16 people, officials said. The Emergency Situations Ministry said the explosion hit the Elastik factory in the Ryazan region.  
**6 ROHINGYA DIE IN CLASHES IN B'DESH**  
**Dhaka:** Two groups of Rohingya refugees clashed Friday in a camp in southern Bangladesh, leaving at least six refugees dead and 10 others injured, police said. The violence broke out in Cox's Bazar district when one side opened fire, killing four people at the scene, said Shihab Kaiser Khan, commander of the Armed Police Battalion, which oversees the camp's security.

# VIOLENCE ERUPTS AT RALLY IN PAKISTAN

**Lahore:** Violent clashes erupted between Pakistan's security forces and radical Islamists here on Friday, leaving four people dead, including two policemen, and 15 others injured.  
**BALDWIN SHOTS FILMER DEAD WITH PROP GUN**  
**Santa Fe (US):** Actor Alec Baldwin fired a prop gun on a movie set and killed the cinematographer, authorities said. The director of the Western being filmed was also wounded, and authorities are investigating. Halyna Hutchins, cinematographer on the movie "Rust," and director Joel Souza were shot on the rustic film set in the desert on the southern outskirts of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County Sheriff's officials said.

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1.	Aditi Bhardwaj/ Pushpendra Kumar Bhatti/ LBDEL00002378352	Flat No-503, 5th Floor, Tower-B, 5GH-16A, Morpheus Pratiksha Sec-01, Greater Noida/ October 18, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 32,45,774/-	Delhi/ Ncr
2.	Dinesh Kumar/ Manju Devi/ LBGUR00004213020	Flat No 1302, 13th Floor Block-E 7 Sector-1 Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 59,27,488/-	Delhi/ Ncr
3.	Dula Ram Meena/ Suman Meena/ LBNOD00004233165	Flat No 104 1st Floor, Tower o2 Plot No Gh-06, Eco Village III, Sector 16 B Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 51,98,753/-	Delhi/ Ncr
4.	Kalyan Kuamr Gupta/ Poonam Gupta/ LBDEL00002290948	Flat No 1603, 16th Floor, Plot No Gh 11, Sector-1, Greater Noida, Tower B, Gayatri Aura, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 23,34,999/-	Delhi/ Ncr
5.	Kanhaiya Mittal/ Laxman Prasad Mittal/ Gopal Mittal/ LBGHZ00003608580	Flat No 1602, Floor 16th Eco Village 3, Block-F-G and Tower-2 Plot No Gh 06 Sector 16 Bgreater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	March 25, 2021 Rs. 44,72,425/-	Delhi/ Ncr
6.	Sharan Gopal/ Anirban Mukherjee/ LBDEL00002367308	Flat No-302, 3rd Floor, Tower- B2, Victory Ace Plot No GH 02, Pocket No-2, Sector-143, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	May 29, 2021 Rs. 82,05,302/-	Delhi/ Ncr
7.	Swati Rathil/ Vishnu Rathil/ LBDEL00003299957	Flat No-6065, 6th Floor, Tower-H Gaur City-2, 14th Avenue, Plot No GC GH-03, Sector-16C, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 28,81,868/-	Delhi/ Ncr
8.	Pooja Tiwari/ Shivam Tiwari/ LBGHZ00005051413	Flat No 1093, 3rd Floor New Lig Flats Kondli Gharoli Mayur Vihar Phase 3 Delhi/ October 18, 2021	June 19, 2021 Rs. 23,05,679/-	Delhi/ Ncr
9.	M.H. Textiles Pvt. Ltd./ Jai Prakash Keswani/ Harish Keswani/ Om Prakash Keswani/ Shri Chand Keswani/ LBFDB00000986096	Plot No- 29, Corner, Pocket-1, Jasola Behind Apollo Hospital Residential Scheme, Delhi/ October 20, 2021	May 31, 2021/ Rs. 1,07,99,005/-	Delhi/ Ncr
10.	Mohd Ashfaq Qureshi/ Mohd Ashfaq Qureshi/ Tushering Doma/ LBDEL00001491691	Flat No. 2273, Top Floor, Pocket- 2 & 3, Sec-B Vasant Kunj, Delhi, Delhi/ October 20, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 32,96,912/-	Delhi/ Ncr
11.	Ramesh Chand Sharma/ Sharma Sanitary & Hardware Store/ LBDEL00001409245/ LBDEL00004213183/ LBDEL00002054381	Flat No 240, Hauz Khas New Delhi, Delhi/ October 20, 2021	June 25, 2021 Rs. 14,37,458/-	Delhi/ Ncr
12.	Rahul Chaudhry/ Shalini Chaudhary/ LBGUR00002387119	Flat No- 503, 5th Floor Tower-4 Sunworld Arista, Plot Num GH 01/C Sector-168, Noida, Noida Uttar Pradesh/ October 18, 2021	June 23, 2021/ Rs. 1,04,67,530/-	Delhi/ Ncr

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.  
Date : October 22, 2021 Place: Delhi/ Ncr  
Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General Public is hereby informed that this male namely **Vipul, S/o: Sh. Rajesh Aggarwal, R/o H.No. 9023, 3rd Floor, Shidhipura, near SBI ATM, Delhi, Age: 31 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Normal, wearing Blue colour Half T-Shirt, Jeans and Black Shoes in feet has been missing from his house since 01.10.2021 at 10:00 AM. In this regard a DD No. 42A, dated 01.10.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the male but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform to the following.  
Website : <http://cbi.ni.in>  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641  
DP/1051/CD/2021  
**SHO P.S. Desh Bandhu Gupta Road, Delhi Ph: 011-23613252, 23537374****

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**  
General Public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Reena, W/o Khayali Ram, R/o Unknown, Age: 30 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Sallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Light Red Suit with Black & White Print was admitted in LHMC Hospital, New Delhi and gave birth to a child. During postnatal treatment, she was missing from the hospital since 03.04.2020. In this regard a vide DD No. 02A, dated 04.04.2020 has been registered at P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this lady please inform undersigned.  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.ni.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.ni.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax : 011-24368639  
DP/344/ND/2021  
**SHO P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi Ph.: 011-23364100, 8750870522, 7988876315****

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**  
**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ravi Verma S/o Mahender Singh R/o H.No. 356/2, Gali No. 02, Firoz Gandhi Colony No. 02, Gurugram Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 67/20 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Moti Nagar, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ravi Verma** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ravi Verma** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Ravi Verma** accused of FIR No. 67/20 u/s 33/38/58 Delhi Excise Act, P.S. Moti Nagar, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **20.12.2021**.  
By Order : **Sh. Abhinav Pandey Metropolitan Magistrate-04 (West), Room No. 268, Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi**  
DP/593/W/21

**UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY**  
General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found dead near Pillar No 344 Metro Patri Najafgarh Road, Moti Nagar dated **18.10.2021 at 10:30 PM**. In this regard vide DD No. 27A, dated **18.10.2021** has been registered at **P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi**. The description of the dead body is given as under **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 60-70 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt and Green Colour Lower. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.  
DP/595/W/2021  
**SHO P.S. Moti Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 011-25101150, 8750871125****

# Onion prices not too high: Secy

NO CASE FOR BANNING EXPORTS

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Government on Friday claimed that retail onion prices are not extraordinarily high to necessitate banning export of the key kitchen staple and buffer stock are being released to cool down the prices further while prices of food oils are still low despite the high international prices. On the other hand, experts say the higher prices of food oils will continue in the festive season and will start softening from December with arrival of new crops and a possible decline in global rates.

Addressing the press conference, Union Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey on Friday the average onion price was ruling at ₹41.5 per kg on October 21, much lower than ₹55.6 per kg in the year-ago period. State Governments are of the opinion that there is no possibility of sharp increase in onion prices in the coming days as domestic kharif onion production is estimated to be higher at 43.88 lakh tonne in

# Covid vax programme success can boost economic growth: India Inc

PM also urged people to keep following Covid protocol during the festival season and not drop their guard

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

India Inc on Friday said the country's "hugely successful" Covid-19 vaccination programme under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership can boost economic growth and help realise the vision of a New India.

Hailing crossing of the 100-crore vaccine doses milestone, Modi on Friday said India's vaccination programme was science-born, science-driven and science-based.

In an address to the nation, the Prime Minister also urged people to keep following Covid protocol during the festival season and not drop their guard.

T V Narendran, president of industry chamber CII, said, "Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, India has been hugely successful in delivering on the Covid vaccination program, the largest in the world driven by indigenously manufactured vaccines, which can boost economic growth."

"With around 75 per cent of adults inoculated, we can now be confident about realizing the vision of a new India where growth with inclusion would be the way forward," he added.

Pradeep Multani, president, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said it is encouraging to note the vaccination drive has not only increased the confidence of people, trade and industry, but has also created positive economic projections by various national and international organisations.

Porus Doctor, partner and consumer industry leader, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, said, "Whilst the upcoming festive season will bring some cheer to the consumer sector with discretionary spends on the rise, consumers must exercise abundant caution to ensure there is no spike in COVID19 cases." stic) will increase during the festive season and this augurs well for the travel sector," he added.

# Markets recoil for fourth day

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

Market benchmarks nursed losses for the fourth consecutive session on Friday, weighed by IT, FMCG and metal stocks, as risk appetite remained subdued amid muted corporate earnings and foreign fund outflows.

Participants were also in wait-and-watch mode ahead of Q2 results by market heavyweight Reliance Industries, traders said. Reversing early gains, the 30-share BSE Sensex fell 101.88 points or 0.17 per cent to close at 60,821.62. On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty shed 63.20 points or 0.35 per cent to finish at 18,114.90. ITC was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, tumbling 3.39 per cent, followed by Maruti, Infosys, NTPC, HCL Tech, Tata Steel and M&M.

On the other hand, HDFC, Bajaj Auto, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Bank, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finserv and Titan were among the winners, rising up to 2.11 per cent.

On a weekly basis, the Sensex lost 484.33 points or 0.79 per cent, while the Nifty fell 223.65 points or 1.21 per cent.

"Despite a strong opening owing to favourable global cues, domestic indices continued its losing streak succumbing to profit booking and barring banks and realty stocks, all major sectors bled."

# India can become world's edtech capital: Kant

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant on Friday said India can become the edtech capital of the world, with the private sector playing a key role and the public sector acting as a facilitator.

Speaking at a virtual conference of Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), Kant also said India needs to significantly improve its learning outcomes, and technology can help the country leapfrog in a big way.

"I am confident that India can become the edtech capital of the world with the private sector playing a key role and the public sector acting as a facilitator," he said.

Kant said affordable internet connectivity and technology-based infrastructure are the only ways to enhance the education sector in the country.

"Relying only on physical infrastructure will not be sufficient," he noted. According to the Niti Aayog CEO, the Indian edtech ecosystem has great growth potential.

# DoT amends RoW rules defining framework for laying aerial OFC to facilitate 5G

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The amendment further prescribes a one-time compensation of Rs 1,000 per Km for laying aerial OFC which will bring further uniformity in charging of fee/ levy by local authorities for grant of permissions for this critical infrastructure.

Welcoming the amendment by the DoT, T. R. Dua, Director General, Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) said, "We are thankful to the Minister of Communications for initiating the desired reforms for the Telecom Infrastructure sector also. We are sure this is just the beginning and this amendment will pave the way for other major reforms in line, encouraging investments and faster deployment of critical broadband infrastructure in the country enabling rollout of 5G and various new technologies."

"We at DIPA are also working with other sectors such as the Ministry of Power at Centre and State level for laying aerial OFC over existing electric poles."

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Shantanu Ghosh, Niyogi Jayita, Flat No-A- 503, Exotica, East Square Apt, Ahinsa Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad. A/c No:-LBGHZ0001824526	Flat No- KM-56-1101, Kosmos Jaypee Green, Noida	03/07/2021, Rs. 4,64,703.89/-	31/01/2021
2.	Amarendra Kumar, Chandra Mukhi, 471, Paschimabad J.N.U, Delhi. A/c No:- LBDEL00001104826	H. No. 752, Sarswathi Puram, JNU, Delhi	06/07/2021, Rs. 4,39,216.61/-	31/01/2021
3.	Pal Ghanshyam Ramanand, Kamala Devi, 570 Sec 10 Ballabhgarh, Faridabad, A/c No:- LBDEL00002096486	Flat No- E/5 1st Floor, Yogi Darshanamli Silvassalsaid Pin Code 396230 Valsad	03/07/2021, Rs. 4,36,104/-	31/01/2021
4.	Biresh Kumar Singh, Chandrakala Singh, H No 196-A, G-2 Block, Gali No 1, Delhi, Jai Vihar Najafgarh A/c:-LBDEL00004157006	Flat No 859, Ground Floor, Nyay Khand II, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 4,30,804/-	31/12/2020
5.	Deepak Kumar, Murti Devi, B-2A Indra Market, Guram Ras Nagar, Luxmi Nagar, Delhi. A/c No:- LBND00001107135	Unit No 18, Parsavnath Binnab Plazaguru Ramesh Nagar, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi	03/07/2021, Rs. 4,28,448.05/-	31/01/2021
6.	Deepak Kumar Bind, AL- Rigga Road, P O Box-182845, Opp 4 Seasons, Restaurant, Deira, UAE Ph-006592388571, Dubai, A/c:-LBGUR00002095571	1404 14th Floor, Tower N, The Palm Drive Sector-66 Haryana Gurgaon 122001, With Parkin Space U-N-13 & L-N-13	25-06-2021, Rs. 4,26,931/-	31/01/2021
7.	Manjeet Singh, Inderjeet Kaur, B-5 Krishna Awas R-5/120, Raj Nagar Sector-5, Ghaziabad. A/c No:- LBDEL00001173589	B-14, Jal Nigam Colony, Raj Nagar Sec-1, Near Telephone Exchange, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 4,20,268.12/-	31/01/2021
8.	Suresh Kumar, Sunita, Manoj Kumar Arya, Flat No. GF- 4, First Floor, Nitikhand- 1/46, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBDEL0000990720	Flat No. GF- 4 First Floor, Nitikhand- 1/46, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 4,07,407.79/-	11/01/2021
9.	Pushpendra Kumar, Somlata, 1268 Sanjay Kaloni, Arthala, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBDEL00002979300	Flat No B54-01, Ground Floor, Aasra Type-2, Upavp, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 3,98,552/-	31/01/2021
10.	Pushpendra Kumar, Somlata, 1268 Sanjay Kaloni, Arthala, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBDEL00001977058	Flat No B54-01, Ground Floor, Aasra Type-2, Upavp, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 3,90,959.69/-	31/01/2021
11.	Deepak Khandelwal, Deepti, H. No E 8 Partly Ward No 14, Dayal Bagh Vill- Lafarpur, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBGUR00005336276	House No E-77, Dayal Bagh Colony, Suraj Kund, Faridabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 3,73,211/-	09/01/2021
12.	Deep Chand Singh, Chhaya Singh, Nai Basti Sarfabad An Sec-72, Sec 74 Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida. A/c No:-LBND00001995423	Flat No A4 303 3rd Floor, Tower A4 Gardenia Aims Glory Plot No GH-01, Sec-46, Noida, Noida	03/07/2021, Rs. 3,59,027/-	31/12/2020
13.	Sumeet Suri, Pali Suri, E-49, Kapil Vihar, Sector-21C, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBDFB00001198548	122, Block-1, Sunrise Tower Cghshg-7, Sec-45, Faridabad, Haryana, Faridabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 3,54,582.09/-	31/01/2021
14.	Narendra Kumar, Sunita Rani, H. No. 1015, Sector 14, Faridabad, A/c No:-LBDEL00001980116	Plot No 137, Block D, Sector - 11, Faridabad, Faridabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 3,54,103.5/-	31/01/2021
15.	Mumtaj, Mumtaj, C- 318 Ground Floor Sec-5dakshin Puri, Dr Ambedkar Nagar, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00003930226	Flat No-1612, 16th Floor, Galaxy Royale-Block, Gokul Plot No- GC-03J GH-03, Sector-16C, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	05/07/2021, Rs. 3,41,952/-	31/01/2021
16.	Poonam Vijaykumar Mishra, Vijaykumar Deonath Mishra, 12 D, Mesh, New Navy Nagar, Colaba, Mumbai, Mumbai, A/c No:-LBDEL00004913462	Flat No 402, 4th Floor, Cosmo City Silvassa Kharval Road, Dadra Nagar, Havelis No 53758, Silvassa	14/07/2021, Rs. 3,35,081/-	31/01/2021
17.	Tarun Kumar Singh, Kiran Singh, Dinesh Singh, Flat No.707/708, Aman Castle, Sector 4, Plot No. 22, Vaishali, Sahidabad, A/c No:-LBDEL0000740095	Flat No. 707, Sector IV, Plot No. 22., Vaishali, Aman Castle, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 3,02,181.04/-	08/02/2021
18.	Prem Kumar Bhardwaj, Neetu Kumari, H. No-629, 1st Floor Sakti Khand 3, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBND00001864253	House No-629, 1st Floor, Shakti Khand-3, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 2,95,768/-	31/01/2021
19.	Sarita Attri, Rajendra Singh, R-8, Main Market, Shakar Pur, Delhi, Delhi. A/c No:-LBDEL00001072005	Flat No- 404, 4th Flr, Block-A, Krishan Apra Gardens, Plot No 7, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 2,92,973.96/-	31/01/2021
20.	Sumeet Suri, Pali Suri, E-49, Kapil Vihar, Sector-21C, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c No:-LBDFB00001426566	122, Block-1, Sunrise Tower CGHSGH-7, Sec-45, Faridabad, Haryana, Faridabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 2,86,369.69/-	31/01/2021
21.	Veni Mohan, Varun Mohan, B-5/110, Ground Floor, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00001839844	Flat No- F-112-1202, Uniworld City East Gurgaon, Gurgaon	14/07/2021, Rs. 2,79,680/-	11/01/2021
22.	Sanjeev K Kshiti, Neena Kshiti, 17 D 535, Konark Enclave, Vasudhara, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBND00001796424	Plot No. 94, Grd Flr, Habitat Flr Jaipuria Enclave, Kavshambi, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 2,64,505/-	31/01/2021
23.	Sanjeev Kumar, Sunanta Gambhir, House No-1312 Block- B Gaur Global Village, Crossng Republik Near NH-24 Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad. A/c No:-LBND00002035091	BS001D1202, 12th Floor, Tower-1, Buddha Circuit Studios, Sector-25, Jaypee Greens Sports City, Yeida Greater Noida Noida	03/07/2021, Rs. 2,58,358/-	31/12/2020
24.	Ranvir Singh, Santosh Yadav, D-184, Delta-1, Greater Noida, G.B. Nagar, Noida, A/c No:-LBND00001505239	Flat No D-184, Sector- Delta-1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	14/07/2021, Rs. 2,36,081/-	31/01/2021
25.	Tanu Agarwal, Omax Construction Ltd, Palash Ranjan Agarwal, E-65, Kalkaji, 1st Floor, New Delhi, Delhi. A/c No:-LBDEL00001202747	FF- 3, 1st Floor, Sector- 6 Vaishali Ghaziabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 2,32,878.76/-	31/01/2021
26.	Ashwani Kumar, Gunjan Kumar, C-43, Surya Nagar, Near Ram Mandir, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBND00001078776	G-1, Plot C43 Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 2,22,929.72/-	31/01/2021
27.	Sanjeev Khosla, Kanayal Khosla, Flat No: S-2, Plot No: C-179, Ramprasta, Opp Vivek Vihar, Saibabad, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBDEL0000389406	Flat No C-2, Plot No 179, SF (RR Side) Block C, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 2,22,510.92/-	21/01/2021
28.	Yashpal, Sonia, House No-155/8, Model Town, Gurgaon, Haryana, Gurgaon. A/c No:-LBDEL00001140423	Plot No. - 11, Khasra No- 1522/1 Ashok Puri Gurgaon, Gurgaon	03/07/2021, Rs. 2,18,480.98/-	31/01/2021
29.	Yashpal, Soniya, House No- 155/8, Model Town, Gurgaon, Haryana, Gurgaon, A/c No:-LBDEL00001140419	Plot No. 11, Khasra No. 1522/1, Ashok Puri Gurgaon	03/07/2021, Rs. 2,09,056/-	31/01/2021
30.	Gulab Singh, Savita Devi, Flat No- 433, Ashoka Enclave Part- 3, Sector- 35, Near Sarai, Faridabad, A/c No:-LBDEL00000945884	Plot No 433, Ashok Enclave-3, Village Sanai Kharaja, Faridabad, Faridabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 1,93,203.5/-	28/02/2021
31.	Sailesh Kumar, Seema Srivastava, Flat No B-2, 011, GC Grand Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBDEL0000523535	Flat No S-2, Plot No.-296, Sec-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021, Rs. 1,89,594/-	30/09/2020
32.	Ashish Dhingia, Onkar Singh Dhingia, Flat No. 302, Second Floor, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00001101022	Flat No. 302, Second Floor, Jahangir Puri, Delhi	14/07/2021, Rs. 1,86,353.26/-	31/01/2021
33.	Yati, Kavita, A-127 Sector-55, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00004848267	Plot No-GC/7 GH-01, Flat No-1051, Tower-G, 10th Floor, Gaur City 1, Sector 04, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida	14/07/2021, Rs. 1,83,822/-	31/01/2021
34.	Gopinath Nayak, Aratee Nayak, H. No: 135, Block- D, Sector-Beta-1, G. B. Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00004913930	Flat No- 2633, 25th Floor Fortune Tower, Mahagun Montage Dunderhaera Plot No GH 3 Crossing Republik Village Ghaziabad 201010	25/06/2021, Rs. 1,61,553/-	31/01/2021
35.	Deepak Tyagi, Sarita Tyagi, Prashant Karla, Flat- No- 450, Sector-16, Vasundhara, Sec-16, Ghaziabad. A/c No:-LBDEL0000507294	Flat No- 16/450, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 1,50,496.72/-	08/03/2021
36.	Sushma Kumari, Ankush, H N 110 Tower-B 5th Avenue Gaur City 1 Sec-4 Noida, Pincode 201009, Noida, A/c No:-LBND00005079316	Flat No- 110, First Floor, Tower- B 5th Avenue, Plot No- GH- 01 Gaur City-1, Sector-04, Greater Noida, Noida	14/07/2021, Rs. 1,49,050/-	06/03/2021
37.	Rajat Kumar Mathur, Rimjhim Mathur, Flat No 1002, 10th Floor, Tower- P1 Ashiana Palm Court, Raj Nagar Ext, Noor Nagar NH-58, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBND00001731243	B- 109, Ind Floor, Parashwanth Paradise, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021, Rs. 1,40,256/-	11/01/2021
38.	Hemant Kumar, Mithlesh Gupta, A-3/225 Sector-17, Rohini New Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00002069311	Flat No KPA-10- 1502, Kensington Park-1 Jaypee Greens Sec-131/133 Noida 201301	25/06/2021, Rs. 1,38,504/-	31/01/2021
39.	Fasihuzzaman, Anesha Verma, Flat No 404 Fourth Floor, 331 A Z1A, Manzil Nai Basti, Asif Nawaz Compound Jamia Nagar Okhla, Delhi, A/c No:-LBND00004080193	Unit No 807, Floor 8 Tower 4 Kosmos Jaypee Wish Town Greens Sector 134, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar	03/07/2021, Rs. 1,34,249/-	11/01/2021
40.	Devender Singh, Sushma Raj, W-2/13 Upper Ground Floor Block-B, Om Vihar Phase-3 Unnati Heights, Uttam Nagar West Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBGUR00004856664	Unit No- 98, Spaze Tristaar- Shops, Village Dhorka, Sec-92, Gurgaon	14/07/2021, Rs. 1,33,641/-	31/01/2021
41.	Rishi Kumar Saluja, Brinda Mudgil, S6 203 Eldeco Amantran , Sec 119 Noida, Near Tripathi Hospital, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar A/c:-LBND00004935537	Flat No E 1405, 14th Floor, Apex Golf Avenue Tower E Adjoining Tech ZC Greater Noida, Noida	14/07/2021, Rs. 1,32,385/-	31/01/2021
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Date : October 22, 2021  
Place: Delhi/ NCR

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ICICI Bank Limited

# Forex reserves up by USD 1.492 bn to USD 641 bn

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The country's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 1.492 billion to reach USD 641.008 billion in the week ended October 15, RBI data showed on Friday.

In the previous week ended October 8, the reserves had increased by USD 2.039 billion to USD 639.516 billion. The reserves had touched a lifetime high of USD 642.453 billion in the week ended September 3, 2021.

In the reporting week ended October 15, the rise in the forex kitty was mainly on account of an increase in foreign currency assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves.

FCAs rose by USD 950 million to USD 577.951 billion, as per weekly data by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves climbed by USD 557 million to USD 38,579 billion in the reporting week, the data showed.

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) declined by USD 21 million to USD 19,247 billion.

The country's reserve position with the IMF rose by USD 6 million to USD 5.231 billion.

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**SANYA MALHOTRA**

The romantic bit of *Meenakshi Sundareswar*'s script was what made me go for it. As someone who is in the audience, I crave to binge-watch romance. At present, I am organically attracted to light-hearted romantic comedies, so that can be the main reason I was attracted to this character and script. For me, it was love at first sight with Meenakshi.'



**AYUSHMANN KHURRANA**

'It's only once in a while that an actor comes across a story that makes them jump out of their comfort zone. While I have always backed novel stories, *Anek* pushed me to perform with a renewed zest. It's the kind of script that drives a person to give it their all. I feel extremely fortunate, and proud, that I got to headline a project like this.'



**PARINEETI CHOPRA**

'The kind of accolades and appreciation I received for my films this year was the biggest birthday present for me. So I feel that on the work front, I am in a great place...We have been shooting for the past two weeks in Nepal. A working birthday in the middle of the mountains is exactly what a 2021 birthday should be for me.'



**ZACH GALIFIANAKIS**

'My kids don't really know what I do. They think I'm an assistant librarian somewhere. I want to protect their innocence as much as possible. They're just children after all. People used to come up to me and be like, 'Oh, my kids love *The Hangover*, and I'm like, 'You're a terrible parent'. They need to mature a little bit before they see such films.'

**GWYNETH PALTROW**

'Ever since I was Covid-positive, I wasn't been feeling good. I had really high inflammation levels and the doctor said that, at least for three months, I should abstain from alcohol, sugar and anything that's processed. I kind of begrudgingly did it, and then I just started feeling good. I'm not going to do it forever, but I have been trying to value my health and wellness a little more lately.'



# LAND OF HEROES

Khushbu Kirti visits the tea capital of North India, Palampur, and remembers the sacrifices of the Kargil martyrs

You might know Palampur as the tea capital of North India, owing to its lush green tea gardens that it is enveloped in. However, another attribute that sets the town apart from many other places is that it has produced the bravest of war heroes.

The recently released OTT hit *SherShaah* has ensured that most people know everything about late Captain Vikram Batra, his life, his bravery and about his birthplace, Palampur. Having said that, not many know that the Kargil hero who lost his life in 1999, Captain Saurabh Kalia, was also born in the same town of Kangra valley. Kalia was an Indian Army officer who was captured by Pakistan Army, along with three other soldiers, tortured and murdered. The news had taken the country by shock and outrage. He was one of the first martyrs of the Kargil war, and the brutal killing of these soldiers had sundered the calm before the storm.

Along with them, the famous immortal names of Brigadier Sher Jang Thapa, one of the recipients of the Mahavir Chakra, Major Sudhir Walia, posthumous awardee of Ashoka Chakra, and Major Som Nath Sharma, posthumous Param Vir Chakra awardee, also come to my mind. While Major Somnath and Brigadier Thapa were world war martyrs, Major Walia died while leading an assault on a militant hideout in Kupwara district. The three gallants mentioned above were also born in the Kangra district.

Recently, I received an opportunity to explore Palampur and so, I made it a point to visit memorials set up as tribute to these heroes.



**SAURABH VAN VIHAR**

The ecological park is one of the major tourist attractions of the place. Besides the rich history that it carries, honouring Shaheed Captain Kalia, the nature park is a scenic and tranquil sight located on the banks of the Neugel Khad. It is situated in the village of Kwat and spreads over an area of about 13 kilometres. While offering the mesmerising view of the Dhauladhar ranges in the background, the attractions present include bird-watching, boating, sight-seeing, and so on.

The Saurabh Van Vihar is also home to a variety of flora and fauna, and loquacious birds which only elevate the beauty of the park.

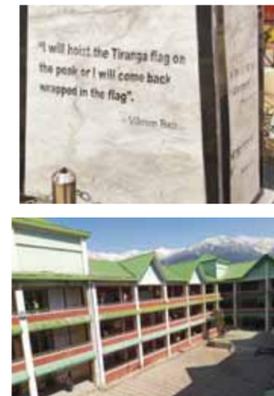


The bridge augmented in tro-colour heightens the patriotic fervour in every visitor.

However, unfortunately, a recent flood had destroyed the park and so when I had visited the location, I traced, from the ruins, what it actually used to be. Boating was discontinued, but pleasure-activities like bird-watching, around the beautiful lake, and soaking in the nature could still be carried out. I had goosebumps throughout as the homage to the fallen hero was inexpressible.

While hopping the park would soon be repaired, I also feel more ecological parks like these, as dedications to the fallen brave, should be built.

**SHAHEED CAPTAIN VIKRAM BATRA GOVERNMENT COLLEGE**



While staying in Palampur, I decided to pay homage to the memorial of Captain Batra, too. The Shaheed Captain Vikram Batra Government college, Palampur (Kangra), came into existence in 1995 as Govt College, Palampur. It was renamed in the memory of the war hero in 1999.

It also contains the bust of the late soldier, which says 'Ye dil mangey more', something that Captain Batra would say often to his comrades and had, in turn, immortalised the slogan.

As we already know, Batra, 13 JAK Rifles, and his Delta company was given the job of securing point 5,140. He was nicknamed SherShah



(for his unwavering courage) and that was what he was called on the Pakistani radios, too.

His company is credited with killing around eight enemy soldiers and recovering a heavy machine gun.

The capturing of point 5,140 set in motion a chain of successful events during the Kargil war.

Captain Batra had also, posthumously, received the Param Vir Chakra.

## Getting back to normal

Indie artiste RITVIZ kickstarts Johnnie Walker's #ReVibeTheNight campaign which aims to refuel India's after-hour culture. By TANMAYA DAS

Johnnie Walker, a leading scotch-whisky brand, announces the launch of #ReVibeTheNight, a one-of-a-kind campaign to fill India's most beloved venues with music, movement, people, and magic. The brand has roped in some trailblazing artistes such as the renowned hip-hop rapper, Divine, prominent electronic music producer, Ritviz, and internet sensation, Lisa Mishra, to refuel the after-hour culture in India through their live performances in India's most loved hotspots.

Prior to the world going into lockdown, the after-hour culture in India thrived at celebrated community hubs that eventually became a safe-haven for individuals, a place where they found their sense of self-expression and belonging that fueled progress. This community was driven through the culture of live music and enthralling performances that created their very own vibe, a vibe that built extraordinary, forever-lasting relationships.

The campaign was initiated with a live performance by Ritviz at Dragonfly in New Delhi's Aerocity yesterday. From New Delhi the platform will go live across India including Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Goa and Guwahati till December 2021. Read on for our interaction with Ritviz:

**At what age did you start learning music? What were your initial hurdles?**

I have a background in classical music. My mom is an Indian classical singer and my dad plays the tabla. Growing up, music surrounded the house. So, for me, walking into music was very easy. I was four-five years old when I saw my mom doing her *riyaaz*.

Music was very effortless because my mom never pushed me to learn music. It was something I really wanted to pursue, I wasn't asked to join. As I grew up learning Indian classical music, I was obviously also exposed to the West and VH1 and all of that, which pulled me closer to other styles of music.

**Do you recall your first steps in the music industry?**

In 2014, I released my first EP *Vizdumb* and then I released the five-track *YUV* in 2016. *Udd Gaye* was my first major hit, and changed my life.

**Any advice for aspiring artistes?**

Don't think of money, even though it sounds absurd. You have to give music the topmost priority. If you chase anything else then you'll be caught up in other things.

Everything is built around music for me. When I sit and make music, I don't do it to please anyone, but because I like it. The minute you lose that, you lose the plot, you lose music. It's hard, so either find the support system or find that confidence to carry on.

**Who is your inspiration?**

My mother is the most inspiring person in my life. For every new song, her nod is a validation and a push.

Your set of influences in your life make you. That is why probably I have now started listening and learning other styles and a lot more that would probably inspire more crazy culminations in the future. The idea is to keep a constant set of learning.

**What are your expectations for the campaign?**

I am extremely excited for the campaign! The team at Johnnie Walker, with their #ReVibeTheNight campaign, is taking a bold step towards re-energising the after-hour culture in India through live performances across iconic community spaces, with all Covid-19 safety measures in place. I think with such initiatives, we are responsibly moving back to live gigs, which has really been the best avenue to form a connection with our audiences, once again. Lisa Mishra and I have also created a new soundtrack for the campaign and I really think that the audience will love it.



The renowned Indian studio's, Yash Raj Films', chairman and managing director, Aditya Chopra, has directed and produced some of the biggest blockbusters. His debut directorial, the historic romantic film, *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*, which released in 1995, is still running in theatres. Popularly called *DDLJ*, it is one of the highest grossing movies in the history of Indian cinema and the biggest IP of the country's rich and diverse movie industry.

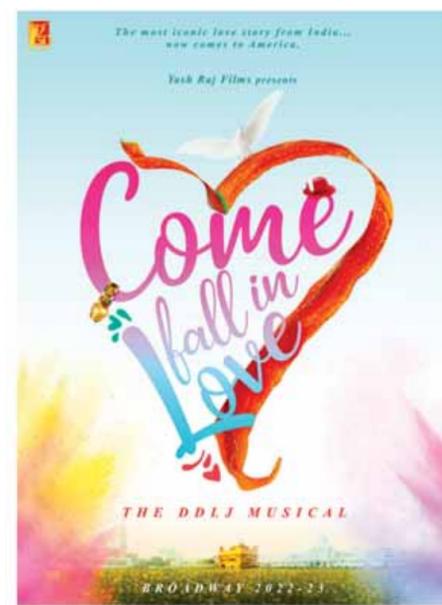
After 26 years, Aditya Chopra is set to direct *DDLJ* again and it will mark his debut as a director on Broadway. He strongly feels Broadway and Indian films are two long lost lovers separated in time because of their intrinsic similarities. Both celebrate heart-warming stories and human emotions through music and dance. Aditya has been working on this passion project for the past three years and has roped in a stellar, extremely diverse team, comprising some of the best talents of Broadway and India for the same.

*Come...Fall In Love: The DDLJ Musical* is being produced by Yash Raj Films, and is based on an original story by Aditya. The musical will feature book and lyrics by Laurence Oliver award-winner, Nell Benjamin (for films like *Legally Blonde* and *Mean Girls*), and top Indian songwriters, Vishal Daddani and Shekhar Ravjiani, will serve as composers. Tony and Emmy winner Rob Ashford (for films like *Frozen*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *The Boys from Syracuse*) will choreograph with associate choreographer, Shruti Merchant. The design team will also incorporate set design by Emmy and Tony award winner, Derek McLane (for *Moulin Rouge!*, *Hairspray Live!* and *33 Variations*) and music supervision will be done by Tony, Grammy, and Emmy award-winner, Bill Sherman (known for music in *In The Heights*, *Sesame Street*, and *Hamilton*). Adam Zotovich is the executive producer for the project.

The musical is set to be on

## Come...Fall In Love

Western musical theatre and Indian films are two long lost lovers separated in time, says film-maker ADITYA CHOPRA. He is set to make his Broadway debut with an adaptation of *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge*. By TEAM VIVA



stage in the Broadway season of 2022-2023, with a world premiere at the Old Globe theatre in San Diego in September 2022. A global casting search begins shortly, headed by Duncan Stewart of Stewart/Whitley casting and Yash Raj Films casting head, Shanoo Sharma.

About his musical, Aditya passionately expressed, "In the summer of 1985, I was 14 and on a holiday in London. My parents took my brother and me for our first musical theatre experience. The lights dimmed, the curtains lifted and what unfolded in the next three hours left me speechless and stunned. Now, till then, I was a kid who was an avid movie watcher and what I loved the most was big-

screen Indian blockbusters. But that day what I saw on stage blew my mind. I couldn't believe that this kind of spectacle could be created live on stage. But the most significant aspect that resonated with me was how similar musical theatre was to our Indian films. It was just not the fact that both use songs to tell the story, it was much more than that, it was the feeling they evoked which was exactly the same. The burst of colours, the heightened drama, the passionate singing, the unabashed dancing, a classic story, and a happy end — it filled me with the same joy and emotions that a good Indian film does. I realised then, that worlds apart, languages apart, western musical



theatre and Indian films are two long lost lovers that have gotten separated in time."

He continued, "In autumn of 2021, I am embarking on my most ambitious project till date. I'm reuniting two long lost lovers, Broadway musical and Indian films. 26 years back I started my career with a film called *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge* (*DDLJ*), what it is more famously known as). The film created history and changed my life and many others forever. But what many don't know is that I never intended to make *DDLJ* in Hindi. As a 23 year old young man greatly influenced by Hollywood and American pop culture, I thought I would make a couple of Indian films and then I would be off to Hollywood and make *DDLJ* for a worldwide English-speaking audience with Tom Cruise as my leading man. That obviously didn't happen. *DDLJ* released in 1995 and became the longest running film of Indian cinema. It gave me my identity and kickstarted an amazing journey for which I'll always be grateful."

Now, Aditya is going back to his original vision of the story of *DDLJ*, a love tale of an American boy and an Indian girl, a love story of two cultures...two worlds. But this time the medium is not cinema, but theatre. "26 years later I will be directing *DDLJ* all over again, but this time as an English language Broadway musical for a worldwide audience. I'm terribly nervous and incredibly excited. I'm a hardcore cinema guy, and have never done theatre in my life. And here I am, trying to pull off the craziest ambition of my life. But, what is giving me confidence is the fantastic team that I have. Each one of them is a master of their field and their brilliance and expertise is going to make this a fantastic show. The past three years as we have developed this passion project, I have learnt so much from them and discovered the unbelievable talent that the Broadway community has. I feel like I am 23 again, the same age I was when I directed *DDLJ* for the first time. I'm once again a student, each one of my team members is more experienced than I am. In the world of theatre, I'm the rookie and I'm loving every moment of it. I'm all set to learn, explore, create and enjoy with these wonderful theatre artists and the discover the magical world of Broadway musicals," the director concluded. About the Broadway theatrical, Benjamin expressed, "*DDLJ* was my introduction to Indian filmmaking before I even knew who the amazing Aditya Chopra was, and the movie had such joy and heart that I fell in love with it. I was so happy to be approached to do the musical and I hope my work helps everyone fall in love with Simran and Raj and their journey across multiple cultures again. The world can always use a little more cultural understanding, and I can't wait to sit in a theater with an audience, sharing the joy and surprise of *Come Fall In Love: The DDLJ Musical!*"



# BACK AT IT

DJ trio SWEDISH HOUSE MAFIA reunites and links up with THE WEEKND for new music, ahead of a global tour scheduled for next year

DJ supergroup Swedish House Mafia, known for bringing house music to the masses with their arena shows, are ready to turn the crowd up with a new collaboration with The Weeknd and a global tour on the horizon.

The trio dropped a new song and music video on yesterday, melding their thumping, body-rocking beats with The Weeknd's dark cinematic vocals on *Moth To A Flame*. It comes as they are announcing a 44-date arena world tour in 2022 with stops in Miami, Las Vegas, Houston, Toronto, London, Paris and Madrid.

It's a long awaited return for the DJs — Steve Angello, Axwell and Sebastian Ingrosso — who announced their breakup in 2012 after reaching heights that few other DJs had and leading a wave

of interest in EDM music with their grandiose live shows.

"I think time was the best thing that could happen to us," Angello expressed during an interview from Stockholm.

With hits like *Don't You Worry Child* and *Save The World*, they were the first DJ act to sell out Madison Square Garden and got top billing at Coachella, where they will return in 2022. The anticipation has been building since the three announced their reunion at a surprise set at Ultra Music Festival in Miami in 2018, but behind the scenes it was a years-long process of getting a new label, new management and new music. Known for being perfectionists and their slow pace of recording, the pandemic gave them the time they needed as they worked in their



studio in Sweden.

"We made more songs in the past two years than we did in the 20 years before that, which is incredible," said Angello. They also now share the same management

team with The Weeknd, who has hinted at the collab on his social media.

After meeting in Los Angeles, they found a track they all loved and the Toronto-born superstar let inspiration lead him, said Axwell. "He just, boom, went for it and it sounded amazing," said Axwell. "We were like, 'Well, did you have this written down or how was it like? Did you prepare notes?' (He said.) 'I just looked at some text messages on my phone.'"

They released two other singles this year, including *Lifetime* featuring Ty Dolla Sign along with 070 Shake and *It Gets Better*, both of which reached the Top 15 of Billboard's Hot Dance/Electronic Songs chart. The new songs are leading up to their full-length album *Paradise Again*, slated for release next year.

The opportunity to push boundaries again was the motivating factor to come back together and put aside differences that led to their split, shared Angello, who remained coy on the exact reasons.

"Enough time went by for me to feel like I was missing something, right? So like when you're running 100 miles an hour, you don't have time to reflect. But if you let some time pass, all of a sudden, those things that, those things that tore us apart were kind of destroyed," said Angello.

During the breakup, they all kept working and performing. Angello released his own solo records while Axwell and Ingrosso put out an album in 2017 together. But when the Corona virus pandemic took hold in 2020, not having an audience was one of the hardest parts for these DJs who had spent decades performing live in clubs, arenas and festivals all over the globe, setting the unrelenting musical pace for tens of thousands of dancing fans.

"I understand why a lot of heritage bands continue touring for the rest of their lives," said Ingrosso. "Because once you're in there and you've done that once in your life with the energy and the positivity, it's like a piece of our hearts that's missing."

Ingrosso said every once a while, they'd turn their studio into a nightclub, just to get a chance to feel the music the way it's meant to be experienced. "Sometimes we threw a little party here and there around the studio just to listen to music when you're not totally 100 per cent sober, if you know what I mean," Ingrosso revealed.

Their 2022 tour starts on July 29 in Miami and runs through November 13 in Tampere, Finland. —AP

# Checkmate

It is wonderful that the new generation is rediscovering classic stories from the subcontinent, says veteran actor, IRFAN KHOOSAT. By TEAM VIVA



The actor and comedian, Irfan Khoosat, is the father of popular Pakistani director, Sarmad Khoosat. The veteran actor will be reading Munshi Premchand's iconic tale, *Shatranj Ki Baazi*, in Zee Theatre's show, *Yaar Julahay*.

In 1924, Munshi Premchand wrote a riveting tale in Urdu and Hindi about two inveterate chess players. In 1977, the legendary filmmaker, Satyajit Ray, created *Shatranj Ke Khiladi*, based on the same tale.

Now, director and actor, Sarmad Khoosat, is presenting *Shatranj Ki Baazi*, a dramatised reading of the same classic story. The reading is part of *Yaar Julahay*, featuring stories from the subcontinent.

It will be screened on Tata Sky Theatre throughout this week. Set in Lucknow in the last days of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah, the story centers around the landowners, Mirza Sajjad Ali and Mir Roshan Ali, and their obsession with chess in the face of the rapidly deteriorating political, social, and cultural conditions of Awadh.

Irfan expressed, "I have been associated largely with funny characters but this was a serious part. I am also very happy that the new generation is rediscovering classic stories from the subcontinent via a format similar to Dastangoi. When stories are performed and not just read by an actor, they acquire tangible humanity. This is a very good initiative and must continue."

Speaking about his father's role, Sarmad said, "A lot of literature has been written about partition, but the mutiny of 1857 has not been extensively written about. That is why this story by Munshi Premchand has an iconic significance. His descriptive writing brings to life the milieu and the atmosphere in which the story is set and when he writes the conversations between two people, he transports us to another era. The moment I read *Shatranj Ki Baazi*, I felt only my father could do justice to it because the role needed a certain gravitas, manner, and diction. Abba pulled off the reading with great theatricality and used different voices for different characters."

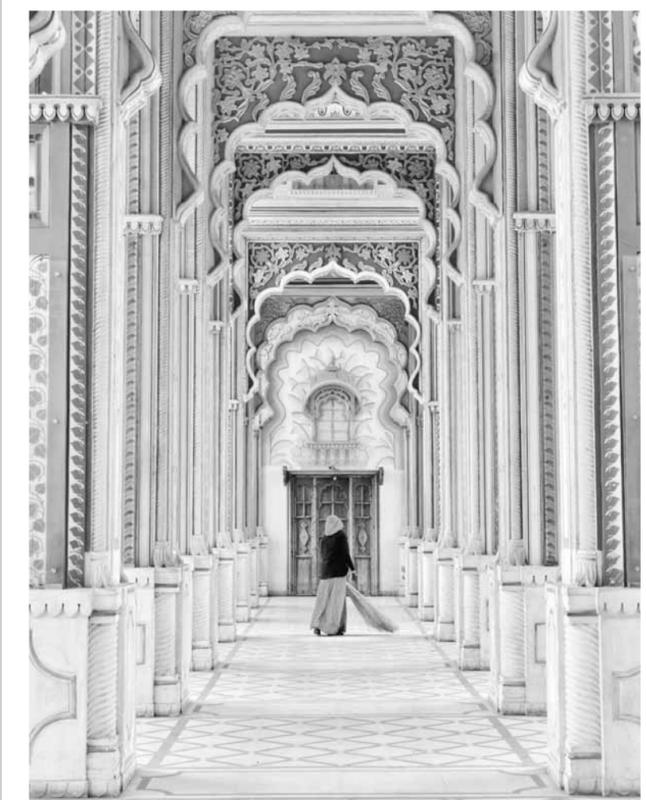
# WHAT MOVED YOU TODAY

National Geographic India encourages enthusiasts to share their most precious captures that have touched hearts through the campaign, Your Lens. By TEAM VIVA

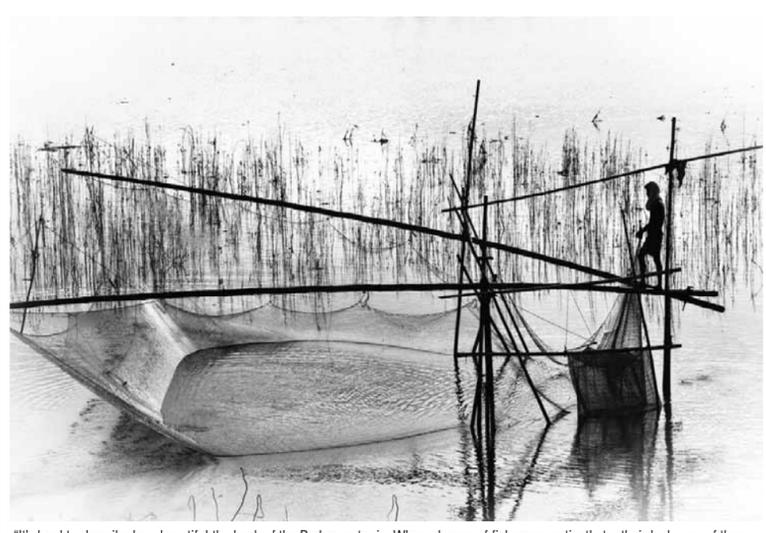
National Geographic India, a brand with a rich legacy of distinctive and impactful storytelling, is currently conducting a unique ongoing property titled — 'Your Lens'. With a campaign thought of 'what moved you today', Your Lens is encouraging photographers and enthusiasts to share the most precious captures that have emotionally moved them and touched their hearts. With a successful start, they have received thousands of entries, spread across various themes such as breathtaking landscapes, majestic wildlife, thrilling adventures, vibrant festivals, people and portraits and many more from around the country.

Assessed by the established National Geographic explorer and photographer, Prasenjeet Yadav, the best images will be featured across the National Geographic television channel in India, social media platforms and the website, www.nationalgeographicyourlens.in.

Every month, best images will be selected and featured. Some of the shortlisted images, along with the photographer's thoughts, are given below:



"I've been a photographer since the age of 14, and have been learning every day. The photograph, at the Pratiksha Gate in Rajasthan, is probably my best. This one is from my solo trip to Jaipur." —Pratish Patel, Mumbai



"It's hard to describe how beautiful the bank of the Brahmaputra is. Where dozens of fishermen patiently try their luck, one of them caught my eye, as light from the sun and reflection of the sky perfectly balanced in such a way that I felt like God himself sketched it on the water." —Ansari, Bangalore



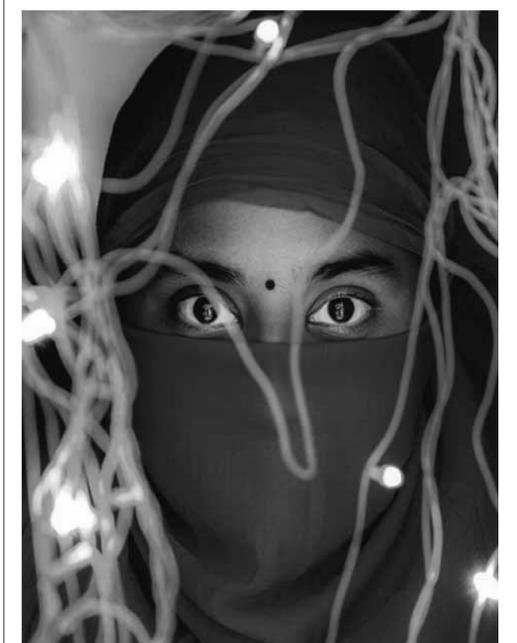
"The Wildest Brothers — we documented these two in their wildest mood at the Great Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, a place filled with surprises. Their mother was out in search of food and these two pups were home alone." —Parth Kansara, Bhuj



"Being a nature enthusiast, I have always wanted to capture an image concerning pollution that is increasing every day." —Satya Mariadhar Vegi, Tuni



"Clicked this image in Gir National park. The cub was very playful." —Goswami Chetan, Jamnagar



"Light in the eyes speaks louder than the words." —Susruth Sai, Nellore

# Sindhu loses in quarters

PTI ■ ODENSE

Returning to action after a break, India's double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu on Friday bowed out of the Denmark open badminton tournament after losing in straight games to world no 8 Korean An Seyoung in the women's singles quarterfinals here.



Playing her first tournament since winning the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics in August, Sindhu couldn't match her fifth seeded young Korean rival, going down 11-21 12-21 in 36 minutes. Sindhu had also lost to An Seyoung in straight games the last time they clashed here two years ago in their only career meeting. The reigning world champion, who had taken a break to rejuvenate after a hectic Olympics campaign, just couldn't find a way across the attacking game of the Korean, who was always a step ahead during the contest. An Seyoung made a superb start and took just six minutes to grab a massive seven-point lead at the break with Sindhu unable to find a crack in the Korean's game. The Indian tried to control the net but committed few unforced errors with the Korean showing great athleticism to return everything thrown at her.

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The 27-year-old from Madhya Pradesh will lock horns with 33-year-old Tommy Sugiarto, a bronze winner at the 2014 World Championships.

However, it proved to be too daunting a task for Lakshya to match Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen as he thrashed the Indian 21-15 21-7 in a lopsided second-round contest.

Coming into the match with a dismal 1-5 head-to-head count, Sameer showed great athleticism and tactical acumen to down Antonsen, a silver medallist at the 2019 World Championships.

# Mentors can't do much, it's players who have to perform : Gavaskar

PTI ■ DUBAI

A mentor can only help as much because it is the players who will have to go out there and perform the "actual task", the legendary Sunil Gavaskar said on the appointment of Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the Indian team mentor for the T20 World Cup. India will play Pakistan on Sunday in the Super 12s and Gavaskar feels that in this format Virat Kohli's team can't be termed clear favourites.



"Mentor can't do much," Gavaskar told Aaj Tak. "Yes, he can help you prepare in change room as its fast-paced game and if needed, help you tweak the tactic."

"May be speak to batters and bowlers during time-out, so the move to employ Dhoni is a good one but Dhoni will be in the change room and its the players who have to perform the actual task in the middle. How they handle pressure would determine what the result will be," Gavaskar said during the event. Gavaskar feels Kohli will feel lesser pressure now that he has

game and score as many runs as possible," he added.

Gavaskar, one of the most respected voices in world cricket, also pointed out that India's failure to win knock-out games in global tournaments has been primarily due to the faulty team selections.

"India's problem in big matches has been team combination. If they would have got final XI selection right in knock out games, they would have had less problems. At times, your thought process is different," he said.

"In knock-outs and finals, you should bat first, put runs on the board, whatever you put, 140 may be, the other team has to score and it's not always easy to score at seven runs per over in international cricket," he explained.

In T20 cricket, Gavaskar has found one flaw with the Indian batting and that's losing momentum between overs 7 and 12.

"India's batting weakness has been in the overs after Powerplay, between 7 and 12. After 7 overs, we start struggling.

decided to quit captaincy in the T20 format.

"When you become a captain, you can't just think about yourself, he has to speak to a batter who is going through a bad patch or discuss strategies with a bowler.

"Amid all this, one tends to neglect his own form. When you don't have that pressure, you can focus on your own game. I think it will be good for Virat that after T20 World Cup, he doesn't have to think about responsibilities. "So he can focus on his own

# Erasmus, Wiese take debutants Namibia to Super 12s of T20 WC

PTI ■ SHARJAH

Gerhard Erasmus led from the front with a well-crafted unbeaten fifty to guide debutants Namibia to a historic eight-wicket win over Ireland in the first round Group B match and qualification spot in Super 12s of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Friday.

that they found the fence only four times in the first 10 overs, scoring 49 for one.

Needing 77 off the last 10 overs, Erasmus and Zane Green (24) shared 48 runs for the second wicket to keep Namibia in the contest.

The duo played sensibly and brought down the equation to 55 off 42 balls and with nine wickets in hand, Namibia were clear favourites to win the contest.

But Green failed to clear Kevin O'Brien at mid-off to make the contest interesting.

After his two wickets with the ball, Wiese came to Namibia's rescue by hitting Craig Young for back-to-back sixes in the 15th over to bring



down the equation to 33 off the last five overs.

Needing 21 off 18 balls, Erasmus lofted off-spinner Simi Singh over the long-off boundary and then struck two

boundaries in the 19th over off Craig Young to finish off the chase in style with nine balls remaining.

Namibia have joined Sri Lanka in the Super 12s from

Group A.

Earlier, asked to bowl, Namibia bowlers made a strong comeback after Ireland made a brisk start to restrict them to a modest 125 for eight.

Ireland started brightly with Paul Stirling (38) and Kevin O'Brien (25) sharing 62 runs off just 44 balls for the opening stand.

But Namibia pulled things back by removing both the openers in quick succession as Ireland slumped to 67 for two in 8.4 overs.

After the opening partnership, Ireland innings literally fell apart as, barring skipper Andy Bilbirmie (21), no other batter could reach dou-

## T20 World Cup window

### DANDYA WILL BE AN IMPACT PLAYER FOR INDIA: RAHANE

Dubai: Star all-rounder Hardik Pandya will be an impact player for India in the ongoing T20 World Cup, India Test vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane said, urging the side to rally around the injury-ravaged cricketer whose role as a bowler is uncertain due to fitness issues. There has been a lot of debate regarding Pandya's inclusion in the squad as he did not bowl in the recently-concluded IPL. The team management has, time and again, stressed on the importance of his bowling to the side's overall balance.

### I AM READY TO BACK WARNER'S ABILITY: FINCH

Abu Dhabi: Australia captain Aaron Finch is ready to back the "ability and judgement" of his out-of-form opening partner David Warner, hoping that he would come out all xames here, are 0, 2, 0, 1. "I am backing Davy's ability and judgement," Finch said on the eve of the South Africa game. "If you look at his World Cup history, it's bloody good and would be like more runs? Absolutely. He is one of the greatest players Australia has ever produced and I have no doubts that come game one, he will be absolutely fired and ready to go," the skipper added. Finch said that his recovery from a knee injury had been quicker than expected.

# F1 title fight could take big swing

AP ■ AUSTIN

The US Grand Prix is not a must-win race for Lewis Hamilton, and the seven-time champion brushed off such a suggestion even as he trails Max Verstappen in the title fight and his rival should be favored at Mexico City in the next round.



Hamilton said Thursday. "It's going to be incredibly difficult and there will be moments where we can perhaps edge (Red Bull) out. I don't like to assume that Mexico is not going to be strong but they are usually very strong in Mexico."

Formula One returns to North America its next two rounds for the first time since the start of the pandemic. Races in Austin and Mexico City were canceled last year, and Montreal is set to return next year for the first time since 2019.

The series comes back now with a thrilling title fight between upstart Verstappen and the superstar Hamilton. He clinched his 2015 and 2019 titles at COTA and Hamilton has won in five of F1's eight races at the track.

Verstappen, a seven-time winner this season, hasn't won at COTA but has been good. His sensational drive in the rain to fourth as a 17-year-old rookie with Toro Rosso in 2015 unveiled his potential as a championship contender.

He finished second in 2018 and third in 2019, but now he and Red Bull are in the championship lead.

Teammates could play a huge role Sunday. Valtteri Bottas drove his Mercedes to victory ahead of Verstappen in Turkey two weeks, and won in Austin in 2019 from pole position.

PTI ■ LONDON

The fifth and final Test between India and England, which was suspended due to a COVID-19 outbreak in the visitors' camp last month, was on Friday rescheduled to July next year.

The England and Wales Cricket Board announced that the game has been moved to Edgbaston from Manchester and will be part of India's white-ball tour. The match will be held from July 1.

"With India leading the series 2-1, the concluding fifth match will now take place from July 1, 2022, at Edgbaston, following an agreement between the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)," said the ECB in a statement.

"Ticket holders do not have to take any action as all tickets will remain valid for the equivalent rearranged matchday at their host venue.

"Host venues will communicate the new fixture details to ticket purchasers and the options available to them, including the timeframe for requesting a refund if they are not able to attend the new match day," the ECB added.

Last month, BCCI President Sourav Ganguly, in an interview to PTI, had made

# Fifth Test between India and England rescheduled to July 2022



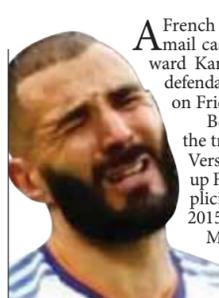
it clear that the rescheduled match would be an extension of the series and not a standalone game.

"We want the series to be completed as this will be our first series win (in England) since 2007," Ganguly had said.

India were leading 2-1 when the match was called off after the visiting players refused to step on to the field following positive COVID-19 cases among its support staff, including head coach Ravi Shastri.

# Benzema faces verdict in blackmail trial

AP ■ VERSAILLES (FRANCE)



A French court trying an alleged blackmail case involving Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema and four other defendants expects to render its verdict on Friday.

Benzema hasn't been attending the trial that opened Wednesday in Versailles and is scheduled to wrap up Friday. He is charged with complicity in the alleged attempt in 2015 to blackmail France teammate Mathieu Valbuena over a sex tape thought to have been stolen from his mobile phone.

Prosecutors asked Thursday that Benzema be fined 75,000 euros (\$87,000), the maximum allowed on the charge, and be given a suspended 10-month jail term. The law allows for a maximum of 5 years imprisonment.

The four other defendants are being tried on charges of attempted blackmail.

AP ■ LONDON

Arsenal hosts Aston Villa after a tepid start to the season that's been summed up by drawing the last two matches to sit 12th in the Premier League after eight games.

It took Alexandre Lacazette's late equalizer to grab a point against Crystal Palace on Monday and the forward will now be pushing for a start against Villa. The 30-year-old Frenchman has played only 72 minutes in the league so far.

There is no new contract on offer with his current deal expiring at the end of the season. Bukayo Saka could miss Friday's game after being forced off at half-time on Monday after being kicked on the calf. Villa is in 13th place with 10 points.

Osasuna goes for its fourth straight victory in the Spanish League when it hosts Granada. A win would leave the team tied on 20 points with leader Real Sociedad ahead of the weekend matches.

Osasuna hasn't won four in a row in the league since 2010. It won four of its last five matches, with the only setback a home loss against Real Betis. Granada is just outside the relegation zone with six points from eight matches.

# Arsenal hosts Villa



lost three of its past four matches, drawing the other, and is in 17th place, above Genoa and Cagliari on goal difference alone.

Spezia is only a point ahead after last week's win over bottom-place Salernitana snapped a run of three straight losses. Torino is just two points above the relegation zone but has faced Lazio, Juventus and Napoli recently. Mainz hosts Augsburg with

both teams looking to turn around wretched recent form. Mainz won three out of its first four league games this season, but none of the four since, and has dropped to 11th.

Augsburg is 16th, hasn't won any of its last three games and has the unwanted record of joint-fewest goals scored with four from eight games. Last-place Saint-Etienne is

looking for its first win this season against Angers. The 10-time champions have just four points from 10 games and were routed 5-1 by Strasbourg in their previous game last week.

Saint-Etienne will be without suspended midfielder Zaydou Youssouf and has several doubtful players, including goalkeeper Etienne Green and right back Yvann Maçon.

## SINGLES

### JAISMIN EASE INTO SECOND ROUND OF WNB

Hisar: Asian Championship bronze-medallist Jaismine and defending champion Pwilo Basumatary of Assam advanced to the second round of the 60kg category with convincing victories in the Women's National Boxing Championships here on Friday. Representing Haryana, Jaismine comfortably beat Chhattisgarh's Rajbala by the unanimous 5-0 verdict in her opening round, while Basumatary out-punched Karnataka's Theertha Lakshmi at the St Joseph's International School here.

### SAMEER TO ENTER QUATERFINALS

Odense: India's Sameer Verma notched up a stunning straight-game win over world no.3 Anders Antonsen to storm into the quarterfinals but it was curtains for Lakshya Sen at the Denmark Open Super 1000 badminton tournament here. World No 28 Sameer, who had qualified for the World Tour Finals in 2018 after winning three titles, produced a sensational performance to outwit local hero Antonsen 21-14 21-18 in a 50-minute men's singles battle on Thursday. The 27-year-old from Madhya Pradesh will lock horns with 33-year-old Tommy Sugiarto, a bronze winner at the 2014 World Championships

### AMATEUR AVANI WON HERO WDG TN SEASON

Panchkula: Amateur Avani Prashanth won her second title of the season as she held off the seasoned Amandeep Drall by a shot to win the 11th leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour here on Friday. Avani and Amandeep played even par rounds, which helped the former stay ahead to emerge victor at the Panchkula Golf Club. Avani totalled 2-under 214, while Amandeep aggregated 1-under 215. Three players, Pranavi Urs (76), Jahanvi Bakshi (73) and Vani Kapoor (73) were tied for third place at 4-over 219. Seher Atwal (75) was sixth at 221 and Rhea Jha (73) was seventh. Saaniya Sharma, amateur Kriti Chowhan and Hitaasheer Bakshi occupied the eighth to 10th places.